

Marsworth News

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Super Coronation Celebrations!

Thanks to Sue Wright for this account.

What a day we had! The sun came out after never-ending rain the day before, and Marsworth was at its very best.

It started quite soggy, and as the morning progressed, our peaceful recreation ground morphed into a hive of throbbing activity as the sun started to bathe us in a warm glow.

The toilets (thrones), depicting pictures of Queen Camilla and King Charles had already arrived. Thank you, Parish Council (especially Caroline Smith). Thrones are desperately needed when one is in the middle of a field - and the Council came up trumps!

The wonderful Kennedy clan then pulled up, and like magicians, unloaded their car/Aladdin's Den producing essentials from a large marquee to high-vis jackets. Dean Jeffreys, always helpful and cheerful, used his truck to help with tables and chairs, and a gaggle of Marsworth men (you know who you are!) hummed and hahhed as the ladies watched wondering how many men it took to erect a marquee. Howard Wright was amongst them – always there when you need a helping hand – good guy! All this traffic was meticulously managed by Alan Beardsley.

Meanwhile, a gang of happy helpers – Olga, Sasha and Katya from Ukraine (I am sure they were totally bemused at British customs!), Julie Hares, Jane Tree-Booker, Sue Rattue, Andrew Mitchell and Anne Orells to name but a few, darted around with bunting like Duracell bunnies, until the Rec looked so joyful with Union Jacks fluttering in the wind.

The games were marked out with precision. James Kennedy with his paint



Putting up the marquee



gun was 'Man of the Moment'. He made sure Welly Wanging was not situated where flying wellies could decapitate the egg and spoon racers! Indeed, in case of injuries (happily there were none) Fred Martin and his trusty companion first aiders, in their St. John Ambulance uniforms (plus gold crowns of course!) were at the ready. We are very grateful to St. John's who gave the Parish Council a 50% reduction in the fee.

Finally, the music was set up under a marquee, and "testing, testing, testing" revealed the National Anthem to be the old version - 'Queen', not 'King'! Quelle horreur! Gareth to the rescue... he would just drown out the appropriate bits and no one would know.

At 12.00 all was quiet. Where was everyone? Maybe it would only be us, the hopeful organisers and their loyal supporters downing Prosecco and eating the cucumber sandwiches? But no...here they come! Seniors heading to their pride of place under the huge marquee, taking their seats – thanks to Nigel Wright, Jerry Duggan and Jim Sheils, tables and chairs fit for the most respected members of our village were ready and waiting. Some had been chauffeured to the Rec by Stephen Wooler.

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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*

The Coronation Picnic was a tremendous success, thanks to excellent planning and great participation by all. A wonderful example of our community pulling together for the enjoyment of many, and to celebrate a very special occasion. Well done especially to Sue, Jenny and Linda for being the driving force/s, and to all the others who joined in the spirit of the occasion. And the weather was so kind - always an essential factor in English events!

Then there was the 'Marsworth Litter Pick' - well done to all who took part for the benefit of our lovely village.

Looking forward, we have pleas for help with the forthcoming Plant Sale on 4th June and the Steam Rally on the 18th - see notices in this issue. These are great opportunities to become involved.

Another request is for help with the churchyard mowing (page 3). Our church in its setting is such a key feature and asset of Marsworth. It is kept so well entirely through its volunteer team, which is now in need of more supporters.

It is sad to learn of the passing of Bill Layton, one of Marsworth's real 'Old Timers'. Though his profile in recent years has been rather low, he was a real stalwart of the village who in his day added much.



Your area is covered by

The Wing & District Neighbourhood Policing Team

73 Leighton Road, Wing, LU7 ORD

To contact the local team, 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**

Village Hall defibrillator

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



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.

Marsworth News

Wanted - articles for newsletter

Either a regular feature or an occasional article

Photos are always welcome.

Email editor@MarsworthNews.co.uk

Facebook / social media

If you spot an item which you think may be of interest to readers of *Marsworth News*, please 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.



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



Dates for 2023

10 and 24 June / 8 and 22 July
12 and 26 August / 9 and 23 Sept.
14 and 28 October / 11 and 25 Nov.
2 and 16 December

All Saints Church



In the church calendar we have reached a period where most of the great occasions such as Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter, Pentecost and Christ's Ascension have come and gone, except for Trinity Sunday. This special day celebrates the three members of the Trinity, God the Father, Jesus Christ his Son and the Holy Spirit. This is a conception that is hard to understand, and I find it easier to think of each one as real but not in human form, rather in spiritual form.

As I write this I recall that a few Sundays ago, I had the need to visit the Tesco store quite early in the morning – we had just returned from holiday and found that we were short of a few essentials to get us through the day, I was surprised to find so many customers in the store, who, along with me, had found it necessary to shop on a Sunday. I was there to buy tea, coffee and milk, but most of the other shoppers had trolleys filled to capacity. I left the store puzzling as to why Sundays have become so unimportant, no different to any other weekday and no longer a day of rest or relaxation and the one day in the week which could be special or different.

The argument would no doubt be that there are many in our society who are not lucky enough not to have to undertake a huge weekly shop early on a Sunday morning, but my answer would be – is it really absolutely necessary to spend Sunday morning in a local store being jostled at check out, returning home to stack away purchases, possibly ending up irritable instead of finding some way of switching off from the daily routine that life in general has to offer? I am sure Tesco in Tring is no different to many, many supermarkets, large and small, across the country, but I am aware that whilst the stores are very busy, the churches are not.

This poses the question of does the Church fail to offer what the community needs? If this is the case in our village, and the answer is a firm 'yes', then how as a community should we deal with the matter?

John White, Churchwarden.

Services for June 2023	
1st Sunday	
9.15am	Common Worship Holy Communion
2nd Sunday	
8.30am	Book of Common Prayer, Holy Communion
3rd Sunday	
9.15am	Common Worship Holy Communion
4th Sunday	
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

All Saints Plant sale

Sunday 4th June, 2-5pm in the churchyard.

As well as lots of lovely plants available, there will be refreshments on sale in the church, so please do put the date in your diary and come along.

We would very much welcome **donations of plants**, so if you have any spare plants (either from splitting perennials, or potting up seedlings etc), then please bring them to the church between 10am - 12 noon on the day.

Who's Who at All Saints Marsworth
<https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/5941>



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Churchyard mowing

This is an appeal to Marsworth residents. Due to a number of factors we find ourselves this year with a reduced number of volunteers to mow All Saints Church grass.

Most would agree how beautiful the church and churchyard look when it is kept mown and pristine, but that is only because of the dedicated efforts of the gallant volunteers who pitch in to mow and trim.

We really do need a few more helping hands. Typically the mowing rota requires volunteers two or three times in the year for a couple of hours each time. If we can get a few more to help that would drop to a maximum of two times.

Four hours a year is a small price to maintain the beauty of the church's setting. So please help if you can.

If interested, call Nigel Wright on 01296 661820 or email n.wright357@btinternet.com.

Parish Council meeting May 2023 - highlights



(For full Minutes of all Meetings, future Agendas and much other information go to <https://www.marsworth.org.uk/marsworth-parish-council/>)

Prior to the meeting Bob Kennedy was elected unopposed to the role of Chairman for the coming year.

Updates by Councillor Derek Town:

- **The White Lion and SAC** (Special Area of Conservation within 12.7 kms around the Chiltern Beechwoods). Cllr Town reported that there could be a delay in approving the planning application as Buckinghamshire Council were challenging a decision by the Planning Inspectorate which would adversely affect planning applications within the SAC.
- **Ivinghoe Freight Strategy** - Signage was due to be placed outside of the freight zone within Hertfordshire and Bedfordshire.
- **Community Garden** – Cllr Town was in discussion with the Asset Management Team in relation to permission to use of the land on the corner of Lukes Lea and Vicarage Road.
- **Lower Icknield Way outside the Anglers Retreat** – Cllr Town had listed the failed road with Buckinghamshire Highways as a capital allocation project as it is considered an important and busy route.
- **Free Dementia Training** – is available at Wing Sports and Social Club on Wednesday 7th June. Two sessions a day, with 16 delegates per session. To book, email: wingandivinghoecb@buckinghamshire.gov.uk.

Jubilee Garden at the Rec

Volunteers required to tend the Jubilee Garden at the Rec. Please contact the Parish Clerk.

Re-wilding of grass verge on Vicarage Road

Volunteers have rotavated the soil, the Parish Council has funded the seeds and it is hoped that children from Marsworth school will sow the seeds.

Community Speedwatch

Permission has been given by Buckinghamshire Council for signage to be placed at Lower Icknield Way and Lower End and signage has therefore been ordered.

Steam Rally parking

Details were given of the car park access and routes for vehicles to alleviate congestion. Traffic from Pitstone direction will be directed into Watery Lane to park in the Rec until the Rec is full, then main car park will be used. Traffic from Wilstone will go directly to main car park.

Contingency available for anyone who needed to leave whilst traffic still entering. One way out only.

The next Parish Council meeting will be on Monday 12th June. Any items for the agenda should be submitted to the Parish Clerk by Friday 9th June.

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 Councillors

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Parish Council meeting dates 2023

8.00pm in Village Hall:

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

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/>.



Lancaster bomber over RAF Halton 21st May to commemorate the 80th anniversary of the Dambusters' Raid - Photo: Jeremy Whitehead

Marsworth Village Hall 100 Club



100 Club draw results for May.
Our congratulations to the winners.

£20 prizes

- 212 Lisa Cooper, Vicarage Gardens
- 96 Jonquil Wooler, Vicarage Road
- 20 Rex and Carol Jeffries, The Crescent
- 118 Ken Longhurst, Vicarage Road
- 156 Hilary Dawe, Vicarage Gardens

The next draw will be in June for our regular five £20 Prizes, to be drawn at the Hall Committee meeting, 7th June at 7.30pm.

The current membership will expire in August, so be ready for the collectors to call on you. Bank details will be available in next month's *Marsworth News*. The membership will be £20 for twelve months, those currently paying monthly will not be able to do so as the amount is not divisible.

Thank you all for taking part.

Dick Brake



BeaconLit 2023 Festival

Saturday 8th July, Brookmead School, Ivinghoe.

Highlights

- **New Voices** - Aiden Cottrell-Boyce, Jacqueline Crooks and Natasha Hastings talk to BeaconLit co-founder Dave Sivers.
- **Laura Shepherd-Robinson** - the bestselling historical fiction author will be talking to Harriet Queralt
- **Medical thrillers** - Candy Denman, Eve Smith and Heather J Fitt discuss their very different approaches.
- **Cara Hunter** - The *Sunday Times* bestseller chats to fellow crime fiction author Dave Sivers.
- **Rebecca Wait** - Rebecca's novel, *I'm Sorry You Feel That Way* was one of the big hits of Summer 2022. She chats to Sandra Smith about her eclectic writing career.
- **AJ Pearce in conversation** - The bestselling author of *Dear Mrs Bird* chats to Kate Hogarth of Tring Radio.

It will be a fantastic literary day out for all you bibliophiles, so do come and join us!

BeaconLit Festival: www.beaconlit.co.uk

Cream Teas every Sunday in Wingrave Parish Church

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



Recreation Ground policy

Marsworth Parish Council wishes that the Recreation Ground be of benefit to parishioners and other members of the public alike. It is committed to ensuring it shall remain an open space for the enjoyment of pastimes by the public and will not wilfully obstruct, deny or prevent such enjoyment unreasonably. It does reserve the right to act as it sees fit for the preservation of the Recreation Ground for the majority of parishioners.



MPC is open to suggestions, comments and advice from parishioners and welcomes such at Parish Council meetings, the dates of which are displayed on the Parish Council notice boards, page 3 of the newsletter and on Marsworth.org.uk.

An initial enquiry for use of the ground for a charity event should be submitted to the Parish Clerk a minimum of six weeks before use.

The full recreation ground policy can be found on: <https://www.marsworth.org.uk/marsworth-parish-council/policy-documents-standing-orders/>



Steam Rally Tea Tent Sunday 18th June

Can you help please?

Do you make a nice cuppa or can you bake a cake? If so, the Tea Tent needs you!

If you would like to help in the Steam Rally Tea Tent, then please contact Ruth Monks on 07751 430323. No experience necessary, and you get free entry to the Rally.

We would also appreciate lots of cake donations please – these can be dropped off at 7 Vicarage Road on Saturday 17th June or bring them to the Tea Tent on the day.



Thank you very much for your support.

Tring Farmers Market moves

Tring Farmers Market is moving back to the High Street. From Saturday 10th June it will be at Church Square and Mansion Vista.



The market offers a variety of fresh produce, including meat, eggs, a selection of breads, cakes, honey and other preserves, charcuterie and cheese. There is also an interesting selection of non-food and charity stalls including woodcraft, clothes, cards, plants and books.

In addition to the existing stalls, the market plans to reintroduce a fruit and vegetable stall. The market's new location makes it easier than ever to browse stalls when visiting the High Street and to support the local artisan community while enjoying fresh, seasonal produce.

Market dates for the rest of the year are listed on page 2.

Bill Layton - 1924 – 2023

By Margaret Johnson

Bill passed away on 22nd April, aged 98.

Bill was born in London and had a somewhat chequered childhood, leaving school as soon as he was able. He began working on the railways – in those days it was all steam – and gradually moved up the ladder. He transferred to Watford and met and married Violet. They had two children, Pamela and Brian, and moved to Marsworth in the 1960's. The bungalow in Vicarage Road had previously been owned by an elderly couple who did not do much to either house or garden, so when they moved in Bill set to and began to sort out both house and garden.



Over time both of his children married. My younger brother Mervyn married Pamela. She died of liver cancer when they had been married for 25 years. Their boys, David and Daniel, were aged 12 and ten when their mum died. Brian in the meantime married Pauline and they went on to have three children – Anna, Gary and Emma.

Bill carried on with his work both on the house and garden as well as building model trains and clocks, amongst many things. He took early retirement when he thought that Violet needed him. Vi had diabetes and mental health problems which led to her being up one minute and down the next. The result of this was out of hand diabetes plus a mental problem. Bill knew that he had to do something, so when he was offered redundancy he jumped at the chance. He very quickly had Vi on a strict timetable of meals and checks which put her back onto the straight and narrow. This was not without its problems however, and he often had to argue with the doctors to get his own way!

He had a beautiful garden and over the years had planted it each year with bedding plants grown in one of his two greenhouses. In the other he grew tomatoes and cucumbers. He opened his garden to paying visitors at Flower Festivals, raising money for All Saints. He was a skilled engineer and as such was able to build a miniature railway around his garden which was enjoyed by many visitors. Inside the house he also installed a central heating system, knocked down a wall to make one large room, installed built-in wardrobes and many, many more things. Bill's tools were legendary! If anybody needed anything they would visit Bill to see if he had what they needed.

He was known to many people in Marsworth as he helped so many individuals and organisations on a regular basis. The Church was a main recipient of his help. He and Bill Faithful (who only had one leg) would regularly meet and mow the churchyard grass. They became firm friends and Bill was devastated when Bill Faithful died tragically whilst canoeing with a friend. To make up for Bill's death he would take his widow Delphine shopping every week.

Bill also mended the church clock which had not worked for many years. He did this with the help of Dr Cree who lived in the Mill House at the time, but it was Bill who had

himself lowered to the clock to paint the dial. There is a famous photo of Bill sitting on a plank of wood suspended from the top of the tower, painting the dial which appeared in the local newspaper – not up to today's health and safety standards! When I asked him if he had a harness on he just looked at me and said "well no, but I did have a rope around my waist"! John White remembers asking him about a problem with the church clock years later and Bill told him to lie out of the window on his back and using a long stick just tip the hands around - and he was absolutely right!



Bill painting the clock face - 1993

When Violet died he became even more adventurous. His first foray into foreign travel, aged 80, was to Canada. He also enjoyed cruises and other holidays. One of them was to Poland where he was able to drive a steam train. A photo of him was used on his order of service at his funeral, and the joy on his face at being able to drive a steam train again was absolutely amazing – that photo is here.



Some years after Pam died, Bill was one of the first people that Merv told that he had met and hoped to marry Lorraine. Merv and Lorraine visited him regularly, as did grandsons David and Daniel. Bill and David had an excellent relationship and they enjoyed each other's company. They would chat away whilst gardening or making/repairing something and over time became the best of friends as well as grandad and grandson. David learnt how to use the many tools that Bill had over the years and he knew exactly where things were in either of the sheds!

Bill was a complex character, seen by many as a jovial, helpful man but also by many as a man who could be a bit awkward. However, most of the village knew who they should go to for DIY advice and to maybe borrow tools. He was not a regular churchgoer, but he always put his name down to act as a steward at Flower Festivals. He was constantly cheerful, but in his latter years became grumpy and when dementia took hold he was no longer the Bill we all knew and loved.

We will miss you Bill - rest in peace.



Bill with one of his locomotives at the Steam Rally, 2002

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The pièce de résistance was a picnic of sandwiches and cake. How amazing of Rebecca and Michael Foxcroft of The Coffee Tree Café, George Street, Aylesbury (just off Kingsbury Square) to donate 24 fantastic picnics FREE OF CHARGE for the Seniors! What a generous gift. They are Marsworthians, so give them some support and visit their lovely café in Aylesbury to show our appreciation.

Thanks to Richard and Lisa Cooper, Richard and Julie Hares and Jane Tree-Booker who made sure all our seniors were looked after



Now the rest of the fun began. Villagers queued up to pay for the raffle tickets and the gold crowns at the gate. "Put away your money" we cried. "The Marsworth Players have generously donated money to ensure the village have a great day. A free gold crown and a free raffle ticket for everyone!" In the end, everyone looked like royalty sporting splendid headgear. THANK YOU Marsworth Players, who also supplied huge (and I mean mega!) chocolate medals for winners.

Our first task was to find the King and Queen of Marsworth. Out of the hat came Gilbert Stennings and Ava James. They regally took to their thrones (designed by the talented Nicki Powell, ably helped by Jenny Sheils, with material supplied by Gill Neal – thank you!). The smiles on the faces of the little ones lit up the park, as crowns decorated with sparkling diamonds and jewels were placed on their heads. Special awards for best dressed Kings and Queens were given to Eva Rickard and Dylan Devito and two babies, Arthur Moore and Theo Gracie Carter. It was difficult for the last two to sit upright in the thrones, but how gorgeous were they? Well done children! (and parents for making the effort)

Games – no picnic would be complete without games. I don't know if it was the sunshine, or the odd glass of Prosecco, but everyone reverted to childhood. Wellies were flung like never before. Mike Sturrock and Jo Mayers did a fantastic job of marshalling and the game went on and on and on!

Jonny and Jo Taylor organised the very popular egg and spoon race. You guys may be newcomers to the village, but boy can you get the kids going! The concentration on the faces was legend. (Thanks to Julie Grace for her lovely idea of including Egg and Spoon.)



In Pin the Jewel in the Crown, a thank you goes to Sue Rattue and Jonquil Wooler who spun the blindfolded punters with flair to disorientate them enough to miss the target. Nate and Sienna foiled their dastardly plot and both got a bulls-eye! Well done.

What can I say about the charismatic Paul Barber and Liz Plascott? Wizards, Giants and Goblins, flying raw

eggs, football keepy uppy... The kids were in raptures, and so were the parents. Throwing raw eggs to one another was a new one on me, but I must say it was a great game, if not a little messy at the end - but that was the whole point! The Giants game took off a treat.



Annie Edwards was amazing with her giant chess board game. Everyone loves a board game, and this was a giant one. Great effort, Annie - wish you well for your move. Sorry you are leaving us.



And the game everyone was waiting for... TUG OF WAR! They flexed their muscles, they screamed and shouted, they heaved to the cry of "pull, pull, pull!". Everyone had a great time. Jim Sheils' Scottish accent loud and clear kept the rabble controlled (well, almost!). The new reigning champions are: Caron Owens, Gareth Owens, Mike Sturrock, Chris Fluff, Paul Barber and Richard O'Brien. Well done lads and lasses!

Our Master of Ceremonies was Gareth Owens of Marsworth Fun Run fame – It certainly would not have been the day it was without his terrible jokes and funny comments. A real talent in the village, he deserves a thank you from all our hearts (as well as the bottle we slipped him at the end!).



Sarah Bennett goes down in history for managing the whole village in a photo shoot. (See page 27)

At the end there was the Prizegiving. Chairman of the Parish Council Bob Kennedy awarded Certificates of Achievement (definitely worthy of framing) and of course, the HUGE chocolate medals. Thank you Bob for your support.

Neighbouring villages also contributed to make our day so special. Mentmore Parish Council (special thanks to Jonathan) supplied the humongous deadly rope for the tug of war. Slapton Church came to our rescue with Dave Mann supplying and setting up the sound system, without which we would never have heard those awful jokes and the wrong National Anthem.

We are truly a great village. The picnic brought us together and reminded us how important simple pleasures are. The sun shone on us, and we honoured our new King and Queen in style. There are so many to thank, I am sorry if I have missed anyone out.

A final big 'Thank you' goes to all who came. Without your efforts to bring your families, to take part in games and get in the party mood, the day would not have been the same. Now hopefully our children can say, "I remember the Coronation of the King and Queen in 2023. We had a great Marsworth Picnic!"

Bucks Councillor's May report – extracts



New tool against potholes

As part of its new contract, which started on 1st April, Buckinghamshire Highways has taken delivery of a different type of vehicle to help with potholes.

Used by many councils across the country, the 'Pothole Pro' is a time-saving, three-in-one vehicle designed to make pothole repairs faster. First it cuts into the road surface where a pothole has appeared, it crops the perimeter of the hole neatly to allow a watertight repair, and then it brushes away and collects the debris afterwards. Highways teams just need to lay and compact asphalt into the prepared hole to complete the repair.



Pothole Pro

Bucks families get primary school preferences

Figures published on 17th April show that overall, 98% of children in both Reception and Junior schools were offered one of their preference schools this year.

90% of children starting Reception received their top choice allocation, with 96% of families getting their first choice of Junior school. All children who expressed preferences in the Reception and Junior allocation rounds have been offered a school place in Buckinghamshire.

Childcare support for two-year-olds

Buckinghamshire Council is reminding parents of two-year-old children to check whether they are entitled to up to 15 hours a week funded childcare.

Any parent or carer who currently claims some benefits may qualify for this support, which is worth over £3,000. Full details of who is eligible can be found on the Buckinghamshire Council website.

The funded childcare can be used with participating childminders, day nurseries, pre-schools and nursery schools across Buckinghamshire.

Development and transport in Buckinghamshire

Buckinghamshire Council seeks views on its draft vision and objectives to guide future development and transport in Buckinghamshire.

The council is creating two long-term plans for what Buckinghamshire should be like in 2040 and how this can be achieved:

- The Local Plan for Buckinghamshire – to shape and manage future development across Buckinghamshire.
- Local Transport Plan 5 (LTP 5) – to set out the priorities for all types of transport across Buckinghamshire.

Find out more about *The Local Plan for Buckinghamshire*.

Submissions to be received by Sunday 4th June 2023.

Bucks Tree Mission

Buckinghamshire Council is celebrating the significant progress made in its Bucks Tree Mission, with over 145,000 trees planted since October 2022. Alongside

the larger projects on council-owned land, community involvement has resulted in locally delivered, smaller tree planting projects across Bucks.

2,700 trees have been planted alongside St Peter's Greenway, a 1.7km shared-use path running between the Berryfields and Buckingham Park developments in northwest Aylesbury. Additionally, two 'tiny forests' have been established at Princes Risborough School and at Bourton Park in Buckingham, each consisting of 600 trees. Additionally, over 109,000 trees have already been planted by Forestry England at the new Wing Woods.

New trial for free bus pass holders

Older and disabled residents in Buckinghamshire who qualify for a free bus pass can now benefit following the introduction of a new 'early bird' trial which allows them to use the bus before 9am for a reduced fare.

Holders of an older person's bus pass or a disabled bus pass in Buckinghamshire are allowed free travel on buses. Previously this was only after 9am on Monday to Friday. In a pilot arrangement with local bus companies, Buckinghamshire Council has arranged for new, extended benefits to free bus pass holders to travel on a bus before 9am on weekdays by paying a fixed £1 fare. These additional benefits will be in place until 31st August 2023.

Councillor Derek Town

01296 661637 derek.town@buckinghamshire.gov.uk
Buckinghamshire Councillor, Ivinghoe Ward

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

Marsworth Craft Club

Our monthly morning sessions have become very popular and we always have a good natter – many varied topics of conversation apart from just craft! We meet on the first Wednesday of each month right through the year. Sessions run from 9.30 am to 12.30 pm in the upstairs room at the Village Hall. We are not an organised craft group; people just bring along their own projects and swap ideas and tips.

Morning sessions for the rest of the year are:
7th June, 5th July, 2nd August, 6th September,
4th October, 1st November, 6th December.

Several people are not available during the day, so we have decided to also hold **monthly evening sessions**. These will run from 7 to 10 pm on the second Tuesday of each month, in the Village Hall.

Evening sessions will be:
13th June, 11th July, 8th August, 12th September,
10th October, 7th November, 12th December.

If you are new to crafting, I am always happy to give ideas or bring along something for you to try. There are often very reasonably priced craft items in the 'middle aisle' of two certain supermarkets and many websites.

The cost for either session is £5 and includes unlimited refreshments on a 'help yourself' basis.

Please get in touch if you are interested in coming along to either the morning or evening session. We'd love to meet you and see what you are interested in.

Gill Neal Contact: marsworthcraftclub@hotmail.com.

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.

Bill Layton

Bill Layton passed away on 22nd April, aged 98. He was in a nursing home and had dementia,' says Margaret Johnson. (See obituary on page 6.)

"Bill was one of the best who spent four hours every week mowing the churchyard for many years", adds churchwarden Richard Cooper. His open garden with his amazing trains helped to raise a great deal of money during Flower Festivals. He stayed in his own home until very recently. Marsworth will miss him!"

Many villagers recall his train track in his beautiful garden and have been posting fond memories. He gave talks to local schoolchildren about his days working on the Flying Scotsman and looked after the church clock at one time.

Dog attack

Farmer Ed Kempster says that a dog attacked sheep on the farm on April 28, resulting in lambs with broken legs. "We urge everyone to keep their dogs on a lead. Medicines and time cost a lot to fix something that shouldn't happen to begin with."

The incident is being dealt with by the police.

Learn Salsa

Ever wanted to learn to Salsa? Pitstone Memorial Hall welcomes you to come and channel your inner 'Strictly Come Dancing' vibe with experts Max and Steve. Tickets are £8.00 available to pre-order by texting 07775 831153 or are £10.00 on the door. Bar available. Come and make new friends, have fun and learn something new.

Coronation

Marsworth celebrated the Coronation big time, with a marvellous peal of bells before the ceremony and a mega-picnic on Sunday at the recreation ground.

Families and friends turned out in force to take part in fun games, from wellie-wanging to tug-of-war, wear golden crowns and enjoy music and their picnic food as part of the Coronation Big Lunch. Although the event was due to end at 3pm, it continued later with a large group playing rounders as 5pm neared.

Linda Beardsley, one of the organisers, says: "Thank you to everyone who came to the Marsworth Coronation Big Picnic yesterday. Everyone seems to have thoroughly enjoyed themselves and we were blessed with perfect weather! What a day to remember!"

The Coronation Litter Pick on the following Monday saw villagers cleaning up the village and returning to the church for well-deserved tea and cake.

Joanna Bethell-Rances says: 'Thank you 'Team Marsworth' for supporting our King's 'Big Help Out' with a village litter pick. Six bags for recycling, Ten bags of general rubbish, a car wheel and tyre, a compressor and an unidentified skull (can anyone identify?)! 26 collectors took part, plus bakers for the cake and drinks afterwards. We were even blessed with fine weather (just!).

Steam Rally

Marsworth Steam and Classic Vehicle Rally at Startop Farm is shaping up to be a really fun day out on Father's Day, Sunday 18th June from 11am to 5pm. On show will be historic steam engines, agricultural vehicles, classic cars, bikes and trucks, with family entertainment, rides and refreshments. Volunteers are still needed.

The Bell, Tring

The Bell in Tring finally re-opened on 18th May. Some staff are still needed – email thebelltring@farrbrew.com.

Oh! Phuket

Tring's latest restaurant, Oh! Phuket Authentic Thai Kitchen and Bar is getting great reviews on Facebook for its fresh and delicious food and excellent service.

Postbox notice

Dear editor,

Marsworth residents may not have picked up on the forthcoming change quietly sneaked out, as shown by a small sticker on the Village Hall postbox. From the end of May it will no longer be possible to post a letter in the village after 9.00am if you wish it to be collected that day.

It is justified on grounds of efficiency but following hard on the huge hike in postal charges, it seems to turn the normal understanding of efficiency on its head. 'More for less' has now become 'less for more'.

Stephen Wooler



Change to last collection time

In order to improve efficiency we're reviewing our mail collection arrangements and revising collection times.

From 29/05/2023, the final collection from this postbox will be made no earlier than 9am Monday to Friday and 7am on Saturday. The latest collection time for this area is shown on the postbox notice.

For more information please visit www.royalmail.com or contact our Customer Service Team on **03456 011399**.



**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.

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

Marsworth Women's Institute



By Denise Cornwall

Our Annual Dinner at the Bedford Arms in Chenies was held on the night that we normally have our meeting in the Village Hall. So, I have nothing to report about a WI meeting this month.

Some of you may have seen the ladies walking to the coach ready for the dinner dressed in their lovely outfits. I have to say they all looked very smart and did us proud.

Once we confirmed that all were present and correct on the coach, we set off on our journey. Alarm bells started to ring when our very experienced coach driver turned left out of Vicarage Road instead of right. Most of us would have turned right. Some of us thought perhaps he was taking us to the Bedford Arms that is near Bedford! I was tasked with speaking to him to confirm that he knew which restaurant it was that we were going to. Of course he did! He then, very politely, explained that the route he was taking was suitable for a rather large coach that could not manoeuvre through the narrow lanes as easily as my Ford Focus!

Chenies is a picturesque village in the Chilterns that borders Buckinghamshire and Hertfordshire, the Bedford Arms is a pretty 18th century building with beautiful gardens. Despite some changes to our original choice from their menu, which were a little disappointing, we had a very nice meal and everyone said they had an enjoyable time. The committee received some very nice 'Thank You' emails which are always gratifying to receive. Now it's time to get the thinking caps on to find a venue for next year's dinner.

Our WI continues to be busy and active with lots going on. Forthcoming trips include a visit to Little Heath Nurseries on Wednesday 28th June where we will be shown around the nursery and be able to discuss the various plants as well as have the opportunity to purchase them. Then it's into the Tea Room for a cream tea! A trip to Bletchley Park is scheduled for Tuesday 12th September.

On Wednesday 4th October we are having a very much requested return visit to Greatmoor Recycling Centre. We are hoping to open this trip up to our members' husbands and partners because it's such an interesting place and because many have already expressed an interest in this trip. We are also discussing a possible trip to the Mini car production plant in Oxford, which I'm sure would be an interesting trip.



Greatmoor Recycling Centre

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday 6th June and our speaker will be Graham Laurie who will be telling us all about his time with the Royal Flying Doctor Service. I'm really looking forward to this one.



Marsworth Neighbourhood Watch

By Linda Beardsley, NHW Co-ordinator



PayPal Scams

PayPal is an online payment system, and although generally safe due to its end-to-end encryption and two-factor authentication, scammers use tactics like hoax emails or links which take you to a fake PayPal site that asks for your personal and credit card details.

PayPal only sends out emails for payment notifications, receipts and promotional purposes. These come from its primary email address paypal@mail.paypal.com. But you may also come across service@paypal.com or paypal.me. A genuine PayPal email will always address you by name and will not use an impersonal greeting like 'Dear User'.

Common PayPal scams

These trick you into thinking an order or payment is real; be especially suspicious of overpayment notifications, shipping address issues, advance payment problems and warnings that your account has been hacked or scammed.

If you think you have been scammed secure your account immediately by changing your password and report it to PayPal's Resolution Centre which may be able to refund any lost monies and inform the Police.

How to avoid being scammed

Always verify the authenticity of an email or transaction if you are giving personal or financial information. Before you send goods to a purchaser ensure the purchaser is genuine. Additionally look for errors in the email address and be sceptical; remember 'if it's too good to be true it probably is'. Don't click on links appearing to be from PayPal, log into to your account instead. Don't use delivery services you are unfamiliar with and never share information such as passwords and other login data. If you are a regular online seller using PayPal you can sign up to its Seller Protection Programme for additional security.

Community Spirit

It is really pleasing to see that Marsworth is regaining a real sense of Community. The Coronation Picnic was amazing and a good, old-fashioned village gathering.

Marsworth NHW is working closely with the Marsworth Speedwatch Group and supports the newly formed Marsworth Litter Pickers.

Together, as a community, we can make Marsworth a safer and even lovelier place to live.

MARSWORTH STEAM & CLASSIC Vehicle Rally

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

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2023

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



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Marsworth HP23 4LL

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*Subject to duty commitments

Adults £7.00
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All proceeds go to local fundraising and charities

www.MarsworthSteamRally.co.uk

Pat Carty and the Airfield

There was a considerable turnout at Long Marston Village Hall to see and hear Pat Carty give another of his talks on the Marsworth/Cheddington Airfield. Pat, author of the book "Secret Squadrons of the Eighth", is an expert on the subject.

A natural speaker, he kept the audience enthralled with a mixture of information and entertaining anecdotes. He comprehensively covered the history of the airfield, from when the farmland was taken over by the Ministry of Defence in 1940, through its original occupation by the RAF to its more significant usage by the American Air Force. He covered the stories of a number of the squadrons involved and some of the colourful characters who had been part of them.

Particular focus was given to the usage of the airfield and its squadrons for the dropping of leaflets over countries of mainland Europe occupied by Nazi forces.

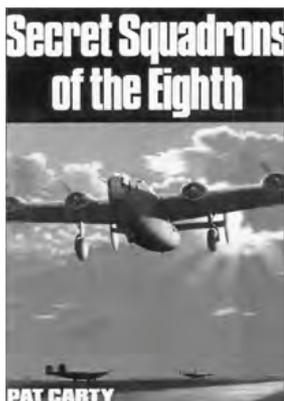
He also told of the visits by James Cagney and General Patton, and of a number of the crashes which occurred locally.

Of special interest were his recollections of the involvement of Marsworth farmers Arthur Reeve and Harvey Hodgkiss. It was Arthur's land at Church Farm, Marsworth which was to be covered by runways and huts. The story of Harvey involved the attempts to destroy the impenetrable underground bunkers on the airfield site which were originally created as extra security in wartime conditions, but later had a more sinister (and mysterious) usage by the CIA (see *Marsworth News*, September 2019).

Pat described the creation of the memorial at Airfield entrance on Long Marston Road and the ceremony which was held there in 1982, when a number of American airmen who had served at the Airfield were present.



1982 ceremony at Airfield entrance. Arthur Reeve centre.



Pat Carty

Quiz Night

Thank you to all who took part in the quiz night, and to those who helped make it happen. Special thanks go to Denise Cornwall for being our incredible Quiz Master, and to the local businesses that donated raffle prizes. In total, this event raised £1000 which will go towards improving your local preschool.

This event will definitely occur again later in the year; we will be inviting those who attended in April, and any others who wanted to come and see how they compare to this year's winning team, 'The Magnificent 7'.

Do come and see us at the Marsworth Steam Rally on Father's Day.

Tracey Kennedy
Chairperson, www.marsworthpreschool.org.uk

Marsworth 10k Fun Run

Sunday 21st May 2022

10.00am



Check the website for further details:

www.marsworthfunrun.co.uk

Raising funds for All Saints Church

GARAGE SALE

To be held at 8 Norvic Road, Marsworth HP23 4LS

Saturday 3rd June - 10 am to 2 pm

Further details from Caroline on 07713 148130.

Household items, books, records, golf clubs and more.

Airfield memorial

Pat Carty has made a request/suggestion regarding the somewhat unkempt area around the memorial. He asks if there were anyone in Marsworth who could undertake to cut or strim the grass on either side of it once or twice during the mowing season.

This would be much appreciated.



Some past events held on the Rec,
from the Archive



Men vs Women Football - 1960s



Bike race on Rec, 1930s. Mill House behind.



1984 Village Fayre



1990 Village Fete



1990 Dog Show



1990 Village cricket



1996 Village Fayre



1998 Village Fayre



Marsworth's Big Coronation Lunch - Sunday 7th May

Photos on this page by Sarah Bennett





Photos - Jayne Tree-Booker



Dylan DeVito
- best dressed King



Seniors 'picnic



Photos by Alan and Linda Beardsley



The best dressed King babies –
Arthur Moore and Theo Gracie Carter

The Big Help Out – Marsworth litter picking

By Joanna Mayers

The weather forecast couldn't dampen Marsworth's energy and enthusiasm for 'The Big Help Out' on 'Coronation Monday'. A smiley bunch of 28 litter pickers, including several families, plus 'support crew' with cakes and hot drinks gathered at the church. In less than an hour we gathered ten bags of general rubbish and six bags of rubbish for recycling, as well as a car wheel including tyre and a small compressor. And it stayed dry!

Thank you to the Canal & River Trust for lending litter collection kit; the Steam Rally Team for hi-vis vests; the Parish Council for bin bags; and most of all, those who litter-picked. A job well done!

Over homemade cake and hot drinks, chat included the satisfaction of collecting litter and arranging more 'picks'. Our Facebook post has also led to more 'aspiring litter pickers', so we now have a WhatsApp group. Further litter picks are planned after the Fun Run and Steam Rally. If you'd like to join us, then chat to one of the litter pickers or message me on 07525 323725.



Litter pickers:

Liz Plascott; Mike Platt; Jim and Jenny Sheil; Julie and Richard Hares; Jim and Jayne Tree-Booker; Giles Monks; Howard Wright; Ian Thompson; Rebecca Foxcroft and Rosie the dog; Gareth and Karen Owens; Tracey, Neil, Alex and Adam Kennedy with Poppy the dog; Hannah, Neil, Jessica (8) and Hannah (5) Reid; Alan and Linda Beardsley; Nigel and Sue Wright; Mike Sturrock; Gareth and Nate Tulley ; Jo Mayers.



Hannah, Neil and Jessica Reid



Photo: Alan Beardsley



Saturday 24th June
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



May Day - Morris Men outside The Red Lion
Helen Westerhuis

Rural Rambler By Steve

A series of walks around Marsworth and the local countryside. All the walks in this series can now be downloaded from the Marsworth website where a higher resolution map is available: <https://www.marsworth.org.uk/the-marsworth-news/rural-rambler/>.

No. 8 Ashridge and Ivinghoe Beacon

We visit some classic localities in this month's walk, the Bridgewater Monument on the Ashridge Estate and the local landmark of Ivinghoe Beacon.

The total walk is about 6.5 miles and takes around 2.5 hours. The Ashridge section is easy going but the ascent of the Beacon and the section immediately afterwards is steep. There is one alternative route which includes an additional hill. No stiles but a few gates.

The walk starts at the Bridgewater Monument (HP4 1LX), access to which is off the B4506 Berkhamsted to Dagnall road. Plenty of parking is available.

Standing at the base of the monument with your back to the café, take the track marked 'Duncombe Terrace Mobility Track' straight ahead (the right hand of the two clear paths). This track is suitable for wheelchairs and mobility scooters and is straightforward to follow; after approx. 1.3 miles there is a sign marking the end of the maintained mobility section, carry straight on. After another couple of hundred yards, you will pass kennels on your right (always barking dogs!) and then at 1.9 miles pass straight on at a cattle grid.



Bridgewater Monument, Ashridge

Continue ahead until you reach a small car park beside the Beacon Road, marked out with large logs (Point A). Turn diagonally left, between the logs in the corner of the car park, and head on a less well-defined path towards the large group of beech trees on the Beacon Road. Cross the road by the trees and take the trackway ahead, which leads downhill through sheep pasture (dogs on leads please!). After passing through a gate the path becomes slightly less clear but carry on downhill, bearing left and heading for a kissing gate in the left hand corner at the bottom of the field (B).

Passing through the gate, take the track between the fields with the Ivinghoe Beacon ridge on your left. In spring and summer these fields are home to skylarks that can be heard singing as they fly up to great heights.



View from Ivinghoe Beacon

This valley is also a regular haunt of many migratory birds of passage in spring and autumn. Continue along this track until reaching the first trees (C) then turn left up the steep hill with a partial hedge on your right. At the gate in the hedge turn left onto the ridge and follow this, through a gate, to the top of Ivinghoe Beacon (D). Take a few moments to admire the view - on a clear day you can see as far as the Snowdome in Milton Keynes.

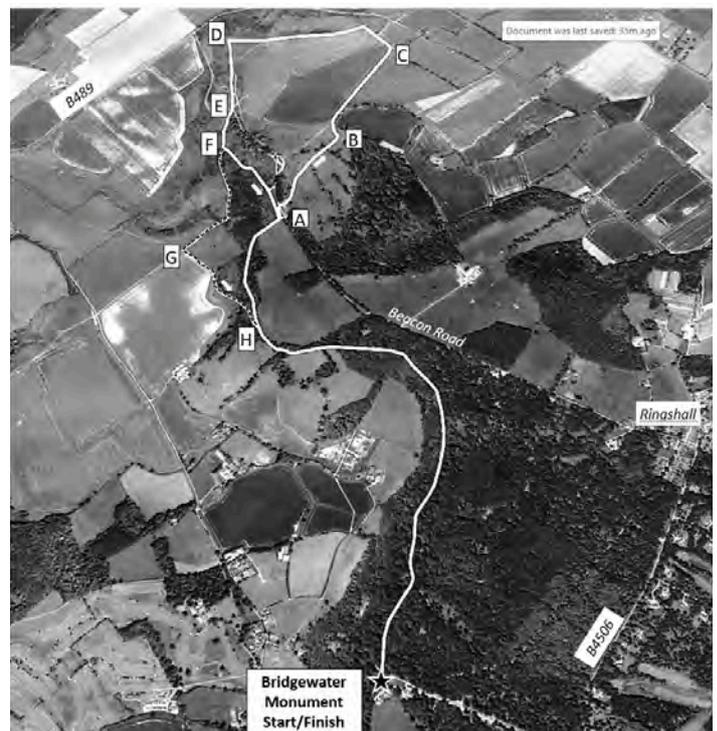
Leave the top of the hill via the obvious paths (marked as part of the Ridgeway Trail) down to the Beacon Road, avoiding options that go off to the left. At the road cross over and follow the Ridgeway signs up the steps. A hundred yards or so from the top of the steps a grassy bridleway goes off on the left (F); take this for the main route. Go straight ahead on the Ridgeway for an alternative route (see below). If on the main route follow the grassy bridleway, bearing right where signposted. This brings you out onto an area of rough grass beside the Beacon Road. Walk along a path through the grass until the small car park with logs is reached. At the car park turn right onto the track and retrace your steps back to the Monument.



Incombe Hole

For the **alternative route** go straight ahead at Point F and follow the Ridgeway through the trees until a gate is reached, after which the path descends rapidly along the edge of an impressive steep-sided valley called Incombe Hole.

Towards the base of the slope fences mark the right angle corner of a field (G). Turn left (straight ahead takes The Ridgeway to Pitstone Hill car park), walk beside the fence then bear left uphill. Enter the woods via a gate, pass the yellow-capped way-marker post and continue diagonally uphill until the Mobility Track is met (H). Turn right and retrace steps back to the Monument.



Bucks Art Weeks

15th - 25th June 2023

Thursdays to Sundays 10.00am – 5.00pm
‘Field View Studio’, Castle Street,
Wingrave, HP22 4PT



Field View Studio will open during the Bucks. Art Weeks period, exhibiting lively and contemporary work by this year's group of eight Artists and Makers. Look forward to seeing ceramics, textiles, glass art, pencil and pastel portraiture, felt creations and mixed media paintings and meet the artists too. (Catalogue/Website Nos. 40-47).

We're also delighted that BAW dates tally with Wingrave Open Gardens on 24th/25th June. Field View garden will be open with plenty of seating, wonderful valley views and refreshments across all our BAW open days. During the Open Gardens weekend Julie Pugh's studio will also be open, showing 'One of One' jewellery at nearby Home Farm, so just head on down Castle Street for a warm welcome and enjoyable browsing at both venues.

At Rowsham check out Jenny Lowe's wonderful ceramic animal sculpture – and her garden too - during selected BAW days. (Catalogue/Website No. 48). Then crossing the A418, find four 'Rowsham Creatives' exhibiting at Manor Farm Fused Glass. (Cat./Website Nos. 49-52)

So, save the dates, visit us locally and then head out around the county for an unrivalled feast of June Art!

Andrew and Margaret Liversidge, Field View Studio
07989 583556. (Parking in the Village please)

Visit the BAW website/catalogue for specific details of artists' venues and opening times. Catalogues and advertising material available from Wingrave shop from the beginning of June.

BAW Website: www.bucksartweeks.org.uk

1st Ivinghoe & Pitstone Scout Group Pitstone Memorial Hall

Beavers - age 5¼ - 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.

An exciting collection of works from local artists at WINGRAVE

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Saturday 17th June 2023 **7.30pm**

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The Tring Anglers



Last month I celebrated the change to a settled weather pattern, however strange weather continues to play games with water levels. The local Canal & River Trust team are still having to cope with an excess of water in the system. This creates problems which can be dealt with in the Winter when boat movement is minimal, but in Spring and Summer it's more of a problem for boaters when water is cascading over the lock gates.

Does the condition of the Canal make a difference to angling? One symptom I have observed is the strange crust which floats from the bottom to form an impenetrable layer of silt on the surface. The worst of these unsightly outbreaks is normally on the Aylesbury Arm, but this year it was much worse than usual. It certainly messed up one of my fishing sessions on the main canal at lock 39-40 by the picnic table. It was mostly clear when I arrived but as evening approached it became impossible to fish. The fish refused to feed as always happens in this situation and, in the end, it was so thick it was impossible to fish. As I write it seems to have disappeared for another year. I asked a boater if it caused him any problems and he said it was no problem and did not stick on the propeller.

Thinking of boaters, over the years I have often been offered a cuppa by a moored kind boater while fishing. I am pleased to say that this happened on two consecutive recent outings. Once at Apsley and then at Marsworth, a big thanks to both of them as although I have my flask it always seems to run out! It reminded me of when I first started fishing in 1960 with my uncle Jack, and the canal still had a number of commercial boats, one always shared a beverage with us. Sadly I cannot remember the name of the family or the boat but it always stopped for a few minutes at the top of Marsworth Flight for a short tea break.

As I would expect it always seems that the bream provide most sport at this time of year both prior to, and just after,

spawning. I have caught sizable fish over the last few sessions. You would think that all the roach had suddenly magically disappeared. Even in the days when we could not fish until June 16th due to the former closed season on canals the roach rarely responded until the end of July. This pattern seems to remain the same at the moment, despite the influence of climate change.

Some June and July Coaching events. Come and join us for a session.

Find your event on the Canal & River Trust, Let's Fish 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, /// elephant.causes.thickened

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

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

Saturday July 15th: 9.30am-3pm Regional Competition Event 3 Locks. Leighton Buzzard <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 /// unfolds.arise.defeated

Dick Pilkinton



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Captain Noah and his Floating Zoo

Michael Flanders and Joseph Horowitz
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**Saturday 17th June 2023, 7pm
Sunday 18th June 2023, 4pm
St Mary the Virgin, Ivinghoe**

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Judith Sheridan *musical director*

Tickets £12.50 (children free) from Lindsay Hewlett
07986 009157 beaconcommunitychoir@gmail.com
www.beaconcommunitychoir.co.uk or cash on the door



Volunteers needed for summer holidays

Florence Nightingale Hospice Charity are seeking short-term temporary volunteers to help in their shops across Buckinghamshire over the busy summer holiday period.



The Charity has shops based throughout the county, including Aylesbury and Wendover.

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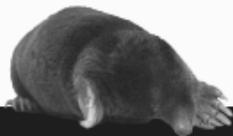
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Group photo at the Coronation Picnic

Photos: Sarah Bennett

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