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Mayor's Message

Welcome to spring

I'm pleased to see that the days are getting longer; soon we will welcome spring with a sigh of relief.

The Government has continued to relax Covid restrictions, allowing our town to move towards a more normal feel. While it continues to be difficult for some residents and businesses, there is now an air of expectancy that the worst of Covid is over. Our parks are busy, several empty shops are being refitted for new and exciting businesses and work has started on the new Lidl supermarket. Marlow remains a very attractive place to live, visit and work.

My diary is now filling up with more local events for the coming months and I look forward to attending these in person, rather than virtually. I have already been invited to three new shop openings and a couple of concerts on your behalf. All this is evidence of a busy town with excellent community spirit. Please do contact the Town Council office if you would like me to attend one of your events.

The new Community Committee, to which I referred in the last Marlovian, was established to cover all civic and community activities of the Council and is chaired

by the incumbent mayor. It has been active over recent weeks and in addition to planning the regular events of Remembrance, Christmas lights and Carols on The Causeway, it is proposing an event in Higginson Park on Friday, 3rd June (a Bank Holiday) to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Named "Party like the Queen", it is planned to be a day of family entertainment for all ages, based on a 1950's theme. There will be music, food and drink stalls, entertainment and vintage cars, and residents can bring their own picnics. Please watch the Town Council website for further information as we plan this day.

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Talking of anniversaries, this year is the 50th anniversary of twinning with Marly-le-Roi in France. To commemorate this, councillors and the Marlow Town twinning association will visit Marly in May, where amongst other events, I will re-sign our twinning oath. I hope that councillors from Marly will join us in Marlow in September.

For this mayoral year, I have nominated Thames Hospice as my charity. The Hospice provides world-class palliative and end-of-life care and support to people aged 16 and over across East Berkshire and South Buckinghamshire, including Marlow. My main fundraising event will be the Mayor's Golf Day, which is being held at Harleyford Golf Club on 12th April 2022. Perhaps you would consider putting in a team of four? More details on Page 18

I look forward to meeting with you at our town events.

Cllr Richard Scott
Marlow Town Mayor

Jubilee Celebrations

Platinum Jubilee weekend events

Events



You are cordially invited to

Party like the Queen!

Hosted by Marlow Town Council

Celebrating the occasion of Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee

Marlow residents of all ages are invited to be transported back to the sights and sounds of the 1950's as we experience what England was like during the Queen's coronation.

There will be fabulous 1950's entertainment, fairground rides, food stalls and a bar. We welcome you to come to the park and bring a blanket to sit on to relax and enjoy the entertainment with your friends and family whilst either sharing a picnic or buying from the food vendors.



Friday, 3rd June 2022 | Higginson Park | 11am - 5pm

Entertainment and entry is free
Dress code is 1950's or vintage (optional but highly encouraged)

Thursday, 2nd June

The Queen's Birthday Parade (Trooping the Colour)

Over 1,400 parading soldiers, 200 horses and 400 musicians will come together in the traditional Parade to mark The Queen's official birthday.

Platinum Jubilee Beacons

The United Kingdom's long tradition of celebrating Royal Jubilees, Weddings and Coronations with the lighting of beacons will be continued to mark the Platinum Jubilee.

Friday, 3rd June

Service of Thanksgiving

A Service of Thanksgiving for The Queen's reign will be held at St Paul's Cathedral.

Party like the Queen!

50's-inspired entertainment hosted by Marlow Town Council at Higginson Park, 11am - 5pm.

Everyone is invited to bring a blanket to sit on and relax and enjoy the celebration. We kindly ask that unless absolutely necessary chairs aren't brought along as they block the entertainment view for others.

Saturday, 4th June

The Derby at Epsom Downs

Attended by Her Majesty The Queen accompanied by Members of the Royal Family.

Platinum Party at the Palace

The BBC will stage and broadcast a live concert from Buckingham Palace that will bring together some of the world's biggest entertainment stars.

Sunday, 5th June

The Big Jubilee Lunch

The Big Lunch will bring the Jubilee celebrations into the heart of every community. People are invited to share friendship, food and fun with neighbours.

The Platinum Jubilee Pageant

Telling the story of The Queen's 70 year reign, the London-based Pageant will combine pomp and ceremony, street arts, theatre, music, circus, costumes as well as cutting-edge visual technology, drawing on talent from every part of the United Kingdom and across the Commonwealth. Forming an important part of the Platinum Pageant, the 'River of Hope' section will comprise of 200 silk flags which will process down The Mall, appearing like a moving river.

Town Council News

Spring 2022



Annual expenditure highlights

On January 25th the Council agreed its annual budget for 2022/23. The Council expenditure reflects our commitment to Marlow town and its residents to continue with the high-quality services and events we currently provide, operate and maintain. We thought we would highlight some of the key areas of expenditure we incur as we continue to provide an excellent level of service.

Grounds maintenance

We don't own all the public land in Marlow (most is owned by Buckinghamshire Council) - however, under devolved powers, we manage the ground maintenance of all our town land in order to maintain a consistent appearance and a high standard. A new ground maintenance contract has been tendered as our old contract was expiring. During our selection process for a contractor, we not only examined like-for-like costs, we also took into consideration other environmental and sustainability criteria such as use of electric tools and vehicles instead of diesel.

In order to maintain the level of service, our budget has had to be increased — all three companies shortlisted in the tender process submitting more expensive bids. The grass cutting service we oversee covers the whole town for eight cuttings a year at a projected cost of £75,000 per year.

On 1st April 2022 John O'Conner (Grounds Maintenance) Ltd will begin a three-year contract with Marlow Town Council for grounds maintenance of the Council owned areas of land in Marlow. The contract will last for three years with an option to extend. The main duties are verge grass cutting, parks grass (except Higginson Park which is owned and managed by Buckinghamshire Council), the town cemetery and shrub beds. Marlow Town Council is in the excellent position of having eight verge cuts per year, more than double some areas in Buckinghamshire.

Public spaces

We choose to maintain our public spaces by working with the Community Payback programme. The service provides us with minor offenders who are supervised and tasked with maintenance requests. This partnership enables us to have better maintenance response and coverage while giving back to our local community. This maintenance service costs £6,000 per year.

Throughout the pandemic Marlow Town Council have been lucky enough to maintain a productive relationship with the Thames Valley Rehabilitation Service and have a Community Payback group visit Marlow most Tuesdays.

A supervisor from the Services works with the group at areas assigned by the Council. The group always work hard and contributes to the upkeep of the town. The principal duties are cutting back alleyway overgrowth, sweeping leaves from paths and edging out overgrown pathways.

Security services

Our Police Community Support Officers provide another level of support for our community in addition to the police. For many years the Council has enhanced the security of our town through sharing the cost of an additional Police Community Support Officer, 50% of whose time is dedicated to Marlow (subject to operational requirements). We know that residents are pleased to see this additional resource patrolling on a regular basis throughout the town. We will continue to support this role, the cost for which is £19,125 per year.

Additionally, for the past two years the Council has hired and paid for a private security firm to help keep our town safe. Since it started, the security coverage has been expanded to include more spaces and the number of patrols has increased. These patrols visit our parks and green spaces on a regular basis, dealing with anti-social behaviour and minor crime and they work closely with the police. This Council-funded programme has been so successful with residents that we are now adding it as a permanent service for our town — the cost coming from our annual budget. The cost of this service is £27,372 per year. It was previously funded from reserves.

Transportation services

Marlow town bus operates on weekdays in and around the town centre and to and from Maidenhead and High Wycombe. It is run by Buckinghamshire Council and to support this important service we pay Bucks £6,300 per year.

If you leave the car at home for that trip to the shops, to the park or to work, you can help reduce congestion and improve air quality at the same time. The bus stops in many places around the town and has links to Maidenhead and High Wycombe.

See opposite for bus timetable.

Community services

The much-loved Marlovian magazine is published by the Council to keep residents informed about the activities of the Council and what is happening in the town. We write all of the Town Council content, obtain the photos and also welcome contributions from the community.



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Marlow - Maidenhead (Wednesdays Only)

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MONDAY-FRIDAY

Excluding bank holidays

MONDAY, TUESDAY, THURSDAY & FRIDAY ONLY				WEDNESDAYS ONLY			
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Marlow Court Garden	0905	1145*	1400*	Maidenhead Frascaß Way		1230	
Marlow High Street	0906	1146	1401	Furze Platt		1237	
Marlow Britania	0910	1150	1405	Marlow Court Garden depart	0905		1345
Little Marlow Winchbottom Lane	0911	1151R	1406R	Marlow High Street	0906		1346
Little Marlow Church Road	0915	1155R	1410R	Marlow Britania	0910		1350
Westhorpe Caravan Park	0919	1159	1414	Little Marlow Winchbottom Lane	0911	1245R	1351R
Marlow Wiltshire Road	0926	1206	1421	Little Marlow Church Road	0915	1249R	1355R
Marlow Bottom High Heavens Wood	0932	1212	1427	Westhorpe Caravan Park	0919	1253	1359
Marlow Bottom Post Office	0936	1216	1431	Marlow Wiltshire Road	0926	1300	1406
Hillside Woodland Way	0938	1218	1433	Marlow Bottom High Heavens Wood	0932	1306	1412
Marlow Oak Tree Road Shops	0939	1219	1434	Marlow Bottom Post Office	0936	1310	1416
Marlow High Street	0942	1222	1437	Hillside Woodland Way	0938	1312	1418
Marlow Court Garden	0943	1223	1438	Seymour Park Road	0939	1313	1419
				Sunnybank		1315	
	160	160		Sandy Gate Road	0943	1317	1423
Marlow Court Garden	0945	1225		Terrington Hill	0947		
Pound Lane	0946	1226		Pound Lane	0952		
Terrington Hill	0952	1232		Marlow Court Garden arrive	0953	1327	1427
Sandy Gate Road	0956	1236		Marlow Court Garden depart	0955		
Sunnybank	0958	1238		Marlow High Street	0956		
Hillside Woodland Way		1240		Marlow Britania	1000		
Marlow Oak Tree Road Shops	1001			Pinkneys Green The Lemon Tree	1008		
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Marlow Court Garden	1005						
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Marlow High Street	1011				155	155	
Sandy Gate Road	1014			Maidenhead Frascaß Way	1020		
Sunnybank				Furze Platt	1027		
Seymour Park Road	1018			Marlow Britania	1034		
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Marlow Bottom Post Office	1032			Pound Lane	1131		
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Cressex Marlow Road	1131	1321		Marlow Bottom Post Office	1148		
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Marlow High Street	1142	1348		Pinkneys Green The Lemon Tree	1220		
Marlow Court Garden	1143	1349		Maidenhead Frascaß Way	1226		

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We offer grants each year to our town's groups and associations to help them achieve their ambitions and make Marlow a better place for us all. If you wish to apply for a grant, the forms are available on the website <https://www.marlow-tc.gov.uk/grants/> - we provide grants totalling £8,000 per year.

We will continue to support and celebrate important events in our town and give our residents something to look forward to. Elsewhere in this Marlovian we outline our plans to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in June.

As detailed in our last issue of the Marlovian, we make Marlow a great place to be during the Christmas period, with our enhanced Christmas lights, decorations and Carols on The Causeway. To maintain these to a high standard, we have a budgeted cost of £11,600.

We hope you like this snapshot of our budget for 2022/23, which costs the average band D Council Tax property (the standard Government measure) £55.25 per year, just over £1 per week. If you would like any further information on the Council's finances, please contact the town council office.



Santa's Fun Run support

The Council received these kind words from the Santa's Fun Run committee:

"Dear Marlow Town Council

Please could I pass on a very big "Thank you" from myself, the whole Santa's Fun Run committee and of course all the 2500 Runners and supporters, to all of you for all the help and support you provided for our Marlow Rotary Santa's Fun Run.

The work that you organise for the Community Payback group on the course is essential and I am sure all the runners appreciate the effort that goes into providing a clear, clean and safe route for the event. Thank you also for the loan of various pieces of equipment that all help to make the day run smoothly and efficiently.

We have had lots of very positive comments from runners about the route, the facilities and parking in town. Everyone seems to really enjoy their day in Marlow. Any comments or suggestions about any aspect of the event are always much appreciated."

If you would like to see a short video of what 2,500 Santas look like starting in Marlow High Street, the link is: <https://fb.watch/9Lot5FgJ3I/>

As I'm sure you know, due to the size and complexity of this event we are already planning next year's Run. Please could we ask you to note the date for next year is: **SUNDAY 4th DECEMBER 2022.**

Carols on The Causeway

Despite the increasing numbers of Covid infections in Marlow in late December, we were determined to ensure that Carols could go ahead. Unfortunately, we were unable to have Father Christmas in his grotto or offer refreshments. Nonetheless, Marlovians turned up in their hundreds. Thank you Marlovians! Our special thanks must go to the Town Band for being able to play while social distancing and leading us all in some much-needed festive cheer.

Fix my Street

Found a pothole? Blocked drain in the road? Damage to kerbs and pavements? Streetlight not working? Did you know that the easiest and quickest way to get any of these problems fixed is by reporting it online?

Buckinghamshire Council is responsible for these issues, which can all be reported online. You will receive an immediate email acknowledgement of your issue, a follow-up report with a timescale to fix the issue and finally an email when the problem is resolved. The system is simple and easy to use, and you can choose not to have your name shown publicly. You can also see on their interactive map all the other problems that have been logged locally.

You can use Fix My Street for Marlow by using this link. <https://www.fixmystreet.buckscc.gov.uk/>

Christmas Edition of Marlovian

Our apologies to Marlow Camera Club for not acknowledging the amazing photographs they contributed to the Light Switch On page. They were taken by Jon Perry, and Rowena Wolton.

Business Lasting Powers of Attorney

What are they?

Most people are aware of Lasting Powers of Attorney (LPAs). These are legal documents which allow an individual or individuals referred to as your attorneys to manage your affairs. You can appoint your attorneys to either manage your 'Property and Financial' or 'Health and Welfare' affairs.

A Business LPA is a useful document which allows a business owner to appoint an attorney or attorneys to make decisions in the best interests of the organisation should the owner become mentally incapacitated, is abroad on holiday or business or has had an accident and does not have the capabilities to make a decision.

Business Lasting Powers of Attorney can be useful for business either as Sole Traders, Limited Liability Partnerships, Traditional Partnerships and Directors.

What do they do?

The Business LPA would allow the appointed individuals or individuals to make decisions such as authorising the payment of invoices, signing company cheques, instructing employees to perform key tasks, employing new members of staff and dealing with the daily business activities.

Who should I appoint?

It is advisable that the attorney is familiar with the business and is someone who can be entrusted with the affairs of the business. The attorney should be someone who is confident, trustworthy, competent, reliable and can undertake the tasks to manage the business in the absence of the owner.

In the best interests of the business it may be pertinent to appoint two attorneys- one to deal with the dealings / everyday activities of the business (e.g. business accountant or employee) and the other

attorney who deals with the personal financial issues (e.g. a member of the family).

The Implications of not preparing a business Lasting Power of Attorney

If there is no business lasting powers of attorney in place, this could prove to be extremely detrimental to the business. If this is the case and there is an absence of a business lasting power of attorney, an application would need to be made and submitted to the Court of Protection which is time consuming and expensive. During this period, the business may suffer with no one in person to manage the daily affairs.

If you need advice in respect of these documents, please do not hesitate to contact the Wills, Trusts and Probate team at Blaser Mills Law on **0203 814 2020** or email enquiries@blasermills.co.uk.

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For more information, visit: www.blasermills.co.uk.



#sustainablemarlow

Marlovians ready for a green future!



A survey by Marlow Town Council has revealed that residents really care about the environment and are keen to adopt more sustainable behaviours. Switching to an electric vehicle and fitting solar panels top the list of desires. This is the first time that Marlovians' views on sustainability issues have been sought in such detail.

The randomised and weighted survey was carried out in late 2021. It found that residents considered environment and climate change to be the second most important local issue for Marlow. Only health was deemed more important, probably reflecting high concern over Covid at the time.

The survey reveals many ways in which Marlow residents want to do more for the environment. It also highlights sustainable behaviours they already engage in.

Nearly 60% of survey respondents expressed interest in switching to an electric vehicle. Electric vehicles produce zero exhaust emissions so they are an important way that households can cut their contribution to both air pollution and climate change. The Marlow Environmental Performance Index, published by the Council, shows that Marlow is already a leader in electric vehicle ownership.

Close behind electric vehicles, 55% of respondents said they would like to fit solar panels on their home. Solar is a valuable source of zero carbon electricity. Installing panels plus a storage battery can enable households to reduce exposure to rocketing retail electricity prices.

Just under half of respondents said they would like to measure their personal carbon footprint. This shows a widespread awareness both of climate change as an issue and of the importance of lifestyle choices in influencing emissions.

The same proportion said they would like to switch their home heating from natural gas to an electric heat pump. Heat pumps are still not common in Britain, but gas heating is one of the biggest ways that most households contribute to global warming, alongside personal transport and diet, so this is an important finding.

Substantial numbers of residents are interested in embracing other sustainable behaviours too. Over one-third of respondents said they would like to grow their own food; one-third want to cycle more.

When it comes to what Marlovians already do for the environment, the most common sustainable behaviour is waste recycling, which nearly 90% of respondents already do. Four in five respondents said they already

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walk more, and three-quarters said they have reduced use of plastic.

Over half said they have fitted energy-saving lighting and appliances in their homes, and about half said they are flying less and eating less meat and dairy - the types of food with the highest global warming impact.

The survey also reveals that Marlow residents' top priority for council action on the environment is better management of waste. Illegal fly tipping emerged as residents' top concern, followed closely by more action to improve waste recycling, and then to control litter better. Waste management is primarily a county responsibility. But the Town Council takes a close interest, particularly around issues of littering.

Residents were supportive of more school children walking or cycling to school; the motorised school run is currently a significant contributor to traffic congestion and poor air quality in Marlow. Reducing air pollution was another, related priority.

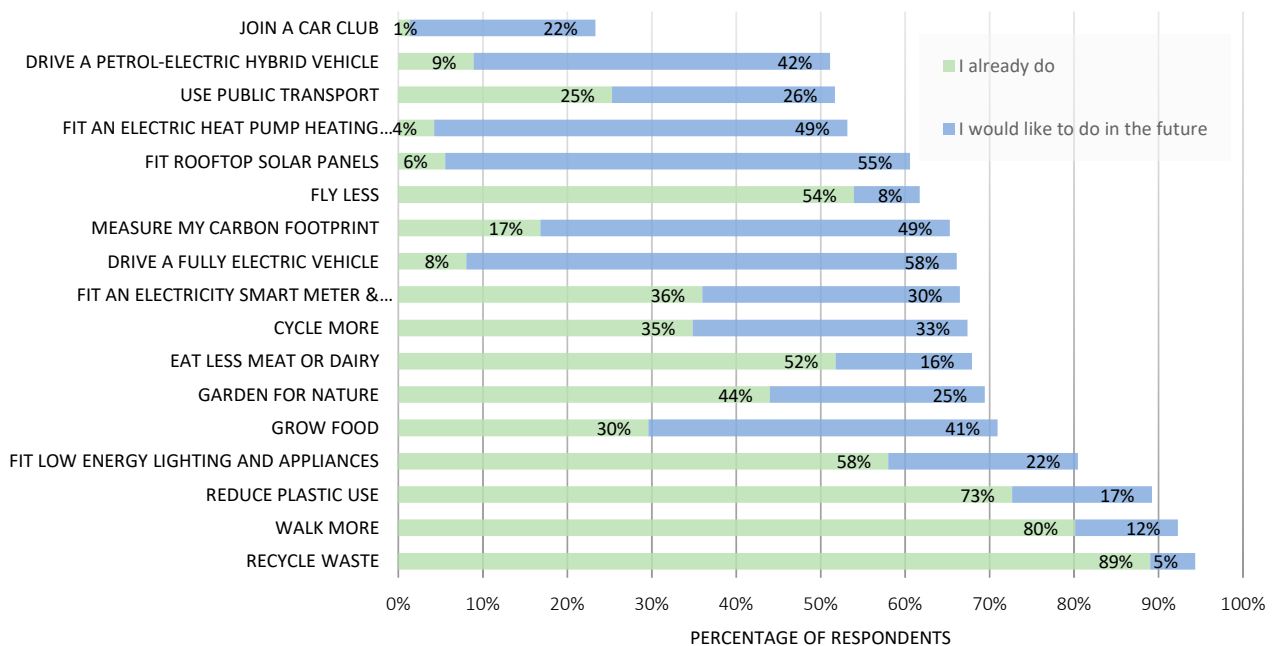
Actions to make Marlow a greener, leafier town also got a thumbs up from respondents, who said they wanted more of the wildflower verges that the Town Council has started planting around the town, more roadside trees, and improvements to Marlow's parks.

The survey was carried out using professional polling techniques to make the responses as representative as possible of Marlow's population. People were selected at random to be invited to participate and were not pre-warned of the survey topic. Polling firm Opinionum supported the analysis. It advised that the sample of 195 responses received was of good quality, and "weighted" the answers to Marlow's true population by age group, sex and area.

The Town Council would like to thank all residents who completed the survey questionnaire. Full details of the results are available on the Council's website at:

www.marlow-tc.gov.uk/environment

THE SUSTAINABLE BEHAVIOURS MARLOVIANS DO AND WANT TO DO



What next for a more sustainable Marlow?

Marlow Town Council sees its detailed survey of Marlovians on environmental issues as being just the beginning of a new push to make Marlow more sustainable. The council now wants to work with the whole community to encourage and celebrate more sustainable behaviours by residents.

Why the focus on residents and their lifestyles? Simply because it really matters. Decarbonising Britain entirely by 2050 is going to require big interventions by the government and large companies, to be sure. But every individual, every household and every community must also play its part. Some simple statistics demonstrate this very clearly.

Surface transport is the UK's largest source of greenhouse gas emissions, and the most important component of this is not lorries, nor trains, but private road vehicles. Home energy use - largely gas central heating - accounts for 14% of national carbon emissions. What we eat accounts for a quarter of household contribution to climate change when embedded emissions are also counted.

The Marlow Environmental Performance Index, first published in February 2021 and available on the council's website, shows that some types of environmental pressures are particularly large in our area, meaning even more need for as many people as possible to start making changes. The Index reports that the average Marlow resident uses considerably more gas, electricity and water than the national average, and that cars registered locally have on average higher CO2 emissions than across the country. Due to these and other factors,

per-household carbon emissions are much higher in Marlow than the national average.

Moreover, while more technology development still needs to happen, there are already many ways that anybody can start changing behaviours now to support sustainability. As this edition of the Marlovian went to press the council was putting the finishing touches to new initiatives designed to encourage and support residents to adopt greener behaviours, building on a sustainability consultation event it organised in March 2021.

These include the creation of a regular gathering for residents concerned about sustainability to discuss issues with each other and the council. Plus a Sustainable Marlow Challenge programme of information and support to the whole Marlow community to adopt more sustainable behaviours. See the town council website for more information on both of these initiatives.

Town welcomes new street trees

An unprecedented number of new street trees appeared in Marlow this winter, thanks to government funding. About 60 saplings were due to be planted at multiple locations, mainly to the east and north sides of Marlow.

The new trees will add beauty to the town, as well as providing multiple environmental benefits, including wildlife habitat, absorbing air pollution, reducing flooding and providing shade in summer.

The new trees, worth thousands of pounds, arrived thanks to a successful bid by Buckinghamshire Council to the government's Local Authority Treescapes Fund. All final decisions over siting and species were taken

by Buckinghamshire's roads agency, Transport for Buckinghamshire.

Marlow was included in the programme thanks to community trees group Releaf Marlow, which is run by Transition Town Marlow and supported by the town council. The group recommended sites to be included in Buckinghamshire's bid, based on resident requests as well as its own views and those of the town council.

Planting began just as the Marlovian went to press. Streets where the new trees can be seen include Bobmore Lane at its junction with Little Marlow Rd, Wiltshire Rd, again near Little Marlow Road, and the green space between Marlow and Marlow Bottom on Wycombe Rd. An extensive selection of tree species were due to feature in the new planting, including midland hawthorn, Swedish whitebeam, red-leaved hazel, birch, sweet gum, tulip tree and lime.

The town council is supportive of continuing tree planting efforts in future. In particular it will be working with Transition Town Marlow, whose Releaf Marlow project has been awarded £7,000 by Buckinghamshire Council towards new trees to be planted in winter 2022/23. Residents wanting to suggest new trees near where they live can email releafmarlow@gmail.com.



Popular street market expands

Marlow's artisan, local food market has doubled its presence to twice-monthly. As many as 3,000 people now visit each market, making it an important part of the town's social calendar and increasingly important to the local economy. From February, the outdoor market now runs on every 3rd as well as every 1st Saturday of each month, open from 10am to 3pm on The Causeway, near All Saints Church.



Local community group Transition Town Marlow (TTM) organises the market with the aims of bringing together the community and supporting local and sustainable producers. The group requires products to be made within 30 miles of Marlow and stallholders to avoid plastic packaging as far as possible.

The market has quickly established itself since 2017, with marked increases in numbers of both stalls and visitors. Products now regularly on sale include local cheeses, meats, charcuterie, cakes, bread, pies, herbal teas, honey, rapeseed oil, gin, wine, granola and even dog biscuits. Other regular stalls offer hot takeaway foods, including paella, Thai food and pancakes.

Every market is organised mainly by TTM volunteers. This involved considerable extra effort during the pandemic to make the market Covid-secure in line with safety requirements. Buckinghamshire Council provides the required road closure permit, and the town council lends its safety barriers.

Lead market organiser Liz Lorente of TTM expressed pleasure at the expansion, saying she hoped it would become an even bigger beacon for local sustainability and a strong community. Marlow's deputy mayor Jocelyn Towns also welcomed the additional market days and paid tribute to the TTM volunteers who make it happen.

Volunteers are always welcome to join the TTM Markets team. To inquire please email lizlorente@aol.com.



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Sustainable Me

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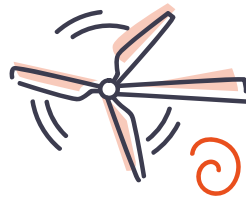


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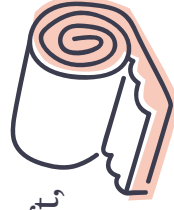
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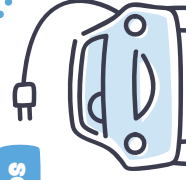
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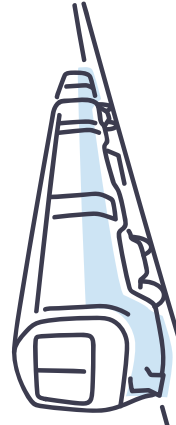
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On track



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Getting started



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On track



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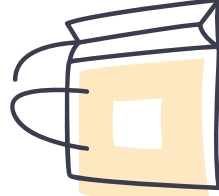
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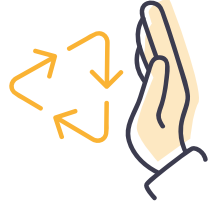
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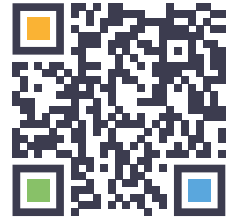
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On track



Reuse and share your belongings

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End Plastic Soup

Join forces for the Thames Valley Clean Up on 7th & 8th May



The Rotary Club of Marlow Bridge has for some while been holding litter picks in our beautiful town, but we have to give credit to the Marlow Wombles who probably do the lions share along with other groups. Do the groups doing such sterling work to keep our majestic river environment clean receive the publicity or acclaim that they deserve?

Rotary Clubs throughout the Thames Valley have a plan – if Rotary and all of the other environmental groups across the Rotary District, which stretches from Uxbridge in the East to Farringdon in the West, were to come together the event would be newsworthy hopefully at a national level.

Clearing rubbish out of the Thames and its tributaries is fantastic, but do people know who is doing it and why and more to the point will they change their habits and attitudes? It might seem funny to see a swan nesting in a bed of rubbish but not so when plastic waste gets caught on their necks or feet, even worse when ingested plastic kills birds and fish and other wild life.

With a co-ordinated effort, we can collect debris both from the water and surrounding land and if we do this over much of the Thames Valley, it will attract massive publicity and maybe encourage people to dispose of their trash in an environmentally friendly way – yes we will need help. We already have some volunteers and offers of boats, and are currently talking to the other environmentally interested groups. We always need more volunteers, we are confident this project will be a massive success.

We needed to know, before embarking on an exercise of this magnitude, what to expect, so in October we ran a pilot litter pick in the Henley / Sonning area. We prepared well talking to Oxfordshire CC, the Environment Agency (EA) and Thames Rescue. They liked the project and gave us full support. The EA are now asking us for promotional material that they can put out on their website. We will also be talking to Bucks and Berks.

We learnt a lot from the pilot and have built an interactive website at **www.environment.thamesvalleyrotary.info**. This is a Rotary website, but the advice and relevant downloads are available to any organisations who want to help. The three Rotary Clubs in Marlow are fully behind the project and support from the District is strong from both Rotary and other organisations. We must make this project a success. For more information email **endplasticsoup1090@gmail.com** and visit our website at **www.environment.thamesvalleyrotary.info**



Fairway Fundraising

Town Mayor's Charity Golf Day returns



After a gap of two years due to Covid, Mayor Richard Scott will be holding the very popular annual Charity Golf Day on Tuesday, 12th April 2022 at Harleyford Golf Club. This is a great day out for friends, colleagues or companies wishing to entertain clients whilst raising funds for the Mayor's charity at the same time. Companies can sponsor a hole on the course. This will enable a banner or board to be displayed on the sponsored tee and the company name will appear in all the publicity surrounding this event.



The fee for a Team of four is £300 which includes a day's golf, coffee and bacon roll before teeing off at 11am and a two-course meal in the evening followed by a prizegiving and raffle. For more information on this and everything you need to know about the day, please visit **www.marlow-tc.gov.uk** to download the brochure and booking form or contact **jan@marlow-tc.gov.uk**

"This event is a key part of the Mayoral fundraising activity for the year and my chosen charity this year is The Thames Hospice. I do hope you will support this event by booking a team or sponsoring a hole," says Mayor Richard Scott.



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Talking Newspaper

Expanding listeners to the 'Talking Newspaper'



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Photo credit: Sue Seward

Every Friday evening volunteers select interesting local news items from the Bucks Free Press, which are recorded on to memory sticks in the WTN premises in Hampden Road. Over the weekend these sticks are sent in postal wallets to our listeners so that they can play them in their memory

stick players (Boomboxes). Boomboxes are specifically designed for simple operation. After use the memory sticks are returned to us for re-use. Listeners don't need to write anything on the wallet labels before posting them back; they are pre-addressed.

Everything is free – memory sticks, wallets, postage and Boomboxes. WTN is grateful to its donors for the support that makes this possible.

The weekly news items are also placed on the internet **www.wycombetalkingnewspaper.org.uk** each weekend; this provides an alternative method for our listeners to keep up to date with local news.

If you think you could benefit from this service (or if you know of a relative or friend that would) you can sign them up by contacting us as follows:

Email: **help@wycombetalkingnewspaper.org.uk**

Phone: **01844 698453**

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Marlow Community Association

Marlow's community hall, Liston Hall, for hire

Marlow Community Association was set up in May 1967 with Liston Hall kindly donated by Mrs Nesta Liston as the facility to bring together groups and individuals who offer mutual support and friendship to the community. First used as a Methodist Church in 1874, it has had a colourful life since ceasing to be a church. It has been a county library, Labour Exchange, dance hall, theatre, Weights and Measure Inspection Centre, clinic and finally in 1970, home of the Marlow Community Association (MCA). As a registered charity it relies on the regular use of its rooms to generate income to maintain and improve the facilities. The hall is located close to the High Street and benefits from having Liston Road car park right next door. With a range of versatile rooms for hire, it's perfect for a one-off occasion, repeat bookings such as Yoga, Pilates, educational classes, business meetings and more.

- The Thames Room is to the rear of the main hall, making it ideal for meetings, classes, or small children's parties. With its own private entrance, small kitchen and toilet, it can accommodate up to 50 people* with stacking tables and chairs available.

- The Garden Room is a lovely bright room that overlooks our garden at the front of the building, with carpets and curtains, making it perfect for slide shows or movies. The room holds up to 40 people*, is suitable for smaller functions, lunches and meetings and is popular with card players, especially bridge clubs. There are tables and cushioned chairs and a hatch to the kitchen — and the room has disabled access.
- The Main Hall is our largest room and is used for a variety of events including weddings, parties, large meetings, open days, company promotions, sales, shows, classes and more. It's a big space - a bouncy castle can fit inside! It can accommodate up to 200 people* or 175 people* seated in theatre style, with a hatch to the kitchen and disabled access.

We also have a well-equipped kitchen providing full catering facilities. Free Wi-Fi with a digital projector, lectern and a flipchart stand available to book. Please get in touch to find out more by email **marlowcommunity@btconnect.com** or telephone **01628 472558**.

Social Prescribing Day

The Arc PCN (Primary Care Network) Social Prescribing team



Social Prescribing is part of the NHS five-year plan which began in 2019, focusing on individuals that may need a little help and support in developing what matters to them to achieve desired goals.



Social Prescribers work within a Primary Care Network. Primary Care Networks consist of groups of GP practices working closely together to provide joined up care, one-to-one support linking individuals to community services, delivering personalised care focusing on what matters to the person.

The ARC PCN comprises six Bucks GP practices collaboratively working together:

- The Simpson Centre and Penn Surgery
- Millbarn Medical Centre
- Bourne End and Wooburn Green Medical Centre
- Highfield Surgery
- Cherrymead Surgery
- Marlow Medical Group

Social Prescribers also use local organisations and community assets to grow local groups to connect like-minded individuals to participate in local activities to increase overall physical and mental wellbeing.

We have been sourcing areas of activity that are operating in the local area, including newly developed groups that would benefit our community. This 'Directory of Services' provides us with a map of all that is on offer and reveals

any areas of support that might be missing or could be expanded.

The Arc PCN run regular Talking Café's which invite individuals to talk about what matters to them, meet new people and have positive conversations focusing on what is strong, not what is wrong, and chat to a Community Connector/Social Prescriber about activities, support groups and services in your community.

Sometimes it can also be a reason to reach out for further advice from our team which can facilitate a referral for a person-centred based one-to-one conversation with their social prescribing team should a need be more private than the café allows.

Get involved in our BIG conversation! – You would be very welcome to join us at one of our Talking Café's which run weekly:

- The Ark Café Marlow Methodist Church every Thursday 11am – 12.30pm
- Marlow Library last Tuesday of the month 2 - 3pm
- Bourne End Library second Thursday of the month 10 - 11am
- Crumbs Corner Flackwell Heath every Wednesday 10.30am – 12pm
- Beaconsfield Library every Friday starting 11th March 11am – 12pm
- Hazlemere Library third Friday of the month 11am – 12pm

Please email marlow.accessteam@nhs.net for Arc registered patients to join.

Look out for us celebrating in your local surgeries. We are sourcing volunteers, who can become ambassadors to our cause, giving as little or as much of their time to become local Community Connectors.

Sometimes the best medicine can be found in the heart of the community.

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Check out our website at www.arcbuckspcn.org



Who Wants An Allotment?

Discover how rewarding being an allotment holder can be



Does having an allotment mean working hard in all weathers, struggling with weeds, battling pests and birds — all for some rhubarb and a few string beans? Well, there are many who would say 'no' to this question.

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They are the ones who have fresh home-grown fruit and vegetables all year round. Their freezer is full of fruit and vegetables gathered and frozen; they have jams and pickles carefully prepared and stored and dried beans, garlic and onions, which will keep all year, until the next crop is ready to gather.

They are the ones who cheerfully help others on the site, fixing or constructing, lifting or carrying, sharing surplus crop, seeds and plants. They're full of advice and knowledge that they are eager to share with others.

They are the ones that always have a friendly word and cheerful smile.

On site time slips away as if in a time warp as they relax, enjoy the fresh air and watch the wildlife.

Marlow Town Council proudly supports two allotment sites in Marlow, which benefit Marlow residents. Foxes Piece Allotments Site is located near Foxes Piece School and Hanging Hill Allotments Site is near St Peter's School, with the main gates in Prospect Road.

If anyone is up for the challenge, please contact Marlow Town Council by phone: **01628 484024** or email **office@marlow-tc.gov.uk** to be added to the waiting list for an allotment plot.

More information regarding the allotments can be found on the website for The Marlow Allotments Association (**marlowallotments.org**), which is managed by tenants of both sites, for the benefit of the allotment holders and protection of the allotment sites.



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Community Radio Awards

Marlow FM takes home four awards

Marlow Chamber of Commerce is delighted at the success of member Marlow FM at the Community Radio Awards 2021 at Coventry in October. The awards provided national recognition for Marlow's community radio station, which carried away more awards than any other community radio station in the country. Seven nominations received resulted in four awards — one gold, two silver and a bronze.

The gold award was given for Marlow FM's response to Covid-19 (Hidden Heroes Award) and for its 'Quiet Night In' fundraising event during the pandemic.

The radio station won silver in the Live Event/Outside broadcast of the year category for its Christmas Drive-In, and in the specialist music programme category for The Rock Shop with Michelle Livings.

A bronze award for Female Presenter of the Year was presented to Amelia Slaughter.

Presenters Angie Burns and Edan Gaskell and Marlow FM's new mobile phone app were also in the running for awards.



For further details and photos of this amazing success visit: www.marlowfm.co.uk/news/radio-awards-2021-success/

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Royal British Legion

Marlow branch honoured with awards



The Marlow Branch of the Royal British Legion was honoured when the outgoing County Chairman for Buckinghamshire, Hugh Ashton-Moore, awarded the Branch a Certificate of Merit in the County's Branch Efficiency Competition, the Leslie Mason Trophy. Shaun Murphy, Branch Chairman, accepted the award at the Annual County Conference of the Royal British Legion, held in January.

The Royal British Legion Club Limited was also honoured with the "Special County Club Award", which had not been awarded for several years. The award marked the outstanding service given by the Marlow Club to the County and to the Marlow and District Branch of the Royal British Legion. Paul Tyler, Club President, accepted the award.

Several individual awards were also made to mark the contributions made in achieving and furthering the objectives of the Legion in Buckinghamshire. Two members were awarded the prestigious National Award, the Royal British Legion "Gold Badge". This is the third highest award that the Legion presents. Shaun Murphy

and Dr John Wilkinson received their badges from Hugh Ashton-Moore.

Barbara Murphy was the Runner Up in the County's Poppy Appeal award. It was awarded for her work for the Poppy Appeal in Marlow, which has raised in excess of £32,000 so far this Appeal year. Many thanks are due to Marlovians for their support and generosity.

County Certificates were also awarded to Branch members Barbara Murphy, Shaun Murphy and Dr John Wilkinson.

Corrine Hinch also received a County Certificate to mark her contribution to Remembrance in Marlow and the Poppy Appeal in particular. She and her group of ladies in "Marlow Poppies" have crocheted thousands of poppies, creating a magnificent display around All Saints' Church and Higginson Park railings during the Poppy Appeal period. She also produced poppies commemorating individual soldiers who fell in conflict. She and her team raised over £2,000 for the Poppy Appeal in Marlow.



Hugh Ashton-Moore and Barbara Murphy



Hugh Ashton-Moore and Paul Tyler



Hugh Ashton-Moore and Shaun Murphy



Hugh Ashton-Moore, Dr John Wilkinson and Shaun Murphy

Marlow Museum

Landmark Medieval Commemoration Day



Sunday, 28th November marked a historic occasion in the history of Marlow Museum - over a decade since its inauguration. The Marlow Museum Centre project took the bold step of taking its history to the people of Marlow as the customers of the Duke of Clarence pub in the High Street were treated to a day of medieval history and experiences. Several of the town's societies and institutions were represented and an opening ceremony was headed by Town Mayor, Cllr. Richard Scott, accompanied by the Mayoress, Mrs. Linda Scott.

28th November, 1499 was the date when Edward Plantagenet, 17th Earl of Warwick, was executed, privately, at the Tower of London. His head and body were taken to Bisham Abbey and buried in the grounds. With the Dissolution of the Monasteries, under Henry VIII's orders, much of the Abbey was destroyed. The exact location of Edward's remains is rumoured to be beneath where the tennis courts are situated today. Edward's father, George Plantagenet, 1st Duke of Clarence, was reputed by Shakespeare to have met his end in a butt of Malmsey wine in the Bowyer Tower on 18th February 1478. This scenario is depicted in three large-framed prints displayed at the rear of the Duke of Clarence pub.

The Medieval Commemoration Day proved to be a notable success with visits from several members of the key societies in the town, along with tourists from as far afield as Chile, Turkey, the Czech Republic, Lebanon and Japan. Much interest focused around the displays by MotherFibre's Leah Barnes' ecological clothing, Ann Hilton's demonstration of hand loom weaving and Gareth Griffiths in his impressive re-enactment knight's uniform alongside promotions by Dementia Action for Marlow and Mary Does Marlow. All this, along with music recordings from medieval singers and musicians, made for an enjoyable day and introduced the work of the museum to a whole new audience with encouraging merchandise sales.

The commemoration would not have been possible without the diligent cooperation of the pub Events Manager, Amy Pyle and General Manager, Emily Davies. The overall feeling amongst those in attendance was that it deserves to become an annual event.

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Santa's Fun Run 2021

Charities and good causes to receive around £47,000



The 2021 Marlow Santa's Fun Run, which took place on Sunday, 5th December, yet again succeeded in attracting the generosity of huge numbers of entrants and supporters. The organisers (the Rotary Clubs of Marlow) have just announced that the event will enable over £47,000 to be distributed to a wide selection of charities and good causes.

Much of the money is already on its way to the charities concerned. As an example, the 2021 lead charities (Thames Valley Air Ambulance (TVAA) and Young Minds) will share nearly £7,000 from entry fees. In addition TVAA raised a four-figure sum as a team of supporters entered the run and secured additional sponsorship.

Also, and for the first time, the organisers introduced a special £5000 "Charity Pool", made possible by the generous support of the Shanly Foundation, Blaser Mills Law, Heart of Bucks Foundation and Community Impact Bucks. The money has now been shared by 11 charities where teams of supporters entered and met the award criteria.

Together with their own team sponsorship efforts, these charities have collectively received in excess of £22,000 as a result of the event. (The charities benefiting were Macmillan Cancer Support, Vales House Dementia Care, War Child, Thames Valley Air Ambulance, Marlow Opportunity Playgroup, Bookmark, MS Society, Lighthouse Central, 11th High Wycombe Scouts, and the Heart of Bucks Foundation).

A number of heart-warming stories lie behind these fantastic efforts:

Florence Cox, (aged 8), and her dad entered the Fun Run because she wanted to raise money for a good cause. Florence chose War Child - which seeks to help children experiencing the horrors of being trapped in war-torn countries. With the support of friends, family and local residents, Florence herself raised more than £1,200. The Fun Run Charity Pool was able to top this up by around £500 to nearly £1,700. James Cox, Florence's dad, said: "This is a fantastic event for both families and charities. Florence wanted to enter and help others - and we are so proud of what she achieved. We had great fun at the same time as managing to do



Florence and her dad

something for those a little less fortunate than ourselves."

Rebecca Hatch organised teams raising funds for the High Wycombe 11th Scout Group. The teams raised over £1,500, which the Fun Run Charity Pool was able to top up to around £2,000. Rebecca said: "Covid-19 has limited what we can do to raise funds for the Scout Group - so this was a fantastic opportunity. We are delighted to have raised so much - and of course the teams had great fun doing it. The idea of the Charity Pool really made a difference and to receive the extra money was a bonus. The Scout Group can do a lot with £2,000!"



11th High Wycombe Scout Group Team

In addition to the funds so far allocated, the Rotary Clubs of Marlow expect to distribute almost £18,000 more of the Santa's Fun Run proceeds to local good causes over the coming months.

John Prout, Chair of the Marlow Santa's Fun Run Organising Committee, said "We are absolutely delighted with the amount of money raised - and yet again the event has been a huge success. Every year we try to add a new element, and in 2021 the creation of the £5,000 Charity Pool really made a big difference. Every year this event should register locally as a key opportunity for charities and their supporters to raise additional funds. We will try very hard to make the 2022 Run just as much fun, and in particular will seek to make the Charity Pool even more attractive. The local Rotary Clubs are pretty good at raising money - our task now is to transfer this money to the deserving charities who are the real experts in their field."

The date for the 2022 event is confirmed as Sunday, 4th December, and the website for entries will open on 1st September 2022. John added: "The event is now a key part of the local calendar, and really does seem to retain its appeal despite all that Covid can throw at it. Again a big thanks to all concerned."

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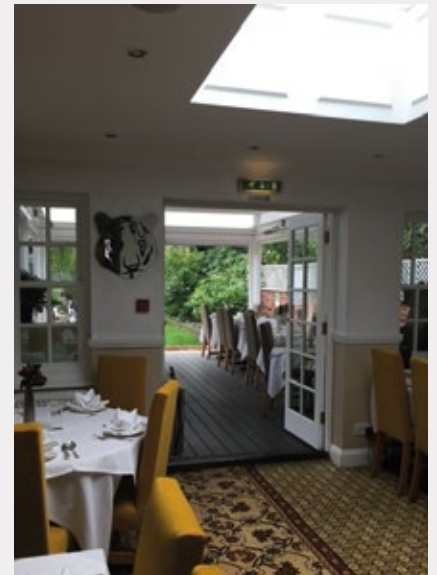
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