

Marsworth News

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Red Lion Review

Amanda Oxley

We are coming up to a year running The Red Lion here in Marsworth and what a year it has been!

Firstly we would like to say a big thank you to all our staff and the customers who make it all worthwhile. Not forgetting the local breweries and Lavenders Cakes and Bakes of Tring for donating raffle prizes - thank you.

Thinking back to events in 2024, we held our monthly Charity Quiz nights in aid of Hector's House and met local authors Dave Sivers, Peter White and Paul Barber.

As well as the normal menu we have offered the following meals once a month: the delicious Thai nights that our very talented Tanya cooks; the Souvlaki Greek food van and Mai's Vietnamese pop-up kitchen.

Other highlights include:

Growing Bright - the Pubcraft group with the lovely Lisa Tervit. I am always amazed at the talent she has in teaching and sharing her skills; The very popular steam engines; A classic car meet here in April; The local cycling group; The Classic Bikers monthly meet; The Distinguished Gentlemen Riders made a huge positive impact by choosing The Red Lion as their start and finish point for their charity ride in May.



The Distinguished Gentlemen Riders

The Knit and Natter Group meet here on Monday nights to learn to knit, crochet, embroidery, quilting and tatting.

We held our very first auction for the charity Hector's House with Ant Berry as the auctioneer; thanks to everyone who donated lots to auction on the night which raised £1967.

We had music from the bands Mooving On and Ain't Bitter and Twisted; The Keep Going choir run by Anna Swanall performed here on August Bank Holiday for our first music festival along with Mike Forster, Jade PraiZe and Sweetcorn Bread, who gave their time up for free for Hector's House; The New Moon Morris and Morris Men groups.



New Moon Morris

We have also had several birthday parties, pre wedding drinks - and sadly, a few local people's wakes, including duck Quacky who had been a regular at The Red Lion.



Quacky, sadly no longer with us

Looking ahead at events to come:

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Diary Dates - December 2024

1st	Sunday	1.00pm	Christmas Market at Red Lion - see p.7
7th-8th	Sat/Sun		Christmas Tree Festival - see p.5
9th	Monday	8.00m	Parish Council Meeting
16th	Monday	7.30pm	Christmas carols in All Saints
22nd	Sunday		Santa Claus visit to Marsworth

Coming events - January 2025

1st	New Year's Day Ramble - see p.6
13th	Parish Council Meeting

Editorial

By *Sandra Costello*

Just a year ago we were welcoming the new team at The Red Lion, and this month we are able to see the huge amount they have been up to, and some of their coming events. There is no doubt that 'The Red' is a focal point for our village and Pete, Amanda, their colleagues and staff are doing a great job ensuring that it remains a vibrant and welcoming hub with a great variety of activities, as well as excellent food and great beer.

However as we can applaud one success, it is sad news that the Marsworth Preschool will be closing its doors in the near future. It has been such a mainstay in the community, serving not just Marsworth but the surrounding area too. However small children get

older and have to move on. Perhaps it is an indication that there are few babies and toddlers in the district at the moment.

The festive season fast approaches, with many events and services focusing on All Saints. The Christmas Market outside the Red Lion is becoming a regular feature, while the Christmas Tree Festival inside the church should be an enjoyable novelty.

Even if you are not a regular attender at services, do consider coming to the Carol Service on 16th December at All Saints to enjoy sharing in familiar carols in a lovely atmosphere, followed by mulled wine and mince pies - all are very welcome.

And still on the subject of the church, if you enjoy seeing it floodlit at this time of year, do consider helping pay for this wonderful sight - see the notice on page 6.

A VERY MERRY
CHRISTMAS
and Happy New Year!

FROM
Marsworth *News*

**Remember - no
Marsworth News
in January**



Parish Council meeting precis - 11th November 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.

Bulbourne Wharf

Chris Poll and Bob Kennedy will put up the temporary MVAS at Bulbourne Wharf to monitor traffic, following an accident at the bridge involving a car and a bus. Buckinghamshire and Dacorum Highways are liaising. It is the only bridge on a B road locally that doesn't have lights.

Garages at The Crescent

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

Road Priority Sign by Startop Farm

This has now been replaced.

Railings at Startops Cottages

Railings that can be replaced in sections are being installed. Clerk is checking to ensure they are still part of the heritage design.

Parking on Triangle at Marsworth Wharf

Police 'no parking' signs now installed on one side of the triangle.

Play and gym equipment maintenance

Maintenance will be carried out by DWD contractors over the winter.

Next MPC Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be on Monday 9th December. Any items for the agenda should be submitted to the Parish Clerk by Sunday 1st December. Members of the public are welcome to attend the meeting, but please let the Parish Clerk know in advance if you plan to be present (parishclerk@marsworth.org.uk).

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Coming events at The Red Lion

1st December Christmas Market, 1-4pm

Souvlaki Greek meals Friday 6th December 5-9pm.

Sunday 8th - Keep Going Choir - Christmas Around the Piano.

12th December - Mini wreaths, Xmas paper and gift tags by Growing Bright Pubcraft.

14th December - singing around Charlotte's Tree, with mulled wine and BBQ.

19th December - Gonks by Growing Bright Pubcraft night.

And of course, The Red Lion New Year's Eve Party!

Marsworth Village Hall 100 Club



November £20 winners

- 26 Mike Sturrock - Vicarage Road
- 106 Amanda and Clive Hammond - Vicarage Gardens
- 83 Fred Martin - The Crescent
- 113 Denise Cornwall - Norvic Road
- 68 Matt Kempster - Startops Farm.

Congratulations to this month's winners.

The next draw will take place on Wednesday 4th December at The Red Lion. All are welcome to attend.

The December draw will consist of 2 x £100, 2 x £50 and 5 x £20 winners.

I would like to say a huge Thankyou to all the volunteers who have supported the 100 Club.

Good luck to all in the next draws. Have a merry Christmas and a happy New Year!

Stephanie

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Parish Council meeting dates 2024

8.00pm in Village Hall
9 December

Parish Council meeting dates 2025

8.00pm in Village Hall

13 January	14 July
10 February	11 August
10 March	8 September
7 April (Good Friday 18 April) Inc Annual Parish Meeting at 7pm	13 October
12 May (Bank Holiday 5 May) Inc Annual Meeting of Council at 7.45 pm	10 November
9 June	8 December

All Saints Church

From the Vicar,
James Grainger-Smith



Well, folks, I have to say my opinion of Artificial Intelligence (AI) has improved. I've just seen this year's John Lewis Christmas advert in which a woman looks for an appropriate present for her sister. I thought it was perfectly nice, but it didn't really move me (either emotionally – or to dash out to John Lewis to buy their products). So, I had a quick think about which Christmas advert I would consider the best ever – and, for me, there's a clear winner – Sainsbury 2014 (the WWI centenary made with the Royal British Legion). But, of course, there's no accounting for taste – I might like that advert but plenty of other folks might hate it. So I asked Google if the Sainsbury 2014 Christmas advert was the best ever – and the first word of the AI answer was "Yes".

So now that I am feeling suitably affirmed(!), let me share what the Parish Church is up to over the next couple of months.

The Church services are all listed on this page. Do come along - you'll be very welcome, particularly at the Christmas services and the Carol Service which is always a lovely event.

In addition, there's the Christmas Tree Festival over the weekend of 7th and 8th December. This promises to be a lovely event for so much of our community – I'm looking forward to seeing what all our various groups will produce!

The School is also very busy. Do let me draw to your attention the School's Christmas performance in All Saints at 2pm on Monday 16th December and the Christingle and Celebration Service (again, in All Saints) at 2.30pm on Friday 20th December.

Then, on New Year's Day, the traditional walk will take place as normal - see page 6.

I do hope there's something for everyone amongst those activities – and I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Every blessing

James

Remembrance service collection

The collection at the Remembrance Sunday Service at All Saints raised £183.31 for the Royal British Legion.



SAINT BARISTA POP-UP CAFE

ALL SAINTS, MARSWORTH

The cafe season has come to an end.

Thank you for your support!

Julian Mann

Who's Who at All Saints Marsworth

www.achurchnearyou.com/All-Saints-Marsworth



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Services for December 2024

(at All Saints Church unless otherwise stated)

1st December

9.15am Holy Communion

8th December

8.30am Holy Communion (BCP)

15th December

9.15am Holy Communion

Monday 16th December

7.30pm Carol Service

22nd December

4.00pm Evensong (BCP)

Christmas Eve

5.00pm Crib Service

Christmas Night

11.30pm Midnight Mass

Christmas Morning

10.00am Christmas Communion

29th December

10.45am Benefice Communion at Slapton

2025

5th January

9.15am Holy Communion

12th January

8.30am Holy Communion (BCP)

19th January

9.15am Holy Communion

26th January

4.00pm Evensong (BCP)

Christmas Tree Festival

7th and 8th December

All Saints Marsworth is looking forward to welcoming you to the **Christmas Tree Festival** in the church from **10am – 4pm on Saturday 7th and Sunday 8th December**. Come and see all the beautiful trees and enjoy teas, coffees and homemade cakes, and there will be some live music at times too.

There will also be a raffle, a second-hand jigsaws and board games stall, and a stall selling homemade preserves and other goodies.

Entrance is £1 for adults and 50p for children.

How can you help?

We are looking for donations of any **jigsaws** and **board games**, so if you are having a pre-Christmas sort-out, please consider donating any to the event. We'd also love some **raffle prizes**, **hamper goodies** and **cake donations** please, and if you have any **homemade preserves** these would be welcome too.

All donations can be left in the box at the back of the church or dropped off at 7 Vicarage Road at any time.

Finally, if you would like to help at the festival (e.g. serving refreshments, selling raffle tickets) then please contact Ruth Monks on 07751 430323.

Thank you very much in anticipation of your support.



Christmas Foodbank donations welcome

It would be wonderful for those in Marsworth, receiving groceries from the Food Bank, to have some special treats for Christmas.

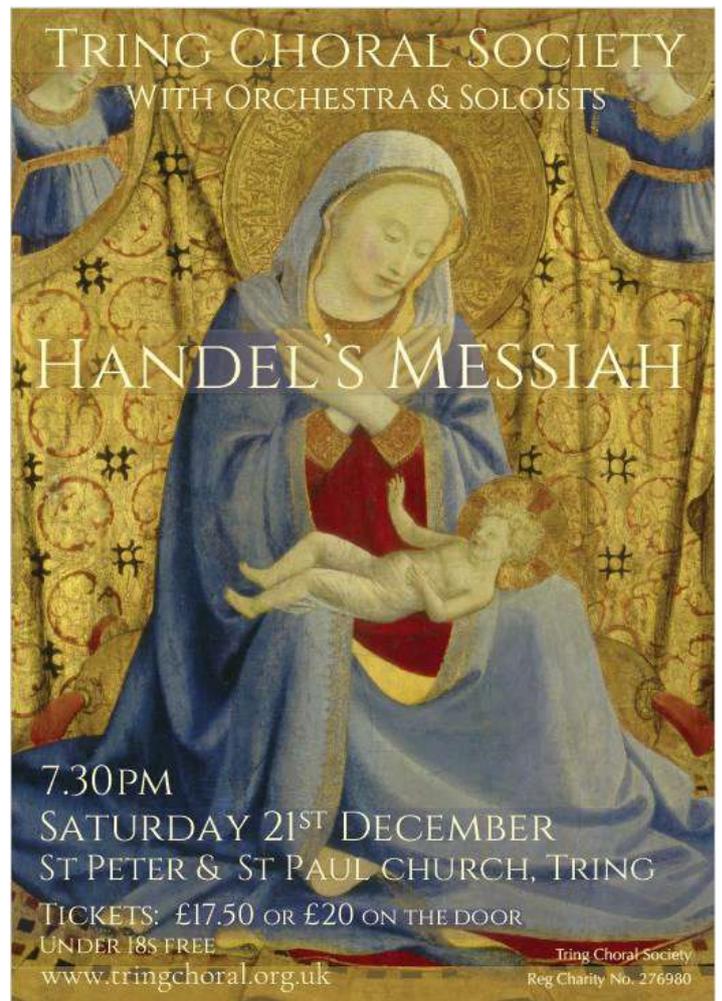


The team would be hugely grateful if you could donate any specifically seasonal food or drink items, such as: mince pies, biscuits, sweets, wine or beer.

If we can deliver a few treats to each of them it will make their Christmas so much brighter and happier.

Thank you so much.

Please drop anything off to: Karibu, Vicarage Gardens, Marsworth or leave it in the box in the church porch.



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Marsworth New Year's Day Walk

Come and join us!

Meeting at All Saints Church at 11.00am on New Year's Day for a guided walk along the canals and back via Wilstone.



The walk will be about 1.5 hrs duration and will be followed by soup and light lunch in the Church.

Please let parishclerk@marsworth.co.uk 07557 289049 know if you are planning to attend for catering numbers.

Dogs welcome

Bring appropriate footwear



Church Quiz report

Saturday 9th November 6.45pm and teams start arriving for the annual Church Quiz in the Village Hall. Sadly, there has been a bug doing the rounds so we were three teams down, but no one would have known from the general hubbub going on.

Richard and Lisa Cooper, together with Steve and Caroline Smith and Stephen and Jonquil Wooler had developed the questions, which varied from literary characters to food and drink, and geography to politics. Some testing table rounds asked quite a bit of the collective brains to work hard but the teams answered most questions correctly.

In the interval, everyone enjoyed a light supper, prepared by Tracey Kennedy and Denise Cornwall with help from Alex and Adam Kennedy, of hot dogs and fresh fruit and quite a lot of fine wine, judging by the empties! Dear Netty worked her usual magic of persuading everyone to buy lots of raffle tickets, but this was helped enormously by the wonderful prize hampers that Denise had put together so attractively for us. A total of £265 was raised on the raffle.

Teams from Aylesbury and Slapton supported us, but in the end a Marsworth team, headed by David Carey, came out on top and they all went home with some very tasty wine kindly donated by Stephen and Jonquil Wooler.

After all costs had been taken into account, the sum of £650 was presented to All Saints, which will go towards the running costs of our beautiful church.

A huge thank you to everyone who came and those who helped make the evening such fun and so successful.

Richard Cooper

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

.....

Marsworth CE Infant School

Tel: 01296 668440
www.marsworthschool.co.uk



Open Days

We held a couple of successful Open Days, where many new faces came to find out about our lovely school. Our next Open Days are on Thursday 5th December at 9:30am and then Thursday 9th January 2025 at 9.30am. Please contact us to arrange a visit, either by phoning 01296 668440 or emailing us at office@marsworth.bucks.sch.uk.

Fundraising

The School is now registered with Easyfundraising, so you can raise FREE donations for us when you do your everyday online shopping. All you have to do is find the brand you want to shop with on the Easyfundraising website or app and they will donate to us when you make a purchase – at no extra cost to you! Sign up for free at: https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/marsworthcofeinfantschool/?utm_campaign=raise-more&utm_medium=email&utm_content=rm-sch-n3.

Bag2School

Our next Bag2School is **Friday 6th December**. They will be collected at 9am. Please could all donations be brought to school beforehand or left outside.

Remembrance

On Monday 11th November the pupils and staff walked across to the Church to pay our respects for Remembrance Day. The children explained to Rev James about Remembrance and why it is important to remember those who sacrificed their lives and continue to do so today, for the lives we have today. The children participated in a short service where they sang a song called 'Wear a Poppy Today' and contributed to a prayer and time for reflection. KS1 children read the story 'Where the Poppies Now Grow' and thought about what the battlefields were like and what they were like after WW1. EYFS watched a short clip from CBeebies and made their own poppies. The work was then displayed in school.

Anti-bullying Week

This year the children took part in anti-bullying week. They learnt about treating people with respect and what bullying is. They created posters and celebrated everybody's uniqueness by coming in to school wearing odd socks. They even created their own odd socks!

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.



Work has been displayed around school and parents were invited in the following Monday. The children performed a rap to the parents – "Bullying's not clever, bullying's not cool. If you're a bully, then you're a fool".

EVENTS COMING UP

The Nativity

Our annual Christmas performance will take place in the Church on **Monday 16th December** at approximately 2pm. This year it is called '**Simply the Nativity**'. The children have already been introduced to the songs and have been given their parts.

Christingle Service

On the last day of term, 20th December, the children will be participating in a Christingle Service at the Church. The children will have made a Christingle and learnt about the meaning at school. All are welcome. We hope you'll be able to join us.

On behalf of all of the children and staff at Marsworth School, we wish you a healthy and happy Christmas.

Mrs Polatci
Headteacher

CHRISTMAS MARKET
ARTS - CRAFT - FOOD

Join us for an exciting Christmas Market where you'll find unique gifts, a magical atmosphere, and a festive spirit!

DECEMBER 1ST @ 1PM

THE RED LION, MARSWORTH
HP23 4LU

Christmas Fair at The Red Lion

Unique local stalls with handcrafted gifts, festive decor, and holiday goodies

Tasty food stalls serving up seasonal favourites

A fully stocked bar to keep the cheer flowing

Sunday, 1st December - 1pm - 4pm

The 'Tring Tiles' come home

Kate Andrew and Tring Museum website

Tring Local History Museum has secured the loan of the V&A Museum's two examples, plus fragments, of the Tring Tiles after years of negotiation.

The tiles, believed once to have adorned the walls of Tring's Parish Church of St Peter and St Paul, date from the 14th century.

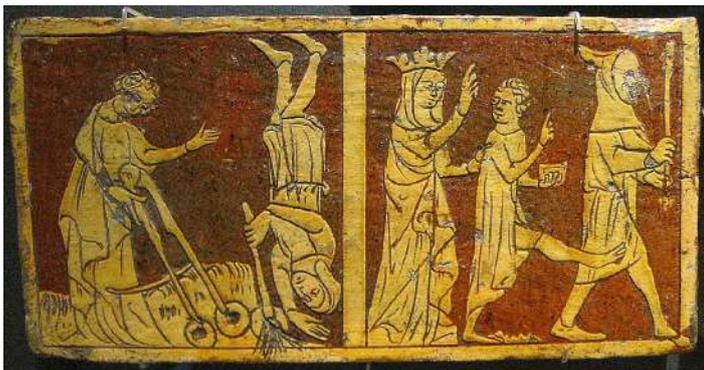
Rare examples of the 'sgraffito' technique of ceramic decoration, the tiles tell stories about the childhood of Jesus, some from the Bible but mostly from the 'apocryphal', or unofficial, gospels. Some of the stories are familiar, but others are wildly improbable, even violent. The artist is thought to have based the work on older, conventional illustrations and rendered them in cartoon-strip form. It is thought they were displayed on the church walls, to grab the attention of illiterate people, but who made them and where has remained a mystery.



All the tiles and fragments known to exist have some connection to Tring. The British Museum has eight, said to have been found in the 1860s in a 'curiosity shop', and Tring Local History Museum already displays modern replicas of them. The V&A has two others, plus two fragments, found by Tring people and given in the 1920s and 30s.

Tring Museum is free, and is open on Fridays and Saturdays from 10am to 3.30pm.

The tiles will be on display for the next six months. Details at tringlocalhistorymuseum.org.uk.



A goodbye from Marsworth Preschool

I have struggled to find the words to put this together, as many of you will have heard by now after the EGM on 11th November it was announced the Preschool will be closing its doors on 19th December.



Having been part of this wonderful preschool for 23 years I am truly saddened it has come to an end. I have seen many children come through our doors, wiped away many tears and have cuddled your children as if they were my own! Some of those children now have their own children (yes, I really am that old!).

As the time draws closer to saying goodbye, I would like to thank each and every one who has supported us. We have created such a well-loved nurturing preschool in this small community and given many children those crucial foundational skills required before going on to school. For that I am proud to have been the manager of such a wonderful place.

This loss will be huge, however the future of our preschool was out of our hands and the unfortunate decision had to be made.

I wish all my wonderful staff Zoe, Jane, Tracey, Nikki, Sally, Kate and Gemma a happy successful future wherever it takes them. I would also like to say a huge thank you to the parents past and present for your support as well as the committee members who have given their time to work voluntarily behind the scenes.

A final poem to say goodbye

*Although our time has finished,
Our smiles will never fade,
We won't forget the handprints left
On memories we have made.*

Wendy Lewis

Bookshop secure

The long-term future of Our Bookshop in Tring has been secured after its owners were able to complete the purchase of the building.

Ben Moorhouse first opened Our Bookshop five years ago and, in that time, it has become a vital part of the community. However, its future was in doubt as the lease approached the end of its five-year term and the owner of the building wanted to sell.

A crowdfunding appeal earlier this year raised an incredible £55,770 in just 30 days so Our Bookshop could buy the building. The legal process to purchase the property was completed in September.

Ben said: "We now have control over our future and this ensures the long-term existence of Our Bookshop in Tring. Coincidentally, this came five years to the day since we opened the shop."



Local Treasures

Tring Pickers

If you haven't yet discovered 'Tring Pickers', you should at least have a look. They are very close to Tesco in Tring – tucked in a corner behind the Dunsley Farm Shop and near Tring Brewery.

This is an Aladdin's cave of miscellanea, collectables, curiosities or just fascinating items for the home.

Owned by Barry Jacobs ('Baz') who is quite a character – down-to-earth and informative. Try a little haggle!



If you have some items that you think he might be interested in, offer them for sale – but don't expect too much in return!

Open: Mon: Closed, Tues – Sat: 10.00am – 5.00pm, Sun: 11.00am-4.00pm

Email: barryjacobs75@icloud.com.

From their website:

Tring Pickers- Your local Antiques Treasure Trove

Tring Pickers specialises in antiques, retro pieces and a wide variety of stylish vintage collectables. From hand-made silver jewellery to retro posters and a host of vintage ceramics, bric-a-brac items and objets d'art.

Jewellery Commissions and Repairs / Artworks
Bespoke Furniture / Antiques and Collectables
Retro Toys and Vintage Curiosities
Local Artists / Bespoke Artisan Wares

From the age of 16 Barry Jacobs, aka 'Baz', worked as a high-end jeweller with a studio in London's Hatton Garden. After 20 years he packed this in to follow his passion for unearthing interesting antiques. He loved the idea of creating a local treasure trove, which would transport people back through history to discover artefacts from all over the world, right here in Tring!



Around 40% of purchases are to the 'trade' for film sets or to antique retailers, which means Tring folk can capitalise on ever-changing stock at 'trade' prices.

Anything collectors find interesting Baz will potentially stock, from toys and magazines to posters and pub memorabilia. If you have something specific in mind, talk to Baz and he will endeavour to source it.

He also still does repairs and maintenance to quality standards.

So if you are looking for antique jewellery, African art, French mirrors, vintage toys, pub memorabilia or ships in a bottle, come in and chat to Baz.



If you have interesting antiques you want to sell, then talk to Baz and he will happily give you his opinion.

Could be just the place for Christmas gifts!

Pipeline mystery

There's a brook that runs along the north side of the Marsworth recreation ground roughly parallel to the canal and along the side of Bridgeways House. It has a sump that regularly (roughly annually) blocks and water floods the recreation ground. We are told that the sump should be drained by a pipe and culvert that runs under Watery Lane by the bridge then along the canal footpath leading towards Black Jack's lock (Lock Four) where it exits through a pipe (on the left going towards Wilstone where the wooden fencing and steps are).

Both Buckinghamshire Council and Canal and River Trust have been out to inspect, but both bodies tell us that the culvert does not belong to them.

We do know that the Tring Brook flows through



The end of the Tring Brook culvert at Black Jack's

a brick-lined culvert under the Aylesbury Arm and reappears close to the house at Black Jack's lock, but whether the water from the rec also appears here is not known.

The Parish Council would like to understand where the water flows and who is responsible.

- Who built the culvert under Watery Lane and bridge by the Rec? When?
- Does the section of pipe **assumed** to be under or beside the towpath really exist?
- Who built the wooden padlocked gate, fencing and steps opposite Black Jack's?



Fencing, gate and steps by Black Jack's

If you can shed any light, please contact parishclerk@marsworth.co.uk 07557 289049.

Changes to burial laws

Law Commission considers changes to update centuries-old burial laws.

Old graves could be reused, and closed burial grounds could be reopened to help manage the shortage of burial space, under proposals by the Law Commission.

The proposals form part of a consultation to bring the law on burial and cremation, which in parts is over 170 years old, up to date. People are encouraged to give their views on <https://lawcom.gov.uk/project/burial-and-cremation/>.



Burial space is running out across England and Wales, with the situation worse in some urban areas. The Law Commission's proposals would enable any burial ground to reuse graves, but only following consultation with the public and approval of the burial ground operator's plans by Government.

There would also be safeguards for each individual grave. Where it is currently permitted, graves can only be considered for reuse when the last burial was made at least 75 years ago. The Commission is consulting on whether a new law should use that period, or a different one such as 100 years. If the family of the deceased person objects, no reuse can happen for another 25 years.

The consultation addresses a wide range of other issues including:

Closed churchyards:

There are numerous Church of England churchyards and other burial grounds across the country which were closed by law in the Victorian era. The Commission proposes reforms to allow them to be reopened, allowing people to be buried closer to home, or in a graveyard that holds special meaning for them.

Uncollected ashes:

Funeral directors estimate that they hold hundreds of thousands of sets of ashes which have not been collected by families after cremation – and which they have no legal right to bury or scatter. The Commission's proposals would enable them to be returned to crematoria, where they can be scattered or buried, once reasonable attempts had been made to contact the family of the deceased person.

Siting of crematoria:

Currently crematoria have to be constructed at least 200 yards away from any homes and 50 yards from a public highway. The consultation asks whether that rule should remain in place. It was originally designed to avoid harm from the smoke from crematoria, but has outlasted that risk.

Burials on private land:

The law permits people to bury bodies on their own land, but there is no means of ensuring that information about their location is passed to a new owner. Proposals by the Commission would make it a criminal offence not to do so.

The consultation is open until 9th January 2025

Community support

Better Lives in our Communities – day opportunities and overnight respite consultation launched



Buckinghamshire Council wants adults with care and support needs to access high quality day opportunities and overnight respite services so that they can live well and independently as part of their communities. This is provided through a range of external organisations across the county, the majority of which are charities, and through a council-run service called 'short breaks'.

This service includes seven council-run and owned Adult Social Care day centres. One of the centres (Seeleys House) also has an overnight respite unit. We know that these centres are highly valued by carers and families and the adults they support. There are also however challenges. The council-run day centre buildings are under-used, some are in poor condition, and the service is not providing value for money.

There is a demand for more community support from younger adults with care and support needs and, whilst needed for adults with the most complex needs, there is an overall reduced demand for traditional building-based services.

Buckinghamshire Council must save a total of £95.3 million over the next three years, with £41.3 million to be saved in the current financial year (2024/25). At the same time Adult Social Care costs are rising with

increased demand. Adult Social Care must make savings of £14.4 million by April 2026 and the Short Breaks service must save £700,000. Without changing how services are delivered this will not be possible.

The Council is proposing its council day opportunities service is run from three specialist day centres instead of seven. The centres proposed are the Aylesbury Opportunity Centre, Chesham Short Breaks Centre and Spring Valley Day Centre in High Wycombe.

The Council would invest in the three specialist centres to improve the buildings and provide high quality environments and facilities and strengthen community outreach, including supported employment for adults with learning disabilities, with increased externally-run services. This would mean no longer delivering adult social care services, including overnight respite care, from the following sites:

Buckingham Day Centre,
Burnham Day Centre,
Hillcrest Day Centre in High Wycombe and
Seeleys House Short Breaks Centre in Beaconsfield

There is a consultation to seek views from carers, their families and the public: **Have your say** at buckinghamshire.gov.uk/better-lives-in-our-communities. The consultation closes on Tuesday 7 January 2025.

For care advice go to:
<https://careadvice.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/>

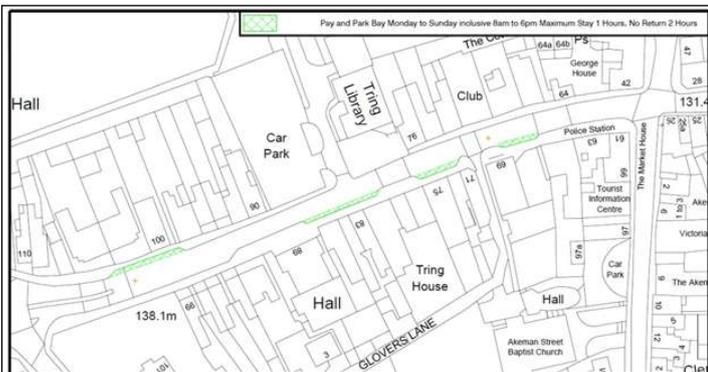
Caring for a family member or friend:
<https://support.mobiliseonline.co.uk/buckinghamshire>

New car parking charges in Tring

New car park charges will come into effect in Dacorum, including Tring, from around **March 2025**, subject to contractor availability.



- The **1-hour free session in car parks that provide this function remain** and will therefore continue at The Forge, Frogmore Street (East), Victoria Hall and the Old School Yard (Library) car parks for the foreseeable future.
- There will be a **change to tariffs in the car parks** and an introduction of **parking charges on the High Street**, Tring in some locations.
- High Street parking bays will be installed for Pay-to-Park, Monday to Sunday inclusive 8.00am to 6.00pm. Maximum stay 1 hour, no return within 2 hours on those roads show on the map below. Charges: Up to 30 minutes - £0.80; Up to 1 hour - £1.50.



- Car Parking charges in the car parks listed below in Tring will be increased to:
 - up to and including 1 hour – free.
 - over 1 hour and up to and including 2 hours - £1.50.
 - over 2 hours and up to and including 3 hours - £1.70.
 - over 3 hours and up to and including 4 hours - £2.10.

Frogmore Street (East),
Old School Yard
Victoria Hall (Akeman Street)
The Forge car park* – charges as above and

 - over 4 hours and up to and including 6 hours - £2.70.
 - over 6 hours and up to and including 8 hours - £3.50.
 - over 8 hours and up to and including 10 hours - £4.50
 - Annual Season Ticket (limited availability) £450.00

Church Yard and Frogmore Street (West)* car parks

 - up to and including 4 hours - £3.10.
 - over 4 hours and up to and including 6 hours - £4.00.
 - over 6 hours and up to and including 8 hours - £5.20.
 - over 8 hours and up to and including 10 hours - £6.70.

*The Forge and Frogmore Street (West):
Annual Residence Permit £80.00.

Bus timetable updates

Further to the updates on local bus routes and timetables published in the October Marsworth News (www.marsworth.org.uk/the-marsworth-news/ October, page 7), we have been made aware of some other useful bus information:



Marsworth has a weekly bus to Leighton Buzzard for the market there. Route 167 leaves the bus shelter stop on Lower Icknield Way at 09.14 on Tuesdays, returning from Leighton Buzzard at 11.45am.

And although there is no Sunday or public holiday service on route 62 there is, however, a Sunday/public holiday service on Red Rose route 502 to/from Tring, Wendover and Aylesbury every two hours.

A reminder that full timetables and route information can be found via the Buckinghamshire Council website www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/parking-roads-and-transport/bus-passes-and-travel/bus-times-and-service-changes/check-bus-times/. The Buckinghamshire Council website also includes a useful travel planner; enter start and destination and it will provide a suitable route (or choice of routes) by public transport.

There is also a useful link on the Marsworth Parish website: www.marsworth.org.uk/local-information/ to save typing in the long Buckinghamshire URL.





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Marsworth Women's Institute



The November meeting is always when we hold our AGM. After the formal business of apologies for absence, minutes of the last meeting were completed and we got down to the business of electing members for our Committee.

2024/25 Committee

All current members were named on a whiteboard for everyone to see. The current members were asked if they would be willing to stand again for another year and I am pleased to say that all confirmed that they were happy to do so. The floor was asked if anyone else would like to come on to the committee but no further names were received. All members present were asked to support the re-election and showed their consent by a show of hands. Sue Barraclough and Lyn Foster from Long Marston and Puttenham were present in the capacity of tellers for the AGM.

Our Co-president Chris King gave a Financial Statement on behalf of our Treasurer who was unable to attend the Meeting. That was followed by an annual report from our Secretary, Lynne Allen. Both Chris King and Denise Cornwall, our Co-presidents, then gave their respective reports. There is a lot more to this meeting, but I will not bore you with all the details of that.

We then went on to discuss other items on our agenda. Our programme for 2025 is virtually complete. Looking through it, we certainly have some very interesting speakers lined up. Then it was on to All Saints Christmas Tree Festival. We have decided to enter a tree, and our Craft Club will be doing this with a few willing helpers should they be needed. I will supply the tea and coffee.

We also have some social activities lined up. We'll be going to 'Here You Come Again', the story of Dollie Parton, in Milton Keynes on 20th November; Elsie Beesley was thanked for organising the outing. Another one is to the Ashridge House illuminations on 5th December; organised by Julie Hares and Jayne Treebocker. We do like to get out and about! Our Supper Club visited Rosanna's Sicilian Kitchen in Berkhamsted; the food was excellent, the wine flowed and so did the chatter. We even spied a Chinese restaurant in Lower Kings Road that no one had been to, so we're putting that right by booking it for our next Supper Club.

Our Craft Club will take place after the deadline for the newsletter. I have been told we will be making a Christmas decoration, along with having some wine and nibbles. The Book Club - I have heard mutterings of a very nice banquet being held in their favourite place in Long Marston Road...

Our Christmas social evening on 3rd December is being held at Chiltern Forest Golf Club and it is looking like it's going to be a good one.

After all the above had taken place, our AGM was officially closed and I'm sure you can guess what happened next. We managed to have a glass of wine, along with devouring a well-stocked cheese board and biscuits.

Denise Cornwall

Marsworth Bonfire Night

The event took place at the Rec on Saturday 2nd November; the weather was fine and not cold. The organisers, the Village Hall Committee, were surprised at how many people attended, far exceeding last year's attendance, the largest yet.

Huge thanks to Paul Rance and his team who produced the firework display, the best we have ever seen at Marsworth. Spectators leaving after the event were all saying how good it was. Thanks Paul.

A huge thank you also to all the volunteers that helped on the day. From setting up the field in readiness, manning the gates, as well as walking the field the following day to pick up litter and sort out the bonfire.

Thank you to all who came to watch. The Charity made a good profit on the gates. The proceeds will be used to help pay for the maintenance at the Hall to keep it in good condition for all to use.

To the persons who placed two bags of concrete and a large quantity of glass in the bonfire, what you do not understand is that we have to dispose of it at a cost to the Charity; the amount of rubble and metal was the greatest we have ever had. It will not burn, so you should take it to the tip.

Thank you everybody for attending,

Dick Brake

Jubilee Garden

There is a small section of Marsworth recreation ground that quietly blooms from Spring to Summer, with lovely white flowers in a diamond shaped flower bed. It is as if elves at night come and keep it tended for the village to enjoy and then disappear! Why is it there? Who are these elves?

It was designed and created in June 2012 by the Marsworth WI to commemorate the Diamond Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II. The WI have kept the garden tidy and beautiful for the past 12 years. Thanks must go to Margaret Bonham in particular, who has managed the garden since its inception, but has now passed her gardening fork to Sue Wright.

Three new roses have now been planted. Two carpet roses replace originals that have died. The third new rose in the centre is called 'William and Catherine', which the WI felt was fitting to represent the new generation of the Royal family.



William and Catherine
rose

The roses are bare root, and at the moment look like bare twigs.

In the spring, alongside the shoots of the majestic White Purissima tulips, you will see the shoots of the roses emerging. In the summer we should have beautiful white roses and a lovely scent as we walk past.

A plaque has also been erected giving details of the origins of the flower bed. Enjoy!

Pension Credit and Winter Fuel Allowance



Pensioners in Buckinghamshire are being invited to attend a free surgery in their local area to see if they are eligible for Pension Credit. If they are, then they will be entitled to keep the Winter Fuel Allowance. The Government will be withdrawing Winter Fuel Allowance from all pensioners, except those on Pension Credit or similar support. The council wish to help those who need to apply for Pension Credit but are not sure how to do so or are unsure if they are eligible to receive the payment.

Pension Credit is a payment from the government, available to those of state pension age who meet certain eligibility criteria. It is paid in addition to a state pension and can amount to up to £3,900 a year. It is designed to top up pension income and help with day to day living costs. The Winter Fuel Allowance can be worth up to an extra £300 a year.

The surgeries are being run in libraries and other locations across the county up to 21 December, the cut-off date for applications. Advisors will be on hand to answer questions and guide people through the process of applying for Pension Credit.

Aylesbury Library (10am to 12pm):
Monday 2 December, Monday 9 December, Monday 16 December.

Aylesbury Vineyard Community hub (10am to 12pm):
Tuesday 3 December, Tuesday 10 December, Tuesday 17 December.

More information on Pension Credit can be found online: www.gov.uk/pension-credit.

Electric scooters



Electric scooters for hire return to Aylesbury, High Wycombe and Princes Risborough

Electric scooters have returned to Aylesbury under a trial with a new supplier, Voi Technology – a leading European e-scooter operator. Voi has assumed full responsibility for the operation and maintenance of the e-scooter scheme, helping to support a ‘green’ alternative to local travel that is convenient, clean and affordable. The trial ends on 31st May 2026.



All the safety features, locations, parking bays and operating hours remain the same with Voi, with cheaper pricing, including monthly and daily passes as well as pay-as-you-go pricing, and discounts for certain groups including the NHS and students.

Riders will need to download Voi’s app and register an account to use the new e-scooters.

Find out more about the Buckinghamshire e-scooter schemes here: www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/e-scooters.

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Buckinghamshire Council



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.

You can see weekly updated village news and what's on locally at bucks herald.co.uk/topic/marsworth or just search for Bucks Herald and Marsworth.

MARSWORTH CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL: This will be held in All Saints church, with the forest of trees available for viewing over the weekend of **December 7 and 8**. Ruth Monks is organising this. The theme will be Christmas Carols and local organisations and families are invited to provide and decorate a tree.

BRILLIANT FIREWORKS: The fireworks display on Saturday November 2 at the recreation ground has been hailed as more spectacular and colourful than ever, with the best finale yet. Paul Rance, who organised it, has thanked his outstanding team of helpers for their hard work and dedication and the village hall committee for their continued support.

CURIOSITEA ROOMS: This popular tearoom at Pitstone village hall, which previously relocated from Ivinghoe, is now facing 'a huge necessary increase in bills' to around double what they were paying to high street rates. Owners Hayley and Sven are making a 'heartfelt plea' on Everything Marsworth for local people to use the café or lose it. 'We would hate to shut the doors on this venue, and we certainly don't want to leave, or let people down with their jobs but if we don't start to see an increase then we will be forced to close our doors at Pitstone and concentrate on our other locations until we find a new venue.'

JOY TO THE WORLD: Beacon Community Choir will be holding a Christmas concert on Sunday, **December 1** at 4pm at St Mary the Virgin, Ivinghoe. Tickets £12.50 (children free) from Lindsay Hewlett 07986 009157. beaconcommunitychoir@gmail.com or £14 cash on the door. See poster on this page.

CHRISTMAS MARKET: Get ready to kick off the festive season at The Red Lion, Marsworth, where there is a Christmas Market with arts, craft and food, On **December 1** from 1pm to 4pm. Expect unique local stalls with handcrafted gifts, festive decor, and holiday goodies, plus tasty food stalls serving up seasonal favourites, and a fully stocked bar to keep the cheer flowing. See poster on page 7.

CAROLS AT THE RED: There will be carol singing with local choirs by Charlotte's Tree at the Red Lion, Marsworth on **December 14** from 5pm to 9pm, plus a barbecue, mulled wine and a raffle. All proceeds to Hectors House charity.

WHITE LION SOLD: The latest update on the White Lion site is that a developer is planning to build three houses – rather fewer than the eight talked about originally. It is within the Conservation Area, which limits the number of houses likely to get planning permission, say reports online.

SWAN RESCUE: Two local walkers found a mute swan with cygnet in distress at Startops Reservoir on November 14. The swan had fishing line wrapped round it's leg with the same line around its cygnet's neck.

'A call to Tiggywinkles advised us to feed them with bread whilst they organised Swan Support to come out. A big thank you to Waters Edge cafe and Nigel and Sue Wright for providing bread so we could befriend them in the hour we waited; and to Tiggywinkles and Swan Support for saving them both.'

Villagers offered to clear the beach to reduce risk to other wildlife from fishing lines and other hazards.

MARSWORTH SCHOOL: If you are having a sort out before Christmas, Marsworth School is asking if you could bring items such as clothing, paired shoes, handbags and accessories to school in a bag for their Bag2School fundraising initiative. Please bring your bag on **Friday, December 6 by 9am**.

SANTA: Santa and his elves will be making their annual visit to Marsworth on Sunday, **December 22**, collecting for Rennie Grove Peace Hospice.

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A Christmas concert for all the family

Sunday 1st December 2024, 4pm

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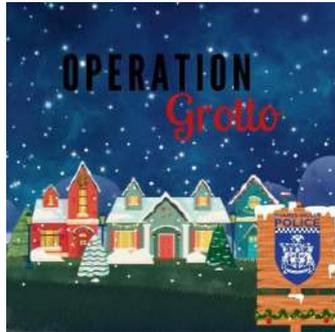
Marsworth Neighbourhood Watch



Linda Beardsley

Winter home security

As the darker nights draw in, we turn our focus towards home security, and how we can all take steps to protect our homes against burglary. Thames Valley Police are responding to the increased burglaries seen at this time of year by "Operation Grotto", which runs until the end of January and sees increased high visibility patrols especially in targeted areas.



Think WIDE(N): Windows, Interior, Doors, Exterior, (Neighbours) to have the best possible protection against burglary. Research shows that a combination of security actions provides up to 50 times more protection for your home versus no security. A combination of WIDE actions is the most effective and recommended by police throughout the country.

Additionally, Neighbourhood Watch believes neighbours keeping an eye out for each other is also key to preventing burglary. Active Neighbourhood Watch schemes can be an effective crime prevention tool by increased surveillance altering offenders' perception of risk if an area is clearly marked as a Neighbourhood Watch area and encouraging residents to consciously consider their own home security.

As with all types of crime, prevention is much better than cure. Taking simple measures, such as locking your windows, leaving indoor lights on a timer, double or deadlocking your doors, and having exterior lights on sensors, can significantly reduce your chances of being burgled.

For more information on home security visit the TVP website: www.thamesvalley.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention/protect-home-crime/.

Tring High Street road closure

Improvement works with localised repairs and renewals to the failed areas of block paving along Tring High Street have now ended. Works have been completed up to, but not including, the yellow box junction at Akeman Street. Hertfordshire Highways will return some time between January and March 2025 to complete the remaining section of the High Street westwards up to the roundabout with Langdon Street.

Update from Tring Town Council

The works in Tring High Street are behind schedule.



The quantity of works being undertaken have been substantially increased by Hertfordshire County Council since the works began on site. As a consequence phases 2 and 3 will not now be undertaken until sometime in the New Year.

The Tring Anglers



Firstly, Merry Christmas and happy New Year to all the Marsworth readers.

Although fishing can be difficult in the winter period I have always celebrated angling as part of Christmas time. For many years in the 1980's and 90's the days after Boxing Day were set aside for sea fishing from a boat, most often from Brighton Marina. As a regular sea fishing group, we booked the boat throughout the year. Then a phone call to the skipper on Boxing Day - we would hope that the ideal weather was high pressure with clear skies and light winds. With luck the cod would have arrived in the English Channel between four and eight miles from the marina.

We often caught plenty of cod around 10lb -15lb - it was worth the drive and the cold. I understand that Channel cod have become scarce now due to commercial fishing and the increase of sea temperatures due to global warming altering the migration pattern of these cold water species.

Also, in common with most angling clubs, Tring Anglers organise a Christmas match with the proceeds going to a local charity. It is the only match that I take part in myself these days as it is not too serious. I have never won it, but have been in the top three a few times and collected a few pounds for my trouble. The weather often dictates that most of us fail to get a bite, but it is all fun anyway. Sometimes only one or two fish will win the competition or only one large perch or chub will do the trick.

In days gone by I enjoyed fishing for pike around Christmas and New Year. If the fish was between 6lb – 8lb we would take them home and bake them. Sage and onion stuffing was needed to provide a bit of zest - pike do not have much flavour as a rule. In those days we were encouraged to remove pike even if we did not eat them. I am happy to say that we are more enlightened today and understand that predators are essential for a healthy and sustainable fishery.

My last junior event of the year was the Global International Competition of Youth with 35 nations taking part. This took place in October, once again on the Shropshire Union Canal, and once again Maja made up a girls' team of three. They achieved third place which was fantastic, and this was the highest of the ladies' teams.



John Ellis, Canal & River Trust National Fisheries Manager, hands over two awards for Maja Davidson who had a great year.

It has been a great year for Tring Anglers youngsters, and I hope it will continue.

Dick Pilkinton

New Moon Morris

New Moon Morris Tring Wassail 11th January 2025

Wassail is an old tradition of wishing good health and luck to the apple trees and to family, friends and neighbours. 'Wassail' literally means 'good health', and the event happens in January.

Centuries ago, people would gather in the orchards at the dark time of the year to wish 'wassail' to the trees. They would make a lot of noise, firing guns and beating pans to 'scare evil spirits' out of the apple trees. Those people didn't understand that diseases in the trees are caused by insects, viruses and bacteria, but some of the things that people did then to help to protect the trees still make sense now. One of the things that they did was to place pieces of toast in the trees. The toast attracts birds, particularly robins, which eat loads of insects, so it is a simple form of pest control. Other parts of the tradition make less sense, but we still like to do them – pouring some cider on the roots of the trees, for example.

People would also travel around their neighbourhood, wishing 'wassail' to their neighbours. They would sing Wassail songs and would be rewarded with cider and beer.

New Moon Morris has been wassailing in the area around Tring for some years now, and now have a walking Wassail Tour, moving around the eastern part of the town. We visit several locations – including the sheltered housing and the Robin Hood pub - we dance and sing wassail songs. Members of the public are invited to sing and to participate in some of the dances with us.

We will gather in Church Square at 2.00 pm on Saturday 11th January 2025, and we start with wassailing the apple tree in the churchyard. After that we will walk around the area, stopping at various locations to dance, sing and wassail trees. We aim to finish in Pound Meadow at around 4:00pm. Everyone is very welcome to join us. We will be publishing a rough timetable on our Facebook page and our website if you want to join us during the tour. You will also be able to find the wassail song lyrics on our website, as well as photos of the 2024 Wassail in the Gallery.



Wassail cup



Toast in churchyard apple tree



Wassailers

The tour is suitable for most people, but if you find rough ground difficult, some sections will not be suitable for everyone – if one of your party has mobility issues you may wish to join us just for the early part of the tour, or later in the tour at Pound Meadow.

Remember that January in England can be very cold, so make sure that you wrap up warm.

A link to wassail lyrics can be found at:
<https://newmoonmorris.co.uk/events/>.

Save the date!

Curry and Quiz Night

Saturday 22nd February

Marsworth Village Hall
7.00pm for 7.30pm start

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Bucks Councillors' report for November 2024 – extracts



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Buckinghamshire Councillor, Ivinghoe Ward

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

Skills Bootcamps

Buckinghamshire Council is offering a fantastic and free opportunity to all residents who are interested in learning a new skill – which could pave the way to a new job, a promotion or a career change. Funded by the government's Department for Education, the council's Skills Bootcamps are flexible training courses for adults aged 19 or over, leading to either an interview or employment at the end. Designed with employers, specifically for in-demand jobs in Buckinghamshire, these 'bootcamps' involve 60 to 100 hours of free learning on a flexible basis, so participants can study around any existing work commitments they already have.



There is also a diverse range of courses on offer, from creative industries in television and film production, to construction, leadership and management courses. There are 19 bootcamps to choose from and anyone over the age of 19 is eligible so long as they meet eligibility requirements such as having the right to work in the UK and live in England.

The courses were launched earlier this year and are fully up and running; participants can register an interest and enrol at any time that the course is running. For more information and to enrol, go to www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/skills-bootcamps.

First £500 fixed penalty notice issued to motorist caught littering on dashcam

A woman caught by another driver's dashcam, throwing litter from her vehicle, has become the first person to be issued with a fixed penalty notice at the new higher rate of £500.

On 9th September 2024, on Friarage Road in Aylesbury, a vehicle was recorded littering by a dashcam belonging to another driver. This dashcam footage was crucial for the investigation, as it clearly captured the offence, including the vehicle's registration number and an image of the litter being thrown from the driver's side window.

Buckinghamshire Council's Litter Enforcement Team investigated the incident and contacted the registered vehicle keeper. After further investigation, a woman admitted to littering while driving her vehicle and was offered a £500 Fixed Penalty Notice to discharge her liability for prosecution regarding the littering offence. If the penalty had not been paid within 14 days, the case would have resulted in prosecution.



Caption Competition
 Please send suggestions to the editor.

Ivinghoe & Pitstone Repair Café

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NOTE: There is no Repair Café in December

Dacorum Borough Local Plan



Consultation is now open on the new Dacorum Borough Local Plan. This plan covers, amongst other things, planned housing development in the Dacorum Borough. Substantial housing developments are planned around Tring and the new plan includes the previously excluded **Marshcroft Development** of 1,400 dwellings.

The consultation **ends on Tuesday 17th December 2024**. Feedback will be restricted to whether the Local Plan meets all the necessary legal requirements, is sound and how Dacorum has worked with others.

Please sign up to the consultation platform letstalk.dacorum.gov.uk/hub-page/newlocalplan.



Proposed Marshcroft development

Grove Fields Residents Association comments

In November, Councillors voted to move the Local Plan into the Consultation phase. Grove Fields Residents Association was permitted to speak at the Cabinet Meeting prior to the Full Council meeting to express its view that although it supports a Local Plan as a way of managing development across the Borough in the next 17 years, it is strongly opposed to the disproportionate allocation of housing to Tring following the new Government's allocation to each Planning Authority to meet its overall target to build 1.5 million homes.

For Tring, Dacorum's draft Local Plan means a 40% increase in the size of the town, all built on Green Belt that Dacorum now plan to de-classify and with the usual reliance on Developer promises to provide the necessary infrastructure for the people in the new homes.

At the Dacorum Full Council meeting there were some 40 Tring residents in attendance and they were not permitted to speak and two Dacorum Councillors were also not allowed to speak or vote because they were judged to live too near the proposed Tring sites and therefore were judged not to be impartial.

Marsworth Parish Council views

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 340 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".

Road repairs in Bucks

Over 320 road repair schemes are being delivered this year across Buckinghamshire, including larger resurfacing projects, major drainage improvements, footway works and road safety projects on specific sections of the highways, and this programme continues. However, during the autumn and winter seasons the Council's main focus is to ensure the roads are safe for all road users and responding where needed to the impact winter conditions can have on the county's road network.



Our Highways teams continue to attend to road defects including potholes and provide repairs, some round the clock, seven days a week but when the weather is particularly cold or wet, this may mean temporary or emergency repairs being undertaken until the weather conditions improve. Please report any issues on FixMyStreet: www.fixmystreet.buckscc.gov.uk/.



A reminder that priority routes are gritted when road surface temperatures – which can be up to 5°C cooler than the air temperature – are predicted to drop below 0.5°C. Even if travelling on gritted routes, remember to take extra care when driving as roads may still be icy; temperatures can drop after rain or the salt that has been spread can be blown away by wind or washed off by rain. If temperatures drop below -8°C even gritted roads won't be able to stop ice from forming.

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.

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For more information go to: <https://waddesdon.org.uk/whats-on/christmas/>.

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LMCC 3rd XI End of Year Report

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On occasions this summer, the club's selection committee were selecting from a pool of 40 players, so selection was not always easy. The mandate from the club was simple - win more games of cricket and this meant the balance of adults and youngsters had to be right.

The real strength of the team is the bowling. When the full complement of bowlers were available, no team dominated our 3rd XI. In Simon McLeman, Mark Berryman, Paul Marsh and Lee Beesley, we have the quality and experience to control games of cricket. Youngster Stephanie Thurairajah was a star this summer; her tally of 22 wickets was a truly remarkable effort by the young lady. Maddie Coleman is also a young female with huge potential.

The team eventually finished fourth in the division, a massive 150-point improvement on the previous year. The team won eight games, drew five and lost only three this summer. Improvement in 2025 will be tough, but if the juniors progress as we anticipate and the senior players can stay injury free, we will improve on this year's position.

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