

Marsworth News

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Parish Council Chairman's Report,

Councillor Bob Kennedy

It is a statutory responsibility of every Parish Council to hold an open meeting every year for all Parishioners and organisations which operate within the Parish to allow views to be expressed, questions asked and answered, and inform other Parishioners as to what is going on. It is not a Parish Council meeting, that will follow on after this meeting and you are all welcome to attend if you wish.

Our council welcomed one new councillor this year, Robert John replacing Keith Thomasson.

The key Planning matters over the past year :

The application by Ainscough Strategic Land to build around 320 houses on Marsworth Airfield (south site) thus creating a 'new village'. We mounted a strong campaign of opposition and mobilised village support encouraging objection, and as a result Ainscough withdrew their application. However they re-applied and are trying to overcome many of the reasons for objection. Their key argument is that the site is brownfield and this gives them an enhanced opportunity in the event that Bucks County fails to deliver its housing targets laid down by government. We have opposed this since the site has always been agricultural but that issue remains in contention.

The 2022 Special Area of Conservation (SAC) around Chiltern Beechwoods has continued to delay all new dwelling planning approvals, since Bucks has yet no policy for mitigating the damage caused by new development within 12.7km of the woods. This has prevented determination of both the Airfield and White Lion applications.

The 2023 application for changing The Anglers Retreat into housing, which we opposed, was withdrawn, but a fresh application for conversion into three dwellings has now been made. The Parish Council has opposed this, arguing that it would be the third pub lost to the village in 15 years, and that it has been

most successful in the past serving the whole surrounding area and many visitors to the reservoirs.

Under-enforcement of Planning Restrictions at the south Airfield site continues although we regularly complain but the planning authorities seem powerless to stop flagrant breaches of the rules.

We are pleased that the 1400 housing development proposed in neighbouring Tring has now been refused by the Secretary of State.

Other developments:

The launch of Community Speedwatch in Marsworth run by volunteers and supported by the PC.

The installation of a new oven in the Village Hall funded by PC S106 funds. We are working on S106 agreement rejigging so the funds can be used more widely.

We are pleased to report the village again had a record Bonfire Night on our Recreation Ground, and the Steam Rally used it for parking in June which also allowed it to enjoy a high attendance. It was also used successfully for the village Fun Run and Coronation picnic. Improvements to the parking area will take place shortly to reduce damage to the playing surface when such events are held.

I regret to report that CRT removed all its dog waste and litter bins from the canal and reservoir areas as a cost saving measure. Unfortunately this resulted in a large increase in litter and dog waste. Marsworth litter pickers have raised their efforts to combat this and the PC will shortly be increasing bin provision at taxpayers' expense.

Finally, after a long period of pothole profusion we are seeing more repair activity from the County's new Highways contractors and look forward to the road around the White Lion being sorted soon.

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<https://www.marsworth.org.uk/the-marsworth-news/>

Village Hall defibrillator

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www.marsworth.org.uk



Marsworth News

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Diary Dates - May 2024

2nd	Thursday		Local elections
8th	Monday	8.00pm	Parish Council Meeting
12th	Sunday	10.00am	Marsworth 10K Fun Run
18th	Saturday	7.00pm	Preschool Quiz
19th	Sunday	10.00am	Distinguished Gentlemen at Red Lion

Coming events

16th June	Marsworth Steam Rally
28th June	Grand opening Wendover-Halton towpath

Editorial

By *Sandra Costello*

The Annual Parish Meeting held in April at the village hall seemed well attended, and with a definitely lighter note what with the availability of a free bar! I'm not sure what that says for our local people, but I am sure we all had the interests of Marsworth at heart!

On the Church page we have notice of the retirement of John White as churchwarden. He has served the parish tirelessly over the years, and thoroughly deserves a break from the role. We wish him well for the future.

The Red Lion has an intriguing event coming up with the Distinguished Gentlemen in smart suits on their high-powered motorbikes. We look forward to some interesting photos for the next newsletter!

On page 8 we have an article from local artist Sheila de Rosa. We always welcome items about local people, whether written by themselves or about them, so please remember the newsletter if you have something of general interest you could share. Do include a photo or two.

Not long to go to the Fun Run, and we hope for many photos of that event for next time.

Tea tent at Steam Rally

All Saints Church will be running the tea tent at the Steam Rally again this year. Any offers of help serving on the day and cake donations will be gratefully received.

Please contact Gill White - horse.71shoe@sky.com / 01296 662252 /

All Saints
Marsworth

Plant Sale

Saturday June 8th 2 – 5pm
All Saints Churchyard

Teas and cakes also on sale

Plant donations welcomed - please bring them to the churchyard between 10am and 12noon on the day

Parish Council meeting April 2024 - precis

For full Minutes of all meetings, future agendas and other information go to www.marsworth.org.uk/marsworth-parish-council.



The Annual Parish meeting was well attended by around 24 residents. Also in attendance were PCs Dionne Edwards and Jake Bye and Bucks Councillors Peter Brazier and Chris Poll.

The Chairman's Annual Report can be found on the front page.

Marsworth Charity

With only two candidates for the two vacancies, Matthew Carter and Stephen Wooler were voted by the residents attending the meeting to serve on the Marsworth Charity for a term of three years. The other serving members were confirmed as the Revd. James Grainger-Smith, representing All Saints Church, Paul Egan Carter for Marsworth CofE School and Caroline Smith for Marsworth Parish Council.

Parking

The parking issues at either end of Watery Lane were discussed by the residents with the PCs who offered useful suggestions, including placing a sign to explain each location is a road and not a parking area, and that the PCs would monitor the area. Buckinghamshire Council would be approached in relation to the provision of yellow lines for this area.

The issue of the regular two vehicles being parked illegally at the Village Hall was also discussed. The PCs would visit the owner's house to talk about the issue.

Some residents also stayed for the **Parish Meeting**.

The Anglers Retreat

Consideration was given to re-applying for an Asset of Community Value for the Anglers Retreat as the denied application expired in 2022. Clerk enquiring from CAMRA to find out if re-applying for an ACV had been positive elsewhere.

Increased Matted Area at the Recreation Ground

Work to be completed by the end of April on the additional hard-standing at the recreation ground which will be available for parking for the disabled at organised events.

Canal and River Trust removal of waste and dog waste Bins – resident feedback

Councillor Brazier had the issue of the removal of all waste and dog waste bins on Canal and River Trust land brought to the attention of Cabinet and local MPs. Please write to the Parish Clerk with your thoughts on the lack of bins around the local reservoirs and canals and how this is impacting our community. Councillor Brazier will then forward these to Cabinet and MPs.

Next MPC Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be on Monday 13th May, preceded by the Annual Meeting of Council at 7.45pm. Any items for the agenda should be submitted to the Parish Clerk by Sunday 5th May.

All members of the public are welcome to attend either or both meetings, but please let the Parish Clerk know in advance if you plan to be present parishclerk@marsworth.org.uk.

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Parish Council meeting dates 2024

8.00pm in Village Hall

13 May (Bank Hol. 6 May inc. Annual Mtg of Council	9 September
10 June	14 October
8 July	11 November
12 August	9 December

Floral tribute

A beautiful floral tribute has been left recently at the Polish Hostel information board in Long Marston Road. The accompanying card dedicates it to Aleksandra Jadas, Site 7 - which was that part of the Hostel at the far end of the field behind the sign. On the reverse of the card are the names of a number of people and 'in deepest sympathy from the Leicester clan'.

We met Aleksandra at the launch of the book about the Hostel in November 2022 and again at a talk on the Hostel given at Cheddington in 2023. We know little else about her, unfortunately, except that she briefly attended Marsworth School in 1955 at the age of 5, then again in 1960, aged 10.

This is a rather touching indication that the information board is being considered some sort of focus for Polish people. The red and white flowers below the sign are permanently there, and refreshed from time to time. They have been a feature from November 2019 when the sign was unveiled.

Sandra Costello



All Saints Church



The celebration of the Easter Festival has now taken place with all due ceremony. Despite the Easter Day Service being held at 8.00am there was a good, enthusiastic congregation. The church looked lovely with all the spring flowers having been skilfully and lovingly arranged. Flowers enhance the beauty of the building and help to show that the church is cherished and cared for. We now have a regular team of arrangers who will ensure that the church is decorated at the appropriate times. If you wish to join in on the yearly rota please let me know.

Fifty days after the celebration of Easter comes the Feast of Pentecost, also known as Whitsunday. Pentecost celebrates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and other followers. The event is adequately described in the Acts of the Apostles, Chapter 2. This very significant event also heralds the birth of the Church Proper which 2,000 years later is still with us.

John White, Churchwarden (retiring)

Who's Who at All Saints Marsworth

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From the Vicar, James Grainger-Smith



Rev. James

All Saints' Church held its Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) on Thursday 18th April. John White had indicated in advance of the meeting that he would not be standing for re-election as Churchwarden.

At the meeting I thanked John for his many years of faithful and dignified service and presented him with a token of thanks for all he has done for this parish.



John White

I had received two nominations for Churchwarden for the coming year - from Neil Kennedy and Richard Hares, and the two were duly elected. They will be sworn in by the Archdeacon in the summer.

There was also a good discussion about the way forward to All Saints. We talked about the need to develop a more outward-looking focus - worrying less about 'bums on seats' on a Sunday, rather placing more emphasis on working with other groups and individuals to make our parish a better place.

Keep saying your prayers.

Rev. James

Services for May 2024

5th May

9.15am Holy Communion Common Worship

12th May

No service (Fun Run)

19th May

9.15am - Holy Communion (Pentecost)

26th May

6.00pm Evensong

SAINT BARISTA POP-UP CAFE

ALL SAINTS, MARSWORTH

WED | THUR | FRI

11.00am – 3.00pm

A warm welcome awaits you!



Red Lion and spring blossom - Jeremy Whitehead

Bucks Councillor's April report – extracts

Councillor Derek Town
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**Buckinghamshire Councillor,
Ivinghoe Ward**



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

Learn how to be a Better Biker

Buckinghamshire Council is encouraging bikers of all ages and experience to enhance their riding skills with the help of a specialist course.

The Be a Better Biker (BaBB) workshops are run as part of the council's Travel Safe Bucks road safety initiative, in partnership with Thames Vale Advanced



Motorcyclists, Bucks Advanced Riders and Drivers, Milton Keynes Advanced Motorists, Oxford Advanced Motorcyclists and local fire and rescue services. The aim is to reduce the number of bikers killed or injured on the roads and equip motorcyclists with additional skills to keep safe.

Costing just £20 per person, the workshops cover a range of advanced techniques including:

- Manoeuvring
- Overtaking
- Cornering techniques
- An on-road assessment with a qualified observer
- A review of the on-road session.

Courses are taking place across the Thames Valley region and locally at Princes Risborough Fire Station - Saturday 18th May.

Now in their 15th year of running, the courses have helped hundreds of bikers in Buckinghamshire to improve their skills on the road.

Anyone wishing to take part must hold a full and valid motorbike licence and have access to their own vehicle to use during the course.

For more information, or to book your place, visit: [Book a motorcycle course / Buckinghamshire Council](#).

Transform your street into a Play Street!

Communities across Buckinghamshire are being invited to take advantage of a scheme which highlights the importance of outdoor play and encourages neighbours to spend time socialising together, promoting the benefits for health and wellbeing in all ages.

Play Streets invites residents from communities across the county to apply for permission, free of charge, to close their road for a few hours at a time so that they can come together outside their homes to socialise, reduce social isolation and play safely. The scheme is part of the national Playing Out initiative and has been running

successfully in Buckinghamshire for several years. Roads are closed to traffic for the duration, but pedestrian access is allowed, and residents can enjoy spending time together outside their homes.

Bin-spring volunteers collect bagful of litter during Great British Spring Clean

Communities around Buckinghamshire have been busy binning and bagging this spring, as Keep Britain Tidy's Great British Spring Clean has completed its ninth annual run. Committed Buckinghamshire residents have come together as part of the country's biggest mass action environmental campaign, collecting and safely disposing of litter from streets, parks and open spaces across the county.

Following this year's theme 'the environment is for everyone', community groups and individuals in Buckinghamshire organised over 94 litter picking events around the county – a record breaking year for Buckinghamshire. The majority of the events took place in the South where more than 926 volunteers collected over 1,723 bags, and clocked over 1,852 volunteer hours.

Although The Great British Spring Clean is over for this year, the need for litter picking stays. The council empties over 4,000 litter bins every week, but over 2 million pieces of litter are dropped every single day in the UK, littering our towns and countryside.

Anyone can organise a litter pick or join an existing litter pick group. To get you started, the council can help you to organise a litter pick in your local area by lending litter pick equipment, providing waste bags and collecting the waste after the litter pick has finished. You can find more information on the council's website.

Litter picking isn't just a group activity and doesn't have to take a lot of time. As an individual, you can take part in the Litter Lotto - it's easy, simply download the Litter Lotto app on your phone and take a photo in the app, of yourself throwing some litter into a bin. This doesn't only tidy up our streets, but also gives you an opportunity to win instant cash prizes and offers, as well as giving you the chance of winning a weekly £1,000 jackpot. Local Litter Lotto users also have a chance to win an extra £250 in an exclusive monthly prize draw, aimed just at people binning litter in Bucks!



Under 5s Football Taster Sessions

Saturday 20th, 27th April & 4th May 2024

Open to all boys and girls currently in Reception year at school

For 3 weeks our FA qualified coaches will run a series of free, fun football related coaching sessions for this group of budding footballers!

To register your interest please email development@pandfootball.net for more information

Distinguished Gentlemen to visit The Red Lion

On Sunday 19th May The Red Lion will host a remarkable gathering of well-dressed 'bikers': DGR 120 Distinguished Gentlemen Riders will be meeting there at 10am before setting off on a charity ride, (the route is top secret at the moment), then returning to the pub at about 12 noon.



The Distinguished Gentleman's Ride was founded in Sydney, Australia in 2012. It was inspired by a photo of TV show Mad Men's Don Draper astride a classic motorcycle and wearing his finest suit. Founder Mark Hawwa decided a themed ride would be a great way of connecting niche motorcycle enthusiasts and communities while raising funds

The DGR encourages riders of classically styled bikes to dress up smart and take part in group rides at various places around the world – raising funds and awareness for men's health, mental health and prostate cancer.

It has generated more than \$37million for prostate cancer research and men's mental health, with over 90,000 bikers taking to the streets across more than 800 cities globally.

For more information on DGR go to: <https://www.gentlemansride.com> and to give donations for this important cause.



On Sunday 19th May 2024, riders will gather across the globe dressing dapper and riding Classic and Vintage style motorcycles to raise funds and awareness for men's mental health and prostate cancer research.



Amanda and Pete Oxley of The Red Lion hope to see many people coming to look at the classic motorbikes and the dressed-up riders. They are very excited that The Red Lion is going to be part of this worldwide event.

This will be a spectacular event that hopefully will be held again next year.



Saturday 18th May Marsworth Village Hall

Doors open 6.30pm - Quiz starts 7.00pm

£10 per person
Lite bites provided
Bring your own drink
Cash only raffle

For tickets: Text Tracey on 07962 100256
or email admin@marsworthpreschool.org.uk



Tringford Reservoir - Niki Powell

Marsworth and District Miscellany

Items for *Bucks Herald*, by *Kate Andrew*.

Some of these get fuller treatment or have been covered elsewhere in this issue.

VILLAGE ARTIST

Sheila de Rosa, who lives in Marsworth, is exhibiting her artwork at Artsmeet at Watersmeet, High Street, Rickmansworth WD3 1EH, from March 28 to June 26. (See page 8 for details.)

Sheila's artworks combine digitally manipulated photography, drawing and found objects. The exhibition features her prints both large and small using a host of techniques from eco print to dry point etching. There will be cards and affordable unframed work available to purchase, as well as framed works, and her burgeoning Marsworth Paper House Village made with prints.

QUIZ NIGHT

Tickets are selling fast for a quiz night at Marsworth Village Hall on Saturday May 18. See notice on page 6.

BAND AT RED LION

Mooving On will be playing at The Red Lion, Marsworth, on Saturday May 11 from 8.30pm. The play covers from classic rock and pop of the 1950s onwards.

ARTS FESTIVAL

Mentmore Arts Festival will be on Saturday May 25 until bank holiday Monday and will feature more than 60 artists this year. Refreshments will be available. See page 19.

ROMESH SPOTTED

Comedian Romesh Ranganathan was spotted biking through Tring and Aldbury last week. It is thought he was filming new episodes for his BBC1 series, 'Avoidance', which is filmed locally.

BUSKING FESTIVAL

Sing your heart out and tap your toes at a busking music festival on Saturday May 19 from 12pm to 6pm, at Cheddington Village Hall, with a guest appearance by Immi Davies of Britain's Got Talent fame. Expect guitarists, violin players, rappers, singers, sax players and more, with refreshments available and fun activities for children, including a bouncy castle. See page 17.

DOG SHOW

Appledown Rescue and Rehoming Kennels, at Harling Road, Eaton Bray, has a fun dog show and fayre on Saturday May 11 from 11am.

REPAIR CAFÉ

The next Ivinghoe and Pitstone Repair Café is on April 27 at Pitstone Pavilion, from 9.30am to 12.30pm. Bring along anything you need fixing. See page 14.

BEACON LIT

Beacon Lit book festival is coming up on July 13, in Ivinghoe, and will feature best-selling authors Daisy Goodwin, Elly Griffiths and Adele Parks and more. See page 17.

Please park considerately on the school run



As schools return after the Easter holidays, parents and carers dropping children off by car are being given a timely reminder to *#Beconsiderate* about how and where they park or stop, to help keep everyone safe.

Buckinghamshire Council's *#Beconsiderate* campaign seeks to remind those who hop in the car to do the school run, to think about the safety of pedestrians and other road users when they stop to drop their children off.

Many children are taken to and from school by car every day. Sometimes in the rush to get there on time, it can be tempting to pull onto the kerb or part way onto a driveway, stop on zig zag lines or even pull into a bus stop. While it may seem like a harmless thing to do, vehicles blocking pavements and footpaths, even if just for a short time, often means pedestrians, which can include young children, those with limited mobility and older people, are forced to go into the road to get past, which can be extremely dangerous.

Similarly, part blocking a private driveway or lowered kerb can prevent larger vehicles including emergency ambulances and fire engines from getting through and parking in or near a bus stop can lead to unnecessary traffic queues. It is also important not to block the visibility for school crossing patrollers when they are assisting families on their way to school safely.

Buckinghamshire Council's School's Sustainable Transport Team works with schools to encourage using other methods of transport to get to and from school, including walking, cycling or wheeling. Not only does it save money on fuel, it avoids the stress of parking, keeps children active and is better for the environment. If parents must drive, parking away from the school and walking the rest of the way can also ease congestion that often takes place directly outside the school.



Thursday Coffee Morning and Drop-in



At Beacon Villages Community Library
Old Town Hall, Ivinghoe - 10.00am - 12 noon

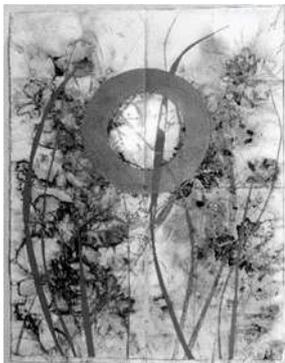
Free tea, coffee and biscuits

Everyone Welcome

Come along for a chat and friendly support.

The Art of Coexistence

Since moving to Marsworth over forty years ago, I have been pursuing a career in the visual arts. During Lockdown I was lucky enough to have a studio in Marsworth where my fascination with the natural environment began; I taught myself to make my own inks from the vegetation I found all around me, and learned the art of Eco Printing – in which a direct contact with nature, heat, water and pressure combine to create beautiful prints. Photographs of the locality are altered digitally and feature in many of the mixed media works.



In general my work takes a critical view of social, political and cultural issues and is motivated by the obvious ironies of photography and the technical complexities of printmaking. These competing ideas coexist through a variety of materials and processes to create art that combines digitally manipulated photography, drawing, found objects and a host of printmaking techniques including dry-point etching, photogravure, gilding and Eco Printing.

I have a comprehensive exhibition of my prints with works from 2000 up to the present day, at **Artsmeet** – a gallery within Watersmeet Theatre in Rickmansworth, from 28th March to 26th June 2024, and a Private View on **Saturday 11th May 2024** 1 - 3pm, and you are all invited.

Contact Sheila on 07821177685, 01296 661678 or sheiladerosa@btinternet.com for more information.

Sheila de Rosa

The Art of Coexistence

An exhibition of work by
Sheila de Rosa MA MSDC

28th March - 26th June 2024

At Artsmeet at Watersmeet,
High Street, Rickmansworth, WD3 1EH
www.facebook.com/artsmeet

Exhibition opening times

Monday - closed / Tuesday - Friday 10am - 2pm
Saturday and Sunday open on event days only

Please enquire with the Box Office
- times subject to change.

leisure@threerivers.gov.uk or call 01923 711063

PRIVATE VIEW

11th May 2024
1.00-3.00 pm

For more information contact
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Marsworth Village Hall 100 Club



The big draw took place on Wednesday 3rd April
Congratulations to:

£100 winners

62 Sarah Hawkes, Anglers Retreat
35 Annie Sandon, Bridge Cottage

£50 winners

59 Miranda Wildi, Startops End
152 Elaine Standen, Lukes Lea

£20 winners

20 Ruth French, Vicarage Road
169 Susan Dean, Aspens Farm
153 Lyn Leaver, Lukes Lea
18 Mick and Margaret Bonham, Vicarage Road
75 Mavis Gates, formerly Lower Icknield Way

Well done to all the winners. The next draw will be held on Wednesday 1st May at the Millennium Hall Committee meeting. Again, we would like to invite anyone whom lives in the village to attend or to join the committee - all are welcome.

Stephanie Hurley



Marsworth 10k Fun Run



Sunday 12th May 2024

**10.00am start at the
Recreation Ground**

Check the website for further details:
www.marsworthfunrun.co.uk

**Raising funds for
All Saints Church, Marsworth**



Tring Local History Museum

9 Brook St, Tring HP23 5ED

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.



From the Marsworth Archive

Marsworth Polish Hostel

– a talk by Sandra Costello and Tony Gabis

Many residents of Marsworth will be familiar with the story of the Polish Hostel located in Marsworth after the Second World War, but it was good to see a significant turnout by local residents in support of our own Sandra Costello and Pitstone resident Tony Gabis at a meeting of the Tring and District Local History and Museum Society last month.



Tony Gabis giving the talk

Tony's father was of Polish origin and lived in a similar hostel (the word is preferable to 'camp' which had more sinister connotations in the context of the war) to that of Marsworth. Sandra was Archivist for Marsworth for over 30 years, and they embarked on a project to tell the story in 2019. Their impressive efforts have led to a commemorative sign located on Long Marston Road, a website and book.

Tony opened the talk by giving the background to the German and Russian invasions of Poland in 1939 and the evacuation of Polish forces via Romania to France where they fought as the Polish 1st Corps with distinction, not just in France in 1940 but throughout the campaigns of World War II. The personal impact of the story could be heard in Tony's voice as he recounted the capture of 250,000 PoWs by the Russians and the subsequent execution of officers and intellectuals. It is estimated that between February 1940 and June 1941 a million Poles were deported to Siberia where they suffered in gulags. Germany also forced many Poles into labour projects where they were distinguished by wearing a 'P'.



Those held in Russia were released when Germany launched its invasion of the east in 1941, and the men joined the Polish forces under General Władysław Anders. They fought in North Africa and Italy.

At the end of the war Polish fighters and forced labourers united in Italy, and with Poland in post war crisis the British government offered sanctuary to 150,000 in the Polish Resettlement Act of 1947. Marsworth was one of about fifty sites suitable for the housing of families; many of these were located around London, including near Amersham and High Wycombe.

Sandra focused on the life of the Polish residents on four sites within Marsworth, located between the World War II airfield and the village. Conditions were basic; Nissen huts housing two or three families were heated by large coal stoves. Living areas were separated by curtains and furniture was basic. In time, the families were able to furnish the accommodation in the Polish style. Shower and toilet blocks were shared and water was collected from standing pipes. Hot water was available twice a week for laundry. Sandra illustrated the talk with wonderful photographs that had been sent by the families,

many of whom retained links with the area. The photos also showed the families growing their own flowers around their huts.

The residents took up employment opportunities in the local area, such as the paper mills in Apsley, a clock factory at Eaton Bray and engineering roles in Tring and Aylesbury. Many of the younger children attended Marsworth Primary School. A large hut which had been used by the US military as a theatre opposite the garage on Long Marston Road was used by the Poles and hosted many events such as plays, dances and films for both the Poles and local residents. Poles from other hostels visited for such occasions, some coming from as far as Bedford. A football team was established which enjoyed much success and Polish culture was preserved via a Saturday School.

The residents gradually moved away over the years - many to the surrounding area - notably Luton, Dunstable and Pitstone and the site finally closed in 1961. Nevertheless, the legacy lives on. One Nissen hut survives, now listed as a 'heritage asset'. There are 18 graves of former residents in the Marsworth Churchyard, which are tended carefully by Polish families.

Sandra and Tony concluded their talk by detailing their work to commemorate the hostel, which began in 2019 when Marsworth Parish Council decided to support such a venture. With the help of Giles Monks and others, information was gathered from many who had been children at the hostel which culminated in the unveiling of the commemorative board in October 2019 for which one former resident of the hostel flew in from Poland. Local residents also attended the moving ceremony and visited an exhibition held in All Saints Church; Sandra brought along several of the displays to the talk. This event led to the creation of an impressive website and book.



This talk was inspiring on so many levels: the resilience of the Polish nation through national crisis, and the spirit of generosity of the residents of Marsworth who overcame their initial concerns to welcome families in need to this corner of Buckinghamshire; Sandra and Tony's impressive research, tenacity and determination to preserve these memories for future generations.

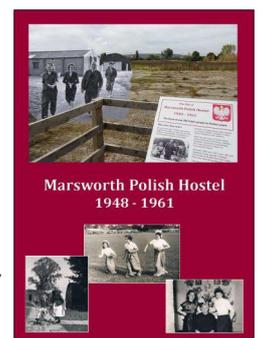
More information

The story of the Marsworth Polish hostel can be found at: www.marsworth.org.uk/marsworth-polish-hostel/hostel.

The book, published in 2022, can be ordered via www.thegreatbritishbookshop.co.uk/products/marsworth-polish-hostel-1948-1961.

For information on the Tring History Society and its meetings in Tring High Street Baptist Church go to: www.tringlocalhistorymuseum.org.uk.

Jonny and Jo Taylor
marswortharchive@gmail.com



Marsworth Women's Institute

By Denise Cornwall



WI Report - April 2024

Our evening started with us welcoming our two new members, Gwen Cavanagh and Fiona Kirkwood. We are pleased that they came along a few times to see what we are all about and have now become members. All subs have been paid and we have 35 members in our WI for 2024.

Ivinghoe and Pitstone will be the oldest WI in Bucks this year. To mark this special occasion, they will be holding a celebratory evening. We received an invitation for two members of our WI to join them on Thursday 9th May. Elsie Beesley and Niki Powell elected to represent us and will be joining them to celebrate this milestone.

Sue Wright's Jubilee Garden team had been thwarted by the terrible weather on the last planned date. I am pleased to say that they have managed to get a clear day and the garden is now looking very nice.



Garden at the Rec, spring 2024 - Lynne Rayner

Next month's meeting will be our annual dinner. This year it is to be held at The Bell in Aston Clinton. Deposits have been paid and choice of menu completed. All we must do now is turn up! Our WI always enjoy an evening with food and wine.

Then it was on to our Auction. Everyone in the WI was asked to bring along something that can be auctioned. On such an occasion, a member of our WI becomes an auctioneer for part of the evening. This is always Niki Powell because she makes such witty comments about the items to be auctioned. Can you imagine auctioning a cooking spatula that has various options of use - one being that it was a poop scoop for a cat litter tray. Apparently, you can also use it to flick cat poop over the hedge into your neighbour's garden. BUT before doing that you have to make sure the culprit leaving it in your garden is their cat!

A jazzy diamond design pair of long over-the-knee socks was purchased but I am unable to remember all the comments made when they were purchased ... just as well, I'm thinking. Bottles of wine, jewellery, ornaments, and various other items went under the hammer. I purchased a beautiful deep candle holder that has a tree design on the outside of it. It is on the conservatory windowsill and when lit is very relaxing to look at.

The auction raised £79 for our WI funds. Thank you to all who took part in our yearly auction evening.

Supper Club was held at The Swan in Northall. It was a return visit for us and once again we all thoroughly enjoyed our evening and the food. Our next Supper Club evening will be June, at the Hunters Lodge near Whipsnade.

Craft Club was a lot of fun, even if it was a little tricky and messy. We decorated easter eggs with beads, glitter and sparkly things. Trying to balance a foam egg on a cocktail stick as well as decorating it was a one-off experience for me - I was hopeless at it. I gave up halfway through and drank another glass of wine.

Book Club continues to meet and discuss the books that they are reading. I forgot to ask what book they were reading and most importantly what CAKE they had this month.

Ivinghoe & Pitstone Summer Camps

The team at Ivinghoe and Pitstone Cricket Club Multi-Activity Summer Camps are now taking bookings for August 2024.

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For Children **6-11** Years old

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Marsworth Neighbourhood Watch



Marsworth Neighbourhood Policing Team

Every neighbourhood in the Thames Valley area has a dedicated neighbourhood policing team that works together with the local community to reduce crime and incidents, bring more offenders to justice, protect the vulnerable and tackle violence against women and girls and improve victim service and public confidence.

Neighbourhood policing teams are led by senior police officers and include police officers, Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs), police staff, police support volunteers and the Special Constabulary.

They aim to make communities safer through an approach that is focussed on visibility, engagement, problem solving and community resilience.

It was a great pleasure to meet two of our Neighbourhood Policing Team Officers at the Parish Council Annual Meeting last month, namely PC Dionne Edwards, the Neighbourhood Supervisor and PC Jake Bye. They are based in Wing, overseen by Aylesbury and are responsible for 22 rural villages in this area. PC Dionne and PC Jake are clearly committed to and enjoy their role within the villages very much. They hope going forward to have more of a presence around the village, although we are thankfully a very low crime area.

Their message to Marsworth villagers was please report anything and everything you see that you know is not right or suspect or feel is not right.

As mentioned in previous newsletters, if a crime is in the process of taking place **phone 999 immediately**. If you wish to report something or pass on information you can call 101, report online on the Thames Valley Police website or what PC Dionne and PC Jake would like, if your information relates to Marsworth is to directly email the Neighbourhood Policing Team on greatbrickhillwingivinghoenhpt@thamesvalley.police.uk.

Our PCs were adamant that no piece of information is a waste of their time or too insignificant. It helps them build intelligence and profiles of what is occurring in an area. If there are many reports about a certain place, certain time or person they will act on it. They said if they don't **know** about it, they can't **do** anything about it!

At the meeting there was some discussion about vehicles although legally parked, causing difficulties for other road users in the village. As part of their community interaction, the officers are willing to speak to the owners of these vehicles, but they have to know about them! The team are also aware that drug dealing does occur at Startops Reservoir car park, and again information – dates, times, descriptions or CCTV/dash cam footage would be gratefully received.

Let them decide what is relevant or useful.
greatbrickhillwingivinghoenhpt@thamesvalley.uk

Wendover to Halton towpath upgrade – grand opening

Friday 28th June 2024

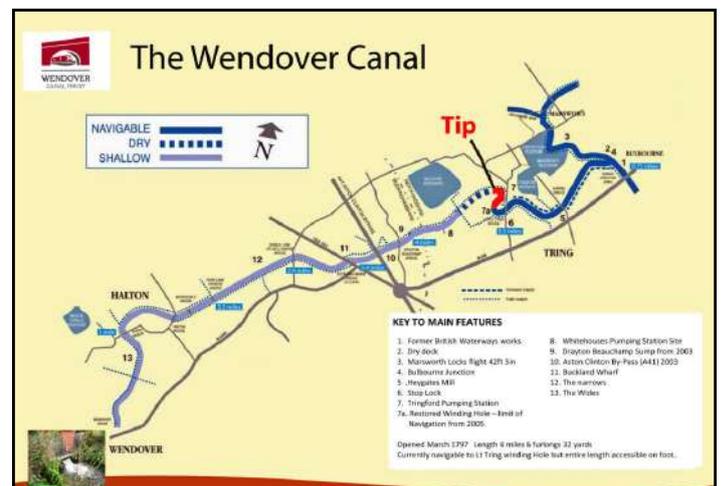
In parallel with canal restoration over the past three years, we have been working hard to obtain £750,000 of funding for the upgrade of the towpath between Wendover and Halton, to construct the new brick wall and railings at Wharf Road, Wendover and to design new signage for installation in April/May all along the route. This stretch of the towpath has been completed and extremely well received by the local residents.



In collaboration with John Colet School, Wendover News, Wendover and Halton Parish Councils, the Wendover Canal Trust will hold a Grand Opening on Friday, 28th June 2024 between 10am - 3 pm. Robbie Cumming of BBC4's Canal Boat Diaries will cut the ribbon.

Highlights

- Holding of a 'canal fair' in Walnut Tree Meadow.
- 'A teddy bears' picnic for primary age children, plus Treasure Trail.
- An equivalent challenge for secondary school children.
- A quiz along the towpath for pupils on ecology and environment.
- Talks by experts.
- Talks at sites of particular interest along the towpath.
- Stop-off points at heritage sites, with experts on hand.
- Kayakers and paddleboarder along the canal.
- Musical participation, refreshments and displays.
- Join where you like: at Wendover HP22 6HF, Halton HP22 5NS or between.
- A shuttle bus at either end of this 1.7 mile towpath to take people back.
- No entry charge for the event, bus provided free.



Local Treasures

The Heritage Park, Pitstone Green Museum

We have visited The Heritage Park, Pitstone Green Museum a few times over the years, but this year's visit on Easter Monday exceeded our expectations. We walked from Marsworth, although free parking is available on site. The Museum offers a fascinating and inexpensive day out for the family with many interesting displays and artefacts to see. We spent three hours at the Museum and still didn't get time to see everything.



Part of the model railway

We were greeted at the entrance by Alan Carter, a volunteer, who has worked on the farm all his (substantial) life. He explained that the orchard fields on either side of the entrance contain an old variety of damson originating from wild seedlings found growing in the Vale of Aylesbury and is known as the Aylesbury Prune. The tall firs planted along the edge of the orchards were



The blacksmith

to protect the farm - and the fruit - from dust generated by the cement works that used to be in what is now known as 'Castlemead'.

Set in the Buckinghamshire countryside the museum is housed in the buildings of an 1831 farm. Many of these buildings contain insights into the rural existence of local people from around the turn of the 20th Century up to the inter-war years.

The row of ex-stables and workshops adjacent to the entrance booth now contain, inter-alia, a blacksmith, a wheelwright workshop, a brush maker and an impressive '0 gauge' model railway.

A nearby building houses the old Elliott Shop, which was originally located in Ivinghoe opposite the church, near the Kings Head. This shop was run by the Elliot family for over 150 years. When the last proprietor died in 2016 the whole shop was moved and preserved. It now contains an amazing collection of general merchandise dating back many years and will bring back memories for the older visitor!



The Elliot Shop

With a brief interlude to watch the New Moon Morris perform in the open courtyard we went on to see many other attractions and demonstrations, including working machinery, historical crafts, collections of historical curiosities – too many to mention here. We heartily recommend you just come and see.

The farm, as you see it today, was largely built by the Countess of Bridgewater and is unusual in that it has been occupied by the Hawkins family since 1808, before most of the farm was built in 1830. It was built close to the site of earlier farms and many of the original buildings still remain to this day. Most prominent of these is the Big Barn, a section

of which dates from the 17th century and was transported to the site when the farm was built in the first half of the 19th century.

The Pitstone Local History Society was formed in 1963, later to become the Pitstone & Ivinghoe Museum Society. Inspired by David Wray, they began collecting almost anything associated with farming and rural life in the locality. The collection was initially housed at Don Levy's Vicarage Farm, Ivinghoe but then moved to Pitstone Green Farm when further space was needed.

In 1991 a 99-year lease on the farm was granted to the Pitstone Local History Society (now Pitstone & Ivinghoe Museum Society) by Jeff Hawkins, the then owner of the farm. On the death of Jeff Hawkins in 2001, Pitstone Green Farm was gifted to the National Trust and forms part of the Ashridge Estate.

The Museum Car Park, in the Orchard, is FREE to all visitors.

For more information visit <https://www.pitstonemuseum.co.uk>.

Caroline and Steve Smith

Do you have a 'local treasure' you could share with readers?

Perhaps a favourite eatery, a garden nursery, somewhere special for tea-and-cake, somewhere where you can listen to music? It should be within a 15-mile radius of Marsworth.

Just a few lines and a location would do. Please add a photo if you can. Send to editor@marsworthnews.co.uk.

Pitstone Green Museum

Vicarage Road, Pitstone, LU7 9EY
www.pitstonemuseum.co.uk

Open Days for 2024

10.30 am until 4.30 pm

- Early May bank holiday
Monday 6th May
- Spring bank holiday
Monday 27th May
- Sunday 9th June
- Sunday 14th July
- Sunday 11th August
- Summer bank holiday
Monday 26th August
- Sunday 8th September
- Sunday 13th October

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Festival of Music

Sunday 12th May 2024
Dana Gillespie
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Monday 13th May 2024
Big Band Extravaganza
featuring
Tring Phoenix Big Band, Big Band Swing and Zebra Jazz Collective

Tuesday 14th May 2024
Milton Keynes Brass
Blues, Jazz & music from "Brassed Off"

Wednesday 15th May 2024
Rainey's Ragtime Band

Thursday 16th May 2024
Co-Headliners
Brave Rival and Alice Armstrong

Friday 17th May 2024
Kyla Brox

Saturday 18th May 2024
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Sunday 16th June

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Chilli Farm	Slime Making	And more...
Plants	Caricatures	

The Tring Anglers

Angling is second to cricket for indulging in nostalgia



I have no hesitation in reminding myself of fishing and related exploits in the dim and distant past. At this time we are having pollution problems, mostly related to sewerage discharge into our rivers (and canals). When I went to college in Warrington on the River Mersey, in 1970 it was one of the rivers most polluted by industrial discharge in the country.

I have attached a news picture of myself (with the specs) and my fishing friend Don protesting about the state of the river. We had to enlist the help of a scantily-clad lady - we did not protest very much! The river was so dangerous to be near we had to fish from the town bridge and discard all the line and floats and clean our rods and reels at the end of the session.



Our protest on Warrington Bridge over the polluted River Mersey 1972

We never thought that the river would ever recover: 50 years later it is not only cleaner but the fishing is rather good I understand. I like to think that in a very small way we helped nature overcome what seemed the impossible. I hope I won't ever have to protest about the state of our local rivers and canals which I have been fishing since 1960.

On a more jolly note, the canal fish are waking up for spring and bream with some chub and roach are feeding. My best catches have been using sweetcorn and bread, particularly in the evening. You may have to be a bit patient to use these baits, but I think it is worth while. Maggots may produce a more instant response from the fish but I have found they have been small gudgeon and perch; however, just to prove me wrong an angler at Cooks Wharf landed a carp over 10lb with a pinkie (smaller than an ordinary maggot).

We now have officially started the 'Let's Fish' events for the season. Even if you do not want to have go at fishing, feel free to have a walk by the towpath and have a chat with us.

Saturday May 18th 9.30am-4pm Let's Fish, Cooks Wharf, Cheddington, Grand Union Canal, LU7 0SZ, //elephant.causes.thickened

Saturday May 25th 9.30am-4pm Let's Fish, Cooks Wharf, Cheddington, Grand Union Canal, LU7 0SZ, //elephant.causes.thickened

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

Dick Pilkinton

Ivinghoe & Pitstone Repair Café




WHERE TO FIND US!!

← Ivinghoe Hub 25th May

Pitstone Pavilion 22nd June →

What's the Repair Café all about?

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Our Repair Café is run by volunteers with expertise in: All electrical items, mobile phones, tablets, clothing/fabrics with rips & holes, jewellery, clocks, lights, machinery, tools, furniture, bikes and more!

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 Ivinghoe & Pitstone Repair Café

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- Monday to Thursday (9am - 5:30pm)
- Friday (9am - 5pm)

In an emergency our out-of-hours team can be contacted on 0800 999 7677.



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 Run by the community for the community

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 Wednesday 10am - 12 noon
 Thursday 2 - 5pm
 Friday 2 - 5pm
 Saturday 10am - 1pm



A returns box is available in the foyer at other times.
 General enquiries: info@bvcl.org.uk, 01296 387890.

Beacon Villages Community Library AGM will be held on Saturday 6th July at 9.30am. This year it will be in the Library if you want to come along, otherwise you are welcome to attend by zoom. It's your chance to hear what has taken place over the year, and our plans for the future.



Nomination forms for committee members will be available in the Library beforehand, or contact secretary@bvcl.org.uk for a copy. Do think about joining us - it isn't a huge commitment, and it is always good to have fresh ideas.

The AGM paperwork will be on our website prior to the meeting and if you want to get the zoom link please email treasurer@bvcl.org.uk.

MENTMORE Arts FESTIVAL

The 14th Mentmore Arts Festival will be held in Mentmore Church and Mentmore Village Hall. We're raising funds for Guide Dogs for the Blind, MK:ACT & St Mary's Church Mentmore.

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New Moon Morris

Watching, Yearning, Learning, Dancing!
- Gemma Horn



As a child I remember peering through legs surrounding a cacophony of movement in the centre. What had caused such a commotion? There was stomping, bells and sticks clicking and a rather alarming horse mascot which, truth be told, I was a little intimidated and scared of.

The Morris dancers had come to town! My grandfather, Arthur Keen, was the initiator of the trip. Every time he heard the Morris were performing nearby, we would all go and watch. I was so little that, from my diminished vantage point, I'd often only see the bells as they jangled past.

I did maypole dancing at Tring School which had similar music and seemed to produce a comparable feeling within me. I was about five when I first danced and, even then, loved the Victorian age so would dress as Alice in Wonderland in a blue dress with a white pinafore and ribbons in my hair.

The interest in this quaint English tradition followed me throughout my life. I'd always get so excited when I heard the Morris were around and I would drag my bemused and baffled friends to watch. Whenever there was audience participation I would plead and beg for them to join me, but I was never successful and always went and did it by myself.

I discovered New Moon Morris when I was pregnant with my second child. The costumes were one of the first things which struck me. They were so bright, colourful,

and unique compared to other sides (groups) I'd seen. Usually everyone has the same outfit, but New Moon Morris had all these extra flourishes and big skirts and fantastic hats! I wanted to join so I took a card. Unfortunately, being pregnant, also with a three year old in tow, meant that it was impossible. I kept that card in my wallet though with the aim of joining one day. That day came when my youngest was nearly four. I suddenly realised I could commit to practise and that very first session had me beaming. I was finally dancing to the music which had so enthralled me as a child.

My costume is the yellow one. We can decorate them how we like and mine has a few Victorian nods in keeping with my interest. I have a bonnet (small enough to dance in) and sunflowers for Oscar Wilde (my Victorian hero). We each have personal creatures embroidered on our pockets. I chose a blackbird, as not only do I adore singing, I also associate this bird with my grandfather who started this fascination to begin with.



And so we come full circle as New Moon Morris also danced around a maypole this year, just like I did all those years ago, with fellow dance folk Whitchurch Morris in Ivinghoe.

New Moon Morris practise every Tuesday evening from 8.15pm to 10.15 pm at Ivinghoe town hall. Please contact via Facebook- newmoonmorris or Instagram new.moonmorris or find us at <https://newmoonmorris.co.uk/>.

Long Marston Cricket Club



A new season starts!

By the time you read this, the season will have started with a series of friendly matches. The league season starts on 11th May with Long Marston competing in divisions 3A, 6A and 8A of the Cherwell League. We also have a series of Sunday friendly fixtures, almost all of which are played at our ground in Long Marston.

Find out when we are playing and our results at www.longmarstoncc.co.uk. Spectators are very welcome at all our games.

Play cricket in 2024!

Fancy getting into (or back into) cricket? We field teams across a wide range of abilities in the Cherwell Cricket League and friendlies. We also have various youth teams. If you would like to join us or have a try-out at winter nets please contact James Beesley develop@longmarstoncc.co.uk Ladies are welcome as well as gents - all our teams are mixed!

We're also on the lookout for umpires and scorers. Full training can be given, so if you've ever fancied being involved in the game without actually playing then this is your chance! Please contact our Chairman Paul Dumpleton at chairman@longmarstoncc.co.uk.

10km Fun Run Sunday 12th May 10am

After the success of the Long Marston Cricket Club 10K run last year we have decided to repeat the event. This

fantastic off-road 10k will send runners on a beautiful rural route along the Hertfordshire / Buckinghamshire border. Come along for the charming views and claim your awesome goodie bag at the finish line. There are also custom event medals for all. Plenty of cakes, coffee and tea is available for a small donation at the end of the run and for those that may want a stronger drink, the bar will be opening at the end of the run. Free parking.

Enter at <https://www.letsdothis.com/gb/e/lmcc-10k-188696>. Cost is £16.00 per person plus £1.50 admin charge.

Club Sundays

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

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 Dumpleton at chairman@longmarstoncc.co.uk. If a crime is in progress please call the police.

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

Find out more at www.longmarstoncc.co.uk

Jon Beardmore

MARSWORTH STEAM & CLASSIC Vehicle Rally

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

Sunday 16th June 11am-5pm
2024

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New Moon Morris - diary of events Spring 2024



- 1st May 5am start
Dance the Sun Up - Pitstone Hill
 - 25th May All day
Chippenham Folk Festival
 - 4th June
Dance Out at Half Moon, Wilstone
 - 9th June 10.30 - 4
Wicket Brood Day of Dance, Tring
 - 15th June All day
St Albans Folk Festival
 - 22nd June
Ivinghoe Summer Fete
- Visit: newmoonmorris.co.uk/



BOOK FESTIVAL
13 July 2024
Ivinghoe, Bucks.



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and much more!



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Slapton bells open afternoon

Slapton bells are ringing again! The installation of the augmented ring of six bells at Holy Cross Church was completed in January and we are now holding regular practices and ringing for services.

To celebrate the return of the bells we are holding an open day on Saturday May 4th from 2.30-5.00pm. Why not come along and find out more about ringing? Anyone who is interested can have a go under the supervision of a qualified teacher - or simply come and watch. Children from the age of 11 are welcome to try ringing if accompanied by a parent or guardian.

There will be some expert ringing plus an exhibition about the history of the bells with photos of the restoration, and refreshments will be available.

HOLY CROSS CHURCH INVITES YOU TO
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OPEN DAY**
Saturday 4th May | 2.30-5pm
- Village celebration, all welcome -

Free Entry
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SUNDAY 19TH MAY
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The Buckinghamshire Volunteer Matching Service, a free volunteer brokering service which was set up in 2020 in response to the pandemic, has placed its 2000th volunteer in the county.



The Volunteer Matching Service places registered volunteers where they are most needed.

Key facts about the Volunteer Matching Service:

- Over 140 local charities in the county helped by the 2000 matched volunteers.
- County's hospitals helped by 116 volunteers who were matched with Buckinghamshire NHS Trust.
- Wide range of roles filled - from mentoring, community transport or support for the elderly, to the more unusual such as Policy Custody Visitors, Puppy Raisers and Waste Reduction volunteers.
- The 2000th volunteer has taken on two roles supporting Bucks residents: Schools Service volunteer with NSPCC, and Buddy Lead volunteer with Macmillan Cancer Support.
- The Volunteer Matching Service currently has 800 volunteer roles ready to be filled – from frontline emergency response positions, befriending and mentoring opportunities, to outdoor roles or those supporting vulnerable members of the community.
- Volunteers who have already used the service report that their volunteering has helped them develop new skills, gain experience, and improve their self-esteem, confidence and wellbeing.
- Anyone 16 or over can sign-up to the service which finds volunteer roles to suit their preferences such as location, type of role, interests, and availability.



For more information visit www.communityimpactbucks.org.

We support people and groups to get involved and make a difference in local Buckinghamshire communities. We do this by offering expert advice and training, helping people to find volunteering opportunities, and helping charities and not-for-profit groups to get started, be effective and grow.

We also have a number of directly delivered community services which focus on supporting those most in need – the elderly, vulnerable and socially isolated. As an independent charity, we are the Council for Voluntary Service, Volunteer Centre, and Rural Community Council for Buckinghamshire supported by Action with Communities in Rural England (ACRE).

We support Buckinghamshire's residents and communities directly through a number of schemes which help people to stay connected and live independently in their homes, as well as continue to have access to vital services such as transport and community hubs.

Our countywide support also includes coordination of the community response to support Ukrainians in Buckinghamshire, and rural projects through our role as the Rural Community Council for Buckinghamshire.



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ART EXHIBITION AT ORCHARD VIEW FARM IN JUNE

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Six artists (Sarah Annetts, Angela George, Helen Green, Chris Jones, Linda Seraj, and "The Scrap Cat") are excited to be exhibiting at Orchard View Farm.

Our work includes beautiful textiles, striking images in gouache, acrylics, oils and watercolours, beautiful kiln-formed glassware and portraits of people and animals in pencils and charcoals.

Why not come along and make a day of it? Orchard View Farm is a lovely friendly venue. Chat with us about our work, look around the rare breeds farm, browse in the farm shop and have tea and cakes or a meal in the café.

Venue address:	Opening Dates and Times:	
Orchard View Farm	June 8 th to 23 rd 2024	
Stockwell Lane	Mondays and Tuesdays	Closed
Little Meadle	Wednesdays and Thursdays	10am - 3pm
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