

# Marsworth News

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## Another drowning in the canal

*Kate Andrew*

On Tuesday October 1st, emergency services retrieved a body from the Grand Union Canal in Marsworth, near Lock 38. Numerous emergency vehicles, one towing a boat, were seen going down Vicarage Road, to park near the Red Lion.

Residents were reportedly told that an individual was receiving attention on the towpath near the lock.

A spokesperson for Thames Valley Police said: "At around 11.08am on Tuesday 1st October officers were called to reports of a body in the Grand Union Canal near Ship Lane. Officers attended the scene and a man in his forties was sadly found to have died. The man's next of kin have been informed and our thoughts are with them at this difficult time. At this time the death is not being treated as suspicious and a file is being prepared for the coroner."

Canal & River Trust released the following: "The body of a deceased individual was found in the canal by the Red Lion pub (near Vicarage Road) 01/10/24. As a result, we have put in place a navigation closure in this area to ensure that investigations by police are carried out unimpeded. An update will be provided as soon as we have more information."

There is a long history of drownings along that part of the canal in Marsworth, the most recent being in February 2024.

It is understood that the deceased man had visited The Red Lion but was thought to only drink two or three pints. Then he was discovered in the water the following morning. He is believed to have been just passing through and not known to anyone local.

## Aurora illuminates Marsworth sky in October

More photos on back page.



Over Startops Reservoir - Julie Wicks



Katrina Powell

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Please send items preferably well before Copy Date - 18th of the month (other than July and December).

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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](http://www.marsworth.org.uk)



## Marsworth News

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editor@marsworthnews.co.uk

## Diary Dates - November 2024

2nd	Saturday	6.30pm	Bonfire and Fireworks at the Rec
9th	Saturday	7.30pm	Quiz Night
10th	Sunday	10.00am	Remembrance Service and wreath-laying
11th	Monday	8.00pm	Parish Council Meeting

### Coming events

7th / 8th December Christmas Tree Festival - see p. 5

1st January 2025 New Year's Day Ramble - see p.14

## Editorial

*By Sandra Costello*

The Aurora photos this month were certainly remarkable - and like the mini-tornado a few years ago show that even our little village is not exempt from climatic phenomena. Very good that local people are geared up to recording such events.

We are now moving towards the period of seasonal activities. If you are in charge of the organisation of any of these, please do send your information in in good time - or at least advise me that it will be coming. I welcome such items, and like to make the most of them.

Well done to Paul Barber on the success of his book "dunwalkin". We always like to hear of successes for local people.

We have an item from the Marsworth Archive, appropriately for Remembrance Day. We have a substantial local archive and it is good to be able to use it to seek out relevant information.

An interesting report from the Speedwatch group on page 13 - excellent to see that our own 'SID' is having results and very well done to the group for helping to achieve that.

## White Lion update

Nothing really to report as yet. A visit to the estate agents found them tight-lipped on any details at this stage, other than that the buyer is a local person.

Information will be in the newsletter as soon as we have anything to report.

See item on page 14.



## 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.

## Santa's visit to Marsworth

Santa and elves will be touring Tring and surrounding villages starting Monday 2nd December. They will be making their annual visit to Marsworth on Sunday 22nd December.

As in previous years, the elves will be collecting for the recently merged Rennie Grove Peace Hospice.

Wave from a window or pop outside to say hello. All donations will help to fund local hospice care this Christmas.



## Parish Council meeting precis - 14th October 2024



For full Minutes of all meetings, future agendas and other information go to:

[www.marsworth.org.uk/marsworth-parish-council/meetings-minutes-agenda-dates](http://www.marsworth.org.uk/marsworth-parish-council/meetings-minutes-agenda-dates).

### Land adjacent to the Duke of Wellington PH, Cheddington Road, Marsworth

Following representations by the residents to the Parish Councils, and the Parish Councils' (Marsworth, Cheddington and Pitstone) representations to the Planning Officer, the planning application for nine dwellings on this site has been refused.

### Wildflower verges

If residents would like to take over their grass verge as a wildlife area, please let the Parish Clerk know as Buckinghamshire Council's Local Area Technician has a map of all areas not to be mown. The map has now been updated to include the area outside both 1 and 2 Vicarage Road.

### Garages at The Crescent

Works to the garages will commence week of 25th November 2024. Affected residents have been notified.

### Hot water heater at Village Hall broken

Village Hall Committee aware.

### Death in the canal

Following the recent fatality (the second on this stretch of the canal in recent times) MPC will ask Canal and River Trust (CRT) if they could hold a training course for boaters showing how to get out of the canal if they fall in. The banks are steep and slippery with considerable amounts of mud and silt at the bottom. MPC will ask CRT if they would consider installing ladders as they have done at the reservoirs.

### Recreation ground flooding again

The Parish Clerk will ask CRT if their Water Engineer has reported back with his findings.

### Community Board funding

The Community Board still has funds to spend on local community projects. Applications must be in by the end of December 2024. Funding for next year onwards has been considerably reduced and discussion will take place on how it will operate in future.

### Next MPC Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be on Monday 11th November. Any items for the agenda should be submitted to the Parish Clerk by Sunday 3rd November. 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).

## Marsworth Village Hall 100 Club



### £20 winners for October 2024

136 John Kelly - Red Lion  
75 Jim Sheils - Church Lane  
160 Paul Egan Carter - Stepnells  
36 Andrew Mitchell - Lukes Lea  
101 Carrie Kearsy - Lukes Lea

Congratulations to this month's winners. The next draw will take place on Wednesday 6th November at the Millennium Hall, where the next committee meeting will take place at 7.30pm.

We are always looking for and welcome any new members to join the committee, all are welcome. Just pop along to the next meeting at the Hall.

Good luck for November's draw.

*Stephanie Hurley*

## Exciting news for Tring Tennis

Dacorum is partnering with the Lawn Tennis Association (LTA) as part of a £30 million nationwide investment from the UK Government and LTA Tennis Foundation to refurbish public park tennis courts. £50,000 will be invested in renovating the courts at Pound Meadow, Tring, to ensure top-quality facilities for the local community.

### Here's what to expect:

- Fully refurbished courts with new gate-access technology
- Bookable courts after upgrade
- Free weekly tennis sessions for all ages and abilities
- Local Tennis Leagues for friendly competition
- Courts managed in partnership with Tring Tennis Club

Renovation starts Spring 2025, with other upgraded courts already available to book online in Aylesbury, Bovingdon and Hemel Hempstead. Courts at Tring cannot be booked until the renovations are complete. To book, go to : [www.lta.org.uk/play/book-a-tennis-court](http://www.lta.org.uk/play/book-a-tennis-court).

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### Parish Council meeting dates 2024

8.00pm in Village Hall

11 November      9 December

## All Saints Church

From the Vicar,  
*James Grainger-Smith*



I'm writing this shortly before our Harvest events – but I do want to thank the School for inviting the wider community to their Harvest Celebration at the Church. I also want to thank Gavin Merrylees for organising the speakers from Blast at our Harvest Supper – and Gill White for organising the food. I probably should also show my appreciation of Neil Gurney (who plays the organ regularly at All Saints – and will do so for our Harvest Festival) and the Church Choir (which is very relaxed and rehearses in Church at 8pm on a Monday night – new members are always welcome!).

The next big weekend for our Church – and, I hope, for the wider community also – is the weekend of Remembrance Sunday. On the Saturday night there will be a Fun Quiz in the Village Hall (my thanks to Richard Cooper and his team for organising this) and on Remembrance Sunday itself there will be a service at All Saints which will begin at 10am. If there are those of you who would like just to come along to the War Memorial for the Act of Remembrance, you would be very welcome; we aim to be gathering there from around 10.50am.

Then, looking ahead, for December we are organising a Christmas Tree Festival in Church. The trees will be available for viewing over the weekend 7th and 8th December. Ruth Monks is providing further details about this in this very issue – and she is the person to contact about this.

I look forward to seeing you all before too long.

Every blessing  
*James*

### Services for November 2024

(at All Saints Church unless otherwise stated)

#### 3rd November

9.15am Holy Communion

#### 10th November

10.00am Remembrance Sunday Service

#### 17th November

9.15am Holy Communion

#### 24th November

4.00pm Evensong (BCP)

#### 1st December

9.15am Holy Communion

#### 8th December

8.30am Holy Communion (BCP)

## SAINT BARISTA POP-UP CAFE

ALL SAINTS, MARSWORTH

WED THUR FRI - 11.00am – 3.00pm

*A warm welcome awaits you!*

Instagram: Saint Barista Coffee

### Who's Who at All Saints Marsworth

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



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#### Church cleaning:

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## John White presentation

John White was presented with a certificate in church on 29th September to celebrate him being awarded the title of Churchwarden Emeritus for his 20 years service as a churchwarden.

There was cake too!



## Tring Local History Museum

9 Brook St, Tring HP23 5ED

The history of Tring  
and the local area

Open: Fridays and  
Saturdays 10am to 4pm

The Museum is entirely  
volunteer run and  
entrance is FREE.



## Christmas Tree Festival

All Saints Marsworth will be holding a Christmas Tree Festival fundraiser on 7th and 8th December and is delighted to invite you to participate in this event.

The festival is an opportunity for village groups and organisations to be part of a spectacular display within our beautiful village church by decorating a Christmas tree - the style and theme is entirely your choice to reflect your organisation or group, or if you need some inspiration then we suggest the theme of Christmas Carols (choose one carol).

We are also inviting families, groups of families or individuals to take part, so if you would like to decorate a tree, then please join in! It is not a competition, simply a great opportunity to show your organisation in an imaginative and festive way and to be part of a bit of tradition, community expression and fun in the lead up to Christmas.

During the festival, the public will be invited, for a small entrance donation, to wander through the forest of decorated trees, enjoy music and refreshments and soak up the atmosphere. There is no charge for participating organisations to decorate a tree but you need to provide your own tree (artificial or real, not too huge!) to decorate and if you use lights these must be battery operated. There will be space under the tree for information about your organisation, which we ask is no larger than A4. If any local businesses would like to sponsor a tree for a suggested donation of £20, we will display sponsor information next to each tree.

Trees will need to be set up in the church on Friday 6th December between 4pm and 8pm and will need to be removed from the church after the festival. Finally, we will hopefully have a few stalls at the festival, so if you have any jigsaws or hamper goodies for raffle prizes, these can be left at the back of the church in the boxes or can be delivered to 7 Vicarage Road.

If you (or your organisation/group) would be happy to take part and decorate a tree (or sponsor a tree), please let Ruth Monks know ASAP (and at the latest by 24th November) on 07751 430323 or [ruthmonks@btinternet.com](mailto:ruthmonks@btinternet.com).



*In aid of All Saints Church Marsworth*

## Fun Quiz Night

Saturday 9th November

Marsworth Hall

7.00 pm for start at 7.30 pm

Teams of up to 8 people

Tickets £12 including a light supper

Please bring your own drinks and glasses

### *Terrific Raffle*

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

## Volunteers wanted ...

**... for an autumn clear-up of the Village Hall car park**

Please come along on **Sunday 24th November** at 10:30am to help clear the Village Hall Car Park of leaves and conker shells and to make the area safer and more pleasant for hall users.

We will be providing bags but please bring along brooms/dustpan and brushes etc.

**Many hands make light work!**

To volunteer your services contact Caroline on [parishclerk@marsworth.org.uk](mailto:parishclerk@marsworth.org.uk) (07557 289049) or just turn up.



**Christmas workshops**

**Growing Bright**

- 14 Nov** Natural Christmas Decorations  
19:30-21:30 at The Red Lion - £20
- 21 Nov** Natural Christmas Decorations  
12:30-14:30 at The Stag Mentmore - £20
- 30 Nov** Christmas Wreaths  
19:00-21:30 Ivinghoe Old School Hub - £35
- 12 Dec** Mini Wreaths, Gift Wrap & Tags  
19:00-21:30 at The Red Lion - £25
- 14 Dec** Monoprinted Christmas Cards  
19:00-21:30 Ivinghoe Old School Hub - £25
- 19 Dec** Christmas Gonks  
19:00-21:30 at The Red Lion - £25

Visit [www.growingbright.co.uk](http://www.growingbright.co.uk) for info

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Labour Member of Parliament for Aylesbury & the villages

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**All Saints Church will be floodlit for Christmas and New Year  
from 1st December 2024 until 6th January 2025**

**Would you like to sponsor a few hours of floodlighting?**

This is a nice way to remember a loved one, to mark a special occasion or simply to enjoy the sight of the floodlit church over the festive period. All dedications will be recorded on a list in the Church porch.

If you would like to take part, please complete the form below and return with your donation to Jenny Sheils, Leveret Lodge, Church Lane, Marsworth.

Donations can be made by cash, cheque (payable to All Saints Church) or bank transfer.

Bank details: All Saints Church / Sort code: 55 70 10 / Account no: 06507239  
Please include your name and F/L in the payment reference.



Name .....

Address .....

Date required ..... Amount enclosed.....

Dedication .....

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## Bucks Councillor's report – extracts



Councillor Derek Town

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**Buckinghamshire Councillor, Ivinghoe Ward**

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

### Calling Bucks pensioners – can we help reduce your energy bills?

Buckinghamshire Council has extended the eligibility criteria of one of its key programmes to help lower heating bills, following the government's decision to remove the Winter Fuel Payment from the majority of Buckinghamshire pensioners.

The council's 'Energy Doctor' scheme involves a home visit from one of their Energy Doctors to assess 'easy interventions' to lower energy bills, funded by the council, such as fitting LED light bulbs and draught proofing.

Now the council has extended the scheme to include all residents of State Pension age whose homes have an Energy Performance Certificate (EPC) rated D-G.

It's part of a range of help the council wants local pensioners to access if losing their Winter Fuel Payment leaves them struggling to meet heating costs. The Winter Fuel Payment will only be made this year to pensioners receiving Pension Credit or another related benefit. It means some 95,000 pensioners in Buckinghamshire will no longer receive this payment,

so the Council wishes to remind those residents about what other support is available.

The council's Energy Doctors have visited more than 800 Buckinghamshire homes in the last 18 months, and the energy saving measures they have put into those homes are saving each household on average an estimated £129 on annual energy bills.

The Energy Doctors use low-cost 'retrofit' measures to reduce energy costs, such as:

- draught proofing
- installing LED lightbulbs
- installing secondary glazing
- providing heated throws
- installing aerated shower heads and shower timers

"As a council we have made clear our extremely strong objections to the government removing this critical support for pensioners and have written directly to the Chancellor and the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions to ask that this policy is reversed. We are also doing all we can to support our local pensioners as we move into the colder months and expanding our Energy Doctor scheme is one way we can help.

"Please find out from our team if you're eligible for a visit as our Energy Doctor could make a real difference in helping to make heating the home more affordable. We also urge family and friends of local pensioners to make sure they're aware of our Energy Doctor scheme which has already helped so many local households."

### Bucks History Festival

Buckinghamshire History Festival returns next month for its ninth annual celebration of the county's history and cultural heritage.

The festival, organised by Buckinghamshire Archives, sees the Archives team come together with partner organisations from across the county to present a huge range of events to see and do throughout November. Buckinghamshire's past will be brought to life and the untold stories of its people and places will be uncovered.

### New £2.4m funding boost to support struggling households

Buckinghamshire Council will continue to receive Government funding until March 2025 to help support households and residents in Buckinghamshire who are struggling with cost-of-living pressures.

The funding has been allocated through the Government's Household Support Fund and enables local authorities to use the money to directly support low-income households and those experiencing financial hardship with energy costs, food costs, and other household essentials.

The Household Support Fund is provided by the Department for Work and Pensions and has been used in Buckinghamshire to support residents via the Council's Helping Hand service, which processes applications for financial help. The money has also been used to support local organisations including charities and other schemes to target priority groups who are struggling the most.

To check if you or someone you know is eligible go to: [www.gov.uk/pension-credit/eligibility](http://www.gov.uk/pension-credit/eligibility).

**Energy Doctors Can:**

- Advise on ways to reduce energy consumption and costs
- Put in place low-cost easy measures in your home such as:
  - Thermometer cards
  - Water saving measures
  - Reflective radiator panels
  - Portable solar generators
  - Electricity consumption monitors
  - An insulation jacket for your hot water cylinder
  - Secondary glazing film
  - Draught proofing for windows, doors, letterboxes and chimneys

**How do I arrange a visit?**  
Scan the QR code or contact Better Housing Better Health  
0800 107 0044 [bhbh@nef.org.uk](mailto:bhbh@nef.org.uk) [bhbh.org.uk](http://bhbh.org.uk)

Eligibility criteria apply | Energy Doctor Visits are available until March 2025

Buckinghamshire Council  
Funded by UK Government

## Bucks Council response to planning proposals

*Follows lead story in last month's newsletter*



Buckinghamshire Council has submitted its formal response to the Government's consultation on proposals to make changes to the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF), amidst significant concerns about the potential and far-reaching implications for the county should the proposals go ahead.

The consultation is a complex exercise with more than 100 questions that seek views on the proposed amendments to the NPPF. This is the framework by which local planning authorities determine planning applications and form local plans. The NPPF includes setting out how local housing needs should be met, and specifically how many homes should be built in a certain area.

The council's response answers all 106 questions of the consultation, which seek opinion on the various areas to the policy where changes are proposed. While the council agrees with some of the proposed amendments, its formal response records some grave and significant objections to the proposed policy changes due to the negative implications it would have for Buckinghamshire.

The main areas the council has raised concerns over in its response are:

- The proposed changes to the way in which local housing need is to be calculated, which would lead to a 42% increase in the figure for Buckinghamshire
- The proposed changes to Green Belt policy, particularly a new definition of 'grey belt' land which

has the potential to lead to large-scale sporadic developments across a wide area of the Buckinghamshire Green Belt

- The proposed changes to the requirements relating to maintaining a five year supply of housing land which are likely to lead to more speculative planning applications being granted permission, and
- The lack of a strategic approach to funding and providing essential local infrastructure when existing facilities are already overwhelmed.

Commenting, Buckinghamshire Council Leader, Martin Tett, said:

"I cannot overstate the implications that these proposals have for Buckinghamshire. It is no exaggeration to say that this could really change our county as we know it, for good.

"These proposed changes reintroduce mandatory housing targets and could lead to a total of 100,000 new homes in Buckinghamshire, yet there is no mention of infrastructure and community facilities to support this massive number of new homes and new residents. The new concept of a 'grey belt' - a political construct - would force the release of precious green belt land for development to any developer who purchases a pocket of land.

"This could pave the way for the most phenomenal change our county has seen. We have responded in a thorough, considered and a technical manner to the consultation. Our response goes through the proposed changes step by step and considers each question one by one. I want to underline that we are not anti-housebuilding in Buckinghamshire; we are very much aware of the need particularly for more affordable homes but this must happen in the right way. I now call on the government to truly consider Buckinghamshire Council's response when taking these proposals forward."

## Marsworth Steam and Classic Vehicle Rally update

**Another record-breaking success!**

We are thrilled to announce that the 2024 Marsworth Steam and Classic Vehicle Rally was a phenomenal success! This year we set new records for takings, visitor numbers, and exhibitor participation.



Thanks to your generous support, we were able to distribute an impressive **£25,000** to local charities and fundraising initiatives, significantly up from last year's total of **£13,000**. Many of these beneficiaries were integral to the event's success, and we are grateful for their active involvement.

As always, we ensure to retain sufficient funds to cover potential costs for next year's rally, safeguarding against unforeseen cancellations due to poor weather. This approach allows us to be prepared and ready to come back stronger the following year.

Thank you for making this event possible. We look forward to seeing everyone again at next year's rally!

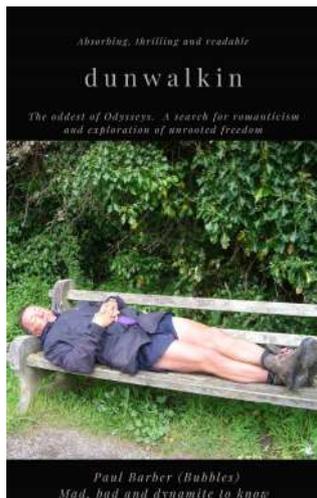
*Marsworth Steam Rally Committee*



2024 Steam Rally from the air

## "Dunwalkin" - update

"Dunwalkin" recounts the story of a 2006/7 continuous ramble around the entire coast of Britain - in excess of 5,000 miles over 11 months. Over £50,000 was raised for charities at the time, with all proceeds from this subsequent book going to Guide Dogs for the Blind. Interested in walking, dogs, British geography, history or coastline, others who have done this? This could be for you. Over 400 pages with beautiful illustrations by local artist Jill Griffin, photos and maps, all for £15.



A previous talk for the WI and a "meet the author" at The Red Lion, in August 2024 were well received. I am talking to Amanda at The Red for a second date. Others are already planned at Kings Arms, Tring on 7th November and The Stag, Mentmore on 14th November, both at 7.30pm. Signed copies available at Meads Farm Christmas Evening, Friday 15th November.

The first print run is almost sold out. A second edition has been ordered, and will be available for these dates and for orders received. (If you would like to do so, please contact Paul via [dunwalkinbook@outlook.com](mailto:dunwalkinbook@outlook.com) or tel: 07980 867788.)

### Comments received:

"Multi-faceted, - the Swiss army knife of walking Britain".

"Humorous, I could hardly put it down."

"It has something for everyone. Want to nostalgically visit coastal places you've been to or find new ones to explore, this is for you."

"Written with real love of people and places, full of fascinating details and anecdotes on every conceivable subject."

"A great Christmas present for that person you never know what to get."

"It is 'left field' and completely absorbing."

I am completely blown away by the comments and the sales so far.

I thought I would have boxes of books in the attic for life. They have all gone, and I am very humbled. It is a privilege to have a book in people's hands and houses.



My thanks to all who have already purchased a copy of my book, and I hope others will buy and read it. Thank you to my beautiful new wife (blessing service at All Saints on 7th September 2024) for all her patience and skills in bringing this story/book into existence.

"Dunwalkin" is also available in Tring and Berkhamsted bookshops. In the latter a window shelf is shared with Bob Mortimer!

Paul Barber

## Useful to know

Recently I found myself returning to my car in the Tesco car park to find it had a very flat tyre. Being old-ish and mechanically inept, there was no way I was going to tackle the problem practically, so what to do?

A phone call to John's Taxis (based at the station) soon resulted in me being taken home (£10). Phone calls to three local garages were unsuccessful – none had the equipment or spare manpower to sort out my car. However one did give me the name and contact details of **The Tyre Changers**, based at the Airfield Industrial Estate. He was not able to come straight away, but when free he collected me from home and was soon at work on my car at Tesco's – putting on the spare wheel and taking the damaged tyre to be fixed.

Next day I was able to have my repaired tyre reinstated at his base at the Airfield. Total cost - £25. Great service, and a problem quickly solved.

**The Tyre Changers**  
07746 903095  
[thetyrechangers.co.uk](http://thetyrechangers.co.uk)

**John's Taxi Service**  
01442 828848



If you have something 'Useful to Know' that you would like to share with readers – perhaps, as in this case, excellent local service – do send it to [editor@marsworthnews.co.uk](mailto:editor@marsworthnews.co.uk).



## Charity Brewery Tour

Thursday 28 November 2024

Tring Brewery, Dunsley Farm, London Rd, Tring HP23 6HA

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## From the Marsworth Archive: Remembrance

November is the month when residents of the village gather around the War Memorial in All Saints' churchyard to remember not just the fourteen names inscribed, but all those who have suffered in conflict.



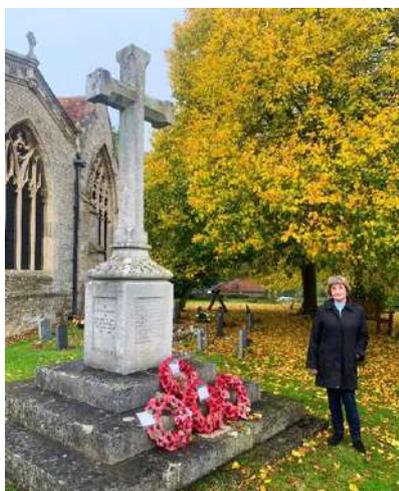
*The unveiling of the Marsworth War Memorial, 1921*

The memorial was unveiled in August 1921, after a committee led by William Mead, owner of Tring Flour Mill, had raised £140 towards its cost. Mead had spent the war engaged in philanthropy, particularly for wounded soldiers and the Vicar of All Saints, Rev. J H Sedgwick thanked him for his efforts. The act of unveiling was led by Lord Rothschild, whose words were well chosen:

*"The men ... did not go out at the call of ambition or glory ... with a fanfare of trumpets ... (they) went out in the dead of night or in the grey dawn ... at the call of humanity to preserve the world from the odious tyranny of a fearful and oppressive militarism."*

One of those was **Frederick Johnson**, great uncle of Bren Pearson who still lives in Marsworth today, the fourth generation of the family to live in the village. Bren wrote to say that her Uncle Fred was a farm worker and therefore in a reserved occupation. He was sent with a horse and cart to Tring Station to collect some supplies for the farm, only for a woman on the station platform to hand him a white feather (an allegation of cowardice) which so upset him that he volunteered as soon as he could.

Fred was born in Little Tring in 1895. He was the son of Frederick Johnson of Hastoe and his wife Elizabeth, from Little Tring. Shortly after his birth, the family moved to Marsworth, living near the Red Lion. Frederick enlisted at Hertford, although the exact date is unknown. His regiment, The 1st Beds, was one of the first to land in France in August 1914. It fought at Mons, the Marne and



Bren Pearson at the War Memorial

Ypres. He was killed in action, almost certainly in the vicinity of Hill 60 at Ypres on 16th April 1915, during an assault to take the high ground from the Germans. He has no known grave but is commemorated on the Menin Gate, the large memorial to the missing at Ypres.

Another Marsworth resident, Dean Jeffery, remembers two great great uncles, **Paul and Thomas Jeffery** commemorated on the memorial - one of three sets of brothers. Dean recounts that the Jeffery family ran their coal boat, Jumbo, from Northampton to London on the Grand Union Canal. By 1911 the family are listed as settled in Wilstone with Paul and Thomas working as farm labourers.

**Paul Jeffery** enlisted aged 17 in April 1914 (before the war had started) and went to the western front in 1916 as a gunner in the Royal Garrison Artillery. It seems he was a victim of the Spanish flu that decimated the population in 1918, dying at the Military hospital at Aylesbury in December 1918 and being buried in the Marsworth graveyard where his parents are also resting in an unmarked grave.

His brother **Thomas** served with the Royal Fusiliers. In April 1915 they were sent to the Gallipoli peninsula in Turkey. The eight-month campaign in Gallipoli was fought by Commonwealth and French forces in an attempt to force Turkey out of the war, to relieve the deadlock of the Western Front in France and Belgium, and to open a supply route to Russia through the Dardanelles and the Black Sea. Thomas lost his life in June, a few weeks after landing and his body was never recovered. He is commemorated on the memorial at Helles.



*Lord Rothschild unveiling the War Memorial*

Bren and Dean are just two of Marsworth's residents for whom the annual act of Remembrance on Sunday 10th November at All Saints will have strong family ties. I am grateful to them, to Josie Kempster and to Hilary Roberts, former curator at the Imperial War Museum, for helping to research the stories behind the names.

In coming years we will have the opportunity to tell more of the stories of the fifty men who left Marsworth to serve in the First World War and also those who served in the Second.

*Jonny Taylor*

If you have any information regarding the Marsworth War Memorial, or any connection with those named, please contact Jonny at [marswortharchive@gmail.com](mailto:marswortharchive@gmail.com).

## The Tring Anglers



Sadly, the last of our Let's Fish events was a victim of the weather. For the first time ever the event, which included invited guests and the BBQ at Shabbington on the River Thame had to be cancelled. The river was flooded over the island and the road access as I write is still not returned to a normal level.

It was to be my last Let's Fish coaching event for Tring Anglers as I intend to retire. I will maintain my Level 2 coaching qualification licence, which will involve every three years updating my First Aid skills and also extend my knowledge of what is now known as 'Safeguarding', usually aimed at children but also people of all ages. It is more effective and easier to keep it going and not let it lapse, as if I had to start again the governing bodies such as the Angling Trust would insist on me taking the whole course again, not just updating.

One of the good things about canals is that, except in extreme circumstances, they remain fishable and relatively safe. So how have the local canals fished over the last two months of persistent rain? Some good weights have been achieved by the match anglers. Roach, perch and some bream have shown at Marshcroft and Tring Station sections. Chub have been caught towards Hemel Hempstead up to around 3lb.

My colleagues tell me that good numbers of roach, bream, catfish, carp, pike and the odd tench have been landed on Marsworth, Startops and Wilstone reservoirs. As long as the weather remains warm then this should continue. I might even give it a go myself!

I will follow up on the October article with a further paragraph about my early fishing adventures. My uncle Jack worked with my father in our butchers' shop in Markyate. He was really kind enough to take me fishing on Wednesday afternoons (half day closing) and on Saturday afternoons. One of our favourite spots was from Bulbourne to the junction with the Wendover Arm. Roach, perch and the odd bream were most of our catches, no carp at this time. We can no longer fish here as the electric cables are very close. In those days of 1960 -1970 we used wood, cane or fibreglass which was not a problem with electrics.

Another popular site was from Lock 39 to the Aylesbury Arm junction, now only available to permanent moorings for boats.

*Dick Pilkinton*

## Marsworth Bonfire and Fireworks Night

**Saturday 2nd November**

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

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

Entry £6 Child £3

Rural Roasts will again be selling  
burgers and hot dogs



The Parish Council request that cars park away from the Rec as problems arose last year due to the Rec being waterlogged.

Disabled Badge holders will have special parking at the Rec.

Contact Dick Brake to take burnable rubbish for the Bonfire on 07774 131603

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# Marsworth Women's Institute



By Denise Cornwall

As I was getting ready for our meeting, I suddenly remembered that as Co President I was taking the meeting that evening. Chris was having a well-earned holiday in Portugal. I then remembered what the topic of the speaker was for the evening - **Confessions of an Undertaker**. I was wondering exactly what it was that we would be listening to. All sorts of things went through my mind and none of those thoughts were spoken about.

The meeting started off with welcoming Tim Jones and his colleagues Elspeth and Enzo – our speakers for the evening. Their talk was nothing about bodies, coffins and the working of a crematorium or grave digging - all the thoughts that I had when I was at home getting ready. Instead, it was all about their roles within the Funeral business. Tim Jones was the first to speak about his role as the owner of a funeral director's. Tim started his working life as a solicitor and one day decided that he didn't want to be a solicitor any more and circumstances led him on his path to become a funeral director. Very interesting career change.

Tim then handed over to Elspeth Thompson who is a Professional Independent Celebrant. Elspeth came from a family of actors and had had an interesting career. She explained how passionate she is about her role and how important it is to her that each service she takes is created and personalised to reflect the personality and beliefs of each individual person that she does a service for. As a Celebrant, Elspeth also spoke about her role at weddings.

Enzo spoke about his role where he caters for the more unusual coffin carriers, like motor bike and side car,

horse and carriage etc. There is a firm in Essex that supplies these to them and transports them all over that south of England. All in all, nothing like most of us were expecting but it was evident that as they talked about their different roles and routes to this profession, that they all have a clear passion for the job that they do in providing support to bereaved families at a difficult time. We thanked our speakers for their interesting and passionate talk and were pleased that we had not had to listen to some of the things that we had expected.

The meeting continued with Denise announcing the result from return of all ballot papers, on whether we stay as a WI or become an independent 'Ladies Group'. The November meeting is our AGM, and we are still looking for someone to step forward and take on the role of president.

**Supper Club** - this month was held at Tarboush, in Tring. A good time was had by all, and the food was excellent.

**Book Club** - Every month, the WI Book Club puts away a small amount of money to enable them to have a lovely restaurant meal once a year or, as on this occasion, a trip to the theatre. At the end of last month all of them went to see the musical 'Six' at the Milton Keynes Theatre. The weather was absolutely dreadful, the rain was lashing down, the wind was blowing hard – well done to the drivers who battled through conditions that many would have baulked at. It was all worth it; once settled in their seats they were treated to an amazing show with just six ladies singing - Henry VIII 's wives! Each wife had plenty to say (sing) about her relationship with this infamous king. The theatre was packed and there were a lot of young people there; apparently the songs are very familiar to Tik-Tok fans. What a sing-along it was! The WI ladies were helped by the words appearing at the side of the stage. A great night for all and many thanks to Lyn Leaver for organising.

## DENS

Local charity offering 'unique' FREE event to help the homeless



DENS has announced the return of its popular Sponsored Sleepout on **Friday 22nd November**, with free places up for grabs for everyone in the community.

At its prestigious new venue of Lockers Park School in Hemel Hempstead, the event will kick off with a fun-filled evening of team games and live entertainment.

There will also be a new, dedicated sleeping area for participating businesses, where they can take on a night of team building like no other.



When it's time to bed down under the stars, attendees will get to experience a small glimpse of what life is like for rough sleepers during the harsh winter months.

As a thank you for giving up their bed for the night, a free breakfast will be provided for all participants at the break of dawn.

Last year's event raised a spectacular £30,000 to support DENS' life-changing work for local people facing homelessness. This year, the charity are aiming even higher with their fundraising target to help meet the unprecedented demand for their services.

To book your FREE places for the DENS Sponsored Sleepout, please visit [www.dens.org.uk/sleepout](http://www.dens.org.uk/sleepout).



## Speeding Traffic



The Marsworth Speedwatch project is now up and running with monitoring of traffic on the Lower Icknield Way. Originally twenty villagers expressed an interest in joining the Speedwatch group as operators but unfortunately, only four individuals undertook the necessary training (albeit a very simple and straightforward exercise). This has resulted in limited opportunities to undertake the traffic monitoring as so few operators are available (although the efforts of the few are greatly appreciated).

### Icknield Way

All of the monitoring has been in both directions during afternoons in dry weather. Sessions tend to be for one hour in each direction and involve use of the Sentinel tripod fixed video camera which records the speed and registration of vehicles travelling in excess of the speed limit. These video details allow us to then identify the make and colour of the vehicles involved and these details, together with the time and maximum recorded speed, are forwarded to Thames Valley Police (TVP). It is then up to TVP to decide whether a communication is warranted. The number of vehicles monitored each hour is normally between 200 and 300, but on occasions nearer 400 vehicles per hour have been seen. The video records taken by the Speedwatch group are deleted after two months.

Since becoming operational, the Marsworth Speedwatch team has advised TVP of the details of 120 vehicles driving too fast. The information that is recorded does not facilitate accurate statistical conclusions on the traffic through the village, but it does evidence that we are reporting a number of speeding drivers. Possibly more importantly, we are being seen to be doing something. Adding this visual presence to the Moving Vehicle Activated Signs (MVAS), Speed Indicator Device ('Smiley Face' sign), traffic calming and signage, the village is now doing everything it can to reduce traffic speeds.

### Cooks Wharf

Recently Marsworth Parish Council was asked to look into traffic at Cooks Wharf, as residents complained that the amount of speeding traffic and the limited availability of footpaths in the area was unsafe. To understand the nature of the problem before other options were considered the Parish Council, with assistance from one of our Buckinghamshire Councillors (Chris Poll), therefore installed an MVAS device at the junction opposite the former Duke of Wellington Pub, facing south towards Cheddington from late-afternoon 9th September to mid-afternoon 19th September.

27,231 vehicle movements were logged, with an average speed of 24.3 mph compared to the Lower Icknield Way average of 24.8mph earlier in the year. Cooks Wharf has a much larger sub-25 mph percentage than Lower Icknield Way, almost certainly because of the traffic lights being approached.

- 69.9% of traffic moved under 30mph
- 90% of traffic moved under 35mph
- 97.6% of traffic moved under 40mph
- 99.5% of traffic moved under 45mph
- 23 vehicles exceeded 50mph, with one doing over 60mph.
- An average of six vehicles an hour exceeded the limit compared with the Lower Icknield Way average of four vehicles.

What was noticeable was that on the first day of use 11.8% of vehicles exceeded 35mph, but on subsequent days the average was 9.9% so the sign itself probably cut speeders by 2%.

This is somewhat less than that experienced using the SID sign, but the MVAS on the Lower Icknield Way made no difference between day one and subsequent days.

More could be done if the Speedwatch group had more operators, and the team is currently contacting all of those who originally expressed an interest to see if they will now help. If you would like to assist, please contact the Parish Clerk ([parishclerk@marsworth.org.uk](mailto:parishclerk@marsworth.org.uk)) who will pass your details on to the Speedwatch Co-ordinator.

## Dacorum Local Plan to 2041

### - Core documents and supporting evidence

The Pre-Submission Dacorum Local Plan (2026-2041) Regulation 19 consultation were approved at Full Council on 15 October 2024. This includes the previously excluded **Marshcroft Development** of 1,400 dwellings.



The consultation will take place between **midday on Monday 4 November and midday on Tuesday 17 December 2024**. Feedback will be restricted to whether the Local Plan meets all the necessary legal requirements and is sound, and how we have worked with others.

The Local Plan sets out our approach to accommodating growth across Dacorum, the sites we are proposing, and the policies that will guide our decisions on development and regeneration in the borough.

Please sign up to our consultation platform Let's Talk Dacorum to be notified when the consultation opens: <https://letstalk.dacorum.gov.uk>.

Marsworth Parish Council wrote to Dacorum Councillors prior to the meeting to express its opposition to the reinstatement of the proposed Marshcroft development into Dacorum's Revised Local Plan.

The development of 1400 houses in Tring would increase its population to around 7000 people and have a huge detrimental impact on both Tring and all surrounding villages, especially Marsworth. We are a small village of some 300 houses - only two miles from Tring - and rely heavily on its infrastructure in relation to schools, shops, dentists and doctors' surgeries. There are already some 1500 patients per GP at Rothschild GP surgery, making it very difficult to get an appointment. It is no longer possible to get NHS dentistry services.

Tring school is at capacity and will be forced to prevent nearby Bucks children from attending in order to favour Herts pupils.

Parking in Tring Town, which is already suffering as large electrical charging spaces displace conventional spaces, will become unmanageable. The already busy surrounding roads will also become further congested.

## 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.

### WHITE LION SOLD!

The former White Lion, Marsworth, has been sold subject to contract, by estate agents Michael Anthony. The former pub, which closed in January 2012, was on the market as a four-bedroom detached house at a guide price of £700,000.

It was advertised as follows: 'Situated bordering the Grand Union Canal and adjacent to Marsworth Reservoir, this substantial former public house which has accommodation set over three floors stands on a plot which extends to approximately half an acre offering tremendous potential to re develop (subject to usual planning permissions).'

There have been previous planning applications for the site. In 2018, planning permission was given to convert the building into two three bedroom dwellings, but an application to build six houses in the car park was refused at the time. It has stood empty and fallen into a state of disrepair, becoming something of an eyesore at the entrance to the village at Startops End.

### PAUL'S WALKING BOOK IS BACK:

Marsworth resident Paul Barber has published a second edition of his book 'Dunwalkin' and is hoping to reach a wider audience and raise more money for Guide Dogs.

In 2006/7, Paul walked continuously around the coastline of Britain covering more than 5000 miles. It took more than 11 months, at 100 miles a week, doing 15 to 20 miles every day. He raised £50,000 at the time for Guide Dogs and the RNLI.

Paul was born and bred in Tring and works in Wilstone. His book is over 400 pages, with illustrations done by local artists and photos from the walk, including many of his dog Havoc. Part travel guide, part memoir, it is priced at £15 with all money going to the charity. He says: 'I have sold the first print run, received some encouraging remarks, and now would like to reach a slightly larger audience for the second edition.' Copies are available in Tring and Berkhamsted Bookshops.

See article on page 9.

### LIDL GETS GO-AHEAD.

The plan for a Lidl in Tring off Icknield Way, has got the go-ahead on appeal at an Inquiry by the independent Planning Inspectorate.



Lidl has thanked local people for their support and says: "A new store in Tring will deliver increased shopping choice, new jobs, and access to Lidl's high-quality products at best-value prices."

Lidl submitted a fresh planning application in March 2023 after pre-application public consultation. This followed a detailed scheme redesign which addressed comments raised by neighbours during a previous planning application.



Artist's view of proposed store

The company received a positive response to the updated plans. Nearly 2,000 residents responded to an information leaflet which was distributed across Tring, with 89% of respondents in favour of the updated plans, however some are wondering how those who have bought homes on nearby Roman Park will react, and the impact on farm shops and other small businesses.



Various changes to Lidl plan made on re-application

## New Year's Day Ramble

**Wednesday 1st January 2025**

Steve will be holding a New Year's Day Ramble – starting from All Saints Church – on Wednesday 1st January in the morning.

Further details in December's *Marsworth News*.



# Marsworth Neighbourhood Watch



Linda Beardsley

## Nextdoor.com/co.uk – beware!

Some villagers have received an email from 'Nextdoor Marsworth', a free app that claims "neighbours use it to find out what's going on in Marsworth, recover lost pets, find free stuff or sell an old bike, borrow a ladder, get safety alerts, discover a great babysitter or recommend a plumber and much, much more!" Already there are over 800 posts.

Marsworth NHW asked our area representative whether this was a genuine offer and this is her reply:

"My advice is, do not use Nextdoor. Once they take you on board they access all your contacts and then send messages to all saying you are in Nextdoor so why not join. I know some people use their site, but I personally would not use it and do not suggest you or any of your members do so."

## Fireworks

"Remember, remember the fifth of November! Gunpowder, treason and plot"

The origin of Bonfire Night is traced back to November 5th 1605 when 13 Catholic plotters intended to assassinate the Protestant King James I and his Parliament at the State Opening of Parliament, by using 36 barrels of gunpowder to blow up the House of Lords.

The plot failed and to celebrate the King's survival bonfires were lit around London. This became a mandatory annual public day of thanksgiving until 1859, but the tradition continues to this day.



Guy Fawkes or 'the guy' was only one of the conspirators and not the leader, but individually is the most well-known, possibly because he was arrested under the Houses of Parliament with the gunpowder, ready to light the fuse.

There are strict laws in the UK governing fireworks. They can be used any time from 7am to 11pm but the exceptions are:

- Bonfire night: 7am to midnight.
- New Year's Eve, Diwali and Chinese New Year: 7am to 1am the following day and only purchased on specified days around these events.
- There are many public fireworks displays including Marsworth's excellent one at The Rec. Please see the notice on page 11.
- However, if you plan to have fireworks in your own garden, please follow the Firework Code and don't become one of the nearly 2000 people that annually visit hospital for firework and smoke related injuries each year.
- Plan your firework display to make it safe and enjoyable. Only over 18s can buy. Do not use between midnight and 7am on November 5th/6th.
- In England only buy fireworks which carry the UKCA marks. Keep your fireworks in a closed box, and use them one at a time.
- Read and follow the instructions on each firework using a torch if necessary. It is an offence under the Explosives Act 1875 to tamper with or modify fireworks.
- Light the firework at arm's length with a taper and stand well back.
- Keep naked flames, including cigarettes, away from fireworks.
- Never return to a firework once it has been lit.
- Don't put fireworks in pockets and never throw them.
- Direct any rocket fireworks well away from spectators.
- Never use paraffin or petrol on a bonfire.
- Make sure that the fire is out and surroundings made safe before leaving.

## Full steam ahead for South-East Aylesbury Link Road

Buckinghamshire Council has announced that this key infrastructure project is progressing well, with a new contractor appointed to complete the remainder of the biggest section of the scheme.



The South-East Aylesbury Link Road (SEALR) is being built in two sections with work well underway. The two sections will link to form 1.1 miles of new dual carriageway, including three new roundabout junctions and a new bridge across the railway line to London. Both sections are well on track and due to complete within the next two years.

The Lower Road and Wendover Road roundabouts, part of the longer section of new road, are progressing well with constructors Galliford Try now appointed to complete the remaining works for this phase; namely

the section between Wendover Road and Lower Road including the bridge over the railway. It is anticipated that that this link should be open during the latter part of 2026. The section linking HS2's new Stoke Mandeville Relief Road to Lower Road is expected to be open sooner, during the next 12 months.



Once complete, the South-East Aylesbury Link Road will form a crucial part of a new Orbital Link Road around Aylesbury providing a new route around the town, significantly easing congestion through the town centre and delivering new cycling and walking routes.

For more information on SEALR visit: [www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/sealr](http://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/sealr).

## Art At Wingrave 2024

Friday 22nd - Sunday 24th November  
10.30 am – 4.30 pm

Field View, Castle Street, Wingrave, Bucks. HP1 4PT

Art At Wingrave 2024 is just around the corner... a joyful and professional pre-Christmas Art Event featuring the enthusiasm and talent of seventeen participating Artists and Makers all gathering at Field View this November. By the time we open our doors on **22nd - 24th November** every corner of the house will be brimming with wonderful art on display, with even more pieces in the garage and garden.

Look forward to seeing **New Artists and New Work:** Ceramics, Ceramic and Paper Sculptures, Print Making, Textiles and Felt, Glass Art, Designer Lamps, Pencil and Pastel Portraiture, Furniture Design, Painted Wood Design, Hand-turned Wood, Mixed Media Paintings and the captivating art of 'Riveting Welds'.

And there's more: Julie Pugh's lovely Studio at nearby Home Farm, also in Castle Street, will be open to showcase her unique 'One of One' Jewellery.

So this is the perfect opportunity for some enjoyable browsing; mark the dates, bring a friend, head down Castle Street and pay us a visit. A warm welcome awaits along with mulled wine and cakes (refreshment proceeds supporting Cancer Research.) Don't miss out on this festive celebration of art and creativity.



**Exciting  
New Works  
at Wingrave**

**November**  
**Fri 22nd-Sun 24th 10.30-4.30**  
**Field View, Castle Street, Wingrave, HP22 4PT**

## New Moon Morris

### The Seasonal Round

All human groups have celebrations connected to the seasonal changes which come from the path of the Earth in orbit around the Sun. We do things at certain times of year; the festivals and celebrations associated with religious festivals, or the solstices and equinoxes, or days with other significances, such as days commemorating an important event or person.



Morris dancers are no different: we have a pattern of celebrations too. These vary from side to side, but all sides have their own calendar. Some sides dance for the New Year, but New Moon Morris start the year in early January with the Wassail Tour of Tring (more about this next month). The next few months are fairly quiet, allowing us to practise our dances, teach them to any new recruits as well as learning new ones, so that we are ready for the main festival season.

New Moon likes to dance out at a local pub for the spring equinox in March, the blossom on the trees and all the daffodils seem to be telling us that it's time to be dancing in the fresh air again. Of course, a lot of sides will be out dancing for St George's Day in April. Following that, many sides, including New Moon, will dance the Sun Up on the

first of May. We have also started a new tradition of Maypole dancing with another local side at the end of April on the village green in Ivinghoe.

The next few months are packed with fetes, festivals (several of which we do every year), Days of Dance, weddings, and pub dance outs - usually with other sides. Then, after the rush of spring and summer, for us the next big thing in the calendar is always the Tring Apple Fayre in October, followed by our Sundown dance on Pitstone Hill at the end of October.

We always aim to be at the Tring Christmas Lights and playing music at the final Tring Farmers' Market of the year. We will also be welcoming the mid-winter sunrise on Pitstone Hill - the turning of the year, as the days begin to lengthen, and we can look forward to the joys of summer and the warmth of the sun again.



Some local sides dance on Boxing Day but after the excesses of Christmas Day it can be difficult to persuade everyone in New Moon Morris out for this, so the more hardy of us head out to watch someone else dancing, while enjoying a pint, of course.

*Cath Fincher*

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Marsworth School would like to say a huge thank you to the following people:

- Our volunteers that give up their time to come in and listen to the children read every week, some of whom have also helped with our weekly swimming:
- Jane Blumsom
- Petra Suter
- Catherine Rickard
- Bryony Lines
- To our Governors that have also given up their morning to assist with swimming recently:
- Howard Wright
- Sam Lawrence
- And finally, thank you to Mr and Mrs C White for very generously donating an IT resource to the school. It is very much appreciated.

Mrs Polatci  
Headteacher



**Saturday 23rd  
November**  
9:30-12:30  
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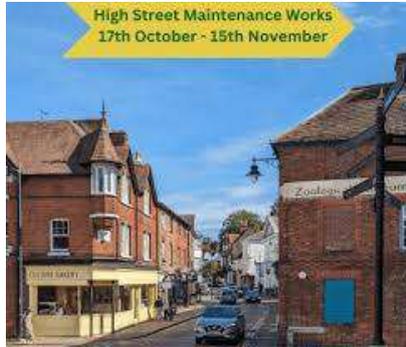
# Tring High Street closure

Tring High Street will be closed from Thursday, October 17 to Friday, November 15, 2024 for essential utility works:



The entire High Street will be closed 24/7.

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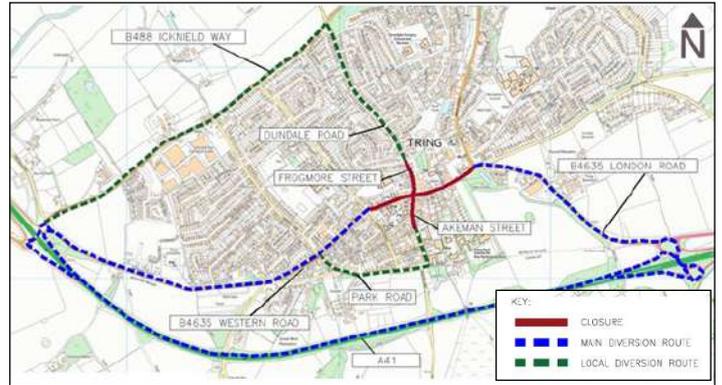
These works are weather dependent and may be postponed if poor weather is forecast.

PHASE 1: 17th October – 26th October  
Relaying existing block paving with some block renewal.

PHASE 2: 28th October – 5th November  
- Gully cleaning.

PHASE 3: 6th November – 15th November  
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Road closure during the working hours only.



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## Long Marston Cricket Club



### Lifetime award for Lee Beesley

At Mentmore cricket ground, on the afternoon of Saturday 20th July 2024, Lee Beesley took his 900th wicket in the Cherwell league against one of our club's fiercest rivals, Dinton Cricket Club, an achievement unlikely to be surpassed. An incredible feat over many years of consistent performances for Long Marston, his only club.

Lee is a truly determined and 100% dedicated and committed member of our club. For many years, since his first appearance in the juniors, Lee has developed into a consistent and regular wicket taker, using his varied left arm spin to secure his exceptional haul of wickets.

Renowned throughout the league and feared by batsmen at all clubs, this is only the second Lifetime Achievement award ever given by LMCC and is so richly deserved.



The photo shows Lee receiving his award from Club Chairman Paul Dumpleton at the club's awards and presentation evening on 21st September.

### Get involved in 2025

Would you like to play or get back into cricket, perhaps after a break from the game? Perhaps you are a former player who would like to umpire (training is available)? Or maybe you'd like to try scoring (again; training can be provided). Or help out with ground preparation? We're looking for people in all areas.

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### Club Sundays

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

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

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Aurora over Startops Reservoir, 10 October 2024  
- Julie Wicks



Reflections at Bulbourne  
- Jeremy Whitehead



Autumn tree near Red Lion, September 2024  
- Sara Wood



Aurora from Lukes Lea - Sandra Moseley



Bulbourne tower  
- Jeremy Whitehead