

Marsworth News

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Marsworth community garden proposal

Lukes Lea resident Lisa Tervit has approached Marsworth Parish Council about creating a community garden in the village. The Parish Council were supportive of the proposal and there are some initial suggestions of a possible site for this, being the triangle opposite the Village Hall or the grass verge at the corner of Lukes Lea and Vicarage Road.

Whilst any plans need to be approved by Buckinghamshire Council, it's important to know if this is something that Marsworth residents would like, before the idea is progressed.

Lisa's idea is to create some low-maintenance flower and herb beds in a central place in the village, so people can do a bit of weeding or enjoy the space as they are passing. There is a hope that there will be some seating and possibly a shelter. It is also hoped that the garden can be used as a meeting and social place to garden together or have a cup of tea.

Each location has a well-grown shade tree already present, and the Hall corner location already has benches - and the village sign.

Lisa adds, "Hopefully we can also incorporate a mud pie area for those of us who just like to dig around and get muddy! We already have some lovely village meeting points such as the church and the pubs, but this suggestion is to have a place that can be accessed by anyone in the village, at any time if they want to potter around the garden or socialise."

Lisa thanks all who have responded to the Facebook poll, voting 'yes' or 'no' for this idea, but if you do not use Facebook or haven't submitted your vote yet, please get in touch with Lisa to give her your views at: tervit.lisa@gmail.com or phone 07733 434380.

Please show your support by **Friday 24th February** so that Lisa can present her proposal to the March Parish Council meeting to decide whether the idea can go forward.

Right: The site at the corner of Vicarage Road and Lukes Lea



The site at corner of Vicarage Road / Lower Icknield Way

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Editorial

By *Sandra Costello*

The idea of a community garden for Marsworth seems a very positive and interesting one. Not only could it provide an attractive venue for people to pause and socialise, but also an opportunity for individuals to have an input - with a bit of weeding, planting and/or pruning. Hopefully the project will be able to go ahead and we look forward to further developments.

Another excellent initiative has been that of the Advent windows. This is the second year we have had these, brightening the scene just before Christmas, in aid of All Saints church. See page 19.

And yet another initiative is the Marsworth Entrepreneurs Coffee Club - see page 5. It will be interesting to see how this progresses - we wish them well.

An especially attractive collection of photos has been submitted for this issue - people were obviously inspired to get out on fine winter days. I'm only sorry I can't include all

of them - or ran out of coloured space on the back page

We always welcome photos for the newsletter, especially now that the back page is produced in colour. When you are out and about and have a phone on you, do take photos that you can share with us. The location should ideally be recognisably in Marsworth. Otherwise, please do just say whereabouts you took it.

As recognition of how much we appreciate these photos, one of our most prolific contributors has earned a coveted *Marsworth News* award!

The issue of speeding traffic on the Lower Icknield Way once again features in two items on page 10. It is hoped that individuals will come forward to be part of a Community Speedwatch group to help monitor the situation. If this is an issue that affects you, please do consider taking part.

The problem of the lack of a Content Editor is still very much there - see the notice on page 3. If you value the newsletter and would like it to continue, we really do need an extra person to share the work.

Marsworth Food Bank

We are extremely grateful for all the donations that have been received. We are looking after even more families currently and would love to receive donations of:

- Tins of soup, fruit, rice pudding, custard and baked beans.
- Tea, coffee and biscuits.

Donations may be left in the box in the porch of All Saints church or to Karibu, Vicarage Gardens.

Thank you very much on behalf of the Marsworth Food Bank Team.

Village Hall Defibrillator

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



Marsworth News

Wanted - articles for newsletter

Either a regular feature or an occasional article

Photos are always welcome.

Please email
editor@MarsworthNews.co.uk

Marsworth Village 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 meetings or activities. This room can seat 24 for smaller functions.

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

All Saints Church



With James now firmly established as our vicar and the threat of Covid not so prominent we can look forward to a bright new year in contrast to the last two or three years.

At last we were able to celebrate the birth of Christ in our usual traditional way, starting with our stirring service of Nine Lessons and Carols, through to Christmas evening with the crib service, followed by Midnight Mass and to Holy Communion on Christmas Day.

At this point I would like to thank all those involved in collecting foliage and joining together to decorate the church so beautifully in time for the Nine Lessons and Carols service. I am well aware of all the time and effort involved in making our lovely church feel and look something special for this festival and I hope that all those who attended felt welcome and found peace and happiness within the church leading them on to their own celebrations over the festive season.

The lighting of the church has again brought special memories for many villagers across the community, and the window decorations involved with the Advent Calendar fundraiser also gave lots of enjoyment to those who took part, and proved, once again, to be very successful.

The village community like and need to have an active and available church just to be there, and fortunately offer wonderful support in mowing the grass, cleaning the church and its brasses, and joining in fundraising events. But your church needs more than that. In order for our church to survive there is a need for active participation in its regular services, and the Parochial Church Council (P.C.C.) needs help in running the church and would like to hear of new ideas and would welcome new faces joining in. I would be only too happy to receive feedback on these matters, your thoughts and ideas are vital to your church.

Please feel absolutely free to contact me, the P.C.C. or Rev. James Grainger-Smith. Contact details of all those involved are available in the church porch and on the notice on this page.

I hope you are all enjoying a Happy New Year.

John White, Churchwarden

Services for February 2023

1st Sunday

9.15am Holy Communion Common Worship

2nd Sunday

8.30am Holy Communion Book of Common Prayer

3rd Sunday

9.15am Holy Communion Common Worship

4th Sunday

4.00pm Evensong Book of Common Prayer

Who's Who at All Saints Marsworth <https://www.achurchinmaryou.com/church/8941/>

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Marsworth News

Wanted - Content Editor

What is involved

- Sharing the editor inbox.
- Sourcing additional copy for the newsletter.
- Preparing text and graphics for the layout editor.

What is needed

- Reliability and commitment to meeting deadlines.
- Good word skills.

This role would suit someone with some spare time or a flexible lifestyle and who is a good communicator.

This is a very rewarding job for someone with interest in matters relating to Marsworth.

Please email editor@marsworthnews.co.uk.

Parish Council meetings December 2022 and January 2023 - highlights

(Full Minutes of Meetings and future Agendas, plus other information can be found at www.marsworth.org.uk/marsworth-parish-council/.)

The White Lion

The planning decision was delayed until after the SAC Chiltern Beechwoods Mitigation Strategy for Ashridge Commons and Woods was determined at the end of January 2023.

It was anticipated that the Planning Application for the White Lion would be considered by Buckinghamshire Council by the end of March 2023.

Storage bin area near Red Lion Bridge.

The large items (beds and sofas) had now been removed from the area. Buckinghamshire Community Board were considering liaising with College Lake and other partners to make the area more presentable as this had been found to deter fly-tipping.

Community Garden in Marsworth

The Parish Council were supportive of the proposal by a Marsworth resident for a community garden for planting – if it could be maintained on a regular basis. Land initially suggested was the triangle opposite the Village Hall or the grass verge at the corner of Lukes Lea and Vicarage Road. The resident would ascertain if there was an interest and sufficient volunteers before further consideration by MPC. (See article on front page.)

Budget and Precept for 2023/24

It was resolved that the Parish Precept for 2023/24 would be increased by 5.05% to £19,750 per annum. The budget for 2023/24 was agreed in the sum of £21,638 (see Minutes section on Marsworth website).

Coronation of King Charles on Saturday 6th May with Bank Holiday on Monday 8th May.

If any residents or groups were interested in organising anything MPC would offer its support where appropriate.

See notice on page 8.

Speeding along Lower Icknield Way

PC Lee Turnham, the Community Speedwatch Co-ordinator for Thames Valley Police, attended a public meeting in the village hall on 9th January prior to the Parish Council meeting to talk to residents about what would be involved in setting up and running a Community Speedwatch scheme for Marsworth. More details in this publication and on Marsworth website. See p.10.

Two small grass verges along Vicarage Road outside 2 Vicarage Gardens and 2 Stepnells

MPC had approached the Community Board for permission for a resident to rewild these two very small verges, and the Community Board were now in discussion with the resident on the assistance they could give.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday 13th February. Any items for the agenda must be submitted to the Parish Clerk by Friday 3rd February. All members of the public are welcome to attend but please let the Parish Clerk know if you plan to be present. (parishclerk@marsworth.org.uk).

Marsworth Parish Council

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Councillor Vacancy

Are you interested in your local community?

Would you like to put something back into your local community?

As a result of the resignation of John Woodruffe from the Parish Council there is a vacancy for a councillor.

Interested candidates should come forward for consideration by emailing the Parish Clerk before Tuesday 28th February 2023:
parishclerk@marsworth.org.uk

The matter will be determined at the Parish Council meeting to be held at 8pm on Monday 13th March 2023 in the Millennium Hall.

For further details please talk to any of the Councillors or see the parish website: <https://www.marsworth.org.uk/marsworth-parish-council/being-a-councillor/>.

Marsworth Parish Councillors

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Giles Monks 01296 662104

Chris King 01296 660019

Keith Thomasson 01296 661182

Caroline Smith - Clerk to the Council:
email: parishclerk@marsworth.org.uk

Parish Council meeting dates 2023 8.00pm in Village Hall:

13 February	13 March	
3 April + Annual Parish Mtg 7pm	Wed 3 May	12 June
10 July	14 August	11 September
9 October	13 November	11 December

Marsworth Polish Hostel book launch

November 2022 saw the launch of a book covering the story of the hostel which was established at Marsworth between 1948 and 1961 to house some 500 members of Polish families displaced as a result of World War II.

The book was the natural follow-on from the erection of the information board off Long Marston Road at the site of the Hostel and the subsequent creation of a website to collate and present all the information which had been gathered from former residents. Both of these achievements were the result of the collaboration between Sandra Costello, local archivist, and Tony Gabis of Pitstone, himself half-Polish. The establishment of the information board was also greatly assisted by MPC Cllr Giles Monks.

The occasion was held in the village hall and was very well attended, especially by a considerable number of people who had been former residents – now in their 70s. Most of these now live in the Luton, Dunstable and Pitstone areas.

The book covers the story of how and why the Poles came to be living in Marsworth, life at the hostel, and the story of the information board. It also includes a great many personal accounts by former residents.



Sandra and Tony address the gathering



Group photo at the book launch. Most of these had been children at the Hostel

To order a copy of the book, go to: www.thegreatbritishbookshop.co.uk/products/marsworth-polish-hostel-1948-1961. The cost will be £10, plus about £3.30 P&P.

The website is at: www.marsworth.org.uk/marsworth-polish-hostel/. The MPH is the final section on the Marsworth Village website.

Sandra Costello

Changes at The Red Lion

Mel, Michael (and Red the dog) have come back from Devon to re-open The Red Lion after an absence of just over three years. A great many of you will remember Mel and Michael as they have owned the pub for some years. It is hoped to get a replacement landlord in due course.



Photo: Jeremy Whitehead

The Red will initially be closed Mondays and Tuesday lunchtimes, and there will be no food. But there will be an everchanging selection of great real ales, something the pub has always been famous for.

Mel and Michael look forward to welcoming you all back to The Red Lion.

Current opening times:

Monday	Closed
Tuesday	4-11.00pm
Wed. – Sat.	12.00–1.00pm
Sunday	12.00-9.00pm

Local Foodbank

We offer an emergency foodbank service covering the villages of Ivinghoe, Pitstone, Marsworth, Slapton, Ivinghoe Aston, Horton and Cheddington.



Supported by your local churches in Ivinghoe, Marsworth and Slapton and residents of all the above villages and further afield. We are also supported by our local businesses in Ivinghoe and Pitstone.

Please contact Babs on 07860 780127, Sue on 07742 138955, or for Marsworth call Richard Cooper on 01296 661725 for further information.

All enquiries will be treated in strictest confidence.

MECC – (Marsworth Entrepreneurs Coffee Club)

27th February 10-11am – Waters Edge, Marsworth

This new group was started by Chris White, after a chat with a fellow resident about how hard starting out on your own in business is (and having done it several times).

The idea is to just meet and chat with other small business owners from the village, from start-ups to the well established. An opportunity to share ideas, support each other, drink coffee and eat sausage rolls (or cake).



Bucks Councillors' January report – extracts

#Beconsiderate – parking by schools

Motorists in Buckinghamshire are being asked to think of the safety of pedestrians, as part of a new campaign focusing around schools.

Vehicles blocking pavements and footpaths often means pedestrians, which can include young children, those with limited mobility and older people, are forced to go into the road to get past, which can be extremely dangerous. Equally, part-blocking a private driveway or lowered kerb can prevent larger vehicles, including emergency ambulances and fire engines, from getting through and pulling into a bus stop can lead to unnecessary traffic queues.

New gully cleansing programme in Bucks

For the second year running Buckinghamshire Council has pledged to clean 85,000 highway gullies across the county, repairing those that require it. The operation has been ongoing since the spring and now, the teams have successfully cleaned more than two-thirds.



Thousands of trees planted in Bucks for National Tree Week

During National Tree Week, Buckinghamshire Council has been working in partnership with Chiltern Rangers and the local community to plant over 4,000 trees, hedgerow plants, native bulbs and wildflowers along the new Platinum Way cycleway in the sections of Haydon Hill and Somerville Way in Aylesbury. The planting supports the Bucks Tree Mission, which aims to create a greener future by planting over 543,000 trees in Buckinghamshire over the next nine years.



Buckinghamshire Council tops Modeshift STARS league table

Buckinghamshire Council has topped a league of 59 local authorities that are members of the Modeshift STARS (Sustainable Travel Accreditation and Recognition for Schools) scheme – with the council having the highest percentage of schools with a sustainable travel plan. They are also ranked fourth highest in terms of the quality of the travel plans awarded.

Buckinghamshire resident in the New Year's Honours list

Awards for 20 Buckinghamshire residents were announced in the King's inaugural New Year Honours List. One was from the Ivinghoe Ward -

Mr Alan Williams: For services to the community in Edlesborough, Buckinghamshire.

Councillor Derek Town

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Buckinghamshire Councillor, Ivinghoe Ward

(The full report can be found at www.marsworth.org.uk.)

Marsworth Village Hall 100 Club



100 Club winners from the draw held at The Red Lion Wednesday 14th December

£100 prizes

127 Nikki Ward, Church Lane
95 Margaret Johnson, Lukes Lea

£50 prizes

143 Paul & Rachel Horrocks, Vicarage Road
210 Jerry & Dee Cadge, Norvic Road

£20 prizes

89 Jean Foulton, Cooks Wharf
207 Josie Kempster, Startops
2 Richard & Julie Hares, Stepnells
14 Becky Woodley, Formerly Vicarage Road
80 Gail Kendrew, Norvic Road

January winners drawn at the meeting held at the Hall Wednesday 4th January

205 Alex & Emma Kempster, Startops
38 Evelyn Barber, Lower Icknield Way
203 Sandra & Peter Moseley, Lukes Lea
84 Simon & Karen Duffield, Lower Icknield Way
181 Ron & Sue Busby, Lower Icknield Way

Marsworth Archive

As many of you may know, I have been 'minding' the Archive of Marsworth parish for a long time – in fact since I created it in the 1980s. It has grown considerably over the years and is a great resource. As time moves on, I will eventually have to pass on the care of this collection of documents, photos and maps to someone else.

There is very little involved, other than just keeping all the files and other material in a safe place, in a bookcase which will be supplied. I get few enquiries, though they are always welcome, and I love sharing the information that I have.

From time to time I have used the Archive to include various aspects of Marsworth's history in the newsletter, but that has been my choice.

It is important that the Archive is housed here in Marsworth, and by someone who will value what it consists of and who may even enlarge it as and when new information comes to light. They should also be prepared to pass on information if asked for.

If you are interested, I would be very happy to talk through what it all consists of and what is involved. Contact me at sandra.costello1@btinternet.com or on 01442 822900.

Sandra Costello

Seniors celebrate

Having had to cancel our annual Senior Citizens' Christmas Lunch last year, we were delighted to welcome our friends back to the Millenium Hall again this year. A fabulous turkey and vegetarian roast with all the trimmings was served to our 37 guests, many of whom look forward to the lunch throughout December!



We received some fabulous donations from the following: M&S - cranberry sauce and pannetone; Waitrose, Amersham for the pigs-in-blankets; Waitrose, Aylesbury for the Xmas puds; Jackie for the donation of Cadburys Chocolates which were given out to all of our guests; Fred and Stephanie and others who donated raffle prizes; Di for the lovely table decorations which were taken home by our guests; PE Meads for the donation of mandarins and their annual regular contribution to the Marsworth Food Bank.

We would like to thank the following, who helped Helena to prepare the vegetables and cook the roasties in their Agas and who helped serve in the kitchen on the day and in particular Ruth Monks, Jeremy Whitehead, Ali Wade, Annie Sandon, Petra Renshaw, Camilla Carter, Robert and Emma John, Lisa Cooper, Di and Tony Harvie, Richard and Julie Hares.

Richard acted as MC and following a glass of sherry, we kicked off the lunch with a game of 'pass the parcel' and there were lots of treats for all the winners and lots of laughter! James, our Vicar then said Grace and the ladies



Lisa and Richard Cooper

and gents tucked into the roast and pulled their crackers!

There was a lovely atmosphere, and everyone seemed to enjoy their lunch and the meeting up to chat with friends. As usual the Christmas puddings and brandy sauce and Ali's famous sherry trifle slipped down a treat.



Santa arrived, suited and booted and handed out gifts to everyone. Thank you Santa! You know who you are! We then played a couple of games of traditional bingo and drew the big raffle which resulted in many more treats to take home.

Sadly our carol singers were unable to attend due to a family illness on the day but we look forward to seeing Anna and her friends again next year.

Thanks also to Elsie Beesley who thanked the helpers on behalf of the attendees. Lovely kind words and much appreciated.

We look forward to next year. If you would like to help next year, donate a raffle prize or attend, or if you know someone who may like to attend, please let Helena or Richard know. Until then, enjoy what the New Year brings. We will be continuing with the popular Senior Citizens' afternoon teas when the weather improves.



Helena Winter-Brown and Richard Cooper



Jeremy Whitehead - Ice on the Grand Union
December 2022



The award goes this time to **Jeremy Whitehead**, for all the excellent photos he has supplied for the newsletter over recent years, including in this current issue, and in the hopes that he will continue to do so.

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.

Marsworth Women's Institute



By Denise Cornwall

As we didn't have a meeting in January it seems ages since we have all been together. We have a packed programme of events for all of you in 2023 so it's a 'HAPPY NEW YEAR' to all our WI members and to all in Marsworth Village.

November is always the month we hold our Annual General Meeting, followed with cheese and wine, and a good chatter - something we are very good at! Our President had provided us with a Christmas quiz. I think we all learnt a lot about facts and figures around Christmas and especially Christmas trees.

The last WI Meeting of 2022 was held on Tuesday 6th December.

As with every meeting we must go through all that has happened, all that is planned for our next meeting, and, in this last meeting, talk about plans for the coming year.

Sadly, due to an urgent family matter our President was not able to be with us. She was very much missed, and we are pleased that she has been re-elected as our President for 2023. In her absence our Vice President stood in for her.

The first item on the agenda, was to advise everyone who the members of the 2023 Committee were and their roles. We were delighted to add two new members to our happy team.

The Committee for 2023 is as follows:

President – Chris King
Vice President – Denise Cornwall
Secretary – Bren Pearson
Treasurer – Carolyn Pankiw
Programme Secretaries – Julie Hares and Jayne Tree-Booker

Raffle – Kay McCausland
Press Secretary – Denise Cornwall
Birthday Co-ordinator – Carolyn Pankiw

Although Sylvia Frost resigned as Vice President she remains a Committee member and we value her knowledge and years of experience in the WI.

Every member was handed a programme along with the rota of their allocated month for the refreshments/tea. I'm looking forward to listening to quite a few of our speakers as well as looking forward to our social evenings. Especially our annual dinner in May.

Members were advised that the National Federation of Women's Institutes (NFWI) had decided to increase our yearly fee by £2. Membership this year will be at a cost of £46.

This was not that well received, especially as the decision to sell our beloved Denman College had taken place with virtually no consultation with WI Members. Time will tell if this has an impact on our membership numbers and indeed that of all NFWI members.

Each year we have a programme of events and speakers. Last year's programme was very much appreciated by our members and we are hoping this year's will be met with the same enthusiasm.

We have talks on Coastal Walks, The Royal Flying Doctor Service, A Night at the Movies and Don't Act your Age – a path to mental wellbeing. As you can see we have lots going on.

The date of our first meeting in 2023 is 7th February. Our speaker will be Paul Barber and he will be talking about some coastal walks that he has done. A lot of us know Paul and we are looking forward to hearing his talk.

If you are not a member of our WI but would be interested in coming along to see what goes on you are more than welcome to attend a meeting and join in with us. We will have three people who are doing just that at our February meeting.

Marsworth Parish Council

Coronation of King Charles III



The coronation of King Charles III is due to take place on **Saturday 6th May 2023**.

In celebration of this event there will be an additional bank holiday this year on Monday 8th May. This is a chance for us all to get together with our friends and neighbours.

Marsworth Parish Council will support events in the parish where appropriate, so do please contact the parish clerk at parishclerk@marsworth.org.uk if you are planning to organise anything to mark the occasion.



Your area is covered by

The Wing & District Neighbourhood Policing Team

Charlotte Cottage, 73 Leighton Road,
Wing, LU7 0RD

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email: greatbrickhillwingivinghoenhpt@thamesvalley.police.uk

To report a non-urgent crime,
visit www.thamesvalley.police.uk
Or tel: 101 to speak with an operator

**In the event of an emergency
always dial 999**

Council tax and spending 2023-24



For the coming financial year (April 2023 to March 2024), due to high inflation and a rise in demand for our services, Bucks Council must find an extra £63 million to cover our costs, before a penny of our budget is allocated. This represents a significant challenge and even though we have already made savings of over £27 million since becoming a single council in 2020, we are working hard to find another £10 million savings across all departments.

Council tax to rise

In order for us to balance the books and to be able commit enough money to our core services such as social care for vulnerable children and adults, and continue to invest in our roads, schools and other priority areas, we are proposing a **rise in the base rate of council tax of 2.99%** from 1st April 2023. We also have to fund huge adult social care costs and are acutely aware that relieving pressures in the social care sector will in turn help the NHS during a period of considerable demand. It means we are also taking up the government's proposal for a social care precept of 2%, meaning an overall rise in bills of 4.99%.

We cannot achieve a balanced budget next year without putting up council tax. Last year's council tax increase was well below inflation and now, with inflation running at more than 10% (and even higher at around 20-30% for some of our costs), even with substantial savings, this is the only way we can pay for the services we provide whilst shielding residents from the bulk of the cost increases.

Support is available to residents facing particular hardship and anyone worried about debt or paying the bills should look at www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/cost-of-living for initial guidance and support. If you have specific concerns about paying your council tax, please contact our team directly at www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/council-tax to discuss further options.

Proposed spending

While we are in a sobering position, we are still in a financially stable situation, and will continue to be a very efficient and value for money council. While it is difficult proposing a 4.99% council tax rise, we can still commit considerable funding to key areas. We propose spending:

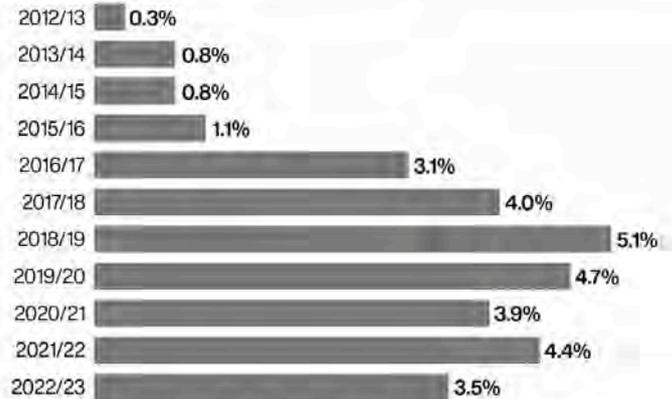
- over £125 million fixing and maintaining roads
- nearly £143 million for improvements to schools
- £20 million on housing and tackling homelessness
- more than £14 million to tackle Climate Change and prevent flooding
- and, investing more than £20 million in our waste and recycling facilities

Other cost of living support

The council has a comprehensive support package, in particular through our Helping Hand service which supports local households experiencing hardship. In addition there is the 'Help for Households' webpages on the government's website and the £2 bus fare cap that started in January 2023 for many local bus services in Buckinghamshire.

Average rise in council tax in England

(Band D properties)



PA graphic. Source: Department for Levelling Up, Housing & Communities

It is up to operators as to whether they take up this scheme and many are doing so. To see whether your local bus service is taking part, go to www.gov.uk/guidance/2-bus-fare-cap.

Martin Tett

Leader, Buckinghamshire Council

To see this report in full, go to www.marsworth.org.uk.

Buckinghamshire Lottery

Strike it lucky and support local good causes

Buckinghamshire residents can support local good causes while also potentially winning big with Buckinghamshire Lottery.

By purchasing a ticket for just £1 per week, players not only have the opportunity to win cash prizes up to £25,000, but they also support local good causes such as community groups, sports clubs and charities. Whether it's supporting a local sports team, helping to preserve a historic building, or funding youth programmes, this is an easy way for residents to make a difference.

Buckinghamshire Lottery offers a 1 in 50 chance of winning – much better odds than the National Lottery. To purchase a ticket and support local causes, go to: www.buckinghamshirelottery.co.uk

Steve Bowles, Buckinghamshire Council's Cabinet Member for Communities said: "We have 373 local good causes registered, such as animal charities, scout groups, charities who support health issues like cancer and Alzheimer's, local food banks, homelessness."

If you're part of a local good cause looking to boost your fundraising in 2023, why not sign up to the Buckinghamshire Lottery. It's completely free to sign up, there's no admin and no risk. Free marketing and support are provided to get you started. For more information, visit: www.buckinghamshirelottery.co.uk/good-causes



Community Speedwatch in Marsworth

Public meeting 9th January 2023

Background

In November 2022 a petition of some 55 signatures was presented to Marsworth Parish Council (MPC) asking for help to reduce the number of vehicles speeding in the village. This was mainly driven by the number of vehicles exceeding the 30 mph speed limit on Lower Icknield Way, in particular near the White Lion Bridge and near the chicane close to College Farm.

The Council discussed this at the Parish Council Meeting on 14th November and the following actions were agreed:

- To download and analyse the readings from the two speed measuring devices currently active in the village (The Speed Indicator Device - SID, and the Moving Vehicle Activated Sign - MVAS. The MVAS being shared with Cheddington Parish). Results to be reported at the December meeting.
- Ascertain the level of interest in the village for a Community Speedwatch (CS) scheme. A public meeting was held in the village hall with PC Lee Turnham, the CS Co-ordinator, Joint Operations Unit (Road Safety), Thames Valley Police on 9th January. This meeting was widely advertised in *Marsworth News*, the Marsworth website, on notice boards and on the Parish Clerk and Everything Marsworth Facebook pages.

Meeting Report

The meeting with PC Turnham was held on Monday 9th January as planned. It was attended by 13 members of the public and four members of the Parish Council. The analysis of the results of the existing speed measuring equipment was presented by the Parish Council Chairman and is reported in this edition of *Marsworth News*.

PC Turnham spoke for nearly an hour about the way CS works, how data on speeding vehicles is captured and how the police intervene with regular offenders. If a Community Speedwatch Scheme is instigated, the Parish Council could apply to Buckinghamshire Council for signage at the entrances to the village to indicate that a Community Speedwatch Scheme operates.

Setting up a group in the village is straightforward. Three people are needed to undertake a survey, drawn from a larger group of volunteers, and surveys can be carried out at any time. Equipment is provided by the police and mandatory training is online. There are some limitations as to suitable sites for surveys which have to be approved by the police to ensure reliable data is collected. Results from each survey of those vehicles exceeding the speed limit are uploaded to the CS website where they are analysed by PC Turnham and his colleagues, looking for regular speeding offenders, tax evasion, cars that are already being monitored, etc.

Actions taken on persistent offenders can be quite severe, starting with letters, a visit by a Road Safety Officer after three speeding offences and progressing on to court appearances in the worst case.



Cheddington and Ivinghoe are already running CS schemes and have seen a noticeable decrease in speeding traffic.

If you would be interested in volunteering to be part of a Community Speedwatch group in Marsworth, then please contact Caroline Smith, at parishclerk@marsworth.org.uk. A page has been set-up on the Marsworth Parish website (www.marsworth.org.uk/local-information/community-speedwatch/) with more information. The level of support will be discussed at the MPC meeting on 13th March and a decision taken on whether to move forward will depend if there are sufficient volunteers.

Marsworth Speed Radar Check 2022

In response to the recent petition regarding speeding I can now report results from the latest MVAS radar speed checker exercise carried out on Lower Icknield Way. We borrowed the unit from Cheddington and will continue to use it periodically.



This check ran from early afternoon 13th November to mid-afternoon 12th December with the sign being turned around half way through. 76407 vehicle movements were logged.

Annualised traffic volumes are up to 958,000 from 907,000 back in 2020, but still down on the previous high of 1,050,000 pre-Covid.

The average speed recorded was 25.9mph (2020 26.7mph). Uphill averaged 26.0mph and downhill 25.8mph.

78.1% of traffic moved under 30mph (2020 67.9%) a more than 10% improvement.

95.5% of traffic moved under 35mph (2020 89.7%) a 6% improvement

99% of traffic moved under 40mph (2020 97.2%) a 2% improvement.

Six vehicles exceeded 60mph with one doing over 80mph (2020 had 32 exceeding 60 mph and 1 80mph).

Night-time average speeds were highest between 5am and 6am at 31mph. 7am to 7pm average speed was 25.7mph.

An average of five vehicles an hour exceeded 35mph, and 26 vehicles a day exceeded 40mph.

I have yet to compare statistics between the SID device and the more accurate MVAS but the implication is that the SID has reduced speeding measurably and the investment has been worthwhile.

It must be recognised that vehicles with number plates which are false, stolen, or obscured deliberately by an anti-camera masking device cannot be caught using speed cameras since DVLA cannot trace them. It is estimated that 1% of vehicles are in this category and their drivers know of their impunity.

Bob Kennedy
Chairman, Marsworth Parish Council

Impact of recent weather on Buckinghamshire's roads

The prolonged period of very cold conditions experienced before Christmas was the coldest in the region since 2010. Continuous freezing conditions like these can cause serious problems with road surfaces, both in the surface layers, where freeze-thaw action causes potholes and cracks to widen but affects the integrity of the underlying structure of the road if the frost penetrates deep enough. This can cause sudden serious failure in roads.



This has then been followed by an extremely wet period, which also causes more rapid deterioration. This is exacerbated where road surfaces are already damaged, and especially through extensive use by HGVs, such as we are seeing in many parts of Buckinghamshire, most notably associated with construction works for HS2 and East West Rail. As such, we are experiencing increased numbers of potholes and other related defects on the network and can expect this upward trend to continue over the next few weeks at least.

Where a defect is unsafe, repairs will be made as quickly as possible. Ideally this will be undertaken as a long-lasting repair, but at times, such as during very wet or cold weather, or when it is an emergency 'out of hours' repair, this may not be possible and a temporary 'make-safe' repair will be undertaken.



In extreme cases the issue may require the temporary closure of the road. None of these temporary options are ideal, as this type of repair may not last very long in poor weather, particularly where the road is subject to large numbers of HGV movements. The best time to fix roads defects properly is when the weather is warm and dry – which, of course, is the opposite of when the majority of the problems occur! Transport for Buckinghamshire is working hard to assess and rectify defects as soon as possible.

The council continues to invest heavily in our highway network and the ongoing programme of local schemes and strategic road repairs/improvements continues.

Prudent financial planning has meant that severe weather reserves exist to help fund the required priority repairs to deal with the issues we are currently seeing.

Regular inspections and repairs to our highways continue in line with our highways inspection policy, so that the travelling public can travel safely. With over 2,100 miles of carriageway



Some Marsworth potholes - Vicarage Road

across our county, the Transport for Buckinghamshire team welcome reports of potholes and other issues on our highways from residents. We urge residents not to repair potholes themselves - the best way to report a problem on the highway, so the council can repair the roads, is via Fix My Street: Buckinghamshire.gov.uk/fix-my-street



This allows a problem to be reported by postcode or a click on a map and is directed to the most appropriate team to deal with in an expedited fashion. Fix My Street also allows you to see if the problem has already been reported to save duplication and you will receive automatic updates on progress of the follow-up inspection or repair.

Steven Broadbent
Cabinet Member for Transport

1st Ivinghoe & Pitstone Scout Group Pitstone Memorial



Beavers - age 5¾ - 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.



Jeremy Whitehead - The Ship

Marsworth Neighbourhood Watch

By Linda Beardsley, NHW Co-ordinator

Same charity, new logo

From 2023 Neighbourhood Watch will be represented by two logos. The traditional one shows the close relationship between the Police and Neighbourhood Watches. The more modern one has developed from the 40th anniversary logo used last year. It represents diversity, indicating that no matter how a community changes NHW will be part of it. Both retain the distinctive yellow edging.



New logo

Operation Holly

This was a joint operation in December between Thames Valley and Hampshire Police Constabularies. It is undertaken annually targeting those driving under the influence of drink and drugs. A total of 737 arrests were made across the two counties, 451 in our Thames Valley region, including an increase of 42% in the under 25 age group.

Whilst the figures were disappointing, highlighting that many people are still driving when under the influence, the Police felt that so many arrests had at least reduced the potential of a catastrophic incident and would raise awareness in communities.

Catalytic convertor thefts

The incidence of these thefts are rising in Aylesbury Vale.

A catalytic convertor is a device attached to a vehicle's exhaust to reduce the amount of dangerous gases emitted. They contain various valuable metals which make them attractive to thieves.

It takes seconds to remove a catalytic convertor but will involve a vehicle being jacked up and drilling or cutting noises coming from underneath. Often the offence can occur in a car park or residential areas. The Police ask that you do not assume a vehicle has broken down and is being attended to by a mechanic but report any suspicious incidences on 999.



Removing a catalytic converter

Thank you for making Marsworth a safer place to live.

Beacon Villages Community Library, Ivinghoe

Library open Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 2-5pm, Saturday 10am - 1pm.

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

General enquiries: info@bvcl.org.uk 01296 387890.



Buckinghamshire Council shortlisted for Keep Britain Tidy's Network Awards 2023

Buckinghamshire Council has been chosen as a finalist for Keep Britain Tidy's Network Awards 2023.

The council was shortlisted for the 'Community Engagement' category – with the award recognising actions that have empowered communities to take responsibility and contribute to improving the quality of their local environment.

Keep Britain Tidy shortlisted Buckinghamshire Council, after its Country Parks Events team developed and delivered a month-long waste awareness campaign at Buckinghamshire's Country Parks in spring 2022.

As part of the project, the council collaborated with Keep Britain Tidy, Buckinghamshire Council's Waste team, San Remo Catering, Rowley Farm, Men in Sheds, and a local wildlife rescue centre to deliver an insightful 'Waste Awareness Day' and 'Litter Bug Trail' in Black Park. Park visitors were encouraged to collect litter using a 'Grab and Go' litter pick station, and the council ran a social media competition for visitors to post an image of themselves litter picking in Black Park during the dates the trail was running. This encouraged a month-long push on litter picking across all of Buckinghamshire's Country Parks.



Litter bug - bottle top beetle

Clive Harriss, Buckinghamshire Council's Cabinet Member for Culture and Leisure, said: "I understand that out of the around 100 entries that Keep Britain Tidy received, just three local authorities were shortlisted in each category. This shows just how well we've done to become a finalist."

Buckinghamshire Council will find out if they've won at Keep Britain Tidy's Network Awards ceremony on 9th February 2023.

Santa comes to Marsworth

Thanks to everyone for turning out in the bitter cold and rain on Sunday 18th December. And, in particular, many thanks for your donations to the Rennie Grove Peace Hospice. (Rennie Grove have recently merged with The Peace Hospice)

Chris Langford (Elf-in-Chief) emailed to say that the Marsworth village donations (cash in the tins and donations on-line) amounted to over £750! This is a magnificent effort. Chris also sends his thanks on behalf of the charity.

Many thanks particularly to Rebecca for the homemade mince pies and to Elaine for the stollen cake.

Mike Platt

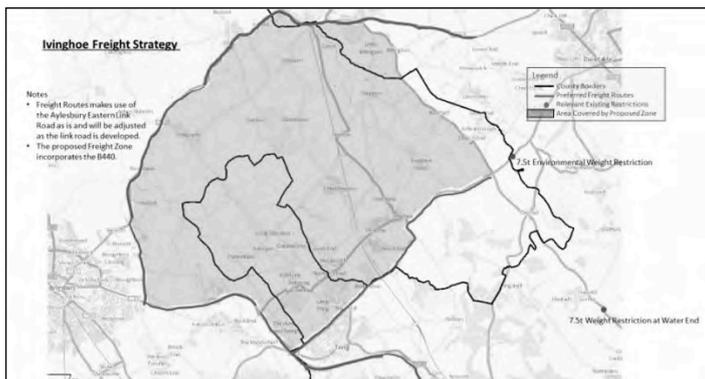
Ivinghoe Freight Strategy

In order to get the proposed zone restricting HGV movements to those which have a business reason to be there, encouraging through traffic to use more appropriate routes around the area, the implementation has been divided into two phases.

Phase 1 covers the **installation of signage** around the zone making the 7.5 tonne environmental traffic regulation order restricting HGV traffic with exception or local access legal. The contractor will provide a programme giving the planned start date and the completion timeline. Phase 1 is expected to be completed by the end of February 2023.

Phase 2 will cover the **advance notice signage on key routes** around the zone to alert drivers and operators about the restriction enabling them to avoid breaching the order and following more suitable roads. The signage is includes the positioning in neighbouring Central Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire authorities.

The plan is to give phase 1 time to operate in order to solicit feedback from the public to help identify the locations where the advance notice signs can be most effective to minimise avoidable breaches of the zone.



Ivinghoe freight zone

Buckinghamshire Council has taken an area-based approach to investigate freight movements in the county. This helps to identify specific areas to focus on so that we can ensure:



- HGV through-traffic is directed along appropriate strategic routes
- that only necessary journeys occur on the local road network (for example, to access business parks, farms and carry out deliveries)

The intention is that HGVs will be forced to use the most suitable roads in the area (such as A and B roads). The local road network should only be used where necessary for making deliveries.



Dottie about Cake Afternoon Teas

Little Heath Farm Nursery Tearoom

Little Heath Lane, Potten End,
near Berkhamsted HP4 2RY

Tearoom open: Winter hours 10.30-4pm.
From 1st April open until 5pm. Closed Monday.

- Tea garden open from April.
- Afternoon tea deliveries available to Marsworth and surrounding villages.



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News from Beacon Villages Library in Ivinghoe.



In 2023 we will be making the Library available for small meetings of up to six people, at a rate of £10 per hour. For bookings please contact the Library direct.

We are considering setting up a monthly play reading group to make use of the library service's little-used cache of scripts. Anyone interested please leave your email address at the Library, together with any preference for daytime, evening or weekend meetings.

The County library service has an online survey of users to find out what the library service means to them. There are paper copies of the survey available in the library for visitors to complete anonymously, so we can find out how our library can meet the needs of 21st Century life.

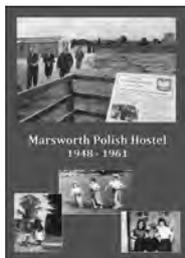
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Following the book launch for the book on Marsworth Polish Hostel last November, (see page 5) we were sent the following account by one lady who had been a child at the Hostel.

This is a remarkable story of how a little girl coped with life at the Hostel.



Krystyna Parkitna – Memories of Marsworth Polish Camp

I was born in Aylesbury hospital on November 9th 1952 to parents Aniela and Jozef Parkitny and brought home to the Polish Refugee Camp in Marsworth where they lived with my six year old sister, Lidia. This was on Site 8 in Hut 9. It was a typical style RAF barrack divided into three. We were 9A. In the middle in 9B was a childless couple called Bis and at the other end in 9C a family called Antoniak.

I suspect our lives at that point were much the same as the lives of all the other refugees in the camp. Sadly, two and a half years later, my father, aged 45, died. My mother was left a widow with two small children to bring up on her own.

She was an accomplished needlewoman and for a while managed to live on the money my father left and the little income she earned from making or altering clothes for the other people in the camp. About a year later, with my sister already at school, I was sent to the Polish nursery in the camp at the end of Church Farm Lane while she went to work in the lipstick factory at the Silk Mill in Tring.

I turned five in November 1957 and it was time to go to school. I barely spoke any English. My mother, a devout Roman Catholic, decided to send me with my sister to the convent, St. Francis de Sales, in Tring. Unfortunately, the small legacy my father had left soon ran out and despite the fact that the nuns offered my mum reduced fees for the two of us, staying at the convent became untenable. We were taken out of the convent and Lidia, by now aged 12, went to the Grange in Aylesbury and I started at the local school in Marsworth.

Lidia was picked up by the school bus from outside the Village Hall in the mornings at 8am. I was more of a problem. By now my mother had got a better job as a seamstress in a factory in Berkhamsted making coats for Peter Robinson - a large shop in London. She started work at 8.45am. For a while a neighbour, whose son also went to Marsworth School, walked me with her son to school in the mornings and back home in the afternoon. This didn't last long however as one by one the neighbours moved away, mostly to Dunstable or further afield.

Soon there was no one left to watch me. My mother was worried but I was not. "I'll be fine", the seven-year-old

me told her - and I was. So she and Lidia left just before 8.00am. I remained in the hut on my own and was told to watch the clock until it was 8.45am and then to walk to school to get there for 9am. I remember her telling me to walk along the road. I did for a while, but it was much more interesting to walk through the playing field, cross the canal by the lock and then to walk along the canal, over the two bridges and past the church to end up at the school.

This worked for a while. However the huts were very cold; there was virtually no insulation and when the iron stove was out, the only form of heating was a small paraffin stove. I was always told to make sure I had turned the stove out before I left. Unfortunately one day, instead of turning the wick down I must have turned it up. When I got back from school, the ceiling and walls were black with soot where the paraffin had burned out. The whole place smelled of paraffin. Terrified my mother would be angry, I was desperately still trying to wash soot off (which made everything look worse) when she got back from work.

I think that must have been just before my eighth birthday (1960). By then the Hostel was virtually deserted. Only a very few families remained and everyone led their own lives. My mum took me to see the headmaster. By now I was the interpreter and, through me, she explained to him that she was afraid I would set fire to the hut and asked if it would be possible for me to come to school early. He agreed.

And that was when I became 'school caretaker'. Every morning, just before 8am, I would arrive at the headmaster's house next door to the school and knock on his door. He must have been too shy to allow me to see him in his dressing gown because he would pass out the keys to the school through the letterbox and I would let myself in through the main door. On cold mornings I would take in all the milk bottles the milkman had left for our break, into the classroom and stand them next to the large iron stove in the corner. I took down the chairs from the desks where they had been left by the cleaners. I arranged all the books on the shelves in alphabetical order and when the mobile library came round on Thursdays, I chose which books to send back to the library and which new books we should have. And if there was any time left over, I read. I dread to think what Health and Safety would say about that now!

I enjoyed school. When I first started there, aged five, I was one of many Polish children. Gradually, and then more and more quickly, all



Krystyna, aged eight



Lidia, (14) and Krystyna, (8) in front of one of the huts



The village Summer Fete, held in the garden of the Vicarage. Krystyna is in the centre, slightly to the right

the others moved away until finally I was the only one left. This gave me a certain status, and I was frequently asked to sing a Polish song at a concert or recite a poem at the summer fete.

The holidays were trickier. Six weeks in the summer is a long time for an eight year old to be left virtually alone. But I was fine.

Very recently my seven-year-old granddaughter was working on her school project on the subject of "Seventy" and she asked me what the main difference was between being seven now and when I was seven. The main difference I told her about was the freedom I was allowed. I played all day outside, in the fields and in the woods. I picked flowers and blackberries, fished in the canal, and made friends with the horses in the field opposite the coal store. I went everywhere unaccompanied on my bike, or I walked. I learned independence very early.

We were at the Hostel until I was nine, in 1961. By then the Hostel was totally deserted apart from us and one other family. The Council was eager to close the camp and we were on a waiting list for council housing in Berkhamsted where my mum still worked. At last the offer of a house finally arrived. The local coal merchant who also acted as a removalist company moved us (in his coal lorry) to Berkhamsted at the end of November. The camp finally closed on December 4th 1961.

[The coal merchant was Rex Jeffrey, who lived in Marsworth.]

By Kryssie Smith, née Krystyna Parkitna
December 2022



Marsworth School 1959. Krystyna is in the centre.
Do you recognise any of the other faces?

Kryssie added:

"My sister was 15 when we left the camp and her memories of it are very different to mine. As an older child and then a teenager she was probably more aware than me of the difficulties my mother had to overcome just to survive.

My uncle worked in the cement factory in Pitstone. He saved all his wages and worked extra shifts and as soon as he could, along with many other men at the camp, bought a house between Dunstable and Luton. It was a typical English suburban house with a tiny kitchen. I think it cost £2000. I remember visiting them while we still lived in Marsworth and being jealous of the space and cleanness of the place. Those houses seemed like palaces to me then."

New year, new challenge

Florence Nightingale Hospice are looking for people to take on a challenge and help them be there for more patients this year.



Whether you are looking to test your physical limits or set a personal goal or take on an exhilarating experience the charity is there to support you to make the most of the challenge.

With a growing and ageing population, the charity know that the number of patients across Buckinghamshire and its borders who could benefit from specialist care is going to increase rapidly and are determined to be there to support everyone who needs them.

The charity has dates coming up to take part in an adrenaline filled skydive or train for a once in a lifetime experience by trekking across the Saharan Desert next year. Some supporters prefer to take on their own challenges.

Visit www.fnhospice.org.uk/challenge, email fundraising@fnhospice.org.uk or call 01296 429975.



Whatever you chose to do, Florence Nightingale Hospice Charity will be very grateful for your support in 2023 and beyond.

Time to get walking again!

With Spring on its way, we start to think about getting out to walk in the beautiful English countryside again, but where to find new and interesting walks?

Walking in Bucks - <https://www.walkinginengland.co.uk/bucks> - has loads of walks to download and print, free. It also has books of walks, details of all the walking groups in the county and much more. Whether you want to walk on your own or with a group, all the information is there in one place.

John Harris (who maintains the website) said "There is so much walking information on the web but it is difficult to find. Walking in Bucks (part of the Walking in England website) has brought it together in one place, so whether you are walking from home or away on holiday, you will be able to find a walk suitable for you".



With walks from half a mile to twelve miles plus long, and a note of suitability for pushchairs and wheelchairs, everyone can find a walk to enjoy.

So check out the websites and get walking!

John Harris
www.walkinginengland.co.uk
john@walkinginengland.co.uk

The Tring Anglers

We have certainly had some extreme weather since I wrote my December article for *Marsworth News*. Canals frozen, with night time temperatures to minus 10C. This followed by a rapid thaw with daytime temperatures up to 10C. Now, following an extreme summer drought, we have had January rainfall exceeding average levels.

How do these unstable conditions affect the fish and the fishing? I have always found that one can often attract a few bites after breaking the ice, if you can cope with the cold. In fact, after two or three days warmth, the fish even started to move into areas and feeding habits more typical of Spring. On some parts of the Aylesbury Arm, which have a population of rudd, anglers were catching them in the top layers of the canal. In January we would normally expect to fish with a bait on the bottom.

Our most reliable section of canal in the winter is Cooks Wharf, particularly the 'Car Park' swims. This is a bit deeper than most sections, and a bridge always seems to be an attraction for shoals of fish.

Also found here are numbers of gudgeon which are frequent winter feeders, and as mentioned in previous articles, also attract large perch. A number of 2lb plus perch were caught on artificial lures and float fished worms over the Christmas period.



The gudgeon, ever popular with anglers of all ages.

The rain has kept the areas of canal with inlets and streams a bit coloured rather than the clear water often found in winter. Colour always stimulates the fish to feed at least during some part of the day; often the last hour before sunset is best.

It will not be long before the Tring Anglers 'Lets Fish' campaign will kick off, we are looking forward to another successful year and hope can we can recruit more young anglers and also more school teams. Don't forget that from May to October our coaching sessions are free, all you have to do is book in on the Canal & River Trust website's fishing page. If you have any local scout groups or after-school clubs that would be interested we can offer two-hour evening sessions. Please contact me on 07796 178313 for further details.

The Canal & River Trust are always busy in the 'stoppage' period between November and April. A couple of works are taking place within Marsworth and I have listed them below. It states the towpath is open; this provides a chance to see some interesting canal maintenance - why not take a look?

Dick Pilkinton, The Tring Anglers



Winter Notice - Towpath not closed

10th Jan-2023 8:00 to 3rd Feb-2023 16:00

Affected Waterway:

Grand Union Canal: Lock 39, Marsworth Upstream winding hole Aylesbury Arm Junction.

Downstream winding hole Bulbourne winding hole. U/S of Bridge 133. **A stoppage is required in order to carry out top and bottom gate replacement.**

Winter Notice - Towpath not closed

6th Feb 2023 8:00am to 10th March-2023 16:00

Affected Waterway:

Grand Union Canal: Lock 37, Top Gate Upstream winding hole, Slapton Winding hole. Next to Bridge 120. Downstream winding hole Aylesbury Arm Junction - **A stoppage is required in order to carry out the rebuild of the lock approach.**

Volunteer with Florence Nightingale Hospice Charity

If you would like to try new things, meet new people, raise money for charity or make a difference in the community, volunteering with Florence Nightingale Hospice Charity could be the perfect opportunity for you.



Join our supportive family of volunteers and give your time, in whatever way you choose, to help us be there, with the best possible care and support, for patients with life-limiting illnesses across Buckinghamshire and its borders, whenever and wherever they need it



One of our volunteers

There are volunteer roles available to suit everyone, whatever your interests and availability, from helping in their eleven shops across in Buckinghamshire and surrounding areas, to volunteering in the Hospice, or helping at events throughout the year.



To find out more about volunteering and the roles

available visit fnhospice.org.uk/volunteer/shops or email volunteering@fnhospice.org.uk or call 01296 429975.

The Charity's premises at Stoke Mandeville Hospital

Volunteer with Florence Nightingale Hospice Charity in 2023 and make a difference for your local community.

We partner with Buckinghamshire Healthcare NHS Trust to deliver services through Florence Nightingale Hospice, at its site in the grounds of Stoke Mandeville Hospital in Aylesbury, and in patients' homes across the region.

For more information visit www.fnhospice.org.uk.

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Content Editor needed!

See notice on page 3

Long Marston Cricket Club

By Jon Beardmore

Play Cricket in 2023! Winter Nets Start Thursday February 16th

Fancy getting into (or back into) cricket? We field teams across a wide range of abilities. If you would like to join us or have a try-out at winter nets please contact James Beesley: develop@longmarstoncc.co.uk.

It's not just for boys either - all our teams are mixed!

Scorers and Umpires Wanted!

Have you played cricket in the past? Do you enjoy the game and want to be part of it? We're looking for umpires and scorers for 2023! Umpires need some knowledge of the game, but further training is available, whereas we can provide start-from-scratch instruction for would be scorers – it's not difficult once you know how, and it's a role that can be enjoyed by anyone. So why not spend your Saturdays sitting (or standing) in the sun with one of our friendly teams at some of the finest and most picturesque cricket grounds in the area. Interested? Then please contact chairman@longmarstoncc.co.uk.

Fun Run May 2023

Sunday 14th May 2023 Long Marston 10km Fun Run commencing at 10.00am

After the success of the Long Marston Cricket Club 10K run this year, we have decided to hold the event again. The route is totally off road and it is quite flat (we can never say it's totally flat!) and we have been given permission once again to run on private land across interesting countryside you can't normally see. The start and finish is at Long Marston Cricket Club and the route goes out towards Mentmore. Medals will be provided for all participants and there will also be a trophy for 1st/2nd/3rd male and female finishers. Plenty of cakes, coffee and tea will be available for a small donation at the end of the run and for those that may want a stronger drink, the bar will be opening at the end of the run. Free parking.

Cost is £15.00 per person plus £1.50 admin charge.

Enter at www.resultsbase.net/event/6535 or www.letsdothis.com/gb/e/lmcc-10k-188696.



Jeremy Whitehead - Airfield by base of Cheddington Hill



Club Sundays

The Club Bar is open on Sundays between 12.00 and 2.00pm – 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 staff. Please contact Paul Marsh (info@esipower.co.uk) for more information.

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If anyone spots anything untoward at either of our grounds at Marlins (Cheddington Lane, Long Marston) or Mentmore then please contact our Chairman Paul Dumbleton at chairman@longmarstoncc.co.uk. If a crime is in progress please call the Police.

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Tring Local History Museum

In 1994 Tring Town Council set up the Tring and District Local History and Museum Society. Fundraising went on for many years, as did the collection of objects, until a suitable building became available and, with the help of the National Heritage Lottery Fund, the Tring Local History Museum emerged.

The Museum tells the story of the town, the area, its history and the many fascinating people associated with it.



The livestock market on Brook Street, Tring - about 1920

The building was originally the office of the Tring Livestock Market in Brook Street. It is a single story building dating from about 1893. Originally it had three gables but these were changed to just one at some point. During the transformation of the building into a museum, the opportunity arose to restore the distinctive three gabled roof and extend the museum with an outer gallery.

When the office building at the former cattle market became available, negotiations took place with Tring Town Council (owners of the freehold) and a lease was signed in 2006. Fundraising began in earnest and a turning point was reached a year later when the Heritage Lottery Fund awarded a grant to the society, in partnership with the Town Council, to restore and convert the building to create a museum. Work began in 2008 and the Museum opened to the public in September 2010.



The old Market office



The Museum today after restoration

Tring Local History Museum is an entirely voluntary operation. It depends on its volunteers, needing two stewards on duty at all times.

The focus is on the town and the villages around it, describing the lives of its people and the activities they carried out, the buildings they constructed and the events which took place.

Museum content involves not just historic artefacts but also graphics, paintings and photography as well as history-related activities for children. Alongside core exhibits there are changing exhibitions and display inspired by topical events and anniversaries.

The Museum consists of a collection of over 3,000 items relating to the history of Tring and its local community. The majority of items fall into the period we describe as recent history, 1800-2000. These include clothes, crockery, art, tools, documents, images, etc. If not on display these are stored in the Dacorum Heritage Trust facility in Berkhamsted and Bucks County Museum store at Halton.

The collection is primarily a result of donations from Tring locals, however other objects displayed are on loan from other museums, such as the archaeological finds excavated from the Roman camp at the village of Cow Roast. There is a special collection of items and information relating to the craft of straw plaiting, once an important small industry activity in Tring.



Women plaiting in Akeman Street, Tring

The Museum is always happy to receive object donations. Please contact the Museum. If you prefer to maintain ownership, a loan agreement can be arranged.

Tring Local History Museum

9 Brook St, Tring HP23 5ED

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Advent windows, 2022

A big thank you, on behalf of All Saints Marsworth, to everyone who took part in the 2022 Marsworth Advent Windows. We have some very creative people in the village, and the advent windows were imaginative, bright, fun and colourful and enjoyed by many during Advent.

Thank you to everyone who made one and to those who kindly donated to this fundraiser using the Just Giving page, raising almost £200 for the church.

The wine and chocolate hamper raffle was won by Anja Ristow and Iain Puddephatt, both window creators from Lukes Lea. Congratulations to them.

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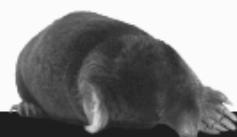
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