

# Marsworth News

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## Airfield development - Have Your Say

Ainscough Strategic Land has re-applied to build 320 houses on the old Marsworth Airfield, having withdrawn its 2022 application. It has resubmitted an almost identical application as a year ago but has added additional comments on the objections raised previously. Ainscough has again applied to both Buckinghamshire and Dacorum.

Access to the new development would be on Long Marston Road, between the current airfield entrance and the houses known as the Ministry Houses. With 320 new houses and at least two vehicles per household, plus deliveries etc, it is anticipated that traffic would increase by around 800 vehicle movements a day. All this extra traffic would have to be absorbed through Vicarage Road in Marsworth and Lukes Lane in Gubblecote.

Comments made on the 2022 application will NOT be considered when Buckinghamshire and Dacorum councils assess the current applications. It is therefore important that, if you do have comments to make, these are submitted by **5th July 2023** for Buckinghamshire and **7th July 2023** for Dacorum. For most effect, comments should be submitted to both councils.

It is important not to copy and paste objections from others but to include

how it would affect you personally. If you feel there are Planning Policy reasons to take into account, then add these too.

Marsworth Parish Council will be objecting to the application. Its grounds for objecting, latest information and useful links can be found on the Marsworth Parish Website: <https://www.marsworth.org.uk/planning-matters/marsworth-airfield-development>.

The Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan (VALP) and the Special Area of Conservation (SAC) documents can also be found here.

To comment on the Buckinghamshire Planning Portal by **5th July** go to: <https://publicaccess.aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk/> and put reference 23/01594/AOP in the search box.

To comment on the Dacorum Planning Portal by **7th July** go to: <https://planning.dacorum.gov.uk/publicaccess> and put reference 23/01254/OUT in the search box.

Remember - objections/comments made last year will NOT count for the 2023 planning applications so you will need to lodge a fresh (or repeat) object/comment.

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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*

Once again the proposed Airfield development rears its ugly head. For many communities, such a development might just be something to be endured and accepted as part of modern life, but there is something very unrealistic about this one.

Virtually every household in Marsworth between Lower End and the Lower Icknield Way would be affected by the huge increase in traffic, especially along Vicarage Road. To object would not so much be a 'NIMBY' thing, as an effort to prevent something which should never happen.

It is curious that Ainscough has hardly changed its application from that of 2022 - not even a slight reduction in the number of houses.

Two highlights of the summer calendar which put Marsworth on the local events list have now been achieved - the Fun Run in May and the Steam and Classic Car Rally in June. Both were extremely successful and showed great participation by many local people to ensure that each ran smoothly.

The remarkable account by a wartime evacuee to Marsworth is a great example of how social media (this time Everything Marsworth) can enable people to connect and share.

## Remember - no Marsworth News in August



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Please send items about upcoming events, or any other items of interest, however small,  
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## 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 at 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.



## Village Hall defibrillator

Guidelines for usage of the defibrillator installed at the Hall are available on the Marsworth website: [www.marsworth.org.uk](http://www.marsworth.org.uk)



## Dates for 2023

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



June saw the successful events of the Fun Run and the Plant Sale, both of which produced worthwhile finances to help with the upkeep of All Saints Church. Final figures will be notified in due course. Thanks once again to all those participants who made these events such a success. The church, with a great deal of support, was again running the tea tent at the Steam Rally. This is yet another social and worthwhile activity benefiting church funds, and thank you all for joining in.

We are now in a quiet period in the church. This is known as 'Ordinary Time', denoted by the colour green on the altar, pulpit and the vicar's stole. However one serious requirement is to be carried out round about this time; the appointment of Churchwardens to serve for a year. Their duties include looking after the fabric of the church, making sure that protocol at services is maintained, and that services are always attended by at least one Churchwarden. In days gone by the churchwardens had to ensure that order was maintained by the congregation when services were often much longer than today's.

13th June saw the swearing-in of churchwardens. This service is known as The Visitation, and one amusing story related by Archdeacon Guy Elsmore in a leaflet distributed at the Visitation, involved the wonderfully-named The Venerable Justly Hill, who served from 1825 to 1858 as Archdeacon Buckingham. On a visit to a rural Buckinghamshire churchyard the Venerable was expecting to see rows of gravestones, but instead about half had been removed and planted with rows of potatoes; this had apparently become normal practice in that parish.

On this occasion, John White and Richard Cooper were sworn in as All Saints churchwardens.

*John White*, Churchwarden.

## Services for July 2023

<b>2nd July</b>	9.15am	Holy Communion Common Worship
<b>9th July</b>	8.30am	Holy Communion Book of Common Prayer
<b>16th July</b>	9.15am	Holy Communion Common Worship
<b>23rd July</b>	6.00pm	Evensong
<b>30th July</b>		Benefice Service to be advised

## Services for August 2023

<b>1st Sunday</b>	9.15am	Common Worship Holy Communion
<b>2nd Sunday</b>	8.30am	Book of Common Prayer, Holy Communion
<b>3rd Sunday</b>	9.15am	Common Worship Holy Communion
<b>4th Sunday</b>	6.00pm	Evensong

## Plant Sale

A big thank you to everyone who helped organise, set up and run the plant sale on 4th June, and to those who came and supported it on the day. The sun shone and the plants donations arrived thick and fast (a good year for tomato plants, clearly!).

Lisa and Niki did a sterling job carting plants in the wheelbarrows and Maggie was a great help when it came to pricing the stock. The bakers of Marsworth had been busy providing delicious cakes for the refreshments which were enjoyed by customers able to sit in the sunshine and enjoy our beautiful churchyard.



Thanks to Matt, Margaret and Janet who manned the plant stall, sharing their horticultural knowledge with the customers, and to Linda and Gill serving refreshments. A special thanks to John and Gill White who had been busy for weeks sowing, potting up and nurturing much of the plant stock on sale. The event raised a hugely valuable £800 for the church.

*Ruth Monks*

### Who's Who at All Saints Marsworth

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



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### Cream Teas every Sunday in Wingrave Parish Church

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



## Parish Council meeting June 2023 - highlights



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

### Public Participation – Discussion on Ainscough’s Application to build 320 houses on the old Marsworth Airfield site.

Jean Fox from Wilstone gave a presentation on Understanding the Process and How to Make your Objection Count. MPC Chairman Bob Kennedy had also prepared a draft objection. All documents can be found on: <https://www.marsworth.org.uk/planning-matters/marsworth-airfield-development/>.

### Community Speedwatch in Marsworth

Ron Busby reported that eight volunteers (out of the 22 originally indicating support) had already registered with Thames Valley Police and completed the initial online training. The rest of the volunteers were still to come forward for training.

### Community Garden on the corner of Lukes Lea and Vicarage Road.

Buckinghamshire Councillors Derek Town and Peter Brazier met with the Bucks Asset Management Manager to seek permission to use this area of land for a community garden and are awaiting the outcome. If permission is given, consultation would need to take place with neighbours and it would need to be constructed as to be easily reversible. It would then be taken under the ownership of MPC.

### Footpath Pitstone to Marsworth

This is quite overgrown, but Councillor Town reported that Buckinghamshire Highways had so far trimmed back only vision splays on grass verges.

### Appointment of new Councillor

Robert John was co-opted Parish Councillor following the resignation of Keith Thomasson.

### Police Report for May

Six incidents were reported to the Police in the Marsworth area, three of which were of note: one burglary and two Anti-Social Behaviour incidents but no details were given.

### Section 106 funding - British Waterways Repair Yard Bulbourne Road for the houses built on the site

The £69,007 S106 funding could only be spent on the following: 'Improvements to sport and recreation facilities at Marsworth Recreation Ground'. This is a significant restriction and MPC will look at the feasibility and costs to have this changed, but may need to apply for a Deed of Variation - an expensive legal process. Extra funding is required for various village projects, including upgrading the heating in the Village Hall.

## Marsworth Parish Councillors

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### Parish Council meeting dates 2023

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

8.00pm in Village Hall

### Marsworth Litter Pickers

The Parish Clerk will look at the possibility of borrowing litter picking equipment from Buckinghamshire Council Community Board, but if not feasible, MPC would fund the equipment required.

### Next MPC Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be on Monday 10 July. Any items for the agenda need to have been submitted to the Parish Clerk by Sunday 2 July. 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](mailto:parishclerk@marsworth.org.uk).

## Marsworth Village Hall 100 Club



### 100 Club draw results for June. £20 prizes

96	Jonquil Wooler, Vicarage Road
58	Sukh & Jamie Chahal, Formerly Norvic Road
17	Bev & Mike Ralph, The Crescent
145	Richard and Gillian Brown, Vicarage Road
97	Don Spearpoint, Lukes Lea

The next draw will be in July for our regular five £20 prizes, to be drawn at the Hall Committee meeting, 5th July at 7.30pm.

The current membership expires in August, so the collectors will be calling.

For those who wish to pay by transfer: Bank details: MARSWORTH VILLAGE HALL 100 CLUB, Sort code 20-39-07, Account no. 00602809. Please give the reference as your house number and initials of your road.

If preferred you can drop cheque or money in a self-addressed envelope to 11 Lower Icknield Way.

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. Four new £50 prizes will be made available if we attain the high number of members as we have now.

Dick Brake

# Startops spillway upgrade

Many will have noticed the work going on at Tringford, involving traffic lights and noticeable work on the Startops Reservoir spillway. The CRT were contacted, and Dale Canfield, local Operations Manager explained:



“After the incident at Toddbrook Reservoir (Whaley Bridge, Derbyshire) on 1st August 2019, it was deemed necessary by the Canal and Rivers Trust to review all reservoirs and bring them up to a higher standard of safety.

The work taking place to replace the spillway will bring the structure in line with expected standards.



Work on the spillway - photo: Jeremy Whitehead



Photo from the early 20th century showing children making the most of an overflow at Startops Reservoir

## Pitstone Green Museum

Vicarage Road, Pitstone, LU7 9EY  
<https://www.pitstonemuseum.co.uk/>



### Open Days

- Sunday 9th July
- Sunday 13th August
- Monday 28th August
- Sunday 10th September
- Sunday 8th October



The award this month goes to **Clive Cohen**, for his inspiration for a wildflower verge in Vicarage Road, and for involving the local schoolchildren. This should be an attractive feature for our lovely village in years to come.

*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](mailto:editor@marsworthnews.co.uk).

## Marsworth News

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## Memories of Marsworth by a 12-year-old evacuee - Thomas Heffernan

In June a photo of the lock house on the Aylesbury Arm appeared in *Everything Marsworth*. This led to a response from Angela Cheyne, whose mother Rose and grandparents Sid and Mary Freeth had lived there from 1935-1944.

They had also had two evacuee children staying with them in the early 1940s. Angela sent the following account by one of these, Tom. It is a remarkable story.

The punctuation has been adjusted for easier reading, but Tom's expressions have been retained.

*Sandra Costello*

I have very fond memories of my time at the lock house and have never forgot. I will tell you the story of how my sister Pat and I came to be there.

When the Blitz started on London all the schools were evacuated more or less en bloc, but my dad would not let my two sisters and I go, but eventually the authorities told my father that we had to go. By this time my mother had left us. So we were duly packed off, supposedly heading for Southampton to be shipped off to the USA.



Mary, Tom and Pat Heffernan before the war

Well, the bus we were on joined the convoy with the usual dispatch rider to guide us on our way, as some of the drivers were either old timers or not good at map reading. The bus we were on kept breaking down and consequently got lost, therefore ending up in Marsworth very late at night. I think it was March or April, so the driver left my eldest sister in charge and went off to find the local bobby. He found the post mistress who in turn got the vicar who opened the village hall.

Then they let all the villagers know that they had been invaded by a mob of unruly London brats, complete with pillowcases of clothing and gas masks and the old proverbial name tag.

My sister Mary was taken by a lady who had a daughter the same age, much to my ire, and I kicked up a stink on being split up. In those days I was a



Evacuees outside house in Vicarage Road, Jan 1941. Tom Heffernan far left with glasses

red-headed Irish-tempered boy, but it was explained to me and my sister Pat, who was the eldest, that she would not be far away and we would all be at the same school.

Pat and I were the last to be picked up. Your grandparents came - Sid and Mary Freeth - and collected Pat and I. When Mary heard about our sister Mary she and Sid went off and said that they should not have split us up - it wasn't right. I was nine, Mary was eleven, Pat was thirteen, and so off we went.

Sid had his bike and we walked down the slight hill (Church Lane) towards the canal, and I spotted the reservoir gleaming in the moonlight and thought it was the sea. Sid tried to explain what it was, but being a little deaf from the bombing and Sid's accent I couldn't understand, and then it was the walk along the towpath. I thought that was exciting! I had played on the mud banks of the Thames, but this was different. Trees and grass growing, and when I saw the house standing out in the moonlight, I was so excited, and then walking over the lock gate even more so. Sid and Mary could understand accents because when living on the boats they went to London.

Sid and Mary had made up a temporary bed for us - a feather one that we sank into, and after sleeping on the floor under the stairs when a raid was on it was like floating on a cloud. I refused point blank to go to the underground shelters in the park - they stank of pee and disinfectant and drunken old men passing wind, so we stayed at home under the stairs, the safest place in the house, and so the bed was heaven-sent. Then we went upstairs; my room was the one at the front with the triangular window.

When I met Rose and Shirley (Sid and Mary's daughters) next morning I thought they were strange, as obviously they were wary of us and weren't sure, what with our accent, and we were not sure of them, until Mary introduced us and I thought 'ehmm - not bad looking with their rosy cheeks'. We soon became good friends.



Pat left us in May as she was fourteen and left school to go work. She went to Tring to be a

maid in a posh house going towards the railway station, so I was on my own. I liked that there was no-one to boss me around. I helped Sid in the garden and picked the fruit. I loved it. I loved to lay out in the middle of the fields on my back looking at the clear sky, listening to the birds and bees humming in the clover and the skylarks getting higher and higher. Or a motor bike away in the distance. It was great after the din of London and the bombing.

I worked on the farm when I could and used to do the kitchen garden for the farmer's wife. I remember she gave me a duck's egg for Easter. I had never seen one before. We used to go hop-picking in Kent, but did not really get time to enjoy the countryside as it was all work.

I was always in trouble for wandering off as the school only had one teacher, a lovely lady who I had a crush on - a Miss Connolly. She was Scottish and had such a beautiful voice when she read to us. She obviously could not handle us all, so she let myself and a boy called Lenny French, who lived in a lock house along the canal past the little house-cum-pub-cum-shop (now The Ship) along the towpath to the right of the Red Lion pub in the village. It is a lovely little thatched place. By the way, Mary lived at Bluebells (Lower End).

We had another teacher come from Stratford on Avon who became headmistress and lived in the schoolhouse. I used to do her garden and pinch her lovely russet apples. She was mad on Shakespeare of course and had us Cockney kids doing it - can you imagine! Then a Miss Cooper came from Richmond. She had a little Ford car, and instead of my two sisters and I walking to Tring for Sunday Mass she took us, as we were Catholics. But I got fed up when we walked and went to communion even in winter and we had fasted and then walked to Tring. All the tight priest gave us was a water biscuit and glass of water, so I chose to go to Marsworth church and Sunday School but preferred it there – it was more fun.

I don't know if Rose remembers when I pulled one of the boys from London (evacuee) out of the canal. His name was Tony Frith. He lived at Bluebells. In the winter we used to skate on the ice on the canal. We were up by the bridge skating and Tony went too near the bridge where the ice was thin due to the cover of the bridge. He went through the ice. He was wearing wellington boots and so went straight under. We shouted for help and it was lucky that the farm labourer, a Mr Smith, was in the field and came running. He got me to lay out on the ice as I was the smallest and held my legs so I could grab Tony, who once he grabbed me was like a leech – I thought he was going to break my arm. And so we pulled him to the bank and then rushed him to the big house above the double lock of the branch of the Aylesbury Arm. The lady was rather posh, and I remember that when Tony's parents came they gave ten shillings to Mr Smith for saving him. I did not get a penny, tut tut.

There was a farmer who had sheep. His farm was just over the bridge past the Red Lion on the left (Great Farm) and he had sheep in the fields past Bluebells. When they was going to build the Airdrome (sic), the farmer had to move his sheep. The farmer's name was Adams, so I and his son Bert, along with their dog, went to clear the sheep and take them to the farm. The men who were laying the concrete for the runways were from India. Unfortunately, the runways were being laid right across where the sheep used to walk when leaving the fields, so when Bert and I and the dog tried to take them in a different direction they were having none of it and went their own way. Well all hell broke loose, with the boss man swearing and cursing, sheep bleating, the labourers throwing shovels - and much to Bert's amazement, me swearing at the men and telling them in no uncertain terms to leave our so-and-so sheep alone - and the nicely laid wet concrete was a mire. Oh dear.

The next day a gentleman from the Ministry paid Mr Adams a visit with a couple of other men - one I think was from the firm laying the runways. Mr Adams told them in no uncertain terms that he should have been given more notice as he had other things to do beside reading Government minds. His son and I were putting in our pennyworth - seems I was a bad influence on

young Bert. I said they should pay to get the concrete off the sheep cos it had ruined the wool, and Mr Adams said, "I am coming to that". The school had a visit from a chappy with a bowler hat. I had to go before him and he said, "Did you swear at the Indian men?" "Who, me?" I said. "They probably did not understand me cos I am a Cockney". I don't think he knew how to answer that!

Has Rose told you that your Granddad (Sid) was a sergeant in the Home Guard? Well, when the Americans came the Airdrome was still being worked on. The huts for the billets were in the field behind the lock house. Anyway, some of the boys and I used to play around the Airfield, and we found some big drainage pipes and manholes so we could actually get onto the Airfield. Well, the Home Guard was involved in manoeuvres whereby they had to try and take the Airfield, so I told Sid about the pipes. They had to pretend to blow the bridges. They used a small explosive that they threw in the canal, so off Sid and his boys went and through the pipes to take the Airfield, much to the amazement of the umpires and the Yanks. But of course, it could never be known that a few of the boys of the Home Guard had taken the field, but rather they were taken prisoner.

But when the camp was fully occupied, we found the men very good. One of them, a sergeant, used to get us tins of fruit that couldn't be got from the shops because of rationing, and sports gear.

Tom added at a later date, "I loved Sid and Mary; they were so kind and I think a steadying influence in my life."

I often think that Marsworth was the best time of my life."



Rose Butler (nee Freeth) and Tom Heffernan many years later

## Beacon Villages Community Library, Ivinghoe

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## Tring Local History Museum

9 Brook St, Tring HP23 5ED

The history of Tring and the local area

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volunteer run and  
entrance is FREE.



# Bucks Councillor's June report – extracts



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Buckinghamshire Councillor, Ivinghoe Ward

The full report can be found at [www.marsworth.org.uk](http://www.marsworth.org.uk).

## Cost-of-living support for residents

Buckinghamshire Council has agreed a comprehensive package of continuing support for residents struggling with cost-of-living pressures. The council has been allocated a further £4.8 million of Household Support Fund money from the Department for Work and Pensions to provide support until March 2024.

The Council will provide food vouchers to eligible residents, direct support through the Helping Hand service and use the funds to support local organisations like foodbanks, which are providing vital community-based support.

## Creating a safer Buckinghamshire for all

The Safer Bucks Strategy 2023-26 identifies the community safety issues that matter most to Buckinghamshire residents.

- **Neighbourhood crime** - raising awareness of fraud, scams and cybercrime.
- **Anti-social behaviour** - Tackling repeat victimisation and encouraging reporting and working with partners to address concerns.
- **Serious violence** - Raising awareness of serious violence and supporting early intervention and prevention for young people at risk.
- **Violence against women and girls** - Raising awareness through education and training of professionals and increasing confidence in reporting.

## Fixing problem potholes

Buckinghamshire Council's latest tool in the fight against potholes, the Pothole Pro, is a specialist three-in-one vehicle that speeds up the process of repairing potholes and large sections of the road surface.

The machine starts by cutting into the road surface where a pothole has appeared. It planes out the defective area then crops the perimeter of the hole neatly, minimising the amount of material that needs to be removed and allowing a watertight seal. It then brushes away and collects the debris. The highways teams then seal, lay and compact the asphalt into the prepared area to complete the repair.



Pothole Pro

Condition surveys of the county's roads are carried out by Highway Inspectors who, along with the Local Area Technicians, identify areas that require repairs.

The Pothole Pro is being used to repair defects measuring 21.5sqf (2sqm) and above. For larger areas

with multiple defects, use of the Pothole Pro for planing and sweeping is combined with the more practical methods of Plane and Patch or resurfacing is used, where the old road surface is removed in its entirety and a new surface laid.

## Catalytic Converter Theft

To keep your vehicle safe:

- Park your vehicle in a locked garage where possible or in a well-lit and well-populated area.
- Park close to fences, walls or curbs with the exhaust being closest to them to make the theft more difficult.
- Avoid parking your vehicle half on the pavement as this will make it easier for thieves.
- If parking in a public car park, consider parking alongside other cars and facing your bonnet towards the wall – with the catalytic converter positioned at the front of your vehicle, this will make it harder to access.
- If your catalytic converter is bolted on, you can ask your local garage to weld the bolts to make it more difficult to remove.
- Purchase a cage clamp; a device that locks in around the catalytic converter.



Removing a catalytic converter

## Tool Theft

Tool crime can have a devastating effect on businesses, not only in lost time and revenue, but also in the outlay for new tools. To keep your property safe and secure:

- Take your tools in from your van overnight.
- If you can't bring your tools in overnight or will be leaving your van unattended for a long time during the day, park in a way that will prevent or deter thieves from getting easy access to the doors. Try to park in a busy, well-lit area.
- Have tools insurance. This can help pay for the cost of replacing your tools should they be stolen.
- Ensure you mark your property.

If you are a Buckinghamshire resident and would like a free 'No tools left in this van' sticker contact us via email:

[communitysafety@buckinghamshire.gov.uk](mailto:communitysafety@buckinghamshire.gov.uk).



## BeaconLit 2023 Festival

Saturday 8th July, Brookmead School, Ivinghoe.

BeaconLit Festival: [www.beaconlit.co.uk](http://www.beaconlit.co.uk)

For programme, see June Marsworth News

## Steam Rally report

Friday and Saturday would have been too warm, Sunday promised thunderstorms, but the weather held off until the end of the day, so Marsworth could host yet another successful rally. At 11am the event was officially opened by MC Rod Hepburn. A record 21 amazing full-sized engines on display this year, accompanied by stationary engines and 12 miniatures/scale models too. These engines were made by master engineers of the time including Burrell and Aveling & Porter.

Marsworth has never seen so many cars! Something a bit different this year was a 1902 Locomobile Locosurrey, a steam-powered car. Marsworth hosted hundreds of classic cars, ranging from a 1950s Rolls Royce to a 1980s Golf GTI, with a wide variety in between.

This year introduced a raised viewing-platform for visitors to explore a working steam engine in more detail. This platform also allowed visitors to survey the full panorama across Startop Farm, our rally site.

With huge support from Michael and the team at the Red Lion, for which we are most grateful, the event featured ales donated, in no particular order, by Tring Brewery, Vale Brewery, Rebellion Brewery, Shepherd Neame Brewery and Dayla. Meanwhile, the Church and WI team provided gallons of tea and coffee, freshly baked cakes and a welcome place to sit and enjoy the refreshments. Thanks to Paul Rance, we've finally cracked the fresh water supply challenge, without breaking the budget!

Returning by popular demand were ceilidh band Pickled Tink, who entertained throughout the afternoon. We look forward to welcoming them back in 2024!

Marsworth's very own Lady Singers joined us before lunchtime to entertain the crowds. Chesham's Knights of Harmony, New Moon Morris Dancers and Chesvale Dog Agility added to the entertainment on show.

A record number of trade stalls, visitor attractions and catering stands surrounded our biggest arena to date. Steam Engine tug-of-war proved very popular with children and parents alike, particularly on Father's Day. A selection of classic tractors was also invited into the arena before the traditional whistle blow from our full-sized engines. Aside from entertainment in the arena, the engines could be found in the main field this year, and also at the back of the rally taking visitors for trailer rides, with different engines throughout the day.

A message from our committee Chair, Neil Kennedy:

As many of our volunteers and supporting teams are aware, preparing for and running the rally is no small feat. A special thank you first of all to Josie Kempster and family from Startop Farm for hosting so many visitors. The local stalls, charities, enthusiastic scouts and of course all our wonderful volunteers help make this village event so worthwhile. A huge thank you to all who supported us.

We'd also like to extend our thanks to our amazing sponsors, M Miles Scaffolding, Camiers Waste Management and GS2 Design, whose continued support for this event is very much appreciated.

We're still reviewing numbers, but the Rally Committee hopes to confirm soon that this year's event represents another attendance record - incredible given the weather forecast at the start of the weekend. It was lovely to see so many happy smiling faces all day, with everyone enjoying themselves.

The committee look forward to welcoming the visitors back to Marsworth for 2024's Rally. Can we make this one even better? You can help! If you'd like to take part or have some feedback you'd like to share to help us improve, please contact us via our website [www.marsworthsteamrally.co.uk](http://www.marsworthsteamrally.co.uk).

James Kennedy, Rally Committee

## 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.

### Multi-Activity Summer Camps

The team at Ivinghoe and Pitstone Cricket Club is taking bookings for August 2023. Sign up now to secure your child's place to train and play games from a variety of sports and participate in a wide variety of activities every day of the week from August 21st-25th 2023.

### Steam Rally

Despite thundery rain being forecast, the weather stayed fine for the Marsworth Steam and Classic Vehicle Rally, which brought in big crowds on Father's Day.

Attractions included more than 20 full-sized historic steam engines, 200 classic cars, 50 trade stands, agricultural vehicles, entertainment all day in the main ring, over 30 commercial vehicles, vintage bikes, beer tent, hog roast, live music, dog show, climbing wall, digger driving, steam engine rides, fun fair and more, making it a great

day out with proceeds going to local causes and charities.

The latest parking arrangements, with marshalling by very efficient scouts, worked really well - and the event itself gets bigger and more spectacular every year.

### Tringe Festival

Just two weeks to go before The Tringe Festival of comedy starts, running from 3rd to 22nd July in Tring.

Whilst it's the fastest selling Tringe ever, there are still about a third of the tickets left.



The 'Passport' season ticket for the theatre will be taken off-sale prior to the start of the festival and all 'held' tickets for all 'Sold Out' shows will be released.

Tickets remain available in Our Bookshop, Tring.

# Marsworth Women's Institute

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INSPIRING WOMEN

By Denise Cornwall

At our latest monthly meeting our president Christine reported that she had been to Cardiff just over a week before, for the WI's Annual Meeting. A report had been sent out to members before our meeting telling them all about it. She had found it interesting and enjoyable.

Quite often when other local WI's hold events they invite us to join them. This month we have had invitations from both Wing and Cheddington. On 30th August in the afternoon Wing are holding a Garden Tea Party. It's a 'dress up and wear a hat' affair. Josie and I have opted to go on this event. As all the ladies in Marsworth know, I love to wear a hat. Many of you have borrowed one. Josie and I will enjoy a try on session and we will do our WI proud.

Cheddington WI have kindly invited us to attend a BBQ in aid of NEST, a charity that supports families in their homes. The theme is 'South Africa'. Elsie Beesley and - guess who - yes, it's me, have said yes to going to this event.

Our Green Book, which has all the information about outings and trips, is filling up. The next one is a visit to Little Heath Nursery and Tea Room. It will be an accompanied tour of the Nursery where you can ask gardening questions as well as purchase plants and is followed by tea and cake. Date for this is Wednesday 28th June.

A future Trip that has been proposed is a visit to the MINI car plant in Oxford. This is planned for later in the year and it has been suggested that members and their husbands/partners/friend might be interested in joining us.

Our speaker this month was Graham Laurie. His subject was The Royal Flying Doctor Service. We were all captivated by Graham's talk and the film that he showed us. The founder of this service was Reverend John Flynn. He witnessed the daily struggle of people when ill living in the remote areas of outback Australia. He decided to do something about it.

Flynn campaigned for an aerial medical service. His vision was to provide a 'mantle of safety' for the people of the bush, and his vision became a reality when his long time supporter, H V McKay, left a large bequest for 'an aerial experiment' which enabled Flynn to get the Flying Doctor Service airborne. On 15th May 1928 The Royal Flying Doctor Service was founded. Flynn's dream had become a reality.



Rev. John Flynn featured on the Australian \$20 note

The area that they cover is known as "Australia's Biggest Waiting Room". They not only do emergency calls; they also do regular health clinics, along with oral dentistry and many other things. One of their planes is so well equipped they can carry out emergency operations in it. It provides a 24 hour emergency service.



The Flying Doctor in action in the Australian Outback

Globally, it is one of the largest and most comprehensive aeromedical organisations, providing extensive primary health care to those who live in the outback of Australia.

When the first pilot took off from Cloncurry on 17th May 1928, he was flying a single engine, timber and fabric bi-plane named 'Victory' (leased by QANTAS for two shillings per mile flown). It was known as the Aerial Medical Service (which changed its name to the Flying Doctor Service in 1942 and to the Royal Flying Doctor Service in 1955).

In May 1950 Flynn attended what was to be his last Flying Doctor Council meeting; sadly he died of cancer in May the following year. The burial service for Flynn was linked up to the Flying Doctor network; this enabled all those whom he had helped in remote stations and settlements to feel part of the service and to give thanks for all he had done.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 4th July and we will be entertained by a member of The Magic Circle, David Tompkins.



## 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](mailto: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](http://www.girlguiding.org.uk)

**Children from Marsworth welcome at both groups.**

## 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. 9 Rushmere Country Park

This walk is a little further afield than usual, being near Linslade and the village of Heath and Reach in Bedfordshire (less than half an hour's drive from Marsworth) but it is worth the journey. It is a great place for children and walking the dog, and in hot weather it is shady and cool. Although designated a Country Park it is very natural with a range of scenery and, being located on the Greensand Ridge, is generally dry underfoot. There are two centres providing refreshments (breakfast, lunch, snacks drinks etc) and ample parking. Access is via the A4146 Leighton Buzzard by-pass. Post Code is LU7 0EB. (<https://www.greensandtrust.org/About-Rushmere/>).

The walk outlined below is three miles and gives an overview of the area but there are numerous alternatives; pick up a map from the Visitor Centre and explore. There is one short section of quiet road but otherwise it is all off road.

The route is easily followed, in fact the most difficult part is starting off on the correct path! With your back to the map sign outside the visitor centre at the main entrance take the path beside the car park past the bicycle rack. Keep straight on, bearing left after 100m (where the main path goes right), taking you behind the overflow car park. After another 100m you will meet the Greensand Ridge Walk (Point A, signposted here as Rushmere Horse Route). Turn right and follow the path through the trees along the western boundary of the park with views across the adjoining fields.

After approx. 700m pass through the gate and then to the left of the pond (Point B). Keeping left, climb some gentle steps, eventually coming out of the trees at a path junction with a notice board and finger post. Turn right (Point C, signed Public Bridleway/Greensand Ridge Walk) and take the route uphill. Continue straight on (ignoring other crossing paths) and you will come to the northern edge of the Country Park (D).

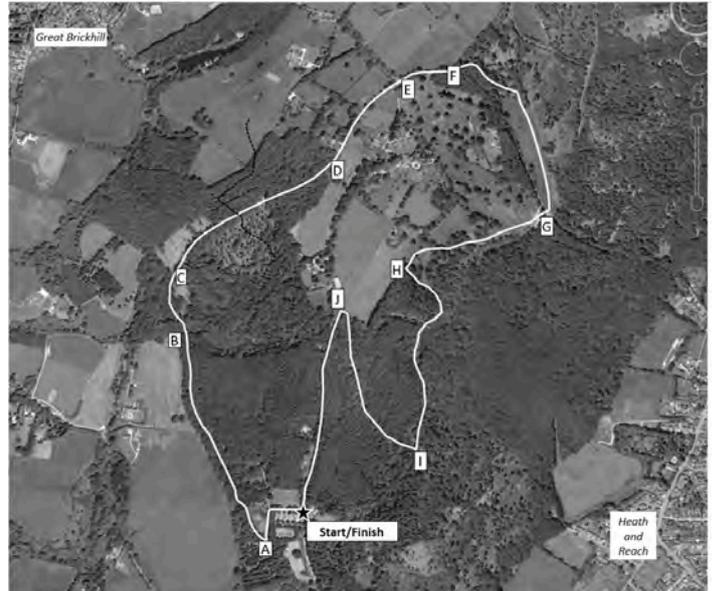
Take the gravel track with cottages on the left and the Stockgrove House clock tower on the right. Continue until this track reaches the Brickhill Road (E). Turn right for 200m and, on the left, take a path over a bank beside the car park and gate (F). Follow gently downhill through the trees until you go through a gate and into a meadow. The path through the meadow takes you back to the road and the Stockgrove entrance to the park. Stop at the café for refreshments/toilets if required (G).

Leaving the café, head diagonally uphill (signposted



'oak wood') across open land and then into oak trees. When a stand of pine trees are met (H) turn left downhill, through a grassy glade and on to the edge of the lake. At the lakeside turn right, past the old boathouse and continue along the valley bottom until you meet a fence and gate. Turn right up a fairly steep hill (Point I, finger post to Great Brickhill) until you reach a major junction of paths. Turn left through the small gate, then with the children's playground (fort gates and totem poles) in front of you take the major path on the left (J).

Follow this all-weather path back to the start, passing the 'Ridge Riders' cross country cycling area on your left and a giant chair on your right.



## Buckinghamshire's LOCAL HERITAGE LIST

Buckinghamshire has a rich heritage. Many of our key sites and buildings benefit from statutory protection as listed buildings or scheduled monuments. However, locally-important heritage assets, which contribute positively to the character and identity of Buckinghamshire, often have little or no protection, and over time these special places can be lost.

The Local Heritage List Project aims to identify and celebrate some of these important heritage assets.

### Can you help us?

You can help by:

- Nominating a building, site or feature to be considered for inclusion on the Local Heritage List
- Volunteering to assist us with survey and assessment work

Our Project Officer may also be able to help with additional information on how local groups, schools and Parish Councils can get more involved.

Contact [localheritagelist@Buckinghamshire.gov.uk](mailto:localheritagelist@Buckinghamshire.gov.uk)

Please use the QR code below or browse our website at [local-heritage-list.org.uk/buckinghamshire](http://local-heritage-list.org.uk/buckinghamshire) for more details and to sign up.



# Wildflower verge

The idea for a wildflower verge was first floated at least two years ago when children from Marsworth School got to spread wildflower seeds on a scrappy unkempt verge on Vicarage Road (Vicarage Gardens junction). The idea grew and became a reality in mid-May 2023, having achieved permission from the appropriate authority, Buckinghamshire Council, borrowing a rotavator, and acquiring the seeds.



The verge - before

The strip on Vicarage Road was first mowed, then rotavated and raked. This gave a bare surface for the seeds to be spread upon. Ideally the deep roots of some weeds should have been removed altogether, but our commitment to the cause did not extend quite this far!



Rotavated and raked

Before the children arrived to do their handiwork, the soil was dampened and divided up into metre square parcels (marked out by bamboo canes. Teams of children in pairs then 'adopted' each section, and faithfully applying a recommended

method, first spread handfuls of fine sand over their section as a practice, then spreading a mix of wildflower seeds (including extra helpings of Yellow Rattle, known to suppress the unwanted growth of grass) and sand.

The children showed great enthusiasm in doing their handiwork. Hopefully they will return in future years able to appreciate the 'fruits' of their efforts. Sadly, we are unable to share pictures of the children doing their sowing.

Wildflowers are not expected to show much this year, but hopefully next year we will have a colourful patch making a small contribution to biodiversity and enhancing our lovely village.

As the area is now at a vulnerable stage, it would be appreciated if people could avoid stepping on the verge and keep their dogs off it.

Finally, a big thanks to Marsworth Parish Council for supporting this mini-project.

Clive Cohen



Marked out for seeding



Please Keep Off sign



Final preparations. Photos: Sandra Costello





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# Marsworth Fun Run 2023

This year's Fun Run, on Sunday 21st May, was another brilliant village event. The organisers: Sofie Cole, Gavin Merrylees and Jim and Jenny Sheils somehow managed to pick another day with perfect weather...dry, warm and with a nice breeze.

There were 185 runners in total on the day. Matthew Switzer came in first, in 39.11 mins. The first lady back was Sophie Hill, in 43.34 mins and in 14th position. 13 year old Charlie Wade, from Marsworth, was the first boy to arrive, for the second year in a row. He was in 22nd place overall, in a time of 46.13 mins. 13 year old Millie Weller was the first girl back, also for the second year in a row, in a time of 58.44 mins, and was in 96th position overall. It was great to see Trevor, our recently retired postman, running again this year too.

The warm up was run by Heather Harris from the Jogonrunning group and Gareth Owens kept everyone informed with his lively commentary at the finish line at the church. Competitors were presented with their medals by Gavin (some wooden, some made of biscuit) before enjoying homemade cakes and a drink.

Altogether there were almost 50 volunteers involved, which ensured a smoothly run event. There were many positive comments about all the helpers - from easy registration, warm up, commentating, water availability (three water stations in total) incredibly encouraging marshals, safe road crossings and delicious cakes and teas!

As well as being a great morning for the runners, family and friends and everyone involved, the Fun Run raised £1,850 towards the maintenance and running costs of All Saints Church, a much appreciated sum in the current economic climate.

Next year's run will be on 12th May 2024. Get it in your diary now - and fingers crossed for great weather again.

Annie Sandon



Matthew Switzer - first past the post



Millie Weller



Niki Powell and Gavin Merrilees with the 'biscuit medals'



Charlie Wade



Sally Craig recording the runners' positions as they come through the finish line

# STEAM & CLASSIC Vehicle Rally

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2023





# Marsworth Neighbourhood Watch

By Linda Beardsley, NHW Co-ordinator



## Operation Traverse sign

You may have seen this sign appear on the towpath by the White Lion Bridge and other places locally. Operation Traverse was first initiated in 2014 and is a collaboration between Police forces, the Environment Agency and the Angling Trust. Its primary function is to target fish theft and illegal fishing, known collectively as 'poaching', working closely with the Wildlife Crime unit to increase compliance and reduce offences.

This type of crime has been linked to other anti-social behaviours and affects the delicate ecosystem and biodiversity of our waters, whilst impacting fish stocks. The Angling Trust is a not-for-profit member based organisation representing anglers, and fighting for fish, fishing and their environment.

This operation is very relevant to Marsworth with our canals and reservoirs where poaching is regularly observed, together with lure fishing which is not allowed. At the White Lion bridge, where so many of our children have fed carp with bread over the years, they have all but disappeared due to poaching.

In the last few weeks a Marsworth resident and fisherman approached a number of people illegally fishing on Tringford Reservoir. This is a private trout fishery that requires you to be a member or have purchased a day ticket ([tringfordtroutfishery@gmail.com](mailto:tringfordtroutfishery@gmail.com)).

They compliantly moved away, only to be found again on Startops Reservoir. The Police were called and they did attend, advising the resident that they are very keen to stamp out this kind of activity in our area and need the public's help.

To fish on the canals and reservoirs you need to obtain a rod licence from the Environment Agency and a Ticket To Fish, available from Tring Anglers ([tringanglers1947@gmail.com](mailto:tringanglers1947@gmail.com)), whose bailiff daily attends Startops and Marsworth Reservoirs.

The Police urge anyone who spots suspicious activity to report it to the Environment Agency's hotline – 0800 80 70 60. If fish poaching is in progress, please call 101. If you have any intelligence on rod licence or



fishing offences then call the Environment Agency on 0800 80 70.



For more information on Operation Traverse, visit: <https://anglingtrust.net/freshwater-projects/operation-traverse-leviathan/>.

Thank you for making Marsworth a safer place to live.

## Erratum

Apologies to the Jeffery family for two mistakes in the last issue where their name was incorrectly spelled.

# Airfield memorial

Following the request in last month's newsletter for some kind of TLC for the Airfield memorial, Lower End resident Peter Dean contacted us to say the matter was in hand:

He has arranged the cleaning of the memorial plaque by the Beeches Group and has undertaken to extend the mowing nearby, which he has already been doing for some time.

A really worthwhile outcome!



Before



After cleaning



## The Tring Anglers



Less is sometimes more as we settled in to our Let's Fish programme on the canal at Cooks Wharf. With not so many participants booked in, all who did benefited from an extra hour's coaching. All caught fish on what was a difficult day's fishing (when the wind is in the east the fish bite the least). We had a good mixture of youngsters and adults of both sexes: some from Tring and a lady all the way from Enfield who lamented the lack of coaching opportunities on the River Lea. We tend to take our coaching activities for granted; there are no clubs that offer regular sessions on the GUC south of Tring. By contrast Luton, Milton Keynes, Northampton and Wellingborough all offer Let's fish to a high standard.

Sadly, the club has recently encountered anti-social behaviour from anglers, none of whom were Tring Anglers, but were on our canal waters. It is always difficult when you are responsible for your pupils to try and not involve them in possible problems that these people may cause. It was noticeable that the three anglers had been smoking cannabis. I therefore rang the police; in the meantime they wandered off down the canal shouting at us. They were not to be found when the Thames Valley police turned up.

Tring Anglers bailiffs recently joined up with the Environment Agency Enforcement Team and the local Hertfordshire Police. This is part of an Angling Trust scheme known as Operation Traverse (see item on page 16.) On an ideal evening we only find pleasant anglers, all with correct licences and permits and behaving themselves. On this occasion the EA team found one angler had not purchased a fishing licence and has received a fine. Club bailiffs sold some angling permits (failure to purchase a permit is a Schedule 9 theft offence) and the police arrested one angler found to be carrying illegal drugs. So in a different way the evening may be seen as a successful exercise. Further patrols will be taking place over the summer and autumn period.

Even if you don't fish, why not call by one of our coaching events for a chat? If you come across one of our Operation Traverse evenings I am sure the team would be happy to answer any questions.

### Upcoming Let's Fish events:

Saturday 1st July 9.30am-4pm - Let's fish, Cooks Wharf, Cheddington, Grand Union Canal, LU7 0SZ, [///elephant.causes.thickened](http://elephant.causes.thickened).

Saturday July 15th 9.30am-3pm - Let's Fish, Regional Competition Event. Three 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 - Let's Fish, Reservoir Pound Locks 39-40, Marsworth, Grand Union Canal. HP23 4LJ [///unfolds.arise.defeated](http://unfolds.arise.defeated).

Dick Pilkinton



## London Luton Airport Expansion Development Consent Order (DCO)

London Luton Airport is proposing to increase by at least 10 million per year the number of passengers for whom the airport is capable of providing air passenger transport services.

### Luton Airport DCO – Proposals

- A new passenger terminal and additional aircraft stands.
- Increase - 18 million passengers per annum to 32 million.

Buckinghamshire Council is currently considering its position as a consultee with regard to registering as an interested party. As such, it is only able to make representations in its role as the Unitary Local Authority in order to protect the interests of its communities.

Interested parties can register their interest and submit their own representation to the Examining Authority - **deadline 23rd June** (this will have passed by the time Marsworth News is published) but individuals can still register via:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/email-subscription.php?project=TR020001&email=>

However, just for clarity – if the 23rd June 2023 deadline is not met, then any party or individual will not be able to engage in the process going forward and therefore updates from The Planning Inspectorate will simply be notifications of progress of the application.

Buckinghamshire Council's website will be kept updated: <https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/parking-roads-and-transport/airport-expansion-schemes/luton-airport-expansion/>.

The email link for updates from the Planning Inspectorate and the full PowerPoint presentation can be found on <https://www.marsworth.org.uk/planning-matters/>.



## Long Marston Cricket Club

By Jon Beardmore

### Early Season Report

It is hard to believe in mid-June that May was very wet! Early season fixtures were severely impacted with only one game completed in the entire Cherwell League on the first day of the season, which was Coronation Day.

The league season has got off to a mixed start, with the 2nd XI fastest out of the blocks and currently sitting fourth in division 6A. The Sunday side, which plays friendlies against a wide range of opposition, has recorded some good wins and exciting finishes.

Spectators are always welcome at our ground at Marlins, off Cheddington Lane in Long Marston and our second ground at Mentmore (through the farm gate at the bottom of the hill west of Mentmore on the Wing Road). Do check there's a match on before heading to either ground and please note that facilities for spectators at Mentmore are very limited.

### Summer Raffle

We are running a huge summer raffle with prizes, ranging from signed sporting memorabilia to exciting days out, which can be seen on our website. If you would like to purchase tickets or donate a prize please either visit our club website or send an email to [social@longmarstoncc.co.uk](mailto:social@longmarstoncc.co.uk) for more information.



### Scorers and umpires wanted!

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

### Club Sundays

The Club Bar is open on Sundays between 12 and 2pm - all are welcome. Our clubhouse is available for hire and includes a kitchen, large open area and licensed bar, which we can staff. Contact Paul Marsh for more information ([info@esipower.co.uk](mailto:info@esipower.co.uk)).

### Ground Security

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

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

Find out more at [www.longmarstoncc.co.uk](http://www.longmarstoncc.co.uk).



## Airfield proposal

**Left:** The current Airfield layout, from Google Earth.

### How to pronounce 'Ainscough'?

Does it rhyme with 'cough' - or with 'rough' and 'tough'?

What about 'though' or 'dough' - or maybe 'Slough' or 'bough'?

Their office was asked, but have not replied. Perhaps too difficult?

The company is based at Leigh, near Wigan.

**Below:** the proposal wording on Ainscough's website.

## LONG MARSTON ROAD, MARSWORTH, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE

A 35 acre brownfield site that was formerly an airfield and which straddles two local authorities. We were given the opportunity due to a recommendation by another of our landowner partners and are promoting the site for a residential-led mixed-use development. We are promoting a new sustainable settlement of up to 320 dwellings, a primary school, a local centre and rural hub (offering remote working and flexible office space including community facilities such as a sports hall with café/shop); a rural enterprise hub (providing workshop space for small businesses); landscaping and public open space (including a heritage trail, community orchard, play area(s), allotments and biodiversity enhancements). A planning application is currently being prepared and will be submitted in January 2022.

Acres: 35

Number of units: 250

## WhizzFizzFest returns

WhizzFizzFest, Buckinghamshire's family arts and literature festival, is back for 2023 and this year, for the first time, the fun is spread out across the county.

In partnership with a number of local groups and organisations, this year's spectacle will be going on tour across Bucks, spanning three weekends. Visitors will be able to enjoy a whirlwind of creative activities and unforgettable experiences, all connected by an overarching theme of friendship.



Highlights include the following free events:

**Sunday 2 July – WhizzFizzFest @ Aylesbury on Sea** – WhizzFizzFest lands in Aylesbury's Vale Park, bringing a vibrant celebration of children's creativity alongside plenty of beach-based fun at Aylesbury-on-Sea.

**Saturday 8 July – WhizzFizzFest @ Desborough Carnival with High Wycombe BIDCo** – Join us for a celebration of music and culture from 11am-4pm as Desborough Road is transformed into a hub of live music, great food and tonnes of fun for the whole family. There'll be free creative workshops, circus performances, street entertainment and more!

**Saturday 15 July – WhizzFizzFest @ Hats Off Chesham!** – Back for a third year, Hats Off Chesham! returns to celebrate Chesham's High Street, with added creative fun for all the family. Music, magic shows, crafting, climbing walls, giant bubbles and much, much more will all be available – just don't forget your hat!

There is no need to book for any of the above events, just turn up and enjoy the fun.

In addition, WhizzFizzFest is hosting 'By the Light of the Moon', an enchanting interactive performance with puppetry and music produced by Full House Theatre, which will visit some of the county's libraries. Aylesbury's Discover Bucks Museum is also hosting a special performance of 'Wind in the Willows', on 8th July. Booking is required for both of these events and a small fee is payable.

For more information about WhizzFizzFest and to book tickets, visit: [www.whizzfizzfest.org.uk](http://www.whizzfizzfest.org.uk)

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## Keeping older drivers safe

Buckinghamshire Council recently welcomed a group of older drivers to an event to help them find out how they can continue to stay safe and confident behind the wheel.



The event, hosted by a range of council teams and in partnership with other organisations including Thames Valley Police and Specsavers opticians, took place in Aylesbury on 18 May.

Older drivers are one of the most at-risk groups behind the wheel, along with young drivers, motorcyclists and people who drive for work. Research has shown that in our mid-70s, drivers start to have problems assessing complex or high-speed traffic situations. The number of older drivers is growing year on year and the number of collisions involving older drivers has also increased.

To help drivers aged 70 and over stay safe and confident when driving, Bucks Council promotes a range of initiatives. In addition to having regular eyesight tests and checking any medication you are on does not affect your driving, one of the easiest ways to get some assistance is to book a Mature Driver Assessment. This offers the opportunity for drivers to discuss any concerns they may have with a qualified driving assessor who can offer advice and reassurance. It can help older drivers to gain a greater awareness of the types of roads and situations where they may be more likely have a collision. The aim is to ensure a driver is safe to be driving on the roads, and if not, identify what can be done to help.

Buckinghamshire Council has been running mature driving assessments since 2011. In addition, a free online module is available for older drivers and their families. The module covers many issues, including eyesight, medication, fatigue, distractions, journey planning, information about vehicle adaptations and licencing. The module takes about 15 minutes to complete.

For more information visit:

<https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/parking-roads-and-transport/road-safety/advice-for-older-drivers/>



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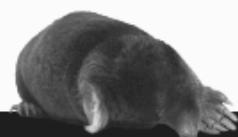
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## July

10th Monday 8.00pm Parish Council Meeting

## August

14th Monday 8.00pm Parish Council Meeting

### Recycling bin collections - July

Waste	Recycling	Food Waste	Garden Waste
<b>Route A: HP23 4LJ / 4LP / 4LR / 4LS / 4LT / 4LU / 4LW / 4NH / 4NJ / 4NQ</b>			
	Wed 5 July	Wed 5 July	Wed 5 July
Wed 12 July		Wed 12 July	
	Wed 19 July	Wed 19 July	Wed 19 July
Wed 26 July		Wed 26 July	
<b>Route B: HP23 4BW / 4NF / 4NG / 4LX / 4LY / 4LZ</b>			
	Thurs 6 July	Thurs 6 July	
Thurs 13 July		Thurs 13 July	Thurs 13 July
	Thurs 20 July	Thurs 20 July	
Thurs 27 July		Thurs 27 July	Thurs 27 July

### Recycling bin collections - August

<b>Route A: HP23 4LJ / 4LP / 4LR / 4LS / 4LT / 4LU / 4LW / 4NH / 4NJ / 4NQ</b>			
	Wed 2 August	Wed 2 August	Wed 2 August
Wed 9 August		Wed 9 August	
	Wed 16 August	Wed 16 August	Wed 16 August
Wed 23 August		Wed 23 August	
	Thur 31 August	Thur 31 August	Thur 31 August
<b>Route B: HP23 4BW / 4NF / 4NG / 4LX / 4LY / 4LZ</b>			
	Thur 3 August	Thur 3 August	
Thur 10 August		Thur 10 August	Thur 10 August
	Thur 17 August	Thur 17 August	
Thur 24 August		Thurs24 August	Thur 24 August

## Reminder - Airfield objections

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