

# Marsworth News

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## Marshcroft development- the last chance

By Caroline Smith

### The Marshcroft Planning Application enters the final phase

Before the summer of 2023 the planning inspector concluded his enquiry into the proposed building of 1,400 houses on the Marshcroft Lane fields in Tring. The Grove Fields Residents Association (GFRA), which has led the campaign to stop this major development, expect the planning inspector's report to be sent to the Housing Minister and Michael Gove (Secretary of State) for a final decision very soon.

This will be the final phase in the decision process and there is **one last chance** to try to influence the decision by the Secretary of State. If you feel that this development should be stopped, you can email the current MP for South West Herts, Gagan Mohindra, to ask him to raise your objections to the building of the 1,400 houses with the Housing Minister and Michael Gove.

The email address to send your objection to is: [gagan.mohindra.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:gagan.mohindra.mp@parliament.uk).



The rural scenery which could be lost

It is important to do this **as soon as possible** because in parallel, GFRA is requesting a meeting with Gagan Mohindra and it will help if he has a full inbox of letters from concerned residents.

Documents have been provided by GFRA giving guidance on the issues surrounding this proposed development and the headline points that could be included in a letter. These have been loaded to the Marsworth Parish website: <https://www.marsworth.org.uk/planning-matters/marshcroft-development/>.

More on page 2



Plan of the proposed development which would nearly double the size of Tring

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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 proposed Marshcroft development in Tring has a very familiar ring to it, given our own Sword of Damocles with the Airfield proposal. For many, this part of Tring may seem rather remote, but surely it is the principle that is significant. Should we just resign ourselves to what might seem inevitable (SEBY - Someone Else's Back Yard), or can we, by making the effort to express our objections, actually help prevent such an enormous addition to our local area?

The All Saints concert sounds as if it was a rousing success, and very enjoyable. It's just a shame that no advance notice was given to *Marsworth News* to let others know that it was going to be on.

Great work on the part of the Marsworth Litter Pickers, who are regularly making a real and valuable contribution to maintaining our local environment. The amount of volunteers is a very encouraging sign.

I am very pleased whenever any of our readers puts a name forward for an award (see page 9). If you think there is someone who has done (or is doing) something of benefit to the community and deserves some kind of recognition, even if it is only a mention in the newsletter, please do let us know.

The Community Speedwarch is about to get properly under way (see page 12). It will be interesting to see what difference this makes to the sort of driving we experience locally. No doubt some of us may get 'caught out' inadvertently, but hopefully this action will be of benefit to all.

## Proposed Marshcroft development - cont.

There has been considerable objection from large organisations who see this proposed development, promoted as 'A new garden village suburb for Tring' as being hugely detrimental to the character of Tring and the surrounding area. These include the Grove Fields Residents Association, the CPRE (the national countryside charity), Hertfordshire and the Chiltern Society.

"The proposed gigantic new development of 1,400 dwellings and associated facilities on the east side of Tring would have many damaging and irreversible consequences for the small market town as well as for the Green Belt and the Chilterns

Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty." (CPRE)

### What are our concerns?

- Harm to the Green Belt.
- Harm to the Chilterns AONB.
- Harm to the Chilterns Beechwoods Special Areas of Conservation.
- The development proposal is of a huge and inappropriate scale. If built, this development would nearly double the built-up footprint of Tring.
- Overloaded schools, surgeries, roads, etc.



Artist's impression of the new development.

# Parish Council meeting held 11th September 2023 - highlights



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

## SAC (Special Area of Conservation)

The Special Area of Conservation is an internationally recognised designation with habitats and species of significant ecological importance. The relevant sites to Buckinghamshire are: the Ashridge Commons and Woods and the Tring Woodlands Site of Special Scientific Interest. Cllr Town reported that Buckinghamshire Council had not been able to provide a mitigation strategy as it didn't have any Suitable Alternative Natural Green Space (SANG). Negotiations are taking place with other authorities and developers to seek alternative land. All planning applications for building within 12.6 kms are on hold until determination. This includes Marsworth Airfield, The White Lion and Bluebells.

## Ainscough's application to build 320 houses on the old Marsworth Airfield site

Awaiting determination by Buckinghamshire Planning. Cllr Town reported that an extension to 23rd November 2023 had been requested by Ainscough.

## Bluebells Cottages, Lower End

The demolition of the Nissen hut and surrounding buildings is on hold because of the SAC and also because an Ecological Report has been requested. There is a reasonable likelihood that protected species may be present within this parcel of land. Further surveys may be restricted to optimum periods throughout the year dependent upon the target habitat or species. A lighting strategy to determine the impacts on any identified protected species may also be required.

## Marsworth Airfield – greenfield v brownfield

There had been a lot of discussion by residents and the MPC agreed that the Airfield should not be considered brownfield. MPC has written to the Senior Planning Officer accordingly but not yet received a reply. The letter has now been placed on the planning portals for both Buckinghamshire and Dacorum and sent to Tring Rural Parish Councillors.

## Community garden on the corner of Lukes Lea and Vicarage Road

Cllr Town reported he'd still heard nothing back from Buckinghamshire Council.

## Planning breach at Startops Haze

Following complaints from residents regarding an overbearing wooden fence that has been erected around the property, the Buckinghamshire Councillors have reported a planning breach. There is unlikely to be an update until a decision is made.

## Marsworth Parish Councillors

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**Parish Council meeting dates 2023**  
8.00pm in Village Hall

9 October  
13 November 11 December

**Rights of Way / Highway issue reported to MPC** Clerk will be contacting the Buckinghamshire Rights of Way team in relation to the condition of stiles, inadequate signage and members of the public being turned away.

## Community Speedwatch in Marsworth

The locations for the speed cameras in both Lower Icknield Way and Vicarage Road have been agreed with Thames Valley Police and Community Speedwatch is ready to commence.

See article on page 12.

## Removal of dog waste bins

It was agreed that MPC would provide an additional dog waste bin at the junction of Lower Icknield way and the bridlepath that runs parallel with College Lake, leading to Bulbourne (and our new residents at Bulbourne Yard).



## Police Report for September –

Not received.

## Potholes in Marsworth

The clerk has updated the list sent to 'Fix My Street' and chased Buckinghamshire Highways again. Cllr Town will discuss the issues with the Local Area Technician and agree a plan or priority.

## Next MPC Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be on Monday 9th October. Any items for the agenda need to have been submitted to the Parish Clerk by Sunday 1st October. 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).

## Pitstone Green Museum

Vicarage Road, Pitstone, LU7 9EY  
[www.pitstonemuseum.co.uk](http://www.pitstonemuseum.co.uk)

## Last open day 2023

Sunday 8th October



## All Saints Church



I have written the church news report without a break since the Rev. Adrian Manning left us. There are times when there has been little news apart from details of services which makes it difficult to come up with articles of local interest with a strong religious flavour.

However, the month of September 2023 gave me some excellent news to report on, namely the concert entitled 'Come Hear the Music Play'. The concert was held on the evening of Friday, 1st September in the Church. The concert comprised an evening of songs and sketches performed by the All Saints church choir with help from their friends.

The show began with the cast appearing from the choir vestry in various garb and shuffling onto the stage. They conveyed the idea that this was the first rehearsal for the show. The cast commenced with the song 'Cabaret' and progressed with songs from the classic musicals, monologues such as 'Albert and the Lion', some solos and a 'Two Ronnies'-type madrigal 'Bold St. John' which was perhaps a little bit on the spicy side, so to speak! Very quickly the interval came when refreshments were served and the raffle was drawn. The choir, now resplendent in their black and white costumes, took to the stage and launched straight into 'There's No Business Like Show Business', followed by a selection of traditional Music Hall songs.

There had to be input by the Choirmaster in his usual pantomime style which demanded audience participation and therefore what followed was based on the Twelve Days of Christmas and called 'The Twelve Days of Harvest', involving the audience in a great deal of standing up and sitting down, and on stage a few custard pies! This led the choir into the finale which took the form of the Last Night of the Proms when flags were waved

and everyone joined in the singing. All in all the show contained romance, pathos, and humour. Excellent performances were given by all those partaking in individual solos and sketches.

I must congratulate both Neil Gurney, our Choirmaster, and Netty Botting, our Choirmistress who wrote, produced, rehearsed and performed in, the entire show. Thanks to Netty for the publicity, to all those who organised the refreshments, and to those who erected the stage and then removed it on Saturday morning ready for our Sunday service.

On a different subject, I would like to resume a churchyard working party. This ran very successfully up until the onset of Covid. Nature has continued to run her course and now the area around the church is very much in need of TLC. The mowers continue to do an excellent job but there is a need for strimming, clearing gullies, trimming shrubs and hedges and so on, and also for a bonfire. Since the departure of Ruth Chandler from the village there is also a great need for someone to take on the continual responsibility of caring for the roses along the church path. I suggest a date and time for this event as Saturday 18th November, starting at 9.30am and, if the weather is unsuitable, the following Saturday, 25th November at the same time. Please let me know if you are willing to help by being a part of a working party. Thank you in anticipation.

As mentioned in the September issue there will be a Harvest Supper held in the Millennium Hall on Friday 13th October starting at 7.30pm. Please note that the date shown previously in the September issue was incorrect. The Harvest Festival service will follow on Sunday 15th October. All are welcome. If you would like to join in, please complete the form on page 5 and return it to me, John White, at Horseshoe Cottage, Church Lane Marsworth **no later than 6th October**.

*John White, Churchwarden.*





Photos by Jonny Taylor

**Who's Who at All Saints Marsworth**

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



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**Services for October 2023**

**Sunday 1st October**

9.15am Common Worship Holy Communion

**Sunday 8th October**

8.30am Holy Communion Book of Comon Prayer

**Sunday 15th October**

9.15am Harvest Festival

**Sunday 22nd October**

6.00pm Evensong

**Sunday 29th October**

10.00am Benefice Service

**All Saints Choir**

I'm just sending in my immediate reflections on last night's performance by All Saints Choir. The evening was well supported, and everyone appeared to be very happy and joined in with the singing as directed.

I do hope the choir can be encouraged to put on another show in the near future.

Gill White

**Harvest Supper 2023**

The supper will consist of three courses including a vegetarian option.

Please book using the booking form below to reserve a place. It is essential that we know how many will be attending for catering purposes. There will also be a raffle.

**Harvest Supper 2023** (Please note corrected dates.)  
**Friday 13th October, starting at 7.30pm - Marsworth Village Hall**

Please return completed form no later than **7th October** to John White at  
 Horseshoe Cottage, 17 Church Lane, Marsworth / 01296 662252 / horse.71shoe@sky.com.

Name : .....

Address: .....

Number of people attending: £12.50 p.p. £5p.p. for children under 16 years of age

Adults: ..... Children: .....

Payment of £.....enclosed. Please make cheque payable to All Saints Church PCC.

*If you have any dietary requirements please let us know well beforehand.*

# Marsworth CE Infant School

Tel: 01296 668440  
www.marsworthschool.co.uk



If your child is due to start school and you're thinking about where you'd like them to go, then why not come along to Marsworth C.E. Infant School's Open Day on **Tuesday 10th October?**

If you can't make that day, you can contact the school office on 01296 668440 or via email: [office@marsworth.bucks.sch.uk](mailto:office@marsworth.bucks.sch.uk) to arrange a visit and meet the friendly and knowledgeable staff.

## Our School's Values:

Compassion  
Courage  
Curiosity  
Respect




**Visits Welcome**

**Contact: 01296 668440**

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# Marsworth C of E Infant School

- ✓ Weekly swimming
- ✓ Small classes
- ✓ Strong links with the local church
- ✓ Open for children ages 4-7 years
- ✓ Bullying is not part of school life

Pupils are inspired by the school's values, where 'respect, courage, compassion and curiosity' are brought to life through a thoughtful curriculum that is enriched with meaningful experiences.  
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\*Teach children how to live and they will remember it all their lives.\*  
Proverbs 22:6

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\* LEARN  
\* LIVE  
\* REMEMBER

In aid of All Saints Church Marsworth

# Fun Quiz Night

Saturday 11th November  
Marsworth Millennium Hall  
7.00pm for start at 7.30pm  
Teams of up to 8 people  
Tickets £10 including a light supper  
Please bring your own drinks and glasses

**Terrific Raffle**

**To reserve your table contact:**  
Richard Cooper: 01296 661725 /  
Caroline Smith: 07557 289049



Super moon over Marsworth, August 2023 - Niki Powell

# CRT and dog poo bins

It was brought to the attention of the Parish Council by a local resident that the dog waste bins had been removed along the local towpaths and other CRT facilities. A general response in relation to this from CRT is as follows:



“As you know the Canal & River Trust is the charity that cares for and maintains 2,000 miles of waterways and towpaths across England & Wales, including in your local area. We provide free access to the towpaths along this historic network, giving people important local green space by water, with the nature and wellbeing benefits this brings.

However, the ageing network is facing unprecedented challenges from rising costs and its vulnerability to the impacts of climate change and extreme weather.

To ensure that we keep the canal network open and available for this and future generations, we are doing all that we can to raise funds and prioritise investment in looking after the network’s locks, bridges, aqueducts and other historic structures.

We are also continuing to grow our local volunteering offer and forming partnerships with local community groups.

In light of the pressures faced by the canal network, we have had to take the decision to remove many of our towpath bins, including in your area, which will prioritise funds on helping to pay for vital canal repairs. The Trust currently spends around £half a million a year emptying bins – money that is needed to help look after and keep open the canals. Refuse facilities for boaters’ household waste will remain.”

# Marsworth Village Hall

## 100 Club draw results for September.

### Our congratulations to the winners

#### £20 prizes

- 131 Mike Mullally, Vicarage Road
- 112 Philip and Lindsay Smith, Norvic Road
- 164 Maggie Davis, Long Marston Road
- 111 Gale Kendrew, Norvic Road
- 105 Clive Hammond, Vicarage Road

The next draw will be in October for our regular five £20 prizes, to be drawn at the Hall Committee meeting, 4th October at 7.30pm.

New period, if you haven’t joined, please do so now. Bank details: MARSWORTH VILLAGE HALL 100 CLUB, Sort 20-39-07, Account 00602809. For those who wish to pay by Transfer, please give the reference as house number and initials of your road.

The membership is £20 for twelve months. Four new £50 prizes will be made available In April and August.

Thank you all for taking part.

*Dick Brake & Stephanie Hurley*

## Marsworth Bonfire and Fireworks Night

**Saturday 4th November**

Gates open 6pm - Bonfire lit 6.30pm - Fireworks 7pm



This year the burgers and hot dogs are from Grooms, cooked and sold by Rural Roasts, a local Company.

**Marsworth Recreation Ground, Watery Lane HP2 34LY**

If you wish to deposit combustible rubbish please ring to gain access for large deposits, or walk it in and put it on the bonfire.

Dick Brake - 01296 662533

# Exhibition of art and crafts

Saturday, 14th October, 10.30am to 4.30pm  
 Sunday, 15th October, 10:30am to 3:30pm

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## Bucks Councillor's September report – extracts

Councillor Derek Town

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**Buckinghamshire Councillor,  
Ivinghoe Ward**



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

### Go back to school sustainably this September

With families preparing for the start of the new school year, Buckinghamshire Council is encouraging people to make their journey to and from school more sustainable.

Steven Broadbent, Cabinet Member for Transport explained: "Choosing to walk, cycle or scoot to school is good not only for your own health but also better for the environment."

The council's Sustainable Transport Team works with schools across the county to help them create their own School Travel Plans to promote and encourage active, safe and sustainable travel for school journeys.

Even for those who have no alternative to the car for school journeys, there are still things you can do to make a difference. Steven explained: "We know that alternatives to the car are not always possible but simply by turning your engine off when waiting for your children to come out of school at the end of the day, you are helping reduce potentially harmful pollutants. Alternatively, you could try parking a bit further away from school and walking the last part of the journey. This can help with fitness and also avoid traffic congestion outside the school gates."

Parents can make a commitment to follow the Parent's Parking Promise. Those who sign up to the pledge get a sticker to put in their car window. The promise encourages people to think more carefully about where they park for school drop offs, avoiding zig zag lines directly outside school and being mindful of not blocking pavements for other families, including those with buggies and wheelchairs or mobility scooters.

For more information on sustainable school travel, visit <https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/news/go-back-to-school-sustainably-this-september/>.

### Giving Access All Areas to people who are autistic and/or have a learning disability

Aimed exclusively at people in Buckinghamshire who are autistic and/or have a learning disability, the event is designed to ensure people are aware of the range of services and support available and to encourage healthy lifestyles and wellbeing.

Currently in Buckinghamshire there are over 2,400 people with learning difficulties and over 5,000 autistic people, many of whom are not accessing activities or services available to them. The Access All Areas event aims to showcase the fantastic range of services which can help support people who are autistic or have additional needs, to live a fulfilled, independent and healthy life.

Run in partnership with Buckinghamshire Integrated Care Board, this year Access All Areas will be held in two locations. The first event takes place at The Gateway in Aylesbury on 16th October between 10am and 4pm and the second event takes place in High Wycombe at the Highcrest Academy on 26th October, from 10am to 4pm. The free events are aimed at autistic children, young people, and adults and/or those with a learning disability. Carers, family members, friends and care workers are also encouraged to attend.

Both events will feature information stands and interactive learning activities from charities and services who work to support and promote equality for autistic people and/or those who have a learning disability. This includes NHS teams who will be promoting health checks and other checks that can be done at home. These checks are a proactive way of picking up on health concerns and preventing more concerns, helping people with learning disabilities stay as healthy as possible. Health professionals will be on hand to talk through what to expect from an annual health check and answer questions. Other highlights at the event include sporting activities open to everyone and advice on how to get your voice heard to make changes within public services.

**Repair Café**  
Saturday 28th  
October 9:30-12:30  
Pitstone Pavilion

Bring along broken items to be fixed by volunteers!

No charge for fixing, but donations are welcome

Don't DITCH it

FIX it

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- Electrical goods
- Electronic devices (phones/tablets/laptops)
- Clothing, fabrics, jewellery
- Household items
- Toys and games
- Wooden items
- Bicycles
- And more...

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

Have you used this Repair Café? Please send a report to [editor@marsworthnews.co.uk](mailto:editor@marsworthnews.co.uk).

## CRT to move from Tringford

Over the last few years there have been some significant changes to structures of local teams that operate on your local canal. This has resulted in there being three teams:



- The Operational Team (for day-to-day running and low-level maintenance of our assets, including lock maintenance, water level control and reservoir management, amongst many other tasks);
- The Reactive Team, with higher skill levels to respond to things such as broken lock beams, even lock gate replacement in the stoppage season, and many other tasks that require an immediate response (for example the Lock 44 ladder beam to replace a broken rotten main beam) to keep navigation open;
- The Construction Team repairs structures and assets under the ownership of the Trust. (They are currently rebuilding a bridge in Berkhamsted that was destroyed by a refuse collection lorry.)



The CRT's current Tringford location

The sale of Marsworth Yard and following that Bulbourne was decided some time ago, and before my time with the Trust, so the detail of why this decision was made is something I have not been party to, however the sales took place and we (Operations Team) were relocated to the Pumping Station in Tringford as a temporary measure whilst we looked at a location from which all three teams could operate to increase efficiency and communication between teams.

The Reactive Team currently operate from Apsley Yard, which will also soon be sold.

We look forward to moving to our new location in Leighton Buzzard and working together rather than in different base locations, and although we will not be based as locally as we currently are, it will not detract from the improvements I want to make and the standards I want to achieve. Locally, you will have the same presence as there is currently - the only difference being our work base location.

*Dale Canfield*

Area Operations Manager – Grand Union South  
Tringford Pumping Station. HP23 4NP



## Marsworth Litter Pickers

*Linda Beardsley and Joanna Mayers*

The first village pick was in May in response to the King's wish for A Big Help Out as part of his Coronation celebration.

We now have 30 participants and a selection of these meet roughly once a month to litter pick the village roadsides, recreation ground, towpaths, reservoirs and car park.

August was the month of hub caps, as you can see from the photo! Together with the usual bottles and cans, we found a whole loaf of bread and a toilet cassette from a canal boat - it was not checked to see if used or not! Larger items like these are left but reported on 'Fix My Street' for the council to remove safely.



Lynne Allen, Niki Powell and Linda Beardsley

The Litter Pickers wish to thank the Marsworth Steam Rally Committee for their generous agreement to fund the purchase of our own 'pick-up litter sticks and hoops', rather than borrow them from the Canal and River Trust (CRT) each time. The committee already allow the pickers to use their hi-vis vests to keep them visible and safe.

As reported elsewhere in the newsletter, the dog poo bins operated by the CRT have been removed. The Litter Pickers have been asked to monitor if there is an increase in abandoned bags on our picks.

On our picks we are always stopped and thanked by members of the public, which makes it worthwhile not only to see our area looking good but to know it is appreciated too.

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This month's award goes to **Joanna Mayers**, nominated by Linda Beardsley.

Jo organised the original litter pick in May as part of the King's Coronation Big Help Out. Since then, there have been almost monthly picks which Jo collates the best day and time for everyone and provides all the equipment and hi-vis vests. She has also secured funding for our own set of Marsworth "pickers", so they do not have to be borrowed from the Canal and River Trust each time.

*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 Women's Institute

By Denise Cornwall

## WI Report for September



Although I am reporting on our September activities, I cannot neglect to mention our speaker from August, Mr. Errol Hendrickse. Errol is a Psychotherapist and Counsellor. Errol moved to Marsworth when he and his partner Darren purchased Startops Farm House. They both love being part of the village and enjoy the walks and freedom of the area. They are often accompanied on their walks by their dogs. Darren's business is Dazzling Dog grooming, and he is based at their home in Startops.

Errol's talk to us was entitled *Don't Act Your Age - A Path To Mental Wellbeing*. Errol was an excellent speaker. He told us quite a lot about himself; he was born and raised in Cape Town, South Africa, and moved to England in 1995. He studied textile design, and worked in the fashion industry. You would probably guess this from his lovely flamboyant manner and way of dressing. The ladies loved it!

Errol was very open about his experience of the depression, addictions and eating disorders that he had experienced. It was through seeking help for these issues that he discovered a new, positive approach to life, together with a passion to help others.

He asked us to think about our actual age and then to say what age we felt we were. I'm in my 70s and said "Maybe late 40s". "Rubbish" was his reply, along with a big grin. "You act and think much younger than that." He really made us think about it, and that we don't need to 'act our age'. That it's good for us not to slot ourselves into a perceived age and in doing that it is also good for our mental health. His wonderful and confident way of speaking and his knowledge of the job that he does was an education for all of us. A very enjoyable and eye-opening talk.

This month the Marsworth WI Committee handed over their roles and tasks to WI Members, while the Committee take a seat and do nothing but listen. Elsie Beesley stood in her old shoes and was the WI President, Wendy Fitzgerald organised our speaker. It was going to be a young man called Tyrone from Whipsnade Zoo, talking about Bats. Unfortunately Tyrone had to go on a last-minute trip to release a rare snail!

However we had an equally interesting speaker in Ruth Ware who spoke to us about 'Mercy Ships'. Ruth was a nurse who for many years specialised in applying plaster casts after operations. When Ruth retired she looked around for something to keep her occupied and found out about Mercy Ships. These are hospital ships which operate at ports around Africa and Madagascar bringing much needed medical assistance to communities who do not have access to hospitals, doctors or dentists.

The ships were started by an



American couple who had a severely disabled child. They were able to obtain first class medical care for him and it became his father's dream to provide the same quality of care to children and adults in countries who have no medical care at all. He came up with the idea of medical ships that could go to ports and stay there for months at a time.

People travel miles across country to get medical help. Some of them live in terrific pain before getting to a ship for help. It started with one Mercy Ship but they now have three, each one larger and better equipped than the last. They are outfitted and run by donations from individuals and organisations. Besides treating and operating on sick people they recruit and train doctors, dentists, nurses and surgeons. The volunteers are not only medical staff but also cooks, cleaners, engineers - in fact everyone needed to run these huge complicated ships do so voluntarily and pay all flight or travel expenses themselves. Not one penny of donation money goes to these volunteers. The talk was accompanied by many slides, some happy, some graphic but all showing what a truly wonderful job these amazing people do.

Because I was late off the starting block our Supper Club didn't get many takers so it was cancelled. That's a big black mark for me! I've learnt my lesson and October's venue has already been chosen and booked.

Book Club is still going well, and the baking continues. They are also reading books!

Craft Club is still well attended, and we continue to make our memory pictures. I think I need to take some photos of what we do and send them with my next report.

Our day out to Bletchley Park was enjoyed by all. We were lucky with the weather. Some of us took friends and partners. Such an interesting place and only a 30 minute drive away. Your ticket allows you to return for a year. I will definitely be doing that.

Our next meeting is at the village hall on 3rd October. Our talk will be on 'A Night At The Movies'.

If you think you would like to join our WI, please come along and join in a couple of our evenings and see what you think. Two ladies have just done that and they are joining us. It's not for everyone, but our doors are always open to new members.

**Everyone Welcome**

**Thursday Coffee Morning and Drop In**

**At Beacon Villages Community Library**

**Old Town Hall,  
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**10.00am - 12 noon**



Free tea, coffee and biscuits

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# The gentle craft of grave tending

By Andrew Stephenson

'A gentle craft, carried out by gentle people in gentle surroundings' would be my summing up of Grave Tending, a niche industry which is slowly but surely growing in the UK. The idea is to clean and restore graves and headstones in a non destructive manner (i.e. no sand blasting!), using environmentally friendly products as far as possible and doing so in as gentle way as is feasible.

No matter what I do, I can never return the stone to its original state, as constant exposure to the weather and the environment will inevitably weather and age it, but it is certainly possible to return it to a condition that a customer 'can be proud of', as one of my clients said to me.



Those sorts of feelings are always in my thoughts when I'm working for a client and cleaning their loved one's resting place – I'm acutely aware of their investment in feelings, time, money and memories, hence the name of my company, Memories Grave Tending.

It's safe to say that grave tending is not widely known in the dioceses of St. Albans and Oxford, the two areas which I cover. Although there's no authentic history of the trade, I think it's safe to say it has its roots in Eire, with its centuries' old tradition of 'Cemetery Sunday'. This was an annual day, usually in the summer, where graves were garlanded and decorated, but has slowly but surely morphed into a day of remembrance, flower laying and grave cleaning.

There's an apocryphal but amusing story which says it was a sideline for Council cemetery workers. It's said they'd be tipped a few quid by mourners or relatives to look after the grave, a process which happily continued for many years until Council managers found out that the workers were spending half their time, and using the Council's tools, to carry out their profitable sideline in working hours. Needless to say, this brought an abrupt halt to the practice!



Back to reality, it's certainly a well-established trade in Ireland, with even small towns having several firms. A blogger writing on the subject said that the Roman Catholic community had far more 'flamboyant' graves and were more likely to use their services than their more austere Presbyterian counterparts.

Interestingly, the biggest firms in England tend to be in the Northwest/Merseyside, areas with a long history of Irish immigration. Having said that, the sector has spread throughout much of the UK, to the extent that there is now a national Association of Grave Tenders (of which I am proud to say I am a member) [www.associationofgravetenders.org](http://www.associationofgravetenders.org) which encourages best practice, professionalism and environmentally friendly processes.

Many of the best practices are taken from the Commonwealth War Graves Commission ([www.cwgc.org](http://www.cwgc.org)), which it would be remiss of me to ignore. They are a wonderful organisation, which somehow manages to maintain 1.75 million graves over 23,000 burial sites in 153 countries, all in impeccable condition. If it's good enough for them then it's good enough for me!

I think this gradual expansion has to do with two trends, namely longevity and mobility.

Turning first to longevity – we are all living longer, and youngsters today will usually spend many years knowing their grandparents and even great grandparents. This just didn't happen 50-75 years ago. and means that today's generation have, in my opinion, a far more intense bond with their grandparents. This results in work for me (!), as they don't want their much-loved relatives to be forgotten or neglected.

This latter point feeds into the second trend, namely the increased mobility of families in the last 50-75 years. So many people now move away from their birthplace for work or university, etc. but still feel a connection to their family's historical base. They are often unable to tend their relatives' graves and hence the need for someone to do it for them.

So why do I do it? Primarily it gives me huge job satisfaction, something I hadn't had for years.

It's also very rewarding, seeing the results of my endeavours and hearing/reading the positive, and sometimes very moving, reactions from my clients. I enjoy running my own business and I love the environment; graveyards are



very peaceful, beautiful places which are a joy to work in. Add in the fact that there's no pressure or deadlines, that my clients are lovely people and I've always been interested in churches and local history, I think it's safe to say I've got the perfect job!

I hope I've shone a light on a niche sector that my friends and acquaintances are generally fascinated by.

I'll finish with, inevitably, a little sales pitch. If you want to see examples of what I can do, or require any further information please visit my website [www.memoriesgravetending.co.uk](http://www.memoriesgravetending.co.uk).



## Aerial photo of Marsworth

Last month we included this aerial photo of Marsworth and guessed it might have been from the early 1980s. A reader from Vicarage Gardens has supplied this helpful information:

“Looking at where Vicarage Gardens is now, it doesn’t appear in the photo. There are just a lot of trees between what is now Stepnells and The White House (which is clearly seen).

Our house was sold by the builder to the first occupier in April 1979 so the trees would have been removed probably in 1978. So I suggest the photo is from 1978 or earlier.”

*Hillary Dawe, Vicarage Gardens*

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## Marsworth Community Speedwatch



I am pleased to confirm that Marsworth Speedwatch Group is now registered and approved by Thames Valley Police (TVP) and several residents have been approved as operators of the equipment after passing an on-line test. Training in the use of the equipment is currently in progress and the Group will be operational by the end of September.

The village currently uses two fixed speed monitoring pieces of equipment which can monitor vehicle speeds entering and leaving the village between the village hall and the 30 mph signs at the Pitstone end of Lower Icknield Way. The newer one of these monitors vehicle numbers and their speeds at times throughout the day and advises drivers by way of a green smiley face or a red unhappy face. Although a high percentage of the vehicles recorded travel at 35 mph or lower, the number of vehicles exceeding this speed each day is significant and unacceptable.

The Speedwatch operators have the use of a handheld speed recording device and a tripod-mounted video camera. It is the tripod-mounted camera that will normally be used. This will automatically record the registration and speed of all vehicles exceeding 35 mph onto a memory disc which is then uploaded to TVP to decide what action, if necessary, should be taken. The Speedwatch Group has no control over the recorded information and is not made aware of any action TVP may decide to take.



TVP has approved five sites within the village where the Speedwatch Group can operate. These include three locations in Lower Icknield Way and two in Vicarage Road. We hope that the visual presence of Speedwatch operators will act as a deterrent and help to ensure that all drivers adhere to the 30mph speed limit.

Ivinghoe, Cheddington, Slapton and Horton, and Edlesborough operate Speedwatch groups and Ledburn will also begin soon.

*Ron Busby*

### Tring Local History Museum

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The history of Tring and the local area

Open: Fridays and Saturdays  
10am to 4pm

The Museum is entirely  
volunteer run and  
entrance is FREE.



# Watery Lane tidy-up

Local homeowner David Rollinson has once again taken on the job of tidying up a substantial section of Watery Lane. This is a popular route from the village to the Rec, but does have a tendency to flourish in the spring and summer months.

David's property is behind one border of this section, so he does feel a responsibility as well as wishing to improve this route for families, dog-walkers and cyclists.

This kind of work is the responsibility of those whose properties border the roadway, as has been mentioned recently in *Marsworth News*. It is nonetheless a considerable undertaking for one person.



Watery Lane 'between the bollards' - part-cleared and then in pristine condition. Photos: Liz Rollinson



The Triangle, near The Wharf

Recently too one of the residents living at The Wharf has undertaken a through clearance of the nearby Triangle, close to Turnover Bridge. Well done - and hopefully others might feel encouraged to 'do their bit' to keep Marsworth's roadways clear, attractive and easy to negotiate.

## Footpath access

Some confusion has arisen around the use of access to some of our footpaths. One instance to clarify is the access to the footpath from the stile on Ship Lane to Church Lane/ Cheddington. (MAR/6/2). The section of Ship Lane from the junction with Long Marston Road to the stile on the left (before the entry to Manor Farm) is a public highway maintained at public expense and as such we are free to walk on it.

The footpath itself is quite overgrown. Use of the footpaths by walkers/dog walkers/joggers goes a long way to help maintain our paths - as the saying goes, use it or lose it!

## Bin collection app

Further to the problem posed in last month's newsletter regarding viewing information on bin collections, one of our readers has helpfully offered this alternative:



"Anyone with a smartphone can download the Aylesbury vale app for collections. To find the app in the Play Store or Apple Store search for **Aylesbury Bin Collection**. It gives a schedule as show below.

This won't help people who don't have a smartphone, but it could be helpful to some."

### Desperately Seeking a Studio

I'm a local artist looking for a space where I can continue my Printmaking practice.

If you have a light space (like an outhouse, barn or garage) around 20 sq. mtrs, and you'd like to rent it out to a reliable, mature lady, then please contact me.

07821177685  
sheiladeros@btinternet.com

*References available*

Buckinghamshire Council		Aylesbury Vale area
LOWER ICKNIELD WAY		
Garden, Food, Recycling	Thu, August 31, 2023	
Food, Waste	Wed, September 6, 2023	
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Food, Waste	Wed, September 20, 2023	
Garden, Food, Recycling	Wed, September 27, 2023	
Food, Waste	Wed, October 4, 2023	
Garden, Food, Recycling	Wed, October 11, 2023	

## Marsworth and District Miscellany

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

### Allotments

A few spare allotment quarter plots have become available at Cheddington allotments and Marsworth residents are most welcome to apply. Visit: [www.cheddington.org.uk/council/allotments/](http://www.cheddington.org.uk/council/allotments/).

### LIDL petition

A petition is asking Dacorum councillors to approve the application by Lidl to build a supermarket in Tring. The Town Council is not supporting the plan, although many people are crying out for an alternative to Tesco and the more expensive M&S. However, some are opposing the site on Icknield Way, because of traffic issues and other concerns.



### Vegan demands

A furious vegan demanded that the Tring branch of the Natural History Museum be shut down because of cruelty to animals.

Alisha Perry faced mockery online after demanding the 'vile' museum should close because stuffed animals are on display. As reported by GB News, she was hoping to stage a protest on Saturday 7th October at 1pm against the museum, before her post was deleted from Everything Tring. Many local people expressed their incredulity and pointed out how important and educational the museum's historic collection is, although she did have some supporters.



Tring's Natural History Museum was opened to the public in 1892 to showcase the collection of Lionel Walter Rothschild. Some 134,208 people visited the Hertfordshire attraction last year.

### Concerts

The Ridgeway Ensemble will present a new programme at 5pm on Saturday 14th October in Ivinghoe Town Hall LU7 9EP in connection with the Arts and Crafts Exhibition held in St Mary's Church on Saturday 14th (10.30 - 16.30) and Sunday 15th October (10.30 - 15.30). It will feature works inspired by nature, including the premiere of a new work commissioned from Peter Fender, a setting of a Navajo meditation which gives its name 'Walk in Beauty' to the whole programme.

Tea and cake will be available in the church during the exhibition and prior to the concert.

See poster on page 19.

### Anyone for hockey?

The ladies' section of Tring Hockey Club is teetering on the brink of existence this season - a deeply frustrating situation because after a great 2022/3 league campaign many of the team are going to university.

The club is trying to build something with the remaining personnel, so is asking if there's anyone in the area who plays hockey, or might want to try the game?

Have a look at the website: [www.tringhockeyclub.co.uk](http://www.tringhockeyclub.co.uk).

### Halloween party

Windmill Pre-School is planning a bigger and better Halloween Party this year on Sunday 29th October from 3pm to 5pm and it is open to all local children up to and including those aged 10. There will be a disco, fancy dress competition, games and crafts.

Visit [www.windmillpreschool.co.uk/events](http://www.windmillpreschool.co.uk/events) for details and tickets.

*Kate Andrew*

## Money matters survey



Buckinghamshire Council is preparing its spending plans for 2024-25 and is asking residents, businesses and other local stakeholders to give their views on which services should be prioritised.

Like household budgets, councils across the country are also experiencing significant financial pressures due to rising costs and added demand on services. The general economic turbulence of the last year and a half has also made budget setting and forecasting even more challenging. In particular, the council has seen social care costs escalate even further in recent months due to many more vulnerable residents needing our help.

With everyone managing their own cost of living pressures, it is important that residents tell the council how they want to see next year's council tax spent.

Council tax is the main way that local council services are funded – from bin collections to road repairs to looking after adults and children who need our care. The council has ongoing costs to provide its services and also draws up capital spending plans too – 'one-off' spends on particular projects or schemes such as last year's decision to invest millions of pounds extra in resurfacing and repairing the county's roads after significant winter damage.

The council's 'Money Matters' survey has now gone live – this is the way residents can tell the council which areas they want prioritised in next year's budget. The survey takes just ten minutes to complete. These views are then fed into the final budget proposals which are then heavily scrutinised just after Christmas in a series of special meetings. The final budget is then voted on during February ready to 'go live' on 1st April 2024.

Councillor Martin Tett, Leader of Bucks Council, said: "It is absolutely crucial that we build up a clear picture of what residents want us to do. I urge you therefore to tell us by completing the 'Money Matters' survey."

To access the survey, go to:  
<https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/news/money-matters-tell-us-how-you-want-your-council-tax-spent/>.

# Marsworth Neighbourhood Watch



By Linda Beardsley, NHW Co-ordinator

## Online shopping fraud

Thames Valley Police are seeing a high number of fraudulent offences involving the selling of items online and through social media. Over the last year there were nearly 3000 victims which resulted in losses of £2.3 million.

There are two different scenarios taking place:

- Victims are contacted by the fraudsters who show a real interest in the good(s), attending the address to look at the item(s) with a view to purchasing. The fraudster will obtain the victim's bank details and show the victim their mobile phone which details the payment has been made via the banking app and then walk away with the goods. Unfortunately they used a fake banking app and the profile used and contact details were also fake. Please be mindful that in this scenario you may be also providing fraudsters with a lot of personal information; name, address, bank account.
- The other type of fraud involves online shopping where the suspect agrees to purchase the item but says that they will not pay for the goods until proof of postage has been provided to them. The victim arranges for the parcel to be sent in the post and provides a tracking number to the suspect. The suspect is then able to redirect the parcel to a temporary address and never pays for the item(s).

## Prevention advice

While it can be difficult to spot potential fraudsters, there are some steps you can take to protect yourself and provide the police with evidence when reporting:

- Make sure that you receive payment before sending your goods
- Carry out your research before parting with your items or money; how long have they been online? Are there any reviews or buyers' feedback? Do they have many associates or linked groups?
- Always check your account online or ask your bank to make sure the funds have been received
- Take pictures of items before posting them
- Keep any video footage which can be shared with law enforcement
- Make a report to Action Fraud online or via telephone on 0300 123 2040

## BT email scam

There are a number of scam emails circulating which claim to be from BT stating that 'following a recent update aimed at enhancing your security' it 'requires all users to refresh their email accounts'.

The emails, some of which carry BT branding, claim that users need to 'click on the *verify account*' button which is presented within the email text.

These emails are fake and anyone clicking on the link will be taken to a fake version of the BT website which will attempt to gather personal and password information which can then be used to take control of your email account.

If you receive this or any other suspicious email, send it to [report@phishing.gov.uk](mailto:report@phishing.gov.uk), which is a body set up by the Suspicious Email Reporting Service (SERS). Since May this year it has received over 21 million forwarded suspicious emails! This has resulted in many fake websites being taken down and scams removed.

## Halloween

Halloween and the days preceding it, are some of the busiest times of year for the Thames Valley Emergency Services Contact Centres where 999, 101 calls and online reports are taken. While Halloween is an exciting time for many, please be aware that not everyone is happy for someone to call at their home to 'trick or treat'.



## If you plan to go 'trick or treating':

- Respect the wishes of those who display a 'No Trick or Treat' notice on their property.
- Be considerate of those who may find large groups of people in scary costumes intimidating.
- Only visit the homes of people you know well or who are clearly displaying Halloween decorations.

## If you do not wish to take part:

- Don't open your door if you're unsure who is there. Use your spyhole (if you have one) or look out of a window, and use your door chain if you do decide to open your door.
- Have a contact number of a close relative, friend or good neighbour to hand by your telephone, just in case you need to phone them.
- Display the 'No trick or treat' notice/poster, available to print online from the Thames Valley Police website.
- Report any anti-social or threatening behaviour.



There are a great many other posters available online

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## 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. 11 Totternhoe Knolls and Castle Hill. 4.4 miles, 7.0 km.

This month's walk is based around the village of Totternhoe in Central Bedfordshire which is some eight miles from Marsworth. The walk is well defined on generally good tracks but is hilly (up to 500ft of elevation) in the early parts, where it can also be slippery in wet weather. No stiles; one kissing gate (optional).

The area is within the Chilterns AONB, contains an SSSI and is managed by the National Trust. Totternhoe was famous as the source of the 'Totternhoe Limestone' – a particularly hard form of chalk that was widely used as a building stone. Both Windsor Castle and the inside of Westminster Abbey are partly made from it. The quarries are now worked out but the area contains many interesting historical and archaeological features and has wonderful views. There are two excellent pubs in the village for refreshments, The Old Farm Inn and the Cross Keys.



The Old Farm Inn  
Church Road Totternhoe

This itinerary is based on the published description by Central Bedfordshire Council (<https://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/info/82/countryside/434/walking>). The walk starts at the Totternhoe Knolls Car Park off Castle Hill Road (LU6 1QG, turn right between houses by the bus shelter).

#### The Walk

Exit the car park via the vehicle barrier and immediately turn right uphill on the track. At the T-junction (point A) turn left onto the byway, slightly downhill then bearing right and climbing uphill. After approx. 500 yds the byway bears right and a kissing gate on the left gives access to the Castle Hill and the Knolls (B). Go through the gate and follow the path to the earthwork remains of the motte and bailey castle (C). A walk to the top of the motte is highly recommended as the views are impressive.



Castle Hill motte and bailey

After further exploration of the area take one of the obvious paths back to the byway and turn left to travel downhill (slippery!). Towards the bottom of the hill at point D take a signposted path through trees to the right.

This is slightly obscure; if you reach the road turn round and retrace your steps some 130yds and turn left. Follow the fenced path through the fields until reaching the 'Knolls View' road. Turn right across the works entrance and follow the track, passing beside the gate, for approx. 200yds then take the turning on the left (E), (ahead, the main track turns right) Follow for almost 300 yds until the Sewell Greenway is reached (F). Turn right. This is the route of an old railway line; continue for the next mile on easy walking. About 50 yds after crossing a bridge (G) take the signposted path on the right which leaves the Greenway and enters a bridlepath going gently uphill then turning right (H). On the right is the Iron Age fort of Maiden Bower which can be accessed from the bridleway. This is a truly ancient site, possibly much older than Iron Age, perhaps dating back to 4000BC.



Local map and the Sewell Greenway near point G

After exploring Maiden Bower, stay on the main path across open fields with the houses of Beecroft (Dunstable) in the distance. The path turns sharp right after about 500 yds and then after another 300 yds crosses a byway (point I). Go straight on into the less obvious of the footpaths from this junction and follow downhill, along the edge of fields until a minor road through houses is reached (J). Continue along this minor road until the junction with Dunstable Road (K). To visit The Old Farm Inn, cross over the road at point K and travel along Furlong Lane to the end - the pub is visible to your left on Church Road.

Otherwise turn right and continue along Dunstable Road and Castle Hill Road for approx. 600 yds until the track leading to the car park is reached (point L, beside a bus stop and marked with a finger post). Take the narrow road back up the hill to the car park. To visit the Cross Keys public house, continue along Castle Hill Road from point L for approx. 800 yds.

An alternative route, which avoids walking through the village, is to turn right at point I and follow the byway back to point A, then turn left into the car park. This alternative is some 500 yds shorter than the main route.



# The Tring Anglers



Part of fishing the canal is accepting that there will be boats. In the not too distant past boaters and anglers did not always see eye to eye. I am happy to say that relationships have improved in recent years with a better understanding all around.

15 years ago The Tring Anglers were given permission to set up mooring restriction notices for the days we were coaching angling. Some boaters objected, but now, what has turned into the successful national coaching events 'Let's Fish', has become a recognised feature of the waterways. I think the younger generation of boaters and anglers have learnt that we can both coexist on the canal.

As in any relationship, people do not always behave in a proper manner. Some anglers are rude to boaters and also do not obey the rules of angling on a navigation. Equally, I have had to deal with boaters mooring their 18 tonnes of boat wherever they feel like. When we are coaching people, young and old, to fish, we encourage a friendly wave to passing boats.

A piece of good news is that boat trips and movements seem to be on the increase. When we hold one of our 'Let's Fish' events on the reservoir pound at Marsworth it gives us an opportunity to have a chat with the Volunteer Lock Keepers. The last Saturday of August, always the busiest, 30 plus boats were recorded using the flight from locks 39 to 45. It was pointed out that it was 'like the old days', over ten years ago, when such movements were regular.

For many years I have booked a trip for the History Society with Waterways Experiences at Nash Mills, including a Christmas Special. We met at Marsworth for an 'Enable' session for the disabled boating holiday. It's always rewarding for the crew and carers as well as for the disabled themselves. The skipper kindly pointed out that if I wanted the Christmas history booking we had better sort it out now as the three boats available for trips were pretty well booked up. Almost unknown in August.



Waterways Experience boat trip

What has this to do with angling? If the boat usage declines then the navigations may cease to exist. That would mean an end to fishing as well as boating. The movement of water through lock gates keeps the oxygen levels high, good for all watery wild life as well as fish. A travelling boat disturbs the bottom and the fish search the silt for food. I would point out that some fish don't like boats, such as tench, whereas bream seem to like boat movement.

If it was not for boats we would not have a canal in the first place or continue to fish 200 years after most of them were built.

Dick Pilkinton

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Buckinghamshire Council

## Request a visit from an Energy Doctor

If you want to improve the energy efficiency of your home, you can request a visit from a domestic resource efficiency officer (called an 'Energy Doctor').



### Energy Doctors can:

- advise on ways that eligible households can reduce energy consumption and costs.
- put in place suitable low-cost easy retrofit resource efficiency (LCERRE) measures.

### LCERRE measures include:

- draught proofing for windows, doors, letterboxes and chimneys
- hot water cylinder insulation jackets
- reflective radiator panels
- secondary glazing film
- portable solar generators
- electricity consumption monitors
- thermometer cards
- LED lights

### Eligibility

To qualify for a visit your home must meet all of the following criteria:

- you rent the property through a private rental agreement, or own and live in the property.
- your household has an income of £30,000 or less (before tax), is in receipt of means tested benefits such as Universal Credit and Council Tax Support, or a member of your household is disabled.
- the domestic property you live in has an energy performance certificate (EPC) rating of D, E, F or G, or does not legally require an EPC.

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# Long Marston Cricket Club

By Jon Beardmore

## End of Season Report

After a total washout on 5th August the weather started to behave itself at the end of the summer, which has been a mixed one for LMCC.

The 1st XI are a team in transition, as they say, and will be playing Division 3 cricket next year after a difficult season. By contrast, the 2nd XI are a team in ascendancy (as is also said), finishing 3rd in division 6A and with an outside chance of promotion, depending on the structure of the league in 2024. The 3rd XI finished mid-table and benefitted from some strong performances by our younger players. The Sunday side enjoyed an excellent season, winning most of their matches. As ever, some matches resulting in close and exciting finishes.

## Join us for 2024! We're recruiting players, scorers, and umpires

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Over the winter our darts team will be playing regular fixtures in the Tring and District darts league, so if you prefer a dart to a cricket ball maybe that is your thing! Spectators always welcome.

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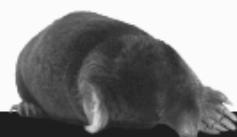
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9th	Monday	8.00pm	Parish Council Meeting
13th	Friday	7.30pm	Harvest Supper - see p.5

## Coming events

4th November	Bonfire and Fireworks Night - see p.7
11th November	Quiz Night - see p.6

## Recycling information.

To access the information on your own bin collection, go to:  
<https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/waste-and-recycling/find-out-when-its-your-bin-collection/>



### 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

14\* and 28\* October / 11 November  
 2 and 16 December  
 \* Special Apple Fayre markets  
 14 October market will take place in the Brook Street old market

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

## Marsworth News

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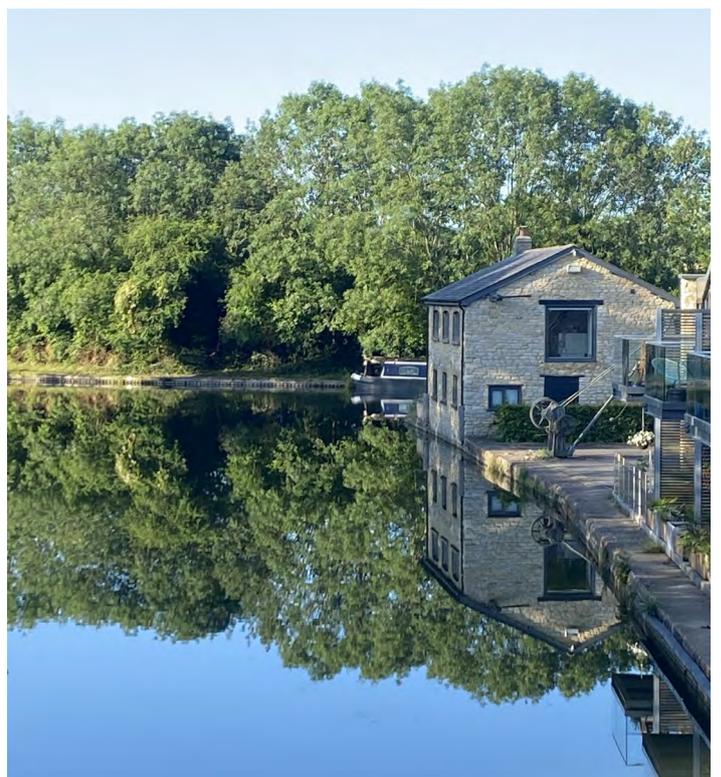
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