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3 course lunch £21.95, £14.95 per child (3-12); 0-2 YEARS OLD FREE

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Easter Egg Hunt at 11am
Join in the Easter Egg Hunt in our extensive grounds, face painting and bouncy castle.
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THE VERY BEST SELECTION IN THE AREA
I am coming to the end of my second year as Mayor, which I have thoroughly enjoyed. I have added another four hats to my collection, which I took to a Ladies Club meeting recently when I gave a talk about my two years as Town Mayor - and hats! My time as Mayor has been a great experience and I have met so many interesting people who in day-to-day life I would probably never have come across. I have been heartened by the community spirit that exists in Marlow; it was never more apparent than during the floods in 2014.

Fundraising for my charities is still going well, with a new weekly meat raffle at the Prince of Wales pub raising over £200 in two weeks. Tickets can be purchased from the pub at £1 a go. I am also auctioning off one of the poppies from the Tower of London, as I was lucky enough to obtain two. I know there are others who would like to own one, particularly if they know of a family member who died in the war. I will never forget how moving it was seeing all the poppies around the Tower and how sobering to realise that each poppy represented a person who had given their life. Please send bids in to Jan Bailey at the Town Council or email me at sbrown@marlow-tc.gov.uk with final bids by Friday 3rd April, Easter Friday. We will keep you up-to-date with bids on our website.

The run-up to Christmas was a very busy time. I attended a number of events that were arranged for our elderly residents, as well as Christmas concerts held by the many theatre and choral groups within the town. One of the highlights was being on top of the double decker bus with Tom Kerridge to switch on the town’s wonderful Christmas lights. We were amazed at the numbers of people who had come out for the Switch On and Shop event, and it was a wonderful sight from our vantage point on the bus.

Volunteer litter-picking has been going on all year by groups such as Brothers Hairdressers, Waitrose staff and several Marlow residents. I have tried to encourage younger people to volunteer; as a result William Borlase’s Grammar School pupils will be litter-picking in the next few months to help the town as part of their Duke of Edinburgh Awards.

I am looking forward to welcoming our friends from Marly-Le-Roi in early May and having another great weekend of fun and laughter with our French twinners.

The cold January was brightened up a little bit, I hope, for the one hundred senior citizens who were invited to the New Year Luncheon. This was a very lively occasion with many friends meeting up and enjoying each other’s company. See page 16 for pictures and more information.

On the fundraising front for Thames Air Ambulance and Marlow Opportunity Playgroup, a street collection for each charity will take place in April followed by the Mayor’s Golf Day on 21st April. If you can help with the street collections on the 4th and 18th April or want to play in the Golf Day (see page 7 for more details), please contact me or Jan Bailey on 01628 484024, or email her at jan@marlow-tc.gov.uk.

If you would like me to attend or open an event please contact Jan Bailey on 01628 484024; similarly, if you have any comments about this edition of the Marlovian please contact us.

Cllr Suzanne Brown

The Mayor will be holding her Civic Service at All Saints’ Church, Marlow on Sunday 22nd March at 3pm. All are welcome to attend.
Mayor’s Cadet Escort
Flt Sergeant Reno Roberts

The Lord Lieutenant of Buckinghamshire is always accompanied by a cadet escort during his civic visits. Last year it was decided that Buckinghamshire Mayors would also be assigned cadet escorts and the Town Council was pleased to welcome the first cadet, David Bliss, from the Army Cadet Force. This year the Mayor’s cadet is Flt Sergeant Reno Roberts from the Air Training Corps Marlow. This is a very prestigious appointment for the cadet, whose role is to accompany, protect and shadow the Mayor on civic events.

Cadet FS Roberts was a late starter with the Air Cadets but quickly made a significant and positive impact on the squadron. Her drive, ambition and personal motivation greatly contributed to her achievements in the ATC and last November I was pleased to promote her to Senior Cadet NCO on the Sqn. Reno quickly adapted to the role and, in turn, now inspires those junior cadets in her charge to achieve and progress just as she has and continues to do.

Reno has achieved many things in her short time as an air cadet, including silver gliding scholarship wings, leading cadet classification, full UHF/VHF radio operator’s certificate and both basic and intermediate swimming competences. She has participated in the Wing Commander’s Exercise, led the Wing Exercise at Longmoor and completed both Junior and Senior NCO courses at RAF High Wycombe.

To date, her proudest Cadet moment was going solo in the Air Cadet Vigilant motor glider after only eleven hours’ training. Reno hopes to use the skills she has picked up during her time with the Cadets to join the forces as a medic.

Cdt FS Roberts is a credit to herself and to the ATC and we are very proud to have her appointed as mayor’s cadet.

Flt Lt Simon M Cook RAFVR(T)
Charity Drive
Mayor’s golf day

Town Mayor, Suzanne Brown, is holding the charity golf day at Harleyford Golf Club in aid of her two chosen charities – Thames Valley Air Ambulance and Marlow Opportunity Playgroup.

This is a great day’s golf for good causes. A team of four costs £275 and includes coffee and light refreshments before teeing off and dinner. There will be a shotgun start at 12 noon followed by a three-course meal in the club’s Pavilion Restaurant at 6.30pm. After the dinner there will be presentations, an auction and a raffle.

Competitions will include:
- Best team wins the Mayor’s Cup
- Best individual – Men
- Best individual – Ladies
- Nearest the pin on the third – Ladies/men
- Nearest the pin in three on the 17th – Ladies/men
- Challenge the pro on the 12th

You are welcome to attend the dinner only at a cost of £30pp.

See the Town Council website to view the brochure and download the booking form www.marlowtowncouncil.org.uk/Charity-Golf-Day.aspx

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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.

See the Town Council website to view the brochure and download the booking form www.marlowtowncouncil.org.uk/Charity-Golf-Day.aspx
Marlow community flood plan

The Working Group has been striving to finalise the Marlow Community Flood Plan. Marlow Town Council would like to thank the residents on the working group who are contributing so much time and effort towards completion of the plan. They include:

- David Boorman
- Jeremy Chinn
- Amanda Deacon
- David Drever
- Trevor Kippax
- Susie Moon
- Michael Payne

The residents are working with councillors Suzanne Brown, Bob Johnson, Richard Scott, Kathy Thomson, Jocelyn Towns and Town Clerk, Annie Jones.

The plan is focusing on the appointment of flood wardens to take responsibility for designated flood-affected areas and improved communication to all residents in the event of flooding. When the plan is completed it will be available on the MTC website.

Marlow town sign cleaning

Look out for spruced up signs in Marlow. We are about to embark on a thorough sign maintenance and cleaning programme throughout Marlow.

Marlow Town Council Annual Meeting

Please note the following date change for your diary. The MTC Annual Meeting will take place on Tuesday 19th May at 7.15pm in the Higginson Room, Court Garden House.

Spittal Street project

The project’s aims are to:

- Repair the existing footpath paving and enhance the public realm area
- Replace street lighting with new wall-mounted LED heritage style street lanterns
- Improve drainage on the footways and carriageways
- Reduce disabled access issues at shop fronts
- Widen the footway at the pinch point on the eastern footway

Consultation has now been completed. Many thanks to everyone who participated and commented on the plans. The majority of the comments – 71% – were significantly in favour of the project. The main concern was the paved area of carriageway in the central section of Spittal Street.
and its location. Although this is not a speed hump or a formal pedestrian crossing, there was concern that it may mislead pedestrians. On the other hand, positive comments included:

‘Looks like a real improvement.’

‘Love the lantern styles.’

‘I think the plans will enhance the street for pedestrians, particularly those with mobility problems and young people/children/families.’

The feedback is under review and it is hoped that work will commence on the scheme soon. Please look at the Marlow Town Council website for updated information.

Marlow Window Shopper

The Marlow Window Shopper app, which was launched in November last year in time for the Christmas shopping period, is set to continue.

The app, developed by Maidenhead-based Brash and its parent company Siteset, was originally intended for the Christmas and New Year periods only, but can be used throughout the year to boost business for retailers. Shoppers using the Window Shopper on their iPhone or Android phone can photograph an item they like in a shop and save or share the photo together with the retailer’s details, allowing them to return easily to the item and identify its location. They can also develop a list of items with the retailer’s details for each.

Peter Sheppard, director of Brash, says: “We expect the use of the Marlow Window Shopper app to climb year on year.”

Marlow Town Council supported the app throughout its development. Marlow Chamber of Commerce has also welcomed its introduction.

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Your Vote

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Local District Council elections
Parish elections

A new way of registering

You need to be on the electoral register to be able to vote in the elections coming up on 7th May 2015.

Last year the way voters applied to register changed. Instead of one person listing all the people resident in a household, now each person is individually responsible for their own registration under a scheme known as Individual Electoral Registration (IER).

IER has modernised the way people apply to register to vote, helps tackle electoral fraud and, for the first time, means that you can apply to register to vote online.

Most people have been automatically transferred to the new IER Electoral Register following a datamatching process against records held by the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP).

Where those records didn’t match we’ve written to you asking you to re-register or supply some additional information for us to register you.

If you’ve not applied to vote before, or if you’ve moved house, you need to apply to register on the government’s secure web page at www.gov.uk/register-to-vote

People who previously voted by post or proxy and have not had their details confirmed under IER and haven’t responded to our request for evidence will not be permitted to vote by post or proxy until we have been able to verify their entry.

What happens next?

If you’ve received a confirmation letter from us, then you don’t have to do anything else, unless you move house or change your name.

If you need a Postal Vote the deadline for new applications or to change your existing arrangements is 5pm on Tuesday 21st April 2015. If you would like to apply to vote by proxy, the deadline is 5pm on Tuesday 28th April 2015.

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Polling stations

There will be 100 polling stations in Wycombe District. Nearer the elections, we’ll send you a polling card telling you where you can go and vote. You don’t have to take your polling card to the polling station to be able to vote. You can find your nearest polling station online at www.wycombe.gov.uk click on MyWycombe and type in your postcode.

How to become a councillor

Elections for local councillors to serve on Wycombe District Council and on Marlow Town Council will also take place on Thursday 7th May. If you are interested in becoming a councillor, visit the electoral commission’s website at www.electoralcommission.org.uk where guidance is provided or contact the elections team if you would like a nomination pack to stand as a candidate.

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The Boundary Commission’s order in 2012 led to a change to the Marlow Parish Wards. Marlow South has been divided into two separate polling districts as follows:

- Polling District BF is now Marlow South Parish Ward returning two members.
- Polling District BG is now Marlow South East Parish Ward returning three members.

This map highlights the changes. If you would like more details on this a street index is available on our website: [www.marlow-tc.gov.uk](http://www.marlow-tc.gov.uk)
We developed our Vision for the Town nearly four years ago now. This is a ten-year working vision, a living document that changes to match the needs of the town as aspirations change. One of our deliverables was to improve the Christmas lights in the town, which I believe we have done with great success. We have already kicked off the sponsorship funding campaign for the 2015 Christmas lights and you may be wondering why we’ve started so early. Well, let me explain!

Marlow’s Christmas lights used to be managed and funded by Wycombe District Council. Three years ago they devolved this service to Marlow Town Council, but with only three years of future, diminishing funding. This is why we have been consciously raising funds to put towards the lights, and most importantly, to build our reserves so that we can commit to a further five years at a minimum. We make provision in the precept for some of the funding, but the more we can build the reserves the more years of beautiful Christmas lights we can guarantee. I’m sure you will agree they looked lovely this year. We want to maintain this high standard of display and will be starting early with this in mind.

Sponsorship opportunities are being developed so that you can get involved. For example, for £50 per tree, you can sponsor one of 140 small Christmas trees placed in the streets around the town. Sponsors will be provided with a gift tag for their message, which will hang on the main Christmas tree on the Causeway. We hope there will be a huge interest and that these sponsorships will be ‘sold out’ really quickly. Further sponsorship opportunities, involving the Christmas Tree, the Bus at the Switch on and Shop, and many more will be announced in due course. If you would like to be involved, please let us know. There will be more information on sponsorship in the next edition.

Cllr Jocelyn Towns
Vision Team
Marlow Town Council’s new Treasure Trail, which started last years’ Switch on and Shop event in November, proved a popular Christmas activity with shoppers and retailers in the town. Treasure hunters were given around a month to visit all 24 retailers in and around Marlow to get their Treasure Trail map stamped. Each of the shops taking part offered a prize such as vouchers for a massage or a meal, gift boxes or VIP nights. Mayor Cllr Suzanne Brown said: “The aim was to boost business for retailers during the Christmas period by having shoppers visit their stores as they follow the Treasure Trail around the town. Retailers were enthusiastic and supportive of the new initiative by the Town Council and felt it could only be of benefit to themselves and the town.”

One lucky prize winner said: “I would like to thank you and all the shops that took part in the Christmas Treasure Trail in December. We really enjoyed visiting the shops and talking to the staff, who were all very friendly and interested in how many stamps we had got. This added to the fun of Christmas shopping in Marlow and, despite living in Marlow for over six years, I discovered some shops I did not know existed. I was also lucky enough to win some Sahara vouchers to which I added some money and bought a beautiful cardigan.”

Another prize winner added: “I wanted to thank you all at Marlow Town Council for organising such a brilliant event. I attended the turning on of the Christmas Lights evening with my family and got the details there. It was brilliant to shop for Christmas presents with my mum and we got some lovely unusual gifts. I love shopping in Marlow. I also won the amazing large bottle of Champagne. It really was large! I am saving it to drink for my 30th birthday and will tell all my friends how lucky I was to win it.”

Once again, we would like to thank all of our local businesses that participated in the Treasure Trail, namely Apollo Photography, Beehive Treats, Brothers, Bloom and More, Cafe Copia, Cath Kidson, Ceremony, Children’s Shoe Company, Desborough Pets, Gatsby, Healthy Stuff, Huttons, Jacu, Jigsaw, Landmark, Le Cotonniere de Marlow, Mistral, Moch, Runners Retreat, Sahara, Susie Watson Designs, The White Company and tinc.
Carols on the Causeway on 18th December, organised by Marlow Town Council, was a great success, with a new earlier start time allowing younger children to take part.

Marlow Town Band, accompanied by Marlow Choral Society, started off the evening with all the children’s favourite carols, and Father Christmas handed out Christmas chocolates to young visitors in his grotto. Mulled wine was donated by the George and Dragon and there were soft drinks for children, mince pies donated by Sainsbury’s and Marlow Town Council, and free hot chestnuts from the Rotary Club of Marlow.

Marlow Town Council’s colouring competition was judged when all the entries had been collected from Father Christmas’s post box, and the Mayor, Cllr. Suzanne Brown, visited the winners at their schools after the Christmas break. The overall winner, Samuel Vinall, from Foxes Piece School, was awarded a prize; a certificate and £10 worth of WHSmith vouchers. His entry will be made into the Town Council’s Christmas card for 2015. The other winners were Dulcie Briggs, Elliot Apperley and Martha Williams.

The Town Council would like to thank the George and Dragon, Sainsbury’s, Marlow Choral Society and the Rotary Club of Marlow for their generous support of this event.

Picture: Marlow Town Council’s colouring competition winning entry by Samuel Vinall from Foxes Piece School.
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A New Year Lunch for Marlow’s senior citizens was hosted by Marlow’s mayor, Suzanne Brown, on Saturday 24th January at Court Garden House. More than 90 guests joined the mayor and town councillors on the day, and many friends got together and enjoyed one another’s company.

The Town Council provided an ‘ice-breaking’ quiz booklet with the chance to win a prize, which was won by Joan Jenkins. She was presented with a bottle of wine by the mayor.

Following a three-course festive lunch, each guest was given a free raffle ticket for the chance to win one of the many prizes provided by Marlow Town Council such as a table lamp, a lap tray, and a set of historical interest books and CD. Guests were presented with a small gift of chocolates from the Town Council when they left. The Town Council would like to update its database for residents who are over 65 and would like to be invited to this event. Please do contact us to have your name included on the database even if you have informed us previously. This will ensure that we have everyone’s current details.

More than 90 guests joined the Town Mayor and Town Councillors on the day, and many friends got together and enjoyed one another’s company.
The first ever Marlow Festival of Wind and Brass Music runs from 8th-23rd May, at several venues in the town including All Saints Parish Church, the United Reformed Church and the Royal British Legion hall. Highlights include a recital of classical saxophone repertoire by locally-born musician Alastair Penman, a performance by the Chiltern Brass Quintet, a gala concert featuring at least four different concert and brass bands, and a jazz night with two renowned UK soloists. There will also be workshops for both classical and jazz musicians to get together and play. Full details will be available soon at www.musicinmarlow.org.uk.

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Entry to the fayre is free so come along with the whole family to enjoy all the interesting stalls, barbecue, tea tent, Rebellion bar, pony rides and Zorb balls and, of course, the famous duck race on the Thames at 4pm.

The fayre is organised by volunteers from Marlow’s Ladies Circle and Round Table and all the proceeds of the fayre and duck race are donated to local charities and organisations.

We’ll be advertising the details in April but if you have any questions please don’t hesitate to contact us at marlowmayfayre@gmail.com

Contributed by Marlow Round Table
Bucks Open Studios
Huge visual arts event is in its 30th year

The Bucks Open Studios, the largest visual arts event in Buckinghamshire and one of the biggest in the country, is holding its 30th year of free events across the county this year. Taking place from 6th-21st June 2015, Bucks Open Studios will showcase an array of over 500 local artists and makers who will open up their studios to the public for a dazzling line-up of free demonstrations, hands-on workshops and exhibitions. Talent on show includes painters, ceramicists, glass workers, basket weavers, metal workers, wood turners, jewellery makers, book makers, photographers, print makers and silk makers. Organisers are hoping to top the 25,000 visits made by the public during the 2014 event.

Bob and Ann Marshall, the joint chairs of Bucks Open Studios, said “We are delighted to announce that 2015 will be our 30th year. Buckinghamshire was one of the first counties in the UK to hold an Open Studios in 1986, with around 43 exhibiting venues. The event has grown in popularity year on year and we now have more than 200 venues spanning the length and breadth of Bucks. Few would have thought in 1986 that Bucks Open Studios would grow to be such a popular and important event for the visual arts and we are delighted that we are still able to offer the public a great way to experience the wealth of creativity that is very much alive and kicking in our towns and villages.”

To find out more about Bucks Open Studios 2015 and to find participating artists and venues please visit the website www.bucksopenstudios.org.uk

Contributed by Bucks Open Studios
Riverside Celebration

Marlow’s regatta and festival weekend

Saturday – Regatta and Garden Party

The 2015 regatta welcomes junior and senior athletes from rowing clubs, schools and colleges from a wide area. The format also offers guests a place to picnic and access to a wide range of food stalls. There will be a roving jazz band for the second year running, spectators will have free access to the grandstand and from this year the towpath – to be known as ‘The Promenade’ - will also be made accessible, offering the best places to watch the racing.

Throughout the day Marlow FM 97.5 will provide musical entertainment and the Riverside Bar, run by the Marlow Round Table, will sell local ales, wines, spirits and Champagne, along with refreshing Pimm’s served by the Ladies Circle.

Entry to Saturday’s event will be by traditional Subscriber Badge, available from early 2015 via the website or from the Marlow Information Centre. Entry is £8 for adults (18 and over), £5 for youths (14 to 17) and £4 for children (5 to 13), as advance sales. It will also be possible to pre-book picnic pitches for gazebos, tables and chairs within the enclosure. Pitches on the putting green are £35 and on the riverside lawn at £50. A small number of premier riverside pitches, alongside ‘The Promenade,’ will be available for £100.

All day parking is available for £5 per day either by pre-purchase or on the day.

This year we have the added attraction of the river pageant and flotilla, led by the Queen’s Row Barge, Gloriana, to celebrate the 800th anniversary of the signing of the Magna Carta – www.thamesalive.org.uk/magnacarta. The flotilla is expected to pass through late morning/lunchtime during the Regatta Saturday on its way to Runnymede to where the Magna Carta was signed. Therefore we can say with reasonable certainty that the Regatta enclosure will be the place to be – keep an eye on the website for details: www.marlowtownregatta.org/index.php

Sunday – Festival Day

This day offers free entry to the enclosure and all-day parking is available for £5 on the day.

The annual Marlow Dragon Boat Festival is organised by Team Activity Group (formerly Dragons Alive), and regularly attracts more than 500 participants in more than 30 teams, making this one of the largest events of its type in the UK. The Marlow Canoe Regatta also runs on the Sunday, and the races intersperse with Dragon Boat races, promising continuous action throughout the day. Spectators can also visit the entertainment arena, which will offer activities for all the family. More information on how to enter a dragon boat team is available on the website – www.marlowtownregatta.org

Sunday features a variety of stalls, including local charities and clubs, as well as produce and crafts. The Traylens Funfair, which runs in parallel to the Town Regatta and Festival, will open on Thursday 11th and run through to Sunday 14th June.

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Marlow hosts top international women’s cycling race

Marlovians will be treated to a spectacle this summer as some of the world’s top women cyclists set off from Marlow on Sunday, 21st June for the final stage of the Friends Life Women’s Tour, the UK’s first international stage-race.

Last year’s tour featured stars including London 2012 medallist Lizzie Armitage and was won by Dutch rider Marianne Vos. This will be the first time that the Friends Life Women's Tour has visited the Marlow area, building on the successful final stage of the men’s Tour of Britain, which came through the Chilterns in September 2014.

Mayor of Marlow, Cllr Suzanne Brown, said: “We’re really excited to be the starting point for the final stage of the Friends Life Women’s Tour cycling event. The day is going to be a fantastic opportunity for people to see the world’s top cyclists go head-to-head against the stunning backdrop of Marlow and the Chiltern Hills. This event will be a fun day out for all ages and I hope both residents and visitors will join us to make this leg of the cycling tour a huge success.”

The riders will compete over five days from Wednesday 17th – Sunday 21st June, highlighted daily on ITV4. Friends Life Women’s Tour Race Director Mick Bennett said: “We are excited to be bringing the final stage of Friends Life Women’s Tour to a new area, and one we know from last year’s Friends Life Tour of Britain, can prove testing and challenging for riders.”

The exact details of the Stage Five route and Ordnance Survey mapping will be announced in the spring, along with the full list of 16 teams for the Friends Life Women’s Tour.
Wycombe District Council is pleased to announce a new opportunity for individuals to participate in entry level Go Tri events between March – October 2015, designed to challenge and enjoy. In total, they are offering 30 Go Tri events, which are situated at five different locations. They are at Bisham Abbey, the Rye Lido, Green Park, Risborough Springs and Westhorpe. Participants must be aged 14 years or older to compete and each event involves a small fee, adults £10 and students £7.

Each venue offers disciplines and distances to suit your needs. Green Park consists of an indoor heated swim followed by a run on a mixture of surfaces through woodland. Bisham Abbey offers a road cycle and a run by the Thames. The Rye Lido offers an outdoor heated swim followed by a path trail run. Risborough Springs consists of a park run after an indoor heated swim. Lastly, Westhorpe provides an open lake swim and a path trail run, within the surroundings of the picturesque Thames Valley.

For full details on the distances of each discipline, the kit you need, tips on nutrition, training ideas and other related events, visit www.gotri.org/events To purchase a ticket, go to: www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/wycombe-district-council-sports-development-team-7786064587

Contributed by Wycombe District Council Sports Development Team
Marlow is to hold its traditional Armed Forces Day on 27th June 2015. The event will take place initially at the War Memorial on the Causeway and afterwards at All Saints’ Church, providing an opportunity for reflection and thanksgiving. The day will recognise the outstanding contribution made by the men and women of the Armed Forces, including reservists, veterans and cadets, families and friends. It will also provide an opportunity to show support to the men and women who make up the Armed Forces community; from currently serving troops to service families and from veterans to cadets – and especially to our local Reserve Unit 871 (Marlow) Postal and Courier Squadron. The Squadron will provide a display at the Royal British Legion Club in Station Approach, while the Royal British Legion Club will stage entertainment for young and old through the day.

The event starts at the Causeway and All Saints’ Church at 10.45am on 27th June and continues at the Royal British Legion Club in Station Approach, off Lock Road.

Contributed by Marlow Royal British Legion
Marlow Remembers WWI
Keeping memories alive

Marlow Remembers World War One is a community association which remembers and shares stories of Marlow residents between 1914-1918 and recollects the impact of the war on our local area. The association focuses on the communities of Marlow Town, Marlow Bottom, Great Marlow, Little Marlow and Bisham.

In order to commemorate and provide a long living memory, Marlow Remembers holds numerous events and talks, and produces a number of publications. The association has been chosen for a grant from the National Lottery Heritage Fund, enabling it to action further plans throughout 2015.

Some of the achievements of Marlow Remembers in 2014:
• Commemorative crosses were planted at the Causeway to represent the men and boys from Marlow who lost their lives during the war
• Ongoing exhibitions at Marlow Museum to illustrate how the war affected our town and community
• Support for Sir William Borlase’s Grammar School in holding a Remembrance Day Service
• Development of a teaching resources pack about the war to be used by our local primary and secondary schools, based on local history

Marlow Remembers is always interested in gathering stories, recollections and images relating back to World War One. Please feel free to contact us on: more@marlowww1.org.uk

Marlow Museum summer opening hours
March – October: Saturdays, Sundays and Bank Holidays 1pm – 5pm. The museum can also be opened by special request for groups and school visits.

For further information or details on events please visit: www.marlowmuseum.org

Contributed by Marlow Remembers WWI

To commemorate and provide a long living memory...
Get the Ball Rolling!

Marlow Bowls Club offers a warm welcome

If you would like to try the sport of bowls on our beautiful green, just come along to one of our free open days. You will be assured of a warm welcome on Friday, 1st May, between 6pm and 9pm or on Sunday, 3rd May, between 10am and 1pm. We will provide all the equipment you need; all we ask is that you wear flat shoes to prevent damage to the green.

Bowls is a sport for all ages and abilities and if, once you’ve tried the game, you wish to go further, we offer a short course of free coaching provided by our English Bowls Coaches Society qualified coaches.

The club has been part of the Marlow scene for 95 years, although you may not have realised we are even here. We are tucked away behind a high brick wall close to Higginson Park and you will find our entrance at the corner of the Court Garden car park in Pound Lane.

If you have any questions or would like further information, please contact Peter Barltrop, our club secretary, on 01628 476835 or see our website at www.marlowbowls.co.uk

Contributed by Marlow Bowls Club
The fire on 3rd August 2011 at Marlow Rowing Club, whilst devastating for the club and the town, created a huge opportunity to build a new club and facility for the community. The task before us was quite daunting because a project on this scale would challenge us all and our abilities. The community response was superb and the club committee quickly organised itself around three main functions: keeping the club going, rebuilding and fundraising. I chaired the latter committee and was given the challenge; “You get us the money, Chris, and we will build it”. So we set about fundraising the £2.4m required.

In the context of this short article it is difficult to single out outstanding performances but David Plaskitt’s contribution was immense. He ran the building committee. Sir Steve Redgrave worked tirelessly as did the chairman of the club, Peter Hunt. John Yeatman and I spearheaded the fundraising and central to this was seeking a lottery grant from Sport England. We worked on this application for eight months. My finger hovered nervously over the mouse on the day I made the submission. I pressed it on 18th December, 2012, and on 31st January, 2013, I received the news that we had been awarded a grant of £1m. We were already well into raising the balance through a donor scheme, and many events including two auction dinners. Building commenced in November 2013 and we moved back into the new club in October 2014 – what a ride it had been! The talent we discovered lurking in the membership was impressive. It was a monumental team effort by club members and a credit to the town.

Contributed by Chris Lenton
Chairman - Fundraising and Sponsorship
Marlow Water Sports Hub
In January of this year four of my officers from the Marlow Neighbourhood Policing Team received Area Commanders’ Commendations for outstanding work. The event, hosted by Wycombe Cricket Club, saw bravery awards presented to three members of the public and six officers from the Wycombe Local Police

Sergeant Robin Hughes and PC Darren King were commended for saving a drowning man from the River Thames in Marlow. In June 2014 they were on foot patrol in the town when they responded to an emergency call following a man jumping off Marlow Bridge. They ran to the water’s edge near the Compleat Angler Hotel where they saw the stricken man in the water being carried by the current towards the weir. Using a throw rope and buoyancy aid, they swam out and dragged him back to shore and he was taken by paramedics to Wexham Park Hospital. The man made a full recovery.

In April 2014 PC Danny O’Driscoll and PCSO Penny Ling responded to an emergency call from South Central Ambulance. They had been called to an address in Lane End following a young girl losing consciousness in the bath. Danny and Penny were on patrol in the village when the call came in and reached the address within two minutes. Upon attendance they administered CPR to the girl who was neither conscious nor breathing. They continued CPR until paramedics arrived and took over.

The girl was airlifted to the John Radcliffe Hospital where after a few days she made a full recovery. Consultants confirmed that the initial actions of the attending officers played a pivotal part in her survival.

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Photos: Sergeant Robin Hughes (left photo) and PC Darren King (right photo) were commended for saving a drowning man from the River Thames in Marlow.
Marlow teenager Molly Simmonds has made it to the final of Miss Teen Inspiration, a beauty pageant which celebrates being inspirational to others and having self-confidence and ambition.

Molly, 13, will compete against other teenage girls from across the UK in Miss Teen Inspiration. She will attend the final on Saturday, 21st March in Newport, Wales.

Unlike other beauty pageants, Miss Teen Inspiration focuses on helping teenagers build their confidence and be proud of their personal achievements.

Each finalist will be fundraising for Ayla-Maes Three Steps Forward, a charity dedicated to helping Ayla-Maes, a little girl suffering from a condition called spastic quadriplegic cerebral palsy. This condition means that Ayla will probably not be able to walk and will need constant care for the rest of her life.

Molly has set up her own fundraising page to help Ayla: www.gofundme.com/Molly-Ayle-maes. She has the full support of her school, Great Marlow.

Contributed by Emma Simmonds
Hitting the Right Note
Moving performance by Marlow Community Choir

When the Marlow Community Choir at Borlase (MCCaB) performed its most ambitious choral work to date, Elgar’s *The Dream of Gerontius*, at Eton College School Hall last month, it moved Gillian Dibden, MBE, the choir’s inspirational and dynamic director of music to comment: “Our performance was a triumph! When we started a community choir about seven years ago, who would have thought we would be performing such a masterpiece, requiring large numbers and mighty forces?” Past performances have included Verdi’s *Requiem*, the Christmas music from Handel’s *Messiah* and Purcell’s *Dido and Aeneas*.

Starting with about 40 members, MCCaB now boasts more than 100 members drawn from Marlow and the surrounding areas. The choir is a highly successful community outreach initiative of Sir William Borlase’s Grammar School. It rehearses every Wednesday in the school hall and offers training in choral music and vocal technique for singing in mixed choirs, with regular concert performances, including soloists and full orchestra. New members are welcome and no auditions are necessary. Membership details from Maria Aldridge on 07746 307218.

Hear MCCaB’s next concert – Peace and Praise – at Sir William Borlase’s Performing Arts Theatre, at 7.30pm on Wednesday 21st May. Tickets £12 and £10. Tel: 07746 307218 or visit www.mccab.org

Contributed by Ian Berrido
Marlow Community Market seeks warm-hearted leader for continued success and ongoing development. Vision and good sense of humour essential! This is a part-time job opportunity to run our fully set-up and commercially viable market. Marlow Community Market has been solely set up and run by volunteers from Transition Town Marlow. It has now outgrown this limited resource, and so we have created this part-time job opportunity. Help us continue this fantastic Marlow asset. Please contact ttmcommunitymarket@gmail.com www.marlowcommunitymarket.com.

Contributed by Transition Town 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 telephone Carole Holme on 01628 473577 or email carole.holme@btinternet.com.

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Marlow Town Council would like to ensure that all residents are aware of the scheme and the resources available to them; if you are in need of the service or know someone that will benefit please contact Court Garden Leisure Complex Reception or call: 01628 405200.

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We currently have opportunities for volunteer befrienders. Volunteers will receive training, on-going support, out-of-pocket expenses and will earn Buckinghamshire Time Credits.

Please support us in this venture. Should you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact either myself, Lisa Crook (details below) or:

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