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Mayor's Message

Welcome to Winter 2023

I love late summer in Marlow. The town is a hive of activity and our High Street is swathed in colour from bunting and beautiful flower displays. They provide a wonderful backdrop for our residents and for the many visitors we welcome into our town.

As Mayor, I am honoured to be invited to a variety of events to support local organisations and our community. If you have an event that you would like me to attend, please email **office@marlow-tc.gov.uk** with the details and I will do my utmost to support you.

It was a lovely day in September for Marlow Carnival, an event that really brings the community together. Along with Deputy Mayor Cllr Colleen Stapley, I had the great pleasure of talking to residents at the Council stand in the Green Village.

I was also invited to attend the Army Cadet Force open evening. It was a real pleasure to engage with the cadets and their Company Sergeant Major, and to see their efforts rewarded by the volume of visitors who came along.

Marlow is blessed to have a special relationship with Marly-le-Roi, our twin town and I was honoured to attend the Marly-le-Roi Remembrance service on the 11th





November along with the Mayoress. We were delighted to receive such a warm welcome.

Our annual Remembrance ceremony took place on 12th November and, as a past member of the Royal Marines myself, I am always overwhelmed by the support the Marlow Remembrance parade and service receive from the local community, representatives from our armed forces, civic dignitaries from Buckinghamshire and our twin town of Marly-le-Roi.

Everyone loves to watch Marlow sparkle into life, marking the start of the festive season. My very grateful thanks to the very generous sponsors of this year's Switch On.

Did you come out for the Christmas Lights Switch On? I had the privilege to compere this year on the doubledecker bus with Deputy Mayor Colleen Stapley, and to introduce our celebrity guest Robert Thorogood screenwriter, novelist and fellow Marlow resident. The Christmas lights Switch On is such a cross-generational event in Marlow's calendar — everyone loves to watch Marlow sparkle into life, marking the start of the festive season. My very grateful thanks to the very generous sponsors of this year's Switch On.

The Santa Fun Run, organised by the Rotary Clubs of Marlow, is always a date for the diary. Watching hundreds of Santas running around Marlow is a hugely entertaining way to start a Sunday and to raise money for a good cause.

I am really looking forward to attending the other events this festive season, including Late Night Shopping on 7th December, organised by The Chambers of Trade & Commerce, and Carols on The Causeway on 19th December. I look forward to seeing you there.

In this edition of the Marlovian you will find tips on how to stay safe online while you are Christmas shopping, details of where to find our newly installed defibrillator and news from local community organisations.

On behalf of the Town Council, I wish you and your family a wonderful Christmas and New Year.

Mayor David Brown

Mayor's Charity



M arlow's Mayor, Cllr David Brown has announced that Meals from Marlow will be the chosen charity during his mayoral term.

In the course of lockdown in 2020, it became clear that both exhausted frontline keyworkers and vulnerable families needed the support of the community — and Meals from Marlow was born. The charity was the brainchild of chef Tom Kerridge, Andy Agar and Chris Hughes, supported by a GoFundMe page and a team of volunteers. Although the founders continue to be involved, a team from All Saints' Church, Marlow now manages the day-to-day operations.

Mayor Brown said: "Since its inception, Meals from Marlow has delivered over 150,000 meals, a truly amazing achievement! I'm delighted to be able to help raise funds for this very worthwhile charity."

Chris Hughes, of Meals from Marlow said: "Meals from Marlow is a wonderful local charity which has brought together many elements of the local community to help people who live nearby. The Mayor's support is great news. This builds on the consistent support from the Town Council over the last four years and is another example of what makes Marlow special. Thank you to all."

Today, Meals from Marlow delivers over 500 meals per week to those most in need, who have been referred to the service by social services or other bodies. Meals are prepared, cooked, frozen and then delivered to recipients on a twice-weekly basis.

Meals from Marlow is a community-based provision created by the community for the community and is run purely on the donations and fundraising received.

If you would like to support the Mayor's charity, please donate via BACS: Sort code 30-95-36; Account number 03635900.

"Since its inception, Meals from Marlow has delivered over 150,000 meals, a truly amazing achievement!" Mayor Brown



Town Council News





Marlow Town Council's Ground Maintenance works with Community Payback around the town, keeping footpaths clear and cutting back overgrown vegetation. We work closely with the Payback team to ensure Community Payback orders are completed with a variety of tasks including litter-picking and siding-out of pathways.



Defibrillator phone box gets a refresh____

The phone box on the junction of Lock Road and Station Rise has been freshly painted and has had all of the broken Perspex replaced. The phone box houses an emergency defibrillator which can be accessed by dialling 999.



By arrangement with Buckinghamshire Council, Marlow Town Council has arranged for free parking in all Buckinghamshire-owned car parks in the town centre on the first three Saturdays in December - 2nd, 9th and 16th.

Year End External Audit Report 2022-23____

The External Auditor has returned the report and certificate confirming that Marlow Town Council has completed the audit of the annual return for the year ended 31st March 2023. The certificate and report dated 26th September 2023 can be viewed along with the report on the finance page of the Council website.

Katherine Joy recognised for 24 years' long service_

On the 1st November at the Bucks and Milton **Keynes Association** 75th Anniversary celebrations, Katherine Joy, Deputy Clerk, was presented an award for 24 years' service to Marlow Town Council.



And finally..._

There have been many instances over the years where Council Officers have helped the public and animals including finding lost property, helping injured swans and finding missing people. But here's a first! Debbie Abbott was called upon to carry out a rescue operation for a member of the public in Higginson Park. When a gentleman called the office saying he was locked in a toilet and needed help, Debbie immediately grabbed a toolbox and headed over. Luckily, with the use of a few tools, she managed to release the door - and the unfortunate man!

All in a day's work for Officers at MTC!



Save A Life



New defibrillator for Quoiting Square

Marlow Town Council (MTC) has been working in conjunction with South Central Ambulance Service to increase defibrillator access in Marlow. As a result, the first new defibrillator has now been installed in a phone box in Quoiting Square and further locations are being reviewed.

The installation was completed ahead of a national 'Restart a Heart Day' on 16th October. The campaign raises awareness about cardiac arrest and helps people to learn CPR, giving them lifesaving skills and the confidence to use them. The project is aimed at schools all over the UK, with local companies and individuals also being encouraged to get involved. South Central Ambulance Service is offering to provide training on how to use a defibrillator, as well as advice on locating defibrillators at business premises.

Mayor David Brown said: "Installing the new defibrillator in Quoiting Square involved a slightly more complex process than before, as Listed Building Consent had to be sought. But the defibrillator is now in place and is ready to provide the local community with a life-saving function." BT's 'Adopt a Kiosk' scheme started in 2012 and MTC first partnered with Crown Paint in 2018 to decommission and adapt two telephone boxes on the corners of Lock Road/Station Road and Oaktree Road/Seymour Park Road.

> The defibrillator is now in place and is ready to provide the local community with a life-saving function.

Following a cardiac arrest the chances of survival drop dramatically every minute. The UK Resuscitation Council recommends that a defibrillator should be available when medical treatment is more than five minutes away.

Crown Paint centres have kindly provided paint to allow the boxes to be restored to their former glory.



Bonjour Mes Amis!



Free trip for children

M arlow has a wonderful connection to Marly-le-Roi in France. The two towns have been twinned for over 50 years, and the Marlow-Marly Town Twinning Association (MTTA) has been leading the initiative for many years.

Sir William Borlase's Grammar School and its students also have a lovely connection to Marly through the annual student exchange in Year 10. Perhaps one of your sons or daughters was lucky enough to go and experience the hospitality and friendship of the Marly families.

MTTA has organised many exchange visits and cultural events over the years, including lectures on French culture and history, informal language lessons, pétanque evenings, and fun itineraries and soirées for visiting Marly guests. The group is looking for new members from Marlow and beyond to bring enthusiasm and new ideas to the table, enriching cultural experiences and continuing the 50-year-old twinning tradition.

In May 2024, MTTA is organising a return visit to Marly. This will comprise four nights for between £250-£300, including accommodation, trips and most meals. A few children will be sponsored to attend the trip on a firstcome, first-served basis, with parents accompanying them. There will be some interesting excursions and celebrations with French friends in Marly, and of course, stays with families, lots of new friends and practising of French skills! All ages are welcome.

If you're interested in joining this exciting trip or becoming a member of MTTA, please get in touch with Suzanne at *suzannebrown900@btinternet.com*.

We hope you will join us!







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Sustainable Living

Marlow Town Council joins forces with the Green Village

The Green Village at the Marlow Carnival, a muchanticipated annual event in Marlow, provided an ideal platform for the Environment and Wellbeing Committee of Marlow Town Council to advocate for environmentally responsible living.

The committee shared insights into their ongoing action plan to improve the town's environmental sustainability, encompassing measures related to waste reduction, energy efficiency and conservation.

The Committee promotes more sustainable living behaviours and habits crucial for a healthier planet. Encouraging recycling, reusing, and repairing products can significantly reduce waste and minimise environmental footprint. The Refill Map promotes the reduction of single-use plastics and highlights locations in Marlow where residents and visitors can conveniently refill their reusable water bottles, contributing to a plasticfree environment.

Marlow Town Council is dedicated to fostering a community of individuals committed to making small,

positive behaviour changes in their daily lives. Its mission is to inspire and support these changes, recognising that collectively these efforts have the power to create a substantial positive impact on climate change. By raising awareness, providing resources, and celebrating each small step towards sustainability we aim to create a brighter more sustainable future for all.



Marlow Energy Group

Saving money and the planet!

A arlow Energy Group (MEG) uses its Thermal Imaging Camera, bought with a grant from Buckinghamshire Council, to survey houses externally (see thermal photo below; areas in red indicate heat loss). Once a house is surveyed, MEG produces a report, pointing out where any heat losses are occurring. It also provides a list of organisations that can advise on remedies, and another list of organisations offering grants to improve energy efficiency.



MEG is again offering a FREE thermal survey to houses in Marlow and Marlow Bottom this winter

If you are interested in having your house surveyed, please email **marlowenergygroup@gmail.com** for a survey application form. We intend to start house surveys in early evenings in December this year.

Should you wish to help with surveying, please email us. MEG will give full training to volunteers in all aspects of thermal imaging photography.

For more information on MEG, please visit *www.marlowenergygroup.com*



Christmas Lights Switch On

Local writer Robert Thorogood lights up Marlow

The crowds thronged to Marlow High Street once again on Thursday, 23rd November to watch as Robert Thorogood, local resident, screenwriter and author 'flicked the switch' to turn on the town's spectacular Christmas lights display.

'Snow' fell along the packed High Street and stilt walkers dressed as Nutcracker Soldiers, Candy Canes, Mother Christmas and the Snow Queen entertained the crowds.

"It's wonderful to see so many Marlovians in the town tonight to celebrate the Christmas season with the switching-on of our fantastic lights." Mayor Brown From the top of a double-decker bus outside the Chequers pub, Robert said: "When we arrived in Marlow ten years ago, the town couldn't have been more welcoming. This town is a true community and Marlovians are generous to a fault.

"My series of murder mysteries is set in Marlow. The first book is being made into a TV show, filmed right here. Everything is featured – the church, the Chequers, the gold post box in the High Street — even Fred Smith, our postman. In my next book, I kill the Mayor of Marlow – so I doubt I'll be asked to do this again!"

Mayor David Brown said: "It's wonderful to see so many Marlovians in the town tonight to celebrate the Christmas season with the switching-on of our fantastic lights. I can't thank our generous sponsors enough; without them it wouldn't be possible. Have a Happy Christmas everyone!"







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Carols On The Causeway

Don't miss this year's festive event

T his popular event hosted by the Mayor in the runup to Christmas is being held on Tuesday, 19th December. There will be free mulled wine, generously donated by The George and Dragon, and mince pies and free soft fruit drinks for children provided by Marlow Town Council. All while stocks last!

Father Christmas will be in his cosy grotto at The Causeway from 6pm, waiting to see his young visitors, and will be giving out Christmas chocolates donated by Marlow Town Council.

From 6.30pm, Marlow Town Band will play all the popular carols and - new for this year - Harmony Belles Choir will sing some Christmas songs to entertain the crowds.

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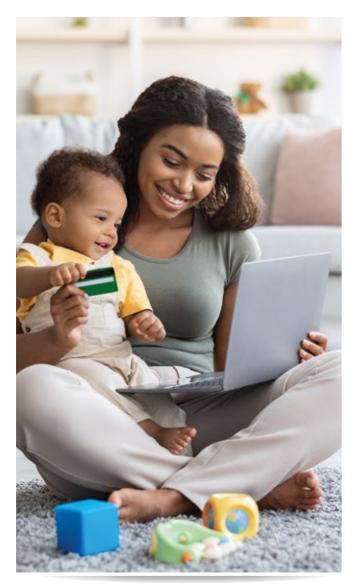
Protect your festive online shopping from scammers with these tips!

Community

The festive season is undoubtedly a time of joy and celebration, marked by the exchange of gifts and the spirit of giving. However, it's essential to be aware of the lurking pitfalls when it comes to online shopping at this time of year. As the demand for online purchases grows, so does the risk of falling victim to scams.

Cyber criminals become increasingly active by employing a variety of tactics, including fake websites, fraudulent emails or social media, with enticing offers that appear too good to be true. They often pose as sellers of highvalue items such as cars, technology products and event tickets.

Fake emails or texts you receive about amazing offers may contain links to fake websites, designed to steal your money and personal details. Not all links are bad, but if



you are unsure don't use the link $-\ {\rm go}$ separately to the website.

If you're making a purchase from a company or person you don't know and trust, carry out some research first and, if you decide to go ahead with the purchase, use a credit card if you have one, as most major credit card providers insure online purchases. Some other payment methods do provide good consumer protection, but they aren't obliged to provide the same protection as a credit card provider. Check their terms and conditions for exact details.

Regularly update your devices with the latest software and app versions. These often include crucial security enhancements guarding against fraud and identity theft. Even better, just turn on automatic updates so your device will update itself in future.

To give any online account additional protection: where possible, you should turn on two-factor authentication for the service you're using to double-check that you really are the person you claim to be when logging in.

Remember, falling victim to fraud is never your fault. Scammers are skilled at manipulation, and anyone can become a target. Staying informed and taking proactive steps can keep both your financial and emotional wellbeing safe.

The New Year is a time to set new goals and positive lifestyle changes. What about starting 2024 by joining our Neighbourhood Watch community?

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Poppy Power



O ver the past five weeks, our students have collected over 1,600 plastic bottles as part of a recycling drive to repurpose single-use plastic. We have worked with the school community subsequently to cut, heat, spray and glue these bottles and transform them into beautiful poppies — one to represent every student and staff member in the school.

The poppies have been woven together to form a poppy 'wave', with the excess flowers planted at its base in the entrance to our school. It looks spectacular alongside our 'unknown soldier' and commemorative plaque, which have both been made at Great Marlow School as part of the project.

This undertaking has been a real labour of love, and has caught the attention of the many visitors we have to the

site each day, along with the wider community who have seen it shared on social media. The exhibit was further celebrated just before Armistice Day with a visit from our parents and carers in the armed forces, who were photographed with their children in front of the display. It has provided an excellent talking point for the students, and serves as a poignant and pertinent place of remembrance to honour the contributions and sacrifices of our servicemen and women.

We are spectacularly proud of our students who have worked incredibly hard on this intensive and worthwhile project.

Mrs K Joseph-Stewart Head of Art and Design









Fallen For France

Marlow Mayor visits Marly-le-Roi for remembrance

arlow Mayor David Brown visited twin town Marlyle-Roi in November for a ceremony at the Henri-Bouilhet Cemetery to mark all the "dead for France".

The event on Saturday, 11th November was presided over by Mayor Jean-Yves Perrot and led by Benoît Burgaud, Deputy Mayor in charge of Patriotic Ceremonies and Veterans, together with Clarisse Zann, Municipal Councillor. Gathered around the Monument to the Dead to pay tribute were Audrey Baconnais-Rosez (Chief of Staff to the Prefect of Yvelines); the Deputy Mayor of the Yvelines; flag bearers of the patriotic associations; David Brown, Mayor of Marlow; representatives of the Friends of the Twinning; members of the City Youth Council; students of the Bird Field School and their teachers; Marly's elected officials; firefighters of Marly-le-Roi and Marlow; and the Marlychois.



Remembrance Service



Memorial event held on 12th November

O rganised by Marlow Town Council and the Marlow Royal British Legion, the Remembrance Parade and Service were held on Sunday, 12th November at the Memorial on The Causeway.

The parade consisted of members of the armed forces, veterans, Royal British Legion, cadets, local organisations, Brownies, Guides and Scouts. Rev Canon Dave Bull of All Saints' Church led the service and Deputy Lieutenant Lt Col Simon Wilkinson TD led the wreath-laying. Parishes and organisations around the town also laid wreaths.

Marlow Town Mayor, Cllr David Brown was joined by representatives of Marly-le-Roi. He said: "It was an honour to lead the town's Remembrance Service, and I'm delighted that so many residents and organisations took part to pay their respects. There was a great turnout from the townspeople."

Photo credits: Jon Perry – Marlow Camera Club









Marlow Tastes

2024 event announced for Tuesday, 30th April

F ollowing the success of the inaugural Marlow Tastes event, when 220 people explored a very different eating experience across five fantastic local restaurants, Marlow Thames Rotary Club is doing it all again.

Marlow Thames Rotary Club will also distribute 50% of the proceeds to a wide selection of other, mainly local charities

On Tuesday, 30th April, around eight participating restaurants will host 400 diners. Every diner will attend a reception event followed by a three-course meal across three of the participating restaurants. Diners won't know which restaurant until they arrive!

The 2024 lead charities will be Marlow United Charities (helping struggling families in the area) and Parkinsons

UK. Marlow Thames Rotary Club will also distribute 50% of the proceeds to a wide selection of other, mainly local charities.

Full details will be communicated in December by email to the press, participating restaurants and social media. Full details will also appear on Marlow Thames Rotary Club's website in December. Entries open on 1st January 2024 (N.B. The entire 2023 event sold out within three weeks of launch).

www.marlowtastes.menu

You can register early interest by emailing *info@marlowtastes.menu* – we will let you know when full details are available.





Four Seasons Club

Social club members enjoy entertainment and days out

E stablished for over fifty years, The Four Seasons Club is a friendly social club based in Liston Hall, Marlow.

Members enjoy a variety of guest speakers, which over the past year have included film and TV actor Tom



Chambers, BBC war correspondent Bill Hamilton, and retired police officer Hayley Scott, to name just a few! At our Easter meeting we were entertained by the Marlow Ukulele Group with their repertoire of popular music.

Very popular within the club are the coach trips and holidays. During 2023 we have had many great days out, including Christchurch, Brighton, Stratford upon Avon, The Cotswolds, Chichester and Worcester. Members also enjoyed a holiday to Eastbourne in May and a 'Tinsel and Turkey' holiday to Torquay in November.

Meetings take place on the first Wednesday of each month except January and start at 10am. Refreshments are available at the meetings, along with a bring and buy book table and raffle.

We are delighted to welcome new members. Just come along and join us at Liston Hall or for more details call **01628 486596.**

Allotment Association AGM

Competition prizes presented by Marlow Town Mayor

Town Mayor Cllr David Brown was invited to attend the Allotment Association AGM and hand out the prizes for this year's competition.

Cllr Brown spoke about the close collaboration between the Town Council and the Allotment Association. Regular meetings and discussions have allowed the Council to address ongoing works, tackle challenges, and identify opportunities for improvement. This partnership underscores the importance that everyone places on maintaining and enhancing the allotment spaces for current and future generations.

Cllr Brown was delighted to have been invited to announce the winners of this year's Allotment Competition. Cllr Brown said: "Their remarkable efforts have set an example for us all, and have shown that with passion, care, and a little bit of dirt under your nails, you can accomplish incredible things. Congratulations to all the winners and thank you to everyone who took part in this event."

Martin Summerfield – Best Beginner Foxes Piece,

Cllr David Brown Town Mayor



Andy Ross (left) Mary Ambramtsev (right) on behalf of Sam Loose – Joint 1st Place Hanging Hill, Cllr David Brown Town Mayor

Foxes Piece Prize Winners

1st Place - Mr B Carter & Ms D Bagge **2nd Place** - Ms S Ayres **3rd Place** - Mr F & D Tillier **Best Beginner** - Mr M Summerfield

Hanging Hill Prize Winners

1st Place - Mr S Loose & Mr A Ross **3rd Place** - Mr R Hockly **Best Beginner** - Mr S Back

Marlow Wombles

Celebrating five years of litter-picking in Marlow

M arlow Wombles have just celebrated their fifth birthday! An amazing achievement for a group of like-minded local residents who came together through the need to make a positive impact on the amount of rubbish being littered in and around Marlow.

In addition to regular litter picks, the group takes a proactive role in educating others about the detrimental effect of litter on the environment, by visiting schools and nurseries, participating in Marlow Carnival and providing litter pickers for children to use at Marlow Regatta.

The group currently meets on a Monday, usually at the Ark Café at 10am. On Monday, 18th December, all are invited to dress in red and join The Wombles for a festive litter pick. The latest details of litter picks can be found on the Facebook group page.

New Wombles who care about Marlow being litter free are always welcome! Join the Facebook group or email: **wombles@transitionmarlow.org**



Marlow Age Concern



We are seeking volunteers

M arlow Age Concern is looking for the following volunteers:

- Cooks and kitchen helpers to help prepare and serve lunches.
- Day centre assistants to enjoy a chat, serve refreshments, and play card games.
- Car drivers who can take patients to and from medical appointments.
- Minibus escorts to support guests to and from the minibus.

Marlow Age Concern was established over 30 years ago to help older residents in the Great Marlow area, particularly those confined to their homes by age or infirmity. We also offer information and advice to friends, neighbours and family members seeking to help older people.

Our Day Centre in Glade Road gives older folk the opportunity to meet once a week for social activities and a home cooked hot meal (for a modest sum). Door to door free transport is provided. All our guests are required to look after their own personal care needs. We host the Phoenix Stroke Club who meet each Monday afternoon. Transport in our wheelchair-adapted minibus is provided. We also operate the Hospital Transport Service. Our volunteer drivers take patients to and from hospital or doctor appointments wherever they need to go, in their own cars; expenses are covered.

If you have a few hours to spare on a weekly or fortnightly basis and would like to help, please give Laura, our Centre Coordinator, a call on **01628 482883** during office hours, which are 9am – 1pm, Monday to Friday, or alternatively email her at *marlowageconcern@gmail.com*

We rely wholly on independent fundraising. If you would like to make a donation or support us in any way, we would be extremely grateful. Again, please call Laura.

If you are interested in accessing our services for either yourself or someone you know, please contact Laura.

Marlow Age Concern is an independent local charity

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Marlow Nostalgia

Winter 1894: Photographer Mr Udy getting his feet wet!



These pictures, taken and signed by Ernest Udy, show possibly the worst Marlow flooding in the last two centuries. Sadly, the above, and three more similar, have not survived as well as the work of other Marlow photographers in the same era: perhaps Ernest was not a professional cameraman, but few different photos of the 1894 floods are available. Those on this page have been restored as best as possible using modern techniques, and three are now improved although not perfect.

Local Directories of this era list Mr Udy as living in Glade Road, and then a few years later in Claremont Road. That can be explained: it was the same house. In the 1890s Claremont Road had yet to be named: it was just a rough track leading from Glade Road, with two or three new developments, so initially our Mr Udy might best have been listed as 'off Glade Road'. A similar situation happened with another photographer, Mr J.G.Badger, at 'Lulworth', initially listed in Glade Road, then Claremont Road. Mr Badger, at a similar date, took slightly better quality views of the notorious Street Fairs in the town.

Top left is South Place, with Suffolk Lodge in the distance. On the rear is the information that it is the Josey family pictured. You have to look closely to see their little dog, alongside the children going to school by box rather than boat! An enlargement of Mr Udy's elegant initials is inserted into the empty space.

His view of Mill Road was obviously taken with the waters continuing to rise and with well over a foot still to

go. At the lock, a Thames Conservancy Flood marker (near the Lock Keeper's house) indicates the exact level, higher than the 1947 floods, which some Marlovians can still recall. No room today for the view of the waters above and flowing over the lock gates.

At the time of these floods the top place to stay was the Fishermen's Retreat in St. Peter Streets rated higher than the Compleat Angler just across the river. The charismatic owner Elizabeth Hoddinot remained open for business, moving the dining room upstairs and arranging for a boat to collect guests from the station. The sign on the wall

confirms it was Fishermen's and not Fisherman's Retreat. Residents of the adjoining and much more modern line of Mews Cottages please take note!

The original of the final picture, in its frame, is so faded as to be almost invisible. The above is the result of considerable restoration, but is still very murky. It depicts the Court Garden gates and Lodge House, the latter in a sad state these days, boarded up and with an uncertain future. A ghostly punt is just about visible through the thick fog. It is not easy to decide exactly where Mr Udy was standing to take this picture (tripod camera and head underneath a green baize cloth) and which is the tree, in its younger life 129 years ago, that was the subject of so much discussion just recently. Both Lodge and tree deserve preservation.

Let us hope we don't see floods like this again, but no bets are being taken! From the same terrible winter, 1894/5, there are also six pictures of the Thames frozen right over and various foolhardy locals wandering across the ice, one lady even pushing a baby in a pram!! Can you believe that? If I'm asked to provide a page for the spring Marlovian those photos might be of interest: the grainy quality indicates they were also Mr Udy's work.

Have a good Christmas!

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Getting your affairs in order

Later life planning can be a difficult subject to speak about with your loved ones but it's important to initiate those conversations and prepare for the inevitable. By being prepared you put your wishes at the forefront but also protect those around you.

Jonathan Gallop, Partner and head of the Wills, Trusts and Probate team at Blaser Mills Law advises on what you should consider when getting your affairs in order.

Create or update your Will

Creating a Will is the first and most important step that you can take when planning for later life, it safeguards your assets and protects your loved ones from any disputes that may arise.

Putting a Will in place ensures your estate is shared according to your wishes. Your Will can include details of who will manage your estate, assets and property. You can also preserve your legacy by leaving your estate to a favourite charitable cause.

If you die without a Will, also known as dying intestate, you and your loved ones will have no control over what happens to your assets. Instead, the intestacy rules will apply and the Government will decide who inherits what.

It's also a good idea to have your Will regularly reviewed by a solicitor and kept up to date with your latest wishes.

Consider a letter of wishes

Consider what you want your loved ones to know after you die which won't be included in your Will. This can include your funeral instructions, advice to guardians on raising your children or even an explanation of your Will and why your assets were shared in a specific way.

Set up a Lasting Power of Attorney A Lasting Power of Attorney (LPA) is a

document that legally appoints someone to act on your behalf, should you become unable to manage your own affairs. There are two types of LPA's that you can set up, one that will make medical and welfare choices and one that will handle your property and financial assets.

You can choose someone you trust or seek a professional Attorney (such as an accountant or solicitor) that will act on your behalf.

Make an Advance Decision

An Advance Decision is used to specify which medical treatment you would accept or refuse in critical circumstances. This situation may occur if you were to be unconscious, unable to communicate or have lost the capacity to make decisions.

Look after your affairs

Keeping important documents and information safe will make things easier for your loved ones. Make sure to let them know where they can find things such as your bank, credit, pension and tax details, your passport, birth or marriage certificates and any online passwords to your digital or subscription services.

How Blaser Mills Law can help

At Blaser Mills Law we work hard on your behalf to protect your estate for your loved ones. We ensure you have the right structures in place, giving you peace of mind for the future.

For further information and advice on how to get your affairs in order contact Jonathan Gallop on +44 (0) 1494 781 360 or email cad@blasermills.co.uk.

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