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Mayor’s Spring Message

Cllr Bob Johnson

Though spring is just around the corner, I can’t avoid mentioning the brilliant Christmas events just gone!

What a spectacle the lights show was again this year and - even better - we welcomed ‘national treasure,’ Mary Berry, to the town to perform the switch on. What a recipe for success! Completing the show, we had ‘snow’ and thousands of Marlow people who helped us to do it in style. I am so very grateful to ALL of our sponsors, corporates, smaller businesses, shops and the numerous residents who contributed.

The annual Carols on The Causeway was also very well attended, with an excellent supporting cast of Father Christmas, the Marlow Choral Society, the Town Band and the Rotary Clubs of Marlow. Thank you all.

Marlow’s economy continues with a busy High Street scene, especially now the bridge has re-opened. It’s a great testament to our wonderful residents and businesses.

I was really fortunate to represent Marlow at the Budavar 10th anniversary celebrations on 17th and 18th December, overlooking the Danube. The Mayor and Officers hosted a brilliant event albeit in minus five degree temperatures. I took gifts to them from Marlow and have been presented with an excellent picture of their own spectacular Chain Bridge, a replica of ours, just larger!

I shall be holding my Town Mayor’s Annual Charity Dinner on Sunday 19th March to help raise funds for my chosen charity, Thames Hospice. Tickets are available from Jan Bailey at The Town Office. All profits from this event go to the charity.

Additionally, the Mayor’s Annual Civic Service will be held on Sunday 18th June 2017 at All Saints Church. I do hope you will show your support and attend.

As I write, I am nearing the end of my second year as your Town Mayor. It has been an outstanding honour for Shirley and myself to be your Mayor and Mayoress - this is such a great town with a fabulous community.

Thank you for all your continued support and, on behalf of the whole Council, I hope you have a great 2017 in Marlow.

Cllr Bob Johnson
Marlow Town Mayor

“Marlow’s economy continues with a busy High Street scene, especially now the bridge has re-opened.”
Mayor visits Budavar to celebrate 10 years of Town Twinning

Mayor Bob Johnson was invited to Budavar in Hungary on 17th-18th December by Mayor Dr Nagy Gabor, to celebrate ten years of the signing of the Town Twinning Oath in Marlow.

The original signing, by Dr Nagy and Cllr Richard Scott, who was Mayor at that time, took place at the Compleat Angler Hotel in November 2006, overlooking the historic bridge which has formed the link between the two towns ever since. The sister bridge in Budavar that connects Buda and Pest was built by the same engineer, William Tierney Clark, who was among the first engineers to design suspension bridges. The Budavar bridge is almost identical to the Marlow bridge but is considerably larger.

Following a reception in the Castle of Buda, Mayor Johnson walked to the Budavar bridge to view the memorial tablet. In the evening, he attended an Advent Concert at the Town Hall.

“Our friends in Budapest were excellent hosts and I enjoyed my tour of the city,” he said.
Mayor’s Charity Golf Day
In aid of the Mayor’s chosen charity, Thames Hospice

Get those clubs polished and ready for action – the Mayor’s Golf Day has been announced!

**Tuesday 25th April 2017 at Harleyford Golf Club**

Put together a corporate team or friends’ team for £280. This fee includes a day’s golf at Harleyford Golf Club, coffee and bacon roll before the shotgun start at 12pm, a three-course evening meal in the Club’s Pavilion Restaurant at 6pm, a prize-giving and a raffle.

We have responded to comments from our guests last year by moving the dinner forward a little and we will not be holding a live auction as it was felt it made for a rather long day after a demanding day of golf. There will of course be a substantial raffle on the night.

Competitions will be the same as at previous events: Best Team wins the prestigious Mayor’s Cup, Best Individual for men and ladies, Nearest the Pin on the 3rd and 17th and Challenge the Pro on the 12th.

If you would like to be a part of this really enjoyable day and raise funds for the Mayor’s charity, Thames Hospice, please contact Jan Bailey on **01628 484024** or email **jan@marlow-tc.gov.uk**.

Hope to see you there!

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The Allotment Association held its 33rd Annual General Meeting on 8th December and the Chair, Denise Bagge, welcomed Mayor Cllr Bob Johnson to the meeting. The Mayor said that in the past he has had an allotment and is in awe of the hard work the tenants put into their allotment plots.

The allotment sites are well used by Marlow residents and Marlow Town Council appreciates the hard work that people put in, supporting the health and wellbeing of those participating.

"A large number of plots are very well kept – some tenants even treat their allotment as their second home!" Cllr Johnson said. "When I visited the site to find the most unique plot on each site, I was really impressed with the high standard of the plots. These allotment sites are a vital commodity to the town and it is important that all the plots are worked. We commend everyone who contributes to keep them at this level."

He presented awards and certificates to the following winners:

**Master Gardener**
- Mr A Ross

**Hanging Hill**
- First: Mr J Holland
- Second: Mrs Y Holland
- Best Newcomer: Mr J Prowse
- Highly Commended: Mr J Stephenson, Mr R Maidment, Mr G Robinson

**Foxes Piece**
- First: Mr M Deri
- Second: Ms D Bagge & Mr B Carter
- Third: Ms A Lloyd
- Best Newcomer: Ms L Spratley
- Highly Commended: Mr P Morgan, Mr N Garside, Mr S Pickard, Mr P Edmonds

The winners of the new category in the competition, Town Mayor’s Award for the Most Unique Feature:

**Hanging Hill**
- Mr Holland for his pterodactyl on his shed.

**Foxes Piece**
- Mrs Farrell for the lizard on her shed.
“Believe me, my young friend, there is nothing - absolutely nothing - half so much worth doing as simply messing about in boats”

Kenneth Grahame, The Wind in the Willows

We couldn’t agree more, so come join us at the Thames Used Boat Show at Thames & Kennet Marina which runs from 14-23 April 2017.

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Grounds Maintenance

We are nearing the end of our first year of grounds maintenance in Marlow, having taken over the responsibility from WDC and BCC. It was a challenging start to the programme, not helped by the weather, which provided ideal growing conditions! But we are confident that the results have continued to improve since we took on the task.

We continue to monitor this project and, with the help of Community Payback, we are able to keep pace with hedge trimming and siding. We have recently concentrated on the Wiltshire Road area and the cemetery, which have needed attention for some years.

Hedge cutting is suspended currently as it is the bird-nesting season; this will resume in October. We would like to say a special ‘thank you’ to the Community Payback team and our contractors Quadron, both of whom have listened to our feedback and responded by providing an improved service as the year has progressed. I would also like to say a huge ‘thank you’ to officers Melissa Bradley and Barry Cross who manage these relationships.

Wild Flowers

Transition Town Marlow (TTM) are getting together with local residents in the Terrington Hill area to plant some more wild flowers on Sunday 2nd April 2017 between 10am and 4pm. They will be clearing the verges and sowing them there and on the footpath that connects the two sections of Barnards Hill, starting at Terrington Hill.

TTM organised the planting of 25 fruit trees in Seymour Park in January 2016 and they are doing very well. They received their first prune last month and we are looking forward to some apples, pears, plums, greengages and cherries soon. The Seymour Park footballers have been very careful around the trees and we are pleased to report that TTM in conjunction with Marlow Town Council has replaced the football goal posts.

TTM has funded all these activities through its Marlow Community Market which is held on the last Saturday of every month in Liston Hall from 9.30am to 1pm. The Market provides a space for small, local traders (mostly food and crafts) with an opportunity to sell their wares.

Future Events

You have probably read that there are exciting changes afoot with regard to our Civic events. First, we have brought the Civic Service forward to the start of the new Mayor’s term of office - the new Mayor takes over in May. The service is at 3pm on 18th June, at All Saints Church. Everyone is very welcome to come along.

Second, we are combining three events into one very special event. From this year the annual reception, veterans’ lunch and senior citizens’ lunch will join together...
and be known as ‘Celebrate Marlow.’ This new event will take place in September (date to follow).

We believe these two events will work really well to showcase our town and bring together our very special community.

**Gossmore Changing Rooms**

Work has started on the refurbishment of the Gossmore Recreation Ground changing rooms. This will include renovation of the interior with additional improved facilities including new toilets and extra showers. The roof will also be re-covered and the walls re-painted. This will greatly enhance this much-used facility and support the use of Gossmore Recreation ground for higher-level football.

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A n inquiry into the use of cars to transport children to and from school is to be launched later this month by Buckinghamshire County Council. Members of the Transport, Environment and Communities Select Committee say they want to explore alternative, healthier options for parents and carers to make the school journey.

Chairman David Carroll said that with planned housing growth across Buckinghamshire, school expansion and new school building could lead to worse congestion and parking around roads serving schools.

“We want to see if it’s possible to reduce the number of car journeys to school,” said David. “By exploring alternative, healthier modes of travel to school, we’ll have the opportunity to see what good models schools are using across the county, and what good practice could be shared.”

Early next month the Select Committee will hold two days of evidence gathering from head teachers, travel planning co-ordinators, Junior Road Safety Officers, police, fire service community safety officers and national experts.

Members of the Select Committee want to see how a variety of sustainable travel initiatives already in place have changed travel-to-school habits, and whether these could be harnessed more widely.

A final inquiry report will be published at the end of March and recommendations made to the Cabinet in April.

For further information, please contact Richard Wells on 01296 382149 or out of hours on 07825430978

Contributed by Richard Wells, BCC
Derek Done was Town Mayor from May 1993 to April 1994 and from May 2000 to April 2001. He was also the Chairman of the Planning and Transportation Committee at Wycombe District Council from 1995 to 1999.

As Town Mayor, Derek, was very keen on the Town Twinning links with Marly-le-Roi, but he considered he should be remembered for the work he did in promoting the new Marlow Town Regatta and Festival. After the original Marlow Regatta announced its intention of moving to Dorney Lake, Marlow Town Council, under Jim Campbell’s and Derek’s leadership, immediately set up a series of public meetings to gauge public interest in the continuance of a Regatta in Marlow. Derek was Chairman of the later meetings. The result was, as we all now know, that the new Town Regatta has been held every year since 2001. I know that Derek felt that Marlow people did not know and appreciate the work done by the Town Council in setting up the new event.

It was a great pleasure to have known Derek and worked with him on the Town and District Councils and help to make Marlow a better Town.

Contributed by
Maurice Oram, Former Town Mayor

Derek Done was a long serving and very active member of The Marlow Society. He gave generously of his time in seeking sensible resolutions to problems associated with commercial and housing development, traffic and the organisation of local authorities. His expertise, gained from a successful career in the private sector, was generously shared and applied in the interest of the whole community. His depth of knowledge and experience was made freely available to Society members. The Marlow community has lost an outstanding citizen.

Contributed by Martin Blunkell,
Chairman of The Marlow Society
Sunday Sessions

Afternoon flute and piano concert at All Saints’ Church

On Sunday 19th March at 3pm, two distinguished musicians will present a varied programme of music for flute and piano.

Zoë Smith (Piano)
Zoë grew up in Marlow and was a Bucks County Music Scholar attending the High Wycombe Music Centre as a pianist and flautist. Since completing her studies at Oxford University and the Royal Academy of Music, she has worked with top performers worldwide and is Head of Ensemble Performance at the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama.

Robert Manasse (Flute)
Robert read Applied Biology at Imperial College, later gaining a PhD in Plant Biochemistry. After postgraduate studies at the Royal Academy of Music, he began a successful career as a freelance flute-player. He works with many major orchestras and teaches at the Junior Department of the Guildhall School of Music.

The programme will include a Flute Sonata by C.P.E. Bach, Poulenc’s Sonata for Flute & Piano, and Sonatina for Flute & Piano by William Mathias. Following the concert, afternoon tea will be served, when there will be an opportunity to meet the performers.

There will be a Retiring Collection in aid of All Saints’ Marlow Music Trust. Registered Charity No. 1164231.

Contributed by Clem Virgo, All Saints’ Church

Photos (left to right): Zoë Smith and Robert Manasse

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A unique fundraising event takes place at the Marlow Club on 2nd April. The target is to raise £10,000 or more for Alexander Devine Children’s Hospice at the Spinathon, with the club’s spin studio at the heart of the action.

Each session costs £25 and sessions run at 1.45pm, 2.45pm and 3.45pm. Pre-booking is essential and those wanting to get involved are encouraged to reserve their seats as soon as possible. See below for booking information.

Spinathon participants and their families can take advantage of a complimentary Pranic Healing taster session. This gentle therapy is used for a range of physical, psychological, and emotional conditions.

The Alexander Devine Children’s Hospice Service was founded in 2007 by Fiona and John Devine in memory of their son, Alexander, who died aged eight after being diagnosed with a brain tumour.

Based in Maidenhead, the service delivers palliative care and support to families across the Thames Valley and work is now nearing completion on creating the region’s first children’s hospice on a site in Cox Green, just seven miles from Marlow. For further information about Alexander Devine Children’s Hospice Service, visit www.alexanderdevine.org or call 01628 822777.

All money raised at the Spinathon will go towards providing equipment for the new hospice, a £6.8 million project funded entirely with the public’s support and generosity and scheduled to start welcoming families in summer 2017.

To donate towards the Alexander Devine event, visit https://mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/mckscfukspinathonreg

To sign up for the fundraising Spinathon or to reserve a meditation seat, call Helen Rann on 07486 912922 or email spinathonmcks@gmail.com
Marlow Remembers

Local events commemorating the impact of WWI upon the people of Marlow

The Bucks Military Museum Trust came to Marlow on Saturday 18th February with their roadshow at the invitation of the Marlow Remembers WW1 Association. The day event was hosted by the Marlow Royal British Legion and comprised displays by the two principals plus the Centre for Bucks Studies from Aylesbury.

Some 30 people attended and were clearly delighted with the displays and the helpful stewards. Several visitors were anxious to learn about their earlier family members and the BMMT database proved to be very successful (see pictures). The roadshow has previously toured the county and attracted interest wherever displayed.

The Marlow Remembers WWI Association has staged several talks and events including a music concert in All Saints Church Marlow. We were able to honour the soldier constructors of the Training Trenches at Marlow Common in 2015. The Somme was commemorated last year with a film show and display on The Causeway, and on 30th July 2017 there will be a similar commemoration relating to Passchendaele.

In the meantime research is on-going for the Home Front, in particular the difficulties providing sufficient food for the populace. A talk on the subject is planned for 20th November.

‘Progress’ of the Great War is recorded in the Marlow Museum at Court Garden which is open from 4th March on Saturdays and Sundays 1-5pm and Wednesdays 2-5pm. Entry is FREE.

On 20th April, the Marlow U3A is holding a talk at the Liston Hall, Marlow, by Symon Hill on the Conscientious Objectors in Buckinghamshire in WW1.

Contributed by Mike Hyde, Marlow Museum

Photos (below): Bucks Military Museum Trust roadshow

Photos (below left to right): Battle of the Somme commemoration, WWI wounded; Marlow Remembers WW1 Trenches Heritage Day
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Now an established part of Marlow’s calendar, this year’s festival on 2nd to 17th June promises an even wider range of family-centred activities with something for all age groups to enjoy.

The Kids Cycle Ride will again give families a chance to see the wonderful Wittington Estate (thanks to SAS UK). Though competitors may be too busy to notice the carefully groomed flowerbeds and elegant footpaths, these gardens are one of Marlow’s hidden gems.

Older folk may opt for different ways to test their skills: the quiz nights are always popular as are many musical events that are a big part of the Festival.

And of course there is always the chance to join one of the teams of volunteers who help to make Marlow a great place to live. Joining the ‘Litter Pick’ or the allotment project is a great way to make new friends and at the same time help transform some elderly residents’ enjoyment of their garden or open spaces.

Look out for the festival brochure or find out more at www.lovemarlow.co.uk

Contributed by
Paddy Gallaugher, Love Marlow
The 2017 Marlow Town Regatta & Festival will take place on the Thames and in Higginson Park, Marlow on 10th and 11th June. Up-to-date information can be found at www.marlowtownregatta.org.

Saturday 10th June – Marlow Town Rowing Regatta

Following the success of last year’s event, the 2017 event will follow much the same format. Those who wish to picnic can purchase Picnic Pitches and host parties within the enclosure. The Riverside Bar will be run by Marlow Round Table, with all proceeds going to local charities and good causes. In addition to the picnic area, visitors can expect musical entertainment provided by Marlow FM 97.5 and numerous food stalls, as well as some great competitive rowing organised by Marlow Rowing Club. The Jim Campbell enclosure, adjacent to the bar, will once again be serving lunch and afternoon tea. A family-friendly atmosphere is guaranteed for all.

Entry to Saturday’s event will be by traditional Regatta Badge. You can purchase badges in advance through the website or from the Marlow Information Centre at Marlow Library on Institute Rd, Marlow, priced at £10 for adults, £7 for youths (aged 14 to 17) and £5 for children (aged 5 to 13). Enamelled subscriber badges are also available for adults priced at £20. Picnic pitches can be booked for gazebos, tables and chairs within the enclosure with pitches on the Green and Lawn being priced at £35 and £60 respectively. A small number of riverside pitches will be available priced at £150.

Sunday 11th June – Family Entertainment and the Marlow Dragon Boat Festival

Sunday is festival day with the annual Marlow Dragon Boat Festival taking place on the river. Entry to the park on Sunday is without charge and the event starts at 10.30am with a joint churches open-air Sunday service. From midday, the park is filled with family entertainments in the arena and music on the Marlow FM 97.5 stage. The Marlow Dragon Boat Festival attracts many hundreds of competitors, making it the largest and most successful in the UK. You can contact the organisers and enter a team online at http://tag-events.com/portfolio/marlow-dragon-boat-festival/

The Traylens Funfair will be visiting Marlow over the same weekend.

Contributed by David Hudson, Marlow Town Regatta & Festival
Small family business fighting THOUSANDS of cases against the world’s biggest banks.

and the Government over ‘School Fines’.

A small family business based on the Isle of Wight this month celebrates 10 years of challenging injustice and winning MILLIONS of pounds of compensation for bank customers all over the UK. JMP Partnership was started by Jon Platt back in 2006. ‘Initially I just set out to help friends and family to get back money from banks who had charged them ‘unauthorised overdraft fees’ that I thought were at best ‘highly questionable’ and certainly unfair. Very quickly people on the Isle of Wight heard about my many successes and asked me to help them. I was so inundated with requests for help that within a fortnight I had to ask my mum to come and work with me’. Ten years on JMP Partnership employs 21 people and is recovering millions of pounds every year for their clients. ‘Most of the money we recover today relates to the mis-selling of PPI’ said Jon, ‘but we are not one of those firms who cold call and pester people telling them they are owed thousands of pounds’. In 10 years of trading JMP Partnership has NEVER sent a single text message or made a single cold call about PPI. ‘It is utterly infuriating to receive these calls, I know because we even get them at our office’ said Jon, who has reported several other PPI firms to the regulator for making calls to his business telling HIM that he has definitely been mis-sold PPI and he was entitled to a refund. ‘Some people have been put off investigating if they are owed a refund, many because of the intrusive marketing calls by some PPI claims companies. For other people it’s because they think they need all the paperwork to bring a claim but in reality, all we need to do our ‘searches’ is you name, address and date of birth’. One 2 minute phone call to their office in Sandown (01983 403390) or their new office in Cowes (01983 280100) will get the ball rolling.

You may recognise Jon. He is the dad on the Isle of Wight who refused to pay a ‘school fine’ when he took his children on holiday in term time. He successfully argued before the IW Magistrates Court that he had no case to answer. The case made national news in May when his local authority took him to the High Court and Jon won. Fighting ‘David and Goliath’ battles against some of the world’s biggest banks over mis-sold PPI has turned out to be good preparation for his campaign against the injustice faced by hundreds of thousands of parents up and down the country who have been harshly treated by local authorities over term time holidays with their children.

‘JMP Partnership keeps me very busy indeed so I very much hope the Supreme Court throws the pending appeal out very soon so I can get back to my “day job” said Jon. “It really is lovely calling clients to tell them that we have just had an offer in of thousands of pounds for them, especially when they contacted us completely unsure if they were even owed any money by their bank”. I always tell people that I can’t make ANY promises that I will get them ANY money back, but we have a very good track record and if we can’t locate and recover refunds that are owing to our clients, we don’t get paid. I hope Marllovian readers understand that the banks have lobbied very hard and a time limit has been announced by the FCA, so they REALLY need to act now to avoid missing out on potentially thousands of pounds they might be owed’.

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Peter Jones, Shanklin, who received £9,000

Island to Island
- Sharon’s £20,000 refund

Sharon Doyle, from the Isle of Man, was interested in finding out whether she had ever paid PPI on loans and credit cards, but hated the idea of pushy companies and cold callers.

“I saw on moneysavingexpert.com JMP Partnership was a small firm which didn’t go in for the hard sell. I thought it sounded like the kind of company I would be happy to deal with, so I got in touch.

“The service I received was so much better than I originally expected.” Sharon couldn’t believe it when she found out she would receive more than £20,000 in refunds from PPI payments.

“When one of my claims was turned down, JMP took the complaint to the financial ombudsman and a cheque arrived through the post. The service provided is so professional and staff are always friendly. For somebody like myself, who is busy working and organising family life, it was so easy.” Sharon has used the money to complete major work on her home, fitting a new kitchen and redecorating the bedroom, as well as enjoying a holiday to America.

Builder Robert’s £3,000 windfall

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Peter, who plays guitar in the popular IW band, Special Brew, and duo That’s Life, received around £9,000 in refunds from cards and loans.

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“With the interest that has accrued over the years, the figure was unbelievable.” Peter has had a difficult year after losing a close family member.

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On 24th September an eclectic mix of runners headed to Little Marlow Athletics track in an attempt to run the world’s fastest marathon time and Beat Cancer Faster in the process. And incredibly, against the odds, they completed 106 laps of the track in 100m legs in 1:46:26 with no-one dropping the baton in the process. In so doing nearly £25k was raised to support the breakthrough research that Stand Up To Cancer funds.

A number of special guests took part including Seb Garry, European Sprint Triathlon champion; popular YouTube ‘vloggers’ Spencer FC, Josh Pieters and the Lean Machine; Andrew Strauss - ex-England Cricket captain; Naomi Riches - 2012 gold Paralympian rower; Derek Redmond - ex-Olympic 400m runner; and Sally Orange, the world record holder for the fastest marathon dressed as a fruit. This time Sally ran as a pineapple!

In an emotional end to the event, the final leg was completed by bone cancer survivor and local resident Jimmy Hall.

Mark Evans said: “The event was a phenomenal success, combining a great sporting achievement with supporting a tremendous cause.”

Due to popular demand the Sprintathon is back on Saturday 1st July!

Having smashed the world marathon record time with an incredible time of 1:46:26, and raised nearly £25k for Stand Up To Cancer, in 2017 folks of Marlow will attempt to Beat Cancer Even Faster. Last year was a euphoric event with an eclectic mix of families, celebrities and athletes, and it was inevitable that it would be repeated. Also the runners have unfinished business: they finished just 300 metres short of the world one-hour 100m sprint distance record.

If you want to get involved either as a runner or as a volunteer, email markevans123456@gmail.com

Contributed by Mark Evans
Meadowside

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Meadowside is a small, family-run residential care home for the elderly situated just outside Marlow Town Centre.

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Accommodation is available for up to twelve; a small number that enables us to provide the highest quality individual care and personal attention to each of our residents.

We are regulated by the Care Quality Commission and comply with the required standards for residential care.

You can visit our website for further information. Please contact Elizabeth directly to discuss your care requirements.

We will be happy to show you around and provide you with an assessment of your care needs and discuss our rates and the service we offer.

Rated “Good” in all key areas by the CQC in May 2016.
Schools across Buckinghamshire are being invited to make a New Year resolution to save energy, cut carbon emissions and save money.

In the latest round of RE:fit, a three-year County Council programme started in 2015 to reduce energy consumption and cut carbon emissions by 10%, schools are being offered a package of new lighting, along with heating and energy controls. Annual cost savings could amount to 12%.

Four schools - at Great Horwood, Waddesdon, Hazlemere and High Wycombe - took part in a pilot with a total investment of £115,000. Annual energy cost reductions of more than £11,000 will save the County Council around a quarter of a million pounds within 25 years.

They have had new economical LED lighting and sensors installed, and one - Millbrook Combined, in High Wycombe - has had state-of-the-art efficient heat and pool pumps fitted.

The RE:fit programme is now being opened up to all schools. Upfront costs come from interest-free Government-funded Salix loans, which the Council repays over eight to ten years with some of the guaranteed energy savings.

Warren Whyte, Cabinet Member for Environment and Planning, said RE:fit was part of a longer-term commitment to drive down carbon emissions and energy costs.

“We set ourselves an ambitious reduction target of 10% by April (2017) as part of our Carbon Management Plan, which will be good for the environment, create better public spaces, and reduce running costs,” he said.

“This is a great opportunity for schools to get more efficient and reliable heating and lighting, and create brighter classrooms.”

Improvement work will start as soon as the first ten schools sign up to the programme.

The RE:fit programme has already invested £800,000 in roof-mounted solar panels, LED lights and energy management controls in 19 council buildings with annual savings of around £84,000, and an annual reduction in carbon emissions of nearly 700 tonnes - equivalent to the carbon footprint of 63 people.

During the coming year, 11 libraries across the county will get new LED lighting, heating controls and timers at a cost of around £130,000. Annual savings are expected to be more than £15,000.

The RE:fit programme builds on the success of a previous energy and carbon reduction initiative, including a schools wall, loft and pipework insulation scheme, a biomass boiler replacement programme, and the replacement of all traffic light bulbs with LEDs. It also included installation of solar panels on five council buildings to generate more than £300,000 in feed-in tariff over 25 years.

For further information please contact Richard Wells, on 01296 382149 or out of hours on 07825430978.
Last year, University of the Third Age (U3A) held several celebrations to mark their 10th anniversary. The first event was a Grand Picnic in Riley Park. A good time was had by all, but a particular mention must go to the Wine Appreciation groups who made a considerable amount for charity by offering tastings and knowledgeable advice about local suppliers.

The celebrations continued at the September monthly meeting in Liston Hall where the Town Crier replicated the inaugural meeting. They were entertained by Mike Hurst with a history of recent rock music, followed by a Champagne toast and cake supplied by Carol Thurston.

The final event was the Magical Celebration Lunch held at Harleyford Golf Club. About 90 members attended from the various groups such as Bridge, Walking, Days Out, Theatre, Pudding Club, Italian, Dog Walking and Family History to name but a few!

For info on joining Marlow U3A, contact Niki Ralfs on 01628 473 377 or newmembers@marlowu3a.co.uk

Contributed by Marlow U3A
A Hidden Treasure
Marlow Bowls Club is one of the finest greens around

Tucked away behind a brick wall at Court Gardens, where the car park and leisure centre are full of comings and goings, lurks one of the finest bowling greens in Buckinghamshire.

The club is fast approaching its 100th birthday in 2019 and it is undoubtedly one of the most pleasurable bowling clubs around. In the winter, short mat indoor bowling takes place in the clubhouse and is still going strong when outdoor bowling sessions start - from 17th April.

The outdoor bowling is the main feature of Marlow Bowls Club and any new members can expect to take part from April until September. Bowling is available virtually every day of the week.

Bowls is a superb game and you will wonder why you never took it up before; you could even emulate the Marlow bowlers’ success in the Bucks Cup final last year - when against the odds they beat a strong Gerrards Cross team in an exciting climax. Anything is possible!

Whether it be outdoor bowls or the short mat form, we can guarantee you will thoroughly enjoy the atmosphere. Marlow Bowls Club caters for all tastes and age groups and provides a vital yet satisfying community function in and around the Marlow area.

Potential new members are invited to our Open Days, on Friday 12th May at 6pm and again on Sunday 14th May at 9.30am. Simply bring some flat-soled shoes or trainers and have a go! This is a mixed sport so couples are welcome. If you wish to see what Marlow is all about then visit the club on the enrolment evening at the Clubhouse Friday 7th April at 7.30pm.

If you wish to find out any more information, check the club website www.marlowbowls.co.uk, call Peter Barltrop on 01628 476835 or email him on p.barltrop@btinternet.com.

Contributed by
Paul Simmons, Marlow Bowls Club
We Need You!
Volunteers urgently needed for CAMEO Club Marlow

CAMEO stands for ‘Come and Meet Each Other’ and is intended to provide monthly lunches for the elderly, housebound, disabled and lonely.

The club has been in existence for many years and relies on volunteers to organise and cook lunches for the invited guests. Transport is also provided for the guests if necessary.

CAMEO now urgently needs to find volunteers who are interested in cooking. The club also needs reserve drivers. CAMEO volunteer members pay a small annual subscription (£2) and raise money during the course of the year through events such as coffee mornings and lunches. General meetings for volunteer members take place on the second Wednesday of the month in the Garden Room, Liston Hall at 11am.

If anyone is interested in helping with CAMEO in any way at all, please call Carole Holme on 01628 473577 or email carole.holme@btinternet.com

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Forging International Links
Spinfield classrooms partner with Nepalese village school

The children of Spinfield School were greeted back for the spring term with the news of a second international partner school to forge new links and build relationships with. The new school is named The Mikey Medium English school and it is situated in the far west region of Nepal, in an area called Kailali. This is in addition to the school’s link with the A.P. School in Rawalpindi, Pakistan and is part of the British Council Connecting Classrooms programme.

The Mikey Medium English school was founded from a chance meeting between a man named Mike Church, who was bicycling off the beaten trails through Nepal with friends, and a local man, Ujjwall Bhat, who dreamt of starting a school for the children of his village. This meeting was the beginning of Grassroots Education Nepal, and triggered the eventual funding of the school with seed money that Mike and his wife Ali collected in lieu of wedding gifts from their guests.

Spinfield received its full International School accreditation in September 2015 after two and a half years of working towards it. The children from Spinfield and the A.P. School in Rawalpindi, Pakistan carried out 18 joint projects, focusing on global and community issues such as Children’s Rights, Fairtrade, Recycling, Honouring our Elders etc. The projects are designed to make the children aware of their place in our global community.

‘Quality Education’ is the three schools’ first project of 2017. Children in all of the partner schools learnt about the need for quality education for all children as part of the 17 global goals for sustainable development, created by 193 world leaders in 2015. Children in Spinfield produced artwork, developed role-plays, wrote recounts and learnt about the work of Malala Yousafzai, who won the Nobel Peace prize for her work speaking out about the right to education. This work will be shared with the partner schools and in return the children of Spinfield will be able to see what each of the other schools have done.

Spinfield School has always been keen to develop international links with other schools. These links enable the children to gain an understanding into how children across the globe live. By completing joint projects and exchanging news and photographs, maintained by the international co-ordinators in all three schools, the children from each school develop relationships and are testament to the notion that the world is, indeed, a small place.

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Walser’s Tanzania Charity

Great Marlow School organised a fundraising charity week

From 5th to 9th December last year, Year 8 at Great Marlow School (GMS) organised a charity week to raise funds to support Walser’s Tanzania Charity. GMS has proudly sponsored a young man named Kelvin for four years. The success of this enterprise has encouraged the school to expand its commitment, so from 2017 a second student named Martha is being sponsored.

The students of GMS are committed to funding both children to the end of their schooling. In Tanzania education is not free because tuition fees are levied. Parents have to buy school uniforms and materials, and they have to pay for every examination taken. Sadly, this results in poorer parents being unable to fund their child’s schooling. Kelvin, Martha and their parents appreciate the gift from GMS; they know this will open doors to a better future for them. Understanding this has helped the Year 8s appreciate the value of the education here in the UK.

The charity week events were all organised by the Year 8 students and their tutors. Two golden rules were adhered to: all events were organised and conducted outside lesson time and students worked in teams; the team effort was the important factor. Here is an insight into the inventive ideas the students proposed and organised:

**Friends’ Football**
This two-tournament event attracted more than 170 students. Willing participants had to organise themselves into teams before paying the entry fee to participate. The KS3 winners were a team called ‘Cool Guys’ (not short of confidence judging by their name!) and the KS4 winners, who won on penalties, were called Omnipotent.

**Staff Sponging**
This event was extremely popular - especially when it was announced that Headteacher, Mr Ford, and the two deputy headteachers had volunteered to be sponged for a fee. They showed great sportsmanship and, without a doubt, added to the funds!

**Running for Running Water**
In total, seven treadmills were kept running in the fitness suite for the whole of lunch break over five days. Those involved did a great job ensuring there was never a time when the treadmills were still.

An extraordinary £1,705 was raised from all the events which took place all over the school. Walser’s Tanzania Charity has certainly benefited from the funds raised. As importantly, the students of Year 8 have benefited, too. They have learnt much about schooling in a less developed country, and also, perhaps more crucially, they have learnt so much about themselves, especially their strengths. All the students are proud of their achievement in raising so much money in their week-long charity event.

For more details, please visit [www.tanzaniacharity.org.uk](http://www.tanzaniacharity.org.uk)

Contributed by Great Marlow School

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In November last year, Marlow FM, our local radio station, hosted the annual awards for some of Marlow’s Hidden Gems - an opportunity to focus on good, caring and positive people in Marlow. The winners were chosen by the Marlow FM Awards Committee and by the public and they were awarded at a Hidden Gems Awards party at the Crown Plaza Hotel.

Marlow Library was delighted to be announced winner of the Marlow FM Services to the Community Award. However, library representatives were unable to attend the event in November, so on 22nd December at Marlow Library the Mayor presented the Award to the Manager, Bonnie Taylor and her staff: Lisa Hardy, Jane Barnett, Sue Peacock, Oliver Angell, Kim Farrell, Leigh Drury, Hannah Cassell and Shinlin Ramakhyani.

Marlow Town Council sponsors the Marlow FM Award, Services to the Community.

Congratulations to all the winners of The Marlow FM Hidden Gems Awards 2016:

**Best Community Event Of The Year**
Santa Fun Run

**Services To The Community**
Marlow Library

**Arts Event Of The Year**
JAMFest - JAM Theatre

**Services To Charity**
Rebellion Brewery

**Sports Team Of The Year**
Kobika Starlites

**Best Customer Service Of The Year**
Saddle Safari

**Teacher Of The Year**
Emma Guinness - Marlow C of E Infant School

**Special Recognition**
Karla Boddy
Catherine Carter
Laura Tilbury
Geralyn Wilson

**Special Recognition - Services To Broadcasting**
Alan Price-Roberts
Chair Challenge

Marlow Camera Club’s annual competition

The Chair Challenge is a competition run by Marlow Camera Club for the President’s Trophy. It was judged on 24th January by Mayor Bob Johnson and, Emma Phillips and Meyricke Serjeantson, the joint Chairpersons of Marlow Camera Club.

The challenge this year was titled ‘Marlow in Focus’ and had a dual purpose. The author of the winning image receives a trophy and selected winning images of Marlow will be used on items such as cards and fridge magnets which will be on sale to raise money for club funds.

The club chose what is understood to be The Greater Marlow Area - the area roughly bounded by Booker, the River Thames, Marlow Common and Little Marlow Church. The Joint Chairs had the final decision but the aim was to be inclusive rather than exclusive.

After a difficult decision a total of four images by three people were selected.

President’s Trophy Winner
Linda Melling - Captured in a Bubble

Highly Commended
Pat Begley - Evening and Frost
Denis Craggs - Marlow 3

Our congratulations to all the winners and thank you for all those members who submitted entries for this award.

Contributed by Emma Phillips,
Joint Chairperson of Marlow Camera Club
We are delighted that during last year the Cadets supported virtually every event in the town, including Memorial Day, Santa’s Fun Run, Young Carers’ Day Out, Poppy Day and The Carnival. The Cadets really enjoy all these events. Our aim is for every Cadet to meet their full potential, become good citizens and have respect for themselves, the community and the environment, based on the traditions of the Royal Navy. We are a standalone charity, as are all of the 400 Sea Cadet Units nationally. Senior Cadets (12 to 18 years old) meet on Tuesday and Friday evenings from 7.30pm to 9.30pm, and Junior Cadets (10 and 11 years old) meet on a Friday. Our ethos is that all training and activities must be fun.

Four of our Senior Cadets have decided, to their credit, to remain with the Unit after reaching eighteen and have joined the uniformed staff. They are now undergoing training to work formally with the Cadets in boating, communications, first aid, cookery and helping Cadets achieve their badges, promotions and Duke of Edinburgh Awards or NVQ qualifications.

We are always looking for uniformed staff to do specialised training for the Cadets, and for members of the Unit Management Team (UMT), whose role is to ensure Cadet training and activities. The UMT role is not onerous, but is very important to the ongoing success of the Unit.

Please contact Bob Savidge on 01628 891121 or email bobsavidge@talktalk.net should you have any young person interested in joining us or are interested in our adult roles.

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Bob Savidge, Marlow Sea Cadets
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