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Well, as a result of being elected for the second year as your Mayor, I now have 27 hats, so I am ready for many different occasions!

My bid for 420 trees from the Woodland Trust was again successful, making a total of over 1,000 trees received for Marlow. Many have already been planted in Gossmore Park, Seymour Park and Riley Park. The new additions have been planted, with the help of Transition Town Marlow, in a compost heap at White Lodge to ensure they grow large enough to replant successfully.

On 27th June I attended and played in the Archie Beaty Golf Day in memory of the drummer from the Windsor Pipes & Drums who died so suddenly last Remembrance Day. The funds raised that day went to the poppy appeal, and despite my golf, my team, with Lance Slater and Mike Young, won!

Armed Forces Day on 28th June was the biggest ever turnout, with static vehicles and displays on show and all forces represented including the Royal Logistics Corp, who now have Marlow as their base.

Fundraising for my charities this year, namely Thames Valley and Chiltern Air Ambulance and Marlow Opportunity Playgroup, has started. Funds have been raised at the Regatta lunch and the Big Band Orchestra concert in All Saints Church, which together with donations received from the Round Table and Gweneth Court, amount to £1,700 already. For further information, go to page 6.

We were again blessed with good weather for the Swan Upping in July, and had a special guest with us this year, Martin Clunes, who was being filmed for a television programme called ‘Man and Beast’.

The Centenary event at Riley Park on 19th July was well attended and I was honoured to open the heritage trail around the park alongside the chairman Tony Shannon.

“The WWI service at The Causeway, marking the switching off of lights throughout the country, was attended by over 400 residents and visitors.”

Cllr Suzanne Brown, Town Mayor

This is a great permanent legacy for the town.

The WWI service at The Causeway, marking the switching off of lights throughout the country, was attended by over 400 residents and visitors. I would like to thank all those who turned their lights out and lit a candle for that hour and particularly the George and Dragon, as it made the service really noticeable on The Causeway.

Then another first: at Lighthouse, I was dunked - luckily with water! I visited in my formal capacity with chain and hat and then, together with Pat Reading, the Chairman, I was dunked completely - to everyone’s amusement!

Two new facilities in Marlow are available. Citizens Advice Bureau now has an office in the Tourist Information Centre and its services are available by appointment for Marlovians, to save a journey to Wycombe. Also, a group of volunteers will open a food bank in Marlow from September at the Methodist Church. Please continue to look out for your neighbours, particularly with a greater number of residents being elderly.

If you would like me to open a new facility or event, please contact Jan Bailey on 01628 484024, or if you have any comments for us or about the Marlovian, please contact us.

Cllr Suzanne Brown
Marlow Opportunity Playgroup

Marlow Opportunity Playgroup, based in Marlow for over 40 years and now in Wooburn Green, is delighted to be one of the Mayor’s Charities of the Year.

The playgroup caters for children with special needs, including children with cerebral palsy, ASD, Down Syndrome and global developmental delay. Many of the children in their care have profound and complex physical and medical needs and require one-to-one support throughout their playgroup session.

This high level of care is funded by the playgroup until the children have a Statement of Special Educational Needs (or Education, Health and Care Plan, as it will be known from September). They provide a highly stimulating environment offering all the activities of a mainstream setting (and more!) supported by experienced, dedicated and well-trained staff. Physio, speech and occupational therapy programmes set by associated therapists are carried out while the children play.

They need to raise over £35,000 each year in order to continue providing this unique service that enables all children to access a pre-school education. If you are able to help them in any way, through fundraising, donations or volunteering, please contact Jane Gibbons on 01628 521890 or marlowopps@btconnect.com.

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The Thames Valley and Chiltern Air Ambulance Trust is an independent charitable trust providing a lifesaving service for the counties of Berkshire, Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire, including Milton Keynes.

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Were you affected by the floods last winter?

Marlow Town Council (MTC) will be holding the promised Flood Review Meeting for Marlow residents on 9th October 2014 at 7.15pm in the Higginson Room, Court Garden. All Marlow residents are invited to attend the meeting.

The purpose of the meeting is to review the role that Marlow Town Council played in the floods at the beginning of this year. We will be asking three questions:

- What went well?
- What could have been improved?
- What should we do if faced with such events again?

The meeting has been scheduled at this time of year because we are hoping that most residents who were affected by the floods will be back in their homes.

If you are unable to attend the meeting there’s a feedback form on our website at www.marlow-tc.gov.uk. Please complete the form and we will ensure that your comments are included.

No other agencies or councils will be at the meeting. MTC plans to give the feedback from the Marlow residents’ meeting to agencies such as Thames Water, the Environment Agency, Bucks County Council (BCC) and Wycombe District Council (WDC) in a follow-up meeting two weeks later.

Campbell Road play area

We are pleased to advise you that the latest addition to MTC’s play areas is now open at Campbell Road. The equipment includes a Stomp Tower, a Burundi Climbing Net, a swing set and a gravity bowl rotating dish. Happy playing!

Tierney Court

The signs acknowledging the generous donation by the Freemasons to our newly planted area at Tierney Court by Marlow Bridge are now in place. The Freemasons are also maintaining the area and we would once again like to say how much MTC appreciates the support in keeping our town looking so lovely.

Christmas lights

We have received wonderful comments about our Christmas lights over the last two years since we took over the responsibility from WDC. However the reality is that we have limited resources for which to pay for the lights over the coming years. We are therefore always very grateful for donations to help to keep the display in future
years. Last year we had very generous donations from The Shanly Foundation and Comland.

Once again, this year we would be grateful to hear from anyone who would like to contribute towards the Christmas lights fund. Please don’t hesitate to contact us if you would like more information on 01628 484024, or check our website.

**Free parking**

The first of the three free parking days in Marlow has been set as 20th November 2014 to coincide with the ‘Switch On and Shop’ event. The other two dates will be announced shortly, Keep an eye on the website and the next issue of the Marlovian.

**Saturday bus service**

The one-year trial of the Saturday bus service will finish at the end of December this year. We are currently asking for feedback on the service and would appreciate responses from everyone with an interest. The survey will be available on the bus to complete, there will be copies available in our office, Court Garden, Pound Lane, Marlow SL7 2AG, and on our website. Please let us know in the office on 01628 484024 if you would like us to send you a copy.

**Keep Marlow beautiful**

Keeping the town looking splendid all year around is the responsibility of many – WDC, BCC, Marlow businesses and residents and of course MTC. At MTC we are very happy to receive feedback – good and bad. If we can’t help with a concern, we will pass the information on to someone who hopefully can.

**Flags in Spittal Street and West Street**

In dressing the town for the summer season, this year we placed striped flags (matching the colours of our High Street bunting) in flagpoles along Spittal and West Streets. The height of the buildings on these two streets make a good bunting display very difficult so we tried the flags instead. We’d love to know what you think. Please let us know on office@marlowtowncouncil.org.

**Veterans’ and senior citizens’ lunches**

The Remembrance Lunch for veterans will be held this year on Saturday 8th November and the Senior Citizens’ Lunch on Saturday 24th January next year. Please inform us if you know of anyone who would like to be considered for an invitation to either of these events.

The Remembrance Lunch is for veterans who have served in the British Armed Forces and are currently resident in Marlow. The Senior Citizens’ Lunch is open to current Marlow residents over 65 years of age.

Numbers are limited for both events so we regret that we will not necessarily be able to invite everyone who is eligible.

**Future dates**

Sunday 22nd March 2015 - Civic Service at All Saints Church, Marlow.
Tuesday 21st April 2015 - Mayor’s Charity Golf Day, Harleyford Golf Club.
On Wednesday 30th July, I was honoured to receive the Freedom of the City of London in The City’s Guildhall. The ceremony took place in the Chamberlain’s Court at Guildhall and was conducted by the Clerk of the Court. I read the ‘Declaration of a Freeman’, signed the Freeman’s Declaration Book and was presented with The Copy of the Freedom – a parchment document with the name of the recipient beautifully inscribed – and the ‘Rules for the Conduct of Life’, which date from the mid-18th century.

When the Clerk or Chamberlain extends the right hand of fellowship and greets you as ‘a Citizen of London,’ you are confirmed as the City’s ‘Youngest Freeman’ - at least until the next ceremony!

I was born in London, spent many years working in the City, and have for some time been involved in helping young people develop and get into employment - so I am very proud to have been awarded this honour.

The granting of the Freedom of the City of London is one of the oldest surviving traditional ceremonies and it is believed that it was first presented in 1237. One of the benefits was that you were allowed to drive sheep over London Bridge to get them to The London Wool Market, as from the 13th through to the 15th centuries most of London’s wool came from Kent. From the Middle Ages through to the Victorian era, the Freedom was the right to trade, enabling members of a Guild or Livery to carry out their trade or craft in the Square Mile. Recipients include Admiral Nelson, Florence Nightingale, Nelson Mandela and Margaret Thatcher.

Contributed by Cllr Bob Johnson

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We know it can be confusing and it’s not always easy to find out who is responsible for what – which can sometimes be frustrating. The information below is designed to point you in the right direction and the Marlow Town Council office will always try and help you with your initial queries and put you on the right path, even if they can’t help directly. We all work together to try and ensure the best for the residents of Marlow.

Bucks County Council
- Trading Standards
- Highways and public footpath repair and maintenance, including street lights
- Social care
- Schools
- Libraries
- Household waste sites

County Hall, Walton Street, Aylesbury HP20 1UA, 0845 3708090 www.buckscc.gov.uk

Wycombe District Council
- Higginson Park and Court Garden Leisure Centre
- Balfour Gardens in Institute Road
- Car parks – Court Garden, Dean Street, Institute Road, Liston Road, Riley Road, Gossmore Rec
- Planning applications and building controls
- Environmental health

Marlow Town Council
- Events throughout the year such as The Marlow Town Annual Regatta Reception, the Remembrance Day Service and Parade, Carols on the Causeway, Switch on and Shop, Senior Citizen’s Lunch, the Mayor’s Civic Service and the Mayor’s Charity Golf Day
- Two allotment sites, Hanging Hill off Prospect Road and Foxes Piece
- The cemetery and chapel at Wethered Road
- Marlow town bus service
- Shopmobility in Marlow
- Advertising banners across the High Street and Spittal Street
- Gossmore Recreation Ground (excluding the car park and section of land leading to the river bank)
- Seymour Park including the play areas
- Riley Park and Cambell Road play areas
- Grass and hedge cutting in designated areas
- Removal of flyposters and illegal signs on public highways and attached to street furniture
- Contribution towards Marlow’s PCSO

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- Street trading
- Street name signs
- CCTV
- Public toilets and litter bins
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Marlovian
Vision Update
A ‘living’ initiative

If anyone would like to help with delivering our Vision and strategy for Marlow, we are always looking for volunteers to lead plans they are passionate about.

We continue to work on and develop our Vision initiatives. Marlow’s Vision is a ‘living’ initiative, and though some of our plans are still in their infancy, we will keep you regularly updated.

We are pleased to report that the Moving Vehicle Activated Sign is now in place, adjacent to Sir William Borlase’s School. This should provide us with much-needed statistics in the not-too-distant future.

The Marlow Community Speedwatch initiative is also underway and we now have four volunteers who will be undergoing training very soon. If you would like to volunteer for this please do call the Marlow Town Council office.

Marlow recently entered the ‘Bucks Best Kept Village’ competition and was the runner-up. Not a bad result, but we firmly believe our town is the best! The hanging baskets in the High Street are looking particularly good this summer. Bucks County Council struggled to keep up with the grass cutting since, due to the unbelievable weather conditions earlier in the year, the grass grew at break-neck speed, making it difficult to maintain. Fortunately they were able to get it done before the judging took place.

A big thank you to residents and businesses who helped keep the town looking neat and tidy. We are currently reviewing ways to undertake more grass cutting next year if we are faced with similar weather conditions.

There are a number of vehicles parking on grass verges around the town and our Town Clerk is working closely with Bucks County Council to see what can be done to improve this situation. More news as we have it.

We are reviewing our website and have taken some expert advice, so we hope to be in a position to update it very soon. If anyone is a website guru and would like to volunteer to help us to deliver a more state-of-the-art site, please do contact us.

As mentioned earlier, on 9th October we will be holding a Flood Meeting at Court Garden for residents. The purpose of this meeting will be to gain ideas, comments and feedback for us to take to flood meetings with the key authorities scheduled for later this year. See Town Council News on page 8.

After the success of last year’s Christmas Switch On and Shop event, we received such positive feedback that we are organising it again this year. The date for your diary is 20th November. We will have a one-hour road closure for the switch-on, and have already lined up a mystery guest to switch on the lights. This really does signify the start of Christmas for our retailers, so we hope you will come and join in the fun. More information on page 18.

We continue to liaise with BCC and WDC and to work closely with the various bodies in the town on our Vision plans. If you would like to give us your feedback, please do, either via email to the office on office@marlow-tc.gov.uk or come and see us; we have a stall at the Marlow Carnival on Saturday 20th September. We look forward to seeing you!
Britain’s entry into the Great War, now known as World War One, took place on 4th August, 1914. From that date in 2014 the museum opened a display on the wartime involvement of people from in and around Marlow.

The exhibition was compiled by the ‘Marlow Remembers WWI Association’ and, as well as background details, will include pictures and stories of individuals and families caught up in the war. A list of those who served and those who did not return is available to view at the museum, as well as a series of displays over the coming months and years relating to those who died.

The Association has already introduced 400 local school children to the subject, and in July one of the country’s foremost WWI writers and broadcasters, Gary Sheffield, gave an overview of the Western Front and ‘the difficult road to victory’. More talks are to follow, including, on 18th September, the Trenches, jointly with Archaeology in Marlow. The programme for 2015 and beyond is in preparation, so please look out for details in the press, at the museum or on www.marlowww1.org.uk.

The museum is open at weekends and on Bank Holiday afternoons, 1-5pm, but can be opened at other times by appointment for groups. If you are really interested, why not join our band of Volunteer Museum Stewards? Just ask. We are always pleased to consider receiving or borrowing suitable local artefacts, whether or not they are WWI related. Finally, our thanks to Marlow Bottom’s Valley Plus for inviting the museum to give a talk recently to their members. Would any other society or club like to hear about the museum or the WWI Association?

Contributed by Mike Hyde
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Marlow Carnival

Fun in the sun

What a stroke of luck - you should be reading this just before the Marlow Carnival hits Higginson Park for its annual celebration of all things connected with the community. The date is Saturday 20th September 2014 and being the third Saturday in September we have an annual expectation of a bit of sun, if not lots of sun!

The event is most certainly a major event in the Marlow calendar; we’ve been at it for over 28 years so we have a good idea of what we need to achieve to amuse all ages. Fairy Tale Friends will amuse the little ‘uns with lots to interest them, while mums and dads take a look at the Silent Auction.

For those who consider Fairy Tale Friends a little below them, we have some Mini Go Carts, guaranteed to amuse, or perhaps they fancy the challenge of the obstacle course set out by Immortal Fitness.

The Tea Boutique offers the best in teas, coffees and cakes, or you can visit the BBQ, the best burgers you will experience, together with a quick drink from the bar provided by the Duke of Cambridge...being the pub not the Royal! Or perhaps Crepe Heaven will tempt you? But do leave time to visit all the stalls...there’s so much variety. Marlow FM looks after the music and supports the local dancing and theatre schools.

The Marlow Carnival is organised by Marlow Community Association, a registered charity, based in Liston Hall. All monies raised at the carnival go towards the upkeep of Liston Hall. Drop by our Liston Hall Marquee so we can let you know just what we do and how Marlow Community Association serves the local community.

Check out our website www.marlowcarnival.co.uk for more information.

Contributed by Peter Donegan

A great day out for all the family.
Come and join us!
THE VERY BEST SELECTION IN THE AREA
July 2014 marked the centenary of Riley Park in central Marlow and hundreds of people flocked to the park on Saturday 17th July to celebrate the occasion.

The event was organised by the Riley Park Trust, which was founded 100 years ago by Edward and Emma Riley who donated the land as an area for children to play safely, and for use by the wider community.

Mayor Suzanne Brown opened the park’s new Heritage Trail, a series of signboards depicting historical facts about the park and the surrounding area. These include the Marlow Town Clock and the original Marlow Cottage Hospital building.

The day also featured a football match between England Fans FC and London-based team Lusitania Brazil, held in honour of former England captain Cuthbert Ottaway, who used to kick a ball about in Riley Park when he played for Marlow FC.

Contributed by Riley Park Trust
Macmillan Cancer Support
Brigid Keenan to speak at charity lunch

Fashion editor of The Sunday Times, diplomat’s wife and author Brigid Keenan will be the guest speaker at a lunch held in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support on 18th November at the Compleat Angler. She will talk about her life as a ‘trailing spouse’ supporting her husband’s career in various countries while also bringing up her two daughters. Her books - Diplomatic Baggage and Packing Up - are hilarious accounts of these years. She has also written two fashion histories, as well as books about Kashmir and Syria.

The price for the two-course lunch, including wine and coffee, in the newly refurbished Riverside Restaurant will be £30. Guests are welcome from 11.30am to enjoy a drink in the bar before lunch at 12.30pm.

To book a table, please call 01628 405406 or the hotel on 0844 879 9128.

For additional information about the lunch or Macmillan Cancer Support, call on 01628 298168.

Contributed by Sally Carter
Countdown to Christmas

Switch on and Shop

This year’s Switch on and Shop event takes place on the evening of **Thursday, 20th November**, when a well-known local celebrity (more later!) will flick the switch from the upper deck of a double decker bus in the High Street, illuminating Marlow’s wonderful Christmas lights display.

Shops will open late, and there will be special promotions, offers and Christmas displays throughout the town. Next Stage choir and Marlow FM will be there to keep the Christmas spirit going.

The event will start at 6pm, and the High Street will be closed briefly at around 6.30pm when the switch-on ceremony takes place. The evening will end around 9pm. All car parks around the town will be free throughout the day to encourage both residents and visitors to start their Christmas shopping.

Late night shopping

Marlow Chamber of Trade and Commerce is once again organising the traditional late night shopping event on the evening of **Thursday, 4th December**.

This event has been held for many years, but this year it will be slightly different. There will still be a road closure in the High Street, enabling charity and commercial stalls to line the pavements and visitors to browse and purchase their Christmas presents. Many of Marlow’s town centre shops will also be open offering varied ideas for gifts. A parade of primary school children will proceed up to the carol service, taking place in the High Street this year; this will be followed by a Nativity scene – including animals – which will move on to the stable at the Methodist Church.

Father Christmas will also be present, talking to children in his grotto and handing out gifts for those who have been good!

Carols on the Causeway

Marlow Town Council will once again be holding the popular ‘Carols on the Causeway’ Event. This year it will be held on **Thursday, 18th December**, more details will be released on our website and in the next issue of the Marlovian.

In the meantime, we will be launching the Christmas Colouring Competition that supports the event. A festive scene colouring template will be sent to all Marlow primary school pupils via their school early in December. The completed entries need to be posted on the night of ‘Carols on the Causeway’ in the special post box at Santa’s Grotto.

The Mayor will judge all entries and visit the schools after the Christmas break to present the winners with their prizes. The winning entry will be used for the Town Council’s Christmas Card 2015.
Santa’s Fun Run
10 Years of Santa’s Fun Run in Marlow

The Marlow Santa’s Fun Run gets bigger, better and even more fun! Organised by members of the Rotary Clubs of Marlow and Marlow Thames, this year’s event takes place on the morning of Sunday, 7th December, starting and ending in Higginson Park.

Olympic gold medallists Sir Steve Redgrave and Naomi Riches will start the 5k race, and will join 2,250 runners as they run through the streets of Marlow dressed as Santa Claus, Mummy Claus or Santa’s Little Helper.

This year there will be a special warm up, led by Naomi Riches, and as always, all are welcome - dogs, pushchairs, wheelchairs, able-bodied or disabled, young or old.

It’s all about fun and enjoyment and helping the Rotary Clubs of Marlow raise money for charity. Some of the Santas will also be running to raise money for their own personal charities.

Last year the fun run raised well over £20,000, with a major donation going to Marlow Age Concern. In the nine years since the first Rotary Santa’s Fun Run, the total raised has exceeded £132,000 for deserving causes, many of them local.

The cost is £15 for adults, £10 for 12-17 year olds and £7 for 5-11 year olds. Adults receive a Santa suit, children a Santa t-shirt and for everyone who completes the course, there is a celebratory medal presented at the finish line – just to say ‘well done!’

Please get behind us and help by supporting this worthwhile charity event. Register soon to ensure a place; last year the run was oversubscribed and the entry process had to close early.

For further information, visit our website www.santasfunrun.org or call 01628 476610.

Contributed by Brian Jonson

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On Tuesday 15th July, 150 guests attended a reception at Bisham Abbey National Sports Centre to celebrate the 30th anniversary of national charity, The Wheelyboat Trust. The occasion also marked the launch of a brand new model, the Coulam Wheelyboat V20. It is the 160th Wheelyboat to be launched by the Trust and will be based at Bisham Abbey Sailing and Navigation School. It will be the first of its kind on the River Thames and will operate as part of the Boatability project in collaboration with the Rivertime Boat Trust, which aims to increase disabled people’s active participation in watersports.

In celebration of opening up disabled access on the waters of the Thames, Claire Lomas, who famously walked the 2012 London Marathon in 17 days in a pioneering robotic suit following a life-changing equestrian accident that left her paralysed, gave an inspirational speech to guests before cutting the ribbon on the ‘Rivertime II’. A fleet of Wheelyboat models then sailed past Bisham Abbey, with students from Manor Green School in Maidenhead on board, demonstrating the opportunities that Wheelyboats bring to those with disabilities or limited mobility.

Andy Beadsley, Director of The Wheelyboat Trust, said: “These Wheelyboats are so important for breaking down the barriers that people with disabilities face when looking to participate in waterborne pursuits. We hope that now we have launched on the Thames, many more operators will come forward to provide their facilities and venues for Wheelyboats across the country.”

Contributed by The Wheelyboat Trust
The garden at the back of Marlow Cottage Hospital has been renovated and a commemorative sundial installed. This was done to acknowledge the great amount of work Dr. John Spink (deceased) and Peter Land have undertaken for the League of Friends for Marlow Cottage Hospital over the past 40 years, and the retirement of Peter as Chairman.

Peter Land and Pat Spink, Dr. Spink’s wife, attended a presentation with their families on 22nd July. They were delighted with the garden, which is now fit for patients and staff to enjoy – what better way to recuperate than being outside in a lovely area.

The sundial was greeted with great enthusiasm and the evening was full of chat and memories - including those of a visit by Princess Diana (June 1991). A collage of pictures of that event was also presented to Peter.

Contributed by Jo Braybrooke

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

The traditional Edwardian-style premises have been carefully converted with the specific needs of elderly people in mind.

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Members of the Marlow Thames Rotary Club have been working to provide a sensory garden at Merryfields Children’s Centre.

Over the past couple of years members of the Marlow Thames Rotary Club have been working to provide a sensory garden at Merryfields Children’s Centre. The garden provides activities suitable for those children in wheelchairs and a chance to touch and smell flowers and appreciate different colours and textures, which brings delight to the children.

The physical work that the members have carried out over several weekends has now reached a conclusion and to enable the garden to be finalised and more equipment to be purchased, the Rotary Club is delighted to have donated a cheque for £6,000.

Contributed by Jo Braybrooke
You may not know how many clubs there are in Marlow - maybe there is one you would like to join. Details of the clubs that we know about are listed below and there may be more that we are not aware of.

We are in the process of updating our website and would like to include all clubs in Marlow on a dedicated page. If your club is not mentioned below and you would like us to post it on the website for you, please contact us on 01628 484024 or email office@marlow-tc.gov.uk.

Clubs and Societies

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www.1811sqn.org.uk
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Marlow Entertainers - www.marlowentertainersofficial.co.uk
Marlow Ladies Circle - www.ladiescircle.co.uk/marlow
Marlow National Trust Group - www.marlownta.btck.co.uk
Marlow Rifle & Pistol Club - www.marlowrifle.com
Marlow Rowing Club - www.marlowrowingclub.org.uk
Marlow Round Table - www.marlowrt.co.uk
Marlow Rugby Club - www.pitchero.com/clubs/marlow
Marlow Sailing Club - www.marlowsailingclub.co.uk
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units.ms-sc.org/marlow
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The Marlow Players - www.marlowplayers.org.uk
Transition Town Marlow - www.transitionmarlow.org
Happy birthday - 10 wonderful years!

Between 4th and 8th August, Lighthouse, a Christian summer day camp run by Churches Together in Marlow, was based at Holy Trinity School and for a week the sun shone on 440 children and a record number of 270 volunteers. A MASSIVE thank you to everyone involved and to the school for letting us take over.

For a Lighthouse volunteer the day starts at 8.30-9am – or earlier for our wonderful registration team who greeted and said goodbye to all our volunteers and children every day, and ensured some 700 people per day got in and out safely and smoothly. We prepare and then worship together, an important time for us all to congregate and gather our strength for the day.

At 10am a sea of children surge on to the field, met by our young helpers the amazing Lamplighters. If anybody ever worries about the teenagers today, just come to Lighthouse where they are all incredible!

At 10.30am the day really begins – singing, dancing and a loud roll call of all our Lighthouses (36 this year!). Children then rotate around two half-hour sessions of teaching, craft, sport and I zone, all linked to our year’s theme, which was Jesus is Mega.

For many children at Lighthouse, the very best part of the day is the Gunge Tank. This year saw the introduction of the Celebrity Gunge and on Thursday our wonderful Mayor, Cllr. Suzanne Brown, came on an official visit, dressed beautifully, as she always is, with gorgeous hat and mayoral chain. How could we miss the opportunity to Gunge The Mayor! Suzanne quickly changed and entered the tank to meet her icy wet doom – we LOVE our mayor.

We could quickly run out of superlatives to describe the different areas of Lighthouse – brilliant band, terrific teachers, superb sports, amazing admin, incredible I zone… our craft was just amazing and hurrah for the tea tent! Our volunteers hugely appreciate Liz Ferris and her team who run a crèche for volunteers’ children, enabling many more people to participate in Lighthouse.

A new part of Lighthouse this year was the Rock Café - a café where parents can relax after dropping off the children. About 70 people visited during the week, many in real need of the prayer that the team was offering. We are really delighted to be able to extend the Lighthouse spirit to parents and carers.

I would like to acknowledge two incredible people. Firstly, Tim Ashburner - first on the site from set-up and last off for the breakdown. He, Simon Bunt and many more worked tirelessly to put in the huge amount of kit Lighthouse needs – we could probably run a small village with the length of cabling we need. Tim then dealt with all the technical aspects of the mainstage twice a day, shot and edited our closing video - and he still did two Breakfast Shows on Marlow FM 97.5. The man IS a super hero.

And secondly, all of this fantastic activity packed into one week is because of the vision of one amazing woman – Anne Morse. Ten years ago Anne saw Lighthouse in Burnham and decided to bring it to Marlow. With a lot of hard work, prayer and persistence it happened – and has just kept on growing. After 9 years, Anne has decided to retire and I have taken over and I am hugely grateful to Anne for trusting me with her very special project.

Lighthouse 2015 will be 3rd to 7th August – get it in your diaries now, it is an amazing and uplifting week.

Contributed by Pat Reading
Making a Will is often on a “to do list” but is pushed to the bottom of the list. We feel strongly that everyone should make a Will and review this every 5 - 10 years.

About 29.3 million adults (58%) in the UK do not have a Will*. If you do not make a Will, your estate will be distributed under the rules of intestacy and you will have no say as to who receives your assets or deals with your estate on your death.

We charge fixed fees for drafting Wills and our Wills and Probate solicitor, James Moore, is pleased to offer a free 30 minute consultation where you can discuss updating your existing Will or making a first Will.

Setting up a trust for the benefit of your children and / or grandchildren can have inheritance tax advantages and provide an effective vehicle for you to benefit your family. James would be happy to speak with you further about this.

Losing mental capacity and the consequences of losing mental capacity is not something families like to talk about. Without a Lasting Power of Attorney (“LPA”) in place, your loved ones would have to apply to the Court of Protection for a Deputyship Order in order to act on your behalf if you lost mental capacity. This is expensive, time consuming and stressful. You can also speak with James during this free 30 minute consultation about making a LPA and the benefits of doing so. Again, we charge fixed fees for completing the entire process of drafting, serving Notices and submitting your LPA.

Data from the Chancery Division shows that there was a 188% increase in the number of claims lodged for mishandling a deceased’s estate by way of breach of fiduciary duty this year in comparison to last year. Dealing with an estate can be complicated and if you are an executor of a Will, we would recommend that you speak with a solicitor to ensure that you discharge your legal duties effectively. James would be happy to help you in this regard.
The winners of the 2014 Children’s and Young People’s Photo Competition - ‘Memories of Marlow’ - were awarded their prizes by Nicola Baker of Marlow Camera Club at Marlow Museum on Saturday 19th July. Also present were the Museum Chairman, Mike Hyde and Secretary Della Fitzgerald, who organised the competition.

The overall winner, with total prize money of £55 and Junior Membership of the Marlow Camera Club, was Hayley Hunt, aged 15, of Sir William Borlase’s Grammar School. She won for her colour portrait of well-known local figure Dr Rachel Brown, taken in Higginson Park near Court Garden House. Hayley’s caption explained the background to Court Garden House and General Sir George Higginson, who raised money to purchase the house and its walled estate in 1926 for use by the town. Dr Brown is one of the few people alive who can remember this event and it was felt that Hayley’s photo really captured the spirit of the competition’s theme.

The youngest winner, with first prize of £25 in the under 7s photo section, was Henry Coombs aged 6, of Marlow Bottom and Burford School, with his black and white ‘Portrait of a Barber’.

George Read, aged 7, of Marlow CoE Infants School, won the £25 first prize in the ‘Memories of Marlow’ under 13s video section with his ‘Interview with Robin Cooper’, and Jack Beasley, aged 15 of Maidenhead and Claire’s Court School, won second prize in the 12-15s photo section for his black and white portrait entitled ‘A Childhood Memory’.

Contributed by Della Fitzgerald
Did you know that around 1 million older and vulnerable people in the UK regularly go an entire month without speaking to anyone?

Not everyone has a family or friend support network that they can rely on for guidance and advice to help them through difficult times. Volunteers can help fill this gap by offering their free time and providing support to many vulnerable people.

In recognition of this, Community Impact Bucks’ Volunteer Hub is running a major campaign in September to recruit volunteer befrienders for organisations in Buckinghamshire, a service that is desperately required for many people in need. Results of a local survey illustrates that over 200 befrienders are needed in Bucks to enable charities to cater for the unmet demand.

There are numerous befriending roles. You can volunteer one to one and provide company over a cup of tea, enjoy a mutual hobby or activity together or become a day centre befriender in a lively environment. Depending on your spare time and interests, a perfect role can be found to suit you. By giving a few hours during school hours, after work, or in your spare time, you could transform someone’s life. Get involved, tell your friends – change your life and someone else’s.

If you would like more information about volunteering in your area or matched to a role to suit your interests, call the Volunteer Hub on 0300 1111 250 or email info@communityimpactbucks.org.uk

The Volunteer Hub actively recruits volunteers for charities and groups in Buckinghamshire who support older and vulnerable adults as part of Buckinghamshire County Council’s Prevention Matters programme.

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A Day on the Allotment

A taste of the good life...

It is early morning and the sun is just rising on the allotment site. The first sounds of the birds, the shuffling of an occasional hedgehog or badger feasting on slugs, rabbits hopping leisurely around taking a nibble at any green vegetation that they fancy, small ones in tow. The crashing around of a few deer, pushing their way past allotment plots, not caring what they push over or trample on, just enjoying the fresh early morning air and feasting on what they find. Beautiful red kites, flying high above, sailing on the early morning breezes, dipping and rising on the air currents, weaving in and out of each other. Then they spot a prey and they each dive in turn on to a spot far up on the site.

As the sun rises and the night-time visitors return to their resting places, people begin to arrive to start work on their allotment plots. Some drop in before going to work, to water and to gather a few salad crops for lunch. A few arrive to get an early start on some digging before the sun rises too high. They are the wisest gardeners.

Hard work done, they wander around to chat as more folk arrive on the site. New tenants are drawn to them, seeking help and advice. Some of the tenants arrive to find a night-time visitor has damaged a fence or got through the netting to chomp on a lettuce or cabbage, so they set to their repairs.

By midday the early visitors have departed, and the remainder prepare ground and plant small seedlings, watering them in to give them as good a start as possible. The next arrivals are those that have waited for the worst of the heat of the day to subside. They arrive to do a bit of weeding and watering, and to choose the vegetables to go on the dinner table that evening – fabulous!

As the sun goes down and the allotment gardeners leave, the night visitors start to arrive again. First are a couple of cats ready to prowl the site during the night. There’s a hoot of an owl preparing for his hunt, and bats whipping through the air feasting on small flying insects.

And so it goes on…

Contributed by an enthusiastic allotment holder
Vote Now!

Marlow FM’s Hidden Gems Awards 2014

Marlow FM is YOUR local radio station, and we believe there’s no better way to celebrate being part of the community than to create awards for some of Marlow’s Hidden Gems. This is a great opportunity to focus on the good, caring and positive in our town.

So far you have nominated 13 categories, the first eight of which will be decided by a public vote. You can vote online at www.marlowfm.co.uk for: Amateur Arts of The Year Award, Community Event of the Year, Teacher of the Year, Pub or Restaurant of the Year, Best Customer Service in Marlow, Best Cup of Tea, Children’s or Young Persons’ Club of the Year and Sports Team of the Year.

In addition, Marlow FM is pleased to announce a new ‘eco’ award category in the Hidden Gems Awards 2014: the ‘Watt Next? Award’. This 2014 award is generously sponsored by Deriaz Slater LLP and supported by the Mayor of Marlow, Cllr. Suzanne Brown. It is the idea of Dave Hampton, the carbon coach, chartered environmentalist and presenter of ‘Watt Next? - all things being eco’, which is Marlow FM’s weekly environmental issues show.

Tickets are now available for the 2014 Hidden Gems Party, where you can enjoy a three-course dinner in the Winterlake Suite at The Crowne Plaza, Marlow, followed by dancing to our wonderful DJs.

Join our Marlow FM volunteers and supporters and congratulate our Hidden Gems Award Winners, who will be presented with their awards during the evening. Add a raffle with great prizes to be won and you’ve got all the ingredients for a truly memorable night. You’ll also be helping to raise funds for your very own local community radio station, Marlow FM. Tickets can be ordered online at www.marlowfm.co.uk

Nominations
(at time of going to print)

Amateur Arts of the Year Award – Sponsored by the Marlow Players
• Great Marlow School - Summer Showcase
• Jam Theatre - The Wedding Singer
• Marlow Amateur Operatic Society (MAOS) - Back to the 80s

Community Event of the Year
• Marlow Town Regatta 2014
• Marlow Mums Netball Tournament
• Santa’s Fun Run

Teacher of the Year
• Mrs Best - Little Marlow
• Mr Rickets - Sandygate
• Mrs Lock - Holy Trinity

Pub or Restaurant of the Year
• Baroosh
• The Marlow Donkey
• The Vanilla Pod

Best Customer Service in Marlow
• Beehive Treats
• Hunts of Marlow
• Platts Garage

Best Cup of Tea
• Burgers
• Cedar Café
• Compleat Angler

Children’s or Young Persons’ Club of the Year
• Crafty Cooks
• Jane Douglas – Youth Moves
• Lighthouse

Sports Team of the Year
• Marlow Hockey Club – Marlow Ladies 5s
• Sir William Borlase’s Rowing Club Boys Quad & GB Rowers
• Marlow Wolves American Football Club – Junior U18 & Cadet U12

Contributed by Marlow FM

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Sports Personality Award
Mayor presents award to junior Taekwon-Do winner

In June at the Annual Regatta Reception, Mayor Suzanne Brown presented the Community Award, Mayor’s Award and Cultural Award, as previously reported in the Marlovian, and should also have presented the Sports Personality Award but unfortunately the winner, Adam Bonwick, was in London training and was not able to attend.

Adam is a pupil of Great Marlow School and when the Mayor was invited to attend their Celebration of Success Evening on 16th July, plans were put in place to present Adam with his Sports Personality Award as part of the school’s awards evening.

Adam was voted Marlow Town Council Sports Personality due to his achievements in his sport of Taekwon-Do. He started to learn the art in 2006 and achieved his black belt at the age of 13. Since then he has been awarded his second degree and will be examined for his third degree in the coming year.

He trains for up to 18 hours per week, which he can only achieve through a strict regime of early mornings and late evenings, whilst maintaining a stringent diet in order to make the required weight for the competitions. He has become one of the most decorated juniors in the country. His achievements are too numerous to mention here!

Photo (left to right): Celebrity Chef Tom Kerridge, Adam Bonwick, Mayor Suzanne Brown and Headteacher Linton Nash
Marlow Boatyard
Supporting the WWII war effort – Part 2

J G Meakes Ltd, whose boatyard was where Rivermead Court stands today, built 67ft high-speed air sea rescue launches (HSLs) for the Air Ministry during WWII, building 16 in all. These are pictures of how the craft were fitted out; wheelhouse, engine room, wireless telegraphy room and sick bay. J G Meakes also built boats for the Admiralty in WWI but, unfortunately, I have no details.

This part of our river was a busy place during WWII. Other local boatbuilders also built boats for the war effort. They were for the Admiralty. Woottens Boatyard of Cookham Dean built 10ft dinghies and 20ft motor cutters; Townsends Boatyard of Bourne End built ships lifeboats; and, Andrews Boathouses of Bourne End built 47 25ft motor cutters.

After WWII, J G Meakes returned to their role of building, maintaining and hiring out rivercraft and now had the facilities to handle much larger boats, as they had done in WWII. After the austerity of the post war years, Meakes were now able to take full advantage of the boating boom that started in the mid 1950’s. They became nationally well-known and respected for boatbuilding, engineering, engine sales and chandlery... But that’s another story.

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