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Welcome to the autumn edition of The Marlovian. Since my last message in the summer, there have been many interesting and stimulating events in Marlow, some of which feature in the following pages.

We have, of course, been charged with responsibility for the devolved services of grass and hedge cutting around our town and we are learning how to maximise the benefits of being in local control.

The Town Regatta and Festival was mentioned in the last edition and I announced my chosen charity as The Thames Hospice, which includes the vintage clothes shop in Spittal Street - a brilliant shop displaying fabulous offerings. Direct donations can be made to my Mayor’s Charity Appeal through Jan Bailey at Marlow Town Council.

I have attended many different events – all very special - including the French Market; many Mayor Making inaugurations including the Wycombe, Henley and Aylesbury Town Mayors; The Rotary Charity Concert at Great Marlow School and, more recently, the opening of the Crowne Plaza Fun Day.

I was pleased that we achieved ‘Runner Up’ in Buckinghamshire’s ‘Best Kept Village Award.’ Last year we won the Michaelis Cup overall with the Sword of Excellence, which meant that this year we had to enter under a different category within The Tindall Cup. See the Town Council News for more detail.

The Mayoress and I recently attended and officially opened the brilliant All Saints Church Flower Show. This was held over three days and the church looked an absolute picture as the arrangements and displays all told a story, following many hours of construction – All Saints’ very own ‘Absolutely Fabulous’.

Swan Upping came to Marlow again on Tuesday 19th July. I was pleased and privileged to join the press launch following the Queen’s Swan Marker, David Barber, and his skiff, plus the skiffs from The Vintners and Dyers Livery Companies, who undertake this great annual tradition of counting, tagging, weighing and measuring the new cygnets. I was amazed at just how much an adult swan weighs, which I experienced when David Barber handed me one to hold!

The following morning we witnessed more tradition ahead of the early departure from the lawns of the Compleat Angler as the Swan Uppers continued their journey along the Thames to Sonning. Local primary school children were treated to an explanation from the Uppers of the importance of conservation. There was the added attraction of TV and press coverage from The Times newspaper and a Dutch reporter. Certificates were presented to those children present who were representing their schools.

On 18th September, we will be hosting the RAF in Marlow who will be exercising their right to parade through the district. We do hope that residents will come out in force to cheer them on. For more information, see article on page 21. Our next main event will be our Remembrance Service on the Causeway in November so I look forward to seeing you there.

All these events would not happen without the considerable efforts of our residents and many other people that go to make up this fabulous community. It has certainly been a busy quarter and it continues to be a tremendous honour to be your Town Mayor.

Finally, it is with much sadness that we learnt of the death of past Town Mayor, Margaret Done, who served as Marlow Mayor in 1995 and we would like to pass on our sincere condolences to her husband, Derek, and her family (see page 11).

Thanks to you all.

Cllr Bob Johnson
Marlow Town Mayor
The results are in…

In 2015, Marlow won not only the Best Kept Village Competition - the Michaelis Cup, but also The Wilkinson Sword of Excellence Trophy. Therefore the town was automatically entered into the Cup Winners category (also known as the Tindall Cup) for 2016. This put Marlow up against all winners from the 2015 competition. Some very tough opposition! Unfortunately Marlow did not top its category for 2016, but was scored a close runner-up. We are delighted and extremely proud of this great achievement within such a tough category. Congratulations to Stewkley, who won the Tindall Cup.

When the judging took place, the Town Council had only recently taken over responsibility for Grounds Maintenance from the District and County Councils, which was taken into account by the judges. We are still welcoming feedback from our residents and visitors on how we can improve the services we provide, and in turn, the appearance of our wonderful town. Don’t forget to use our Feedback Form on the website.

Judges’ comments included:

“The town had the appearance of being well cared for and there was a marked lack of litter and rubbish, and evidence of community involvement.”

“Marlow Town Cemetery was well maintained in the municipal fashion and in a way which suited the layout and general arrangements.”

To see all the judges’ comments, visit www.marlow-tc.gov.uk/Best-Kept-Village-Results.aspx

Dog Fouling

We are very concerned about irresponsible dog owners who don’t clear up after their dogs. We would like to remind all dog owners that the law requires owners to clean up after their dogs in public places. Wycombe District Council dog wardens enforce this under the Dogs (Fouling of Land) Act 1996.

They will fine or prosecute people who fail to clean up after their dog where this is witnessed by their dog wardens or sufficient evidence is supplied by a member of the public. They can issue fixed penalty fines of £50. If you are prosecuted in court for allowing your dog to foul in a public place and you fail to clean it up straight away, the maximum fine is £1000.

Dog owners should always take a bag with them to clear up. A small number of free poop bags are available from WDC Tourist Information Centres. Plastic sacks can also be purchased from most supermarkets and pet shops. Nappy sacks are a popular and inexpensive alternative.

If you are annoyed by dog fouling you can help us track down the offenders. If you witness an offence, please tell Marlow Town Council:

• The exact location.
• The offender’s type of dog.
• Description of the person in charge of dog.
• Vehicle registration and details.
• Address of person committing the offence if you know it.

We will try and follow up any information received. See Environmental offences for more information about penalty notices.
Remembrance

Please note that this year’s Remembrance Parade and Service will take place on Sunday 13th November at 10.30am at the War Memorial on the Causeway.

Grants

The Town Council has a budget of £6,000 for 2016-2017 to distribute grants to Community Groups, Charities and Local Organisations who benefit Marlow, its residents, visitors and the wider community. See our website at www.marlow-tc.gov.uk/Grants.aspx for information.

At our Resources Meeting on 8th August we were very pleased to award grants to Marlow Camera Club, 3rd Marlow Bridge Scouts, Marlow Festival of Music and Drama and the Marlow Branch of the Royal British Legion. Could our grants scheme be of help to your organisation? Please contact us.

Keeping Marlow Beautiful

As mentioned, Marlow Town Council (MTC) has recently taken on the responsibility of grounds maintenance in the town (formerly the role of Wycombe District Council (WDC) and Bucks County Council (BCC). The weather since April, when we took on the additional work, has been against us, with grass and weeds growing rapidly. This provided a steep learning curve for the team involved. We’re still learning about our new responsibilities but we are confident that we’re getting on top of the task now and you will see constant improvement.

We have had many comments from residents about the proliferation of weeds in our gutters. We agreed – they have been an unsightly distraction from the grounds maintenance work being undertaken. This is a result of reduced road sweeping by WDC and BCC no longer undertaking weed killing. So MTC agreed additional funding for weed killing in gutters on the majority of the roads within the town. Approximately two weeks later we cleared the dead weeds and detritus from the gutters with road sweepers.

We are also very grateful to people who’ve helped by keeping us informed of areas that need attention and especially those who look after their own verges and weed removal on pavements around the town centre. We hear more and more stories and see increasing evidence of residents who support us by doing the work for themselves and their neighbours – and we hope that our additional funding will inspire this. The more people who help, the better our town will look – so we urge you all to get together with neighbours to support us in our aim to be the most attractive and vibrant Thameside town.

Gossmore Pitch

We are pleased to report that the Gossmore recreation ground football pitch has been improved and is now passed at level 7 standard.

Barry’s Mobile Drop-Ins

As part of our ongoing community engagement efforts (which include our increased presence on social media), our Community and Amenities Officer Barry Cross will continue to host his drop-in service across the town. Members of the public are invited to come along to discuss any concerns or ideas they may have for Marlow on the second Tuesday and Friday of each month. If, for example, you notice the grass needs a cut, that a street light is out, a pot hole has developed, or you just have general concerns or ideas to share, then please drop in at the following times and locations:

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Second Tuesday of each month:
10:00 - Cemetery, Wethered Road
10:45 - Riley Park, Cambridge Road
11:30 - Riverpark Drive open space
12:15 - Ridgeway Close open space
13:00 - Sainsbury’s, Riley Road

Second Friday of each month:
10:00 - Wallace Close play area
10:45 - Post Office, Oak Tree Road
11:30 - Seymour Court Road
12:15 - Library, Institute Road
13:00 - Waitrose, Liston Road

Upcoming drop-in dates:

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A blooming transformation

If you have walked through the cemetery recently you may have noticed a transformation at the Sandygate Close entrance. A friend and neighbour of the cemetery has kindly volunteered his time and skills to create wonderful blossoming flower beds for visitors to enjoy. The bedding was all created with recycled supplies: compost from the cemetery heap and flowers discarded in the green bins provided to our visitors. The leftover compost was then donated to the Triangle Project to fill their newly constructed raised beds.

We are extremely grateful to the green-fingered gentleman responsible and hope you agree that the cemetery has become a more beautiful and pleasant place to visit. If you have any ideas or would like to contribute to similar projects in the town, please do not hesitate to get in touch!

Marlow Town Councillor to the rescue

Cllr Tim Avery and his family came to the rescue after storms blew down a large tree on a busy public footpath. While making his way to the town centre, Town Councillor Tim Avery discovered a man on a mobility scooter struggling to get past the fallen tree in Liston Court.

After learning the tree had been blocking the path for a couple of days Cllr Avery said he contacted the landowners – Red Kite – and was told they would not be able to remove the tree until after the weekend.

So Cllr Avery, his wife Tina and their ten-year-old son then decided to take matters into their own hands. He said: “I had a look on the Red Kite website and I couldn’t see an emergency number – although I might not have been looking hard enough – for trees that were blocking pathways. I rang up and spoke to someone and they did not seem to know if there was an emergency number. The tree was proving to be an inconvenience so I decided to step in. I took my saw and some secateurs, chopped the tree up and moved it off the path.”

Marlow Flood Alleviation Scheme

Marlow residents took advantage of the Environment Agency’s public drop in session on Thursday 8th September designed to provide the local community with information about the Marlow Flood Alleviation Scheme and the advanced works that will be starting in September 2016. There was information on display and experts on hand to talk to about the scheme.

David Bedlington, Area Flood & Coastal Risk Manager for the Environment Agency said: “I am delighted that the advanced works for the flood defences in Marlow are able to start this year. One flood wall will replace timber
fences with a permanent and impermeable wall, along the
boundaries of two residential properties. The second
flood wall will prevent the River Thames from backing up
along the highway ditch near the A404. These walls are
part of the preparation for the main scheme which is
expected to start construction in spring 2017. I look
forward to meeting members from the local community
on 8th September.”

The advanced works will consist of building two flood
walls between 1.5m and 2m in height, and made from
concrete with a brick finish. One will be adjacent to the
towpath between Gossmore recreation ground and
Pergola field. The other will be on the highway ditch at
the rear of Firview Close. The advanced works will be
complete by the end of December 2016. The towpath
between Gossmore recreation ground and Pergola field
will be closed for the duration of the works.

The advanced works will allow the Environment Agency
to effectively use temporary defence barriers to reduce
the risk of flooding to Marlow, until the main scheme
is completed. Due to reduced space and access
constraints, temporary barriers could not be placed in the
two locations of the advanced works. The Environment
Agency is able to deploy temporary defence barriers
across England, when and where there is an identified
risk of property flooding. Eventually, the advanced
works will form part of the main Marlow Flood Alleviation
Scheme.

The Environment Agency is continuing to progress plans
to build the main Marlow Flood Alleviation Scheme. Work
is continuing on:

- Ecological surveys at Pound Lane and Lower Pound
  Lane - these will continue into the autumn of 2016.
- Finalising the existing design.
- Discussing land use with landowners.

The Environment Agency expects the main construction
of the scheme to begin in spring 2017, subject to all legal
and land requirements being finalised.

The Marlow Flood Alleviation Scheme will reduce flood
risk to 287 properties in Marlow from a combination of
fluvial (river) and groundwater flooding.
Local Plan Review

Marlow Town Council statement on Wycombe District Council Local Plan

The Wycombe District Council New Local Plan draft consultation for Marlow includes a proposal to develop land to the north of Oak Tree Road, which is within the Green Belt and the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB). The ARUPS (consultants to Wycombe District Council) review did not propose any changes to the Green belt land around Marlow. It therefore comes as some surprise to us that this area of land is now included within the Local Plan.

Marlow Town Council fully supports the ARUPS recommendation that all Green Belt Land around Marlow is strong in fulfilling the green belt requirements. This particular area of land is also a clearly visible area of land within the AONB and any development would therefore have a discernable and unacceptable impact.

Another consideration is that one of the purposes of the Green Belt is to protect against the merging of neighbouring communities, in this case, Marlow, Seymour Plain and and Marlow Bottom. Clearly this proposal is in contradiction of that policy and of the WDC Local Plan.

Furthermore the consequential impact of any such development on the Marlow infrastructure would be unacceptable, given the already high demands on areas such as healthcare, education and parking.

Although there is an increasing need for additional housing in Wycombe District, Marlow Town Council does not believe that there are the ‘exceptional circumstances’ necessary to reassign any of the Green Belt land adjacent to Marlow. The only possible exception is a very small area adjacent to Seymour Court Road, which the Council feels would have little impact on the Green Belt or AONB.

We would further recommend that Wycombe District Council examine possible development of any ‘brownfield’ sites within the Town. Additionally, some small scale residential development is currently taking place around the railway station and we believe that this could be extended to other sites at the western end of the Thames Industrial Estate. However, we are mindful that these are currently used as employment sites.

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Margaret Done Obituary
Former Town Mayor who championed keeping Marlow ‘Green and Clean’

Margaret Done was first elected to Marlow Town Council at a by-election in May 1994, having been Mayoress to husband Derek the previous year. Margaret went on to serve on the Town Council for ten years, becoming Town Mayor in 1995 and Mayoress again in 2000.

Her main concern was to keep Marlow ‘Green and Clean’ and she took a great personal interest in Marlow’s flower beds and green open spaces. At the annual Marlow in Bloom competitions, Margaret could often be seen directing operations.

During her time as a Town Councillor (and afterwards) Margaret built a strong relationship with Officers at both Wycombe District and Bucks County Councils - never one to ‘tick boxes’ she got things done by her direct approach.

Probably Margaret’s most persistent campaign was for the bus shelter at the West Street car park - hardly a discussion with Margaret went by without it being mentioned.

Margaret was a great supporter of Town Twinning and made many visits to Marly-le-Roi and Budavar, always promoting Marlow but often bringing back ideas for making Marlow look even more beautiful.

During her time as a Town Councillor, Margaret Done contributed a great deal and it was a great pleasure to have her as part of the team.

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National Treasure
Mary Berry will switch on Marlow’s Christmas lights

Well-known celebrity food writer, TV presenter and ‘national treasure’ Mary Berry, CBE, is to switch on Marlow’s stunning Christmas lights display at this year’s Switch on and Shop event on Thursday 24th November.

In a somewhat different career move from her normal presenting slot on BBC One’s The Great British Bake Off, Mary will climb to the top of the double-decker bus outside The Chequers pub in the High Street and delight the crowds when she flicks the switch for the street lights and Christmas trees adorning the town. Snow machines will provide real snowflakes to give the event the authentic Christmas feel.

Cllr. Bob Johnson, Marlow Town Mayor, said: “We’re so delighted to have such a popular celebrity agree to switch on our lights this year. Mary Berry is a household name and her presence will help us to raise awareness of our wonderful town.”

Shops will open late, and there will be special promotions, offers and Christmas displays throughout the town.

Marlow FM will be there to keep the Christmas spirit going. The event will start at 5.30, and the High Street will be closed from 5.00-7.30 for the switch-on ceremony.

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Allotment Competition 2016

Town Mayor judges new ‘Most Unique Feature’ category

As part of the annual competition at the Foxes Piece and Hanging Hill allotment sites, the Town Council and Marlow Allotments Association (MAA) introduced an exciting new category in the judging. During August the Town Mayor, Councillor Bob Johnson, accompanied by representatives of the MAA from each site and a Town Council Officer, scoured both sites for their most unique feature.

Under the hot sun and with stunning views overlooking the town, the Mayor kept a keen eye for any remarkable features that stood out from the growth of flowers, fruits and vegetables. The Mayor said: “Until you walk around the allotments yourself, it’s hard to appreciate the level of commitment and hard work that goes into their upkeep. The standard at which they are kept was really impressive, and it was interesting to see how each tenant has developed their plots differently to suit their needs.”

Some of the interesting features spotted included an antique lawn-mower, various scarecrows, a child-sized shed, a palm tree and even a pterodactyl... (albeit a stuffed toy). The Mayor will now review his list of those in contention along with pictures taken on the day. The prizes will be awarded at the MAA Annual Meeting in November, alongside the regular competition categories.

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First ‘mock elections’ held at Spinfield and Danesfield schools

Following on from visits to the Marlow primary schools to raise awareness of democracy amongst Marlow’s future voters, the Council held its first ‘mock elections’ at Spinfield School and Danesfield School in August.

Children at Spinfield took part in the great ‘Cake Debate’ and voted for their favourite cake from a choice of blueberry muffin, chocolate roll, chocolate cornflake bite and flapjack. The majority voted for blueberry muffins and the Town Mayor and the Town Clerk, Annie Jones, returned to the school with a blueberry muffin for each child. Not everyone liked the muffins – but that’s democracy!

Danesfield School voted on a topical real life issue - The EU Referendum. Pupils were given a taster of what a real election involves, including campaigning, voting in a polling booth, designing election posters, filling in ballot papers and counting the votes.

Marlow Town Council will be hosting mock elections at Foxes Piece and Holy Trinity in the new school year.

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In April this year, Marlow Town Council took over many roles which were formerly the responsibility of Bucks County Council (BCC) and Wycombe District Council (WDC), as part of the Government’s Localism agenda.

To help manage these new responsibilities, Melissa Bradley was brought in as Contracts Manager for Marlow Town Council. Grounds maintenance, an important part of the Council’s new remit, takes up much of her two and a half days per week.

“My day starts with half an hour or an hour spent inspecting work around the town, responding to residents’ calls, looking at the parks and noting what needs attention,” she says. “Then back in the office I talk to the contractor, who tells me what’s new, any notifications they’ve had, how things are progressing.”

Six months before Melissa took on the role, a contract was put out to tender for the Grounds Maintenance Contract by Marlow Town Council. The contract was won by Quadron. Melissa spends much of her time liaising with the team to ensure that the terms of the contract are satisfied, as well as with WDC and BCC.

“It’s taken about three months to settle everything in,” says Melissa. “We’ve had to learn what was needed, get to know the area, train new staff and understand the expectations of residents.

“Coupled with the team being new to the role, the last few months have been particularly challenging. The wet conditions have meant everything has been growing unusually fast and we’ve had to cope with that while learning the job.”

The contract covers a number of areas, including grass cutting in the parks (except Higginson Park) and on roadside verges (except those owned by Red Kite Housing Association), hedge cutting, tree pruning, and also gathering and responding to residents’ feedback.

“The service is much better now for residents,” says Melissa. “We can respond more quickly because we’re right here. There are fewer resident calls now that the team has settled in.”

Melissa also looks after a number of other contracts, establishing the Council’s requirements and securing the most efficient service possible. Melissa has already made her mark, making savings for the Council on both the fire extinguisher contract and insurance.
It is always a leap of faith using a tradesman you haven’t used before, but after seeing the initial designs we felt confident leaving the job in Barry’s expert hands. It was a big job, but he has turned our garden from a mess into something very pleasant and easy to maintain. We would definitely use him again and recommend him to anyone. Malcolm Way, Thame

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Celebrating Her Majesty’s 90th birthday at Regatta Sunday

As part of the celebration of HM the Queen’s 90th birthday, Marlow Town Council had a stand at the Regatta Sunday Family Day on 12th June - featuring a right royal selfie experience! The stand, free to use, was open for family and friends to capture themselves with HM the Queen (albeit a life-size cut-out!), together with cool props, and to have their photo posted online. It was all great fun and below is just a small selection of the selfies taken.

The Regatta Sunday also featured the launch of our fantastic new commemorative coin in celebration of HM the Queen’s 90th birthday this year. The bespoke coin was given to all shortlisted winners of the competitions being hosted by the Town Regatta and Festival on the Sunday. In time-honoured tradition the coins were given away to the town’s younger residents. There were a small number left over from the event; these were distributed amongst Marlow primary schools and were very well received as a memento of the Queen’s special year.

Marlow Town Council had a stand at the Regatta Sunday Family Day on 12th June
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The theme at the Flower Festival at All Saints’ Church from 8th to 11th July was ‘A Jolly Good Read,’ and it embraced book titles from ‘Goldfinger’ via ‘Cider with Rosie’ to ‘Pilgrim’s Progress.’ Exhibitors included regional flower arranging clubs, local primary schools and talented individuals.

At the Friday evening preview, guests were greeted by rows of laminated flowers along the church path, all created by the children of Sandygate School. The event was officially opened by our Town Mayor, Cllr Bob Johnson, when the specially installed lighting was switched on, spotlighting and enhancing the exhibits.

On Saturday and Monday there were many visitors and positive comments. Unfortunately the Sunday was affected by the Wimbledon Men’s Final, won by Andy Murray – our Flower Festival just couldn’t compete!

Our aim is to encourage the community to adopt All Saints’ Church as its own, and the Flower Festival was held to raise money for improving the facilities at the Church. There is only one toilet, inaccessible to wheelchair users and hopelessly inadequate when we have a full church, for example at a concert. Plans have been prepared to upgrade the existing toilet and create a second all-access unit.

All the displays at the Festival were sponsored, with one of our main sponsors being Marlow Town Council. The Festival raised over £3500 towards the improvements. Although we took a little less than last time - for which we blame Andy Murray – financially it was a success. Equally importantly, it added another social event to the Marlow 2016 calendar and attracted both locals and visitors alike to the town.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to its success. Next time, we will check the tennis calendar before setting the date!

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All Saints’ Church

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Marlow Carnival

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It seems like only yesterday we were reviewing the 2015 Marlow Carnival and celebrating the sun that shone so warmly on the day - but here we are watching the days fly by before we hold the 2016 Marlow Carnival!

As usual a lot of hard work has been put in by a small team of volunteers based at Liston Hall, the home of Marlow Community Association, who have organised the Carnival for almost 30 years.

The last few weeks before the date are the most exciting, checking all is in order and that the masterplan is all coming together….it usually does!

The date, by the way, is **Saturday 17th September** and we will be in Higginson Park from 11am till 5pm.

If you have never been before you really should drop by and see us. You will find a bar, a BBQ and the Flying Tearoom for starters; there are plenty of stalls, pony rides, a Children’s Fairground and lots of entertainment in the form of singing, dancing and children's workshops. This year we even have a Buskers Bus Stop where you can drop in and ‘do your thing’ to entertain us! There’s also a Children’s Procession through the Park, which your children can join if they wish.

We are on Facebook and our website will give you more information at [www.marlowcarnival.co.uk](http://www.marlowcarnival.co.uk)

Hope to see you there. Call me if you have any questions.

Peter Donegan
Chairman MCA and Carnival Coordinator

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Commemorative Parade

Battle of Britain and Freedom of the District Parade

Further to our ‘Save the Date’ article in the Spring issue, we can now confirm the timings of the Battle of Britain and Freedom of the District Parade on Sunday 18th September. This is a great honour for Marlow as the RAF celebrate their link with the community.

The RAF Parade will start from Higginson Park at 1.35pm, parade up the High Street, around the obelisk and back down the High Street to muster at the War Memorial on The Causeway for a short wreath-laying service to commemorate the Battle of Britain.

The High Street, Spittal Street, West Street from Oxford Road junction to the Obelisk at the top of the High Street and Marlow Bridge will be closed from 12.30pm until approximately 3pm.

Do come along and cheer on our RAF servicemen and servicewomen, together with the Air Training Cadets from around the district. Union flags to wave at the parade will be available, but when they are gone they are gone! These have been kindly donated by the Marlow Regatta and Festival Committee.

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Great Thames Row
Naomi Riches will attempt a record-breaking row for IN-vision

On Saturday 17th September I will be passing under Lechlade Bridge at 4.50pm in an attempt to set a new World Record for the fastest woman to row down our glorious River Thames... 165miles to Gravesend Royal Pier. I am aiming to do this in 50 hours or less.

This is not purely for blisters, a sore bum and a bit of fun... it is also to raise £165,000 for IN-vision; the charity I became Patron of in early 2014. I was diagnosed with Nystagmus (amongst other things) when I was just a couple of months old and, back then, my parents could not get the answers and information they really wanted and needed. Liz Charter, the Founder of the charity, had the same questions and total lack of answers when her gorgeous son was born just six years ago. As a result of her frustration and love for her little boy, Liz founded the charity IN-vision. The charity’s aim is to further the research into, and raise awareness of, Infantile Nystagmus, which affects 1 in 1,000 children. Maybe one day we can even find a cure!

Another reason for doing ‘my little paddle’ is to raise awareness of the ability of those with a disability. Let’s celebrate what we CAN do and not focus on what we cannot do! Growing up I was always told by teachers and fellow pupils that I would not achieve at anything... but that, I have at last realised, is what drives me to achieve every day... to prove them all wrong!

I am asking you to help me achieve this mammoth £165k target. I cannot do it without you! You can sponsor a mile, just donate online or even run your own fundraising event for us. Anything you can do to help me achieve this will be appreciated.

Learn more about my journey and how you can get involved at www.thegreatthamesrow.org OR follow us on twitter:

@TGTR2016
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Contributed by Naomi Riches MBE
Sprintathon
A marathon effort in support of Stand Up To Cancer

www.marlow-tc.gov.uk

To run the fastest marathon time ever on the planet (1:56:54), the average speed over 422 100m legs will need to be under 16.62 seconds per 100m so we will need as much support as possible!

Entry is free and there will be lots for kids to do. For more info visit: https://marlow.leadpages.co/sprintathon

Contributed by The Sprintathon Team

W e all saw how brilliant our Olympic team were in Rio. Now come and cheer as folks of Marlow attempt to run the fastest marathon time ever in support of Stand Up To Cancer. The event takes place at Little Marlow Athletics track from 2pm on Saturday 24th September.

An eclectic mix of runners including Andrew Strauss, Derek Redmond, Naomi Riches, Invictus athletes, recovering cancer patients, Marlow sports clubs and school children, and hopefully several Rio Olympians will be participating.

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Archaeology in Marlow

**Putting Marlow on the Map: from Gough to Google by John Leighfield**
Thursday 22nd September
8pm in the Garden Room, Liston Hall.

John’s talk will cover the development of maps of Britain from the 14th century right through to today. It will look at the major map makers and the key phases through which map making has gone. It will be highly illustrated with images of all key maps and will concentrate on maps showing the Marlow area. There will be an illustrated handout for the talk.

**The Old Straight Track revisited and revised**
Thursday 13th October
8pm in Garden Room, Liston Hall.

Understanding the dating patterns of mobility in prehistory. Prof. Martin Bell. Joint talk with Archaeology in Marlow and Marlow Archaeology Society

Richard III: Part 2
Thursday 24th November
8pm in Main Hall, Liston Hall.

‘Revealing Richard’s burial place and the latest research on the king.’ Mathew Morris will give an update on the latest research on Richard III and the excavations at Grey Friars friary where Richard’s remains were found. Joint talk with Marlow Archaeological Society and Archaeology in Marlow.

Marlow Archaeology Society

**Windsor: the Castle in its Landscape c 1070-1300 by Steven Brindle**

Leading Historical England historian and author Steven Brindle will look at Windsor Castle from its foundations in the late 11th century to the start of 14th century. He will cover its place in the landscape, the reasons for it being founded where it was and the first two centuries of the castle’s history. He was responsible for advice relating to Windsor Castle during the post-fire restoration after 1993.

Contributed by Peter Borrows
Chairman, Marlow Archaeology Society
Santa’s Fun Run

Applications for this year’s charity run are now open

The Rotary Clubs of Marlow have announced the 12th Santa’s Fun Run, to take place on the morning of Sunday 4th December. The event promises to be bigger, better and more fun than ever.

Sir Steve Redgrave will again start the five-kilometre run and the expected 2500 participants will stream from Higginson Park through the streets of Marlow in a sea of red. The run continues to grow year on year, and runners dressed as Santa Claus, Mummy Claus and Santa’s Little Helpers will ensure that Marlow High Street will again be a remarkable sight on this magical morning. Dogs are welcome, as well as pushchairs and wheelchairs. Able bodied or not, young or old, human or canine, this really is the fun run for everyone - spectators and runners alike. This year there will be side stalls and entertainment for those waiting for the runners to return.

Participating Santas can raise money for their own personal charities, as well as for Rotary. In 2015 over £30,000 was distributed, mainly to local charities and other deserving causes. This year the target is £40,000.

The lead charity for 2016 is Christmas for Kids (www.christmasforkids.org.uk), who deliver pantomimes to children’s hospices up and down the country. The money raised will be concentrated on the local area, and will ensure that those with the most serious and life-threatening illnesses can still enjoy Christmas.

Potential participants should sign up quickly and start raising sponsorship as early as possible (last year Rotary had to close to entries well before the event date). Apply online from 1st September on www.santasfunrun.org.

Contributed by Brian Jonson
Rotary Club of Marlow

Sir Steve Redgrave will again start the five-kilometre run
It is the 13th consecutive year that Marlow’s Higginson Park will have The Green Flag on display and the fifth successive year for The Rye in High Wycombe. The parks, managed by Wycombe District Council (WDC), provide excellent facilities and are home of numerous events – including the Wycombe Park Run, which celebrated its 200th fun run around The Rye last week.

Cllr Julia Adey, WDC’s Cabinet Member for Community, said: “We are thrilled that our two major parks have once again been recognised by Keep Britain Tidy and we are proud to fly The Green Flag.

“The Rye and Higginson Park are two of the best open spaces in the country which combine beautiful natural features with fantastic facilities for everyone to enjoy.

“This award highlights that the people of the Wycombe District benefit from green spaces of the very highest quality and recognises the hard work of everyone at the council and our contractor, Quadron, to ensure the high standards are maintained.”

The Rye and Higginson Park are among a record-breaking 1,686 parks and green spaces to receive the prestigious Green Flag Award this year. The flag is the mark of a quality park or green space. International Green Flag Award Scheme Manager, Paul Todd, said: “We are delighted to be celebrating another record-breaking year for the Green Flag Award scheme, especially as we celebrate the 20th anniversary of the awards.

“All the flags flying this year are a testament to the efforts of the thousands of men and women, both staff and volunteers, who work tirelessly to maintain the high standards demanded by the Green Flag Award.”

Contributed by Simon Farr
Communications Officer, WDC
Small businesses or sole traders of every type can enjoy the opportunities offered by Marlow Chamber of Trade and Commerce. We hold business meetings on the third Monday of every month (except August and December) hosted by varying business venues around the town, where updates are given and matters of concern to business are discussed and debated. Networking follows at these meetings, enabling members to build relationships with business owners, district and local councillors.

Our £75 per annum membership fee also covers a summary of your business in the members’ directory and a whole page on our website to promote your company. You can also submit details of your news, offers and events, circulate them via email to member businesses, and promote them on the website home page.

If you would like more information or to attend a business meeting with no obligation, please contact the Secretary, Jo Braybrooke, on jorod@btinternet.com or call 01628 488238.

The committee is working hard to organise this year’s Traditional Late Night Shopping Event on Thursday 1st December. The High Street is closed for the event from 1.30pm – 10pm to enable stalls (both commercial and charity) to set up. We once again have the reindeer in attendance (sponsored by the Shanly Foundation) and Father Christmas will be there in his grotto with the sleigh (sponsored by LGP Solicitors and Burgers).

Do put the date in your diary and if you would like any further information contact the Secretary, Jo Braybrooke, on jorod@btinternet.com or call 01628 488238.

Contributed by Jo Braybrooke
Marlow Chamber of Trade and Commerce
The Triangle Project

Allotment project’s annual BBQ was a sizzler!

The Triangle Project is an allotment project that enables adults suffering from disabilities or health problems to enjoy and learn from the allotment experience. They are able to use an enclosed area of allotment ground and are given the support of volunteers to help and guide them.

There are five groups that work with and help vulnerable adults who attend the Hanging Hill allotment site regularly, the most recent of which is the Marlow Rotary Gardening Club. The group is supported by Marlow Thames Rotary Club and aims to help local residents who may be suffering from health, mental or physical problems. If anyone would like to be part of this group please contact Sam Townley at Marlow Town Council; he will pass on any contact details to the organisers.

The Triangle Project has been running since March 2013 and has proved to be very popular. Members have benefited in many ways, from learning how to grow fruit and vegetables, to growing a strong community spirit and making friends.

This project works on general allotment principles. Each group is a tenant and has their specific allocated area to plant and grow their crops. There is a communal shed containing tools and seeds for all to share and use; these are replaced and replenished periodically.

Each year a BBQ has been held to celebrate this successful project, allowing all the tenants to meet each other, along with the supporters and backers of the project. Volunteers from the main site attend to help cook and serve food, along with local media to publicise and promote this successful pilot allotment project.

Approximately 50 people attended the BBQ this year. There were twelve volunteers, three groups from the Triangle and guests. Councillors Suzanne Brown, Cllr Richard Scott and Town Clerk Annie Jones also attended, along with staff members from Waitrose, Mary Flavelle from Marlow FM and two members from Marlow Thames Rotary Club.

Contributed by Sylvia Miller
Project Facilitator for the Triangle Project, Marlow Allotment Association

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On the 27th August 2016, Marlow Camera Club celebrated being 50 years old. The event took place at All Saints Church Hall and was opened by the Mayor of Marlow, Councillor Bob Johnson.

There were displays of members’ prints and framed photographs, as well as stands featuring other work produced by the club. An area devoted to old cameras and a live technology section were also enjoyed by visitors. Members of the club were on hand to proudly help, explain and answer any questions.

The club meets at the Methodist Hall in Marlow on Tuesday evenings from September till May. The 2016 to 2017 season starts on 13th September and details can be found on Marlow Camera Club’s website www.marlowcc.org.

To quote one member: “We are a friendly group of enthusiasts who have fun and are able to learn from each other in a relaxed and open atmosphere.”

The message is “Come along on the 13th September and give us a try. Your first two attendances are free”.

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