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Mayor's Message

Summer welcome

A sincere thank you to all those who have helped with many community initiatives during this difficult time

In the last edition of the Marlovian, I wrote about the exciting events in the town planned for this spring - how quickly things have changed! We are now faced with major challenges caused by the Covid-19 epidemic.

The Town Council has taken a number of actions to mitigate its effect on the town. Our office is closed to visitors, but all council services are operating as normal; the only change is that face-to-face meetings are currently suspended. You can contact us on **01628 484024** or via email at **office@marlow-tc.gov.uk** and all your local Councillors remain available for residents; their contact details are shown on the Town Council website.

We continue to keep all residents informed about changes in Government guidance, service information from Buckinghamshire Council and other bodies through regular updates on the Town Council Facebook page and the Town Council website – **www.marlowtc.gov.uk**

Not surprisingly, our civic events calendar has had to be changed. My Mayor's Charity Golf Day has been cancelled and will hopefully take place in spring 2021. Our Civic Service and the Celebrate Marlow event are both postponed until spring next year, but we are considering combining these two into a 'thank you' event to recognise the efforts of so many residents during the crisis.

Disappointingly, other events have either been postponed or cancelled – Marlow May Fayre, 75th anniversary of VE-Day, French market, Town Regatta, Marlow International Regatta, Pub in the Park and Love Marlow.

Let's hope that events planned for the autumn and the lead-up to Christmas can all go ahead as planned

On the good news front, the Marlow community spirit has really shone through and hundreds of volunteers have been helping vulnerable residents in many parts of the town. The Town Council, for its part, has become heavily involved with the Meals from Marlow initiative and Council Leader, Cllr Jocelyn Towns, Town Clerk Hilary Martin and myself are trustees of this scheme. From myself as Mayor and the Town Council, a sincere thank you to all those who have helped with many community initiatives during this difficult time.

Finally, please follow Government guidance about self-isolation, going out of your house and keeping your distance from others. This will reduce the chance of your contracting or spreading this world-wide virus, so that we can return to a normal, but I suspect somewhat different, world as soon as possible.

Please keep safe and I look forward to seeing you at events in the town later in the year.

Cllr Richard Scott
Marlow Town Mayor



Town Council News

Summer 2020



We hope that you, your families and friends are all keeping safe and well during this dreadful Covid-19 pandemic. We find ourselves in extraordinary times, but the Town Council is continuing to serve its residents. This edition of the Marlovian will be online only.

Here are some of the highlights:

Town Council

Under legislation, elections to the Town Council are postponed until May 2021. There is no requirement to hold a public annual general meeting in May, so we will not be doing so. Thus, all Councillor roles will continue as at present until May 2021.

Our civic service and Celebrate Marlow are also postponed until spring next year

The Council continues to operate with staff working remotely and if you need to contact them, please do so by telephone or email. All the normal services are still being provided and we have already held a number of meetings using Zoom. There were recent meetings of the Resources Committee and the Planning, Environment and Transportation Committee held on 12 May. A full Council meeting was held on 19 May. All these meetings are available for residents to view live, via Facebook. It is likely that this will be the way that we will conduct our meetings for the foreseeable future.

Unfortunately, we have had to close all children's playgrounds, but the cemetery has re-opened subject to strict conditions. Our allotments are open, subject to social distancing, and a number of vacant plots are being let to new tenants.

We are continuing to plan for Switch on and Shop and Carols on the Causeway, but they will be kept under regular review

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Photo: Switch on and Shop 2019

New Buckinghamshire Council

The new Buckinghamshire Council came into operation on 1 April after the old Shadow Authority, County Council and all District Councils ceased on 31 March. The Council's new website is **www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk**. Services previously provided by Wycombe District Council can be found under the heading Wycombe Area.

As with the Town Council, elections to the new council have been postponed until May 2021, but legislation has allowed for the administration of the council to be established. All current County and District Councillors are now Councillors of the new council. Marlow is covered by the existing county divisions, namely Marlow Town (town wards – north and west, south and part of south east) and Flackwell Heath, Little Marlow and Marlow South East (town ward – part of south east).



Photos (left to right): Cllr Suzanne Brown, Cllr Alex Collingwood, Cllr Neil Marshall, Cllr Richard Scott and Cllr Roger Wilson

Thus, our previous District Councillors, Suzanne Brown, Alex Collingwood, Neil Marshall, Richard Scott and Roger Wilson will all represent our town residents on Buckinghamshire Council.

A new cabinet under the leadership of Martin Tett was agreed at a cabinet meeting of Buckinghamshire Council on 30 April. There will be two deputy leaders and a larger than normal number of portfolio holders to address the transition to the new council and issues arising from Covid-19. Richard Scott remains as Chairman of the Council. Further details of roles in the new council can be found on its website.

All our local members become members of the South West Chilterns community board, which is designed to respond to local needs by working in partnership with residents, town and parish councils, community groups, police and healthcare organisations. Our community

board will enable councillors to make recommendations to Buckinghamshire Council on local issues, empower members and communities to influence service design and delivery and bring communities together with members and partners to find local solutions. Each community board will have a delegated budget with which to address agreed local priorities and issues. It should be noted that our community board covers a large geographical area from Hambleden to Wooburn Green and Marlow to Ibstone.

Bunting and hanging baskets

The bunting was in place in time for VE Day and the baskets are in place, these will be a 'cheerful' addition to the town in these unprecedented times.



Marlow bridge

We continue to work with the Royal Borough of Windsor & Maidenhead, seeking planning permission for lighting of the bridge. Buckinghamshire Council is also refurbishing the bridge structure and work will begin in the middle of May, with further work planned for the autumn. More news will be released as we have it.

Water refill station

A water refill station has been installed on The Causeway and we are waiting for Thames Water to connect it. They have given us a date of the 29th July, although it cannot come into public use until we are out of this pandemic.

Environment

The Sustainable Marlow team are continuing to meet on a regular basis. A press release was issued last week to announce the Council's Climate Change and Air Quality statements. These are both available on our website. We will soon be sharing actions that we are working on from these two initiatives. The #sustainablemarlow team is looking at how to build on the cycling and

walking momentum experienced recently and hopes the community will engage to continue this initiative after lockdown.

Christmas lights infrastructure

In March, the Town Council approved a new and extended Christmas Lights display, together with new electrical infrastructure. The infrastructure work is now underway and we look forward to seeing the new display fully illuminated for the busy Christmas period.

Tree Planting

We have had six new trees planted in Lock Road and a further five trees have been promised thanks to Richard Scott's Wycombe Council ward budget. More trees are planned by Re-Leaf Marlow for later in the year.

In the meantime we wish you and your families well for the coming months and hope that the present lockdown and other restrictions will slowly be lifted to allow an early return to what may be a new normality.



#sustainablemarlow

Update on the Town Council's environmental initiative



While putting all its immediate efforts into responding to the Coronavirus epidemic, the Town Council has also kept thinking about Marlow's long-term future, and especially about how our community can become more sustainable. This spring the Council adopted two important statements underlining its ambition for Marlow to become an environmental exemplar town.

Council pledges cleaner air by 2025

As previous editions of The Marlovian have reported, Marlow town centre has an air pollution problem. Levels of nitrogen dioxide (NO₂), mainly caused by road traffic, are above legal levels. This has forced Wycombe District Council (now part of the new Buckinghamshire Council) to issue an Air Quality Action Plan.

Marlow Town Council has stepped up by adopting its own Clean Air Plan, including an ambitious goal of bringing town centre NO₂ pollution levels back within the legal limit within five years.

Both for the current community and for future generations it is important that we start to tackle climate change by instituting deep decarbonisation

Council Leader Jocelyn Towns said: "Reducing NO₂ levels is a challenge in many urban centres around the UK, but we believe that protecting the health of Marlow residents, workers and visitors is vital and have therefore pledged to do all we can to bring down this form of pollution."

The Town Council has limited legal powers but will engage with decision makers, budget holders and the community to achieve changes in behaviour and technologies that will bring down NO₂ pollution, fully addressing this serious health concern.

The Clean Air Plan sets out the Council's intention to focus in particular on five different areas:

- Promotion of walking and cycling: active transport can replace the need for local car journeys. The Council will launch a conversation with residents

and businesses to understand the opportunities and barriers to more walking and cycling in Marlow, with the aim of making them safer, easier and more pleasant options.

- Reducing vehicle journeys in the town centre: the Council will encourage drivers to bypass the town centre where possible, look at possible Park & Stride facilities, promote use of local bus services and consider relaunching a Car-Free Fridays initiative.
- Encouraging eco-driving: the Council has already launched a banner that is displayed when possible over Spittal St, advising drivers to keep speeds down and to drive smoothly. It also backs efforts to get drivers to switch off engines when stopped.
- Making the vehicle fleet cleaner: the Council will encourage local residents and businesses to choose low-NO_x vehicles, including electric and other ultra-low emission types. It will also support more electric vehicle charging points and retrofitting of local buses.
- Improving street ventilation: the Council will consider air pollution concerns in all planning applications that it comments on, and will look at possibilities of growing vegetation up walls to absorb pollution.

Taking a stand on climate change

The government's pledge to achieve net-zero greenhouse gas emissions across Britain by 2050 will require enormous changes at all levels of society. Keen to play its part, the Town Council has issued a statement associating itself with the goal and pledging to ensure rapid decarbonisation in Marlow.

The Council undertakes to consider climate change in all its decisions and to reduce its own operational emissions to net zero as quickly as possible. Steps it will now consider include switching to a 100% renewables electricity supplier and ensuring that the next Council van is an ultra-low emission vehicle.

But climate change requires an all-community effort, so the Council has also resolved to work with all stakeholders to build a broadly-supported vision for making Marlow a net-zero carbon town. A process to deliver on this pledge will be rolled out over the coming months.

Town Council leader Jocelyn Towns said: "Both for the current community and for future generations it is important that we start to tackle climate change by instituting deep decarbonisation. We want Marlow to be proud of the part it plays in this transition."

ASK NOT WHAT
YOUR PLANET CAN
DO FOR YOU 
ASK WHAT YOU CAN
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Walk This Way

Pavements to be made one-way to protect health after Covid



When advisory one-way system for pedestrians in Marlow's town centre is to start in days, according to Marlow Town Council. The temporary arrangement is designed to keep people safe as the Coronavirus lockdown starts to ease.

As retailers reopen and businesses resume work, more people can be expected to visit Marlow town centre, making it difficult to maintain social distancing in line with government advice.

After reviewing the options and consulting various groups, the Town Council has opted for a one-way system for pedestrians in the town centre as an interim step. The scheme will go live next week.

Jocelyn Towns, Leader of Marlow Town Council, commented: "We have been driven by twin desires to help Marlow town centre recover after Covid while also doing everything we can to protect public health. We feel it is vital to act quickly."

The pedestrian one-way system has the support of Buckinghamshire Council and Marlow's police and is being funded by Marlow Town Council.

Prominent signage around and within the one-way zone will inform pedestrians which direction they are requested to walk. These will include directional stickers on the pavements.

Jocelyn Towns added: "This is a voluntary scheme, but we are putting our faith in the people of Marlow and

visitors to respect it. The system should greatly reduce the risks of people being forced to get too close. In most parts of the zone it should also enable people to queue outside retailers while others pass by at a safe distance."

The Council is seeking to put in place additional measures to keep inconvenience to a minimum. For example, it has gained permission from Buckinghamshire Council to place pop-up bicycle platforms on two car parking bays in the town centre, and is researching the best bicycle platforms to be installed as soon as possible.

Jocelyn Towns added: "The Town Council sees the recovery from Covid as a great opportunity to 'build back better'. Our first measures will help the many people who have taken up cycling during the lockdown to continue as it eases. The Council will be coming forward with further sustainability measures later this year.

"This has been a difficult time for all of Marlow, and the difficulties are not over. The Council will be working with the whole community to ensure a safe recovery"



Marlow Collective

Webpage guiding locals on which businesses are still operating under lockdown



Marlow Collective helps the residents of the town navigate the bizarre COVID-19 landscape and support local businesses as safely as possible. Run by local brand and design agency fst, the Marlow Collective webpage acts a central point to help people understand which businesses are still operating and under what circumstances.

So many businesses having found ingenious ways of adapting to continue to serve the community

The website is categorised by different sectors, featuring a whole range of businesses from yoga to food shopping, hardware to virtual cosmetic dentistry.

The idea of Marlow Collective was born out of the fact that we are an independent business ourselves. We have experienced first-hand the pressures of COVID-19

– which brings new uncertainties every day. However, from this has come a wave of evolution from Marlow High Street, so many businesses having found ingenious ways of adapting to continue to serve the community.

We wanted to give this evolution a place to live and thrive, and a place for the residents of our small town to continue to support our community.

Marlow is, and has always been, fst's home. We love being part of this community and have done for over 25 years. We are proud of this town and we want to keep it safe.



Marlow Collective

www.themarlowcollective.com



Pen Pals

Children of Marlow provide cheer to the elderly



As with many families, parents have had to explain to their children about the Coronavirus and the lockdown. Children of one particular family in Marlow were concerned to learn that they would not be able to see their grandparents for a while and Charlie, aged 10, asked about the elderly people in Marlow and how were they going to manage.

He wrote a letter to the people who were having their meals delivered via Age Concern to cheer them up, and his sister Florence drew a Hope rainbow. They knew about Marlow Age Concern, as the family lives very close to the organisation's premises in Glade Road and Charlie had been there to entertain the guests with his school on previous occasions.

Charlie and Florence had not expected to hear back from anyone but were amazed when letters started arriving for them! The recipients of Charlie and Florence's letters were so appreciative that they told them about their families and their stories.

Suzanne Brown, Manager, Marlow Age Concern, who is delivering meals for Marlow along with other volunteers



Marlow Bucks
SL7 7EA
24th March 2020

Dear Neighbours

I hope you are still well and that you are washing your hands often so I'm writing because I want to check if you're ok because I know that there's a lot going on and lots to be worried about.

My sister and I are home schooling. I feel sorry for my parents. Unexpectedly there are germs going around and you don't need to panic because this will be over before you know it. So in the mean time just do what the minister tells you to do.

Hope all is well Charlie Rigg
PR



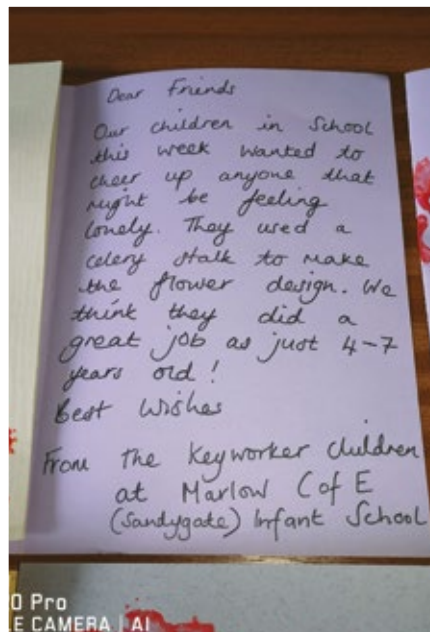
Photos (top, left to right): Charlie & Florence, letter they wrote and some replies

said: "I not only deliver meals and a little bit of cheer – I am now acting as postman as letters are passing backwards and forwards! The residents have told me how much they appreciated receiving the children's letters. Amazing."

The Town Council has learnt that Ollie and Violet from another family who heard about Charlie and Florence's

initiative, have also started writing letters and getting replies from their elderly pen pals.

Key workers' children, aged four, who attend Sandygate School, have made lovely cards to go out to the more vulnerable members of the community. They look amazing and will no doubt cheer up the recipients.



Photos (top, left to right): Charlie & Florence, letter they wrote and some replies

Short Story Competition

Winning stories announced



In April, Marlow Town Council launched its first ever short story competition. All the entries were judged by Marlow Mayor Richard Scott and Town Clerk Hilary Martin. The winning stories in each category are included in this edition.

Thank you to everyone who took part. It was wonderful to see such talent in Marlow!

Due to the current Covid-19 situation, this edition of the Marlovian will not be delivered door to door as usual but is published online. However, some hard copies will be printed and one will be sent to each of the winners.

Winner of the 8-15 category will be given an Amazon book token to purchase a book of their choice. The 16+ category winner will receive a signed book donated by local author Susanna Beard, who lives and works in Marlow. Susanna has written two psychological thrillers, *The Truth Waits* and *Dare to Remember*. For more details go to www.susannabeard.com

Thank you to everyone who took part. It was wonderful to see such talent in Marlow!

The two categories in the competition were:

Aged 8-15

250 words about how you are finding home learning or how you are coping with the change to your life during lockdown. Or you can choose to write a funny story, a fantasy story — or perhaps what you will be looking forward to doing most when life returns to normality.

Aged 16+

A fictional or non-fictional story of around 450 words. It could be about how you are coping with a different way of life at the moment, or something that takes our readers out of the lockdown into another less stressful world.

We are delighted to announce that the winners are:

Aged 8-15 category Amy Flower - "Marina"

Aged 16+ Sandra Gore – "The gift of time"



Marina

So let me tell you how Marina was raised. When she was a baby she was a cousin to Poseidon. Surprisingly, he was very upset to have a cousin and planned to kill her. He struck her with his treasured trident. Fortunately, before her parents mysteriously disappeared, they gave her the most magical jewels in lavish amounts encrusted in gold and silver that held enough magic to lift her out of the water onto land where Poseidon couldn't harm her any more.

As she grew up she became more and more attached to the water and longed to go in. Marina was beautiful. Just overwhelmingly beautiful. She had hair the colour of gold satin like the sunlight a streak of bluebell colour, eyes marine blue like the sea, seaweed wrapped over one leg to hide the scar Poseidon gave her (no one knew this), a starfish on her hair, pearl earrings with a matching pearl necklace, her very long hair plaited and tied with a scrunchie, a crop top faded blue at the bottom, a denim shirt with embroidery at the bottom and lots of jewellery on. She wore unique sandals that nobody could find in any shop. As time passed she spent more and more time on Cayman Island and doing something no one knew. No, she wasn't picking her nose, scratching her hair or itching her bum! She was performing magic. Mysteriously strange magic for a girl child. I mean surely they would want to take over the world, live life as a millionaire or make everyone like them. Oh no, not Marina.

People didn't know why she was so mysterious and didn't know what to think. Some people decided to ignore her; others bombarded her with questions. Regrettably, she always seemed to be in a different world.

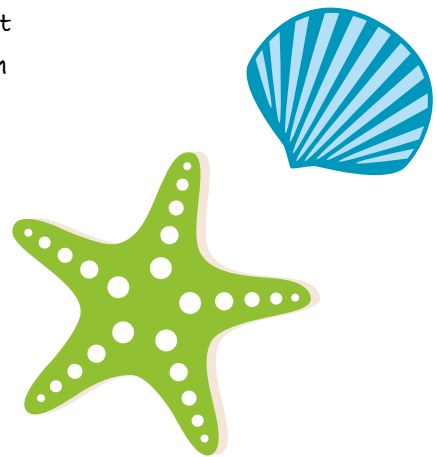
One day, on the first of March, at midnight, someone saw her running across the ocean water and diving in gracefully...

Inspired by Moana

Written by Amy Flower



I like imagining endings to stories and telling them to myself in my head. I'd like to make my own Marina collection of all the adventures she gets up to.



The Gift of Time

Spring 2020, April is unseasonably warm with sunny days and clear blue skies. The birdsong is both melodious and comforting, as they sit and sing in the newly green leafed trees. Roads are unusually silent, and apart from the occasional walker getting their daily hour's exercise there is no one to be seen.

Due to the pandemic lots of people unable to get out are finding many hobbies to distract from their newly found different lifestyle, gardening being top of many people's lists. There was an old saying "the answer lies in the soil" and this quote seems to be proving true in these uncertain times. Sowing seeds, eagerly watching their growth, then the satisfaction of planting them out, and finally getting a good harvest from them.

Sitting in the garden in these days of lockdown has given me time to reminisce. There are so many similarities to what Marlow is like today in comparison to my childhood. Born in Marlow in 1943 I have lived here all my life, so I can remember fondly how my hometown was; the roads were quiet, we were able to play happily and safely in the empty streets. We skipped, played hopscotch and living in Queens Road both the Rec and Hanging Hill (now known as Riley Park and Chiltern Road) were our main playgrounds, where we spent the days making camps and playing hide and seek. So much fun from the simple things in life.

Many gardens were small, allotments were popular, and families grew their own produce. I remember picking peas, shelling and eating them as we did so - dodging the odd maggot or two!

Walking was popular, being surrounded by beautiful countryside, there were so many different places to enjoy. Happy Valley was a favourite destination and walking down Quarry Wood Road and also up behind the Cardboard Castle climbing to the top of Winter Hill, and then once descended to the bottom again there was a small ferry which crossed you back over to the Bucks bank, this was always fun! The ferry being a small rowing boat!! A walk up to Marlow Common to the trenches was another regular stroll.

So much of the present situation is like those days. The skies were free from aircraft, we saw our neighbours daily for a chat over the fence. Life in general was at a slower pace. So before "normal" life as we knew it returns and hopefully it will not be too long, we should reflect on the positive things this awful pandemic has given us and continue to live in that vein. Sitting in the stillness and quietness that lockdown has created has given me the gift of time to reflect on my early days and how lucky I am to live in such a great community that Marlow is and always has been.

By Sandra Gore





ANNUAL PARISH REPORT 2020



Another interesting year!

It is twelve years since I was previously your Town Mayor and it is a great privilege and honour to have been your Mayor again for the last twelve months.

There have been considerable changes since 2008, none more so than one introduced this time last year. At the 2019 Annual General Meeting, we announced an additional senior role into the team of councillors, that of Leader of the Council. The role of the Mayor has traditionally been one of chairman of the Council, attending civic duties and being involved in the detailed running of the council. The new leader role was introduced to take on the non-civic duties and support a growing list of projects and initiatives at a time when council services are expanding. Some of these projects are detailed in the leader's report on the [next page].

Councillor Jocelyn Towns has taken on this new role, working alongside the Town Clerk and myself to ensure we continue to deliver our existing council services, whilst introducing new initiatives and services as efficiently and quickly as possible.

The town's traditional activities have taken place throughout the year and I was delighted to participate in or visit many of those. I was particularly honoured to have attended an investiture ceremony, at which one of our residents, Mrs Alison Rae, received the British Empire Medal for over 40 years of service to the disabled. Shortly after this, I took part in the opening ceremony for Pub in the Park, now an established event in the summer calendar.

With other councillors, I attended a short service for the anniversary of D-Day in June and in November, our annual Remembrance service, which as usual was very well attended by thousands of residents and other participants. Following this, together with the Mayoress Mrs Linda Scott and my Deputy Mayor Cllr Bob Johnson, I travelled to our twin town of Marly-le-Roi for their commemoration of 11 November.

Keeping on the military theme, I was pleased to recognise Armed Forces Day by attending flag-raising ceremonies in both Aylesbury and High Wycombe and also the Buckinghamshire Armed Forces Day event at Wycombe Air Park on one of the hottest days of the year. I also represented the town at both the Town Regatta and Festival and the Marlow International Regatta at Dorney Lake. Our community came together again in September at 'Celebrate Marlow' when we thank those who do so much for our town. In addition, I have attended concerts, plays, shop openings, the Santa Fun Run and many other activities that

demonstrate that Marlow is a vibrant community-orientated town.

Ross Kemp switched on our magnificent Christmas lights in late November, heralding the start of Christmas shopping and complementing the Chamber of Trade shopping evening in December. The service of carols around the Christmas tree on the Causeway was hit by atrocious weather, which cleared just in time for several hundred residents, including many young children, to enjoy this traditional evening.

Speaking of tradition, it is usual for the Mayor to select a charity to support during their year. Last year, Mayor Chris Funnell focused on raising funds to support mental health provision and initiatives in Marlow schools and amongst our young people. As this is a multi-year project, I agreed to adopt the same charitable cause, supporting the efforts of our teachers and school professionals. I am pleased to report that during March of this year, a need for funds was identified and a payment will be made shortly. Unfortunately, my major fundraising event, the Mayor's Golf Day, has had to be postponed until 2021 due to Covid-19, but if you would like to make a contribution to my charity, it would be gratefully received. Please make payments to The Mayor's Charity Account; Sort Code 30-95-36; A/C 03635900.

Marlow is a very community-orientated town, and I'd like to offer a big thank you to all residents for what you do to support it. My thanks also go all Town Councillors and to my Deputy, Cllr Bob Johnson, who has supported and stood in for me on a number of occasions. We would not function as a Council without the support of our officers, led by our Town Clerk, Hilary Martin – many thanks to them for running everything in the background.

I have very much enjoyed representing our town again, so it is a shame that my year has ended during a very difficult period. The arrival of the Covid-19 pandemic and its tragic consequences has shocked us all and brought difficulties and hardship to residents and the businesses within the town. I do hope that the present lockdown and other restrictions will now start to be slowly lifted to allow an early return to what may be a 'new normality'.

In the meantime, I wish you and your families well for the coming months.

Cllr Richard Scott

Town Mayor

RESOURCES

COMMITTEE

REPORT 2019/20



Cllr Bob Johnson

Deputy Mayor and Chairman Resources Committee

The Resources Committee is responsible for the effectiveness of the resources of the Town Council. It meets regularly during the year; residents are very welcome to attend its meetings.

The Committee aims to maximise the use of the Town Council element of the Council Tax and continues to provide excellent value for money in procuring and administering services for residents.

During the year ended 31st March 2020, and with the same level of Council Tax as the previous year, we have improved services, including:

- Increased use of Community Payback
- Better control of grass cutting
- Use of reserves for many new projects
- New contract for Christmas lights
- Received many donations for the Christmas lights
- Well-maintained allotments and cemetery
- Exceeded our budget on grants and donations to local worthy causes, (22 grant applications with a total of £7865 donated.)

Furthermore:

- The Council hosted the 'Celebrate Marlow Event' with invitations going to the vast numbers of community organisations and individuals who add immense value to the lives of residents in our town.
- We supported and maintained children's play areas and green spaces, keeping them in excellent condition.

- There has been further improvement in grounds maintenance.
- We have continued the maintenance of the resin bonded bases around the trees in the High Street
- We have continued the use of the Community Payback scheme with Thames Valley Probation Service. This enables the Council to use this service in areas such as path clearance to keep our town attractive.
- We have continued to provide half the cost of a Police Community Support Officer who is very active in the town on a daily basis. There has been good feedback on this service.
- We have continued to maintain the Town Cemetery to a high standard.
- The allotments are always in great demand and we continue to look for further small areas within the existing sites to address this demand.
- The Council achieved a very clean financial audit

The 2020/21 budget seeks to improve and continue support of all the above services and we are delighted to announce that we can do this again without an increase in your Marlow Town Council Tax for the third consecutive year. This has been achieved through the enhanced utilisation of available resources, continually reviewing procurement contractual agreements and extremely prudent management.

Your Council remains financially strong, with excellent levels of general and earmarked reserves, some of which are invested in longer-term investments. We review our reserves on an on-going basis and we will use all reserves appropriately to achieve our long-term objective of retaining and continually improving the attractiveness of our town.

➔ **With good levels of reserves, your Council remains financially strong**

PLANNING, ENVIRONMENT & TRANSPORT COMMITTEE

REPORT 2019/20

Chairman, Cllr Neil Marshall

Planning

Marlow Town Council is a statutory consultee to the local planning Buckinghamshire Authority. The Planning, Environment and Transport (PET) Committee meets every three weeks to review planning applications within the Marlow town boundary. The bulk of applications reviewed each year are for minor extensions or changes of use and we have a strong correlation with the Planning Authority findings.

The New Local Plan is in the final stages of approval without any major changes that affect Marlow. It maintains our Green Belt protection areas against developer threats. A couple of significant developments are currently under consideration, Regal House in Station Road and a new larger sports hall for Sir William Borlase's Grammar School.

Environment

This is becoming an area of great concern for Marlow as well as for the wider community. An Air Quality Management Area has been declared for the Chapel St, Spittal St, High St and West St areas of Marlow and we

are working with both the District and County Councils to consider actions to alleviate the issue.

The PET committee set up an advisory panel of Marlow residents with professional knowledge in environmental matters to help raise public and commercial awareness of the issues and possible actions to improve our environment.

Transport

We are always mindful of the challenge of parking availability in the town, largely brought about by the vibrancy of the town itself, but solutions that satisfy residents, shoppers and inward commuters (all of whom are essential to the viability of the town) prove to be very challenging. We are working with the new Buckinghamshire Council towards a post-Covid travel plan and with other community groups through a new Marlow Climate Action Group (Marlow CAN).

We successfully defended the principle of free on-street parking. Bucks Highways have recently improved the marking of parking bays and installed sensors to aid enforcement, allowing motorists to find vacant spaces via a mobile app.



➔ The Committee is looking forward to another busy and productive year

LEADER'S REPORT

Cllr Jocelyn Towns

This is my first report to you as Leader of the Council, a new role adopted at the last Annual Meeting of the Town Council in May last year. The role was introduced to take on non-civic duties, to help balance the workload of the Mayor for the benefit of the town and its residents.

Marlow Town Council remains committed to its Vision, revised this year to focus more fully on our environment. It now reads: "To make Marlow the most attractive, vibrant and environmentally sustainable riverside town in the Thames Valley." The policy and revised Vision Statement are available on our website.

With this renewed focus on the environment the PET Committee set up an Environment Group, known as #sustainablemarlow. This team, comprising Councillors and expert environmentalists, has achieved some key early deliverables.

Here are some of the highlights:

- 'Refill' was an initiative that helped reduce the use of single-use plastic. A water refill station will be opened on the Causeway in due course
- The Releaf project aims to increase tree planting in the town. Six trees have already been planted with a further five promised, and the team is developing a programme for the next planting season
- An Air Quality Management Area has been identified from Foxes Piece to Sir William Borlase's Grammar School on the A4155. A banner to alert drivers has been erected in Spittal Street, with added signage at the entrances to the town
- An Environmental Performance Index will record our progress over the coming years
- A further nine electric car-charging points have been introduced
- We have developed an Eco-Schools network; our first conference will take place after the lockdown has been lifted
- Details of One Can Trust and OLIO, the food sharing networks, have been added to our website
- Marlow Wombles have been working hard to keep the town clear of litter, and will resume after the lockdown
- The team recently launched its Climate Change and Air Quality statements, both available on the website

Other news from the town:

- We improved the gateway to Marlow by installing planting at the Wiltshire Road Roundabout, which was much appreciated by residents



- We introduced security measures to protect Higginson, Gossmore and Seymour Parks
- Westhorpe Interchange improvements are at the design stage
- We are working with RBWM to gain planning permission for lighting the bridge. We already have approval from Wycombe District Council
- We continue to work closely with Buckinghamshire Council on devolved services for Marlow
- We received funding from WDC's Economic Development and Housing Delivery Allocations fund for a number of named projects
- The Globe Business Park Business Improvement District has been granted a second term of five years; we will continue to work with them to ensure the success of the town
- We sponsored the Community Award at the Marlow FM Hidden Gems event at Danesfield Hotel last November
- The Town Council was delighted to be involved in the Meals from Marlow initiative developed by Tom Kerridge and Brand Events

So much of the above seems a lifetime ago as we endure the remainder of the COVID-19 lockdown. Recently, however, we have been able to re-open the cemetery, and the allotments remain open with social distancing rules in place.

We have been so impressed by what an amazing community this is. The support and help you are providing is fantastic and very much appreciated — thank you. We wish everyone well during these unprecedented times and a speedy recovery to better times.

Santas' Fun Run



Record number of funds raised by Rotary Clubs of Marlow event last year

On Sunday, 1st December 2019, a record 3000 runners and walkers joined the 15th Annual Rotary Clubs of Marlow Santas' Fun Run. In these extraordinary times the event now seems a light year ago, but the Rotary Clubs of Marlow can now reveal that the event enabled £46,919.61 to be distributed to good causes – a new record.

In fact, the true figure is certain to be well over £50,000 – we know that significant sums were also raised by some organisations arranging independent fundraising initiatives centred on the Run. The local Rotary Clubs believe this to be the biggest single charity fundraising event in the area.

A host of support organisations helped to create both the event and the financial outcome. We thank them all, and indeed the lead sponsors - the Shanly Foundation – have already committed to repeat their support for the 2020 event.

Over 40 organisations have benefitted from the 2019 run, and each of the lead charities (Wycombe Homeless Connection and Bucks Mind) shared well over £12,000. Among the many other organisations to benefit, 19 were nominated by runner teams – with organisations as diverse as the Wycombe Stroke Unit, Thames Valley Adventure Playground, and Lane End Youth and Community Association included.

The Rotary Clubs of Marlow themselves have been busy distributing funds. Among the beneficiaries are the

Horizon Sports Club, Marlow Opportunity Playgroup, One Can Trust, Thames Valley Air Ambulance, Young Carers, Bucks Headway, Rivertime Accessibility Trust, Shelterbox, Sepsis Trust - and many, many more. So, a big thank you to all runners and spectators for enabling these extraordinary funds to be distributed.

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So what about 2020? The event is scheduled to take place on Sunday, 6th December, and the lead charities have already been agreed as Bucks Carers and the Alexander Devine Children's Hospice. However, one cannot ignore the current emergency and various levels of restrictions may still be in place.

Santas' Fun Run Chair John Prout says: "In the current environment there are so many priorities - but continuing to raise money for hard-pressed charities has to be high on the list. We will stage some form of event on 6th December, come what may. Ideally, it will be a Fun Run of some scale - but of course we may have to adjust the approach as the situation develops."

"In a worst-case scenario it will be purely about community fundraising – but we have a number of ideas as to how we could retain community engagement, even in a virtual world. Hopefully the next eight months will see a gradual return to some degree of normality, and enable a physical event to be possible".



Photo: Santa Fun Run 2019



Phone A Friend

CoronaUnity launch a telephone service to combat loneliness



CoronaUnity, a student-led, non-profit organisation founded by ex-Borlasiens James Augustin, Aydin Hepsaydir and Jasmine Handford, has launched a Marlow Community PhoneAFriend telephone service to bring together the local community during this time of unprecedented separation. The telephone service has already been released across the UK but realising that there was a want for community-led action, CoronaUnity has adapted PhoneAFriend for use by communities with Marlow being the first.

More than 9 million people in the UK reported that they were always or often lonely before the Covid-19 pandemic according to figures published by the Red Cross, and unfortunately, this number is expected to rise due to the increased social isolation currently being experienced. It is clear that efforts to alleviate and prevent this effect are necessary now more than ever.

For this reason, CoronaUnity has established the PhoneAFriend telephone service to brighten the days of anyone in Marlow over the age of 18 hoping to enjoy a friendly conversation with an available volunteer. This is not a helpline or check-up service, but rather something



that can be used by anyone who would benefit from connecting with another person. Up to one call, every day can be requested from PhoneAFriend and it is hoped that access to calls as regularly as desired will provide short-term and long-term benefits to people who use the service.

Already PhoneAFriend has made a positive impact, with one call requester commenting, "The caller was friendly and empathetic and really lifted my spirits" and another saying, 'My caller was very pleasant and got the tone of the conversation exactly correct. I would recommend this PhoneAFriend service to anyone that is experiencing a feeling of isolation or loneliness'. It is heartwarming to see that both sides of the call are enjoying the service, with student volunteers saying, "I loved talking to somebody new and finding out about them." and, "I came away from the conversation feeling like I've made a friend".

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With all demographics in some way affected by Covid-19, CoronaUnity have worked hard to make PhoneAFriend as accessible as possible. Their website, (www.coronaunity.org), which is a platform for support and positivity, hosts the online PhoneAFriend registration forms for anyone wishing to request or lend a friendly voice. However, for those without reliable or ready access to the internet from their place of isolation, the telephone number **01494 841700** may be called instead. The code MARLOWLOVE should be entered upon sign up, at which point the regisTREE can state a preference as to whether they speak with those within the Marlow community or further afield across the UK.



With their PhoneAFriend service already set up and in use, CoronaUnity is passionate about spreading the word to any member of the Marlow community who might enjoy using the service. So far, it has certainly been an admirable local effort, with CoronaUnity enlisting the help of the local marketing company, fst, as well as their Public Relations advisor, Mark Casey and James Augustin, has spoken on Marlow FM. However, CoronaUnity asks that we all play our part in spreading the word of PhoneAFriend across Marlow. This could be by word of mouth or if you would be interested in hanging out flyers, please contact **info.coronaunity@gmail.com**.

We want to give back to our local community by providing simple access to enjoyable conversations

Commenting on the telephone service, James Augustin said, "CoronaUnity was set up by a small group of Marlow-

based students, and we want to give back to our local community by providing simple access to enjoyable conversations that may mean the world to those feeling the effects of this time of unprecedented isolation. In the future, we hope to open up the PhoneAFriend community feature to Buckinghamshire as a whole before reaching other communities across the UK"

"We must pull together as a community now more than ever. We hope that by creating a telephone service that gives back the social interaction that many have lost, we will be able to contribute to Marlow's already incredible efforts of looking after those around us." concluded Augustin.

Red Cross, www.redcross.org.uk/about-us/what-we-do/action-on-loneliness [07/05/2020]



Meals From Marlow

*25,000 meals delivered to local frontline workers.
50,000 more to go!*



On Friday 1st May, Tom Kerridge, Chris Hughes and Andy Agar personally delivered the 25,000th Meals from Marlow meal to Mary, one of the Matrons at Wexham Park ICU, who is on the frontline of tackling the spread of COVID-19.

The Meals from Marlow voluntary initiative was set up by Tom just one month ago and is now providing 1250 free meals a day to local healthcare workers, other frontline workers and deserving people within the community. Hospitals Wexham Park, High Wycombe, Stoke Mandeville, Frimley Park, St Marks and Upton, along with local first responders, are all receiving regular meals.

The initial fundraising target of £100,000 was reached within just 48 hours. Both Pub In the Park and Origin Doors & Windows in High Wycombe have made donations to fund the first 5,000 meals. The Shanly Foundation has also provided an incredibly generous donation of £25,000. The volunteer team has received over £169,000 in donations from kind-hearted local businesses and individuals, enabling them to announce that the initiative can deliver a total of 75,000 meals and run until the end of June.

"I know the people of Marlow are a very generous group but I'm astonished by the speed and the level of



kindness,” Tom Kerridge said. “People realise that as well as looking after our own neighbours, the frontline is in the big hospitals where NHS teams are doing astonishing work. Thank you Marlow. I’m proud of you.”

The meals are also reaching vulnerable people in Marlow and its surrounding areas, through help from Marlow Town Council, Age Concern, The Link Foundation and All Saints Church. The initiative also enables you to nominate a local person in need, via the Pub in The Park website, and to assist in the collection and delivery of their meals.



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Marlow Thames Rotary produced a booklet of quizzes and puzzles to be distributed to those receiving Meals from Marlow (except schools). These have been so well received by residents shielding and unable to get out, that a special request has been received from residents of Patches Field in Marlow Bottom who have ordered 40 copies. Also, by popular demand, version 2 has now been commissioned. Well done Rotary for putting this together.

*Who’s behind Meals from Marlow and
how can I help?*

Founders Tom Kerridge, Chris Hughes from Pub in The Park and local entrepreneur Andy Agar have been joined by Mayor Richard Scott, Council Leader Jocelyn Towns, Town Clerk Hilary Martin and Rector of All Saints Church Dave Bull to run the initiative.

To donate to the cause, or nominate someone to receive a meal, head to **www.pubinthepark.co.uk** and click on ‘Meals from Marlow’.



Pulling Together

Marlovians show community spirit in response to Covid-19



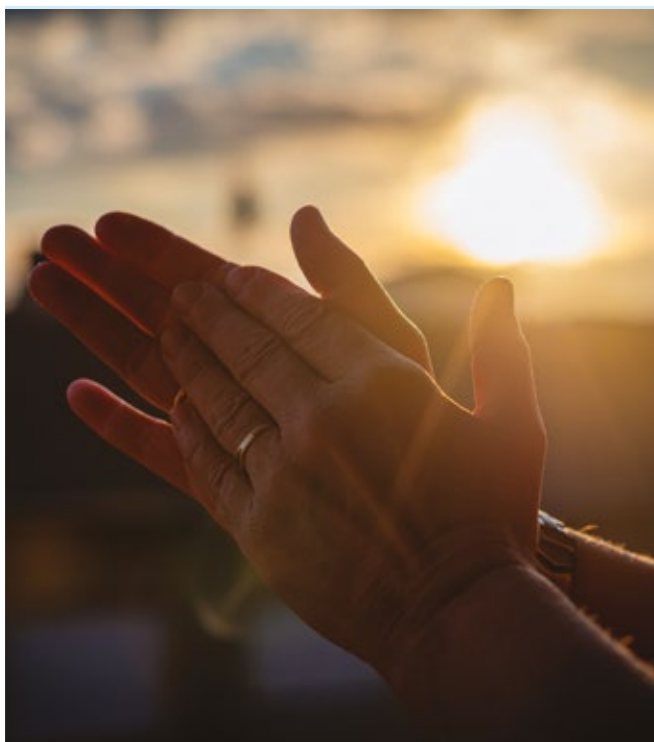
Whether through the stories of local residents who have fallen ill or the wider disruption the Coronavirus has caused, Marlow has felt as much on the front line of the epidemic as anywhere.

The Town Council would like to recognise the great way in which the community has reacted

This includes the Herculean efforts of local carers and essential workers, the forbearance and patience of the whole community in respecting the social distancing and hygiene guidelines, and the compassion and support shown by so many for neighbours and vulnerable groups.

Here are some of the highlights:

Most obvious to everyone in Marlow has been the fantastic turn-out for each Thursday evening “clap for carers” event. On every street residents have come out of their homes and taken part, sending the sounds of applause, whoops, drums and clanging pots over the whole town.



The Marlow C-19 Support group on Facebook has become an invaluable noticeboard, linking those in need with residents willing to help out. Via the page residents have been delivering food to those shielding, picking up prescriptions and providing all kinds of other support. Residents on many streets have organised their own local neighbourhood communication systems to provide similar help to anyone in need.

There have been large-scale support initiatives too. As reported elsewhere, local chef Tom Kerridge and partners launched “Meals from Marlow” with help from the Pub in the Park team, All Saints’ Church and the Town Council. Initially this provided 500 free meals a day to healthcare workers, community workers and vulnerable groups in Marlow and the surrounding area. Output had increased to 1,000 meals per day by mid-April.

More information about Meals from Marlow, including a long list of very generous donors, is available at **pubintheparkuk.com**.



Another local resident, Tash Somers, set up a crowd-funder that raised hundreds of pounds for the One Can Food Bank, based in High Wycombe, which supports vulnerable people across South Bucks. Unable to pick up

litter as usual, members of community group the Marlow Wombles became Street Heroes for the One Can Food Bank Trust, putting out boxes for neighbourhood food donations.



Efforts like these received a major boost when the Shanly Foundation, a local charitable group, created a fund worth £150,000 to support the Covid-19 relief effort in the area. Its first £25,000 grant went to the Meals from Marlow initiative. Meanwhile the Myers Marlow Benevolent Fund offered grants of up to £500 to Marlovians in financial difficulties as a result of the Coronavirus.

Official funding to support local businesses impacted by the coronavirus lock-down was made available by the new Buckinghamshire Council. By mid-April £38.3m was distributed in grants to 2,900 small businesses in the food, hospitality and leisure sectors across the county.

Many more Marlow businesses stepped up to offer support in the battle against the coronavirus. Just two are the Globe cafe, which offered Sunday lunch deliveries with 20% of profits going to the charity Meals for the NHS, and the manager of the BP garage on Little Marlow Road, who donated Easter eggs to staff at the Cliveden Manor care home.

Meanwhile, several initiatives sprang up to help Marlow's local businesses by advertising to the whole town those services which are still operating and how to access them. Invaluable local news website **mymarlow.co.uk** and local design agency fst both launched directories aimed at keeping as much of the town's local economy going as possible. The fst directory available is at **marlowcollective.co.uk**.

Local groups, staff and residents have shown compassion and creativity in a thousand more ways. Residents with sewing skills have made hundreds of wash bags for delivery to NHS centres including Wexham Park and John Radcliffe. Design and Technology staff at Great Marlow, Sir William Borlase's and Holmer Green schools have used 3D printers to make face shields for delivery to frontline carers in the NHS and other settings.

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Photo: Claire one of the Church volunteers taking delivery of the Quiz for distribution

Community group Transition Town Marlow and eco-store Seed1 partnered to create a seed swap for the hugely increased number of residents interested in flower or vegetable gardening who faced difficulties buying seeds due to the virus. In yet another altruistic act the Marlow Rugby Club offered use of its premises to local community support groups or emergency services. The club also provided pop-up tents enabling the Marlow Medical Practice to offer drive-through medical services.

This list is not exhaustive but gives just a flavour of the fantastic way in which the Marlow community has come together to respond to Covid-19, aiming to leave no one behind in this difficult time. The Town Council wishes to thank every single company and resident for their great work.

Down Memory Lane

A plan of the High Street in 1926 with an interesting story behind it



This colourful and very large plan of Marlow High Street, now in a rather tattered and creased state, was hand-drawn by architect and surveyor Percy J. Rowe in October 1926, and is captioned “Downs v Currall”. It was commissioned by Doctor George Downs, physician and surgeon, whose practice was at “Palmer’s” the elegant High Street building with the portico (still there!) at Number 65 (inset picture, lower left). It was often also called “The Doctor’s House”.

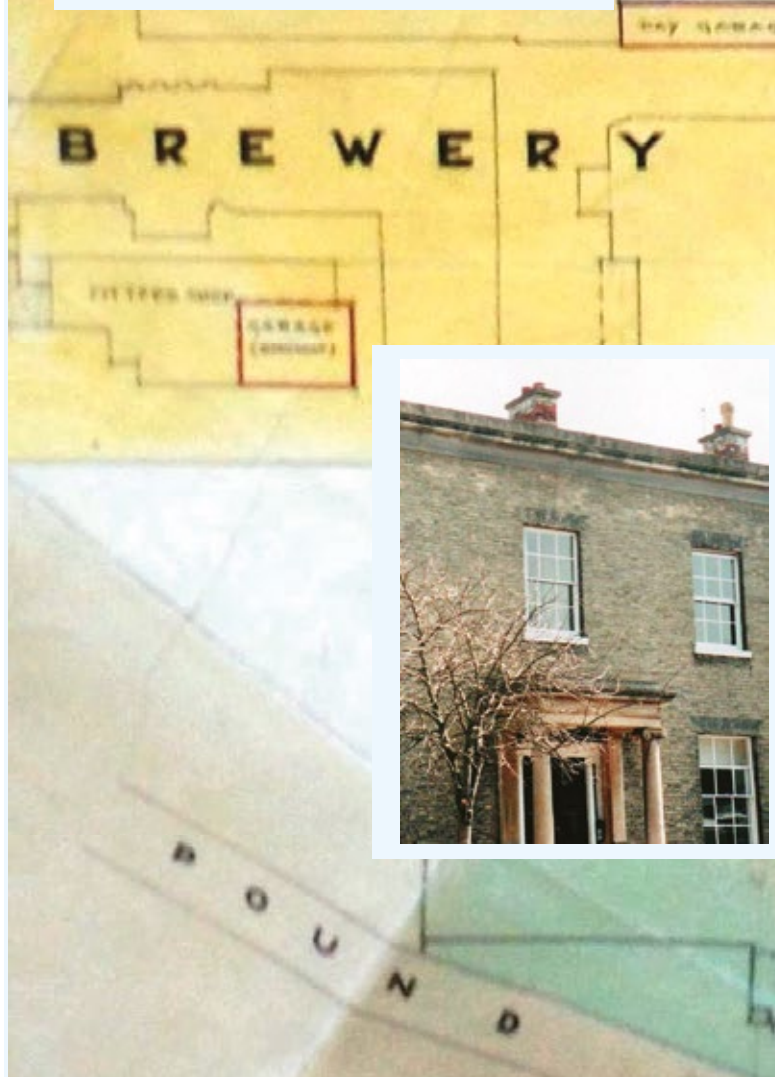
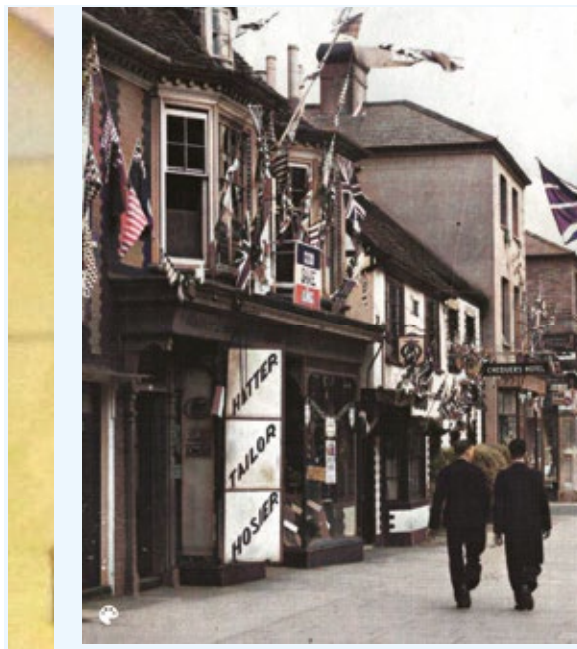
Next Door at Number 67, George Currall, who lived in Cromwell Gardens, had obtained the premises and begun a small motor repair business in the adjoining yard, Number 67a. That was probably bad news anyway for Doctor Downs to have a busy car workshop close by, but when he heard that Mr Currall had plans to purchase three further properties down the street, demolish them and build a large garage, car showrooms and petrol station, he, to use a modern day term, blew his top.

He was especially concerned as the scheme would involve demolition of the elegant Georgian “Greyfriars” (inset picture right). A fierce legal planning battle began. George Currall’s plans were not expected to be passed, but with a strong argument that car ownership was rapidly increasing, he was given the go-ahead.

Other than Burgers, very few premises remain in the same line of business today, even with a change of name.

George’s premises were built and dominated the lower High Street from 1927 until the mid-1970s. Much interest can be gained by studying the map’s various High Street businesses that existed back then. At the bottom “Patisserie & Confectioners” was Carter’s, later to become Atkins, and then Burgers. Further up, Number 79, was “Music Store” where you could purchase a wind-up gramophone. On the corner of Institute Road you can see Temperance Hotel (alcohol banned!) but I had not realised it was still open in 1926.

Other than Burgers, very few premises remain in the same line of business today, even with a change of name. However, there is an exception: I have filled an empty



space on the map, top left, by finding a picture of Number 49, which back then was Walter Davis, a gents' outfitter, in this picture decorated for the Jubilee celebrations in the mid-1930s. Today, and for many decades, it has traded as Hewitts, and with the Chequers still next door.

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Wild Marlow

Summer butterflies in your garden



While we ride out the Coronavirus pandemic at home, our gardens, for those of us lucky enough to have them, are a welcome sanctuary. But even a small backyard or an outside balcony can offer respite from confinement indoors, and can attract insects and birds to flower pots and window boxes.

One of the delights of the approaching summer is that butterflies are starting to appear in our gardens, with the increasing length of daylight and rise in temperatures after the Spring Equinox. And spotting garden butterflies can be a good project to keep restless children occupied!

Among the most striking early emergers are the Brimstones, the bright sulphur-yellow males being the first to venture out. Also taking to the wing are Peacocks, which have very dark undersides and distinctive eyespots

on their plum-coloured upper wings. Look out for the Comma, a butterfly with distinctively jagged wings that resembles a dried autumn leaf when at rest. A little later we should start to see Small Tortoiseshells, a relative of both the Peacock and the Comma, and the female Brimstones, which are a much paler version of their male counterpart.

All of these butterflies will continue to visit our gardens throughout the summer, as well as the three common types of white butterfly. Later visitors may include migrants from Continental Europe, including Red Admirals and Painted Ladies.

For more useful information about identifying butterflies, go to the Butterfly Conservation website: <https://butterfly-conservation.org/butterflies/identify-a-butterfly>

Photo: Peacock butterfly





Photos (left to right): Small Tortoiseshell and Comma butterflies

About Wild Marlow

Wild Marlow is a group of enthusiasts passionate about wildlife and protecting biodiversity in the Marlow area, engaging the local community through fun events, competitions, volunteering and work parties to raise awareness of the importance of a balanced ecosystem.

Wild Marlow is a non-profit group so by becoming a member you will be supporting us in our activities for wildlife and the community

The group covers all areas of Marlow within the SL7 postcode, including Bisham, Great Marlow, Marlow Bottom and Little Marlow.

www.marlow-tc.gov.uk

Membership is £10 for individuals (allows free/reduced entry to some events). Wild Marlow is a non-profit group so by becoming a member you will be supporting us in our activities for wildlife and the community. Donations are also welcome!

To join go to: **www.wildmarlow.org.uk** or email: **contact@wildmarlow.org.uk**.



Garden Companions

Spice up your outdoor space and deter pests



You may have heard of companion plants or plants that attract beneficial insects. Herbs will tick both of those boxes.

Most herbs flower several times each year. First to bloom is the lovely Rosemary, attracting sleepy bumble-bees which hop from one to another. Soon after, pink Comfrey and English Thyme come into flower, and when Sage flowers, all the bees and insects are driven wild with the strong scent in the air.

Then we will be enjoying Oregano and Lavender whose fragrances are always a pleasure in the heat of summer. Soon after, the Rosemary will be ready to burst into flower again — and so the cycle continues. There are many more herbs in this rainbow of flowers and aromas, including Basil, Parsley, Hyssop, Chamomile, Chives, Lemon Balm, Mint and Tarragon.

English Marigold and Nasturtium are not classed as herbs but do have lovely flowers that will pop up all over the garden with bursts of fabulous colour. As well as attracting pollinating insects, the flowers can be used in the kitchen, as demonstrated by many celebrity chefs. Some have health benefits and are used to ease or eradicate ailments.

In the vegetable patch or on the allotment, herbs attract pollinating insects and also appear to deter those insects

that would harm our precious vegetables.

So get planting now!!

Sylvia Miller, Secretary, Allotment Association



Photos: (Top right, bottom left to right) Holyhock, Courgette Flower and Nasturtium; (opposite right) Lavender and bumble bee



Who Does What?

Who looks after you in Marlow?



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One of 28 Parish/Town
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Buckinghamshire Council

One of 56 Unitary Councils in
England
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Do you know which council empties your dustbins,
runs the Marlow Library, owns our allotments,
repairs broken lights, owns and runs our cemetery and
chapel, or is responsible for Higginson Park?

We know it can be confusing. It's not always easy to find
out who is responsible for what, which can sometimes
be very frustrating. The information below is designed to
point you in the right direction.

The Marlow Town Council office will always try and help
you with your initial queries and put you on the right path,
even if we can't help directly. We all work together to try
and ensure the best for the residents of Marlow. If you
are in any doubt who to ask just telephone the office on
01628 484024.



MARLOWTOWNCOUNCIL

Marlow Town Council are responsible for:

- Events such as: Remembrance Day Service & Parade, Carols on the Causeway, Switch on and Shop, Celebrate Marlow, Mayor's Civic Service, and the Mayor's Charity Golf Day
- Two allotment sites – Hanging Hill off Prospect Road and Foxes Piece
- The cemetery and chapel at Wethered Road
- May Balfour Gardens in Institute Road
- Marlow town bus service
- Shopmobility in Marlow
- Advertising banners across the High Street and Spittal Street
- Gossmore Recreation Ground
- Seymour Park including the play areas
- Riley Park and Campbell Road play areas
- Grass and hedge cutting in designate areas
- Removal of flyposters and illegal signs on public highway and attached to street furniture
- Contribution towards Marlow's PCSO

Buckinghamshire Council are responsible for:

- Trading Standards
- Transport for Bucks, highways, pavements, street lighting
- Highways and public footpath repair and maintenance
- Social care, adult and children's services
- Schools
- Libraries
- Household waste sites
- Higginson Park, upkeep and maintenance
- Court Garden Leisure Centre
- Car parks – Court Garden, Dean Street, Institute Road, Liston Road, Riley Road, Gossmore Recreation
- Planning applications and building controls
- Environmental health
- Street trading
- Street name signs
- CCTV
- Public toilets and litter bins
- Bin collection and pest control

You can use their website to report a missed bin
collection: **[www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/bin-
collection-recycling-and-waste/](http://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/bin-collection-recycling-and-waste/)**

They have a handy range of online tools to report
problems. You can report potholes, problems with
street lighting, highways issues, and report issues and
complaints with public transport. You can also apply for a
whole range of licences from planting shrubs on council-
owned land to placing a skip on the road.

**[www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/parking-roads-
and-transport](http://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/parking-roads-and-transport)**

Telephone **01296 383500**

All local planning applications are also available to view
online here: **[www.wycombe.gov.uk/pages/Planning-
and-building-control/Planning-applications/Find-
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