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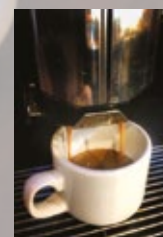
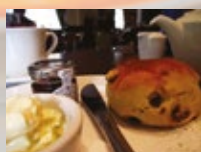
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Blaser Mills Law announces acquisition of long-established High Wycombe law firm, Reynolds Parry Jones

Buckinghamshire based law firm, Blaser Mills Law, has completed the acquisition of reputable local solicitors, Reynolds Parry Jones LLP (RPJ), as part of its ongoing growth and expansion.

Already one of the largest law firms in the region, Blaser Mills Law advises both businesses and private individuals. The acquisition will allow Blaser Mills Law to broaden its client base and add to its legal expertise across many practice areas, including family and divorce, employment, commercial and property litigation.

During the last 5 years, Blaser Mills Law has undergone a change in strategy and accelerated its growth plans, which has included the opening of a central London office and the recruitment of several high profile, senior lawyers to increase their commercial offering. The strategic acquisition of Reynolds Parry Jones is aimed to assist Blaser Mills Law in consolidating their market position in Buckinghamshire and Thames Valley.

Blaser Mills Law has committed to retaining most of the Reynolds Parry Jones work force, allowing clients to experience continuity of service, as well as benefiting from further access to a large team of lawyers with complementary expertise.

Following the acquisition, operations will continue under the Reynolds Parry Jones brand and from their existing premises on Easton Street, where the firm has been based for the past 150 years.

Jonathan Lilley, partner and executive chairman at Blaser Mills Law, said: "We are delighted to announce the acquisition of Reynolds Parry Jones, a local firm with an outstanding reputation in the marketplace.

"We are proud to be in a position to make this acquisition during a period of such

widespread uncertainty, and to help safeguard the jobs of Reynolds Parry Jones employees. This purchase takes us another step forward in our growth plans and business strategy and demonstrates our commitment to delivering an excellent legal service to the Buckinghamshire region."

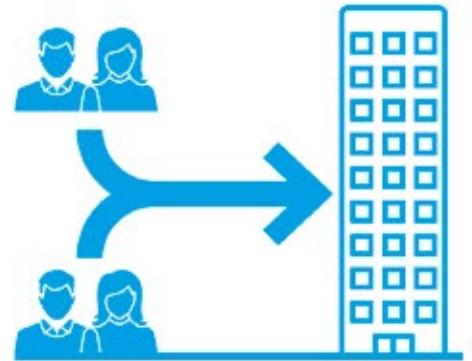
Graham King, senior partner at Reynolds Parry Jones, added: "We are extremely pleased to be handing over control to Blaser Mills Law, a highly experienced and respected team with a focus on delivering an excellent service for both businesses and individuals.

This is Reynolds Parry Jones' 150th year in High Wycombe and the merger with Blaser Mills Law is a further commitment to the town.

Our clients, many of whom are second or third generation whose families have been advised by the firm for decades, can rest assured that our values and culture, as well as our strongly aligned sector focus and philosophy of legal excellence, will provide the ideal platform for our future success with Blaser Mills Law."



If you would like more information about these exciting strategic changes, please contact Jonathan Lilley at jl@blasermills.co.uk or on 020 3814 2020



Integration of Reynolds Parry Jones LLP into Blaser Mills Law



A strongly aligned sector focus and philosophy of legal excellence



Ensuring clients continuity of service

Mayor's Message

Welcome to Autumn



In the last edition of the Marlovian, I outlined how the Covid-19 pandemic had affected all our lives in our usually very busy and welcoming town. Three months on, some restrictions on our personal movements have been relaxed, while others remain in place.

It is pleasing to see most retailers and services have now re-opened, along with the majority of our excellent cafes and restaurants, observing the current social distancing rules. The volume of residents and visitors to the town is steadily increasing and I hope that the gradual loosening of Covid restrictions will carry on as we build up to the busy Christmas period.

We continue to keep all residents informed about changes in Government guidance and 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. You can also contact us on **01628 484024** or via email at office@marlow-tc.gov.uk. All your local Councillors remain available for residents; their contact details are shown on the Town Council website.

A number of our civic events have had to be postponed or cancelled, but the Town Council and the Marlow British Legion were able to hold a small socially distanced commemoration of Victory over Japan (VJ) day on 15th August. Wreaths were laid at The Causeway war memorial in honour and remembrance of those who died in the Far East campaign, which ended in August 1945.

We are still planning to hold the Christmas Lights Switch On and Shop evening on 19th November and Carols on The Causeway on 17th December – we will let you know if there will have to be any changes to the usual arrangements for these very popular pre-Christmas events.

Also cancelled this year was my mayor's charity golf day, but this has now been re-arranged for 20th April 2021. This is a major fundraising event for my charity, which is supporting mental health issues for young people in Marlow. With the agreement of last year's Mayor, Cllr Chris Funnell, we are combining the two years' funds, so that we can support this ongoing programme, the demand for which continues to grow. To widen the scope of this and future fundraising, the Town Council recently approved the setting up of a formal charity and this is now registered with the Charities Commission as "The Marlow Mayor's Charity".

The Marlow community spirit has continued to show through and there are still individuals and groups helping vulnerable residents in many parts of the town. So again,

"The Marlow community spirit has continued to show through"

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

Finally, please follow Government guidance about protecting our community from the continued threat of Covid-19. By doing this, it will reduce the chances of contracting or spreading the virus so that we can return to a normal, but somewhat different world as soon as possible.

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

Autumn 2020

Hanging baskets

Summer hanging baskets and troughs have been installed throughout the town. The Council has also arranged the watering of plant displays normally looked after by businesses closed due to the lockdown.



Please help keep the town tidy

Many street litter bins are being left overflowing with rubbish. Bin collections are taking place as usual but please do not place domestic waste in street bins. If the street bin is full, please take your litter home.

Despite the many difficulties thrown up by Covid-19 in the past few weeks, Marlow Town Council has continued to ensure pathways and alleyways are cleared of weeds and overgrown plants around the town over the last weeks.

Community Payback, the Probation Service project, was unable to continue its weekly work during lockdown but started up again in June. The team has since cleared alleyways including: Trinity Road to Oak Tree Avenue; Trinity Road to Oak Tree Road; Foxes Piece to Newfield Gardens. They have also started clearing the perimeter of Gossmore Park. The Town Council's own Grounds Maintenance staff has cleared the alleyways at Seymour Park, the Rushes (off Henley Road) and from Victoria Road to Newfield Gardens.

Mayor Richard Scott said: "The Council recognises that the recent good weather and the exercise culture that has expanded rapidly during the Covid pandemic has seen more residents using the various footpaths and



cycleways around the town. We are delighted that a substantial number of these paths have now been cleared of vegetation to allow more space for all users."

Bushes elsewhere around the town that were crowding into pedestrian pathways have also been cut back. Work will continue on tidying up more roadside bushes and alleyways throughout the summer.



Marlow's pedestrian flow moves with the times

Marlow Town Council has announced changes to the advisory one-way pedestrian system in the town. The Council has been working closely with the Reopening Team at Buckinghamshire Council to monitor and review social distancing interventions.

The changes are in response to an increase in the numbers of residents and visitors using the town centre, coupled with an increase in applications for pavement licences from restaurants and cafes.

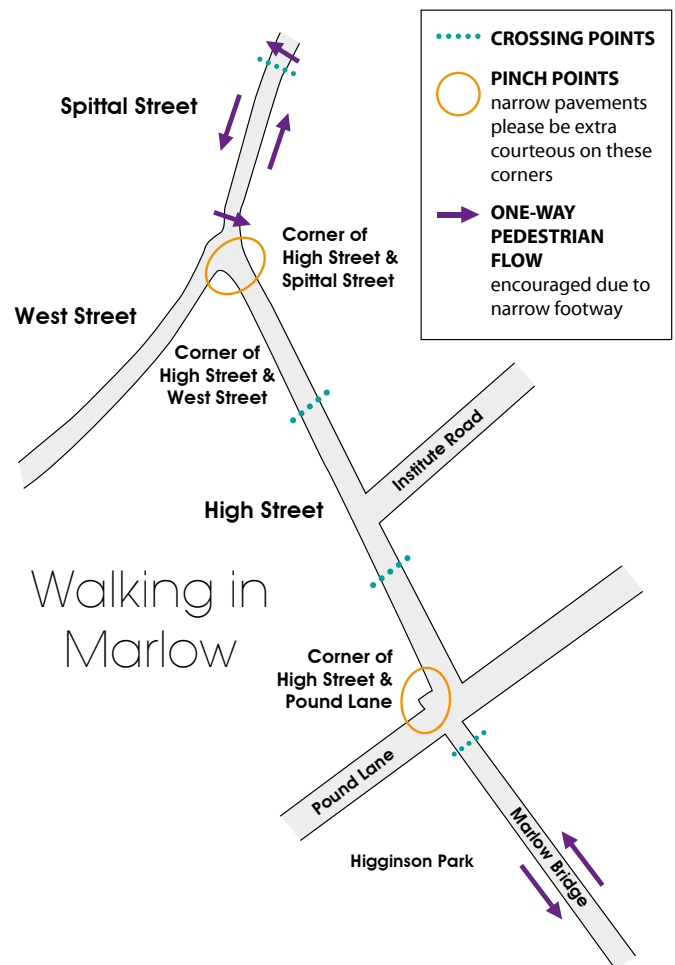
"Marlow is a friendly and welcoming town and is open for business," Mayor Richard Scott said. "We want to help our retailers to trade, which means encouraging more people on to our streets. With the increase in people visiting the town and new outdoor seating for cafes and restaurants in the pipeline, we've made some changes to the pedestrian one-way system to add more flexibility.

"We continue to ask our residents and tourists to respect a two-metre distance where possible and to share pavement space considerately with others. Please remember the importance of social distancing to keep everyone safe and be courteous and patient with others —especially on Marlow's narrow Victorian pavements. Please help us all to keep safe."

The majority of the High Street will now be two-way for pedestrians, with reminders for people to keep left to enable a smooth two-way flow and to be courteous at

Marlow is a friendly and welcoming town and is open for business

'pinch points' — narrow sections of pavement — at the corner of the High Street and West Street and at the bottom corner of the High Street and Pound Lane. Spittal Street, with its narrow pavements, will retain its one-way flow, as will Marlow Bridge. New pavement stickers will be displayed on the High Street and West Street. WW



A-Boards

Marlow Town Council's A-Board policy has been in force now for two years. During this time officers have worked closely with local business owners to ensure that advertising boards are treated equally for all town centre businesses and do not obstruct footpaths. This is now even more important as we try to ensure social distancing on our narrow Victorian pavements. Confiscation of offending boards is a last resort and officers will ensure that the rules are enforced fairly.

See full policy on page 10.

Marlow Town Bus service expanded

We are very pleased to advise that Service 158 will be altered to serve the Coachway at Handy Cross from Monday, 3rd August to provide a facility for passengers wishing to visit Waitrose and the leisure centre.

A copy of the timetable is below but there are no changes that affect the Marlow stops – the 10:10 journey from Court Garden will run at the same time and call into the Coachway if requested by passengers on board. Both the 11:25 and 13:15 journeys from High Wycombe bus station will also call into the Coachway to provide the return journey.

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| MONDAY AND TUESDAY, THURSDAY AND FRIDAY From: 3rd August 2020 | | | | |
| Marlow, Court Garden | 10:10 | High Wycombe Bus Station, Gate A | 11:25 | 13:15 |
| Marlow, Sandygate Road | 10:14 | Cressex, Marlow Road | 11:31 | 13:21 |
| Marlow, Sunnybank | - | Marlow Bottom, Post Office | - | 13:27 |
| Marlow, Seymour Park Road | 10:18 | Marlow Bottom, High Heavens Wood | - | 13:31 |
| Hillside, Woodland Way | 10:20 | Marlow Bottom, Post Office | - | 13:35 |
| Marlow Bottom, Post Office | 10:22 | Hillside, Woodland Way | - | 13:38 |
| Marlow Bottom, High Heavens Wood | 10:26 | Seymour Park Road | - | 13:41 |
| Marlow Bottom, Post Office | 10:32 | Marlow, Sunnybank | - | - |
| Cressex, Marlow Road | 10:39R | Marlow, Sandygate Road | - | 13:45 |
| High Wycombe Bus Station | 10:45 | Marlow, High Street | 11:42 | 13:48 |
| | | Marlow, Court Garden | 11:43 | 13:49 |

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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 designated 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-
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Telephone **01296 383500**

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Get On Board

Policy for using A-Boards to promote your business

Why do we need an A-Board policy?

To make clear what A-Boards are permitted in Marlow and what restrictions there are on businesses wishing to display them, Marlow Town Council have put together guidelines below. Pedestrians, disabled people, particularly those with visual impairment and people with pushchairs can have difficulty getting round them. A-Boards can also affect road safety and visibility if inappropriately used.

It is important that the number, size and position of these A-Boards are controlled and that they do not become unreasonable and cause difficulties to pedestrians. However, we recognise that they are an important way for businesses to communicate with shoppers and visitors. We also seek to promote consistency, fairness and to support the High Street.

What is an A-Board?

An A-Board is a portable free standing advertising sign designed to be placed on the ground, if you use these signs on public land or adjacent to highways then you must comply with these rules.

Rules for the use of A-Boards

If you wish to use an A-Board to promote your business on public land or adjacent to the highway you will need to make sure that you follow the rules below:

- Businesses must only have one board directly outside their own premises leaving a gap of no less than 1.5 metres to the kerb edge, and place it against the frontage or property boundary.
- Businesses who do not have a frontage on the main pedestrian routes, will be permitted to place a board in

How to position your A-board correctly



Single sign against property



More than one per property



Too obstructive

a nearby sensible location, as long as they comply with the sizes and measurements detailed.

- New boards will be no more than 600mm wide at any location. Boards already on display that are larger but still allow 1.5 metres to the kerb edge will be permitted.
- Board size and location will always be at the discretion of Marlow Town Council officers.
- If any board breaches these rules officers will take action first in the form of a verbal notification, followed by a written notification. If the situation is still not rectified the board will be removed and the owner notified.
- Marlow Town Council will charge a recovery fee of £100, plus VAT, for any board that has to be removed following failed verbal and written notifications to the owner.
- Any board must be covered by the owner's public liability insurance.
- Vibrant colours are not appropriate in a conservation area.
- It must be stable and not weighted down or tied.
- It must not obstruct visibility at junctions.

Not sure if your A-Board meets the rules? Contact us for advice 01628 484204

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#sustainablemarlow

Update from Marlow Town Council's environmental initiative



As this article is being written, we are still in the midst of this awful pandemic. We hope that all Marlovians are well and taking great care. This has had such an impact on so many areas and has slowed us down on some of our activities, and we had to cancel some. But as we start to come out of lockdown, we sincerely hope to make renewed progress and to “build back better”.

Sadly we were forced to cancel the Eco-Schools Conference we had planned for late March. This was an innovative day, bringing together students from every Marlow school to discuss and learn about environmental issues. Local environmental projects and specialists of many different kinds had volunteered to contribute. As soon as we can we will set it up again.

Sustainable Marlow took part in a recent online showcase for local environmental projects, organised by community group the Marlow Climate Action Network (MCAN). Over three evenings in June and July representatives of many local environmental projects introduced their activities and aims via a webinar. All the presentations are being made available by MCAN on YouTube.

We gave an overview of Sustainable Marlow and described our statement on climate change and our Clean Air Plan, both formally adopted in March. On climate change, Marlow Town Council has pledged to reduce its greenhouse gas emissions to net zero as quickly as possible. To this end it is now calculating its carbon footprint and will publish the results in due course. In the Clean Air Plan, the Town Council determines to add to its efforts to tackle the air pollution problem in Marlow town centre. The plan sets an objective for eliminating illegal levels of nitrogen dioxide within five years.

Other Sustainable Marlow presentations during the MCAN events included introductions to the Releaf Marlow street tree-planting project; Refill Marlow, encouraging alternatives to disposable plastic drinks bottles; and the Marlow Eco-Schools Network.

Back in the real world, Sustainable Marlow environmental efforts have been progressing, even though hampered by the Covid-19 lockdown.

In order to fight traffic-derived air pollution in Marlow town centre the Council has been communicating with drivers via overhead banners. Though two banners were unfortunately lost to unseasonably high winds, we have returned with a third that will hang over Spittal Street. Its message is simple: it urges drivers to “reduce speed” and to “drive smoothly” so as to cut pollution.



Meanwhile, a new drinking water fountain and bottle refill station on The Causeway is now fully installed. Before we make it available for use, we are reviewing how to make it Covid-secure. We hope to have two other new bottle refill sites confirmed in the next couple of months.

We have also begun experimenting with wild grass verges for the benefit of wildlife, working with recently formed local community group Wild Marlow. We trialled leaving some grass areas unmown this spring with some reasonable results. This led us to spending some time researching how to achieve better results from wild flower planting and the best time of year to start the process. We hope to have more news on this in due course and to start expanding the area of wildflower verges in 2021.



#sustainablemarlow continued ‹‹



Talking Point

Creating community conversations, taking local action



A key aim of the new Buckinghamshire Council is to strengthen relationships with our communities through the creation of 16 Community Boards to connect with local communities, make space for community conversations, respond to local needs and tackle issues together.

Building on how people came together quickly in response to Coronavirus, these Boards are now becoming a reality, with chairman and key coordinators appointed and introduction meetings in August. These meetings are the start of the conversation, taking a look at key issues in the local area, how the boards will work and who to involve across the community. This new way of working will bring the Council, groups, organisations and people together to explore issues and take action through local working groups, backed by a £3.9m budget to fund local initiatives and creative solutions. This will be where the real change take place.

We're really excited at the enthusiasm we have seen so far and over the next few weeks we will be talking to local groups, organisations, partners and residents about what matters to them most ahead of the official launch in September.

Keep up to date with meeting dates and more information to come on the council website or email

localities@buckinghamshire.gov.uk to get involved with your local Community Board.



Written In Stone Quiz

Test your local knowledge



Can you identify these Marlow plaques and tablets? Some are easy, a couple are a lot more tricky.

Answers on page 19.

Compiled by Michael Eagleton,
Nostalgia columnist for *The Marlow Free Press*.



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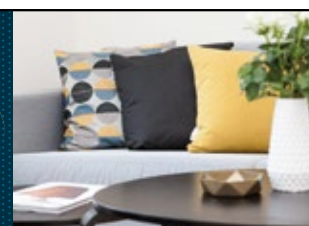
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Health And Wellbeing

Court Garden Leisure Centre reopens



The team at Court Garden Leisure Centre, led by Nicola Allen, all worked hard to get the Centre ready to welcome customers back from 17th August.

Over the last few months the refurbishment work that has seen £2m invested in the site has been taking place. Despite losing several weeks in April and May during the lockdown, the contractors were back working on the Centre as soon as the restrictions on construction were eased.

The site has a new roof and boilers, changing rooms have been refurbished and the swimming pool is now bright and airy with its new roof, swimming pool liner, retiling, and completely renewed changing areas. The sports hall has had a new sprung floor installed and the exercise areas and theatre space have been redecorated. Customers returning to the Centre will also notice the makeover in the reception area.

The closure of all leisure centres across the country due to the Covid-19 pandemic has been a very challenging time for everyone. In order for centres to reopen, there has been a great deal of work undertaken to ensure sites can meet the new guidelines so customers can enjoy a safe return to exercise.

The Centre has reopened in phases with gym and exercise classes from 17th August, the swimming pool from 24th August and swim lessons from 7th September. Customers will notice a difference when they return. All sessions have to be booked in advance, customers have to come activity-ready, there will be a one-way system through the building with clear information and staff on hand to assist customers. Hand sanitisers are now located throughout the Centre and there is an enhanced cleaning regime in place. Capacity in the gym and classes is reduced to meet social distancing requirements and there will be lane swimming in the pool as well as the opportunity for family groups of up to five to book a session.

Places Leisure and the Court Garden team have put lots of helpful information on their website including a frequently-asked-questions page which will help everyone to plan and book their first visit back. Please take a look and get ready to enjoy your activity at Court Garden again soon.

For more information, go to Places Leisure website: **www.placesleisure.org**



Marlow Medical Group

Staying safe and well



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The team at Marlow Medical Group hope our local community are managing to remain safe and well during the trying times that the coronavirus pandemic has presented.

At Marlow Medical Group, we made a number of changes to our operations in response to the pandemic to ensure that we could continue to offer vital services to our patients. Some will have first-hand experiences of some of these changes; perhaps receiving treatment in one of our 'drive-thru' clinics, consulting with a clinician in one of the marquees generously lent to us by Marlow RUFC, having a video consultation with a GP, or contacting the surgery via the website wherever possible.

As we transition towards a quieter period, we are doing our best to move towards a more normal model of operating, whilst also taking all precautions to keep our patients safe. This includes asking anyone attending a surgery to wear a face covering, unless you are exempt from doing so; and encouraging patients to continue utilising online services wherever possible.

Like GP surgeries nationwide, Marlow Medical Group has worked tirelessly to ensure that the surgery continued to operate safely and effectively, whilst also embracing technological innovations where possible to ensure patients retained access to clinical advice throughout the pandemic. The use of many of these resources is likely to continue for the foreseeable future.

For example, the use of video consultations has enabled our clinicians to hold clinics even when working from home; and the ability for patients to provide photographs where necessary by text message reduces any unnecessary risk in attending the surgery. To date, the feedback we have had suggests that these services are incredibly effective for a large number of our patients.

We would ask that patients ensure we have their up-to-date contact details, including mobile numbers and email addresses where possible, to ensure you have access



to the full range of services on offer. Patients can submit their contact details via the surgery's website at **www.marlowdoctors.co.uk/navigator/update-your-contact-information**

We would also encourage our patients to download and use the AskNHS mobile app where possible. The app features a virtual triage system that will direct you to the most appropriate resource for your problem, which includes the ability to schedule an appointment with a GP if required.

The team at Marlow Medical Group would like to extend their sincere thanks to our patients and the local community for their understanding, support, and patience throughout a challenging period; and we wish you all the best as we all adjust to a new sense of normality.

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Marlow Medical Group

We're Good To Go

Marlow Museum reopens

During July and August, Museum volunteers have been preparing for the museum reopening and have done the following:

- Undertaken a Covid-19 Risk Assessment, following government guidelines.
- Deep cleaned the museum - you might smell Dettol when you visit!
- Set up new procedures for operating safely in the current circumstances, including asking volunteers and visitors to wear masks and use hand sanitiser, a one-way system and social distancing, with no more than four visitors in the museum at once, and track and trace recording.
- Introduced contactless card payments for sales and donations.
- Recruited and trained many new volunteer stewards.
- Been awarded the Visit England 'We're Good to Go' badge for tourist sites.

Opening hours

From Saturday 5th September, the museum returns to normal opening hours: Saturdays and Sundays 1-5pm and Wednesdays 2-5pm. If we gain enough volunteers, we will consider opening on other days too.

Opening times will be advertised on the door, on

www.marlowmuseum.org and on

[www.Facebook.com/themarlowmuseum](https://www.facebook.com/themarlowmuseum)



What's new

Thanks to Community Impact Bucks' Matching Services and a number of contacts from our website and Facebook page, we have been most fortunate to acquire a good number of new volunteer stewards, who are being introduced to the museum and given training in their role.

Since a number of our loyal existing stewards are not able to return to duty at present, we are still on the lookout for more volunteers, in particular someone to take over fundraising to keep the museum going.

Our current exhibition is 'The Story of Marlow', an illustrated history from 5,000 years ago to the present. As well as a selection of local artefacts, we will also have a display on 'The Vansittart Family' of Bisham Abbey.

During lockdown, our website and social media showed key 'Objects in Focus' from our collection, ranging from General Higginson's drum to 'Wind in the Willows'. Look them up on www.marlowmuseum.org

Although we lost our Street Collection Day and a Walk to the Trenches in May, the latter will now take place on Saturday, 17th October. Please book places via contact@marlowmuseum.org.uk

We are also hoping to be able to stage our annual Bridge Evening in October, subject of course to Covid regulations and numbers of volunteers.

Written In Stone Quiz



Answers

1. Holy Trinity School, Wethered Road
2. Terraced cottages in Beaumont Rise
3. Foundation stone, the Armoury, Institute Road
4. Wall of the former Rookery stable block, Chapel Street
5. (The tricky one!) Disused gateway entrance in Mill Road
6. Also the Armoury: above the archway
7. Former Police Station and Magistrates' Court, Trinity Road
8. One of many foundation stones: Primitive Methodist Chapel, now Liston Hall
9. Marlow Library, formerly Marlow Institute
10. Above archway entrance to Sir William Borlase's School, West Street
11. Clayton family crest above Platts' Garage, Quoiting Square



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Remembrance & Poppy Appeal

Fundraising and commemoration during Covid-19 lockdown



A big thank you to the Marlow Community for what has been achieved in the Poppy Appeal collection since October last year. Unfortunately, the Covid-19 lockdown has affected the overall amount as other money-raising activities had to be cancelled. Nevertheless, Marlow raised a total of £32,000, a magnificent achievement.

Covid-19 has badly affected events so far this year. The cancellation of 'VE' Day events was particularly aggravating, as a special 'Thank You' to World War II veterans had been planned. Unfortunately a similar celebration for 'VJ' Day has not been able to go ahead either; the Poppy Appeal and Remembrance Sunday arrangements are also in question.

This year's Poppy Appeal will be different from previous years. The Royal British Legion has had to consider the safety and wellbeing of its volunteers and contributors. With social distancing in force, it would be impossible to conduct street collections, house-to-house collections and delivery of collection boxes. Other fundraising events, yet to be announced, are being examined on a national basis.

Unfortunately, the Covid-19 lockdown has affected the overall amount donated as other money-raising activities had to be cancelled

The loss of the town's generous contributions to the Poppy Appeal would be devastating. The Marlow Branch of the Royal British Legion suggests that if individuals or businesses would like to donate locally to the Poppy Appeal then donations can be made electronically directly to the Branch bank account: Sort Code 40-32-19 Account Number 90713341, and referenced 'Poppy Appeal,' or cheques may be posted to: The Poppy Appeal Organiser, c/o 2 Hyde Green, Marlow, Bucks SL7 1QL. Donations may be Gift Aided; the appropriate form can be obtained from the Poppy Appeal Organiser at the above address. Donations would then be transferred to the Poppy Appeal. This would be an exceptional arrangement for this year because of Covid-19. The normal Parade and Service on Remembrance

Please show your support for our Armed Forces and Veterans and display a poppy in house windows during the Poppy Period

Sunday would also be impossible to hold under the current Government regulations. The Remembrance Commemoration is a civic event and the Town Council will be keeping the situation under review in line with any changes of the regulations. A cut-off date is likely to be in September so that arrangements can be finalised in time. Safety is the priority of both the Council and the Royal British Legion. Both want to ensure that no one's life is put at risk, especially veterans and older and vulnerable members of the congregation. The worst case will be that there will no parade this year but the possibility of a virtual commemoration will be examined.

Please show your support for our Armed Forces and Veterans and display a poppy in house windows during the Poppy Period (31st October to 11th November). A poppy to cut out is on the next page.

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Victory Over Japan Day

Events

Small, socially distanced commemoration held in Marlow

Marlow Town Council and the Marlow Branch of the Royal British Legion held a small, socially distanced commemoration of Victory over Japan (VJ) Day on Saturday, 15th August. Wreaths were laid at the Causeway War Memorial in honour and remembrance of those who died and were affected by the Far East campaign, which ended in August 1945.

John Chapman, the President of Marlow Royal British Legion, and Shaun Murphy, Chairman, were both in attendance, as were Deputy Mayor Bob Johnson and

Cllr Suzanne Brown. Mayor Richard Scott laid his wreath prior to the service, as he was also involved in a service at the Burma Association Memorial in High Wycombe. Two minutes' silence was observed and Simon Davies played the Last Post and Reveille. John Chapman recited the Kohima Epitaph, while Shaun Murphy gave a short speech about the men involved in the conflict.

Wreaths were laid on behalf of Buckinghamshire Council, Marlow Town Council and the Royal British Legion.

Love Where You Live

Marlow Wombles Great September Clean



The Great British Spring Clean had to be postponed in April but now is your chance to show you 'Love Where You Live!'

In collaboration with Marlow Town Council, the Marlow Wombles invite all Marlow residents to the Great September Clean. Organised by Keep Britain Tidy, the Great British Spring Clean had to be postponed in April but now is your chance to show you 'Love Where You Live!'

In the week beginning 19th September, we are challenging small groups of up to six, or families, to litter-pick their street or immediate area. Show how much

you care for your local area by keeping it clean and tidy. You can collect a litter-picker (cost £2; details advertised soon) from local pick-up points in Marlow any time from 12th September and get Wombling! It's great fun, very rewarding and can be addictive.

Post your photos and video of the litter and cleaned areas — and yourselves if you like — on our special Facebook page: **Marlow Wombles Great Big September Clean - BGSC**, our **Marlow Wombles** Instagram or Twitter **@MarlowWombles**. Also we can be contacted on the Transition Town website **transitionmarlow.org**

Don't forget to wash/sanitise your hands and sticks after picks! We hope you will want to continue to 'Love Where You Live', even when this week is over!

Any questions? Please contact us.

Contributed by *Emma Hawkins, Chief Womble*



Santa's Fun Run 2020



Now for something completely different

The Rotary Clubs of Marlow website is now open to runners taking part in the 16th Annual Marlow Santa's Fun Run. However, for obvious reasons, this year it will be completely different. A 'Virtually Real' event is planned for the weekend of 5th and 6th December. This year runners decide where they run – as individuals or as teams. We ask that they run (or walk) ideally around five kilometres – and they set their own routes – on the public highway, in parks or on private grounds (with permission of course). The organisers have 3,000 Santa suits in stock and 3,000 official Runner Cards printed. And, to reflect changing circumstances, they have made some very important changes:

- For the first time all children aged five and over will receive a Santa Suit (suit availability subject to demand).
- Individuals and teams are invited to create their own Virgin Giving sponsorship pages.
- This year £5,000 in fun 'prizes' has been made available (NOTE – the prizes are additional awards to charities – charities that runners choose).
- Prices have been reduced (just a little – it all goes to charity!).
- And, as with any virtual event, this can be done anywhere. In Marlow, in South Bucks, in the UK, or even in Australia.

John Prout, Chair of the Santa's Fun Run organising committee, said: "This year is different – but, despite all the uncertainty, the main thing is that the Marlow Santa's Fun Run will take place. Last year we raised around £50,000 for mainly local charities – and they need our help more than ever. The Rotary Clubs of Marlow have decided that we will not let them down – but we really do need help from anyone who has a connection with Marlow in order to do this".

The website is now open, and fully explains all the changes made. Entries can now be made at:

www.santasfunrun.org

"The event could in fact be the biggest ever," John said. "Over the weekend of 5th and 6th December we want the parks and streets of Marlow and South Bucks filled with socially distanced Santas. We want to create a fantastic fun weekend that includes teams from local businesses, schools, churches, charities, scout and guide groups, families, neighbourhoods, clubs – all running for a great cause".

*This year runners decide
where they run – as
individuals or as teams.*

He added: "The Rotary Clubs of Marlow are making a big leap of faith here. But the fantastic support of our sponsors has really helped. Lead sponsor the Shanly Foundation has continued its support – despite there being no traditional run. And Allergan (now part of the AbbVie group) has also continued the support first seen in 2019. As a result we have been able to commit to significant set-up costs – and of course allocate £5000 in "prize" awards to nominated charities. We thank our sponsors so much".

This year the lead charities are Alexander Devine Children's Hospice Services and Carers Bucks.





Santa's Fun Run 2020 continued <<



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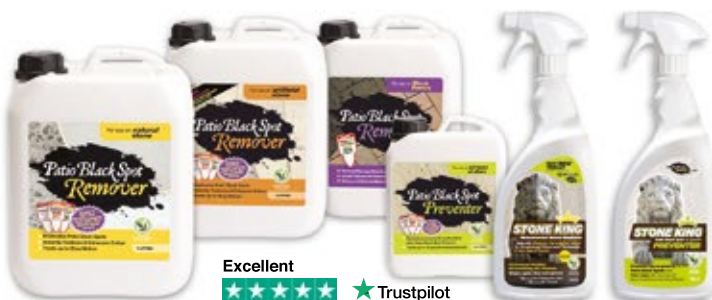
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