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## Marshcroft Farm Development Application Refused by Dacorum Borough Council

*Lynn Mildner*



Tring Town Council has welcomed the decision by Dacorum Borough Council's Development Committee to refuse the Marshcroft planning application, at a hearing on the evening of 16th April.

The Council website goes on to state: "The Town Council has consistently raised strong objections to this proposal, reflecting significant concerns shared by local residents. These concerns have centred on the scale and nature of the development, its impact on the surrounding area, and its compatibility with Tring's character and infrastructure.

At the meeting, Councillor Carol Nutkins, Deputy Mayor of Tring Town Council, and Councillor Rob Farrow, Chair of the Town Council's Planning Committee, spoke on behalf of the Town Council and residents in opposition to the development. They were joined by Councillors Sheron Wilkie and Michela Capozzi, who spoke on behalf of residents in Tring Central and Tring East respectively, while Graham Bright and Keith Baker addressed the Committee on behalf of the GFRA.

All speakers made compelling arguments, and we are pleased that these were carefully considered and recognised in the Committee's decision to refuse the application."

5685 people signed a petition objecting to the development according to The Chiltern Society and Campaign for Rural England.

The vote on 17th April prevented the Dacorum Borough Council from approving the proposal before the outcome of an Examination in Public (EiP), a move the Grove Farm Residents Association (GFRA) spokesperson Graham Bright said would open the way for development at the Dunsley Farm and New Mill sites, increasing Tring's population by 42%.

The EiP is an independent planning process where an inspector appointed by the Secretary of State assesses a plan to determine if it complies with national planning policy. The inspector's report will guide the Local Planning Authority on whether to adopt the plan with changes or withdraw it.

Thursday's decision is not necessarily the end of the road for this application, which was originally refused in March 2024 by the then Secretary of State, but was later included in Dacorum's Local Plan. It is unclear if the developers will appeal, but it is certainly a hard fought and welcome step.

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# Editorial

Zoë Card and Lynn Mildner

Spring is very much in evidence around our village with the apple blossoms in the old orchards, gardens springing into bloom and the migratory birds are making a welcome return to our gardens and the reservoirs.

We are blessed that our lovely village is such a vibrant community with so many events happening over the next few months. We have plant fairs, a floating market, the Steam Rally, Fun Run and Family Fun Day to look forward to locally among a host of other activities.

To keep up to date with what is happening in Marsworth and the neighbouring villages, see the 'what's on' guide on page 8.



## Marsworth Village Hall Hire of rooms

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# Erratum

In last month's edition of Marsworth News, Marsworth Parish Council (MPC) published the public participation notes. Unfortunately an incorrect version was submitted. The correct version can be found on <https://www.marsworth.org.uk/planning-matters/>

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) has asked us to point out to our residents that: It is Oxford Diocese which wants to sell the land - not the PCC.

As stated in the Rev James Gainger-Smith's report on page 16 of April's Marsworth News, when the Diocese informed the PCC of its desire to sell this land, the PCC discussed the proposal and concluded that to lose productive farmland and to build properties without upgrading the existing infrastructure was not a proposal that the PCC could support.

The PCC voted unanimously against the proposal - and communicated its thinking and decision to Oxford Diocese.

*Any comments on the proposal should be sent to the Secretary to the Diocesan Board of Finance, Church House, Langford Locks, Kidlington, Oxon, OX5 1GF.*

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# All Saints Church

From the Vicar,

James Grainger-Smith



## Power, Love, Justice, Hope

As we approach Pentecost - with all its talk of receiving "power from on high" - my favourite Franciscan, Richard Rohr, explores the ways we have used our God-given power for good and for ill.

Despite the many abuses of power documented throughout history, power itself cannot be inherently bad. In the New Testament, the Holy Spirit is described as dynamis, which means power (Acts 10:38; 1 Cor 2:4-5). Jesus tells his disciples before his Ascension that "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. Then you will be my witnesses, to the very ends of the Earth" (Acts 1:8).

God intends us, through sustained contact with His Holy Spirit, to become living icons of true, humble, and confident power. We no longer need to seek "power over" others, because we have discovered the "power within" and know it is a dignity shared with all of life. This is ultimately what it means to be a well-grounded person.

Paul states the divine strategy well in Romans 8:16: "God's Spirit and our spirit bear common witness that we are indeed children of God." The goal is a shared knowing and a common power, which is initiated and given from God's side, as we see dramatized in the Pentecost event (Acts 2:1-13).

To span the infinite gap between the divine and the human, God's agenda is to plant a little bit of God, the Holy Spirit, right inside of us (John 14:16-17; Romans 8:9, 11; 1 Cor 3:16). Yet, if we have not made contact with our true power, the Indwelling Spirit, we will seek power in all the wrong places.

I want to repeat that power, in and of itself, is not bad. It simply needs to be redefined as something more than domination. If the Holy Spirit is power, then power has to be good, loving, and empowering, not something that is the result of ambition or greed. In fact, a truly spiritual, whole and holy individual, is a very powerful person.

If we don't name the good meaning of power, we will be content with the bad, or we will avoid claiming our own powerful vocations. What is needed, Martin Luther King Jr. wrote, "is a realisation that power without love is reckless and abusive and that love without power is sentimental and anaemic. Power at its best is love implementing the demands of justice." King further wrote, if we want to turn over a new leaf and really set a new humanity afoot, we must begin to turn humankind away from the long and desolate night of violence.

May it not be that the new humanity the world needs is the nonviolent human? This not only will make us new people but will give us a new kind of power... It will be power infused with love and justice, that will change dark yesterdays into bright tomorrows, and lift us from the fatigue of despair to the buoyancy of hope.



All Saints Church

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## Beacon Villages Community Library

Run by the community for the community

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See our Facebook page for latest news - Beacon villages community library.



## May Services for Marsworth

(at All Saints' Church unless otherwise stated)

03 May	9.15am	Holy Communion
10 May		No service (Marsworth 10K Fun Run)
17 May	9.15am	Holy Communion
24 May	6.00pm	Evensong (BCP)
31 May	10.00am	Benefice Communion at Ivinghoe

# Parish Council Meeting Precis April 2026



## Parish Council Chairman's Report

As presented to the Parish Meeting by Councillor Bob Kennedy

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).

Parish Clerk's Report following the Marsworth Parish Council (MPC) Parish meeting held on 13th April 2026

### Annual Parish Meeting

Around 35 residents attended the Annual Parish Meeting on 13 April. The evening started with PCSO Mike Coker and volunteer MaryAnn from Thames Valley Police talking to residents informally. Mike Coker went on to formally present the crime figures at the meeting. See page 5.

The reports for the various clubs and societies were taken as read and had been published in April's edition of Marsworth News.

We had an interesting talk on 'Protecting our Roots' at Ashridge Estate from Paul Miller of the National Trust.

The new AV equipment at the village hall certainly enhanced the presentations and thanks to Iain Puddephatt for his very kind assistance with the equipment and presentations.

### Lighting in Marsworth

The new LED Heritage style lamps have now been installed outside the village school, Old School House, the Church and the Red Lion which completes the LED upgrade works.

### Vacancy for Parish Councillor

Michael Narduzzo was co-opted on to the Parish Council following the resignation of Helen Gracie and was welcomed to the meeting.

### Parish Clerk's new email address

To comply with new Government accessibility requirements, Marsworth Parish must move to a .gov.uk domain. A new website is currently under construction, and the Parish Clerk now has a new email address:  
[clerk@marsworth-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@marsworth-pc.gov.uk)

### Next MPC Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be on Monday 11 May at 8.00pm. Any items for the agenda need to be submitted to the Parish Clerk by Sunday 3 May. Members of the public are welcome to attend the meeting, but please let the Parish Clerk know in advance if you intend to be present  
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### Next Parish Council meeting

Monday 11th May at 8pm in the Village Hall

Welcome to this Annual Parish Meeting. It is a statutory responsibility of every Parish Council to hold an open meeting every year for all Parishioners and organisations which operate within the Parish to allow views to be expressed, questions asked and answered, and inform other Parishioners as to what is going on. It is not a Parish Council meeting, that will follow on after this meeting and you are all welcome to attend.

Our council had one change during the year, Helen Gracie joined us early in the year but stepped down for personal reasons a few weeks ago. The vacancy is outstanding with an advert for a replacement in the Newsletter and we shall fill that vacancy shortly. The key issues over the past year have been as follows.

The requirement for a new local plan for Buckinghamshire County with a much higher housing target, 95000 as opposed to the previous 65000 for the period up to 2040. Not only has this massively increased pressure for more housing locally it has automatically put Bucks into a position of failing to meet its 5 year housing supply target which means any planning application made before the new plan is agreed is far more likely to gain approval. Such planning applications need not be limited to sites expected to be included in the new plan.

The ongoing application by Ainscough Strategic Land to build around 320 houses on Marsworth Airfield (south site) is still undetermined and remains at risk from the target failure mentioned above, but the new plan specifically excludes it so, as long as that goes through promptly, we should escape - this time.

The 2022 Special Area of Conservation (SAC) around Chiltern Beechwoods has continued to delay both this and many other new dwelling planning approvals, most notably for us the White Lion redevelopment. Bucks has now concluded its policy for mitigating the damage caused by new development within 12.7km of the woods but there will be considerable further delay in planning approvals for some time.

In the new local plan one other site, above the pipeline in the field north of the White Lion bridge, has also been excluded, but a section of the field northeast of Stepnells and The Crescent, which was submitted by Oxford Diocese, has been included for potential development of up to 90 new houses.

The new local plan has also substantially increased housing targets for Cheddington with the possibility of up to 10,000 new houses expanding the village into a new town. This would have an enormous impact on the whole area if finally approved.

Dacorum Council have also included a 2300 house development programme for the Tring area in order to meet targets imposed by the new government. This will mean that Marsworth children will lose access to Tring schools and demand for Doctors, Dentists, Parking and other services in the Tring area will mushroom.

Marsworth Parish Council, along with all other local PCs, has

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lodged significant objections to all these proposed developments but I believe we shall not be able to stop all of them.

The Parish Council has been able to use its S106 Fund to pay for a considerable upgrade in the Village Hall's audio visual facilities which I am sure will be of great benefit to our community going forwards.

We are pleased to report the village again had a record Bonfire Night on our Recreation Ground, and the Steam Rally used it for parking in June which also allowed it to enjoy a record attendance and payout to local and national good causes. The Rec was also used successfully for the village fun run.

We continue to press Canal & River Trust to resolve the flooding from its failed watercourse onto the Rec and also to mitigate the effect of its removal of all litter and dogbins from its land.

We have begun the changeover of streetlamps to new regulation low energy LED lights having saved for this over the past 3 years, and I am pleased to report new railings alongside the road at Startops.

Finally, I would particularly like to thank our clerk Caroline Smith for all the work she puts in for the PC as well as her many other voluntary duties, and also our Community Speedwatch volunteers for braving the weathers to keep speeding down.



Report at the Annual Parish Meeting from PCSO Mike Coker

It's been another busy year for Thames Valley Police. Your local neighbourhood team continues to cover a wide area that regularly presents us with a variety of interesting incidents and challenges (to put it politely!).

Fortunately for the residents of Marsworth, it remains one of our quieter villages, with fewer issues than many of the surrounding areas.

Over the past 12 months, we've seen a 19% reduction in recorded crime in the Marsworth area compared with the previous year. This is an encouraging trend and a positive reflection of the community's vigilance, along with the ongoing work of the neighbourhood policing team.

At the meeting, residents had the opportunity to see the wider picture and ask questions. Below are the crimes investigated.

Assault with injury 2, Assault without injury 1  
Suspicious person 3  
Suspicious other 2  
Burglary residence 1, Burglary business 2  
Dangerous dog 2  
Racially aggravated crime 2  
Wildlife crime 4  
Missing Person 3  
Anti Social Behaviour Order (community) 3  
Suspicious vehicle 1  
Theft 2  
Public order office 3  
Criminal Damage 1  
Road related 1  
Drugs 1  
Criminal damage 1

## Fighting the scammers; how everyone can help!

Stephen Wooler

In response to questions raised at the Thames Valley Police presentation at the Annual Parish Meeting about fraud perpetrated by scammers, the officers present confirmed that the problem is widespread and gave advice on things to look out for - especially requests to disclose passwords, PIN numbers and transfer sums of money at the behest of callers purporting to have official status.

We must all be alert too for suspicious emails, often referred to as phishing emails, that contain links to fake websites with blandishments such as threats to cut off services unless information is updated. It is not unusual for me to receive a dozen in a week.

There is one simple way that everyone can make life more difficult for the common scammer. It takes only a few seconds to click on the forward button and send the suspicious email on to the National Cybersecurity Centre (NCSC) [report@phishing.gov.uk](mailto:report@phishing.gov.uk).

The raison d'être of NCSC is to combat such activity. It is a government body closely linked to GCHQ. Its publicity assures us that every report is followed up although they do not give feedback (just an automated acknowledgement) or inform those reporting what action has been taken. That is hardly surprising given the scale of activity.

By December 2025, NCSC had acted on 49.8 million reported scams. They do it by analysing the content of emails sent to them and any websites they link to. If they discover activity that appears malicious, they may:

- seek to block the address the email came from, so it can no longer send emails
- work with website hosting companies to remove links to malicious websites
- raise awareness of commonly reported suspicious emails and methods used with the help of our partner

Their activities up to December had resulted in 240,000 scams removed across 426,000 URLs. That is a huge number but in reality, just scratches the tip of the iceberg. Their approach is necessarily preventative rather than investigative because so many of these emanate from foreign countries where law enforcement is very limited. But at least it makes it more difficult for the criminals.

So, do your bit. Rather than just shrugging the shoulders and deleting that suspicious message, forward it to those who are trying to stem the tide of endemic fraud.

**Remember:** [report@phishing.gov.uk](mailto:report@phishing.gov.uk)



# Marsworth Ladies

Chris King

At the end of March, a group of us went to Frogmore Paper Mill, which has recently reopened after the devastating fire.

I have been on a visit before the fire and found it fascinating. I was, therefore, very keen to see quite what had happened and how the restoration was coming along. Whilst the visitor centre has yet to be re-opened, we had a very knowledgeable guide who explained what had been repaired and how things would be going forward. He showed us how to make the paper from pulp and a lot of water, and explained about the history of paper making.

As you may know already, paper making was a very important industry in the area with several mills all along the Gade. We saw some of the paper making machinery in action, goodness how noisy! The huge waterwheel was going round which was really interesting and we were shown many of the machines that had been in use in the past - just amazing to see how complicated they are. It must have been hard work for the employees in the mills. Refreshments were offered at the end of the tour. Well worth a visit I would say.



Birthday cake - Chris King

Our April meeting was Marsworth Ladies First Birthday. Goodness that year has gone quickly!

Naturally, we had a cake to celebrate and copious cups of tea to celebrate this milestone and engage in conversation on how successful the change from the WI has been.

We invited local, Lisa Tervit to come along and she showed us all how to make things with

natural products, such as leaves, petals. Lisa has been holding these classes for a while now and they seem very popular. We were each given a blank bookmark which we were able to decorate ourselves. Lisa showed us how to crush the leaves and petals with a large stone to get the dye out of them. We were then able to decorate the bookmarks exactly as we wanted them. She also provided rubber stamps with ink pads, depicting insects which we could use as well. Finally, a ribbon threaded onto them finished them off - success! I think we were all pleased with our efforts. My own effort was quickly snapped up by a grandchild who declared it 'so pretty'!

Our Book Club is thriving, we do seem to read some excellent books which we source from Tring Library. Thoroughly enjoyable both as a social event and because we get to read books that we might not have chosen for ourselves. Always good to stretch the mind!

This month the supper club decided to revisit the Haldi in Pitstone. The Haldi do a taster menu on a Wednesday, and we all like this. It's very reasonably priced and provides a little bit of everything for you to try. The food was delicious; a good selection of starters, more than enough of the three curries that were on the menu, plus sizzling veg, rice and a selection of three different naan breads. Conversation and laughter flowed and the evening was very much enjoyed by everyone.

We are blessed to be part of such a wonderful group, although newcomers are always welcome!



## My Health, My Responsibility

Healthwatch Bucks want to find out how much people feel is their responsibility to look after their own health and wellbeing, and what they think is the responsibility of the NHS.

The NHS 10 Year Health Plan for England: fit for the future aims to "reinvent the NHS through 3 radical shifts". One of these is 'From Sickness to Prevention'.

Project Manager, Alison Holloway says: "We know that people are busy and keeping themselves healthy, or seeking help for health issues isn't always a priority. However, it is always better to prevent people getting unwell rather than having to make people well again."

We want to know if people are aware of resources available already to help them keep as healthy as possible. We also want to understand what would help people in Bucks become better active participants/agents in their own care. They would also like to have small group discussions with 6 to 12 people, especially if you're not comfortable using a computer to fill out our survey. Please call us on 01494 324832 if you would be interested in hosting a group to talk about this subject.

Healthwatch Bucks will produce a report and a set of recommendations to inform those who are involved with public health in Bucks.

Zoe McIntosh, Chief Executive of Healthwatch Bucks, says: "We want to make sure local people have the information they need to prevent ill-health, where they can, and access care services when they need them. We will share what we learn so we can work with providers of health services to make improvements where it's needed."

They would like people to share their feedback in confidence via their online survey on their website [bit.ly/4rbs6YZ](https://bit.ly/4rbs6YZ) or via this QR code.



The survey closes on 31st May.

## Gentleman's Ride

The Distinguished Gentleman's Ride, featuring classic motorcycles, will once again be hosted at the Red Lion country pub in Marsworth, on Sunday 17th May.

Over the previous two years, the Tring ride has raised more than £45,000 for men's health charities. For updates, look at the Friends of DGR Tring 2026 Facebook page.



# Marsworth Village Hall 100 Club



Stephanie Hurley

The Marsworth 100 Club, is a community club set up to help raise funds towards the Marsworth Millennium Hall. It is open to all Marsworth residents over the age of 18, and is not restricted to any number of entries per household/person. We currently have 180 entries.

April is one our three big draws of the year, huge congratulations to the following winners:

**£100 winners**

- 91 - Chris Hewison - The Crescent
- 178 - Billy Hurley - Vicarage Road

**£50 winners**

- 180 - Maz and Steve Leishman - Lukes Lea
- 15 - D and L Beardsley - Lukes Lea

**£20 winners**

- 3 - Ali wade - Gurneys Farm
- 152 - Elaine Standen - Lukes Lea
- 81 - Heather Magowen - The Crescent
- 102 - Valerie Thomasson - Stepnells
- 161 - Clare Hill - Wagtails

Well done again to the winners above.

March £20 100 club winners.

- 24 - Chris and Anne Bowles - Vicarage Road
- 39 - Kristin Latham - Vicarage Road
- 18 - Christopher Hurley - Vicarage Road
- 15 - D and L Beardsley - Lukes Lea
- 47 - Julie Grace - ex-Marsworth resident

Next month's draw will take place on Wednesday 6th May at 8pm, during the monthly Millennium Hall committee meeting.

Good luck to you all.

# Marsworth Village Hall

## Progress and Community Spirit

Iain Puddephatt



### A Cool Addition to the Hall Kitchen

We would like to extend a huge thank you to Chris and Bob Kennedy, who generously donated a large new fridge to the hall this month. This addition significantly increases the amount of chilled space available for our hirers, a very welcome upgrade for parties and events.

### Save the Date: Summer Quiz Night!

Get your thinking caps on! We are delighted to announce a Summer Quiz on Saturday 6 June, held in aid of Marsworth Village Hall and All Saints Church Flower Festival.

- When: Saturday 6 June (Doors open 6.30pm, Quiz starts 7.00pm)
- Cost: £10 per person (includes a light supper)
- Teams: Up to 8 people
- Extras: Drinks will be available to purchase on the night and a raffle will be held!

Book your table now! Please contact Denise Cornwall on 07501 783807 or Iain Puddephatt on 07968 788998 to reserve your spot. See page 11 for more details.

### Make a Difference: Join Our Committee!

Are you looking for a way to give back to your community? Marsworth Village Hall is looking for new committee members to help support, develop and grow this vital village asset. The commitment is simple: attending our monthly meeting (or as many as you can manage) to help share ideas, support and oversee hall activities. If you want to help ensure the hall continues to thrive for years to come, we would love to hear from you.

Our next meeting: Wednesday 6th May at the hall.

### Keep in Touch

For all booking information, hall availability and further updates, please visit our website:

[www.marsworthvillagehall.co.uk](http://www.marsworthvillagehall.co.uk)

Alternatively, you can contact the committee directly via email at: [marsworthvillagehall@gmail.com](mailto:marsworthvillagehall@gmail.com)

## Pitstone Green Museum

Vicarage Road, Pitstone, LU7 9EY  
[www.pitstonemuseum.co.uk](http://www.pitstonemuseum.co.uk)



### Open Days 2026

- |                     |                   |
|---------------------|-------------------|
| Monday 4 May        | Monday 25 May     |
| Sunday 14 June      | Sunday 12 July    |
| Sunday 9 August     | Monday 31 August  |
| Sunday 13 September | Sunday 11 October |

## Bridge Club at Marsworth

New members welcome. Come and join us.

First and third Mondays of the month at 1.30pm in the Mike Frost (upstairs) room at the Village Hall.



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# Upcoming Events and Activities

## May

If you would like to share a village event or activity in the calendar, please contact: [editor@marsworthnews.co.uk](mailto:editor@marsworthnews.co.uk)

<b>Fri 01</b>	Howe & Co Fish and Chips Lunch time. 07753 2239599
<b>Sat 02</b>	Beacon Community Choir Night at the Races - Marsworth Village Hall 7.30pm.  Floating Market, Grand Union Canal between locks 39 & 40, 10.00am - 5.00pm  May Be Bee Thai food van, 6.00pm - 9.00pm The Red Lion
<b>Sun 03</b>	Floating Market, Grand Union Canal between locks 39 & 40, 10.00am - 5.00pm
<b>Mon 04</b>	Early May Bank Holiday  Floating Market, Grand Union Canal between locks 39 & 40, 10.00am - 5.00pm  Pistone Green Museum Open Day
<b>Wed 06</b>	Howe & Co Fish and Chips 6.25pm - 6.45pm 07753 2239599  Village Hall Committee Meeting and 100 Club Draw 8.00pm
<b>Thu 07</b>	Food and mixed recycling collection  Aldbury Morris Men, 7.45pm The Red Lion
<b>Fri 08</b>	Howe & Co Fish and Chips Lunch time. 07753 2239599  Khoyaz Moroccan food van, 5.00pm - 9.00pm The Red Lion
<b>Sat 09</b>	Tring Family Fun Day at The Church, Churchyard and Church Square 11.00am - 3.00pm  Tring Farmer's Market. Church Square, High Street, Tring. 9.00am - 3.00pm  Souvlaki Greek food van, 5.00pm - 9.00pm The Red Lion
<b>Sun 10</b>	Marsworth 10K Fun Run, 10.00am Recreation Ground
<b>Mon 11</b>	Parish Council meeting 8.00pm Village Hall
<b>Tue 12</b>	New Moon Men dancing and singing, 7.30pm The Red Lion
<b>Wed 13</b>	Howe & Co Fish and Chips 6.25pm - 6.45pm 07753 2239599  Food and general waste collection  Charity quiz night, 7.30pm The Red Lion

<b>Fri 15</b>	Howe & Co Fish and Chips Lunch time. 07753 2239599  G K Indian street food van, 5.00pm - 9.00pm The Red Lion
<b>Sat 16</b>	John Cameron, 7.00pm St Mary The Virgin Ivinghoe
<b>Sun 17</b>	Distinguished Gentlemen's Ride, 10.00am The Red Lion  John Cameron, 4.00pm St Mary The Virgin Ivinghoe
<b>Wed 20</b>	Howe & Co Fish and Chips 6.25pm - 6.45pm 07753 2239599  Food and mixed recycling collection
<b>Fri 22</b>	Howe & Co Fish and Chips Lunch time. 07753 2239599  May Be Bee Thai food van, 6.00pm - 9.00pm The Red Lion
<b>Sat 23</b>	Repair Café Pitstone Pavillion, 9.30am - 12.30pm  Plant Sale 2.00pm - 5pm All Saints Church Yard  Tring Farmer's Market. Church Square, High Street, Tring. 9.00am - 2.00pm  Khoyaz Moroccan food van, 5.00pm - 9.00pm The Red Lion  Casino Royale charity event Waters Edge. Tickets required
<b>Sun 24</b>	Spring Bank Holiday
<b>Mon 25</b>	Bank Holiday Monday  Pistone Green Museum Open Day
<b>Wed 27</b>	Howe & Co Fish and Chips 6.25pm - 6.45pm 07753 2239599
<b>Thu 28</b>	Food and general waste collection
<b>Fri 29</b>	Howe & Co Fish and Chips Lunch time. 07753 2239599  Dough with the flow pizza van, 5.00pm - 9.00pm The Red Lion
<b>Sun 31</b>	Crepe van, 1.00pm - 5.00pm The Red Lion

Pin me to your fridge



# Marsworth Miscellany

Kate Andrew

## Wilstone Reservoir Reopens

Wilstone Reservoir car park and most of the footpath have reopened, now with a fine grit surface that's easy to walk on. The improvements encouraged many local residents out to enjoy the Easter sunshine.



New path and railings - Kate Andrew

Speaking to a packed Wilstone Village Hall on Thursday 9 April, project manager Mark Stephens, of Canal & River Trust, explained that around 1,400 sheet piles had been installed at a rate of roughly 30 a day. The interlocking piles are sealed with an adhesive substance, and any minor leakage from the reservoir will draw in material that strengthens the seal. The works are expected to secure the reservoir for at least the next century.

The improvements are required to meet regulations designed to withstand a one-in-10,000-year flood event. Startops Reservoir is included in the Trust's programme where works are likely to be similar for similar treatment in the coming years.

No trees were lost during the Wilstone works, thanks to the use of specialist cranes that lifted the piles into a hydraulic press, which then pushed them silently into the ground without disturbing wildlife or nearby residents. Each pile took only three to four minutes to install, though lining them up by crane took longer.

The Trust's engineering contractors, Kier, are expected to leave the site by the end of April. Later in the year, a series of biodiversity improvements is planned, including enhancements to reed beds within the Wilstone nature reserve and gap-planting in the reservoir's hedgerows.



New stairs and access - Kate Andrew

## Steam Rally

The Marsworth Steam & Classic Vehicle Rally will once again bring historic steam engines, agricultural vehicles, classic cars, bikes and trucks to Startop Farm on Sunday, June 21 from 11am to 5pm. Treat Dad to a fun day out on Father's Day! Entry is £10 for adults and £5 for children.

The tea tent will be bigger this year, so extra volunteers are needed. Contact Gill White if you can help. Cakes are best delivered to the tent on the day.

## Night at the Races

Beacon Community Choir is organising a Night at the Races at Marsworth Village Hall on Saturday, May 2nd at 7.30pm.

Tickets are £12.50 including supper. Doors open at 6.45pm and betting opens at 7.15pm.

## Red Lion Repairs

Builder Nick Webb, of local firm Prism Construction, has been awarded the contract to carry out the repairs to fire damage at the Grade II listed Red Lion pub. He says that structural engineers are due on site before work can begin.

Nick has also been converting the former White Lion and has just put Plot 1 on the market, with Plot 2 already sold subject to contract. Neither benefit from planning permission as yet.

"I'm told we will get planning permission soon, but the backlog caused by the SANG (Suitable Alternative Natural Greenspace requirement) is taking time to work through."

## Startops Reservoir is expected to undergo major works



Startops Reservoir - Kate Andrew

These works are likely to be similar to the £7 million project currently being completed at Wilstone Reservoir, the Canal & River Trust has indicated. The maintenance works will safeguard use of the reservoir for the future and are just "a few years out" from now.

Wilstone Reservoir has been undergoing extensive piling along two embankments since last summer. (See report on this page)

The improvements are required to meet regulations designed to withstand a one-in-10,000-year flood event.

## Our Local MP

# Laura Kyrke-Smith



It's a privilege to write for the latest issue of Marsworth News and to update you on some of the work I've been doing locally and in Parliament.

### Potholes: Enough is enough

Potholes are one of the most common complaints from residents across the villages, and Marsworth is no exception.

The Government has allocated Buckinghamshire Council £104.4 million for highway maintenance over the next four years. This includes £20.7 million to spend on roads in this financial year. Given the scale of the problem, residents want to see that money translated into visible improvements.

I frequently write to the Council about individual roads. I have written again, asking for clear answers on how this funding is being spent, and when residents can expect to see work carried out. I will continue pressing the Council for progress.

### Buckinghamshire Council's Local Plan

Many residents have also contacted me about Buckinghamshire Council's Local Plan and the new housing sites being considered locally.

We do need to build more homes nationally. I hear from so many young people who can't afford to rent, buy or waiting for social housing, and we have to change this for the sake of future generations. But housing growth must be planned properly. The key point residents raise with me is that our area doesn't have the infrastructure and services to cope. National planning policy is clear: Development must be supported by the infrastructure communities need. New homes must come alongside investment in schools, healthcare, transport and local services.

National guidance is also clear that development should not come at the expense of protecting our natural environment. Buckinghamshire Council has left our area vulnerable because for six years since the unitary authority was created, it has failed to bring forward a Local Plan for housing development. This is despite the excellent work of villages on their own neighbourhood plans, which should have fed into the Council's Local Plan.

The lack of a Local Plan left the Government no choice but to set targets for the country. The target of around 95,000 homes by 2045 includes tens of thousands of homes that were already in the pipeline from existing neighbourhood plans and planning permissions, alongside additional homes required under the Government's standard method for calculating housing need.

I am pleased to see that Buckinghamshire Council's work on the Local Plan is now underway. Members of Parliament do not have any formal role in setting this plan - nor in individual planning applications that may come forward as a result of it.

But I will continue to engage closely with both the Council and residents, to ensure that the process is transparent, residents have a genuine opportunity to be heard, and any proposals clearly demonstrate how infrastructure will be delivered. I will continue to press for housing development that is properly planned, sustainable and fair to our communities.

### Supporting young people and local skills

During February half-term I hosted my "Your Voice, Your Future" work experience programme for local 16-18 year olds. It was inspiring to hear their ideas, including for

improving local bus services and creating better career pathways for young people in our area. I will be holding the next programme in July. If you would like to take part, or if you know of anyone who would be interested, keep an eye out for information on how to apply on my website or via my social media.

I also visited Bucks College Group during National Apprenticeship Week, where I met students training in carpentry, joinery, auto care and hairdressing - practical skills that are essential to our local economy.



Laura Kyrke-Smith MP visits Bucks College Group

Apprenticeships are a real win-win when colleges and employers work together, and I will continue championing opportunities for young people locally.

If there is ever anything I can do to support you, please do drop me a line at [laura.kyrkesmith.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:laura.kyrkesmith.mp@parliament.uk). I am always keen to hear about the issues that matter to you.

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**SAVE OUR WALLS** Tring Music Partnership

# Goodbye Marsworth, thanks for all the walks

*Ginny Lewis and Willow the Womble*

I first saw my house in Lukes Lea in April 1996, moved in July 96 and acquired a ginger kitten called Olly the following month. For the first 17 years or so the only people I really knew were my direct neighbours as I worked full time.

However in 2013 when I gave up work from Ashridge House (thanks to an inheritance) I acquired a puppy - Willow the Sprocker spaniel, whom I'm sure is quite well known around the village or at least amongst fellow dog walkers for her barking if nothing else!

Once we started our daily walks I got to know a lot of people and have thoroughly enjoyed my time in this lovely village. Willow made lots of friends too, special mention going to Luna, Addie and Ted, but many more have come and gone over the years, and my time in Marsworth.

Now we are off to Norfolk to live the dream by the sea for a while. After 30 years we will definitely miss Marsworth but hope to stay in touch via Facebook.



Ginny and Willow the Sprocker Spaniel

# Final chance to experience popular summer walking event

*Alex Copley*

The clock is ticking to secure your places for the DENS Castle Walk – taking place on Sunday 14th June at Berkhamsted Castle.

Kick off your summer plans at this family-friendly day out, with a choice of 10 or 5 mile routes through stunning countryside and peaceful woodland.

Run by Hertfordshire homelessness charity, DENS, the event promises fantastic community vibes and a finisher's token to remember the day.

Entry fees start from just £10, with a discounted family ticket available. Sign up today at [www.dens.org.uk/castlewalk](http://www.dens.org.uk/castlewalk).



# BUCKS ART WEEKS

Makers & Artists in Action

## ART EXHIBITION AT ORCHARD VIEW FARM IN JUNE

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

Artists; Ruth Aslett, Angela George, Helen Green, Chris Jones, Arianna Seraj and Linda Seraj are excited to be exhibiting at Orchard View Farm. Our work uses a variety of media, including gouache images of animals and landscapes, kiln-formed glass, atmospheric watercolours, acrylic painting and pencil and charcoal portraits of people and animals, along with surreal acrylic and mixed media.

Why not come along and make a day of it?

Orchard View Farm is a lovely friendly venue. Chat with us about our work, look around the rare breeds farm, browse in the farm shop and have tea and cakes or a meal in the café.

Venue address: Opening Dates and Times:

Orchard View Farm June 6th to 21st 2026

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Little Meadle Wednesdays and Thursdays 10am - 3pm

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For info about Bucks Art Weeks and to visit our online Artist Galleries go to [bucksartweeks.org.uk](http://bucksartweeks.org.uk).

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Peter Brazier - [peter.brazier@buckinghamshire.gov.uk](mailto:peter.brazier@buckinghamshire.gov.uk)

### Canal & River Trust

Customer Services: 03030 404040

[enquiries.southeast@canalrivertrust.org.uk](mailto:enquiries.southeast@canalrivertrust.org.uk)

### Crime Stoppers

0800 555 111 / [crimestoppers-uk.org](http://crimestoppers-uk.org)

### Marsworth Archive

Jonny Taylor - [marswortharchive@gmail.com](mailto:marswortharchive@gmail.com)

### Marsworth Bridge Club

Mike Mullally [zen40567@gmail.com](mailto:zen40567@gmail.com)\_or 07984 409035

### Marsworth Craft Club

[marsworthcraftclub@hotmail.com](mailto:marsworthcraftclub@hotmail.com)

### Marsworth Infants School

Office: 01296 668440 / [office@marsworth.bucks.sch.uk](mailto:office@marsworth.bucks.sch.uk)

**Marsworth Ladies** - Christine King 01296 660019

**Neighbourhood Watch** - [MarsworthNHW@gmx.com](mailto:MarsworthNHW@gmx.com)

**Parish Council** - See Parish Council page

### Police - Wing & District Neighbourhood Policing Team, 73 Leighton Road, Wing, LU7 0RD

To report a non-urgent crime, telephone 101 or visit

[www.thamesvalley.police.uk/ro/report/](http://www.thamesvalley.police.uk/ro/report/)

For non-urgent enquiries, email:

[WingNHPT@thamesvalley.police.uk](mailto:WingNHPT@thamesvalley.police.uk)

In an emergency dial 999

**Street problems** - To report a problem on a street/road in Bucks e.g. potholes, signage etc:

FixMyStreet - [fixmystreet.buckscc.gov.uk](http://fixmystreet.buckscc.gov.uk)

For street lighting: [clerk@marsworth-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@marsworth-pc.gov.uk)

**Village Hall bookings** - See page 2

### Windmill Pre-School

Emma McEnteggart - 01296 661031

[Manager@windmillpreschool.co.uk](mailto:Manager@windmillpreschool.co.uk)

# Do You Have Memories of the White Lion?

David Iverson

Having seen the wonderful restoration that Nick Webb of Prism Construction has carried out on the former 'White Lion', bringing it back to its former glory, I feel inspired to undertake an in depth research project on the history of the pub.

I enjoyed various times there, mainly during the 1980's, but also later, on both boating trips and many walks along the canal.



The White Lion, Marsworth

It was so sad to see the building fall into disuse and decay. I would love my research to encompass the physical history of the building, its various owners, building adaptations, and refurbishments for example.

Most importantly, what brings the history of a building alive are the people who lived there, worked there and those for whom it was a place of relaxation, celebration, meeting friends or maybe future partners.

I would welcome any memories, stories, anecdotes and any photographs taken in or around the pub.

With so many former pubs being demolished, now that this lovely building has been preserved, beautifully restored and begins a new chapter as private dwellings, I wish to revive its past along with its future.

I will be most grateful for any assistance with my research.

Please respond directly to David at [dmiverson57@gmail.com](mailto:dmiverson57@gmail.com)

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# Farewell To Marsworth from Ex Marsworth News Editor Sandra Costello

In early May Ray and I will be leaving Marsworth, after 43 very happy years in this lovely area.

We came to Marsworth in early 1983, just a few weeks after arriving from Western Australia, where we had been living for the last 15 years, with our two children (12 and 14). We were incredibly fortunate to come across the lock-keeper's cottage on the Aylesbury Arm at Lock Four, and became tenants of British Waterways. For nearly six years we had no road access, leaving our car at the old Fencrete site, now The Wharf, and making our way down the towpath and over the lock gate to the house. Not so easy with the week's shopping, with larger purchases – or in the dark!



Sandra and Ray

In 1988 we were able to buy the freehold, once we had achieved vehicular access to Long Marston Road. We were then able to set about extending and improving it. This we achieved over the years, doubling it in size and after I retired in 2004 I began transforming the garden into something like what it is today, often admired from the towpath.

During our 43 years I was able to make some noticeable contributions to Marsworth. I began with starting the Marsworth Archive in the 1980s, assembling and adding to everything I could find out about the parish and its buildings. This is now in the capable hands of Jonny Taylor of Church Lane, and is a resource which can be shared with anyone with an interest in the local area and/or their own house, provided it is old enough to rate any research.



Lock-Keeper's Cottage, Lock 4

This led to my involvement with the Polish Hostel, when in 2019 the Parish Council set about creating a lasting memorial for this somewhat curious but important part of Marsworth's history. Together with Tony Gabis of Pitstone, we made contact with many Polish people who had been at the Hostel, mostly as small children. This was a great pleasure.



Information board, unveiled in 2019

This then led to the creation of the information board which can be seen on the corner at Long Marston Road, the text and graphics for which I assembled on my computer. The unveiling of this sign in October 2019 was a wonderful and colourful event. We then created a website for all the information we had accumulated ([www.marsworth.org.uk/marsworth-polish-hostel](http://www.marsworth.org.uk/marsworth-polish-hostel)) and produced a book.

I also put on a number of exhibitions of local history in the village hall, and provided the flagpole and flags for All Saints Church. In 2016-17 I was one of a small group which organised the erection of the village sign on the Icknield Way near the village hall.

Perhaps one of my most useful contributions to Marsworth has been being editor of Marsworth News for ten years, from 2015 to 2025. While a demanding role, this was something I did with great pleasure and felt well-rewarded by each issue.

Ray and I decided nearly a year ago that it was time we moved on, as the garden at Lock Four is both large and intensive. Now in our 80s it was becoming too much for me. Ray had done a huge amount of work in both the house and garden over the years, but with increasing mobility problems the property was becoming something of a burden.

We have found some wonderful people to take on our fascinating and unusual place: Rhys Owen and Mandi Dover, coming all the way from Tring; we hope they love it as much as we have done, and enjoy being part of our lovely village.

We have made many good friends in the village and have had some wonderful associations. We are off to Wendover, so not so far away.

We will miss our house with its interesting character, and into which we have put great effort with much love and care. We will certainly miss its unique location, splendid views from just about every window, and 'traffic' - the narrowboats passing through the lock.



# Volunteers Required Community First Responder

(Pitstone and surrounding villages)



The previous local volunteers have retired, and there are currently no Community First Responders (CFRs) for our cluster of villages. It can take an ambulance 20+ minutes to reach us from Stoke Mandeville, so a local First Responder can provide a vital, quick response.

CFRs are based in the communities they live in, attending both non-life threatening and life-threatening calls. These include, but are not limited too - suspected heart attacks, suspected strokes, cardiac arrests, broken bones, severe bleeding, breathing difficulties.

We will give full training, over a four-day period, so that you're fully equipped to attend these calls and you will not only have the support of your scheme and scheme coordinator but also the Community Engagement & Training team.

You need to have a good level of physical fitness as you will need to carry a kit bag (which can weigh up to 13kg), be able to perform effective CPR (after training), have access to your own vehicle and be willing to support the charity with fundraising. We recommend that CFRs support us with a minimum of 20 hours responding time a month, in order to reduce skill fade. However these 20 hours can be carried out at any time that is suitable for you.

### Volunteering Induction

A volunteering induction will take place on 19th June followed by training on 20 and 21st June, then 4th and 5th July 2026. You must be able to attend all five days for us to be able to consider you for this role. Please read the role description below for further details.

If you would like to discuss the role further before applying please email [info@sca-charity.org.uk](mailto:info@sca-charity.org.uk). See [link](#) for more information and to volunteer.

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13 and 27 June

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[www.tringfarmersmarket.co.uk](http://www.tringfarmersmarket.co.uk)



## Buckinghamshire Council

The Council invites comments on both consultations by 12 May.

**Buckinghamshire Council is currently consulting on two important planning documents: updated Parking Standards for New Developments and a proposed Design Code for Buckinghamshire.**

Both documents will form part of the Local Plan for Buckinghamshire, which the final version will be published for consultation in July this year.

**The draft Parking Standards for New Developments** will set out the level of parking required for different types of developments, with clear expectations for how parking should be designed and managed. The proposals do not impact existing developments, or current public or on street parking provision.

The standards are accompanied by guidance documents on Car Clubs and Mobility Hubs, which will enable new developments to improve transport choices by integrating sustainable and shared travel options.

Collectively, these documents will support the Local Plan for Buckinghamshire and Local Transport Plan 5 objectives to reduce emissions, create high quality places and enhance transport choices. They are also aligned with national policies helping to ensure that new developments across Buckinghamshire provide parking that is safe, accessible and proportionate to local contexts.

Full consultation documents and an online survey on the Parking Standards for New Developments and supporting documents are available at:  
<https://yourvoicebucks.citizenspace.com/planning/parking-standards>

If you have any questions about the Parking Standards documents, please contact the Transport department team at [transportstrategy@buckinghamshire.gov.uk](mailto:transportstrategy@buckinghamshire.gov.uk)

**The Proposed Design Code for Buckinghamshire** sets out county-wide design requirements for all new development, with the aim of ensuring consistently high standards of design quality across the area.

The design code is divided into various topic areas, including Context; Identity; Built Form; Movement; Nature; Homes and Buildings; and Resources. Once adopted as part of the Local Plan, the requirements in the design codes will give applicants greater certainty about the council's expectations for the approach to design and the quality of outcomes.

Full consultation documents and an online survey are available at:  
<https://yourvoicebucks.citizenspace.com/planning/design-code/>

If you have any questions about the Design Code consultation, please contact the Planning Policy team at: [planningpolicyteam.bc@buckinghamshire.gov.uk](mailto:planningpolicyteam.bc@buckinghamshire.gov.uk)

## Council successfully gains injunction against unlawful development in Ashley Green

Buckinghamshire Council has taken swift and decisive action in response to unauthorised development on Green Belt land in Ashley Green, securing an urgent High Court injunction over the Easter weekend.

The council was first alerted late on Thursday 2 April, when a report was received at around 9.30pm indicating that caravans had moved onto land off Hog Lane despite a previously refused planning application.

By the morning of Good Friday 3 April, officers had prepared a Temporary Stop Notice (TSN) and visited the site, where they observed multiple men, trade vehicles and evidence of caravans and hardstanding works. The TSN was served Friday afternoon, requiring all works to cease immediately. However, reports and photographs received confirmed that activity continued in breach of the notice.

Further evidence early on Saturday 4 April showed that unauthorised works were still ongoing. The council escalated its response, preparing witness statements for an urgent without-notice injunction and issuing instructions to its legal representatives early in the morning.

Additional site reports were received at midday and again mid-afternoon, and a meeting with counsel took place later that day to finalise the application.

At around 9.30pm on Saturday evening, the High Court granted an Interim Injunction, which was formally served on Easter Sunday.

The Order prohibits any further works, occupation or alteration of the land, including bringing additional caravans or materials onto the site, creating new tracks, installing services, depositing waste or assisting others in moving onto the land.

Peter Strachan, Buckinghamshire Council's Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Planning, said:

"This kind of unauthorised development is completely unacceptable, and I want to be absolutely clear that Buckinghamshire Council will not hesitate to use the full extent of the law to protect our area from harmful unauthorised development. Our officers worked tirelessly throughout the bank holiday period to gather evidence, issue enforcement notices and secure an urgent injunction within hours.

"People cannot simply ignore planning rules because it suits them, and this swift action demonstrates exactly how seriously we take any breach. We will continue to monitor the site closely and will pursue further legal steps if required."

Members of the public who are concerned about potential unauthorised development or believe that planning rules may be being breached can report this to Buckinghamshire Council using the Report a planning breach form on the council's website.

<https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/planning-and-building-control/planning-issues-breaches-and-enforcement/report-a-planning-breach/>

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 Any containers, flowerpots, hanging baskets to 17 Church Lane well in advance.



## Come together this summer to support local hospice care

Local residents are being warmly invited to come together, have fun and support a vital local cause as Florence Nightingale Hospice Charity launches a vibrant programme of summer events.

The events are a celebration of community spirit, with every pound raised helping to provide compassionate care for patients and their families at Florence Nightingale Hospice in Aylesbury, Butterfly House in High Wycombe, and in people's homes across Buckinghamshire and its borders.

The summer kicks off with the much-loved Midnight Walk on Saturday 20th June at Roman Park Hall, Aylesbury. Set against the backdrop of the summer solstice, this uplifting event invites participants to walk five or ten miles in celebration of life and in memory of loved ones. Friends, families and neighbours are all encouraged to take part, with the evening beginning with a calming "Solstice Unwind" session to set the tone for the walk.

Then, on Sunday 2nd August, the community will take centre stage at the Aylesbury Waterside Theatre with a special production of Fame. Featuring more than 100 talented local children, the show promises to be a joyful and inspiring highlight of the summer, with both matinee and evening performances available.

Together, these events offer a fantastic opportunity for local people to connect, celebrate and make a real difference - supporting hospice care that touches so many lives across Buckinghamshire and its borders.

For more information about the Midnight Walk and to sign up at <https://fnhospice.org.uk/midnightwalk>

Tickets for Fame can be booked by visiting <https://atgtickets.com/aylesbury>

## Marsworth News



### Needs you

Send us your photos, articles and items of interest.

**Help us make Marsworth News!**

## Volunteers Needed for Steam Rally Tea Tent 21st June 2026



The tea tent will need lots of support this year as there will be a larger tent offering more seating and therefore needing more of our homemade cakes. I

If you are able to support the tea tent with cakes or time to serve on a minimum of a one hour basis please contact Gill White on 01296 662252.

Cakes are best delivered to the tent on the day but can be left overnight at Horseshoe Cottage, Church Lane if that is more convenient. We find cakes without creams or chocolate decorations are easier to serve.

## Micro-volunteering: Big impact in little time

**Short on time but still want to make a difference?**  
We have volunteer roles that fit your schedule!

Your time, big or small, can make a real difference. So, whether you'd prefer to help from home, contribute to your local community, or assist from your phone, we've got flexible options for you. Get involved and make an impact, no matter where you are.

### Here's some ideas:

#### Community Champion

Just 2 hours can make a difference! Help with a local collection, put up posters, or nominate Connection Support for a supermarket token scheme.

#### Crafting Champion

You could create scarves, gloves, and hats for homeless people and their dogs, or use your crafting skills to design items for events or to sell.

#### Digital Champion

Engage with our posts by sharing, liking, or leaving a positive comment. Your support helps us grow our community and reach more people.

If none of those excite you, that's okay. We're on the lookout for anyone with skills or interests that can be used to make a difference.

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#### Get in touch

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## Annual Plant Sale in aid of All Saints Church

All Saints Churchyard  
Saturday 23rd May 2pm - 5pm  
*(If the weather is inclement we will be inside the Church)*

Teas  
Variety of plants  
Hanging baskets  
Raffle prize of a hanging basket

### DONATIONS

We would appreciate any donations of 6 & 8 inch flowerpots and empty hanging baskets. These items can be left at Horseshoe Cottage at any time.

Donations of plants should be brought to the churchyard on the morning of the sale, clearly marked with type.

Any help on the day is much appreciated.  
Enquiries to John and Gill White on 01296 662252  
or to Matthew Carter on 01296 662595.

*As in previous years the sale may run over into Sunday and beyond on an honesty basis.*

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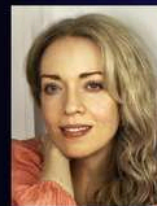
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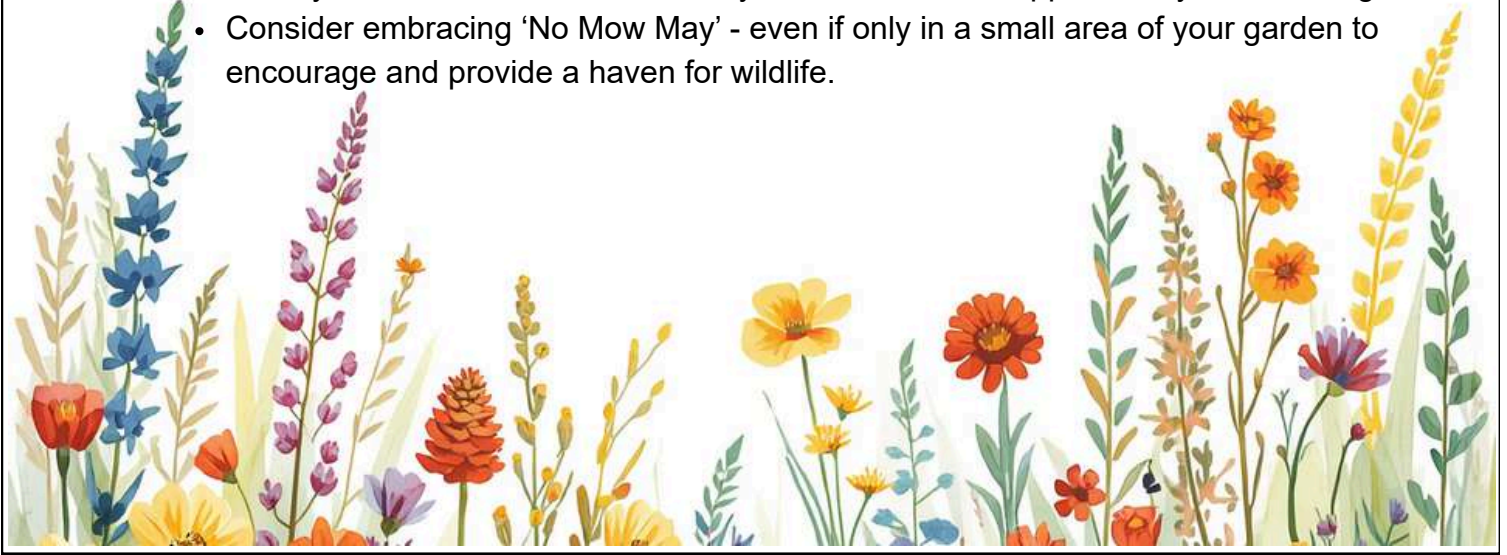
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on 1 June.

from [beaconlit.co.uk](http://beaconlit.co.uk)

The Big Little Book Festival  
Supporting Ivinghoe Library

## Potter's Corner Jobs for May

- Now the risk of frost has passed, plant out tender bedding plants like petunias, begonias and geraniums.
- Plant dahlias, gladioli and alliums for summer colour.
- Direct sow your sunflowers, cornflowers, nasturtiums and poppies.
- Consider adding nectar-rich plants for pollinators; foxgloves, verbena and salvia are good choices.
- Tie in your roses, clematis and honeysuckle to ensure support ready for flowering.
- Consider embracing 'No Mow May' - even if only in a small area of your garden to encourage and provide a haven for wildlife.



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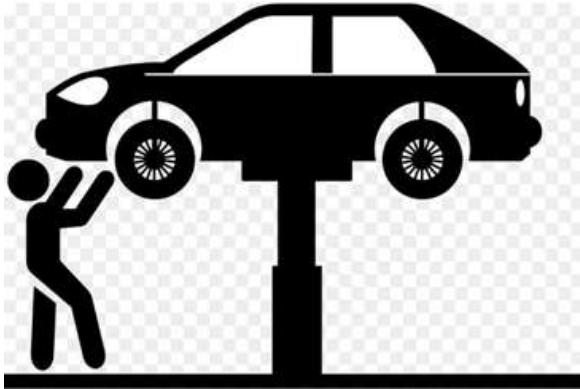
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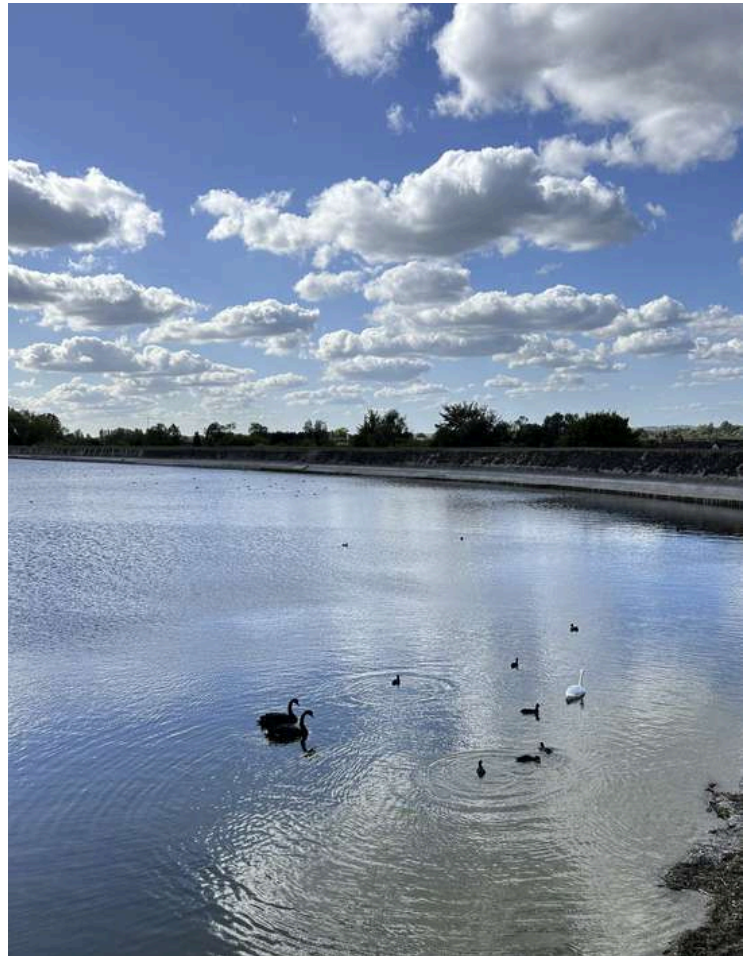
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Yellow Fields - Jeremy Whitehead



Baby cows arrive on the farm - Ellen Kempster



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