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## Stupendous Steam Rally

*James Kennedy*

Friday and Saturday would have been too wet, Sunday promised showers early on, but the weather held off, so Marsworth could host yet another successful rally. At 11am the event was officially opened by MC Rod Hepburn. A record 23 amazing full-sized engines on display this year, accompanied by stationary engines and scale models too. These engines were made by master engineers of the time including Burrell and Aveling & Porter.

Marsworth has never seen so many cars! This year's rally saw hundreds of classic cars, ranging from a 1920s Ford Model T to a 2020 McLaren 720S, with a wide variety in between. This year saw the return of the raised viewing-platform for visitors to explore a working steam engine in more detail. This platform also allowed visitors to survey the full panorama across Startop Farm, our rally site. With huge support from Michael Brake and the team at the Red Lion, for which we are most grateful, the event featured ales donated, in no particular order, by Tring Brewery, Vale Brewery, Rebellion Brewery, Shepherd Neame Brewery and Dayla. Meanwhile, the Church and WI team provided gallons of tea and coffee, freshly baked cakes and biscuits and a welcome place to sit and enjoy the fantastic refreshments.

Returning by popular demand were ceilidh band Pickled Tink, who entertained throughout the afternoon. We look forward to welcoming them back in 2025!

Marsworth's very own Lady Singers joined us before lunchtime to entertain the crowds. Chesham's award-winning Knights of Harmony added to the entertainment on show in the afternoon.

A record number of trade stalls, visitor attractions and catering stands surrounded our biggest arena to date. Steam Engine tug-of-war proved very popular with children and parents alike. A selection of classic tractors was also invited into the arena, before the traditional whistle blow from our full-sized engines, which could be heard from

some distance. Aside from entertainment in the arena, the engines could be found in the main field this year, and also at the back of the rally taking visitors for trailer rides, with different engines throughout the day.

Also found in the back field for 2024, were the heavy horses. This proved to be hugely popular for visitors – seeing the full evolution of agriculture, from horse to traction engine to tractor!

We are very pleased to have been able to host another successful event, and we hope that future events will continue to be as successful. None of this would be possible without the guidance and leadership from our committee, and the determination of our fantastic volunteers from the village, and local charities who we will be supporting with the proceeds from this event.

A message from our committee Chair, Neil Kennedy: "As many of our volunteers and supporting teams are aware, preparing for and running the rally is a physical and exhausting task.

A special thank you first of all to Josie Kempster and family from Startop Farm for hosting so many visitors. The local stalls, charities, enthusiastic scouts and of course all our wonderful volunteers help make this village event so worthwhile. A huge thank you to all who supported us. We'd also like to extend our thanks to our amazing sponsors, M Miles Scaffolding, Camiers Waste Management and GS2 Design, whose continued support for this event is very much appreciated.



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### Village Hall defibrillator

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



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## Diary Dates - July/August 2024

### July

|     |          |        |                        |
|-----|----------|--------|------------------------|
| 4th | Thursday |        | General Election       |
| 8th | Monday   | 8.00pm | Parish Council Meeting |

### August

|      |        |        |                        |
|------|--------|--------|------------------------|
| 12th | Monday | 8.00pm | Parish Council Meeting |
|------|--------|--------|------------------------|

## Editorial

By *Sandra Costello*

There is much about the Steam Rally in this issue - I will only add that it was a really pleasant and enjoyable day in lovely weather. It was good too to see many local faces of people pulling their weight to make this such a successful event. Serving in the tea tent and bar was really just fun; the greatest credit should go to the unsung heroes who did so much with setting up, taking down and marshalling through the day.

For me, an added pleasure after the event was to hear a number of traction engines making their way (at well-spaced intervals) to the unmistakable sounds of whistles blowing and metal-on-tarmac, along Wingrave Road to a post-rally rendezvous at the home of one of their number at Gubblecote. I wonder if there is a term for a gathering of traction engines?

On page 6 we have an item regarding a local man who has been awarded an OBE - congratulations to David Rollinson, though his field of endeavour is almost too abstruse to be appreciated. We are always interested in any such achievements, so do let us know if you or someone you know deserves a mention!

On page 13 we have a different kind of 'Local Treasure' - a distinctive tree. If you have any place or item which you think warrants being highlighted for the interest of readers, do send details to [editor@marsworthnews.co.uk](mailto:editor@marsworthnews.co.uk).



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## 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](http://www.marsworth.org.uk/marsworth-parish-council).



### White Lion Bridge repairs

Works to the road at the White Lion Bridge up to 9 Lower Icknield Way took place at the end of May/beginning of June. The clearing of the drains appears to have been successful, but the new road surface may be breaking up in places. Cllr Brazier will address this with the Local Area Technician to ensure the contractor makes good.



Photo - Jeremy Whitehead

### Crimes around the reservoirs and canals

The use of canoes is not allowed on the Reservoirs as they are SSSI sites. Boats are restricted to Tringford for fly fishing and a strictly limited amount on Startops for dinghies. No boats of any sort are permitted on Marsworth Reservoir unless by Canal & River Trust. Neither Canal & River Trust nor Tring Anglers have the resources to manage these issues and Thames Valley Police do not have the necessary powers to refer to.

### Saplings required for Recreation Ground

Quotes were obtained for either fencing around the perimeter of the Rec or additional trees planted in the gaps of the Rec hedges but the quotes were considered too expensive. Two of the Parish Councillors have some suitable saplings and we are asking residents to contact the Parish Clerk if they have any to spare. MPC was considering planting them in the Autumn with local resident volunteers and with the help of the children of Marsworth C of E School. See notice on this page.

### Additional defibrillator in the village

There was a current offer for support towards an internal defibrillator, but MPC agreed that an externally fitted one would be of more overall use. Clerk to look out for offers. If anyone can suggest a suitable site at the opposite end from the village hall, please let the Clerk know. MPC also agreed that it would welcome additional training on the use of a defibrillator and Clerk would let them know when training was next available. There was also information and a video on the British Heart Foundation website: <https://www.bhf.org.uk/how-you-can-help/how-to-save-a-life/defibrillators/understanding-defibrillators-what-they-are-and-how-to-use-them>.

### Traffic priority sign by Startop Farm

Clerk will contact FixMyStreet to ask that a temporary 'traffic priority' sign be put in place outside Startop Farm as currently there is a sign in only one direction which is a safety risk.

## Marsworth Parish Councillors

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### Parish Council meeting dates 2024

8.00pm in Village Hall

|             |             |
|-------------|-------------|
| 8 July      | 14 October  |
| 12 August   | 11 November |
| 9 September | 9 December  |

### Next MPC Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be on Monday 8th July. Any items for the agenda should be submitted to the Parish Clerk by Monday 1st July. 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](mailto:parishclerk@marsworth.org.uk).

Did you plant a tree  
in '73?

Why not plant  
some more in '24?

### Saplings wanted

There are a few gaps in the hedge around the perimeter of the Recreation Ground along Watery Lane.

The Parish Council is hoping to fill these in during the Autumn using saplings of various different trees supplied locally.

If you have any suitable spare saplings, preferably in pots, please let the Parish Clerk know. Volunteers also wanted to help with planting. Please contact: [parishclerk@marsworth.org.uk](mailto:parishclerk@marsworth.org.uk) 07557 289049



The Rec used as a large car park for the Steam Rally

## All Saints Church

From the Vicar,  
*James Grainger-Smith*



Rev. James

The summer is a busy time in the life of our Parish Church.

Saturday 8th June delivered an afternoon of blue skies for the Plant and Cake Sale at All Saints – when many hours of labour (in the kitchen and particularly in the garden) came to fruition. I brought home a great selection of both plants and cakes – and I do want to thank everyone who worked so hard to make the day such a success.

Now Father's Day is still in the future as I write (will my sons get their act together? Time will tell!) but I am going to assume that the Steam Rally was a great occasion for all the family – and I'd like to thank especially everyone who helps in the tea tent for all their hard work: it really does make a difference.

July is due to be an important time at All Saints. By the end of the first week of the month both of our new Churchwardens, Neil Kennedy and Richard Hares, are expected to have been sworn in by the Archdeacon. This means that – after many years of faithful service – John White can now relax a little! We all wish him the very best.

The first of this year's weddings at All Saints will also have taken place. Perhaps this is a good moment to remind folk that, at the Parish Church, we are always happy to offer weddings and baptisms – so, if you (or a member of your family) find yourselves in either of these blessed positions, don't hesitate to contact me.

However you spend your summer, I do hope that we all experience some sunshine over the coming months – and that you have a happy and enjoyable time.

Every blessing

*James*

## All Saints plant sale

I would like to thank everyone who supported our recent plant sale, making it such a successful village event on all fronts. So much effort goes into the preparation of this sale and the cold wet weather of recent months caused a deal of concern when it came to the development of the seedlings and young plants we were hopefully bringing along to sell. Fortunately, all was well on the day of the sale and even the sun managed to shine on us.

Special thanks should go to Giles and Ruth Monks who play a major part in setting up the stalls on the day and to Ruth for organising all the advertising, and also to Matt Carter for all his input, i.e. expertise and enthusiasm. Also to David Holloway as our now established 'cashier'.

There was also the opportunity to enjoy refreshments from the church kitchen served by Niki Powell and Chris Kennedy, so a delicious cake was waiting to be enjoyed before going home to start planting all the purchases.

There are still sales being made this week but to date the event raised £734.10p. So once again, Thank You All for joining in.

*Gill White*

### Services for July and August 2024

(at All Saints Church unless otherwise stated)

#### Saturday 6th July

2.00pm Wedding (Nika and Ben)

#### Sunday 7th July

9.15am Holy Communion

#### Sunday 14th July

8.30am Holy Communion (BCP)

4pm Deanery Service at Wing Church

#### Sunday 21st July

9.15am Holy Communion

#### Sunday 28th July

6.00pm Evensong (BCP)

#### Sunday 4th August

9.15am Holy Communion

#### Sunday 11th August

8.30am Holy Communion (BCP)

#### Friday 16th August

1.00pm Wedding (Martha and Chris)

#### Sunday 18th August

9.15am Holy Communion

#### Sunday 25th August

6.00pm Evensong (BCP)

### Who's Who at All Saints Marsworth

[www.achurchnearyou.com/All-Saints-Marsworth](http://www.achurchnearyou.com/All-Saints-Marsworth)



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### Message from Neil Kennedy, churchwarden

Regular attendees at church will likely know me as a member of the choir, others in the village perhaps as a member of the steam rally organising committee. I live on Vicarage Road, just down the road from the church, which is particularly handy as I look to engage in a new role as churchwarden.

I look forward to receiving some of the font of knowledge and understanding that John and other long-standing supporters of the church hold dear. I say this especially as I would stress at this stage, that I am a complete novice and will be seeking guidance from predecessors and fellow churchwarden Richard, as we both commence our duties from July.

I'd like to wish John White a restful time ahead as he leaves such big shoes to fill and would like to thank all who have shown their support as I begin a new role.

## Marsworth Village Hall 100 Club



The 100 club £20 winners for June are:

- 160 Christine King - April Cottage
- 126 Paul and Chris Hobart - Vicarage Road
- 124 Ruth and Giles Monks - Vicarage Road
- 123 Ruth and Giles Monks - Vicarage Road
- 114 Isabelle and Matt Drew - Norvic Road

The next draw will take place on Wednesday 3rd July, at the Millennium Hall. All who wish to attend are welcome as always.

It will soon be coming towards the end of the 100 Club membership for the year, July being the last draw for this term. The next draw for the new term will be in August. I would like to thank all that are already a member for their continued support and would like to invite everyone in the village to participate. It's only £20 for the year for one number, you can have as many per household as you wish. The draws take place every month for five £20 winners plus three big draws a year of up to £100.

Account details:  
20-39-07 00602809, Marsworth 100 Club, if you wish to pay online. Please reference your house road initials and door number as well as your name. Or you can pay by cash with our wonderful volunteers who will be collecting in due course.

If you are new to the area and would like further information, you can contact me on 07858 508664.

Good luck in the next draw.

Stephanie Hurley

## Steam Rally tea tent

Sandra Saxon and Gill White would like to thank all those involved with the setting up and running of the tea tent at the recent Steam Rally.

Despite a good few cold and wet days prior to Sunday the weather was really kind to us all with lots of sunshine and we enjoyed a constant flow of visitors to our tent to buy teas, coffees, soft drinks and a delicious array of homemade cakes throughout the day. In fact the cakes were sold out by 3.30pm but folk continued to buy teas and coffees until the last moment.

The financial result was exceptional and All Saints Church much appreciate the help from the WI bakers who always come up with the goods and also thank all those who gave up their time to working in the tent, whether it be for an hour or two or in some cases for the entire rally.

Thanks to you all for making this such a rewarding event.

Gill White and Sandra Saxon



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## Anglers Retreat pub saved

Kate Andrew

The Anglers Retreat is staying as a pub. The landmark hostelry near the lower entrance to the village has been bought by new owners who already own two more pubs, reportedly including The Bell in Princes Risborough.



It will continue to be managed by Sarah Hawkes, who has been at the Anglers for eleven years.

The news is being celebrated locally, following a period of uncertainty while previous owners David and Pauline tried to get planning permission to redevelop the property as housing. The sale went through three weeks ago and Sarah confirms that it will continue as a pub and will not be redeveloped. She says she has had meetings with the new owners who plan to do it up in stages and probably offer more food. "I am really pleased about the sale – not just personally but also for my staff members, George, Eliana and Grace. The new owners plan to invest in it and make it an asset for everyone locally".

Commenting on *Everything Marsworth*, a villager says: "The good old Anglers Retreat! We were all up in arms when we thought it would close. Now it's been sold we really need to support it to make sure it has a future. Dogs very welcome and food at lunchtime, with veggie options on offer".



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## Home-to-school transport

### For parents of children changing to secondary schools this year

It was brought to Marsworth Parish Council's attention early in the year that changes to school transport policy had been suggested that would directly affect the residents of Marsworth. MPC wrote to the Transport Policy & Improvement Manager at Buckinghamshire Council to confirm that free home-to-school transport for Marsworth would continue and were advised that:

The School Transport Policy states that on the admissions form parents must place the nearest suitable school on the form. The nearest 'in County' school for Marsworth is John Colet, Wendover, however Marsworth is not in the catchment area for this school and historically Marsworth children are not accepted at John Colet. The Catchment School in county for Marsworth is Cottesloe School.

However if you wish your child to attend Cottesloe we have been advised that unless John Colet is put down as a preference (not necessarily first preference) on the admissions form (even though there isn't a wish to go there) - then free school transport will not be given from Marsworth to Cottesloe. **PARENTS NEED TO BE AWARE OF THIS.**

Also if (in the unlikely event because Marsworth is out of John Collet catchment) there is a place at John Colet, then free school transport will **not** be given to Cottesloe.

Everything apart from the home to Tring School measurement can be done on the two checkers - <https://schools.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/school-admissions/nearest> and <https://schools.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/school-admissions/transport>. Parents should be encouraged to check both because the catchment/direct line checker gives very different results to the transport/routed distances checker.

Parents should use the online 'contact us' form - <https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools-index/school-admissions/contact-school-admissions/> for this request.

Four sample addresses were taken, one either end of Marsworth on the Icknield Way and one at the Red Lion Pub in Marsworth, and then the Surgery in Pitstone. In all cases there is free transport entitlement to a Bucks school (the nearest Bucks school however if a place isn't available then the next nearest school) and also to Tring (the nearest school). In some cases, the Tring entitlement is on the basis of it being an unsafe walking route and in others as it is over three miles but nearer than any of the Bucks schools. The entitlement to free transport to attend Tring School is considered under the national transport policy <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/home-to-school-travel-and-transport-guidance>.

When school applications are processed, where the nearest suitable school is out of county and has been put on the list of preferences this is considered in the school transport eligibility assessment.

If you have any queries, please let the Parish Clerk know at [parishclerk@marsworth.org.uk](mailto:parishclerk@marsworth.org.uk) and she can put you in touch with Carol Lister from Cheddington who has had a number of recent dealings with Bucks County Council on these matters for Marsworth pupils.

## OBE honour for local man

David Rollinson of Canal Bank Farm has been awarded an OBE in the King's birthday honours list.

David is described as a 'Natural History Museum scientist' and the Museum's press release stated that: "The Museum is delighted to announce that Scientific Associate, Dr David Rollinson, has been awarded an OBE.



David Rollinson with Sonny

In delivering outstanding scientific leadership in combatting the parasitic disease schistosomiasis (also known as bilharzia) in Africa, David has improved the lives and well-being of many thousands of people for generations to come. His dedication, expertise, and global cooperation have led to significant advancements in managing and eradicating Neglected Tropical Diseases, which worsen poverty and global insecurity".

**Dr Tim Littlewood**, Executive Director of Science, in congratulating David said, "David has an exceptional record of convening and leading scientists, public health professionals and community leaders towards action on disease diagnosis, prevention, control and elimination, and sharing understanding with the public.

Schistosomiasis affects 240 million people in 78 countries, predominantly in sub-Saharan Africa, causing great suffering and thousands of deaths; 800 million people are at risk of infection. As current Director of the Global Schistosomiasis Alliance, David has galvanised the central partnership of research organisations, funders, pharmaceutical companies and NGOs to accelerate schistosomiasis control and elimination.

As a Scientific Associate, and until recently as an Individual Merit Research Scientist at the Museum and Director of the World Health Organisation Collaborating Centre for Schistosomiasis, David has driven significant innovation in parasite, snail vector and DNA collections and analysis".



Hertfordshire Home Guard Living History display at the Steam Rally

## Marshcroft Development Appeal

Redrow is to take the Marshcroft development planning decision to the High Court to challenge the Secretary of State's decision not to allow this development.

The application for the development of 1400 houses on land between Bulbourne Road and Station Road had gone to appeal and subsequently to Public Enquiry and latterly to the Secretary of State (The Rt Hon Michael Gove MP) for a final decision, who had dismissed the Appeal and refused planning permission.

The developers have exercised their right to apply to the High Court to dismiss the Department of Levelling Up's decision on correct legal process not being followed. Redrow has advanced the following arguments:

- to be in conflict with sections 18 (Mix of Housing) and 19 (35% or higher of Affordable Housing) of Dacorum's Core Strategy whilst the Inspector found them to be in accordance with them.
- Redrow's provision of 45% affordable housing exceeded the requirements of Dacorum's Development Plan contained in the first draft Local Plan and was a key consideration that was not given due weight.
- Dacorum failed to demonstrate they had provided a five year supply of Housing Land and accepted it will be just over two years' supply in the Borough.
- Dacorum's delay in producing an agreed Local Plan was an important consideration but was not given 'separate weight' by the Secretary.
- Due regard was not given to the Ecological net gain in the proposal as the Secretary downgraded them to only moderate.
- There were procedural failures. Final representations (including that from the GFRA) were not provided to Redrow for further response.

Redrow's application is to the King's Bench Division Planning Court and the Defendants are the Secretary of State together with Dacorum. The process starts with a first shorter hearing for the Court to decide whether there is a case to answer; if so, then a later session will examine Redrow's arguments and the counter arguments put to them by the Secretary of State and Dacorum.



## Bucks Council new county-wide Local Heritage List

Buckinghamshire Council has now adopted 1,466 new heritage assets onto its county-wide heritage list. The council has developed a Local Heritage List to protect some of the most important sites in the county that contribute to the character and heritage of Buckinghamshire.



There have been more than 3,440 nominations from members of the public for inclusion on the list. In January 2023, 771 sites were brought forward for adoption in Phase 1. A further 1,466 sites have now been added, bringing the total number of locally listed assets to 2,237.

The Local Heritage List identifies locally significant heritage sites and celebrates their contribution to local identity and character. These sites include historic buildings (houses, chapels, agricultural and industrial buildings), archaeological sites, formal gardens, public open spaces, public works of art and monuments.

This is different to statutory listing and designations (e.g., Grade I, II and II\* Listed Buildings, Scheduled Monuments, and Registered Parks and Gardens), which are assessed nationally by Historic England.

Buckinghamshire Council's representative said: "The Local Heritage List will help us protect local heritage assets for future generations to enjoy. For instance, assets on this list will be recognised and considered in any future planning applications."

Visit <https://local-heritage-list.org.uk/buckinghamshire/list>.

### The list for Marsworth includes:

- Nissen hut from Polish camp
- Great Farm House
- Anglers Retreat
- White Lion
- School and Schoolhouse
- Wharf Bridge, Watery Lane
- Gurneys Farm House
- A number of houses in Vicarage Road and Church Lane



A pre-electric wind-up car? Seen at the Steam Rally  
Photo: Sandra Costello

# Marsworth Women's Institute



By Denise Cornwall

This month's meeting was very entertaining. We had lots to talk about before we had our speakers to tell us all about tea. I never thought it would be so interesting. Let's get the meeting sorted first then we will go back to our speakers.

The Minutes of our April meeting were approved; there weren't any for May as that was the evening of our annual dinner, which according to all who were able to go was a big success. We think we may have found next year's venue.

It was suggested that we produce a questionnaire to ask members what they would like from their WI: what speakers they would like; would they prefer to have meetings where they do things rather than listen to a speaker; what outings and days out would they like. The committee think it a good idea to involve our members in what we do which would help the committee to give our WI what they want. Everyone seemed very enthusiastic about doing this and we will get the questionnaire out to them before our next meeting.

Our Financial report is looking good. We are roughly in the same position as we were this time last year. After members had paid their subscriptions we now have 36 members in Marsworth WI. We can always squeeze in some more.

Then it was time for our speakers on 'Tea Tasting' by "Two Spoons" AKA Mark and Giles, a local company who are based in Chesham. These two are so passionate about what they do that you easily get transported into the world of tea. Mark and Giles used to work together for a very well-known brand of tea. As they said, the job advert read, 'Trainee tea taster wanted – must be prepared to travel the world'.



Mark and Giles

They applied, got through and one million cups later here they are running their own successful business. As part of their training in the tea industry, they each spent a year living overseas in various tea-producing countries, visiting tea plantations, tea factories, warehouses and ports. They bought and traded in tea auctions; made some great friends and saw a lot of the world. They learnt that wherever you go in the world, people are incredibly passionate about their tea. At Two Spoons, they want to showcase great tea, along with the passion and stories they have accumulated along the way.

We were asked by them which country introduced tea to the world and produces the greatest amount of tea? Most of us thought it was India. No, on both counts - it's China: 2.2 million tons The birthplace of tea, China leads the world in tea production. India is second at 1.2 million

tons. There they drink tea that's very milky and spicy and called 'chai'. Kenya is third, Sri Lanka, fourth, Vietnam fifth. The country that consumes the most tea is Turkey. where the tea is drunk in small glasses and is known as 'cay'.

We were all given a sample of one of the teas to taste. The process of tasting was another experience that caused a lot of laughter. No lady-like sips, it's more like a loud slurp. 28 of us laughing, sampling and slurping this tea was not a pleasant sight. I am a heavy coffee drinker and to begin with the tea to me had no taste at all, but gradually the flavour did come through.

They had brought along a tea plant and we were shown the art of 'plucking' the tea leaves, not picking them as I thought it was called. We played a game with a big plastic blow-up globe, on which individuals were asked to pick a country in the world that grows tea. Iceland! Dubai!



Mark with the tea plant

**Supper Club:** At last on our third attempt we managed to get to the Hunters Lodge at Whipsnade. The evening was a big success with a great choice of food. It's a lovely place in a nice setting and the service was excellent. We all agreed it would make the perfect place for our annual dinner next year.

**Book Club:** Our (Bake Off), book club are ploughing their way through a book called 'Troubled Blood' by author Robert Galbraith (J K Rowling), a hardback with 927 pages. Apparently it's not a good book for a bedtime read as it's very heavy. Is it not on your Kindle, Ladies?

Our July meeting will be on 2nd July when our speaker will be Russell Collins who will explain that 'Anyone Can Paint'. He has not met our WI - good luck, Russell!



Queen of Herts at the Steam Rally

# Marsworth CE Infant School

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## Events

KS1 have been learning about the rainforest. They have researched about rainforest animals and plants to create their own non-fiction book. The children included a glossary of new learnt vocabulary too. In May Goldfinches went on a school trip to the Royal Botanical Gardens at Kew, in London. We were incredibly lucky with the weather and had an awesome time. The children took part in a 'climbers and vines' workshop and even took a stroll through a desert and a rainforest. They saw coffee, banana and vanilla plants. We were lucky enough to witness the rafflesia plant due to bloom in the next few days; we were told this is a newsworthy story as it doesn't happen very often!

I am immensely proud of how well behaved the children were and how they upheld the school's vision and values throughout the day. A great day was had by all. The school website has photos of both events.

## PSHE coffee morning

Thank you to all who attended the PSHE coffee meeting. It was a great success with many positive comments. So much so that we will be hosting coffee and catch up sessions in the new academic year, so keep an eye out for more information.

## COMMUNITY LINKS

### Aylesbury 'Sew and So's'

Just before Easter I established a link with a lady called Susan Monro. She helped me with some resources for our indoor rainforest in Goldfinches. She told me about a group of people who get together for a social event and sew, called the Aylesbury Sew and So's. Susan and other members are also part of Project Linus, who make beautiful quilted blankets for children and families who may need a little extra comfort or nurture. They have very kindly donated five or so blankets to the school for children to use if they should need. I would like to personally thank them for their generosity and for giving up their time to make such a wonderful resource.

Should you wish to know more about Project Linus, it can be found on their website [www.projectlinusuk.org.uk](http://www.projectlinusuk.org.uk).

## PARENTS' VIEWS

### SIAMS

As always, we are continuously reflecting on our achievements and seeking ways in which we can improve the school. Part of the process is seeking the views of parents. The full result analysis can be found on the school website. Thank you to all who responded.

## UP AND COMING EVENTS

### Art Gallery/Art week

In June we held our Art Week, with a botanical theme. The children created artwork in the style of different artists such as Georgia O'Keeffe, Charles Rennie Mackintosh, Vincent Van Gogh and Claude Monet. They learned about the artists and had the opportunity to use different mediums.

## Sports Week

This year our annual sports week will take place in the week of 8th July. The children will be taking part in different sporting activities each afternoon. Sports day will be held on Tuesday 9th July at the recreational field.

## Transition Days

Tuesday 2nd July is County Transition Day where children will visit their new class or school. We will also be holding an additional transition morning on Thursday 4th July. Year 2 children who will not be attending a Bucks school will receive an invitation to visit their new school on various different dates in July.

## ZooLab

To celebrate this year and all the children's hard work, we have booked an end-of-year treat. ZooLab will be coming in on 15th July in the afternoon. The children will be able to view and hold (should they wish to) a selection of different creatures / creepy-crawlies.

Once again, such a busy term and a lovely way to celebrate all the children's and staff's hard work.

Mrs Polatci,  
Headteacher



Jeremy Whitehead



### Opening hours

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



General enquiries: [info@bvcl.org.uk](mailto:info@bvcl.org.uk), 01296 387890.

## Beacon Villages Community Library

### Annual General Meeting

Saturday 6th July - 9.30am  
In the Library and by Zoom



Come and hear about our successes and future plans

## 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.

### BEACONLIT

Tickets are now on sale for BeaconLit, the brilliant local literary festival on July 13 at Brookmead School, Ivinghoe LU7 9EX.

Speakers include poet Will Burns, BBC correspondent Adina Campbell, authors Daisy Goodwin, Adele Parks and Elly Griffiths as well as festival co-founder and author Dave Sivers and many more. Visit [beaconlit.co.uk](http://beaconlit.co.uk).

### CHOIR CONCERT

Beacon Community Choir is planning a Songs and Scones concert on Sunday, July 7 at 2.30pm in the beautiful grounds of St Mary's Church, Church Road, Pitstone LU7 9HA, with guests New Moon Morris and Paul Culleton. Bring your chairs, rugs and families for a chilled afternoon of light music, with hot and cold drink and scones and cakes available. Proceeds go to the church.

### SUMMER CAMP

Summer school holidays are around the corner, making it time to sign up six to 11-year-olds for a summer camp at Marsworth Road, Pitstone. It runs from August 19 to 23 from 8.30am to 4.30pm and features sports, forest schools, arts and crafts, team building and many more activities. Prices from £35. Contact 07427 617885 for more details or email [iandpsummercamp@gmail.com](mailto:iandpsummercamp@gmail.com). See poster on page 17.

### FILMING AT IVINGHOE

A wedding scene has been filmed recently at St Mary's Church, Ivinghoe. *Everything Tring* users believe it is for the Amazon Prime film *Three Bags Full*, starring Emma Thompson and Hugh Jackman. According to the information residents have been given, it is a 'family friendly detective story, based on a 2005 novel'.

### SUMMER'S DAY

On July 27, from 2pm to 8pm, there will be a Summer's Day festival at the Pitstone Pavilion, with live music, football tournaments, food stalls and plenty of entertainment for all the family.

### FANTASTIC MARSWORTH STEAM RALLY

What a brilliant event this year's Marsworth Steam and Classic Rally was! The show, on Sunday June 16, has become a major event on the steam calendar, attracting visitors from far and wide – and truly was bigger and better than ever, with thousands attending.

The weather stayed fine all day, helping to make it a really enjoyable and friendly occasion, packed with interesting sights.

The organisers say: "Thank you for attending this year's Marsworth Steam and Classic Rally. It was another great rally for us, raising money for local charities and community projects."

Hundreds of exhibits included a lineup of 25 full-sized steam engines, model steam engines, hundreds of classic cars, tractors, commercial vehicles and military vehicles, Home Guard re-enactors, and fun and entertainment for children with a climbing wall, funfair, electric go-carting and more.

As well as working displays including hay baling, there were numerous activities in the main ring, full-size steam engine rides, more than 50 trade stalls and 15 caterers, and a beer tent serving real local ales and more. Plus, there was music throughout the day from local bands. The show is a fantastic achievement for the organisers, having grown to become one of the most impressive one-day shows in the region – long may it continue!

### RED ARROWS

Did you catch the Red Arrows going over on Saturday June 15 at 1.14pm? We went to a spot near the church on the Halton RAF base and they powered right over us, releasing a white vapour trail – an incredible sight. Many others parked on the road coming towards Halton for a good view over the Vale.

### PUPPY CLASSES

Puppy classes are held at Gregory's Field, Astrope Lane HP23 4PN. Call Ruth on 07825 529382 for more information.

### CHEERLEADING COURSE

There are summer workshops in cheerleading, run by HW Dance at Victoria Hall, Tring. Visit [hwdance.co.uk](http://hwdance.co.uk). There are also dance and tumbling workshops.

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## Mystery item by the towpath

This rusty old spade was spotted near the towpath by Sara Wood, on the Cheddington side of the small bridge, no 129.

Any ideas why it might be there?



Photo: Nigel Wright

# Marsworth Neighbourhood Watch



## Strange parcels

In the middle of June, Marsworth NHW was alerted by four residents from Watery Lane and Long Marson Road that they had been left overnight, possibly between 7am and 8.30am, a parcel on their doorstep. Two had a pair of old tatty trainers wrapped in Christmas paper and the others a bottle of liquid wrapped in white paper. Possibly a prank, but it is unsettling for those involved. There is concern they are being used as markers to see if a house is occupied or not, especially as we are now in the holiday season. The incidents were reported to the Police, who have responded by increasing their drives around the village. They are keen to hear from anyone with information regarding these parcels or if you too have received something.

Please report anything suspicious or odd to the Police by phone on 101 or online at the Thames Valley Police website. It may not seem important in itself but can be part of a much bigger issue.

## Summer Security

It seems appropriate at this time to remind everyone when you are going away to:

- Lock all windows, doors, garages and sheds. Use security systems like video doorbells, alarms.
- Set automatic lights.
- Tell your neighbours, ask them to check there are no parcels left on your doorstep – whether a genuine delivery or not.
- Ask someone to mow your lawn.
- Cancel regular deliveries of papers, milk.
- Be mindful what you post on social media.



## Safer Smart devices

A new law has been introduced to ensure smart devices, such as mobile phones, TVs, fitness trackers etc sold in the UK are more secure.



From 29th April 2024, manufacturers of smart devices must comply with the new Product Security and Telecommunications Infrastructure Act (or PSTI Act), which will help buyers by ensuring new smart devices are designed to provide ongoing protection against cyber-attacks.

The law means manufacturers must ensure that all their smart devices meet basic cyber security requirements. Specifically:

- The manufacturer must **not** supply devices that use default passwords, which can be easily discovered online, and shared. If the default password is used, a criminal could log into a smart device and use it to access a local network or conduct cyber-attacks.

- The manufacturer must provide a point of contact for the reporting of security issues which – if ignored – could make devices exploitable by cyber criminals.
- The manufacturer must state the minimum length of time for which the device will receive important security updates. When updates are no longer provided, devices are easier to hack, or may stop working as designed.

To find out more about the changes and device security visit: <https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/guidance/smart-devices-in-the-home>.

## An introduction to DENS

Most people know DENS as the homeless charity for people in Dacorum. In fact, DENS do so much more than just provide a roof and a bed.

Our aim is to be the first port of call for people in Dacorum who are facing homelessness, poverty and social exclusion; to support and empower them to take the next positive step in their lives, secure and maintain a long-term housing option and be an active member of their community.



We ensure individuals have access to temporary and short-term accommodation, and individuals and families have access to emergency food and provisions. We provide a range of services so that people can develop the resilience, skills and confidence to take the next step in their lives.

### We rebuild lives

Last year:

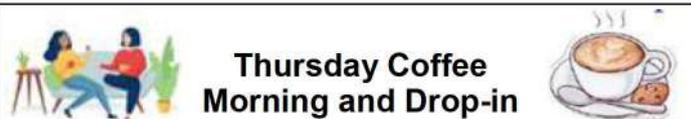
- 10,282 people received food from our Foodbank (4,258 were children).
- 163 people received temporary accommodation at our hostel.
- 81 people made a positive move on towards independent living.
- 3,834 visits to receive support at our Day Centre.

To learn more about DENS and how you can support us, please visit [www.dens.org.uk](http://www.dens.org.uk).

Alex Copley, Communications Lead



The DENS Foodbank is supported by volunteers



### 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.

## New Moon Morris

### New Moon Newbie

From a Morris dancing childhood, with my dad dancing for the Westminster Morris Men, I decided to venture into the world of Morris myself. I joined the New Moon Morris Team in March 2024.



On my first day, I overheard another new member being asked which animal she'd chosen. Greatly intrigued, I was told that each member chooses an animal to adorn their waistcoat. I loved the idea that each had, or would choose, an animal that meant something to them. Although New Moon Morris is a team, each member could reflect a part of themselves in their outfit. There's a feeling that everyone is valued.

Understandably we must select one that hasn't been chosen by another member, to ensure we are all unique. Also, this is an excuse to be curious (or nosy!) about some of the animals chosen. From seeing wild tigers in India, puffins in Northumbria, animals connected to loved ones and to loved narrowboats, it was definitely going to be a challenge to find an animal that I felt connected to me.

I am fascinated by chameleons, a little unusual with their protruding eyes and sticky spit (apologies if you're eating). But my favourite fact is that chameleons change their skin colour. Now, I used to think this was about camouflage, but actually it's temperature, environment and communication. It's about how they adapt to different situations. I feel I change in different environments like work, friends, family and of course Morris dancing!

As animal lovers, my husband and I adopted a gorgeous black cat from the RSPCA. I wondered about

representing my love of pets and Jazz (our cat). Jazz was a stray who was wary of people, but he's now the most affectionate, loving puss. Growing up with cats, I respect their independence, sense of mischief and their affection. However, chasing your furry friend out of the house with an unwanted 'gift' isn't a highlight of being an owner. That and watching Jazz sit on the fence taunting the new neighbour's cats, isn't doing much for his image!

My last thought was a unicorn. Not a glamorous, rainbow-haired creature, prancing across the sky - I mean the Westminster Morris unicorn. His beautifully painted white head has a golden horn, dressed with flowers. He has a ribbon-bedecked mane and a long black gown bordered with yellow. Then he has what appears to be a pair of men's legs in white trousers and Morris bells. During performances the Squire would introduce the unicorn and recount a beautiful tale of finding him in a forest and adopting him, and of how he loved to eat money, especially one-pound coins (though I expect he's probably partial to two-pound coins now!). I adored seeing him and keeping him well fed, though I now realise Dad would occasionally go missing when the unicorn appeared, rather like Clark Kent. I feel the unicorn links me to the Morris world, and more importantly my Dad. I loved watching him dance and was proud of him for following his passion.

*Sarah Ash*

### New Moon Morris

[newmoonmorris.co.uk](http://newmoonmorris.co.uk)

New Moon will be dancing at the Concert at Pitstone Church on Sunday 7th July at 2.30pm - see page 13.



## Honey bee swarms

Honey bees are the only insect that swarms. It is nature's way of increasing the population. When a colony reaches sufficient size, the bees begin to make queen cells to raise a new queen. Before the new queen emerges about half the colony leave the nest with the old queen and seek a new colony site.

Changes to habitat over the past 70 years have meant that the number of wild or feral honey bee colonies has fallen.

The loss of 98% of the wildflower meadows has had a major effect on the forage available to bees. The use of specific herbicides mean that rarely do we see cereal crops with red poppies, blue cornflowers and other wildflowers growing in them. Field margins and road verges often contain little wildflower diversity.



A bee swarm

Dutch Elm disease and more latterly, Ash Dieback, have reduced the number of mature trees with suitable nesting cavities for bees.

This has placed an increasing burden upon beekeepers, the majority of whom are amateurs, to maintain the honey bee population. Gardens are often the most popular sources of food for honey bees. My own bees, on the edge of the village, produce more honey than those located in apiaries in the countryside.

Lack of natural nesting sites means swarms often set up home in buildings. Disused chimneys, soffit boards and roof spaces are often used. Sometimes they occupy parts of building with no issues for the bees or householders but honey dripping through a ceiling can be a nuisance. I helped remove a swarm that had set up home in a gas boiler which the bees accessed through the flue pipe.

Survival rates of swarms left to their own devices are poor. Every year local beekeepers offer a free swarm collection service. Safely collected and housed in a suitable hive, survival rates are much better.

Bees in a swarm are usually docile but you should never interfere with them. If you see a swarm, go to the British Beekeepers Association, (BBKA), website <https://www.bbka.org.uk/swarm> and find your nearest swarm collector. The same collectors locally can be found on the Mid Bucks Beekeepers Association website: <https://mbbka.org.uk/honey-bee-swarm-reporting>.

*Brian Bush*  
MBBKA and BBKA Swarm Officer

# Local Treasures

## The Ivinghoe Pine

By Jonny Taylor

The national outpouring of grief over the destruction of the Sycamore Gap Tree next to Hadrian's Wall last September reveals that not only are we a nation of animal lovers, we hold deep affection for trees that mark the landscape and call out to us.

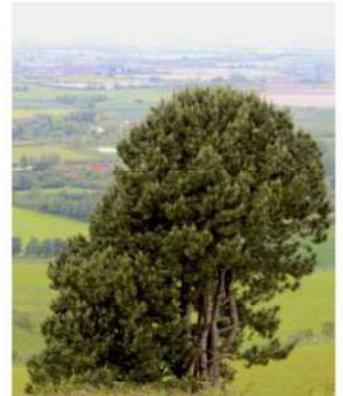
I would like to nominate as Buckinghamshire's tree, the Pine that adorns Ivinghoe Beacon. Like an eyebrow, its dark silhouette can be seen for miles and heralds to a weary traveller that Marsworth is not far away.

Whilst the tree is definitely some sort of pine, it has been hard to identify the species precisely – most likely



it is a Black Pine and it stands adjacent to the site of an Iron Age Fort. England has no native pine species, the Scots Pine became extinct in England and Wales several centuries ago due to grazing and use for timber (it is one of the strongest softwoods) but was subsequently reintroduced alongside other species such as the Black Pine.

According to the Woodland Trust "Pines were planted around farmsteads as windbreaks, and clusters of pines growing along old droveways helped travellers find out where they were going in inclement weather". I like this theory; the Ivinghoe Pine has to be extremely resilient in its exposed location and anyone travelling along the Canal or driving locally will get their bearings from it.



The Beacon was created by the meeting of the clay of the Aylesbury Vale and the Chalk of the Chilterns and their different rates of erosion. It is an area of archaeological interest revealing human activity dating back to the Bronze age, the early 6th Century BCE. It is now a major attraction for walkers, particularly those embarking on the Ridgeway and Icknield Way long distance paths.

I would not recommend my unconventional approach to the tree which involved scaling the steep hill from Beacon Road (it's one thing to go up, quite another to get down!) particularly as straying from the footpaths leads to human erosion. However, the tree enjoys wonderful views of the Vale of Aylesbury, especially the tower of All Saints Church. As such, I believe this is worthy of the title of 'Local Treasure'.

Beacon Community Choir

# Songs & Scones

Sunday 7th July 2024, 2.30pm

in the beautiful grounds of St Mary's Church  
Church Road, Pristone LU7 9HA

- ★ with guests New Moon Morris and Paul Culleton ★
- ★ Bring your chairs, rugs and families ★
- ★ and enjoy a chilled afternoon of light music ★

Hot and cold drinks ★ Delicious scones and cakes ★ Raffle

Proceeds in aid of St Mary's Church

Entrance £5 (children free) cash or credit card  
For further information contact Babs Byrom 07860 780127  
or Richard Cooper 07795 465409

## Local Treasures

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

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

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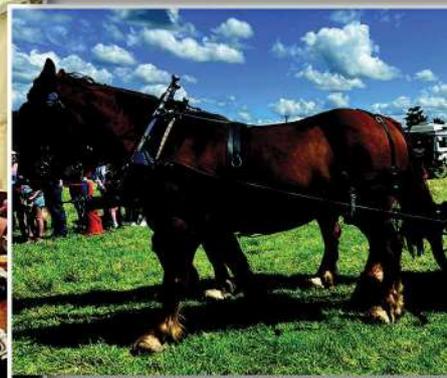
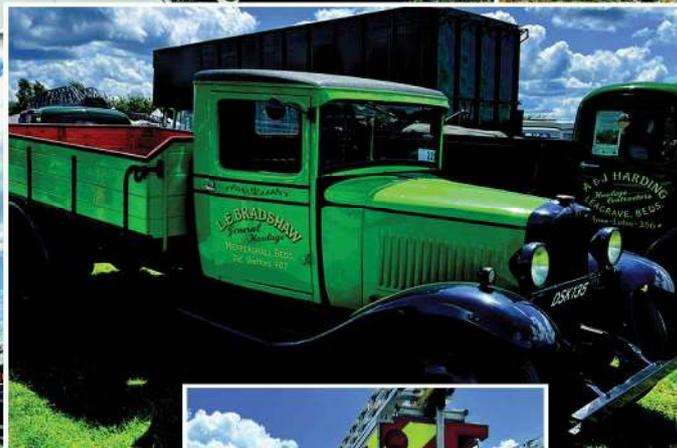
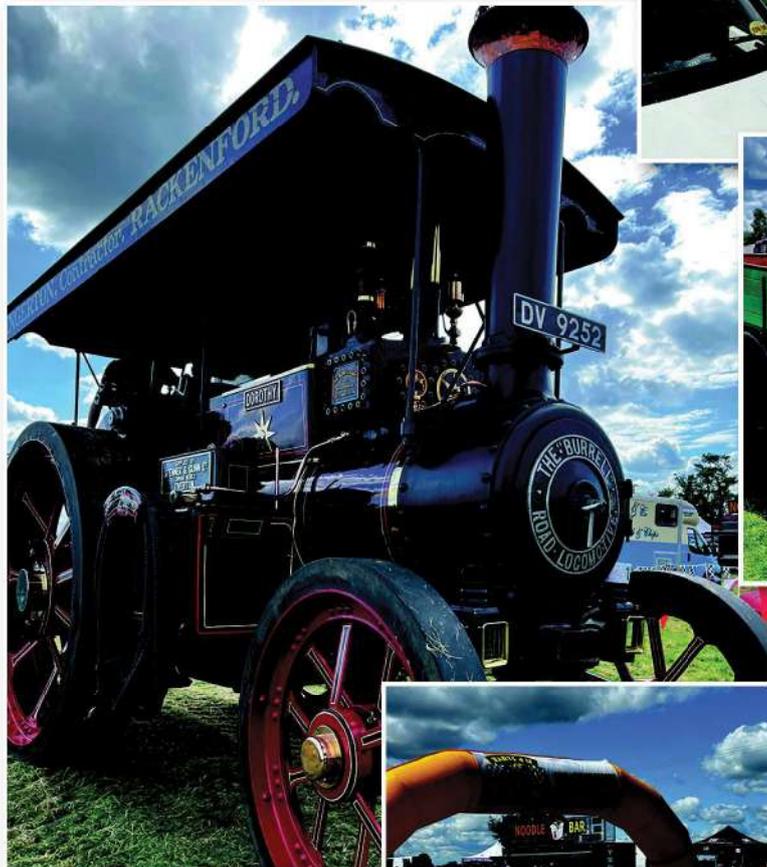
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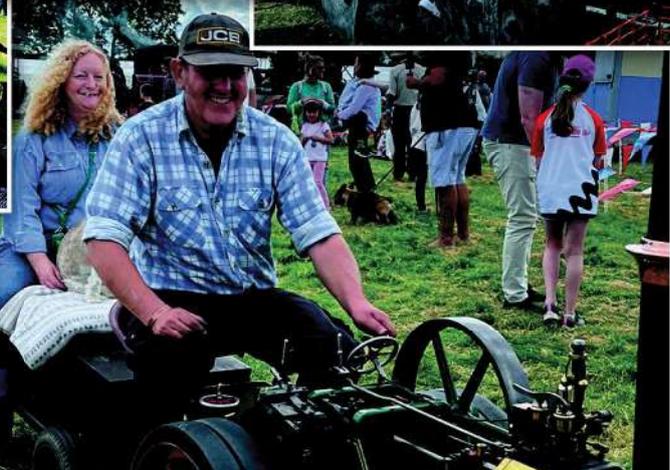
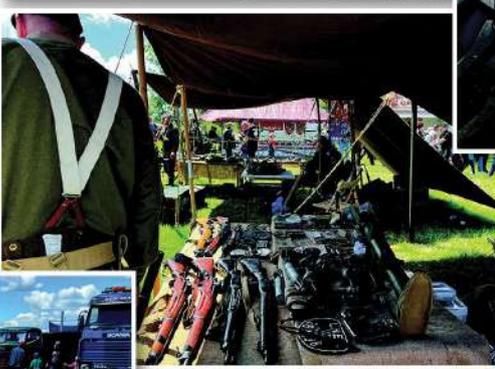
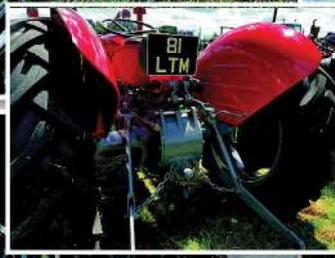
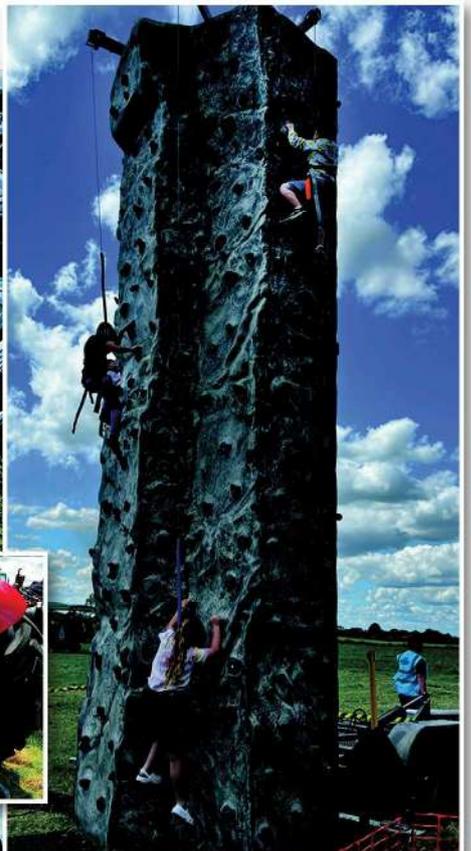
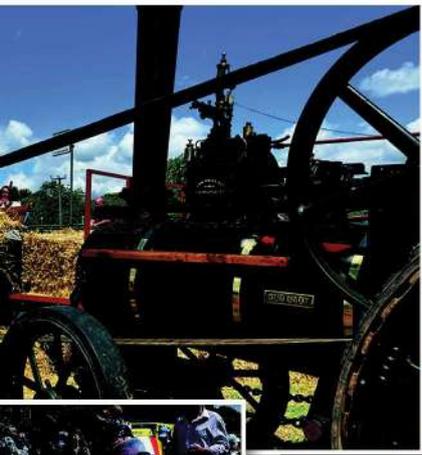
WED | THUR | FRI  
11.00am – 3.00pm

A warm welcome awaits you!

# STEAM & CLASSIC Vehicle Rally

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2024





More pictures here: [www.MarsworthSteamRally.co.uk](http://www.MarsworthSteamRally.co.uk)

# A deer drama

Sandra Costello

We live in the lock house on the Aylesbury Arm. Recently I was working in the garden when a lady hailed me from across the canal to say that there was a deer in the canal. I hurried to investigate, and sure enough there was young roe deer in the pound between our lock (four) and Lock 3. We have had such experiences several times in the past.

The lady, who was with two others, said they had called the Fire Brigade. As I made my way down our overgrown 'garden' towards Lock 3 to try to locate the deer I could hear the wailing of a fire engine in the distance.

Before long, sure enough, a fire engine turned up - followed by another. That was followed by a large fire van and a small red car - and nine firemen! They had come from Aylesbury. They were keen to get on and do a full-scale rescue, with an inflatable hose, but I knew from experience the best plan was to try to encourage the deer towards our house and the lock, as a place to trap it. I had already ensured the lock was full and the gate open.



Eventually, with the help of the women on the towpath, we were able to encourage the exhausted deer towards the lock, get it in and close the gate.

Two of the firemen were then able to reach for the deer to haul it out. At this point I said, "It will scream when you touch it", and indeed it did. For an animal normally so quiet, this is the only way to describe this defence mechanism which is an amazingly loud sound.

Undeterred, the men hauled the deer onto the grass by the lock, by which time it had stopped the noise. It was obviously a young and fit animal, even though it must have been exhausted, having been in the water a few hours. It only needed to be released in undergrowth somewhere well away from the canal. This was soon done, and then it was time to extricate all the vehicles from our turnaround. At this point my husband turned up from Tring to find our house was not actually on fire!



Roe deer are less common in this area than muntjac and Chinese water deer. They are a really attractive deer. The photo shows a young roe deer like the one rescued.

# Charlie and the Chocolate Factory at Aylesbury Waterside Theatre

Florence Nightingale Hospice Charity are proud to present their production of Roald Dahl's *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* at Aylesbury Waterside Theatre on Saturday 3rd August. Welcome to the world of pure imagination with this tasty Broadway and West End musical based on the famous novel and hit movie.

Suitable for the whole family, with all the well-known hits, don't miss out on this special, **one day only** event. This amateur production will star over 150 local children and raise money to fund specialist palliative and end-of-life care services for patients across Buckinghamshire and its borders.

Book your tickets at <https://fnhospice.org.uk/charlie>.



**Pitstone & Ivinghoe FC Summers Day**  
**27TH JULY @ PITSTONE PAVILION**  
**2PM - 8PM**

**LIVE MUSIC** **JUNIOR FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT**

**FUN FOR THE KIDS** **FOOD & DRINK STALLS**

**GENERAL ADMISSION - £3 | FAMILY TICKET - £10**  
**UNDER 5'S FREE | ON THE DOOR - £5**  
**TICKETS @ EVENTRITE.CO.UK**

## Charity's new electric van

Florence Nightingale Hospice Charity has invested in a new electric van for its retail operation.

The Charity's 13 shops provide much-needed income for the Hospice in Stoke Mandeville and the electric van will move donations from the public around their shops in Buckinghamshire. The van demonstrates the Charity's commitment to operating responsibly, supporting sustainable shopping through zero emissions. Funding for the van was provided by Angels Den, Fairhive, Perrys, Travis Perkins and West Herts Charity Trust.



Head of Retail, Lily Caswell explains "We rely on our retail van to transfer stock between our shops and make the best use of the donations we are given. Our van covers an amazing 16,000 miles a year and moves tonnes of clothing, accessories, books and toys to keep our shops full of products for our customers to buy".



Donors and staff with new van outside the Hospice

Charity shopping is becoming more popular and it's also a more sustainable way for us to live, with its emphasis on recycling. Donors donate goods that they no longer need to charity shops, and shoppers buy them, in increasing numbers as income from retail is at a record high for the Charity. Donating unwanted clothes, books, toys, household goods is an invaluable way to support the Charity. All proceeds are invested into hospice care, providing end of life support to people in their homes and at the Hospice in Stoke Mandeville.

Florence Nightingale Hospice Charity is committed to providing comprehensive and high-quality care for patients with life-limiting illnesses across Buckinghamshire and its borders wherever and whenever they need it.

We partner with Buckinghamshire Healthcare NHS Trust to deliver services through Florence Nightingale Hospice, at its site in the grounds of Stoke Mandeville Hospital in Aylesbury and in patients' homes across the region.

These services include additional nurses for the In-Patient Unit, the only bedded unit in Buckinghamshire, to enable them to deliver dedicated, individual care to patients. Also within the Hospice building we commission the Lymphoedema Clinic and Day Hospice service which offers physical, therapeutic and emotional support to people who have been diagnosed with a life-limiting illness, but who are able to live independently at home.

For more information visit [www.fnhospice.org.uk](http://www.fnhospice.org.uk).

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|  | <b>2024 dates</b><br><b>Saturdays 09.30-12.30</b>  |
|  | 27th July                      Ivinghoe Hub<br>28th September            Pitstone Pavilion<br>26th October                Ivinghoe Hub<br>23rd November              Pitstone Pavilion |

## New home energy efficiency grant scheme



Grants of up to £30,000 are now available for energy efficiency improvements for homes.

These measures can include work such as loft insulation and window replacements. Eligible households in Buckinghamshire who own properties with an Energy Performance Certificate rating of D or below (D to G) can take advantage of this opportunity.

This local scheme, named the Domestic Building Envelope Energy Efficiency (DBEEE) Grant, is fully funded from Buckinghamshire Council's allocation from the Government's UK Shared Prosperity Fund.

If a resident is approved for a DBEEE Grant and they are given the go ahead for home improvement works, then the council will pay the contractor after the work has been completed. To qualify for the grant, all works must be completed and grant claims submitted by 31st December 2024.

Residents should enquire about the grant through Better Housing Better Health – go to <https://www.bhbh.org.uk>. To qualify, residents need to provide necessary proofs, including a quotation for the desired improvement work on their homes.

More information on the DBEEE Grant can be found on the council's website: <https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/environment/climate-change-and-sustainability/saving-energy-at-home-and-living-sustainably/apply-for-the-domestic-building-envelope-energy-efficiency-grant-dbeee/>.

For residents who aren't looking to have major work done on their homes, the council's Energy Doctor scheme offers a range of free energy and water saving measures. These include hot water insulation jackets and reflective radiator panels.



To find out if you are eligible for an Energy Doctor visit, go to the council's Energy Doctor webpage: <https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/environment/climate-change-and-sustainability/saving-energy-at-home-and-living-sustainably/request-a-visit-from-an-energy-doctor/>.

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- Sunday 11th August
- Summer bank holiday Monday 26th August
- Sunday 8th September
- Sunday 13th October



## The Tring Anglers



As summer is almost with us we are already looking forward to some of our most enjoyable annual events. A visit to the River Thames is always a favourite, a bit further than the canal but well worth the effort. We fish opposite Godstow Weir on Port Meadow, Oxford which provides fishing swims from 2ft - 10 ft deep away from the boats on the navigation. It is thought that the shallows were the original 'ox ford' which gave the city its name.

Thanks to the help of the wardens of the City Council we were able to enjoy easy access to the waterside. What do we catch? Mostly bleak, gudgeon, dace, chub and perch; sometimes roach (a real specimen of 2lb) and bream from hand size to 5lb lumps. If you want a day out at the Meadow, it is a great place for picnics and watching the world go by, even if you are not fishing or boating.

A new place for our 'Let's Fish' efforts is much nearer home at Ford End Farm in Ivinghoe - look out for a date sometime in August.

A lot of time and money has been invested into this mill pond which will serve the Mill and the fishing. The fishery is Members Only with no guest tickets available. A re-stocking of tench and Crucian carp will take place during autumn to provide even more sport for the members at this pleasant fishery.



Ford End after the work parties and completion of dredging

As I am writing, the coaching team were getting cold, wet and wind-blown on the Reservoir pound on the Grand Union Canal, together with the Pebble Brook School pupils' first after-school angling session of the spring. We did manage to catch a few fish which was

pleasing in the circumstances, mostly perch and a few roach. Like many sections of the canal there is an abundance of weed; this will cause a problem to navigation as well as fishing if it remains.

As has happened in previous years, during the next few months we have problems with such activities as magnet fishing on the towpath. Please see the following extract from the Canal & River Trust website. Enforcing the byelaw is a problem but at least you can advise the consequences.

'It's great that people are interested in getting rubbish out of the canal, however we don't allow magnet fishing as it can be extremely dangerous. Items dragged out by magnets could be sharp or heavy and cause you to be dragged into the water. We've even had reports of people fishing out old war bombs and dumped weapons.'

When people leave piles of metal on the towpath, it can cause problems for other visitors, for example families with young children.'

### Coming Let's Fish events

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

**Saturday 20th July 9.30am-4pm** - Let's Fish, Reservoir Pound Locks 39-40, Marsworth, Grand Union Canal. HP23 4LJ [///unfolds.arise.defeated](http://unfolds.arise.defeated).

**Saturday August 17th 9.30am-4pm** - Lets Fish, River Thames, Port Meadow, Oxford, Wolvercote Car Park OX2 8PU. Walk downstream to opposite Godstow weir.

**Saturday 28th September 11am -4pm** Shabbington Island, River Thame. BBQ served 1pm, limited places, HP18 9HJ [///campfires.conveys.cashiers](http://campfires.conveys.cashiers).

*Dick Pilkinton*

## Countywide grass cutting and weed spraying programme



In recent weeks, council crews have been busy working across the county as the annual programme of grass cutting and weed spraying gets underway.



Grass and roadside vegetation has grown even faster than usual for this time of year, following the very wet winter and ongoing spells of heavy rain throughout spring, together with periods of sunshine. To deal with this exceptionally fast growth, the council has brought in additional grass cutting crews.

Three rounds of cuts are scheduled at rural road junctions this year, in order to maintain good visibility for road users, with the first now completed. Two cycles of urban verge cuts are also programmed to take place in areas where this service has not been devolved to

parish and town councils. The first urban cutting cycle has begun. Additionally, crews will be attending locations across the county where reports have been made of roadside cuts being needed to maintain road safety. To date more than 150 of these reactive cuts have taken place with crews primed to go out when new issues are reported on Fix my Street.

In addition to grass cutting, work is also in progress to tackle the growth of weeds alongside footways. Two cycles of weed spraying will be carried out across the whole county on all public footways over the coming months, as well as 'siding out' at targeted locations. This is the process of clearing edges of footways where weeds and vegetation have grown through. Crews will use Glyphosate to spray weeds. The chemical is not harmful to people or animals and can be used safely close to water courses. The spray is applied in a fine mist, in very small doses and starts to work within an hour of application. It can only be applied during dry weather.

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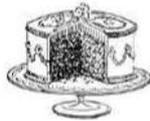
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