

MARSWORTH STEAM RALLY Report 2026

On Sunday 16th June 2025, Marsworth hosted another successful Steam and Classic Vehicle Rally. The event was officially opened at 11am by Robert Stringer from Hector's House of Berkhamsted, a mental health awareness and suicide prevention charity whose volunteers support us throughout the weekend.

Exhibitor and visitor numbers increased over previous years, with over 300 classic cars requesting entry. This year saw the return of the raised viewing-platform, in a slightly different configuration, allowing visitors to see a steam-powered baler, and saw bench at work.

With huge support from Andrew and the team at Tring Brewery, for which we are most grateful, our event featured cider and ales donated by Tring and Vale Breweries.

The team supporting All Saints Church provided gallons of tea and coffee, freshly baked cakes, biscuits and much more. Visitors were welcomed with more space to sit and enjoy the fantastic refreshments, a huge thank you to all involved.

Pickled Tink entertained allcomers with ceilidh music throughout the afternoon, alongside a record number of trade stalls, caterers, visitor attractions and catering stands surrounding two arenas.

A special treat, stopping all in their tracks - a Spitfire flypast from the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight. The pilot approached us from the reservoirs, did a loop around the village before coming back over our event waving wings goodbye. This was a truly fantastic addition to our event, and we hope for a BBMF return in 2026. In complement, David brought his stationary Rolls Royce Merlin 27L V12 engine along to entertain in our second arena. This type of engine powered the Spitfire and Lancaster Bombers which form part of the heritage programme that BBMF maintains.

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

As many of our volunteers and supporting teams are aware, preparing for and running the rally is a physical and exhausting task. The rally committee extends a huge thank you to all involved, including our hosts at Startop Farm, stalls, charities, exhibitors, our scout groups and many hardworking volunteers.

Thanks also to our sponsors and suppliers who support us each year. We include, of course, Marsworth Parish Council, who kindly allow us to use the recreation ground for parking on the big day and whose representatives volunteer their time and energy in support of the event.

A special mention this year, for Graham Dickinson, formerly of Marsworth. As a long-standing committee member, he's supported our event for many years and has now moved on to new ventures. We wish Graham all the very best.

Looking ahead to Sunday 21st June 2026, the rally committee are busy making arrangements for our next event. Please volunteer and support us however you are able. We look forward to welcoming you all back soon.