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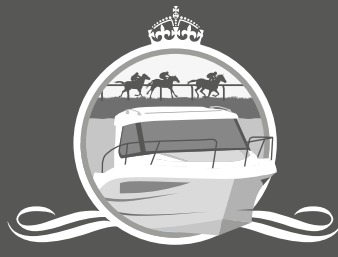
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Mayor's Message

Autumn welcome



Welcome to this latest edition of the *Marlovian*. I have to confess to being a little sad to leave behind a truly fantastic summer, which really highlighted what a wonderful town Marlow is. It seems to shine more brightly and successfully each year, with seemingly endless events and activities. I am grateful to have shared many of the events this year with you all and more importantly, to continue to see behind the scenes the huge efforts that are put in by armies of volunteers.

I was personally grateful for a brilliant start to my Mayoral summer with the Civic Service this year, which took place on Sunday, 10th June. It was a very full service with fabulous weather on the day. The service recognised and showed appreciation for everyone who contributes to our wonderful community and allowed us as your Town Council to reiterate our dedication to the town.

Community service is a duty to be taken seriously. Enhancing Marlow as a place to live, work and visit is a responsibility we all have to share and contribute to. It gives us a platform from which we can support everyone who loves, supports and thrives in our town.

I am really happy and grateful to have been able to address three key behaviours around our vision for Marlow and its residents:

- We want to build even stronger collaboration through our voluntary societies, committees, clubs and charities
- We want everyone to exercise patience and humility in everything we do in our organisations in Marlow and acknowledge the "One Marlow Team"
- We want to address the issues that affect where we live and focus harder and ever stronger our guidance and attention to supporting children's mental and physical health through our local schools

For my charitable cause this year I chose a local project: 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. I would like to raise funds to empower and support teachers and other child professionals in Marlow schools. They need to know how to support children and teenagers who are suffering, and we want to enable them to provide the earliest possible intervention.

I would be enormously grateful for your financial support as we get this into action. Details for donations are as follows: 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. 03935900

Finally, I would like to ask you all to spare a minute or so

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to think about how the wheels really turn on all the great events and organisations in Marlow that benefit us all. I would ask you personally if you can spare some time, however little, to support those organisations and keep them alive and thriving. Right now we have organisations in the list below that need your skills and support to survive and to continue to be successful:

Youth clubs, schools, charities, sports clubs, air cadets, sea cadets, carnivals, fetes, Age Concern, Town Regatta and Festival (yes all volunteers), allotment Triangle for the disabled, churches.

Of course the list is not exhaustive, so I will have to apologise if I missed an organisation that needs our support. If you let me know I will add you to our list but if you have an hour, a day or possibly more — even just an idea to offer your skills but don't know where they may yet fit — I would be grateful to receive your email directly to my inbox cfunnell@marlow-tc.gov.uk and I will put you in touch with the types of organisations and groups where you could make a real difference.

On behalf of my fellow councillors, we look forward to meeting more of you; listening to your ideas as we step through autumn; seeing Marlovians on their way to new schools, colleges, universities, jobs, apprenticeships, retirement or just new challenges!

Thanks for all your support and enjoy the remainder of the year.

Cllr Chris Funnell

Marlow Town Mayor





Town Council News

Autumn 2018

Coping with the Dry Spell

Summer 2018 saw an unprecedented dry spell, which brought challenges to all the contractors working in the town. All of them have been using non-potable water wherever possible.

In the newly refurbished May Balfour Gardens, only the new plants have been watered to try and conserve water wherever possible. Officers were alerted to a newly planted tree in Higginson Park, which was in desperate need. Many thanks to the residents and ID Verde who ensured that the tree survived the dry spell.



Higginson Park

Allotments

The Council is moving to a cashless system from **Sunday, 30th September** in order to provide a more efficient service for renewal payments, and key payments will only be accepted by card, BACS or cheque.

Volunteering in the Community

We are very grateful to several companies who have recently volunteered to help in the community. Open Health have cleared a large section of a very long footpath



Open Health

on the Wycombe Road to the Little Marlow Road, resulting in eight one-tonne bags of waste. Twelve staff including the CEO David Rowley spent the day working to improve the town.

Cobham PLC have spent time clearing a large section of brambles and shrubs along the fence line at Marlow Rugby Club. This was a prickly task resulting in 20-plus one-tonne bags of green waste.

Akeler Sundial

The sundial in May Balfour Gardens, which was installed in 2002, has had a deep clean. The sundial was originally located at the Rank Xerox site on the Business Park and donated to the town by Akeler in 2001 following their



Akeler Sundial



Cobham PLC

redevelopment of the area. It was designed by Edwin Russell in 1977, so it was a late 40th birthday clean!

Verges

The Town Council would like to thank those residents who have maintained the verges outside their property.

However, an increasing problem in Marlow is that car owners are parking their cars on the verges and damaging them. Traffic regulation orders could come to two roads in Marlow to stop people parking on grass verges. The Town Council have been made aware that it is possible to erect signage on verges and enforce no parking. Marlow Town Council has suggested that Lock Road and Claremont Gardens are roads significantly affected with verge damage.

Switch On and Shop

This year's very popular Switch On and Shop event will be held on **Thursday, 22nd November**. Check our website nearer the time for more up-to-date information. www.marlow-tc.gov.uk

Town Gates

Additional gates are to be installed on the opposite side of the road on the entrance to Marlow from Lane End and on the Henley Road. These gates have been proven to slow traffic down when entering a town.

Obelisk

On 28th August Transport for Buckinghamshire (TfB) work started on the restoration of the Marlow Obelisk. The work will take three weeks to complete and will be carried out using temporary traffic lights on weekday nights between 8pm and 5am, when the roads will be at their quietest.



Marlow Obelisk

TfB took the decision to postpone the work on the Obelisk last year due to practical concerns, particularly the congestion that it would create on local roads. TfB have worked in partnership with various interested parties to consider many options, including temporarily removing the Obelisk from site for restoration, before deciding that overnight working on the structure in situ was the most feasible option.

Drainage work will also be carried out around the base of the Obelisk to help preserve the monument.

Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Transportation Mark Shaw supported the decision to postpone the work and said: "TfB remains dedicated to completing the restoration of the Obelisk in the shortest time possible and with the least disruption to the local area. Overnight working during the summer months is our best option."

Best Kept Village Competition

The judging of the 2018 Buckinghamshire Best Kept Village Competition has been completed and the results have been announced.

Marlow is the Runner-Up in the Michaelis Cup with a score of 92 out of 100. A very close run competition narrowly taking the position behind Wendover by just a one point margin!



The scoring was very high across the county this year. Marlow will be awarded a Certificate of Merit in recognition of its high score.

Thank you to everyone who has kept Marlow clean, tidy and beautiful. Congratulations to Wendover who have also been awarded the Sword of Excellence.

Remembrance Service & Parade

Marlow's Remembrance Parade and Service will be held on **Sunday, 11th November** at The Causeway, Marlow. All are welcome to come along. The Service will commence at 10.45am.

The High Street will be closed to traffic from 8am until the finish of the Parade at approximately 11.30am. Marlow Bridge will also be closed to vehicles during this time.

RAF celebrates its centenary

RAF100 Baton Relay in Higginson Park



The RAF100 Baton Relay came to Higginson Park on 5th July as part of the RAF's centenary celebrations and Marlow Town Mayor, Cllr Chris Funnell, was present to greet the RAF's most senior couple at an important lunchtime rendezvous.

The Chief of the Air Staff, Air Chief Marshal Sir Stephen Hillier and two dragon boats crewed by RAF and industry partners met up with Lady Elaine Hillier and over 50 members of the RAF family who had carried the specially constructed RAF100 Baton along the Thames Path.

Starting from the Spade Oak Pub near Bourne End, Lady Hillier and her team took turns to carry the RAF100 Baton into Marlow's famous Thames-side park. Meanwhile, Sir Stephen and two competing dragon boats came down stream from the former RAF Medmenham to collect the Baton and to race each other on the Marlow Reach for the privilege of carrying the Baton on the next leg of its journey.

On a hot and sunny Thursday, Marlow Town Mayor, Cllr Chris Funnell said: "It's been a real pleasure to host the

RAF100 Baton here in Marlow and to meet the Chief of the Air Staff and Lady Elaine as well as all the other participants here today. We may have missed out on the Olympic Torch in 2012, but this has been a special way to reinforce our close links with the RAF in its 100th year."

The RAF's official 100th birthday was on 1st April and since then the RAF100 campaign has showcased the very best of the RAF. A large part of that has been the RAF100 Baton Relay which for 100 days saw the Baton carried the length and breadth of the country.

The Baton was designed and constructed by apprentices and staff at No. 4 School of Technical Training, MOD St Athan, in South Wales, with support from RAF100 technology partners Raytheon. It visited every region of the UK and several overseas locations.

It was carried by personnel from across the RAF Whole Force, including regulars and reserves, members of 20 RAF Sports Associations, Civil Servants, Contractors, veterans and RAF Air Cadets. Over 2,000 Service Personnel from 60 branches and trades have been involved in the RAF100 Baton Relay.

The baton has been on an incredible journey over its 100 days:

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- It has been run many thousands of miles including on the deck of the new HMS Queen Elizabeth and in the Edinburgh and London Marathons
- It has climbed the three highest peaks in the UK and the Blackpool Tower
- It has been carried by Marlow Air Cadets on a night march through the Chilterns and by personnel from RAF Boulmer across the Cheviots
- It has flown in a Typhoon over the Shetland Islands
- It has flown in Red 7 during the Queen's Birthday Flypast and on all forms of RAF Air Transport to visit our overseas detachments and operations including:
 - Romania
 - Estonia
 - Iraq and Afghanistan
 - Gibraltar and the Falklands
- It has visited schools and Air Cadet squadrons across the country
- It has visited the National Memorial Arboretum for a commemorative service, and the International Bomber Command Centre in Lincoln where it was greeted by 100 veterans
- Most importantly it has celebrated the RAF's people and their achievements.





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Down Memory Lane

Events

Thursday, 27th September at Marlow Library

In May Marlow Library hosted a very successful "Trip Down Memory Lane" coffee morning. The initiative was launched to tie in with Dementia Awareness Week, but we very much wanted it to be open to anyone who fancied joining us, not exclusively people living with dementia.

Within Bucks Libraries stock, we have an excellent Reminiscence Collection: www.buckscc.gov.uk/services/libraries/books-and-reading/remembrance and for the coffee morning, we ordered in a World War II suitcase of artefacts, as well as a series of newspapers detailing significant events in the 20th century.

The coffee morning was very successful with feedback suggesting: "This event once a month would be appreciated," and: "Marlow needs this." As a result, we plan to host monthly Reminiscence Coffee Mornings; the first one is planned for Thursday, 27th September at 10.30am. Do come along and meet us as well as having a browse through more of our Reminiscence Artefacts.

If the idea of the coffee morning appeals to you or someone you know, not just because of the memories, but as an opportunity to meet new people, then don't wait until then to come and visit! We are open Tuesday to Saturday and welcome people who pop in and catch up with the

papers. Groups and events run every week, so if you fancy joining our Knit and Natter session on a Thursday morning or our friendly Play Readers once a month on a Saturday afternoon, just get in touch. Take the plunge and keep loneliness at bay!

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We are a very friendly WI and would be happy to meet and greet any new member.

Please come along to one of our meetings – check us out!

If you would like further information please contact Angie Magee, our President, on **angela.magee@yahoo.co.uk**, and she will be happy to answer any questions you may have.

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Music & Drama Festival

Marlow Festival of Music & Drama, 9th-23rd November

In November Marlow Festival of Music & Drama presents its 23rd annual festival, providing a unique opportunity to perform in front of family and friends, a small audience, and a professional adjudicator. Our aim is to create a comfortable and relaxed environment where entrants can feel supported and encouraged to perform to the best of their ability. We want to foster enjoyment of live music and drama, and increase awareness and appreciation of the arts in the performers and audience alike.

“It’s all very positive and supportive and you will receive encouragement from our kind and professional adjudicators”

Each year entrants are invited to participate in classes which are suited to all ages and standards. Classes are available in piano, vocal, brass, woodwind, strings, drama, choirs, vocal ensembles, string ensembles and orchestras, and brass and woodwind ensembles. In the music sections there are a wide variety of classes from beginners, examination grades, own choice, jazz, ragtime and blues, improvisation, baroque, classical and 21st century music to recital classes. This year we will be celebrating the anniversaries of Bernstein and Debussy with classes in piano, vocal and ensembles.

In the Drama and Speech Section we offer classes in set verse speaking, set prose, group poetry, solo acting, Shakespeare, dramatic duologues, group acting and group improvisation. We cater for all ages.

The festival attracts entrants not only from Marlow, but from all the surrounding counties and the London areas, such is our reputation. Participants return year on year and we have witnessed the development and growth of many young musicians and dramatists who have gone on to perform in concert halls and stage productions in this country and abroad.

Everyone is welcome, from the very young playing the fantastic grand piano with their feet not reaching the floor, to the apprehensive adult returning to an instrument they haven’t played for years, managing to find the time to practise whilst juggling a job and looking after a young family. It’s all very positive and supportive and you will receive encouragement from our kind and professional adjudicators.

Our committee works hard to make this festival a

success. We are all volunteers and during the festival itself we are joined by some wonderfully supportive helpers, looking after the box office, helping with certificates, marking sheets and preparing refreshments. If you are able to help in any way during the festival or would like to join our small but dedicated committee, please get in touch with us at: **chairman@marlowmusicfestival.co.uk**

You are always most welcome to attend any of the festival sessions as part of the audience and you will find details of all the sessions and where they take place on our website.

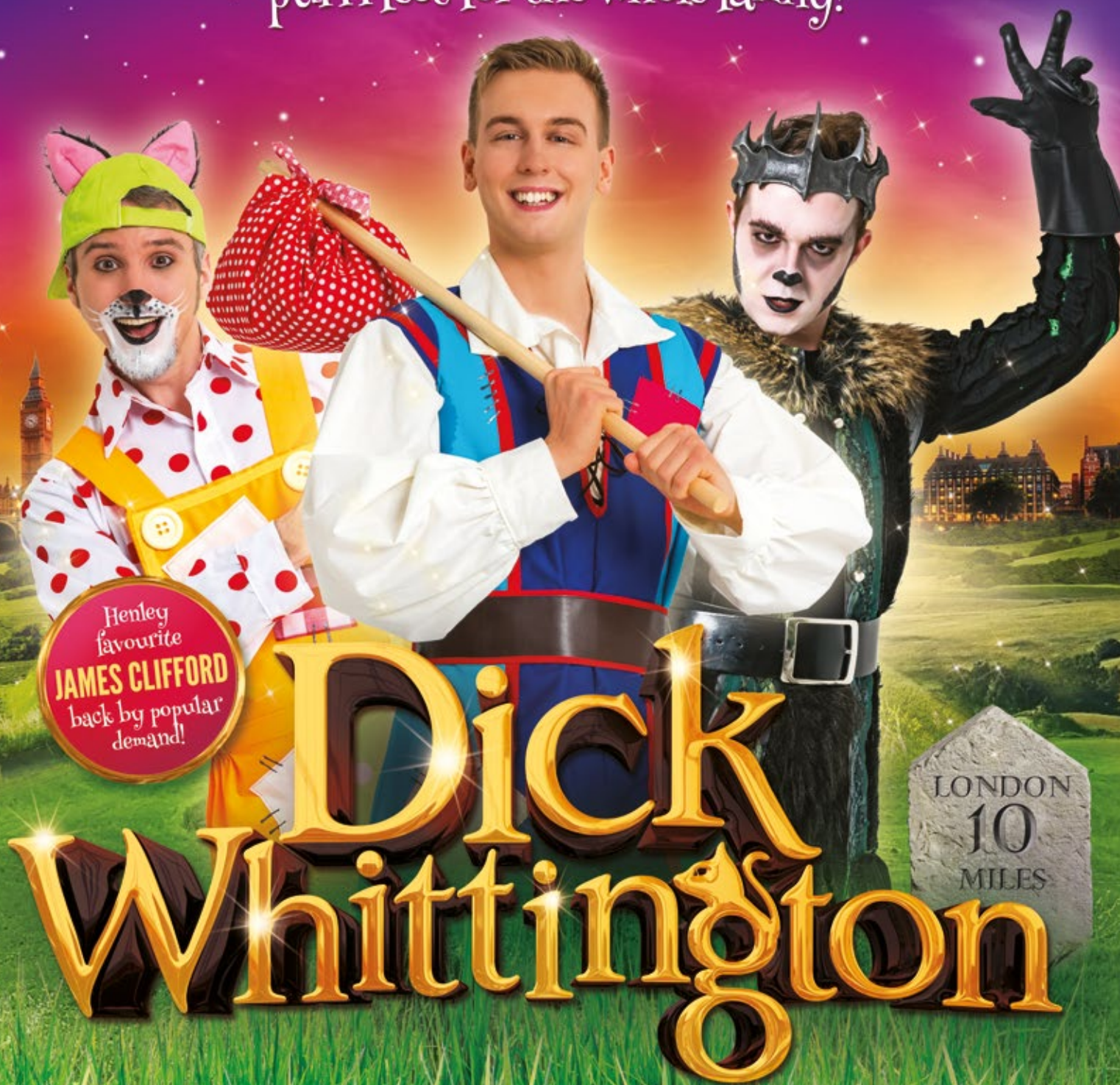
In the past we have had amazing performances by a local saxophone choir, guitar ensemble, string octet, local choirs and ensembles, and have also had recitals on all instruments and individual performances. Last year we had an absolutely amazing piano improvisation class with the winner given a standing ovation at our festival concert. The local talent is absolutely incredible and not to be missed.

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Marlow Museum

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What's on this autumn and winter

Regulars to All Saints Church Marlow may know all about Marlow's 'Extraordinary Spotted Boy', George Alexander. They may also know about King ZOG of Albania and possibly Sir Robert Hart now resting in Bisham churchyard. But do they know about Kate Marsden? Four fascinating foreign stories to tell with all four people connected to this area. Come and see for yourself at the Marlow Museum next to Court Garden Leisure Centre pay and display car park.

There are many other interesting characters we could tell you about but to learn about these special four call in to the Marlow Museum from September until the New Year where all will be revealed. A visit on a Wednesday or Saturday or Sunday afternoon until November will cost you nothing unless you would like to support the museum with a donation.



Kate Marsden

From November until February the museum is only open Sunday afternoons (2-4pm) but it is still free.

“Four fascinating foreign stories to tell with all four people connected to this area”

While you are there why not pick up a walk leaflet ranging from 'Midsomer Marlow' to 'WW1 Marlow' – again all free. How do we do it? Answer – by lots of voluntary effort, support from friends and occasional sponsors. All age groups are welcome with the opportunity for an exclusive visit for your club or office almost anytime... if you ask nicely. Believe it or not we are now in our tenth year here – how many times have you been?

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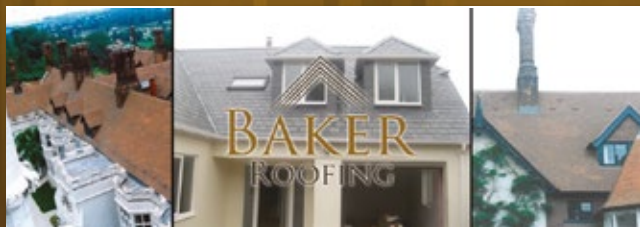
On a brilliant Sunday afternoon on 10th June, residents of Marlow and local dignitaries gathered at All Saints Church for the Town Mayor's annual Civic Service.

The service was attended by the High Sheriff of Bucks, Prof. Ruth Farwell; Deputy Lieutenant Mr Roy Collis; Marlow Mayor Cllr Chris Funnell; Dominic Grieve, QC, MP; and mayors and other dignitaries from surrounding areas. The Venerable (Air Vice Marshall, RAF) Jonathon Chaffey took the service with Reverend Dave Bull, the Rector of All Saints Church. The Children's Church Choir sang beautifully and was given a special round of applause.

Dominic Grieve, QC, MP for Beaconsfield, gave a reading while Jonathan Chaffey's address made mention of the success of Marlow Town Council's parking campaign.

Mayor Chris Funnell said: "My objective as Town Mayor is to ensure that we keep our focus on community. We need to work hard to address the issues that affect this town and we need to do so with patience and humility, in collaboration with other members of our team."

"At the annual Mayor's Civic Service we recognise and show appreciation for everyone who contributes to this wonderful community. It's an occasion when Councillors re-iterate their dedication to the town."



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Swans Up

HRH the Princess Royal attends Swan Upping 2018



The Annual Swan Upping started in Sunbury on Monday, 16th July and came to Marlow on Tuesday, 17th July.

David Barber, the Queen's Swan Marker reported: "Last year saw a significant improvement in cygnet numbers compared with the past two years, with a total of 132 cygnets. This year did not start well for the Thames swans which suffered an outbreak of avian flu in January and February that severely affected the flock at Windsor, killing over 70 swans in a flock that averages about 200 birds normally. Naturally this has been devastating, both for the swans and the rescuers that had to manage the outbreak and try to limit the spread of the disease from this flock.

"Avian influenza is a disease that is usually transmitted by migrating birds and most often occurs during the winter months. We believe it was spread primarily by birds flying in from Europe. It has affected many other areas of the United Kingdom with similar tragic consequences."

Floods and fast-flowing water in April also caused further problems for nesting swans and many nests were

washed away. Some breeding pairs rebuilt their nests while others abandoned nesting for the year. In addition to the risks posed by nature to breeding swans, they also have to contend with vandalism, shootings, dog attacks and discarded fishing tackle.

Her Royal Highness The Princess Royal accompanied the Swan Uppers this year and stopped off at Marlow Lock to meet The Mayor, Chris Funnell, the Lock Keeper, Duncan Holmes-Birtle and Barry Russell, MBE, of the Environment Agency.

This was followed by a reception hosted by the Mayor at the Two Brewers Pub for HM Swan Marker and his Swan Uppers and those of the Vintners and the Dyers companies.

The Town Council were informed that on the Wednesday after leaving Marlow, a record number of swans, 12 in total, were "corralled" at one time. Out of these 12, 4 were orphan signets which were being fostered by other swan families as there was no sign of the parents. This is a very rare occurrence.



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An update from the Marlow Medical Group



Please visit our website **www.marlowdoctors.com** which offers several online services which can be used without registering, such as 'Ask a Doctor a Question'. Every message is responded to by a GP within two working days and an appointment made if necessary.

We will be giving our community a glimpse of the different roles within the surgery and in this edition we have asked Alice Ridley to describe:

A Day in the Life of a Community Paramedic

As a Community Paramedic at the doctor's surgery I begin my day by triaging requests for home visits and dealing with any urgent queries. If a patient is unable to get to the surgery due to a medical reason (poor weather or being unable to drive are unfortunately not reasons for a home visit) then I will visit a patient at home.

I will carry out a thorough assessment and take a full history from the patient and their relatives. Using this information I will be able to form a diagnosis and treat accordingly. If blood tests are needed these will be taken there and then. If a patient requires a prescription, it can be sent to their nominated pharmacy.

Occasionally if a patient has multiple or complex problems I will refer them to our day unit at Marlow or Wycombe where they will be seen the following day by a geriatric doctor and a physio team if required. This can help prevent unnecessary hospital admissions. We can travel from Marlow to Hurley, Hambleden and Lane End all in one day. When busy we can visit up to 18 homes so

time passes quickly and no day is ever the same!

Once seen and treated we can follow visits up with a phone call or further visit to review the patient's condition. This allows for continuity of care, I get to know my patients and their families well and can meet their needs efficiently.

I also work in the Rapid Access Clinic, where I assist the Duty Doctor and minor illness nurses with seeing patients suffering from a number of conditions. These include chest infections, urine infections, rashes and abdominal pain.

Duncan Milne, Teresa Murray and myself form the home visiting team and we are all paramedics with several years' experience, supported by the GPs, with whom we meet regularly, ensuring we deliver a high standard of care to all our patients.

Contributed by *Marlow Medical Group*



Alice Ridley, Community Paramedic

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Lighthouse Marlow

Banishing boredom when school's out for summer



As soon as Holy Trinity School broke up for the summer holidays, a team of volunteers got to work transforming the field behind the school. For the next week it would be the site of Lighthouse Marlow, an annual holiday club run by local churches.

Lighthouse takes place every year at a number of locations in and around Buckinghamshire. With 470 children and 300 volunteers, Lighthouse Marlow is a major operation! Now in its 14th year, the event is bigger and more popular than ever. Registration opened in mid-May and some age groups were oversubscribed within days.

At Lighthouse children enjoy a range of activities including worship, games, sport, drama, craft and learning about Biblical events. Everything links back to the theme of the week.

This year the theme was Sur-Bible Island, and Marlow's very own Bear Frills learned the skills - both practical and spiritual - needed to survive on a desert island and in life. He also got up to mischief, including scaring our news broadcasters with a huge spider.

Lighthouse is open to children between the ages of 5 and 11 and many older children return as helpers. This year

we had over 100 helpers aged 11-17, a testament to how much Lighthouse means to the children involved.

While Lighthouse is a Christian event, it's also a community one. Many of those involved are not linked to any church and involvement from the wider community is welcomed. The Mayor, Cllr Chris Funnell, was very impressed when he visited and took time out to talk to both helpers and children.

"Thank you for running such a wonderful week of fun, varied activities and bringing the community together"

As Lighthouse continues to grow, it's becoming harder to find enough adult volunteers and raise enough money to keep it going. All helpers give their time voluntarily and we aim to meet the running cost of £15 per child per day through donations from parents. Any contributions from other individuals and local companies are enormously appreciated. For more information about how you or your workplace can get involved please email **marlow@lighthousecentral.org**.

Thank you to everyone who made Lighthouse Marlow such a special and successful event this year. See you in summer 2019!

Contributed by *Sarah Jones, Chairman, Lighthouse Marlow*





Taste of Democracy

School children enjoyed a chance to vote

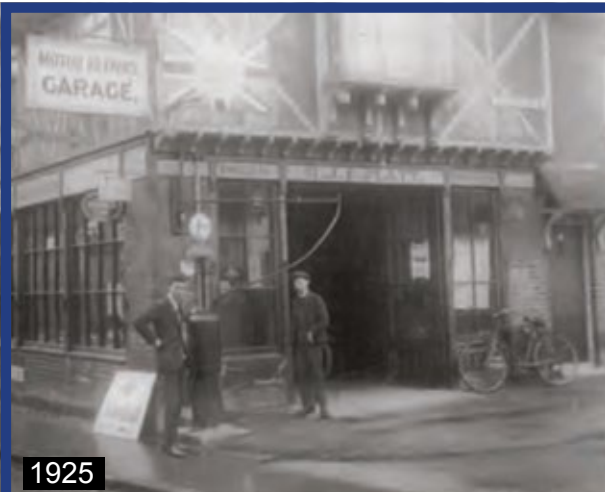
Town Mayor, Cllr Chris Funnell, met with year 7 students at Great Marlow School earlier in the summer. During a morning assembly the Mayor outlined the work that the Town Council does in Marlow and invited the children to take part in a mock election in July. The Town Council has been taking its Taste of Democracy sessions and elections into schools over the past two years and the feedback from students and teaching staff has been amazing.

Returning to Great Marlow School with Katherine Joy, Deputy Clerk, the Mayor talked to over 200 students for their "drop down day" after which the year group took part in the Council-run mock election. Four cakes were on the ballot paper with Caramel Shortcake winning

"I was very impressed by their enthusiasm and would like to thank the teaching staff"

taking 36% of the votes.

"The children were very engaged in the process and asked some really probing questions," said Mayor, Cllr Chris Funnell; "I was very impressed by their enthusiasm and would like to thank the teaching staff for facilitating this successful event".



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Marlow Bridge improvements

Preserving our riverside town's heritage

On Tuesday, 18th September Marlow Bridge plans will be on show at a public exhibition at the Court Garden House, Pound Lane, Marlow. The exhibition will form part of the Marlow Flood Fair taking place between 12 noon and 8pm.

The beautiful 19th Century Suspension Bridge which crosses the River Thames between Marlow and Bisham has been long misused by overweight vehicles driving or attempting to drive over it.

In September 2016 a 37-tonne HGV attempted to cross the bridge causing concern that permanent damage had been made to this historic structure. The bridge was closed for two months whilst testing of the integrity of the structure was carried out, only opening again in time for the Christmas period once engineers could be certain that the bridge was safe.

Deputy Cabinet Member for Transportation, Paul Irwin commented: "We would not want to experience another lengthy and disruptive closure as we did in 2016. In order to safeguard the bridge from further potential damage, a number of options have been considered including short term and long term solutions. I do hope that anyone with an interest in the plans will go along to the exhibition to speak to the Transport for Buckinghamshire engineers and discuss the proposals."

The exhibition will provide full information on all options available and the work that has taken place over the last 18 months. The upcoming measures will involve installation of more robust width limiting bollards aimed at preventing HGVs from attempting to cross the bridge.

The work to install the bollards will begin in the October half term holidays and will take place overnight to reduce local traffic disruption. The installation will take a maximum of two weeks to complete.

Marlow Flood Fair

Tuesday, 18th September, 12 noon - 8pm
Court Garden House, Pound Lane, Marlow, SL7 2AE

Marlow is at risk of flooding, as was illustrated most recently in July 2017. Buckinghamshire County Council and our partners invite you to the Marlow Flood Fair, where you will get an opportunity to talk to flood risk management experts and contribute to their work. There will be a variety of stalls for you to visit covering topics such as:

- The different types of flooding that could affect you
- What you can do to protect your property or business from flooding
- What flood projects or schemes are going on in Marlow
- Which organisations are involved and how they work



Riley Park Trust

A green place to rest and play in the heart of town



Riley Park Trust Marlow is a lovely quiet area in the centre of Marlow. The park is located at the back of Sainsbury's main supermarket in West Street and it is flanked by Riley Road, Oxford Road and Cambridge Road.



Riley Park Trust is a registered charity run by a team of voluntary Trustees; it receives no funding from the public purse. The facility is used extensively by people of all ages, from toddlers to retirement home residents, along with sporting groups including youth football. This extensive usage of the park fulfils the objectives of the Trust Deed, set up in 1914 by the benefactor Mr Edward Riley, which states that the ground is left in Trust so that children can play safely off the streets. In 2014 the Trust celebrated its centenary year.

The Park is open every day and holds a variety of events throughout the year. Within the park is a play area maintained by Marlow Town Council and a very interesting and informative eight-unit heritage trail which was installed to mark the centenary of the Trust in 2014.

For more information about this fantastic space in the very heart of Marlow visit the Trust's website: **www.rileyparktrust.co.uk**.

Contributed by *Tony Shannon, Riley Park Trust*



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WWI Remembrance



This summer's events and the Armistice centenary

The British Legion's Great Pilgrimage 90

On Sunday, 5th August, 2,200 members of the British Legion, in 60 coaches from all over the UK, left to attend the Great Pilgrimage 90 event. We spent two days visiting the war graves, the Somme and Passchendaele before the parade at Ypres. Every Legion that attended had two representatives: one standard-bearer and one wreath-layer.

It was the most moving experience. We had an amazing guide who, at each stop —whether war graves, museum or memorial — named two or three servicemen specifically and recounted their experiences during the war. For example, one soldier was given the VC at the top of Hill 60 at the age of 19 – the youngest at the time. He was shot in the head, but did not die. He went to hospital and subsequently married the nurse who looked after him. He went back to war, but before he did he was recorded on radio. The guide replayed his story told by him, in his voice. He died two years later. We were all crying.

I was so honoured to represent Marlow with Katy Gearing.

Contributed by *Suzanne Brown, Branch Member, Royal British Legion Marlow Branch*

Amiens Commemoration

On Sunday, 12th August, the Marlow Remembers World War 1 Association held an event on The Causeway in Marlow to commemorate the one-hundredth-year anniversary of the Battle of Amiens. This battle marked the beginning of a push by the Allies which ultimately led to the end of the First World War.

The event, which was formally opened by Marlow's Mayor, Chris Funnell, attracted over 200 visitors. As well as displays explaining the battle and the impact of the war on Marlow at that time, there were photographs of local scenes from the period and some trench cake to sample.

Jon Hilton, a local supporter of the Association's events, provided an impressive exhibition of memorabilia from the war, including a recently acquired item – a pushbike which would have been used in the trenches. Chris and Mark Lawley, folk singers from Hertfordshire dressed in World War 1 army uniforms, sang songs from the period, attracting the attention of passers-by.

Marlow Remembers World War 1 is planning some events to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Armistice in November. Please keep an eye on their website for further information over the next few months: **marlowww1.org.uk**



Photos (clockwise from bottom left): Suzanne Brown and Katy Gearing from Marlow Legion; the Legions on our bus, including Marlow, Quainton, Aston Clinton Aylesbury, Hambledon, Beaconsfield Wycombe Marsh, Wycombe and Oldham; Jon Hilton's WWI memorabilia; Amiens Commemoration at The Causeway; Marlow Mayor Chris Funnell



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Young citizens rewarded

Winners of Marlow Community Cop Cards 2018 announced



The Marlow Neighbourhood Policing Team is pleased to announce that St Peter's Catholic Primary School won the Marlow Community Cop Cards 2018 scheme. Their prize was a class trip to LEGOLAND, Windsor.

They had the chance to attend workshops from agencies such as St John Ambulance, SAFE!, Bucks and Milton Keynes Fire and Rescue Service, Barnardo's and the local Neighbourhood Policing Team.

Radnage COE School and Cadmore End COE School won the runner-up prize of a multi-sports afternoon at Court Garden Leisure Centre, Marlow.

The Community Cop Cards scheme was introduced and run by the Marlow Neighbourhood Police Team and The Community Safety Team at Wycombe District Council.

The scheme rolled out in April to the 14 participating primary schools in Marlow and the surrounding rural areas.

After a lot of hard work the scheme finished in July with all participants eagerly hoping they had won the trip to LEGOLAND, Windsor.

More than 430 pupils participated in the scheme from 14 primary schools.

As part of the initiative, the pupils had to collect 24 stickers by getting involved in various challenges, including visiting an area of local history; taking part in litter picking in their local area; joining the library; showing an improved healthy lifestyle; and writing a media article for their school.

“More than 430 pupils participated in the scheme from 14 primary schools”

The scheme was funded by Thames Valley Police, Wycombe District Council, local Parish Councils and businesses. Many thanks to all those who supported this key initiative.

Contributed by *PCSO Claire Bowles and PCSO Penny Ling, Marlow Neighbourhood Police Team*



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Annual Triangle Event

Gardening project celebrates at Marlow Allotment

The sixth annual Triangle Event (which is normally a barbecue but, due to fire risk, was a picnic this year) took place in August. It's an opportunity to celebrate the Triangle Project and give those that are part of the Project a chance to meet each other. Based at the Hanging Hill allotment site, Triangle offers gardening for people with a disability.

The Talkback/Nclude group arrived first, followed by White Leaf Care Homes.

Marlow Mayor, Chris Funnell; Marlow Town Clerk, Hilary Martin; and Town Councillors including Richard Scott and Jocelyn Towns also came along.

The afternoon began wet but helpers rigged up a gazebo-type structure so that all guests and food were sheltered from the rain and we were able to ensure that they had lunch in relative comfort. They enjoyed themselves so much that they seemed reluctant to leave! Some of the guests knew others from the different groups so they enjoyed meeting up with old friends, even though we ran out of food and only had one bottle of water left!

I would like to say a special thank you to the volunteers whose help ensured that the event was such success.

Contributed by *Sylvia Miller, Marlow Allotments Association*





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Come And Meet Each Other

An anniversary tea party was held on 21st July to celebrate the CAMEO (Come and Meet Each Other) Club's 50th year. Mayor Chris Funnell joined guests and volunteers at Liston Hall for the big occasion, together with family members of one of the founders.

The guests enjoyed a traditional afternoon tea with a celebratory 50th anniversary cake provided by Burgers and flowers provided by The Flower Studio.

CAMEO was formed in September 1968 by two local ladies, Mrs Land and Mrs Bruce; the Club acknowledges their expertise and foresight.

CAMEO were privileged that the new Mayor of Marlow, Cllr Chris Funnell, and Cllr Jocelyn Towns (former Mayor) attended. Cllr Suzanne Brown was also present and the Club is very grateful to her for arranging the Age Concern Minibus to pick up our disabled guests. The afternoon included communal singing led by some of the members of the Marlow Music Makers.

"It was a truly splendid afternoon, which was enjoyed by everyone who attended. We are truly proud," said

Chairman, Carole Holme. "We have a lot of lonely people in Marlow whose families do not live nearby and they don't get out very often."



CAMEO provides friendship, lunches and entertainment monthly to the lonely and housebound elderly in Marlow. To help our guests we have Meet and Greet and also provide a pick-up service if required, but we need more volunteers.

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The Sprintathon Returns



In Marlow on Saturday, 22nd September

In 2018 the Sprintathon has spread its wings a little. Sir William Borlase's Grammar School kicked off the season in May, raising £1,764 for Stand Up To Cancer with Romans house triumphant, running 12.8 miles in the allotted hour.

The Sprintathon sees hundreds of participants in teams of four each run 100 metres, attempting to complete the fastest ever marathon. Money raised through sponsorship helps fund Stand Up To Cancer's work.

After a successful inaugural event last year, in June this year Holy Trinity Junior School took to the track again as part of their Cancer Awareness Week. This year Fleming House were crowned champions, running 11.8 miles in an hour as the finale to a week of events that enabled the school to raise £900.

This year also saw the event branching out into the corporate world for the first time, firstly with Direct Line running 1:55:15 (fourth fastest marathon ever) in Bromley, and then the Publicis Group running 1:53:20 (third fastest ever) at the Parliament Hill track in Hampstead at the peak of the July heatwave.

The Sprintathon returns to its spiritual home of Marlow on **Saturday, 22nd September** for the third consecutive year.



Having achieved the first and second fastest marathon times in history in 2016 and 2017 the pressure is on to go even quicker. 1:46:26 is the time to beat. To put that into context this requires a 60.5 seconds average lap time over 105.5 laps of the track.

There will be some familiar faces on board to inject world-class pace into the baton, most notably Kristal Awuah, winner of two bronze medals (100m and 4 x 100m relay) at the World Junior Championships in Finland in July, who will be bringing the baton home to complete the 26.2 miles distance.

“This year Fleming House were crowned champions, running 11.8 miles in an hour as the finale to a week of events that enabled the school to raise £900”

For anyone wanting to see marathon history being made (again) the event starts at 2pm on Saturday, 22nd September at Little Marlow Athletics track.

Contributed by *Mark Evans*

Photos: Kristal Awuah (left); Borlase Sprintathon (top)

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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**.

“We all work together to try and ensure the best for the residents of Marlow”

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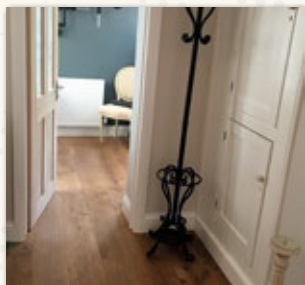
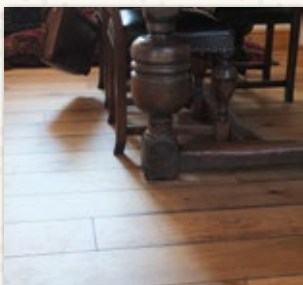
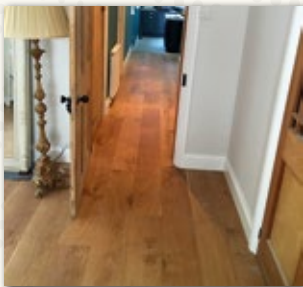
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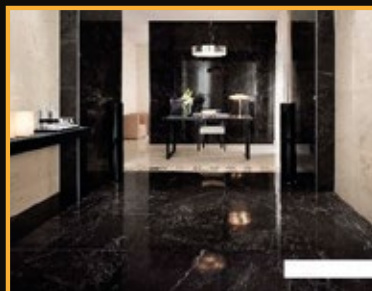
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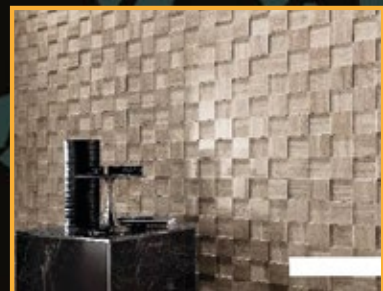
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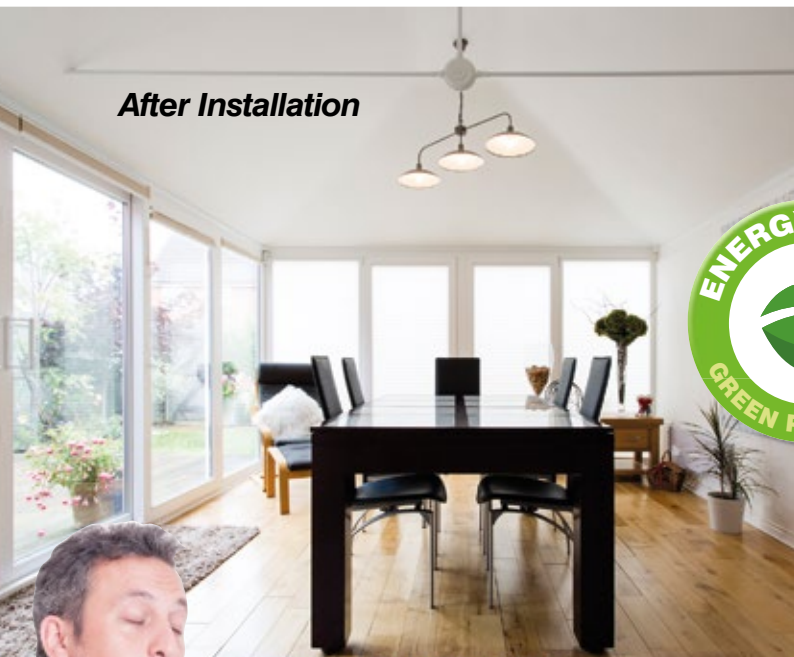
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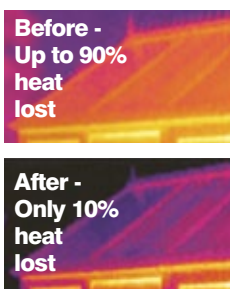
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