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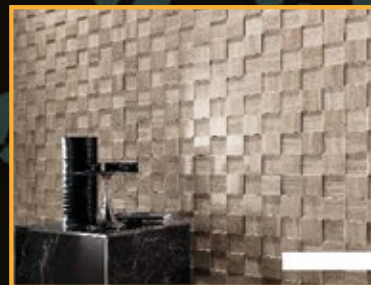
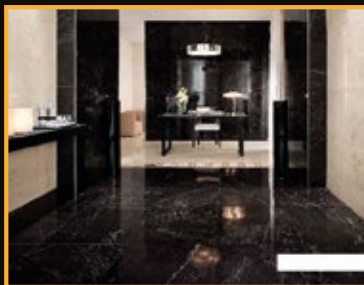
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Mayor's Message

Autumn welcome



Welcome to this latest edition of the Marlovian. A fantastic summer has really highlighted what a wonderful town Marlow is. For the most part, the weather has been glorious and this has enabled residents and visitors to enjoy what Marlow has to offer with its endless events and activities.

My mayoral year started mid-May and since then I have attended over 30 civic events and activities representing your town. The first event was the Civic Service, which was held on Sunday, 9th June. This was attended by many town organisations and civic dignitaries and recognises the contribution that everyone makes to our community. It was also an opportunity for all who attended to re-dedicate themselves to service in the community.

The town has seen a succession of events taking place, which add to its vibrancy – these include a French market, Marlow May Fayre, Pub in the Park, Town Regatta & Festival, Love Marlow, Marlow Arts & Crafts exhibition, regular Farmers' Markets and numerous school fetes; and on 21st September, the Marlow Carnival and street parade takes place. So, a big 'thank you' from the Town Council to all who participate in these community activities and contribute to their success.

Many of these events rely on volunteers but there are organisations and charities in the town that urgently require volunteers to continue their valuable community work. If there is a particular area in which you would like to help, further details of most organisations can be obtained from the Town Council, Marlow Community Association or myself, email rscott@marlow-tc.gov.uk.

Following the appointment of a Leader of the Council, Cllr Jocelyn Towns, the Council has been active in a variety of ways to enhance the town. In addition to our usual bunting and hanging flower baskets (now extended to

Wiltshire Road roundabout), we have, in conjunction with Bucks County Council, provided an informal crossing from Higginson Park across the Causeway; refurbished the Frohman statue on the Causeway; agreed to permanently light the war memorial; agreed a new bus shelter for Wiltshire Road and introduced security patrols to areas of anti-social behavior (further details elsewhere in the Marlovian). We want to tackle environmental issues that affect the town and have established a sub-group of Councillors and professional volunteers to address these issues. And finally, we are discussing the possible introduction of a 'Boris' bike scheme in conjunction with Globe Business Park.

It is usual for the Mayor to select a charity of his or her choosing to support during their year. This year, I have broken with that tradition and decided to continue to support the fundraising of last year's Mayor, Chris Funnell. You may recall that his project was to support Marlow's schools, teachers and helpers with the huge challenge caused by the increasing number of children and teenagers struggling with mental health issues. Chris laid the foundations for this work, but it is not a one-year issue. I shall be meeting with head teachers and other child professionals in our schools to focus appropriate help. Thanks to generous donations, I have already raised over £1,000. If you would like to donate to this initiative, please either contact jan@marlow-tc.gov.uk or make a direct contribution to the Town Mayor's charity account: sort code 30-95-36 acct no. 03635900.

On behalf of my fellow Councillors, we look forward to meeting you over the coming months, listening to your ideas and seeing Marlovians continuing to support the community in which they live.

Cllr Richard Scott
Marlow Town Mayor



Town Council News

Autumn 2019

New crossing at the Causeway

Marlow Town Council's popular initiative to provide a safe crossing for pedestrians at The Causeway has finally been completed with the addition of dropped kerbs on either side of the road.

Marlow's Mayor, Richard Scott, welcomed the news. "I'm delighted that the crossing on The Causeway is finished," he said. "The refuge islands and dropped kerbs improve the safety of people crossing the road at this busy junction. Safety is our first priority and we need to ensure that everyone, particularly the disabled, children and the elderly, has a safe way of crossing the road to get to the park."

The scheme, which was the initiative of Marlow Town Council, was a joint match-funded scheme with the Local Area Forum.



Security night patrols now launched

Officers have been working with 4Front Security Services and have developed a scheme to combat anti-social behaviour in the two MTC-owned green spaces in the town, Seymour Park Recreation Ground and Gossmore Park. The Council approved this scheme at their July meeting.

The bespoke initiative, created in conjunction with 4Front Security, will be one of the first of its kind to use a private company of licensed operatives with the authority to protect a town's recreational areas.

Calling upon experience in the close protection industry, 4Front Security worked with Marlow Town Council during the recent occupation of Seymour Park Recreation Ground by travellers. Following this incident, the company conducted research into using security patrols overnight there and at Gossmore Recreation Ground. There have been significant reports of antisocial behaviour at both of these sites, which the police are aware of.

The Councillors have agreed a pilot scheme for a period of one year. A highly trained mobile patrol Security Officer will visit both sites twice every night of the year. The patrols will be highly visible and the officers will not only be a visible deterrent to crime, but will also move people on that are committing antisocial behaviour on the site. The operatives will share all intelligence with the police and gather additional surveillance material.



New look for Wiltshire Road roundabout

The roundabout at Wiltshire Road has had a colourful facelift. The two-phase scheme of planters on the roundabout has now been completed, with the addition of hanging baskets on the light columns at the centre of the roundabout and on adjacent roads.

"The planting is a riot of colour and has cheered up the much-neglected roundabout," Hilary Martin, Town Clerk, said. "It helps the entrance to the town to look well-tended and welcoming."

The project has used Community Infrastructure Levy funds to pay for the scheme.



How the planning system has changed

National Planning Advisor Andrew Towler explains recent changes in planning rules.

Planning Practice Guidance

The Government has published revisions to its Planning Policy Guidance. Planning Policy Guidance sets out in more detail the Government's expectations and aspirations in respect of the national planning system.

Changes to Permitted Development rights

Permitted Development (PD) rights are a national grant of planning permission which allows certain building works and changes of use to be carried out without having to make a planning application. The Government has announced that it intends to implement measures that will enable:

- The temporary permitted development right allowing larger single storey rear extensions to homes to go ahead without a planning application (expired in May this year) will be made permanent. The PD right was introduced in 2013 and lets homeowners double the size of domestic rear extensions without planning permission — from the maximum four metres depth previously allowed to eight metres for detached houses and from three metres to six metres for any other type of house.
- A wide range of town centre uses such as shops, financial and professional services and hot food takeaways will be able to convert to offices as part of the Government's plans to "support the high street." The right would also allow takeaways to change to C3 residential use.
- Certain existing buildings in commercial and residential use to be extended upwards to deliver additional homes.

Best Kept Village results

The winner of The Michaelis Cup (small towns) is Winslow, and we are delighted to report that Marlow will be receiving a Certificate of Merit. It was a close competition, with just a few points between participants.

Bill Chapple, Chairman of the Best Kept Village Competition, said: "Our popular Best Kept Village Competition highlights the great community activity that goes on in our lovely Buckinghamshire villages and towns.

"It is a great way to recognise the contribution of many who give their time and effort to showcase and enhance their local environment.

"The Best Kept Village competition is not just for 'pretty' villages and towns – we want to see communities where

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everyone makes an effort to keep their surroundings well maintained.

"Judging is not just about the high streets but also the other areas in the village or town, emphasising all the community's contributions."

Comments made by the judges were very favourable and their summary is as follows:

Marlow is a very pleasant town, both scenically and socially. Community spirit is apparent in the way its environment is respected by its citizens. Very little litter around apart from cigarette ends as mentioned. (This was outside a public house).



Looking after the Town

Barry, Marlow Town Council's Amenities Officer and the Community Payback Team have been out and about again in Marlow. Below are some of the before and after photos of a couple of the areas they have restored to a clean and tidy condition.



As well as the weeding of the car park at Gossmore Recreation Ground, a large amount of rubbish was removed from the arches area of Gossmore.



A bicycle that has been attached to the cycle rack outside the library in Institute Road for over a year was removed by the Council. We will store the cycle and chain in our Chapel for the next five weeks and if not claimed, we will dispose of it.



Defibrillators

Here is a list of the defibrillators that are around Marlow together with a simple guide on how to use. If you need to use a defibrillator, phone **999** and you will be given the code to open the box. The machine when turned on, will talk you through what to do.

Marlow Medical Doctors, The Doctors's House, Victoria Road – **01628 484666**

Higginson Park, near the Resolute Café on the wall outside the public toilets, nearest park entrance is the corner of Pound Lane and Marlow High Street

Court Garden Sports Complex, Pound Lane

Institute Road near to the Marlow Post Office. The sign is on the wall just past the post office at the entrance to the alley. The defibrillator is on the wall in the alley on the left hand side

Corner of Seymour Park Road and Oak Tree Road in the telephone box.

Corner of Lock Road and Station Road in the telephone box by the Marlow Donkey.

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Queen's Gift

Chairman arranges surprise to congratulate Lord Lieutenant



County Council Chairman, Brian Roberts arranged a special surprise to honour HM Lord Lieutenant of Buckinghamshire, Sir Henry Aubrey-Fletcher, at a Full Council meeting on 25th July.

Last month Sir Henry was awarded the prestigious honour, Knight Commander of the Royal Victorian Order. The award, which is personally granted by Her Majesty The Queen, recognises the hard work and commitment Sir Henry has made over the years in serving as The Queen's representative in Buckinghamshire and the South East region. The order of chivalry was first established in 1889 by Queen Victoria. It is often referred to as the Queen's Gift because it comes directly from the monarch.

Addressing the audience at the meeting, Brian acknowledged Sir Henry's achievement and congratulated him before a group of local cadets entered the Council Chamber carrying a magnum of champagne to present to Sir Henry.

Speaking afterwards Brian said: "On behalf of the County Council I wanted to do something special to congratulate Sir Henry. This is a huge honour and one that he truly deserves. In his time as Lord Lieutenant of Buckinghamshire, Sir Henry has worked tirelessly in representing HM The Queen at all manner of events and occasions. To have been personally bestowed with this honour by The Queen herself speaks volumes and demonstrates the highest level of gratitude and appreciation for the service Sir Henry has given in his role as Lord Lieutenant of Buckinghamshire."

Sir Henry has served as the county's Lord Lieutenant for 14 years. His duties include arranging visits to the county by members of the royal family, presenting medals and awards on behalf of HM The Queen, participating in civic, voluntary and social activities and liaising with local units of the Royal Navy, Royal Marines, Army, Royal Air Force and associated cadet forces. Sir Henry will retire from his role in 18 months time when he reaches the age of 75.

Photo (left to right): Cadet Madeline Smith of No 1365 (Aylesbury) Sqn Air Training Corps; Cadet Warrant Officer Amy Tarrant of No 1811 (Marlow) Sqn Air Training Corps (HM LL ATC Cadet); HM Lord Lieutenant of Buckinghamshire, Sir Henry-Fletcher; Chairman of Buckinghamshire County Council, Brian Roberts; and Cadet Sergeant Sebastian Smith of No 1365 (Aylesbury) Sqn Air Training Corps





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#sustainablemarlow

Town Council launches its biggest environmental initiative



The Council aims to turn Marlow into an environmental exemplar town which makes a leading contribution to solving global environmental challenges...

Marlow Town Council has always acted to protect the local environment. It took its efforts to a new level by launching #sustainablemarlow. Under the initiative the Council aims to turn Marlow into an environmental exemplar town which makes a leading contribution to solving global environmental challenges such as climate change.

The #sustainablemarlow initiative is led by the Council's new Leader, Jocelyn Towns. Jocelyn is supported by members of the Council's planning and environment committee, plus an advisory panel including Marlow-based environmental professionals, Phil Irving and Nick Rowcliffe.

Under #sustainablemarlow the Council has updated its own environmental policy and created a new sustainability vision statement. The environmental policy commits the Council to full compliance with all legislation and to achieving continual improvement in its own environmental performance. The vision sets out the Council's broader objectives for the whole of Marlow.

Key to the vision is the Council's recognition that it has only limited potential to solve problems alone. It must instead work to mobilise and inspire environmental progress from a whole range of stakeholders, including higher tiers of government, local businesses, local environmental groups and Marlow residents.

Specifically, the vision commits the council to achieving progress in three distinct ways:

Acting on environmental issues it can control

Communicating with residents and local businesses to raise awareness and spread understanding of environmental issues

Engaging with external government and business stakeholders to influence their decisions towards environmental sustainability

The Council realises that a positive vision is not enough: concrete actions are needed as well. Working with its new environmental advisory group, the Council is putting together a series of practical projects. It will be consulting the local community further on all of these over the coming months. Initial #sustainablemarlow projects:

- **Marlow environmental performance index.** The Council is aiming to compile and publish the most detailed picture of environmental performance of any small town in the UK. The index will also show how performance is changing over time and enable the Council to set targets. Indicators will include the average CO2-rating of cars registered in Marlow, water consumed and waste generated per person and energy consumed by Marlow's street lights.
- **Marlow eco-schools initiative.** The Council is working with all Marlow schools to identify and share good environmental practice and encourage positive initiatives. These could include waste recycling, walking to school and more.
- **Marlow eco-business initiative.** Marlow's businesses are an important part of the town. The Council is working with Globe Business Park, Marlow Chamber of Commerce, and with individual businesses to develop environmental initiatives and share best practice. Actions include working with Business Improvement District (BidCo) to introduce hire bikes on Globe Business Park.

- **Tackling air pollution.** Marlow town centre is an Air Quality Management Area (AQMA) because of dangerously high levels of nitrogen dioxide (NO₂) pollution from traffic. The council is taking all practical actions to reduce NO₂, including raising driver awareness, encouraging smoother driving and discouraging engine-idling when stopped.



- **Encouraging cycling and walking.** The Council is expanding its efforts to support cycling in and around Marlow, including more bicycle storage, a possible bike hire scheme and looking at improved safe routes for cycling between Marlow and nearby towns. It is also reviewing opportunities for walkers in the beautiful countryside around Marlow.



- **Eliminating single-use plastic bottles.** The Council is taking actions to help town centre users to avoid single-use plastic bottles. These include encouraging local restaurants and cafes to offer free tap water refills through the national Refill scheme. The Council has also signed up to the Plastic Free Communities initiative.



- **Encouraging electric vehicles.** The number of electric vehicles needs to grow massively if the UK is to meet its new net-zero carbon target. The Council wants Marlow to play its part and will encourage greater provision of on-street charging points (we currently have 11) and faster take-up of electric vehicles.



- **Increasing trees in and around Marlow.** Trees improve the urban landscape, provide more space for wildlife and absorb carbon. The Council is acting to increase the number of street trees in Marlow and hedgerow trees in the countryside around the town.
- **Encouraging food sharing.** The council is encouraging greater food sharing in Marlow via the free Olio app. Actions will include signposting at Marlow's two allotments and publicising Olio to Marlow residents.

To give feedback or contribute/get involved/take part, please contact us on **sustainablemarlow@gmail.com**

Refill Marlow

Marlow refilling for the environment



Marlow Town Council's new vision for making Marlow an environmental exemplar town (see p12-13) is already taking shape with the launch in August of a project to reduce consumption of disposable plastic bottles.

Marlow is introducing a tap water refill scheme under the aegis of the national Refill Campaign. Under the project, the town's cafés, bars, restaurants, banks and other businesses are being encouraged to offer free water refills to all.

Participating businesses will display window stickers to alert passers-by that they are welcome to ask for free water refills. Refill stickers are already going up in outlets both in and around Marlow and the Town Council is gratified by the support being shown.

Every participating business is also listed on the Refill Campaign's online app. Anyone can download this for free and then find the nearest water refill station to them on their mobile phone.

Not-for-profit organisation City-to-See launched the Refill Campaign in 2015. It is estimated that across the UK the scheme will cut plastic bottle use by tens of millions each year.

Jocelyn Towns, Leader of Marlow Town Council and Chair of the Council's Environmental Advisory Group, said: "We know lots of businesses already offer this simple service, but customers often feel embarrassed or cheeky for asking. Refill Marlow is encouraging more people to take one small step away from relying on single-use plastic bottles".



Phil Irving, a Marlow-based environmental professional, is the Council's local 'Refill Marlow Champion'. He explained why businesses and their customers should get involved: "Plastics, including single-use plastic bottles, are now the most frequently found type of litter on UK beaches and you don't have to look far to find them littering our towns and green spaces too."

Phil added: "Refill Marlow gives us all the opportunity to help make this type of litter a thing of the past, at the same time as saving money. It's good business sense as well, as customers view businesses that provide free water refills more favourably and are more likely to return to them."

You can find out more about Refill Marlow by emailing **refillmarlow@gmail.com**. Find out more about national Refill Campaign at **www.refill.org.uk** and download the app to your phone.





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Golf Goes Green

New state-of-the-art greenkeeping facility opens at Harleyford Golf Club

On Monday, 5th August 2019, Harleyford Golf Club's newly constructed and equipped greenkeeping facility was officially opened by Cllr Richard Scott, the Mayor of Marlow.

Members of the Club were invited to attend the official opening with a full evening of events and refreshments, including guided tours offering a detailed insight into the operation and management of the course and the equipment involved.

The new facility was designed to be both efficient and environmentally friendly. Water from the wash-down bays is recycled and reused, modern lighting reduces energy consumption, compost sites encourage green recycling and the introduction of "bug hotels" encourages pollinating insects.

Harleyford Golf Club has invested over £300,000 in new Toro machinery, which was on display at the open evening. This new fleet will ensure that the course is maintained to the highest standard and worthy of its placement in the "Top 10 Golf Courses in Buckinghamshire" and its five-star reviews on all the top review sites including Trip Advisor, Golf Now, Teeoff Times & Golf Advisor.



The new facility was designed to be both efficient and environmentally friendly.

The Club is hosting the PGA Europro Tour and the "Tyrrell Hatton Junior Masters." Dates for these events are already in the diary for 2020.

Harleyford is the home club of Touring Professional Tyrrell Hatton. Currently placed in the top 40 of the World rankings, Tyrrell has been a member of the club since the age of nine and last year played in the winning Ryder Cup team at Le Golf National in Paris. He regularly visits the Club and discusses his ideas with the Greenkeeping team before hosting his annual event at the Club.

The Donald Steel-designed course is set among magnificent surroundings on a private estate by the River Thames in Marlow. Beautifully crafted in a natural downland setting, the 6,903 yards, par 72 course is both challenging and rewarding to players of all levels.



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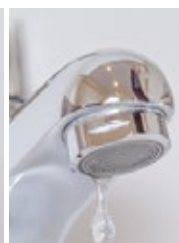
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Unauthorised Encampments

Information for residents from Bucks County Council and Thames Valley Police



What is an unauthorised encampment?

An unauthorised encampment is a group of people with vehicles who are entering and staying on land without the landowner's consent.

Is it a crime?

No. Unauthorised camping is not a criminal offence, but trespass is a civil offence. Landowners and local authorities have the right to repossess their property using the law. Entering land without the landowner's permission is trespass.

Do I report this to the police?

Unauthorised encampments are not a crime. If the unauthorised encampment is on Council land you should report it to the Council. If you have experienced antisocial behaviour or if you think a crime has been committed, inform the Police by calling 101.

What will the Council do?

Our officers will find out who the land belongs to. If the land is owned by the Council, we will:

- Visit the site to assess what is going on and do welfare checks
- Signpost the group to services they need such as housing advice

- Tell the group they are trespassing and must vacate the site.
- Tell the group we will take legal action to remove them if they do not leave voluntarily.

If the land is privately owned:

- It is the landowner's responsibility to take the necessary action to evict the group
 - The landowner can try to agree a leaving date with the group
- or**
- Take proceedings in the County Court under the Civil Procedure Rules 1998 to obtain a Court Order for eviction.

How long will it take?

We cannot give a specific time scale for this process. Our experience is that it can take up to 28 days. It can be longer if welfare concerns are identified.

Why can it take so long?

The Council has to follow a civil legal process. This involves:

- Proving ownership of the land
- Getting details of the encampment
- Assessing the effect on the local area
- Serving notices and summonses

- Court appearances. These rely on when the local Magistrates Court is able to hear the case.

The Council must comply with the Human Rights Act 1998. For groups living in an unauthorised encampment, we must:

- Show that the group is on the land without consent
- Make enquiries about general health, welfare and children's education
- Provide the encampment with the ability to dispose of their waste
- Issue the group with a 'Code of Conduct' sheet.

All races, including Gypsies and Irish Travellers, are legally protected from discrimination – and must be able to access mainstream Council services.

What the Council is doing to prevent unauthorised encampment

The Local Authority have taken measures to protect a number of open spaces by installing railing, fencing and bollards.

For more information about unauthorised encampments and how we work, or to report an unauthorised encampment go to www.buckscc.gov.uk/reportue

Police responsibilities

The role of the police is to keep the peace and prevent crime.

The police may use powers under Section 61 of the Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994 to remove trespassers if certain criteria in law are met and only if there is:

- A significant impact to the local community or other users of the land
- An impact upon the land
- A significant increase in local crime directly attributable to the encampment
- A risk to life

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Spirit of Youth

The Frohman Statue on The Causeway has a refresh



Cliveden Conservation have completed the restoration of The Causeway statue. The statue sited on The Causeway is in memory of Charles Frohman, 1856 – 1915, who died in the sinking of the Lusitania.

Charles Frohman was a world-famous Theatre Producer of amongst other works, Peter Pan. Frohman often visited and had great affection for Marlow. The statue depicts a nymph which symbolises the spirit of youth.

Cliveden Conservation have been instructed to carry out restoration of the statue including the re-carving of the inscription which had worn away in several places. The work is now complete.





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Blue Badge Holders Beware

Council sees red as scammers target blue badges



Blue badge holders are reminded to be on their guard following a spate of approaches by fake enforcement officers, says Buckinghamshire County Council (BCC).

The warning follows reports on social media of several incidents in the Chesham and Amersham areas where drivers have been asked to either handover their blue badge or had it confiscated. All current reports are believed to be scams by unscrupulous criminals who are intent on obtaining blue badges, potentially for illegal use. The council has already informed Thames Valley Police of the incidents.

BCC Deputy Cabinet Member for Resources, Ralph Bagge, said that official enforcement officers do carry out checks across the County to prevent blue badge misuse, however they would always provide proper identification and make official notes of any action taken.

"These reports are clearly the act of scammers and I would ask everyone who regularly uses their blue badge to be extra vigilant. If you have the slightest doubt, please ask for proper identification from the person who approaches you. Our officers also make a log of any action taken and they will ask you to countersign the paperwork.

"If in any doubt, you can also ring us there and then on **01296 382902** to double-check any enforcement officer's credentials. They will not mind you doing this in the slightest."

Ralph added: "We do carry out regular checks to protect genuine blue badge holders and since the start of the year we have been prosecuting those who have been fraudulently using badges. Not only is this type of abuse abhorrent, it may also prevent a genuine user being able to park."

For anyone who may have lost a blue badge in this way, please contact the Blue Badge team immediately on **01296 382902** or email **bbt@buckscc.gov.uk**. You should also report the loss to Thames Valley Police using the non-emergency 101 number.

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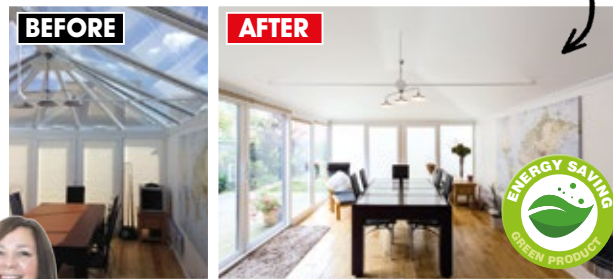


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Marlow Lighthouse

Activity week takes children on a Biblical journey



Early August saw Holy Trinity School host Marlow Lighthouse for the 15th year. Young people who started off as small children in the Lighthouse crèche or in the youngest age groups, this year took leading roles in the main-stage drama team, the techies team and as lighthouse keepers.

At Lighthouse children enjoy a range of activities including worship, learning about Biblical events, sport, drama, craft, and the ever-popular messy games - with losers ending up in the gunge tank. Everything links back to the theme of the week which this year was all about going on a journey to spread the Christian message and to carry on the good works that Jesus started. The journey we took was on HMS Lighthouse the sailing of which was initially delayed, reminding us to be patient, and later in the week we became shipwrecked because a grumpy lighthouse keeper was not shining his light to warn us of the rocks ahead.

New for Lighthouse Marlow this year was a drop-in parent and toddler group called Little Lighthouse. This ran every morning and was very successful, attracting up to 50 children (with their parents, grandparents or childminders) each day. All were able to get a taste of what Lighthouse was like whilst playing, listening to stories, taking part

in craft activities and learning some of the Lighthouse songs.

All our helpers are volunteers from the local community, many attend Marlow churches. This year we had nearly 300 helpers, just over 100 of whom were aged 12-17. We had applications from over 600 children, and we were able to take 480 children for all or part of the week.

Following financial challenges over the last few years we are pleased to acknowledge increased financial and in-kind support from the local community. We were awarded a grant from Marlow Town Council and received support from local companies Open Health, Deltascheme, Marlow Party Planners, Chives, Synergy Technical Solutions, Symrise, Globe Park Print Store and Sainsburys. We would also like to thank Holy Trinity School who allow us to use their site each year. We would welcome opportunities to meet with other local companies to investigate whether they might be able to support us in some way.

Looking forward to Lighthouse 2020!

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Community Cop Cards

Local primary schools compete in sticker-collecting scheme



The scheme was rolled out in April 2019 to the 440 pupils from 14 participating primary schools in Marlow and the surrounding rural areas. After a lot of hard work, the scheme finished in July 2019 with all pupils eagerly hoping they had won.

Community Cop Cards was created by Thames Valley Police and Wycombe District Council, working in partnership. The scheme focuses on group effort, as classes compete against each other to win the prize.

Children can collect up to 24 stickers by completing various activities such as engaging with their local community, learning about personal safety and the safety of others, and building a positive relationship with their local Neighbourhood Policing Teams. They had educational workshops delivered by Thames Valley Police, NSPCC, Bucks County Council, Bucks and Milton Keynes Fire & Rescue, MoneySense, Dementia Friends and St John's Ambulance.

Participating schools were:

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Year 6 pupils from Radnage C of E School were the winners of Community Cop Cards 2019. They thoroughly enjoyed their prize which was a visit to LEGOLAND, Windsor. The work they produced was outstanding; they even designed new stickers for the scheme!

The scheme was funded by Thames Valley Police, Wycombe District Council, local Councils and businesses.

For more information on the scheme, visit www.wycombe.gov.uk/pages/Community/Community-safety/Community-cop-cards.aspx

The scheme is in its third year. It has been a huge success and enjoyed by all, and we are looking forward to the Community Card scheme 2020.



Marlow Library

Plenty of events for all in autumn

Marlow Library has had a very busy summer packed with reading and a wide variety of events for all age groups. We would like to thank all our volunteers and partners for their help in making the children's Space Chase Summer Reading Challenge, and the adult event programme, so successful.

Looking forward to the autumn, our Teen Reading Group recommences on Saturday mornings in September, after a summer break. If you have an interest in books and reading and are aged 11 or over, please drop in to join our friendly teens. Bounce and Rhyme also returns for the little ones on Friday mornings during term-time.

We are continuing to 'Take a Trip Down Memory Lane' with monthly reminiscence coffee mornings. If you would welcome the chance to revisit times past or just enjoy some convivial company, we look forward to meeting you. September will see the arrival of a pop-up bookshop. Coming up in October we have Libraries Week, Get Online Week, and Cards for Good Causes will become available, in plenty of time to purchase for Christmas.



Please call in to borrow a book or two and check the details for all our future events. These can also be found on the library website at www.buckscc.gov.uk/services/libraries/find-a-library/marlow

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Marlow Museum

Volunteers and fundraisers needed for expansion plans

Having successfully reached its 10th birthday in the Peacock Room at Court Garden thanks to the support of many people and organisations, the Marlow Museum looks forward to the next decade.

It would be good to find larger premises at a reasonable cost. While we know this could be difficult in Marlow, we plan to expand. To do this we aim to develop an active Outreach Programme encompassing schools, where we have already started; clubs and societies, who are welcome at opening times or by special arrangements; and care homes, where residents have recently enjoyed our displays and chats. We need funds and volunteers to achieve this; clearly there is a demand that we are happy to try to meet.

The Marlow Museum is a registered charity run entirely by volunteers. We have very good links with many other local societies and are pleased to share ideas and opportunities to serve the community. Why not join us with fundraising, research or cataloguing? Or you could become a 'Friend' of the museum and keep in touch with what goes on. Visit www.marlowmuseum.org or call in one day for a chat.



Have you seen our 'Story of Marlow' exhibition yet? It's free to enter the museum and we love to receive visitors from all points of the compass.

Opening times

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The Royal Swan Marker wore the scarlet uniform of Her Majesty the Queen and was accompanied by Swan Uppers from the Vintners' and Dyers' livery companies. Their task is to seek out new signets to check their health, inspect for any injuries and collect important data.

It has been reported that there has been an increase in the incidence of dog attacks on swans, leaving them with appalling injuries and the Swan Marker has asked all dog owners to keep their dogs under control when in the vicinity of swans and other wildlife.

The Mayor held a small reception for the Swan Uppers at the Two Brewers Pub in St Peter Street. The Town Council would like to thank Alex, the Manager, for hosting this event and carrying on the tradition of many years.

The following morning the Mayor attended the departure of the Swan Uppers for the next leg of the journey at the Compleat Angler Hotel. Children from local schools were treated to a close-up view of cygnets.

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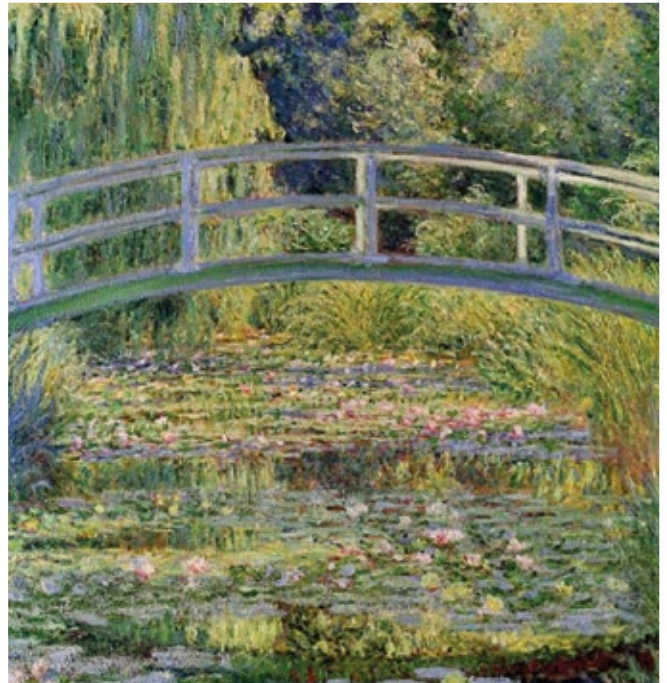
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This is the title of a talk to be given by Carole Petipher on Friday, 15th November in Liston Hall, 7.30pm for 8pm. Carole is a local experienced guide and accredited Arts Society lecturer on combined history and art in France, where she did much of her research from barges on French rivers.

She now uses Monet’s paintings alongside photos both old and contemporary to demonstrate how he created his own “Paradise on Earth”.

The talk is sponsored by Marlow Marly-le-Roi Town Twinning Association, www.marlowtowntwinning.co.uk. Carole presented a fascinating talk to us two years ago on the French Impressionists so we have invited her to return and inspire us again.

Tickets are £6 (to include a drink and nibbles) and are available from Marlow Library and Information Centre in Institute Road, or via email smith_spinfield@btinternet.com, telephone **01628 484156** or email alison@arr22.plus.com, telephone **01628 482520**.





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This year's festival takes place from 2nd to 10th November 2019 at the Shelley Theatre, Court Garden Leisure Complex. Entries opened on 1st August and already we have people signed up to take part.



Such is the popularity of this festival that entrants come from London, the Home Counties, Warwickshire and even Italy. Year on year, the same entrants return and we feel privileged to watch their confidence and technical ability blossom with the encouragement that a festival such as ours gives to each person.

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BUT...sadly this year could be our last if we don't get help very soon. We have had to work extremely hard this year, with committee members doubling up in other sections, in order to put on this festival. Last year we lost, without notice, a whole section of volunteers, which this festival is unable to sustain.

A few hours of your time is all we are asking for to help with the administration, box office and refreshments during the nine days of our festival in November. All of our volunteers have said what a rewarding experience becoming a helper at the festival has been.

Hearing the performances of the entrants has enriched their lives and the entrants, in turn, are always very appreciative of the helpers' support and contribution to the smooth running of the festival. Whatever time you can spare would be most welcome.

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