

Marsworth News

Serving the village and parish of Marsworth

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Distinguished Gentlemen arrive in style

Sunday 19th May saw the annual Distinguished Gentleman's Ride (DGR) take place. This is a global event where Classic and Vintage style motorcycles, with riders in 'dapper' gear raise funds and awareness for men's mental health and prostate cancer research. On Sunday, there were 958 rides taking place on the same day, in 121 countries with 500,000 classic and vintage riders. Since its inception in 2012, the DGR has raised over \$50million for men's health.

The inaugural Tring event was hosted by the Chilterns section of the Vintage Japanese Motorcycle Club (VJMC), who are regular visitors to the Red Lion in Marsworth. During one of our gatherings at the pub back on a cold wintry night, we were considering entering a DGR, but there was no event nearby. Brainwave! 'Why don't we host our own event?' And hence, the inaugural Tring DGR was born.

We consulted with the landlords of the Red Lion, Pete and Mandy, and they were very supportive. However, I'm not quite sure they knew what they had let themselves in for.

We had no idea how popular the event would be, but decided to set a capacity of 120 entrants, so as to not overwhelm the venue. We hit this number of entrants easily and were turning people away in the days leading up to the event.

All of the entrants have to sign up to the event on the DGR website, where they get their own web page. From here, they can encourage friends, families and work colleagues to sponsor them on the ride. They did incredibly well. So far the Tring ride has amassed over £18k, and the total is still rising.

The ride left the Red Lion at 11am, and headed off on a 22-mile route, taking in Buckland, Tring High Street, Cow Roast, Northchurch, Berkhamsted High Street, Ashridge, Little Gaddesden, Ivinghoe Beacon, Pitstone Windmill, Westfield Road Pitstone, and back to the Red Lion for 12.30pm. Here the riders could partake in a well earned lunch and an appetising pint.



The weather was spectacular, and encouraged all of the participants to mingle and socialise after the ride.

On a personal note, I would like to thank all the residents of Marsworth, Tring and Berkhamsted who took to the streets to wave, cheer and support. Your enthusiasm was very much appreciated. If you enjoyed the event, and would like to donate to the cause, you can do that here: <https://www.gentlemansride.com/rides/england/tring>.

We now have to sit down, take stock, and consider whether there will be a 2025 event! Of course there will!

Steve Hamilton
[Gentlemansride.com / Vjmc.com](https://www.gentlemansride.com/Vjmc.com)



More photos on page 2 and back page.

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

Village Hall defibrillator

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



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Diary Dates - June 2024

3rd - 4th			Closure of Lower Icknield Way for repairs
8th	Saturday	2-5.00pm	Plant Sale (see p.4)
8th - 12th		10.00am	Bucks Art Weeks (see p.12)
10th	Monday	8.00pm	Parish Council Meeting
16th	Saturday	11am-5pm	Marsworth Steam Rally
28th	Friday	10am-3pm	Grand opening Wendover-Halton towpath
30th	Sunday	1-6.00pm	Tring Open Gardens (see p.10)

Editorial

By *Sandra Costello*

While the arrival of a huge group of bikers might normally cause alarm in a small community, the visit of the Distinguished Gentlemen to Marsworth on a lovely Sunday at The Red Lion was of huge interest and considerable pleasure. The atmosphere outside the pub was relaxed, with mounting eagerness as the big machines arrived. Bikes and outfits were studied, familiar faces spotted and it was all obviously very well organised. They eventually all moved off on time, and returned some hour and a half later.

There were many 'dapper' outfits, some pipes and striking facial hair (though not all home-grown!)

On page 9 we have another account of a remarkable achievement by a local resident. We always welcome these, both as a story and as an indication of what interesting individuals we have in our village. In this case the main achievement of Paul's undertaking took place quite some time ago, though the production of his book is recent.

If you have a story to tell, or know of someone else in Marsworth who does, please do get in touch. Photos are especially welcome.



Photos: Jeremy Whitehead and Annie Sandon



Parish Council meeting May 2024 - precis

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



Bonfire Night

Members of the Village Hall Committee (VHC) came along to talk about parking arrangements for the evening, especially if the weather should be inclement. It was agreed that notices/advertisements would include a note that limited parking would be available if the weather was inclement. An inspection would be held before the event by the VHC and MPC.

Potholes and broken road surfaces around the village

Works to the road at the White Lion Bridge up to 9 Lower Icknield Way were listed by the Council as taking place on Monday 3rd and Tuesday 4th June and the road would be closed between 9.30am and 3.30pm each day. This would be to clear the drains and for plane and patch works.

Other potholes had been repaired around the village over the last few weeks. If you identify a pothole still remaining, please email the Parish Clerk with a photograph and location.

See articles on drainage cleansing and repairs on page 12 and on use of recycled tyres for road repairs on page 7.

Thames Valley Police – clarification on contact and change of email address

For urgent contact call 999, to report a non-urgent crime visit www.thamesvalley.police.uk/ro/report/ or call 101.

The email address has changed to WingNHPT@thamesvalley.police.uk and is for contact for non-urgent enquiries that don't relate to reporting of crime. Further details contained within the Neighbourhood Watch article on page 11.

Annual Meeting of Council

Preceding the MPC was the Annual Meeting of Council where Bob Kennedy was re-elected as Chairman, and Giles Monks as Vice-Chair.

One new policy was adopted – Biodiversity Policy and two revised policies were adopted. All policies can be viewed on <https://www.marsworth.org.uk/marsworth-parish-council/policy-documents-standing-orders/>

Next MPC Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be on Monday 10th June. Any items for the agenda should be submitted to the Parish Clerk by Sunday 2nd June. Members of the public are welcome to attend the meeting, 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

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

MARSWORTH
STEAM & CLASSIC
Vehicle Rally

Sunday 16th June 2024

Startop Farm, Marsworth, HP23 4LL

Can you HELP?

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

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



Jeremy Whitehead - Cygnets on Grand Union Canal near Bulbourne

All Saints Church



Services for June 2024

Sunday 2nd June

9.15am Holy Communion

Sunday 9th June

8.30am Holy Communion (BCP)

Sunday 16th June

9.15am Holy Communion (Fathers' Day)

Sunday 23rd June

6.00pm Evensong

Sunday 30th June

10.00am Benefice Communion at Ivinghoe

Who's Who at All Saints Marsworth

www.achurchnearyou.com/All-Saints-Marsworth



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SAINT BARISTA POP-UP CAFE

ALL SAINTS, MARSWORTH

WED | THUR | FRI

11.00am – 3.00pm

*A warm welcome
awaits you!*



Steam Rally Tea tent

Sunday 16th June

11.00am - 5.00pm



Help and donations needed



All Saints Church will be running the tea tent at the Steam Rally again this year.

If you are able to help during the day with serving light refreshments please let Gill White or Sandra Saxon know in time to fit you into a slot before the show begins!

We are also looking for lots of cake donations please, and any goodies you may be able to provide can be brought to the tent on the day or left beforehand with Gill.



We are usually very busy in the tent but the atmosphere is quite jolly and time passes very quickly as there is so much going on around us.

We look forward to hearing from you with offers of help as soon as possible. Thank you for your support.

Gill White, Horseshoe Cottage, Church Lane, Marsworth.
horse.71shoe@sky.com / 01296 662252 .
Sandra Saxon 01296 668253

All Saints Marsworth

Plant Sale

Teas and cakes also on sale

Saturday June 8th 2 – 5pm

All Saints Marsworth Churchyard

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

Plant sale in churchyard

All Saints Marsworth will be holding its annual plant sale on Saturday afternoon, 8th June from 2 to 5pm.

If you have any plants for sale, please bring them along to the church on the morning of the sale and they will be added to one of the stalls erected in the churchyard.

Any help at setting up or during the sale would be most welcome. Teas and cakes will also be on sale from the church kitchen.

As usual there will be a wide variety available of both herbaceous and bedding plants, and hopefully vegetables too, so why not come along and find some lovely plants to brighten up your garden after such a wet springtime?

Marsworth Village Hall 100 Club



May 2024 winners

Liz and David Rollinson	Canal Bank Farm
Maz Davey	Grand Union Canal
Shaun Lane	Norvic Road
Tom Hill	Norvic Road
Ray and Frances Brown	Lukes Lea

Congratulations to all in this month's draw.

The next draw will take place on Wednesday 5th June at the Village Hall. All who wish to attend are welcome as always.

Just a reminder that it will soon be coming towards the end of the 100 Club membership for the year. I would like to thank all who are already a member for their continued support and would like to invite all others in the village to participate. It's only £20 for the year, with draws taking place every month.

Marsworth 100 Club account details:
20-39-07 00602809

Please reference your house road initials and door number as well as your name.

Good luck in the next draw!

Stephanie Hurley



Details of our next concert:

Songs & Scones Sunday 7th July 2.30pm

In the beautiful grounds of St Mary's Church,
Church Road, Pitstone LU7 9HA

Featuring: The Beacon Community Choir,
New Moon Morris and Paul Culleton.

Bring your chairs, rugs and families and enjoy
a chilled afternoon of light music.

Tea and coffee, squash, delicious scones and cakes
available throughout the afternoon.

Entrance: £5 adults, children free
Cash and credit card payments accepted.

Raffle

Proceeds in aid of St Mary's Church, Pitstone.

Concert in the church if wet.

For further information contact: Babs Byrom
07860 780127 / Richard Cooper 07795 465409.

Marsworth Litter Pickers

Since the Canal and River Trust (CRT) removed both litter and dog waste bins from their land there is a serious problem in the village and surrounding areas with the amount of rubbish the Litter Pickers are now having to clear up.

The Marsworth Litter Picking team (who meet on a Sunday, once a month) have a number of issues:

- The amount of general waste/litter
- The amount of dog waste - both in bags - sometimes not
- The Startops Car Park area which has a mound of wrapped dog waste being left where a bin used to be



All these create an increased burden on the litter pickers and it is unpleasant for them to have to deal with the dog waste.

Due to the increased amount of waste (of all descriptions) there is also a problem finding a place to store it from the Sunday it is collected until the following day when the Buckinghamshire Council Streetscene team will collect the bagged-up rubbish. At the moment our litter pickers have to walk to our house at Stepnells to leave the rubbish in giant hopper bags at the kerbside, not ideal for the litter pickers, ourselves or our neighbours.

Bagged dog waste left at
Startops Car Park
(where a bin used to be)

Our Bucks Councillor, Peter Brazier is making representations to various stakeholders to try and find a permanent solution to the amount of rubbish we now have to deal with. He has asked our residents to let him know their views on this, via the parish clerk.

If you are interested in joining the Litter Pickers please contact the parish clerk. We have a WhatsApp group that names can be added to for litter picking dates and locations, with no obligation to attend each one. All equipment provided.

Generally litter picking will be at 11am on the third Sunday of every month (with the exception of Sunday 23rd June). However, some of our volunteers go out additionally when they have time.

Caroline Smith, Parish Clerk,
parishclerk@marsworth.org.uk / 07557 289049

Local Treasures

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.

Marsworth 10k Fun Run

Sunday 12th May

Runners were treated to the warmest day of 2024 so far and the village looking at its best for the ninth Marsworth 10k fun run. Over 140 runners came from across the county and beyond to take on the challenge of towpaths, fields and hills that makes the event a genuine challenge for even the most experienced club runner.

Above all, this is a community day with 44 volunteers, some rising as early as 5.30am to distribute signs around the course, marshal the car park, put finishing touches to cakes, set up drink stations and more. The team was led by Sofie Cole, Gavin Merrilees and Jenny and Jim Sheils to whom we owe a great debt of gratitude, ensuring that (to paraphrase Brian Hanrahan) not only did we “count all the runners out, we counted them all back in again!”

After a warm up led by Heather and Erica from JogOn Running and announcer Gareth Owens, the runners started



Pre-race warm up



Early stages of the race along the Aylesbury Arm

promptly with a lap of the recreation ground before heading down the Aylesbury Arm. In what seemed like no time at all Ed Spencer, a resident of Cheddington and member of Barnet Running Club, running for the first time at Marsworth, crossed the line in a time of 36:47, not far short of the course record and an impressive effort given the heavy going in some parts of the course. The first lady was Claire Hallisey from Dacorum running club; most of her training involves park runs with a baby buggy in tow so the freedom to run on her own was a treat! Charlie Wade and Millie Weller won the junior race titles in impressive fashion.

Medals (some of them edible) were presented to all competitors, emphasising that it is the taking part (and perhaps the delicious cake and tea) that makes this such a lovely event. Amongst the heroes of the day, was Trevor Perkins who overcame heat exhaustion to cross the line with the help of the St John’s Ambulance support team. Niki Powell ensured she enjoyed the course more than any other competitor and she crossed the finish line to enthusiastic cheers from the crowd as the event drew to a close.

Well done and thank you to all the competitors, volunteers and, above all, Sofie, Gavin and Jenny.

Jonny Taylor

Photos: Jonny Taylor



Cake and tea helped tired runners recover at the end



Gavin Merrilees with race announcer Gareth Owens and sweeper Caron Owens



Race winner Ed Spencer crosses the line



Sofie Cole with race recorders Sam, Sally and Petra provided a warm welcome at the finish line



The first three home, Luke Bork Parker, Ed Spenser and Steven Blake



Ed McKenzie given a hero's welcome by his family as he reached the finish line



Niki Powell greeted as she crossed the finishing line and brought the day to a close

Recycled tyres help tackle road repairs



Buckinghamshire Council now has an innovative new material designed for fast, permanent and cost-effective repairs to shallow defects in roads and footpaths including some potholes, cracks and surrounds to manhole covers and gully grates. Roadmender Mastic Rubber is a patented specialist rubber-modified adhesive made, in part, from recycled rubber tyres. It can be heated and mixed on site and does not require noisy machinery or cutting into the highway, minimising the risk of damaging water, gas or broadband services under the road or pathway.

As the technique is quicker than traditional patching, the crews are sometimes able to take advantage of the road closure to repaint lines on the road as well.

Buckinghamshire's trial has seen 134 defects repaired, covering 1,268m² and making a carbon saving of 48 tons over more traditional patching. Around 24 tons of the materials (incorporating 216 old and unusable tyres) have been used and the trial locations will be regularly inspected to assess how the material is performing and what type of sites are best suited for this technique.



As well as a reduced environmental impact, the use of this material causes less impact on the highways workforce's exposure to noise, vibration and dust from cutting activity.

Steven Broadbent of Buckinghamshire Council explained: "We are always keen to trial new methods and materials for dealing with issues on our roads and footpaths. This particular technique could reduce delays for road users, be more environmentally friendly than traditional road repairs and most important of all, provide durable and cost-effective repairs."

Steven added: "With our very wet winter we have seen many more potholes and cracks appear on our roads and our crews are out fixing these as fast as possible.

The good news about this technique is that as it is quick to apply and also dries very quickly, it should allow us to make quicker permanent fixes in one visit for these types of defects."

The council has committed a £110 million investment over four years into roads and has a long-term investment plan for the network including a programme of substantial resurfacing and improvement works over the spring, summer and autumn.



Marsworth Speedwatch Group



For some while now, initiatives by residents of Marsworth and the Parish Council have combined to reduce the number of vehicles exceeding the 30mph limit within the village.

The most recent of these initiatives has been the establishment of the Marsworth Speedwatch Group, working in conjunction with the Thames Valley Police (TVP) to monitor vehicle speeds at five locations within Marsworth. The focus of the Group has been to deter speeding drivers by placing signs at the entry points to the village, supplemented by occasional video surveillance of vehicles. The good news is that most of the drivers monitored are law abiding, and the details of those that are not are automatically provided to TVP for further action.

This success is due to the efforts of a small number of residents who give up some of their time to provide this visible presence whilst ensuring that the video equipment is properly set up and working correctly. These sessions last for between one and two hours and the more operators that we have on board means that these times can be shared to provide increased coverage.

We would like to appeal to all readers of Marsworth News to consider whether they can help keep the village roads safe by giving up a small amount of their time to become members of the team, working in pairs with the video equipment.

If you are interested and wish to know more, please contact me: ron@startops.co.uk

Repair Cafe

**Saturday 22nd
JUNE
9:30-12:30
Pitstone Pavilion**

WE CAN REPAIR:

- Clothes/Fabrics
- All electrical items, Furniture,
- Anything wooden, metal, ceramic, clocks,
- Jewellery,
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EVERYONE IS WELCOME

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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.

TENNIS OPEN DAY

Cheddington Tennis Club is holding an open day on Saturday June 8th from 11am to 3pm to invite people from local villages to come along and give tennis a go. There will be starter tips for juniors and the chance for anyone to try tennis.

THEATRE PERFORMANCE

On Tuesday, June 4th at Pitstone Church (Church Road Pitstone), This Is My Theatre are performing 'The Wonderful Wizard of Oz' at 7pm. Tickets are available from thisismytheatre.com. Bring your own seating and picnics are welcome. If it's chilly wrap up warmly as it's outside. Thoroughly recommended.

GENTLEMEN ARRIVE

On Sunday May 19 The Red Lion, Marsworth was host to the first Tring Distinguished Gentlemen Ride who set off on a ride of the local area to waves and cheers. More than 120 'gentlemen', well-dressed in an array of dapper outfits from tweeds to blazers, gathered at the pub from 10am with their classic-style and vintage motorbikes, before setting off on a 22-mile, 80-minute ride through Tring High Street, Berkhamsted High Street and surrounding villages, returning at 12.30pm.

The ride raised more than £18,000 for Movember, which supports prostate cancer research, and men's mental health awareness and research.

This is part of a worldwide event which has raised more than \$50 million for men's charities, since its founding in 2012 in Australia, inspired by a photo of TV show *Mad Men's* Don Draper astride a classic motorcycle and wearing his finest suit.

On Sunday, 958 rides took place in towns and 121 cities all over the world with more than 500,000 taking part.

This was a spectacular event that hopefully will be held again next year. See gentlemansride.com for more details.

RED LION

The Red Lion's recent quiz night raised £176.30 for Hector's House charity. The pub thanks the teams for coming every month and hopes to see them all again in September.

The Mooving On band night raised £260. In total with their quiz nights and the band The Red Lion has raised the grand total of £1,594.62.

PITSTONE VANDALISM

On Thursday May 16th, a group of four young adults in a light blue Peugeot caused damage at Pitstone Memorial Hall, running off through a rear fire door when they were discovered. It was all on CCTV.

MEET ON MONDAY

Long Marston Victory Hall is hosting 'Meet on Monday' from 2pm to 4pm on Mondays June 3rd and 17th and

July 1st and 15th. Pop in for a cuppa and some cake and a chance to get out and have a chat and browse a bring and buy sale.

REPAIR CAFÉ

The next Repair Café at Wilstone is on Saturday, June 1st from 10.30am to 1pm. Bring along an item (including clothing) for the Volunteer Repairers to assess and bring back to life.

STREET FOOD

Weston Turville village hall is hosting a street food market on Friday, June 7th at 5pm. And on Saturday, June 8th, Aston Clinton Family Festival takes place from 12pm at Aston Clinton Park.



Fun Run - Photo: Jonny Taylor

GET READY FOR THE ULTIMATE SUMMER EXPERIENCE!

TRING SUMMER CARNIVAL
27th - 30th June
on Pound Meadow

FEATURING
SUMMER CARNIVAL DAY
Saturday 29th June
TRAMPOLINE STUNT SHOW & BIRDS OF PREY DISPLAY

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Epic walk by local man

Richard Cooper

Ben Robinson and Michael Portillo aren't the only ones to visit "Villages by the Sea" and embark on "Coastal Journeys". Marsworth resident, Paul Barber, did the same nearly two decades ago. In 2006/7 an eleven month continuous circumnavigation of Britain's 'outer coast' saw Paul, his partner and Havoc their dog clock up in excess of 5000 miles on their ultimate beating of the bounds.



Now- older, no wiser

The story now comes to life in the form of a book "dunwalkin" (small 'd' and no 'g!'). Seventeen years in the writing. Having taken that long, perhaps it really ought to be better! That comment somehow hints at the book's style, 'left field', part memoir, part travel guide.

Diaries and photographs made it possible. In November 2006 Paul was at John o' Groats, about to commence the odyssey. Havoc was barred from signing in at the hostelry



In the tent - Cremyll, Cornwall



Havoc wearing dog shoes for protecting his pads (he hated them!)

to record their departure. In October 2007 they were back in the north-east corner of Scotland having completed their adventure. Portillo might have visited St Peter's on the Wall, Dengie, one of the oldest places of worship in England dating from the 7th century. Paul was there on Ash Wednesday 2007 for an 8am service. At Westminster they met MP David Blunkett, only for Havoc to get thrown out of Parliament for fighting with Sadie, his guide dog. Ben Robinson visited Arnside. Paul and Havoc were there on 20th July 2007, before walking Morecombe Sands aided by the Queen's Guide to the Sands, Cedric Robinson.



Sinclair's Bay, NE Scotland.

The book recalls their experiences, acknowledges the support they received (have you heard of Hash House Harriers?) Curious? Buy the book!

It speaks of public generosity, being weighed down by donations. At the time £50,000 was raised for Guide Dogs for the Blind and the RNLI.

Traversing some gorgeous scenery and the odd eyesore, enduring all weathers and hardships. Domestic friction was not uncommon. The account is a warts an' all record of the experience and self-analysis.

They stayed in an Anne Frank style attic above a garage, slept on floors in fire stations and abandoned caravans, under canvas, even in a mausoleum.

Over 400 pages made scholarly by referencing others who trail blazed before writing their own accounts (Authors John Merrill, Shally and Richard Hunt, and Spud Talbot-Ponsonby). What ear worms took root on monotonous sections the "Tracks of My Years" gives this account an added dimension. Beautifully and amusingly illustrated by two local artists, it also



Tower Lifeboat station, Thames, London

includes Havoc's Own Walkies Album of black and white photos. "Full of facts, detail, entertaining, amusing, intriguing" – the view of Lynne Allen, Marsworth Wharf resident.



Rattray Head lighthouse, Aberdeenshire

Paul says "the fondest memory for me was the people we met along the way. We were truly touched by other people's lives. They were unable to commit personally to such a venture but their contribution was to assist us en route. All money raised from the sale of this book will be donated to Guide Dogs. I am not looking to make anything – just pleased I've told the story."



Carreg Samson, Neolithic dolmen, Pembrokeshire

To purchase/order contact Paul on 07980 867788 or dunwalkinbook@outlook.com .

Price £15 – delivery free if local. Signed copies if required. Your purchase will aid bonds between man and animals, allowing sensory impaired individuals to lead independent, dignified lives. Thank you.

Marsworth Women's Institute



By Denise Cornwall

This month we did not have our usual WI meeting in the village hall where we discuss WI issues and what's going on. May is the month of our Annual Dinner and it's an evening where we go out and enjoy ourselves. We have evenings of enjoyment on a regular basis, but this one is special.

At long last a warm evening had arrived and most of the members made their way to The Bell in Aston Clinton for our Annual Dinner. We were warmly welcomed and seated at a long table in a side room. The ladies were beautifully dressed as befitted the occasion. The dinner was delicious, the laughter and conversation flowed, along with the wine! Our lovely Kitty astounded the staff - she ordered three courses and ate every morsel, and they couldn't believe she was 105! She was on very good form and kept those around her entertained.

Three of the ladies received their birthday gift and card from the WI. All in all, it was a very successful evening, so nice to see everyone chatting and swapping seats so they could talk to as many ladies as possible. All too soon, Cinderella's coach appeared, and it was time to leave.

As we had been out for a special dinner it was decided not to have a supper club this month. That means that Hunters Lodge in Whipsnade will now be our venue for June Supper Club.

We had another task set us by Niki in our Craft Club. We had a big ball of string to share between us and were told to cut off various lengths - about 12 in all. Then we had to make loops with the string and stick it to a pretty piece of felt. Once it was stuck, we had to unravel the string and brush it out into a nice shape. Brushing string certainly made some of us laugh. The result was a nice piece of macrame.



Our next meeting is on 4th June. The topic for our talk is 'Tea Tasting' - this is being done by Two Spoons of Chesham, AKA Mark and Giles. It all sounds very good, and we get to do some tasting of different teas. Of course there will be cake as well!

TWO SPOONS
TEA

If you feel you would like to join us to see what we are all about you are very welcome to come along. We would be happy to see you.

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renniegrovepeace.org/opengardens



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Rennie Grove Hospice

A brief history of Rennie Grove Peace Hospice Care

In the 1980s two women, Moira Rennie and Mary Groves saw the need for specialist hospice care in the local community and worked tirelessly to fulfil that need.

In 1982 Dr Mary Groves helped to establish the St Albans and City District Hospice Care Team. In 1985, Iain Rennie Hospice At Home was established, named after its first patient, Iain Rennie who was in his mid-30s with young sons when diagnosed with a brain tumour. Five local nurses worked with Iain's GP and wife Moira and together they cared for him at home on a 24-hour responsive basis. In 2011 Rennie Grove Hospice Care was formed from the merger of Iain Rennie Hospice at Home and Grove House.

Peace Hospice Care was set up in 1991 in Watford by a group of passionate pioneers from the Watford community. By 1993, a Day Care Centre started in a portacabin which later transferred to the Peace Memorial Hospital building in 1996. In 2000 a new Inpatient Unit and Outpatient Centre was open and Hospice at Home service launched.

On 1st July 2023 the organisations merged to become Rennie Grove Peace Hospice Care. As one larger charity, we can achieve so much more. We can develop new and enhanced services and strengthen our combined voice to secure the resources to ensure every local person receives the care they need across Hertfordshire and Buckinghamshire.

For more information and local fundraising events, please visit renniegrovepeace.org.

Marsworth Neighbourhood Watch



Scams : It could happen to you

This is a true report on a scam experienced recently. I have permission from those involved to share the details in hope that it will stop other people being victims. All names are fictitious to protect any identities as those involved are embarrassed and upset at what has happened.

**DON'T
BE A
VICTIM
OF
PHONE
SCAMS!**



A friend of mine, 'Alice' was recently telling four of us the experience of how her parents in their 70s, who live in the Surrey area had been scammed. Three more of the group had had the same experience with parents in Liverpool and an elderly neighbour in Wendover.

It started with a text message saying there was a payment outstanding for unpaid postage and the parcel could not be delivered until payment had been made. 'Mrs J' enjoys on-line clothes shopping and thought nothing of clicking the link and making the payment.

Mrs J then received a telephone call on her mobile supposedly from her bank saying they were very sorry to inform her, but the payment had been declined as they had been made aware that her M&S debit card had been cloned. Coincidentally Alice called her parents on their landline at this time, was upset to hear the card had been cloned but relieved they were on a call to the bank sorting it out.

Alice called back an hour later. Mrs J was still on the phone, which was odd as normally stopping bank cards is a quick procedure. Alarm bells were ringing and Mr and Mrs J sounded very stressed. Alice rang back after 10 more minutes and was horrified to hear Mr J tell her it was all sorted and the bank were sending a taxi to collect the card to take it to the fraud centre. The taxi company was a local firm that they themselves had used to get to the airport for a holiday. Mrs J meanwhile is still on her mobile to the scammers who said they would stay on the line until the card arrived safely at the centre and they could then confirm the rest of her (confidential) security details. Very cleverly they were reassuring Mrs J that they understood her concern and there are a lot of nasty scammers out there!! The scammer was so believable, he was collecting the card to keep it safe for them, showing lots of empathy and winning their trust. Even enquiring if Mrs J had eaten as she had been on the phone a long time!

Mr J had called the telephone number provided by the scammers, as by this time he was getting suspicious, but it was never answered. A bank's fraud line is operational 24 hours a day, seven days a week and would always be answered.

Alice had to get tough with her parents, shouting at them "It's a scam!" which the scammer heard and tried to reassure Mrs J it wasn't. He then started to get nasty. Alice demanded they put the phone down immediately. She gave them their bank's number from the internet and they called them using a separate phone. The scammers continued to try and get through, calling Mrs J's mobile repeatedly which they wisely now did not pick up.

Mr J spoke to his bank and the card was legitimately cancelled and thankfully nothing was taken from their account. Had Alice not phoned when she did, events could have turned out much worse.

The result of this has been quite devastating on Mr and Mrs J. They feel stupid, traumatised, shocked and have lost confidence in dealing with their finances which Alice has now taken over for them. Mrs J has had to change her mobile number, as the next day she received other scam calls, likely she was now on a list as being vulnerable to scams.

Mr and Mrs J and Alice urge you to take their experience as a warning. Scammers are clever, persistent and well trained to have an answer to all your questions. They make you believe they are from your bank and are looking after you. No bank asks for personal information over the telephone or collects the card from you for 'safe keeping'. **Always phone your bank back on a number you have sourced from the back of your card or the internet and always on a different phone** to the one you got the original call from.



Message from our local PC Jake Bye:

Following a change in our local Police team's email, PC Jake has clarified how to make contact with Thames Valley Police should you need to report a crime.

"My best advice to people is that everything is reported to Police via either 101 or online if it has happened and the suspects are no longer around or no person is at risk. This could be damage found, items taken from property/vehicles, neighbour issues etc.

If a crime is happening there and then it should always be 999. This in itself is subjective because people might believe that a vehicle in the area is acting suspiciously and could be preparing to commit a crime; in a case like that, a 999 call would be appropriate. It would then be down to us to decide whether we send out a resource dependent on how busy the whole Aylesbury area is. If in doubt, just call 999 and if that response is not required the call operator will always still take the report.

Our email address is there to be used for contact for non-urgent enquiries that don't relate to reporting of crime. The crime reporting process has to follow the correct procedure, and that is through 101 or online. A lot of the time, once this is reported, we as the Neighbourhood Team will be notified and will make contact or assist other officers with enquiries into their report. If people want to contact the local team, then the email is the way forward – we'll get in contact with regards to whatever is presented to us. It is important to reiterate that we cannot take reports of a crime over the email address."

The new email address to contact our local Policing team at Wing for any **non-urgent enquiries**:
WingNHPT@thamesvalley.police.uk.

To report a **non-urgent crime** online:
www.thamesvalley.police.uk/ro/report.

See photos of Wing and Ivinghoe Neighbourhood Policing Team on page 16.

Extra £500k for gully cleansing and roadside drainage repairs



Buckinghamshire Council has pledged an additional £500,000 for repeat gully cleansing and repairing roadside drainage as part of a programme to ensure the county is as protected as possible against heavy rainfall and potential flooding. The funding is on top of the £110m committed over four years from the council's budget to tackle highways repairs, with extra focus being given to a number of high priority areas.

With the highest rainfall for more than 200 years throughout winter and spring, in recent months many areas within Buckinghamshire have experienced flooding and related problems. To bolster resilience to flooding and heavy rain, the council will use the new funding to carry out extra cleansing of high priority gullies that need it in addition to its regular planned gully maintenance, to ensure they are in prime condition to cope with periods of sudden heavy or prolonged rainfall. New ditches and 'grips' to remove water from the road will also be created in some problem areas, and damaged drainage systems will be repaired so that water can flow away more easily.



Peter Martin, Deputy Cabinet Member for Transport said: "As we know, it has been a very wet winter and the excessive amounts of rain have caused issues for many of our communities as drainage systems struggled to deal with volumes of water rarely seen in Buckinghamshire. While dealing with sewers and mains water pipes remains the responsibility of water companies, as a council we need to ensure that roads are clear of standing water wherever possible. Clearing gullies and ditches of leaves and debris and making repairs where needed allows the water to drain away more quickly and helps to prevent some flooding."

For the past four years, the council has allocated funding to clean all 85,000 gullies across the county as part of a regular cycle. Gullies are an important part of the highway drainage system that minimise flood damage. This will be the fourth year of clearing out the gullies and making repairs where necessary, helping the gullies to work at their best, protecting property and minimising the damage to highways caused by runoff from roads.



Peter added: "We will be visiting every highway gully across our roads network and cleaning and making repairs as needed – residents can help by paying attention to any signs put up on their road to give advance notice of gully cleansing and making sure that vehicles are moved so as not to block our crews from getting access to gullies. By taking this additional action now we hope we can better prepare ourselves for the future."

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Bucks Art Weeks 2024 (BAW) is rapidly heading our way to Wingrave with Rowsham.



Field View Studio, Castle Street, will be open on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays (see poster), 10.00 to 5.30 pm. We will be exhibiting our lively and contemporary work by this year's group of nine Artists and Makers. Look forward to seeing unique Ceramics, Textiles, Glass Art, Pencil and Pastel Portraiture, Felt Creations and Mixed Media Paintings and expect to meet the Artists too; new BAW exhibitors are with us this year. (Catalogue/Website Nos 66-74). Our garden is also 'Open' with plenty of seating for a moment of Rest and Relaxation with a drink and cake!

Julie Pugh's lovely Studio will also be open (21st -23rd) showing 'One of One' Jewellery at nearby Home Farm, so just head on down Castle Street for a warm welcome and a spot of enjoyable browsing at both venues.

Rowsham? Check out Jenny Lowe's wonderful animal sculptures - and her garden too - during selected BAW days. (Cat./Website No. 79). Then crossing the A418, find four 'Rowsham Creatives' exhibiting at Manor Farm (Cat./Website No. 78).

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

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The Tring Anglers

We look forward to the regional and national events this year: Last year's regional event at Three Locks was particularly successful for Maja Davidson, with a best weight in all sections of 5lb 12oz. (See photo).

I hope we have more representatives from Tring Anglers this year and they progress to the Let's Fish National Celebration of Youth on the Shropshire Union Canal in September.

Sadly the combined event of the Floating Market, Tring Anglers and Canal & River

Trust on the canal at Startops was a complete wash out. Not only persistent rain but howling wind and a low temperature of 4-6 degrees. Amazingly all those, except one, that booked in for the Let's Fish turned up in winter clothing and wellie boots. We failed to catch a fish; although we had some sucked maggots, the waves on the canal prevented us seeing the bites!

We all agreed that the idea of co-operation between the representative Boaters and Anglers should not be deterred by the weather, and we should give it another try. Perhaps April is not the best time, and we should try later in the year.

Sunday June 16th is a double celebration. Firstly, as last year, we will be sharing a space with the Inland



Maja with a great mixed bag at Three Locks

Waterways Association at the excellent Marsworth Steam Rally. Also, we will again be running a Let's Fish on the canal in the area of the picnic table next to Marsworth Reservoir. You can book on Eventbrite on the Canal & River Trust website or just turn up on the day and we will try to fit you in. The second celebration is the beginning of the river fishing season (I shall be fishing the Great Ouse on Monday 17th). We left the river in a state of flood during the month of March. Hopefully it will now be decked with lily pads and rushes. We can watch the damsel flies, and these days maybe an otter. One of the changes is the increasing number and size of river tench, maybe due to climate change.

See you on the towpath or river bank!

Saturday June 8th 9.30am-4pm Let's Fish, Cooks Wharf, Cheddington, Grand Union Canal, LU7 0SZ, [///elephant.causes.thickened](http://elephant.causes.thickened)

Sunday 16th June 9.30am-4pm Let's Fish, Reservoir Pound Locks 39-40, Marsworth, Grand Union Canal. HP23 4LJ [///unfolds.arise.defeated](http://unfolds.arise.defeated).

Also enjoy Marsworth Steam and Classic Vehicle Rally www.marsworthsteamrally.co.uk.

Saturday 22nd June 9.30am-4pm Let's Fish, Cooks Wharf, Cheddington, Grand Union Canal, LU7 0SZ, [///elephant.causes.thickened](http://elephant.causes.thickened).

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

Saturday July 13th 9.30am-3pm Let's Fish, Regional Competition Event, Three Locks. Leighton Buzzard <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/free-lets-fish-regional-celebration-milton-keynes-150723-tickets-598771039297>

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Wendover - Halton towpath upgrade

Grand Opening Friday 28th 10am - 3pm

Robbie Cumming of TV's Canal Boat Diaries to cut the ribbon.



Highlights

- 'Canal fair' in Walnut Tree Meadow.
- Teddy bears' picnic for young children, plus Treasure Trail.
- Nature trail worksheet and quiz for older children..
- Talks by experts at sites of 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.
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For more information contact

sheiladerosab@btinternet.com



Local Treasures

Caroline and Steve Smith would like to nominate Our Bookshop of Tring as a worthy Local Treasure. They contacted the owner, Ben Moorhouse, who was happy to supply the following.



Saving Our Bookshop

Our Bookshop opened in Tring High Street just four and a half years ago and in that short time has become a well-loved asset and a hub of so many events in the town. The Tring Book Festival has become a regular feature in November and this year will run over two weeks. The line up is well underway and will include many great names and characters. In the past we have had the pleasure of hosting well-known politicians, including Alan Johnson and Jess Phillips, TV personalities like the wonderful Jay Blades from The Repair Shop, Esme Young from the Sewing Bee, Shirley Ballas of Strictly fame and acclaimed poets including Simon Armitage, Carol Ann Duffy and Brian Bilston, to name just a few. With a strong line up of authors, the 2024 Tring Book Festival will be another highlight of the Tring events calendar.

Many of our local schools have enjoyed visits from celebrated children's authors including Tom Fletcher, Jeff Kinney, Rob Biddulph and in May, Our Bookshop had the absolute pleasure of hosting the Children's Laureate, Cressida Cowell. The shop has become really well known among publishers as a very safe pair of hands for hosting top authors.

As well as the Book Festival, The Tringe comedy festival is also organised from Our Bookshop, a whole month of comedy in July, with many top names, as well as hosting comedians throughout the year.

The shop is always a safe space for discussions, book reviews, laughter and camaraderie. The monthly book club, where the author joins us either in person or online, has proven to be a really popular event. David Nicholls was our guest in May.

Securing the future of Our Bookshop in the High Street has become a priority. The lease on the ground floor retail space finishes in the not-too-distant future and the plan is to try to purchase the premises. In order to do this a Crowdfunding campaign is underway. Our Bookshop has been truly humbled by the support and wonderful comments from local people and also from many of the authors who have spent time with us in Tring. Please keep an eye on local press and social media to see the outcome, but the indications of a successful outcome are very positive.

Do pop in for a visit if you are passing. The shop is a welcoming vibrant, happy place with knowledgeable and helpful staff. If the title you want isn't in stock, books can generally be ordered in for the next day and staff have been known to hunt down some very obscure titles from time to time!

Our Bookshop looks forward to welcoming you very soon.

Ben Moorhouse <https://www.ourbookshoptring.co.uk/>

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Bucks Councillor's May report – extracts



Councillor Derek Town

01296 661637 derek.town@buckinghamshire.gov.uk

Buckinghamshire Councillor, Ivinghoe Ward

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

Bucks Council Housing Strategy for 2024-2029

Buckinghamshire Council has unveiled a comprehensive Housing Strategy for 2024-2029. This sets out the council's vision, priorities and actions to meet the current and future housing needs and challenges in the county.

To achieve the strategy, the council has created three key priorities:

- 1. A strong housing offer:** The vision is to provide affordable, accessible, sustainable, and suitable housing choices for all life stages.
- 2. Better homes:** The council is dedicated to improving the quality and sustainability of existing homes. Through targeted investments, it aims to enhance living conditions and create vibrant communities.
- 3. New homes:** The strategy emphasises the importance of affordable, accessible, and appropriate new housing. By collaborating with housing associations, developers, and community groups, Buckinghamshire Council will ensure that residents find homes that meet their needs and aspirations.

Fly-tipper receives suspended prison sentence

An 81-year-old man from London has narrowly escaped prison after admitting to dumping asbestos roofing materials in Denham, Buckinghamshire.

Jagdish Sharma admitted fly-tipping the waste in Denham in September 2023 at High Wycombe Magistrates Court in April 2024.

Sharma was sentenced to three months imprisonment (suspended for 12 months) and ordered to pay clean-up compensation in full of £582. He was also ordered to pay full investigation and prosecution costs of £917 and a victim surcharge of £154, totalling £1,653.

New Moon Morris Spring 2024

4th June

Dance Out at Half Moon, Wilstone

9th June

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New Moon Morris



Where can you see Morris dancing over the summer?

New Moon Morris were dancing at The Red Lion in Marsworth recently. A couple of cyclists arrived and jumped off their bikes to video us before the light failed. Later on I met up with them at the bar, and they had quite a few questions.

I'm used to that; people often ask us about Morris, but one of the things they said interested me - that they had never come across Morris dancers while 'out and about' before. I suppose that I have a different perspective on it; I tend to go to places where I see a lot of Morris dancers, and I know how busy our calendar is for this summer. It will be the same for the other local sides, too. But I do wonder how many people have never come across this most English of traditions when pottering around on a bicycle, or when strolling down to the local pub?

In some areas of Britain I could understand that, but there are several Morris sides based locally to Marsworth – not just New Moon Morris. Over the summer they will be out keeping up the traditions – including dancing “Sun Up” on the first of May, dancing at fetes and fairs (often raising money for charity), on the village green, at the pub. Not every pub is the right one for Morris dancers, but most of the traditional pubs around the Marsworth area are very welcoming to our local sides.

Many people think of Morris dancing as men dressed in white with crossed baldricks and waving hankies, but there are several regional styles, so one of the best places to see some excellent dancing and a wide variety of styles is at the very many Folk Festivals held in towns and cities around the country.

At the big festivals there might be dozens of Morris sides dancing, and there are always puzzled tourists trying to work out what is happening. I'm fairly visible in my Morris kit so when we were at the Oxford Folk Festival earlier this year dozens of people came up to me to ask “Can you help me? What is happening? What are you celebrating?” Of course, while all countries have their own traditional dances not all Scandinavian, French, Japanese or American tourists know about Morris dancing, and they may not be used to finding crowds watching displays of dancing in their own towns and cities.

Have you ever thought about what makes ordinary people get involved in Morris? Why do they keep on the traditions? What makes them do it? The answer is very simple - it's huge fun.



So, this summer, why not wander down to your local pub, watch the Morris sides while you have a glass of something refreshing – you can find out their events on their websites, or on Facebook.

New Moon Morris will be dancing at The Half Moon in Wilstone on Tuesday 4th June with guests Phoenix Morris, from about 7.30 pm.

Cath Fincher

Frogmore Paper Mill Street Food Market



**Friday 21st June,
5.30-10pm**

A fabulous evening of scrumptious food and drink plus great music; all in the wonderful setting of our paper mill outside classroom. We want to keep the Frogmore Paper Mill site as active as we can, while our new Visitor Centre is being developed.



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Emperor goose spotted at Startops Reservoir, May 2024 by Linda Beardsley, who supplied the information.



Emperor Geese

These are fascinating waterfowl native to Alaska and northeastern Siberia.

Unfortunately, they are not commonly found in the United Kingdom. However, there have been occasional sightings of escaped Emperor Geese among flocks of feral geese in the UK. Some notable instances include breeding on Walney Island and in Essex.

These striking birds have a distinctive appearance with a white head and neck, complemented by a barred blue-grey body. Their plumage is particularly attractive, making them popular in collections.

Emperor Geese are naturally tame and confiding, often staying close to each other and quietly conversing. To thrive, they require clean water and good grazing, and they prefer cooler climates due to their arctic origins.

While they are considered low risk at present, their numbers have decreased, and they remain vulnerable to hunting and local catastrophic events such as oil spills.

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ART EXHIBITION AT ORCHARD VIEW FARM IN JUNE

Bucks Art Weeks is an exciting event showcasing hundreds of artists from across the county

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.

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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
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