

Marsworth News

May 2023

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Marsworth Village Coronation Picnic

Sunday 7th May - Recreation ground - 12.00-3.00pm

The Marsworth Coronation Picnic is nearly here! Thank you so much for all the enthusiastic responses and ideas that we have received. We still need more helpers, so please, if you are willing, contact us at marworthpicnic@gmail.com.

We are putting together a programme of events for the picnic on 7th May. An old fashioned Marsworth Village 'get together' is something that has been suggested, so traditional activities for adults and children are on the programme. There will be prizes and certificates for winners – maybe even a Medal or two!

Best Dressed King and Queen

It doesn't take much. Crowns will be provided and if you would like to dress up and really push the boat out – you may be crowned King or Queen of Marsworth for the day!

Free Raffle

Usually you have to buy raffle tickets. We thought this was rather boring, so we are giving everyone who comes to the event a **FREE** raffle ticket to win some great prizes. This is not about making money – it is about having fun!

Tug of War

This has been done before in Marsworth. Flex your muscles and grab the rope to help your team win! If you are not a member of a team, but would like to take part, let us know and we can add you to a team. What about some Ladies teams as well as the gents? Please email us and let us know teams or names, or let us know on the day. Please bring gloves for that extra pull!

Welly-Wanging

Another fun and traditional game. Come on everyone, let's get chucking those wellies! You could be the Marsworth Coronation Champion Welly Wanger of 2023. Your name will go down in Marsworth History!

Egg-and-spoon Race

The day would not be complete without the egg and spoon race! Not just for the children - come on adults, you too will have the chance to earn your beautiful certificate of Egg and Spoon Race EGGcellence!

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CORONATION big lunch

YOU ARE INVITED TO CELEBRATE THE CORONATION!

BRING YOUR PICNIC AND SMILES TO MARSWORTH RECREATION GROUND

On Sunday 7th May 2023, 12.00-3pm

NO ENTRY FEE

WHY NOT DRESS UP AS A KING OR QUEEN?
(Certificate for Best Dressed King and Queen)

DOGS ON LEADS PLEASE NO BBQS

PARKING LIMITED TO DISABLED ONLY

If you need transport or you would like to help in any way please contact: marsworthpicnic@gmail.com

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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.

Editorial

By *Sandra Costello*

There seems to be a lot going on locally, and the Coronation weekend is building up to what should be a memorable occasion, the like of which Marsworth has not seen since the late Queen's Golden Jubilee in 2002. A wonderful opportunity for a communal get-together and celebration.

Great credit should be given to the ladies responsible for this initiative, and they have been recognised with a Marsworth Award on page 27.

Hotly following is the 'Coronation Litter Pick'. While luckily Marsworth cannot be said to be messy in any way, this will be a very worthwhile effort to make it even more attractive, and be part of a national clean-up.

There is always local interest in changes affecting our local pubs, so

the news that the Anglers is now up for sale will be followed carefully.

The Steam Rally is drawing closer, and on page 7 there is a notice requesting help in the running of this important local event. It is a great occasion to take part in, and to feel you are contributing to it - and you get to enter the show ground for free!

We have an excellent and interesting obituary for John Kearsley, who sadly passed away recently after many months of illness.

On pages 16 and 17 are the very condensed versions of the reports given at the Annual Parish Meeting on 3rd April. The full versions are available on the Marsworth website, but this is a way to get a feel for the topics raised and the coverage.

On the Diary page I am trying out combining all the bin collections, separately from the rest of the calendar. Do let me know if you have an opinion!

Facebook / social media fans

If you spot an item which you think may be of interest to readers of *Marsworth News*, please do send it to editor@marsworthnews.co.uk.

Many do not access social media and may have missed out, if it is not drawn to their attention.



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.

Email editor@MarsworthNews.co.uk

The Bucks Herald

Please send items about upcoming events, or any other items of interest, however small, to: Kate Andrew

01296 668727 / 07963 180466 or kate.andrew@btinternet.com

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.



Dates for 2023

13th and 27th May
10th and 24th June
8th and 22nd July
12th and 26th August
9th and 23rd September
14th and 28th October
11th and 25th November
2nd and 16th December

All Saints Church



This article for *Marsworth News* is one of the most difficult I have ever written. On 24th March 2023 our beloved daughter, Sarah, succumbed to pancreatic cancer. She had fought so bravely for a year, but finally her body could take no more. She will be remembered by many in the village as she was active here in helping out with church fundraising, being involved with the flower festivals, plant sales and the tea tent at the annual Steam Rally. Gill and I would like to thank all those who have sent condolence cards, and those who have shown genuine and practical help over this difficult time. We are so very grateful for the comfort we have received.

Now, referring to Church matters, the Easter celebrations went very well, commencing with the evening service of Compline held on Wednesday 5th April. On Maundy Thursday the altar was stripped bare in accordance with Church practice. On Good Friday afternoon a Service of Reflection was held; this consisted of hymns and readings which, from our personal point of view, was moving and helpful in our grief. Saturday saw the flower arrangers in action creating some wonderful displays, and the Kennedy family constructing an Easter Garden in the south aisle. The altar was dressed in gold in readiness for the Holy Communion service on Easter Sunday. The service was well attended despite the early start of 8.00am.

A reminder that the Fun Run is set to take place on Sunday 21st May and there will be a plant sale outside the church in early June. Please start potting up your cuttings soon, ready for this popular event! Your help will be most welcome before, and on, the day.

John White, Churchwarden.

Who's Who at All Saints Marsworth

<https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/5941>



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Services for May 2023

7th May

9.15am Common Worship Holy Communion

14th May

8.30am Book of Common Prayer, Holy Communion

21st May

9.15am Common Worship Holy Communion

28th May

6.00pm Evensong



All Saints Marsworth

Plant Sale

Sunday June 4th 2 – 5pm

All Saints Churchyard

Teas and
cakes also
on sale





Plant donations
welcome –
please bring to
the churchyard
10am - 12 noon
on the day

Parish Council meeting April 2023 - highlights



(Full Minutes of all Meetings, future Agendas and much other information can be found at <https://www.marsworth.org.uk/marsworth-parish-council/>)

This was a rather speedy meeting as the Annual Parish Meeting had preceded it.

Updates by Councillors Town and Poll

SAC (Special Area of Conservation within 12.7 kms around the Chiltern Beechwoods)

Until Buckinghamshire Council (BC) has both a Strategic Access Management and Monitoring Strategy (SAMM) and a Suitable Alternative Natural Greenspace (SANG) strategy, BC as the Local Planning Authority (LPA) is still legally unable to proceed positively with the determination of planning applications that fall within this zone, which includes the White Lion.

The next Parish Council meeting will be on Wednesday 3rd May. Any items for the agenda needed to be submitted to the Parish Clerk by Wednesday 26th April. All members of the public are welcome to attend but please let the Parish Clerk know in advance if you plan to be present (parishclerk@marsworth.org.uk).

Marsworth Parish Council

www.marsworth.org.uk

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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 Keith Thomasson from the Parish Council there is a vacancy for a councillor.

Interested candidates should come forward for consideration by emailing the Parish Clerk before Monday 5th June 2023 (address above).

The matter will be determined at the Parish Council meeting to be held at 8pm on Monday 12th June 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/>.

Cream Teas every Sunday in Wingrave Parish Church

Every Sunday during the Summer
3.00pm – 5.30pm.
Coffee and cake also served.



Marsworth Parish Councillors

Bob Kennedy (Chairman)	01296 661533
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Giles Monks	01296 662104
Chris King	01296 660019
Steve Smith	07753 744437

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

Parish Council meeting dates 2023 8.00pm in Village Hall:

Wed 3 May	12 June	
10 July	14 August	11 September
9 October	13 November	11 December

Marsworth Village Hall 100 Club



100 Club draw results for April

£100 prizes

- 10 Richard Booth, Vicarage Road
- 32 Dave Brown, Startops

£20 prizes

- 114 Verna Ingledew, Lower Icknield Way
- 154 Len Davis, Long Marston Road
- 34 Susan Dean, Lower End
- 196 Petra and Bill Renshaw, Vicarage Road
- 30 Nicola Lewarne, Vicarage Road

The next draw will be in May for our regular five £20 Prizes to be drawn at the Hall Committee meeting, 3rd May at 7.30pm.

The current membership will expire after the August Draw. We will update in June as to the ways to renew your membership.

Thank you all for taking part.

Dick Brake

Marsworth Community Garden

There is not a great deal of progress to report on this, as we still need permission from the appropriate authority. We have approached Bucks Cllr Derek Town to direct us to the appropriate department at the Council.

We are still enthusiastic and hopeful that the project will be able to go ahead, and will let you know through *Marsworth News* once the way is clear.

Lisa Tervit



Pin the Jewel in the Crown

You have all heard of 'Pin the Tail on the Donkey'. For the Coronation Picnic we have 'Pin the Jewel in the Crown'! Stumble your way blindfolded to the picture of King Charles and stick a jewel on his crown.



Big Dice Games

Throw those big dice and see who gets across the finish line first! Outdoor board games are great fun.

Music

During the picnic, we will be entertained by a variety of Coronation playlists. However, if anyone would like to enthral us with some live music, all the better.

Master of Ceremonies

The talented Gareth, of Fun Run MC fame, will be the MC, keeping us amused and updated all afternoon.

Practical details

- Bring your family and friends.
- Bring picnic blankets, food, drink and chairs.
- Dogs brought to the picnic must be kept on leads.
- No BBQs at the event.
- Only parking for disabled or essential services allowed.
- The Parish Council has generously agreed to pay for the toilets in the Recreation Ground.
- In the event of rain, we will be putting up marquees.

Keep an eye on the noticeboards and Facebook. As ideas come in, there may be more additions.

We look forward to seeing you and lots of fellow Marsworth residents on the day. Keep everything crossed for good weather!

marsworthpicnic@gmail.com.

See plan of the Picnic Area below.

Thanks from Trevor

Thank you to everyone for your kindness and good wishes for my retirement from Royal Mail.



Ex-postman Trevor

As you can see from the photo, there were a lot of cards and the messages were so nice that I will be putting them into a scrapbook. My house is definitely not a dry one!

I have thoroughly enjoyed being your postman for the last ten years and will miss you all - and of course the dogs as well. But I will still be taking part in the Marsworth 10k, will occasionally walk my daughter's dog around the reservoir with the mandatory coffee, cake and catch up at the Waters Edge or a pint at one of the pubs.

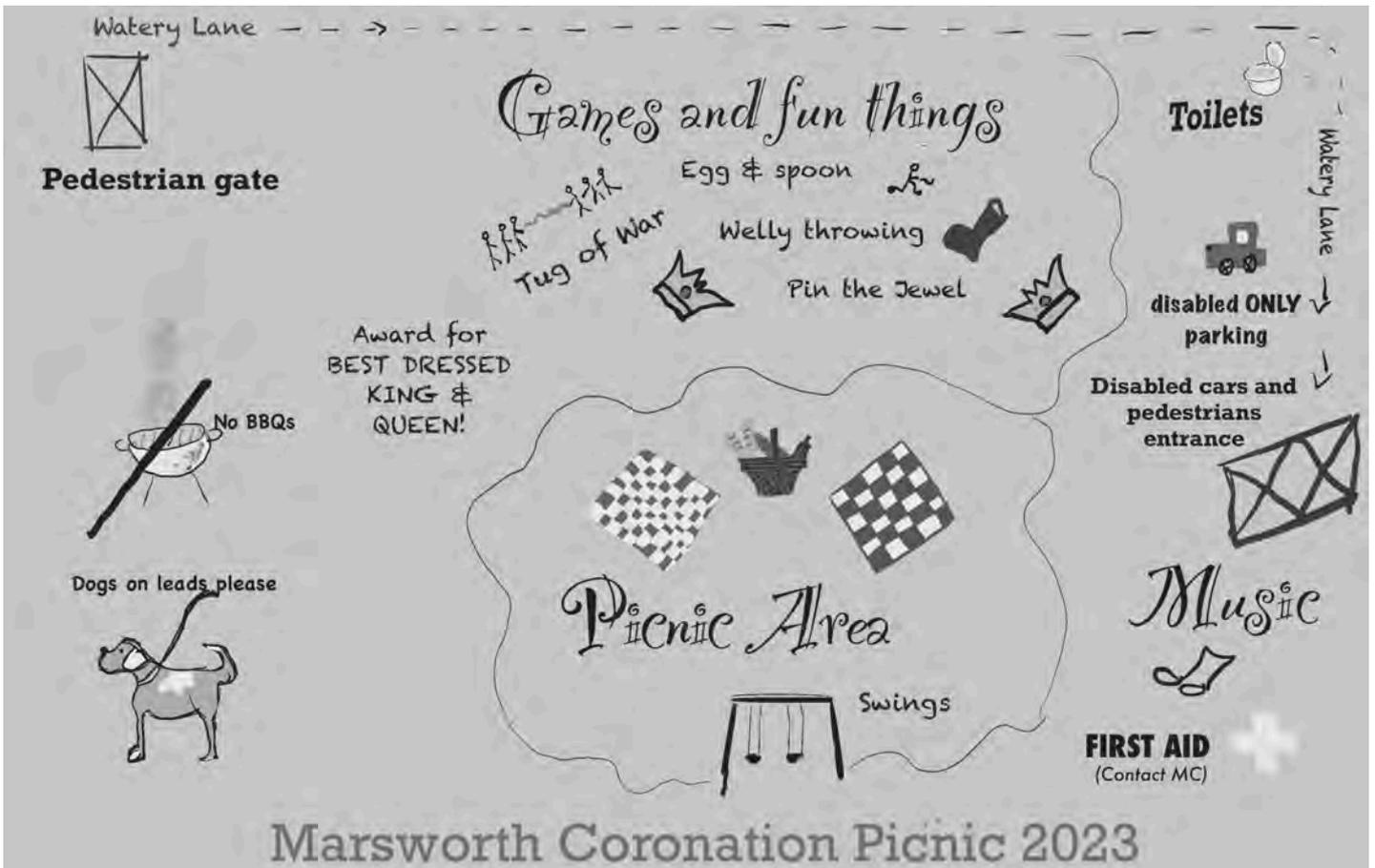


Marsworth's gifts to Trevor

Thanks again for making my time as the Marsworth postie so enjoyable.

I was truly humbled by the messages I received.

Trev Postie



Marsworth Coronation Picnic 2023

Dale Canfield – local Operations Manager for CRT

I am the Area Operations Manager for the Grand Union Canal South Section. This means I manage approximately 56 miles of canal with 87 locks (including the Aylesbury Arm and the Wendover Arm, plus the Reservoirs).

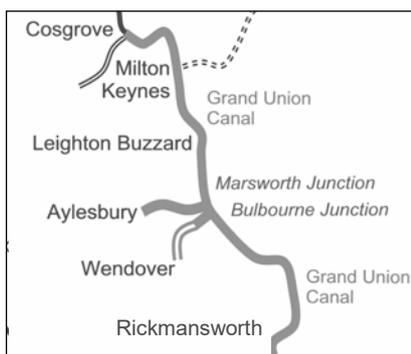
The length of my section starts at Iron Trunk Aqueduct in Milton Keynes and ends at Stockers Lock, Rickmansworth. I currently manage a team of nine operatives and am restructuring the team to soon become a total of 12-13.

Operational Teams are responsible for water management, lock maintenance, light repair work, fly tipping clearances, reservoir management, to name a few key tasks - the task list in reality is a lot longer. Alongside us are the Reactive Team who manage reactive repairs and during the stoppage season support the Construction Team in much bigger jobs such as gate replacements.

This is a very busy stretch of canal that can make my job demanding, but it's a role I really enjoy, so much so that it is less like work and more of a passion!

So where did this passion come from?

My career started as a baker, then I joined the Prison Service for 18 years, making my way into management



before moving on to manage contracts for the MOJ (Ministry of Justice) in all London prisons. I then for the last three years prior to joining CRT found myself as Head of Mental Health Services for a London charity.

When my family and I moved to Apsley over ten years ago my love for the canal started by dog walking on the towpath, then an interest in boating grew. After some years of chipping away at Mrs C, she finally gave in and before we knew it the house was sold and we were having a boat built. We moved onto the canal in June 2018 and have never looked back. Our boat is a unique craft that is one of the pioneering electric boats on the canal. To read a magazine article about it go to: *Boat test: the gentle giant - Canal Boat*.

Whilst living on the canal network I became more interested in how I could contribute to the canal management and how I could change things that I saw were in need of attention. Last summer I saw the position I now hold advertised and threw my hat in the ring... the rest is history, and I am now proud to be employed by The Trust and I look forward to making effective and noticeable change that is felt by everyone that uses the canal in my region.



The Canfields' electric boat

My focus points at this stage are to rebuild the team, rebuild relationships with our stakeholders that have drifted, and the relocation of our work base (we move to Leighton Buzzard from Tringford in July) - we always have a local presence, so we won't just disappear! I will then work through as many issues raised to me that are possible, whilst maintaining the network to a standard that is expected of us.

I look forward to the challenges ahead and know I will enjoy this role for many years to come.

Dale Canfield



Saturday 27th May
9.30am-12.30pm
Ivinghoe Village Hub

Bring along broken items to be fixed by volunteers!
No charge for fixing, but donations are welcome

Bring along:

Tools and equipment	Household items
Electrical goods	Toys and games
Clothing, fabrics, jewellery	Bicycles
Electronic devices (phones/tablets/laptops)	

And more...

 Ivinghoe & Pitstone Repair Café
ivinghoerepaircafe@gmail.com
www.iprepaircafe.wixsite.com/repaircafe

Marsworth Hall Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 7th June 2023
7.30pm in the Village Hall

All members of Marsworth village are welcome to attend. Find out what is involved in running the Village Hall and put forward your own comments and suggestions. You can even join us!

The meeting will cover the Annual Report by the Chair of the Village Hall Committee, Finances, and election of Committee Members.

Questions and comments from members of the public are welcomed.

Dick Brake

Obituary: John Kearsley

1955 - 2023

Edward John Kearsley's younger years were spent in Gloucester with his parents and elder brother William. He was a keen swimmer and rowed competitively for his school and university and beyond. He went on to study engineering at Sheffield University, specialising in water treatment. His career took him to various parts of Britain and to Senegal and Nepal, before settling back in Sheffield to work for Yorkshire Water.



In 1981 John signed up for Voluntary Service Overseas and headed to Nepal. There he quickly learnt the language and forged a lasting bond with that country and its people and did a great deal of good bringing clean water supplies and sewerage systems to Himalayan villages. In 2016, just after the big earthquake hit Nepal, John returned there to help rebuild schools and homes in rural villages, aiming to make buildings safe against future earthquakes. John's worthwhile legacy to this country was to make life safer for the next generations of Nepali children. In 2018 he returned to Nepal with daughter Helena, sharing his memories with her as they walked the hills and trekked to the Annapurna base camp.

John met Carrie in 1980 and they married and moved to Marsworth in the autumn of 1994 and built a life for themselves here. Grace had just been born and Helena came along in 1998. John worked for the Canal & River Trust for over 25 years, up until his retirement. His former colleagues commented that John was an engineer through to his very bones and he left the canals, locally and further afield, in a much better condition through his work than when he started. He made a real difference.

John was a willing volunteer in Marsworth - from pulling pints in the beer tent at the Steam Fair, mowing the church grass, to flipping burgers at Flower Festivals and Bonfire nights. He was a valued member of the Village Hall Committee for many years. He volunteered at a local Repair Shop, at the Watermill in Ivinghoe and at fundraising events for the Gurkha Trust. All of these contributions showed his big heart, his positivity and his desire to make a difference.

John was a keen beekeeper for 25 years; many in Marsworth enjoyed his honey. He also became very proficient at the art of cider making; his fermentations becoming known as "Old Knee Buckler" for their ability to render one's legs inoperative.

John was a member of a loose affiliation of men in the village, called the 'Marsworth Muscle', sometimes affectionately described as the Marsworth chapter of The Last of the Summer Wine. He enjoyed their shared interest in history with trips to the Normandy beaches and the WW1 battlefields. John brought his dry wit and good companionship with him.

John's hobbies included golf and kayaking with the Chiltern Canoe Club. He went on sailing trips with friends around the coasts of Britain, across the channel to France

and in the Greek Islands. John loved cycling around the Chilterns as well as trips with friends to the Welsh mountains, taking part in typically eccentric events such as the Real Ale Wobble.

Above all else John was a family man. He remained a loyal and loving husband, father, brother and great friend. He was patient and kind and always looked for the good in a person. John maintained this positive spirit and sense of humour throughout his illness. He had requested that one of his favourite songs 'Turn Turn Turn' by Pete Seeger would be played at his funeral. Inspired by Ecclesiastes 3v.1-8, in many respects it sums up John's own approach to life.

The family are extremely grateful for all the support, love and kindness shown to them during this time by family and friends and the excellent care from the Rennie Grove Hospice Care team. The family also thank everyone who donated so generously to the Gurkha Welfare Trust and Rennie Grove.

This has been a brief tour of a life well lived. He will be greatly missed.

On reflecting on John's life, John enriched all the lives he came into contact with, and who can ask for a life better lived than that?

MARSWORTH
STEAM & CLASSIC
Vehicle Rally

Sunday 18th 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

Rural Rambler will be back next month.

Bucks Councillor's April report – extracts



Council joins forces with Forestry England to create new woodland in Wing

Plans to plant a new woodland in Wing have been given the green light in a joint project between Forestry England and Buckinghamshire Council. The new Wing Wood will see 132,000 trees planted on land owned by Buckinghamshire Council, creating an inspiring green space for local people, a valuable habitat for wildlife and a sustainable source of timber. Wing Wood will include a mix of tree species suited to the locality, five new wildlife ponds and a community orchard, as well as accessible paths for walking and cycling. As part of the woodland design, Forestry England hope to link the new Wing Wood with Long Spinney Wood, creating clear paths and an easy connection between the two areas.

Forestry England will begin planting this year and aim to get most of the trees in the ground before the end of April with the rest planted in the autumn and winter. The 132,000 trees will form part of the council's pledge to plant 543,000 trees, one for every resident in Buckinghamshire by 2031, as part of its Climate Change Strategy.

New parking charges in Buckinghamshire

New charges for on and off-street parking across Buckinghamshire will come into force from Monday 3rd April. The changes are being introduced following a review by the council's budget scrutiny committee. The changes will see an increase of 20p per tariff for on-street parking and 10p per tariff for off-street parking. Where applicable, free parking periods are expected to remain unchanged.

Buckinghamshire Council award to provide energy efficiency and clean heating upgrades to low-income households in the county

Buckinghamshire Council has been awarded £576,000 from the government's Home Upgrade Grant to provide energy efficiency and clean heating upgrades to owner occupied and private rented properties in the county. The upgrades are aimed at tackling fuel poverty and reducing carbon emissions. The majority of the funding will be made available for the least efficient homes heated by the most polluting fuel sources.

Councillor Derek Town
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Buckinghamshire Councillor, Ivinghoe Ward

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

STEAM & CLASSIC
Vehicle Rally
Sunday 18th June 2023
Startop Farm, Marsworth, HP23 4LL

We're looking for enthusiastic people to help on the day. Can you spare a few hours? Your time would be very much appreciated.

CRT to charge for events

The Canal & River Trust is introducing charges for events on its waterways, towpaths and land to support the charity's efforts in preserving and



maintaining the historic canal network. This is mostly aimed at commercial and large-scale promotional events.

Throughout the year hundreds of events take place involving the canals and towpaths. CRT has to consider the needs of other visitors, check for clashes with other events or maintenance works and make sure all events are planned safely.

From 1st June 2023 a £95 (+VAT) non-refundable administration charge will apply. If the event is a free (for all) community event, that is not raising money for charity and is for fewer than 25 people, there will be no charge.

See: [Online event application form | Canal & River Trust \(canalrivertrust.org.uk\)](https://www.canalrivertrust.org.uk).

These charges will contribute to the cost of keeping the nation's canal heritage alive for today and for future generations to enjoy.

This charge will have implications for the Marsworth Fun Run in future.

Anglers Retreat for sale

The Anglers Retreat Startups is up for sale, with a £500,000+VAT valuation from property specialists Fleurets, specialising in pubs.



David Brown, the vendor, said: "I'm in my 70s, if I was 30 years younger this business would not be up for sale! I've got to be realistic, this business has so much potential, but I'm not the right person to take it forward. I'm actually looking forward to seeing what it grows to become."

A four bedroomed residential property across the car park is potentially up for sale as well, reports The Bucks Herald. A price for the building must be agreed separately, but the two properties can be purchased either individually or as one. This building is currently operating as a B&B; it is not known whether it will continue to do so.

Previously, the current ownership group was granted planning permission to build an extra six double bedrooms, an extension to the conservatory, a new enlarged kitchen, better toilet facilities as well as separate access to the flat above.

Although the owners did not proceed with the plans, the developer believes a similar expansion would be approved in the future.

Marsworth Miscellany

Items for *Bucks Herald*, by local journalist *Kate Andrew*
Some of these get fuller treatment or have been covered elsewhere in this issue.

The Bell, Tring

The Bell in Tring High Street is now being refurbished and it is hoped that doors will open around 20th May. The pub is looking for staff and a cleaner. Contact thebelltring@farrbrew.com.

Shed theft

A resident of Vicarage Road has reported a break-in and theft from their garden shed, with a number of petrol tools stolen. The door was unscrewed from the hinges, tools taken and the door placed back, without the screws, making it look as if nothing had happened. The owner is advising others to be vigilant.

Film set jobs

A film catering company is looking for staff to start this month at the set now being built near Ivinghoe for the movie of the musical *Wicked: Part One*. Full and part-time roles include customer service, kitchen porters, good receiver, barista, chef and front of house. Send your CV to stacy@healthyyummies.com.

Tring Brewery

On Saturday May 20th, Tring Brewery will welcome 250 guests to their inaugural, open-tap ToadFest.



Tickets are £25 and cover admission to the brewhouse and yard where 20 plus open-tap beers will be pouring for five hours. The festival will be open from 5pm to 10pm and Herts BBQ outfit Black Cactus will be on hand for purchase of delicious smoked food. All proceeds will go to Tiggywinkles Wildlife Hospital, the brewery's chosen charity for 2023.

All in the merry month of May
When green buds they were swelling ...

Traditional ballad: 'Barbara Allen'

Wicked set, Ivinghoe

Filming has now started at the set for the Hollywood adaptation of the musical 'Wicked', starring Ariana Grande.



The scene, complete with the famous Yellow Brick Road and colourful thatched cottages, has sprung up near Ivinghoe and can be partly seen from the Grand Union Canal. A walk beside the canal revealed a large medieval-style building within a huge nest of scaffolding and evident progress on the thatched village.

The majority of the buildings were pre-fabricated at Sky Studios Elstree.

The production company is 'actively exploring the option of including work experience opportunities on the production for students of media and film' at a local school and will also give 'educational seminars and workshops on film-making' to local colleges.



View from the canal

Ivinghoe postmaster Harman Singh recently featured in an item on ITV news about the film set.

Filming at Ivinghoe Movie Lot (formerly Ivinghoe Turf) was scheduled to start on 6th April, and run through to 4th August with six night shoots.

The film is being produced by Universal Pictures. It is scheduled for release in November 2024.

The story is loosely based on the Wizard of Oz. In the book, Dorothy famously told her little dog Toto she had a feeling that they 'weren't in Kansas anymore'. And locals in Ivinghoe could be forgiven for thinking they were no longer in Buckinghamshire.

Despite no written objections, some locals were not so enchanted by the set, with some describing it as a 'blight on the landscape'. However other reports say 'Neighbours living near the set said that they delighted that Ivinghoe was once again at the centre of a huge film set'.

For more information, see: <https://www.dailymail.co.uk/tvshowbiz/ariana-grande/article-11961625/>



The sets grow in the Buckinghamshire landscape

Marsworth Women's Institute



By Denise Cornwall

April is always in the Women's Institute calendar as 'Resolutions Month'. Each year the National Federation of Women's Institutes (NFWI) provides all WIs country-wide with up to four resolutions which we have to discuss and then vote on.

We then appoint a representative to put our choice of resolutions forward at the WI AGM, which this year will be held in Cardiff. Presentation of the Resolution for this year will be done by our President Chris King, who is also representing the views of seven other local WIs.

This year's resolutions were:

1. Save our Water - every drop matters.
2. Women to Women: the lives of women tea pickers/workers.
3. Online gambling harm: time for action.
4. Clean rivers for people and wildlife.

Because the votes sent into the NFWI in November were so overwhelmingly in favour of one of the resolutions, this year we did not need to debate the four proposed resolutions. Chris King gave a concise and clear presentation of Resolution no. 4. After some discussion it was agreed by a majority vote, that our choice this year would also be 'Clean rivers for people and wildlife'.

After the formal business of the evening was over, we went on to handing out birthday gifts to those who had birthdays during the month.

We then moved on to discussing upcoming events like our visit to Bletchley Park. We have been before, but many members want to go again. We also have a visit planned to Little Heath Garden Nursery for an accompanied stroll around the Nursery with the chance to discuss the plants and, if you want, to purchase some of them. This will be followed with a cream tea or just tea and cake, whatever you want to have. A return visit to Greatmoor Energy From Waste plant is also planned. Some of us were not able to go on the previous visit, but it is high on our list to do another one. It's a very interesting place and well worth a visit. Up to 345,000 tonnes of non-recyclable waste per annum is converted into electricity.

Our Annual Dinner is quickly approaching and we are really pleased to have a high number of members attending this year. Due to the annual dinner there will not be a meeting in the hall this month.

At our June meeting we are looking forward to listening to Graham Laurie who will be giving us a talk on The Royal Flying Doctor Service.

The formal business of the evening being completed, the members enjoyed refreshments of wine and nibbles along with tea, coffee and cake or hot cross buns. This was accompanied by a very light hearted, but puzzling, quiz. Two teams ended up with equal scores of 13. Well, as you know, 13 is an unlucky number; unlucky as there was no prize for the winners! I wonder if learning from the quiz the answer to the question as to 'how many noses a slug has?' will ever be of any use to anyone. Who knows (or nose, perhaps)?



1937 Coronation parade, Church Lane

Pitstone Green Museum

May Open Days

Early May BH Monday 1st May

Spring BH Monday 29th May



Marsworth CE Infant School

Tel: 01296 668440
www.marsworthschool.co.uk



Welcome to the Summer Term. What a busy one it will be!

This half-term we welcome two new children to Robin Class. We hope their time with us will be happy, enjoyable and informative.

The Spring Term highlights:

Well-being week

We held a mental health and well-being week in which the children took part in activities, such as visualisation, breathing techniques and physical activities. The week kicked off with learning about the importance of keeping our bodies healthy, as well as our minds and how people do that. Another suggestion was to do something we love from reading a book, listening to music, singing or cooking. The children took part in a Yoga workshop run by Yoga Peaches. They also did some cooking, learning about different food choices, designed and made their own vegan muffins and dairy-free smoothies.

Swimming

The children have been amazing! Their behaviour at Aqua Vale has been praised by staff there.

What we will be learning this half term

In Robins, our topic for this term is 'Farming and Growing'. Children will be reading a range of books on the subject, as well as planting seeds and learning about different animals. In Goldfinches, our topic is 'Around the World in 80 Days' and we will be reading a child-friendly version of the book by Jules Verne. The children will also be learning about some of the countries Phileas Fogg visited on his journey. They will be creating their own art work from the countries and designing and making a model of a steam boat.

Information about topics and the curriculum can be found on the school website: www.marsworthschool.co.uk.

King's coronation

We will be celebrating the Coronation on Tuesday 9th May with a Coronation Day in which the children will be learning about the Royal Family and participating in some Coronation activities.

Sports day

Our annual Sports Day will take place on the recreation ground on the morning of Tuesday 11th July, weather permitting.

Themed weeks

The week of 19th June the children will be participating in a Diversity Week where they will be learning about different countries, traditions, faiths and cultures. This ties in nicely with the KS1 topic of 'Around the World in 80 Days'.

The week of the 10th July the School is planning on holding a Sports Week. The children will be participating in various different sporting activities from Sports Day practise, Swimming, Yoga, Pilates and many more. I'm sure a great deal of fun will be had by all!

Volunteers needed

A plea for lunchtime or afternoon clubs. In the past we have held French, Cooking, Gardening, Sports and Yoga clubs. Sadly, due to Covid this has been tricky reinstating, as the existing people who ran the clubs are no longer available. Should you know anyone who may be interested in running either a lunchtime or an after-school club, please direct them to the school office on 01296 668440 or via email office@marsworth.bucks.sch.uk.

Admissions to Marsworth

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

We have two open days coming up later in the year, one in June and one in July for any late applications or for any child wishing to start nursery with us in September. Keep an eye on social media and our website.

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

Mrs Polatci - Headteacher

Shall I compare thee to a summer's day?
Thou art more lovely and more temperate.
Rough winds do shake the darling buds of May,
And summer's lease hath all too short a date.
William Shakespeare (1564-1616), Sonnet 18



**The Coronation Litter Pick is here!
Monday 8th May**

**Meet fellow Litter Pickers
at Marsworth All Saints Church at 10.30
Come back to the Church at 11.30
for
TEA AND CAKES!**

COME ON... IT'S ONLY AN HOUR OF YOUR TIME..

Bags provided.

Please bring your own gloves and Litter Grabbers
& take litter home for disposal.



Further info: marsworthpicnic@gmail.com

Marsworth Neighbourhood Watch

By Linda Beardsley, NHW Co-ordinator

Between March 2022 and March 2023, there were 40 incidents reported to the Police in Marsworth (see breakdown below).



Please also see the article from Thames Valley Police and Thames Alert (on this page) on how to report crime. No matter how small or insignificant it feels, if you have a sense something is not right, then it is likely not - the Police want to hear from you!

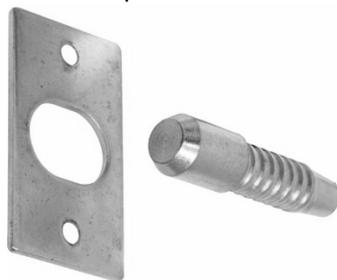
Shed burglary

Regrettably, there has been another theft from a shed this month at a property on Vicarage Road. Although the shed was padlocked, the hinge screws were taken out to allow the door to be removed. A number of power tools were stolen and the door replaced in situ, so it is unclear when the incident occurred. If anyone has any information, please let the Police know online or call 101, or message Marsworth NHW and we can pass the details on.

We use our sheds much less in the winter months, of course. According to Admiral Insurance, thefts from sheds increase by 82% between October to March.

The door hinges are one of the weakest points and it is recommended you use hinge bolts to prevent the door being prised off.

Other suggestions include using nuts and bolts and supergluing the nut to the bolt inside the shed, or security screws which need a special tool to remove as they cannot be released with a screwdriver.



Hinge security bolt

The Metropolitan Police recommend 'thinking like a thief' to envisage how you would break into your own shed. Does it have a window? This can be a vulnerable area unless secured by a mesh or grill. Use a robust padlock with no exposed screws, and you can also purchase an appropriate shed alarm. If you keep valuable items in a shed, consider additionally locking them inside or bolting them to the shed structure.

Thank you for making Marsworth a safer place to live.

Marsworth Crime figures

Between 1st March 2022 and 28th March 2023 there were 40 incidents in Marsworth reported to the Police.

Breakdown of the incidents of note:

Burglaries – 1

Theft – 6

Theft from motor vehicle – 2

Community anti-social behaviour – 1

Information supplied by PCSO Megan Dean.



Your area is covered by

The Wing & District Neighbourhood Policing Team

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

To contact a member of the local team, email: greatbrickhillwingivinghoenhtpt@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

Thames Valley Police

How to tell us about something you have seen or heard!



The public are the eyes and ears of the police, and your concerns about what is going on in your community often direct our activity.



Inspector James Davies from the Aylesbury Vale Neighbourhood team said: 'If you see or hear something unusual or suspicious, then trust your instincts. We usually find that if something feels wrong or out of place then it normally is. Do you think you've seen drug dealing, do you know who is riding their motorcycle in an anti-social manner, have you seen suspicious activity that just doesn't feel right - we want to know about it.'

The information may seem inconsequential, but it may be that you give us the final piece of the puzzle that allows us to take action. Often the public do not know how to tell us what they have seen or heard, so they do not pass it on. I am trying to make that process simpler'.

If you want to tell us about something you have seen or heard that you think we might want to know about, you can do this the following ways:

- Report through the Thames Valley Police website www.thamesvalley.police.uk/contact/af/contact-us or call 101 for non-emergency issues
- Contact your local Neighbourhood Policing Team: greatbrickhillwingivinghoeNHPT@thamesvalley.police.uk
- Call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555111 or via the online tool: www.crimestoppers-uk.org/give-information/forms/give-information-anonymously
- To report a crime in progress, or a threat to someone's immediate safety call 999.

Do not assume we already know something - if you do not tell us then we may not know about it!



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1937 Coronation parade, Church Lane

Cricket for Christine

Last year's cricket match to celebrate Christine John was such a success that we've decided to do it again! Please join us with your best picnic spread, plus anything you'd like to throw on the BBQ. The clubhouse bar will also be open.

It's in the same place, at Long Marston Cricket Club, Cheddington Lane, HP23 4QP and once again, on a Thursday afternoon/evening:
Thursday 13th July 2023 4.00 – 9.30pm.

We hope to see you there!



Mentmore Arts Festival

Saturday May 27th – Bank Holiday
 Monday May 29th 11am - 5pm



With over 60 artists, including painters, photographers, ceramicists, jewellers and more.

Their work will be displayed in Mentmore Village Hall and St Mary's Church in Mentmore and is available to buy.



The Festival provides a wonderful family day out with refreshments available, including light lunches, tea, coffee and cakes and a bar.

There will be a raffle with some great prizes.

Marsworth 10k Fun Run

Sunday 21st May 2022



10.00am start

Check the website for further details:

www.marsworthfunrun.co.uk

Raising funds for All Saints Church

1st Ivinghoe & Pitstone Scout Group

Pitstone Memorial Hall

Beavers - age 5¾ - 8

Monday / Tuesday 6-7pm

Cubs - age 8 - 10½

Wed. 6.30-8.30pm / Thurs. 6.30-8pm

Scouts - age 10½ - 14

Fridays 7- 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.

Tring Together
 Spring Fayre

29th April - 14th May

Scan the QR code for the event guide!

Enjoy two weeks packed with free events, Tring's Coronation Party & The Big Help Out.

MARSWORTH STEAM & CLASSIC Vehicle Rally

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

Sunday 18th June 2023 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!

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

*Subject to duty commitments

Startup Farm
Marsworth HP23 4LL

B489 Ivinghoe to Aston Clinton Road

Adults £7.00
Children £3.00

All proceeds go to local fundraising and charities

www.MarsworthSteamRally.co.uk



Marsworth Coronation Dinner, June 1953

Wingrave with Rowsham Parish Church Gardeners' Bring and Buy Sale

Saturday 13th May
10.00am – 12.30pm

Vegetable plants - seedlings -
cuttings - bedding plants - herbs
- household plants

Home produce - pottery - jigsaws & cards - books

Refreshments and bacon butties!

*Please donate any spare plants
you have*

**All proceeds to support the
Parish Church**



The Tring Anglers



Hurrah - as we settle into Spring so the angling has become more predictable.

The reservoirs and canal have produced some excellent fish. Spring time is spawning season for coarse fish and, as is always the case, the predatory fish, such as pike and perch, will spawn first. This means that the young pike and perch will be of a size to pick off the spawn and fry of other fish such as roach and bream during May and June. All fish will take advantage of these spawning activities, as will a number of birds, mammals and insects.

When I first started angling, the coarse fishing closed season (March 15th – June 15th), which coincides with the spawning season, applied to all waters in the UK. Now it only applies to rivers, not stillwaters and canals. However, individual controlling bodies, such as angling clubs, councils and Natural England can still reserve the right to enforce the closed season should they wish. Most canals and lakes remain open for fishing and evidence tends to suggest that no harm to fish occurs. The reality is that it is pretty much impossible to catch fish while they are actually in the act of breeding as they have no interest in food at all.

The problem the breeding season can bring to the reservoirs is that sometimes a few anglers cannot resist trying to catch fish that they can actually see, and this can disturb the spawning fish even if the anglers are unlikely to catch any. Not only are the breeding fish visible but they lose their natural wariness. We often ban angling for a week or ten days during the visible spawning time. Middle to late May seems the most common time for spawning. In fact we often used to have a fishing match at that time but we gave up on the idea as being a waste of time.

I have now completed the Let's Fish angling coaching programme for 2023. You can download a copy of The Tring Anglers Let's Fish events for 2023 on The Tring

Future of Bucks libraries

Buckinghamshire Council has reviewed and agreed a vision and strategy for the county's library service.



As well as traditional reading and book-borrowing, the library service has transformed to offer many more services, including free computer classes, loanable tablets and a broad range of educational, social and cultural activities for all ages.

Libraries have also become important welcoming spaces over winter months for anyone who needs a warm, free and safe space to visit.

The strategy outlines the priorities for the service and agrees a clear vision for the future – which is that Bucks libraries “provide welcoming and safe spaces for everyone to access reading, culture and the information and services they need to learn, discover, imagine and thrive”.

With reading and book-borrowing still at the heart of our libraries, the new strategy reflects the growing use of libraries as community hubs.

Anglers Facebook page and website. Don't forget that it is open to all ages, although we advise that participants should be over six years of age.

We hope that we can increase the number of attendees at the 'Celebration of Youth' event on the Shropshire Union Canal, particularly following last year's bronze medal success for the Pebble Brook School team. It is now one of the largest angling events for youth nationally; we should top 400 participants in 2023.

Some June and July Let's Fish Coaching events

Find your event on Canal & River Trust site:

<https://canalrivertrust.org.uk/enjoy-the-waterways/fishing/lets-fish>.

Saturday 3rd June 9.30am-4pm: Cooks Wharf, Cheddington, Grand Union Canal, LU7 0SZ.

Sunday 18th June 9.30am-4pm: Reservoir Pound Locks 39-40, Marsworth, Grand Union Canal HP23 4LJ.

Saturday 1st July 9.30am-4pm: Cooks Wharf, Cheddington, Grand Union Canal, LU7 0SZ.

Saturday July 15th 9.30am-3pm: Regional Competition Event Three Locks, Leighton Road, Stoke Hammond Milton Keynes MK17 9DD.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/free-lets-fish-regional-celebration-milton-keynes-150723-tickets-598771039297>

Saturday 22nd July 9.30am-4pm: Reservoir Pound Locks 39-40, Marsworth, Grand Union Canal, HP23 4LJ.

Dick Pilkinton

Volunteer with the CRT

Canals need many hands to look after them and by volunteering with us you can help make even more miles of canal blue, green and better.



Towpath Taskforce

Make a difference along your local canal, and join one of our Towpath Taskforce teams.

Contributing time and skills to a good cause is a great way to boost your community spirit and improve your local area. By joining our towpath taskforce teams, you'll be able to meet



new people and make a difference on days that suit you.

What to expect

Tasks vary on a regular basis and can include lock-painting, hedge-planting, weeding gardens, litter-clearance from land and water, repairing towpaths and more, depending on what's most needed in that area.

On arrival you'll be greeted by the taskforce leader who will run through what's to be done that day, assign tasks and demonstrate the safe use of any equipment. They'll help make sure the task is suited to your ability and be on hand throughout the session to provide help, advice and the all-important tea and biscuits.

For more information, go to: <https://canalrivertrust.org.uk/volunteer/ways-to-volunteer/towpath-taskforce>.

Annual Parish Meeting reports

Meeting held on Monday 3rd April 2023 in the Village Hall

Full reports can be seen on <https://www.marsworth.org.uk/marsworth-parish-council/annual-parish-meeting/>.



The following is strictly a precis.

The meeting was attended by Marsworth Parish Councillors, Buckinghamshire Cllrs Derek Town and Chris Poll, and by Dale Canfield of the Canal & River Trust. 11 members of the public also attended.

Chairman's Report - Councillor Bob Kennedy

MPC welcomed three new councillors: Christine King, Keith Thomasson and Steve Smith, replacing John Woodruffe, Hayley Chalmers and Dave Brown.

Key Planning matters over the past year :

- An application by **Ainscough Strategic Land to build c320 houses on Marsworth Airfield** (south site). MPC objected on numerous grounds, and mobilised village support through the distribution of a flyer resulting in over 200 objections being lodged with the Planners. Ainscough withdrew their application, but their website signals their intention to re-apply.
- The recently announced **Special Area of Conservation (SAC) around Chiltern Beechwoods** has caused delay to planning approvals, including the second White Lion application to be turned into two dwellings.
- The application for changing the **Anglers Retreat** into housing, which we opposed, has been withdrawn.
- The redevelopment of **Bulbourne Yard** is now complete and we look forward to its full occupation.
- The new **Freight strategy** for our area which should reduce HGV traffic along Lower Icknield Way is now progressing. New signage advising truck drivers of the 7.5 ton limit will be installed shortly.

100 Club – Dick Brake, 100 Club Organiser

The 100 Club is run through the Village Hall Committee for the benefit and upkeep of the Hall. The running of the Club is being passed to Stephanie Hurley.

Millennium Hall, Dick Brake, Chair

The past year has seen the Hall decorated and low energy lights fitted. The main user is Marsworth Pre-School, with other bookings by smaller associations. In this last year we have lost our Chairperson, John Kearsey, and Dick Brake has been voted into the position. John Kelly has joined as Treasurer. We now have eight on the Committee but would like younger villagers joining to help run and maintain the Hall.

Canal and River Trust - Dale Canfield, Area Operations Manager, Grand Union South

MPC sent Dale some questions from residents:

- Is he aware of the anti-social behaviour such as drug dealing that occurs in Startops Car Park, day and night? *CRT: This is a police issue, not a CRT issue.*
- Why are the banks of the reservoir mowed regularly in the wildflower growing season? *CRT is risk averse*

since the issues at Toddbrook Reservoir in Whaley Bridge, Derbyshire in 2022. Mowing takes place regularly to preserve the integrity of the banks.

- What was the purpose of the steps and metal handrails at Wilstone Reservoir? They encourage people to go into the water. *CRT: The steps were installed in case anyone fell in, as at Startops.*
- What is CRT doing to discourage/stop use of the reservoirs as a lido in hot weather – swimming, remote controlled boats, dinghies. Current signage is ineffective, small and not enforced. *CRT: we will challenge this behaviour if we see it. However we don't always have staff on site.*
- What is the purpose of the wooden rail by Startops Reservoir, below the road that runs between Startops and Tringford Reservoirs? *CRT: Safety issues.*
- We often see illegal fishing, e.g. lure fishing. What is being done to stop this? *CRT will challenge people.*
- Why is CRT still intent on removing key habitat from the reservoirs. The Tring Reservoirs are an SSSI. *CRT is risk averse since the issues at Whaley Bridge; and it is to allow easy sight of the banks.*
- When the habitat destruction was carried out in the name of HSE why was there no stakeholder engagement, such as with Tring Anglers, Marsworth Parish Council, Herts & Middlesex Wildlife Trust, canal boat residents and Ramblers associations?. *CRT did liaise with Herts & Middx Wildlife Trust.*
- Why has CRT decided to charge small charities £100 from next year - specifically for permission for the local Fun Run which covers use of part of the public footway? *CRT is also a charity and the administration of requests is a cost to the charity.*
- Fly tipping by Red Lion Bridge. There was no longer any room within the brick housing for the Biffa bins with mattresses and furniture placed in there - items too big to be from boats. The area was cleared, but the bins not returned, leading to more rubbish being placed within the bricked area. *Dale to look into this, arrange clearance and for the Biffa bins to be put back into the brick housing.*

See report on page 6.

Badminton Club – Margaret Bonham

This Club is not likely to reform. There seems to be no interest in the village to restart a badminton group, which is a pity, with an excellent hall and facilities.

The Bridge Club, Betty Longhurst

Marsworth Bridge Club has not resumed since the pandemic shutdown.

All Saints Church – John White, Churchwarden

The year commenced with no vicar up to July 2022 when James Grainger-Smith was installed. Rev. Roger Hale continued to support us consistently from January 2021, as did Barbara de Butts, Canon David Holloway and Ian Ogilvie. Richard Cooper was elected to return as churchwarden in May.

Church attendance at the regular Sunday services averaged 19, with special services - Easter, Harvest, and the Christmas services averaging around 65.

In May 2022 major repairs were made to the church clock which had not been working for some time.

Other items of repair were to the lychgate roof, the church path and the font plinth. These costs were covered by a bequest specifically for matters relating to maintenance and repair of church fabric.

Thanks were expressed to the volunteers organised by Gavin Merrylees and to Jim Sheils for their work in the churchyard.

Thanks also to Elsie Beesley, the cleaners, brass polishers and flower arrangers of All Saints Church.

Marsworth Charity – Matthew Carter, Chairman.

The income of the Charity is for charitable purposes for the inhabitants of the Parish of Marsworth as the Trustees think fit. We agreed to support the Church clock fund and to work with MPC if a project is identified that the Charity can assist with.

We continue to receive our income from our farm tenant and our capital fund gradually grows.

A new Trustee to represent the Church will have to be found to replace John White, retiring as Churchwarden.

Marsworth Food Bank - Richard Cooper

The Food Bank now delivers to 13 people every week, over double the number assisted this time last year.

Two major grants were received from Bucks Council via MPC in 2022: £1,860 from the Community Board and £2,722 from Helping Hand. £2,676 was also received by All Saints Church directly from Helping Hand to fund the Food Bank until the end of March 2023. A donation of £1,000 was received from the Steam Rally and a further substantial donation of £500 from a private individual. Additional donations have been received throughout the year, which have enabled us to keep solvent.

Gratitude was expressed to Peter Dean and Noble Foods for several dozen eggs every week, to Meads Farm Shop for a weekly gift of fruit and vegetables; and King's Butchers of Wendover for a generous discount on their meat.

Marsworth News – Sandra Costello, editor

The newsletter had a major set-back with Elaine Standen relinquishing her role as main editor. I, as layout editor, have carried on to ensure the newsletter remains an important means of communication within the Marsworth community. Caroline, the parish clerk, regularly supplies items, mostly from Buckinghamshire Council.

Richard Dinnadge edits regular contributions each month, while our team of proof-readers ensures the newsletter maintains its high standard of presentation.

Annie Sanden is Advertising Manager and Treasurer. The Newsletter currently has over 20 advertisers; the income generated easily covers the printing costs.

Thames Valley Police - Police Community Support Officer 9953 Megan Dean

See report on page12.

Marsworth Pre-School - Tracey Kennedy, Chairperson

The Pre-School has had another busy year, with positive changes and new challenges to improve its already high standards. Wendy, Lisa, Tracey, Zoe, Nikki and Jane make up an enthusiastic, dynamic and caring team.

The staff have attended courses to keep up to date and to develop new skills and all our risk assessments and policies have recently been reviewed and updated.

Currently we have 27 children attending from: Marsworth, Tring, Wilstone, Aston Clinton, Long Marston, Ivinghoe, Cheddington, Pitstone - and Chorleywood! 14 of the children will be leaving in July.

Marsworth Infant School - Giles Monks on behalf of Mrs Angela Polatci, Headteacher

We currently have 34 children on roll.

Our biggest project this year was the resurfacing of the playground, carpark and front area to the school.

We implement a broad and balanced curriculum. Weekly swimming lessons are much enjoyed by the children.

We have had visits from the CRT and from Bucks Owl and Raptor Group.

We would like to thank the whole village for their valued support of our school.

Marsworth Steam Rally - Neil Kennedy, Chair

2022 was Marsworth's most successful Steam and Classic Vehicle Rally to date, with circa 6000 visitors.

Support from our volunteers was greater than ever before, with numerous new volunteers, and from the Parish Council - this was the first time we've utilised the recreation ground for visitor parking.

Our web and Facebook sites host a gallery of images collected on the day.

Women's Institute - Chris King President

We had some notable speakers through the year, including Neil Gurney, Mark Neil, the Poet Laureate for Milton Keynes, Keith Muras who was a diplomat/spy working in Russia in the 1980s, and our new vicar James Grainger-Smith.

In June many members helped to run the tea tent for the Steam Rally along with non-members. This raised a substantial amount for our parish church.

Bucks Councillor's - Cllrs Chris Poll and Derek Town

Our 16 Community Boards have continued to bring together local communities to discuss and agree priorities to tackle local issues. Since their launch in 2020, 841 projects have been delivered totalling £4.9m.

Bucks Council have a new contractor arrangement under the title of Buckinghamshire Highways, replacing TfB. An additional £5M has been allocated to road repairs for this financial year from reserves.

Ivinghoe Freight Zone - See report on page18.

Chiltern Beechwood Special Area of Conservation

Although this was led by Dacorum/Herts Council the 12.6 Km Zone of Influence of the Chiltern SAC directly affects Bucks planning for all new domestic builds that bring additional people into the area.

This has caused a moratorium on planning applications, including the White Lion, which is under a section 215 which PC and BC councillors requested last year to stabilise and tidy up the building for reasons of safety and blight. It is the planned intention by the owner to acquire a new planning application to allow redevelopment of the site and solve the current unsightliness.

Changes to bin collection dates

Residents in Buckinghamshire are being reminded to double check their refuse and recycling bin collections dates over coming weeks, due to upcoming bank holidays. As usual, during weeks with a bank holiday, there will be some changes to normal collection schedules across all parts of the county.

This year, as well as the usual bank holidays for Easter, May Day and the end of May Spring Bank Holiday we have an extra bank holiday as part of the celebrations for the King's Coronation.

"As a result of so many bank holidays falling throughout April and May, it means our regular refuse and recycling collection schedule will need to be altered over this period. This means that for every resident there will be some temporary changes to note. Our crews will be working extended hours at times, to keep these changes to a minimum. That will include some Saturday collections, so it really is vital that residents check our website and social media to find out what the changes are in their area, so they know the correct day to put out their bins."

Find out more on Buckinghamshire Council's website.

Changed opening hours at HRCs

In addition to the bin collection changes, the opening hours at all Household Recycling Centres (HRCs) across the county move to summer opening hours of 9am to 6pm from Saturday 1st April.



Anyone visiting the High Wycombe or Aston Clinton HRC can now also stock up on Buckinghamshire Community Compost. This peat-free, organic compost has been made locally from recycled organic matter including garden waste from Buckinghamshire. The compost is PAS 100 certified and costs £5.50 per 40-litre bag or £15.50 for three bags. Purchases by card payment only. Proceeds from the sale of this compost will go to local good causes.

For more information on all of Buckinghamshire's HRCs please visit the website.



Caption competition

Please send suggestions to the editor.



Ivinghoe Freight Zone



The purpose of the Freight Zone is to restrict HGV access to the area. Those HGVs that do not have a business reason to be there, entering the area as a cut-through to somewhere else will be in breach of the order. This traffic should be encouraged to follow more suitable roads around the zone. HGVs for businesses based within the zone, and trucks entering the zone to service commercial and residential properties in the zone will have exception and be allowed. The result of surveys made during the last few years indicate that most HGVs are using this part of Buckinghamshire as a cut through to other parts of the UK.

Phase 1 (now complete) covers the installation of signage around the zone, making the 7.5 tonne environmental traffic regulation order restricting HGV traffic (with exception for local access) legal.



Phase 2 covers the more bespoke advance notice signage on key routes around the zone, including Central Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire, to alert drivers and operators about the restriction. This should enable them to avoid breaching the order and follow more appropriate routes.

A further traffic survey will be conducted to measure the change in flows after the Phase 2 installation. This will help measure the effectiveness of the zone and the impact on the preferred routes around the area.

Who will enforce?

Local authorities outside of London may have powers to enforce certain moving traffic offences. The Council is presently introducing the first locations for enforcement of Moving Traffic Offences. Requests for future locations can be made through the council website and do have to be approved by the Secretary of State for Transport and can be submitted only twice a year.

How will enforcement be implemented?

A process of enforcement similar to 'speedwatch' is expected to evolve over the next two years. HGV drivers need to become acquainted with the zone signage and alternative routes, while devices such as 'in-cab navigation aids' and maps will also require updates.

What will be the penalties?

The Police are able to enforce fines from a Fixed Penalty Notice of £50 to other fines up to £1,000.

Derek Town,
Buckinghamshire Councillor

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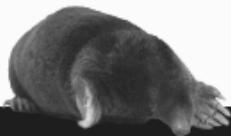
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6th	Saturday		Coronation of King Charles III
7th	Sunday	12 noon	Coronation Picnic
8th	Monday	10.30am	Coronation Litter Pick
21st	Sunday	10.00am	Marsworth Fun Run

Coming events

4th June	Church Plant Sale
7th June	Marsworth Hall AGM
18th June	Marsworth Steam and Classic Vehicle Rally

Recycling bin collections

Waste	Recycling	Food Waste	Garden Waste
Route A: HP23 4LJ / 4LP / 4LR / 4LS / 4LT / 4LU / 4LW / 4NH / 4NJ / 4NQ			
Thurs 4 May		Thurs 4 May	
	Thurs 11 May	Thurs 11 May	Thurs 11 May
Wed 17 May		Wed 17 May	
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Route B: HP23 4BW / 4NF / 4NG / 4LX / 4LY / 4LZ			
Friday 5 May		Friday 5 May	Friday 5 May
	Friday 12 May	Friday 12 May	
Thurs 18 May		Thurs 18 May	Thurs 18 May
	Thurs 25 May	Thurs 25 May	

Marsworth News



The award this month goes to **Sue Wright, Jenny Shiels and Linda Beardsley** for their initiative, dedication and imagination in organising the Marsworth Coronation Picnic at the Rec.

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.

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Sparrowhawk on the lookout, near Watery Lane - David Rollinson



Spring wheat near Marsworth - Jeremy Whitehead

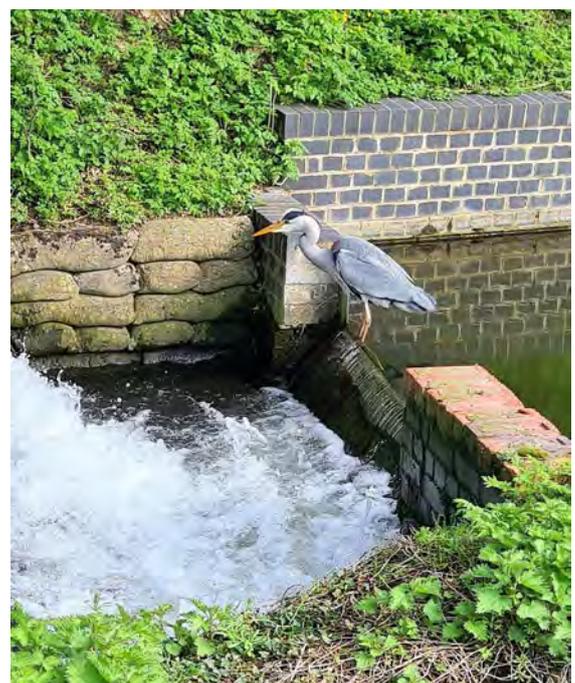


Paula Abramson

Spring, Watery Lane - David Rollinson



Red Lion Bridge in springtime - Jeremy Whitehead



Heron at Startops - Richard Dinnadge