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Barry's design transformed my small, dark, miserable garden into an airy welcoming space that I actually wanted to spend time in. Friends' comments have mostly been along the lines of - I can't believe it's the same space, and ... It looks bigger than it was. Although a lot of the design was hard landscaping, Barry's use of curves gives the garden a very organic feel. In addition his recommendation of using various mixtures of pavers and slabs hugely added to visual interest in the garden. I was very pleased indeed with the result and would recommend Barry and BSW landscapes to anyone.

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“Marlow community spirit is impressive and there are many events run by volunteers.”

Though spring is just around the corner, it’s not long since we were enjoying the Christmas celebrations, and Marlovians, as usual, did it in style. Our Christmas lights were a sight to behold again this year and, with the expert help of Sir Steve Redgrave, we had an excellent ‘Switch On’ event in November. I would like to thank our sponsors, including corporates, small businesses, shops and a large number of residents, who supported this lovely spectacle.

Our annual Carols on The Causeway in December was also very well attended, and special thanks go to the Marlow Choral Society for providing such excellent singing. We were also brilliantly supported by the Marlow Town Band. A special thank you to all the children present who contributed with such enthusiasm! Thanks also to the George and Dragon and Sainsbury’s for mulled wine and mince pies respectively. And, it wouldn’t have been the same without the support of Rotary with their roasted chestnuts. It was a really good evening.

I was delighted to be invited to a wonderful birthday party in December to celebrate Ruth Hillsdon’s 106th birthday. The event was hosted by Burgers and Marlow FM. Ruth is our oldest resident, and she was absolutely captivating with her many stories on the secrets of a long life!

Marlow community spirit is impressive as evidenced by the fact many events are run by volunteers. One such event was the St. Vincent de Paul lunch for senior citizens, which is totally provided for and run by volunteers. Shirley and I were invited to attend and a lovely time was had by all.

Our town remains buzzy and vibrant, with the High Street especially busy on weekends. This does present a few parking challenges, though take heart, a shop keeper was recently heard explaining to a shopper that people come to Marlow because they can park here whereas they can’t in Oxford or London!

I am happy to report that our Flood Plans and Flood Wardens are in place. We have been lucky so far this year and let’s hope it stays that way. We do check the levels daily.

Marlow Youth Club recently relaunched their upgraded premises: a great community centre, as well as an active youth club. They have installed a new kitchen and have refurbished the meeting rooms. It is well worth a visit.

I also attended a Marlow-based playgroup, Jellitots, who in February celebrated 10 years of providing excellent early years learning and development.

On 28th February I hosted the annual Civic Service and was pleased to see so many of you attend. This is our way of saying thank you to residents and town organisations - you are all very important in helping to create our community spirit.

The Mayor’s Golf Day is coming up in April and if you would like to take part, please contact Jan Bailey in the Town Council office.

I am pleased to report we have a new challenge ahead of us. From 1st April 2016 we are taking on a number of devolved services from BCC and WDC, detailed in the Town Council news section of this edition. This is a major change for us as a town as it will enable us to manage our own grass cutting, pathways, hedges and so on. This does come at a cost, so we will be raising the Marlow portion of your Council Tax. It will be increased by 0.11p per week per household in Band D; please bear with us whilst we put the necessary infrastructure in place.

I am always very happy to hear your comments and receive your suggestions on how we can improve what we do.

Cllr Bob Johnson
Marlow Town Mayor

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Hole in One!
Mayor’s Charity Golf Day

Town Mayor, Cllr. Bob Johnson is holding the Charity Golf Day at Harleyford Golf Club on 19th April 2016 in aid of his three chosen charities – the local Multiple Sclerosis Society, Marlow Sports Club and “OK” Our Kids, a charity that helps young children to deal with the challenges and dangers of staying safe at home, school and in the community. The Mayor has chosen these charities to encompass the town's vision of inclusion of youth, sports and disability.

This is a great day’s golf for good causes. A team of four costs £280 and includes coffee and light refreshments before teeing off with dinner afterwards. There will be a shotgun start at 12.00 pm; dinner in the Club’s Pavilion Restaurant is at 6.30 pm. Following 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 3rd – Ladies/men
- Nearest the Pin in 3 on the 17th – Ladies/men
- Challenge the Pro on the 12th

You are welcome to attend the dinner only at a cost of £35pp.

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Outstanding Achievement
Marlow’s Town Clerk wins Clerk of the Year Award

Annie Jones, Marlow’s Town Clerk, has won the Society of Local Council Clerks (SLCC Bucks) Clerk of the Year Award, which is presented to an individual who has displayed leadership, initiative, creativity and exceptional support to the town, members and the community. Marlow Mayor, Cllr. Bob Johnson, nominated Annie for this prestigious award, praising in particular her initiative, her resilience and her communication skills.

Presenting the Award to Annie on Monday 14th December, Cllr. Johnson said: “Marlow is fortunate to have such a helpful and professional Town Clerk. During her time as Town Clerk Annie has displayed excellent qualities, many of which came to light when Marlow experienced a major flood event in early 2014. Although Annie suffered personally from the flooding, she became the co-ordinator in Marlow for all rescue services and was part of the emergency team, staying in constant communication with the services. She also ensured that those affected received the right information and support, including sandbags for residents who were most in need.”

Annie has since been instrumental in producing a Local Flood Plan to ensure Marlow Town Council is effective and responsive should any new flood issues arise.

The Mayor continued: “Another example of Annie’s outstanding professionalism was the swift manner in which she was able to effect timely eviction of the unwelcome travellers who had forced entry on to Council land earlier this year. The police commented directly to me on her helpful determination.”

The award was presented in the presence of Officers Jan Bailey, Sam Townley and Barry Cross; Town Councillors Richard Scott, Neil Marshall, Jocelyn Towns, Roy Cadman, Suzanne Brown and Roger Wilson; along with members of the community including Mike Hyde, Chairman of Marlow Museum; Chris Kelsey, President of Rotary Club of Marlow; Jo Braybrooke, Secretary of the Marlow Chamber of Trade and Commerce; and Martin Blunkell, Chairman of the Marlow Society.

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Seasonal Sing-along
Christmas celebrated with Carols on the Causeway

Around 500 residents gathered around the beautifully lit Christmas tree to sing carols on Thursday, 17th December for the annual Carols on the Causeway celebration.

Father Christmas was in his grotto on the Causeway where he met lots of young children who had queued to tell him what they would like for Christmas. They were delighted to be given Christmas chocolates when they left.

Marlow Town Band played all the favourite carols, with Marlow Choral Society in good voice in support. They were particularly helpful with the carols that were not accompanied by music and kept everyone in tune!

The George and Dragon very generously donated mulled wine, which The Rotary Club of Marlow handed out at their two stalls, with free hot chestnuts. Soft drinks were available for children, and mince pies, courtesy of Sainsbury’s and Marlow Town Council, were given out by Councillors.

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New Year’s Lunch

Marlow senior citizens enjoy a special annual event

Marlow Town Council held its annual New Year’s Lunch for 90 senior citizens at Court Garden on Saturday, 23rd January.

Town Mayor Bob Johnson said: “I am so pleased to be able to host this event with my fellow councillors and to recognise the important part played by all our senior citizens in helping to build and maintain our fantastic community in Marlow.

“We are also very privileged to have Marlow’s leading senior citizen with us today. Ruth Hillsdon is 106 years of age and is a great example to us all. I had the honour to be invited to her birthday tea party shortly before Christmas and I’m happy to say I have never met anyone with such a zest for life.”

Guests participated in a quiz and a raffle during the lunch and everyone left with a small gift from the Town Council. Marlow’s senior citizens look forward to this annual event and everyone said they had a great time. Mayor Bob Johnson thanked Town Council officers Jan Bailey and Katherine Joy, and Annie Jones, Marlow’s Town Clerk, for all their hard work in organising the event.

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Devolved services

With effect from 1st April 2016, Marlow Town Council will be taking over many of the roles that have up until now been the responsibility of BCC and WDC. The main driver behind this extremely important move for MTC is the ‘Government’s Localism’ agenda, which brings responsibility closer to residents and other stakeholders with an interest in ensuring that Marlow remains an attractive and well-kept town. So what are we taking on?

From BCC (see maps on website for details of the specific areas involved):
- Urban grass cutting
- Hedge cutting
- Siding out of overgrown footpaths in order to prevent the encroachment of verge soil/growth
- Removal of obstructions from Public Highways
- Weed control on footways
- Maintenance of street furniture

From WDC:
- May Balfour Gardens
- River Park Drive
- Liston Court/New Road
- Riverwoods
- Rockery Gardens
- Willowmead Square/Gardens
- Spring Gardens/Herons Place
- The Croft
- Oak Tree Avenue
- The Chase
- Ridgeway Close
- Pergola Field
- Conrinston Close/Terrington Hill
- Gossmore Recreation Ground (River End)

MTC has been preparing for some time to take on these significant additional responsibilities and is confident of delivering an excellent service on behalf of the town by using experienced contractors. We will be constantly monitoring the work of the contractors to ensure that they deliver as promised and as ever we would welcome your feedback.

We don’t underestimate the enormity of these new responsibilities, however, and we’re aware that they may bring teething problems. So we’re asking for your help! Let us know if you see an area that appears neglected or not ‘up to scratch’. If it’s an area for which we are responsible we will respond as quickly as possible.

Please see our website for detailed maps of our areas of responsibility.

New Court Footpaths

You may have seen that MTC are campaigning to ensure that the footpath between Cromwell Gardens and Liston Road is officially recognised as such. This will mean that it will be retained when New Court is sold and redeveloped as the current owners propose. We’d like to thank everyone for their support. We’ve had 130 responses to date but there is still time to add your comments. Please go to our website, come to the Area Information Office in the library or MTC Office to collect a form.
### Calendar of Meetings 2016/17

Meetings are usually held either in the Town Council offices or in Court Garden House and start at 7.15pm. We recommend that you check town notice boards or our website before attending in case of change.

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There have been many calls for Marlow’s parking situation to be resolved, but no one has come up with a comprehensive solution - probably because there isn’t one. Also, Marlow is not alone; there are issues with parking up and down the country - this is not a ‘Marlow only’ situation.

Concern has been expressed about what happened to the previous parking reviews; especially the proposal rejected by Marlow Town Council a couple of years ago. These were proposals from Bucks County Council (BCC) that addressed residential roads around the Town Centre but took no account of off street parking or the needs of businesses. The Town Council perceived that these proposals would have had a major impact on the vibrancy of the Town - so no joined up thinking. Also, many refer back to other past reviews; but needs change, we must now look forward not backward.

Whilst Town Councillors are seeking a workable solution, they can only do so with BCC and Wycombe District Council (WDC) who hold responsibility for highways and on-or-off street parking – Marlow is dependent on them to provide a workable solution for residents, businesses and visitors alike. We believe these two councils must work together to provide the much needed joined up thinking for our Town - we cannot have a decision in one area that impacts another.

Marlow Town Councillors understand the issues and want a solution that addresses all of them. Our suggestion is to look at double decking car parks and/ or underground parking to provide more capacity. We want to accommodate residents’ needs as well as making suitable provision for lower-paid and part-time workers and visitors to the Town – all of whom contribute to its success.

The Town Council will therefore be formally proposing to BCC and WDC that they:

- Retain the existing free parking on Town centre roads (BCC).
- Look at timed disc parking to assist with enforcement, as an alternative to the introduction of parking meters or residents’ parking (BCC).
- Explore the opportunities for multi-decked parking in Liston Road and Riley Road car parks and possibly Pound Lane as part of the improvements currently being considered for Court Garden (WDC).
- In this additional space, allocate free/reduced cost parking charges in around 20% of the spaces for those that work in the Town to discourage on-street parking (WDC).
- Progress the already suggested multi-decked car park in Globe Park (WDC).
- Fully review the recently installed ANPR system and analyse the parking data to ensure the optimum allocation of short term and long term parking (WDC).

We believe these measures would increase capacity and result in a reduction in some of the on-street parking problems.

Marlow Town Council has already taken steps to procure implementation of residents’ requests for the provision (by BCC) of yellow lines on corners and junctions, to address inconsiderate and dangerous parking. A public consultation on the proposed schemes took place in late November and it is expected that the proposed improvements will be implemented in the spring.

Marlow could be called a victim of its own success – it is a vibrant town, an attractive place to live, popular with visitors and has an increasingly busy business hub. It also has some of the best schools in the area. All of these factors combined make our residential property and retail and business premises much sought-after, resulting in increasing demands on our roads and car parks.

These days the trend is for more than one car per household, so we will never have enough road space to meet our needs. To suggest, as many have, that residents’ parking could be an option, is just not viable. Residents’ parking would exclude visitors, businesses and low-paid workers from coming to the town, which in turn would impact its vibrancy and worse still, result in shops closing and businesses moving away.
We must appreciate what we have and work within the limitations. The general in-flow and out-flow of a 24/7 use of our streets keeps our town a successful, buzzy place. It remains vibrant, with more shops, more visitors and the house prices staying strong. We need to be careful what we wish for and be wary that any proposed solutions won’t cause us more problems!

And finally, you may be interested in a comment heard recently in a shop in Marlow from a sales assistant to a customer “shoppers come here because they can park in Marlow, and you can’t park in Oxford or London”.

How you can help?
Your Town Council is very aware of the many parking issues. We know that more parking is required, but we want a town-wide solution that works for everybody.

If you would like to make a suggestion on how to solve this complex issue, we would love to hear from you.

Just to show that parking issues are not unique to Marlow, (as mentioned above) below are two press articles highlighting concerns expressed by other Councils:

Car journeys put off over parking fears
A study reveals that almost a fifth of drivers worry about being able to park as they approach their home, with some motorists claiming that they are putting off making journeys in their car to avoid losing their residential parking spot. The AA, which commissioned the poll of 24,739 drivers, has called on local authorities to review whether all of their parking restrictions in residential areas are necessary. The Local Government Association’s transport spokesman, Wakefield Council leader Peter Box, said: “councils often introduce restrictions at residents’ request and consult widely on them, but in some places there simply is not enough road space or parking space to accommodate demand,” meaning authorities face a balancing act between requirements of commuters and residents. Mr Box also called on the Government to fully fund concessionary fares schemes for buses.

Yorkshire Post

Parking review after violence
Cornwall Council is launching a public consultation into parking after instances of violence breaking out between commuters and residents over spaces. Cllr Fiona Ferguson said: “It’s like a war out there. Violence has broken out,” with Bert Biscoe, cabinet member for transport, adding: “It is detrimental to the quality of peoples’ lives that they are so wound up about where they will park.” The review will look at issues including residents’ parking permits, car park prices and disabled parking. What must be remembered here is that no one has a right to park on a public highway; if you buy a home that doesn’t have residents’ parking or off-street parking there is no automatic right to park outside your home.
The Allotment Association held its Annual General Meeting in November in Court Garden House.

Presenting the winners of the Best Kept Allotment competition with their prizes, Mayor Bob Johnson said: “The allotments are important to Marlow and I’m extremely grateful for the time and effort the tenants put in. You’re well respected for the fantastic job you do. It’s important that the Council continues to keep and maintain space to provide this pleasurable and rewarding activity for the people of Marlow.”

There are plots still available so if you would like to put your name on the list for an allotment, please contact office@marlow-tc.gov.uk or call 01628 484024.

Winners:

- **Master Gardener**
  Ms D Bagge and Mr R Carter who share the allotment.

- **Hanging Hill Allotments**
  - **1st Prize**: Mr A Ross
  - **2nd Prize**: Mr & Mrs Hockly

- **Foxes Piece Allotment**
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  - **2nd Prize**: Mr Ball
  - **Best Newcomer**: Mr Hoppe

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The orchard, which is a project put together by Transition Town Marlow (TTM) in conjunction with Marlow Town Council, which owns the land, involves around 20 fruit trees including apples, pears, plums, cherries and greengages. The trees are being planted for the local community to enjoy.

Bob Johnson, Marlow Town Mayor, said: “It was great fun despite the rain - in fact the rain added to the enjoyment as it gave us a chance to squeeze together under the gazebo lent by Chiltern Rangers, drink tea and eat cake! Many thanks to everyone who helped with this very worthwhile project.”

The orchard was designed by Nicki Bruce and project-managed by Helen Dann, Liz Lorente and the rest of the TTM team. Robin Teasdill from New Leaf provided the wood chip and valuable extra expertise, and children from Holy Trinity School decorated the tree guards.

We hold a monthly work party - 2nd Saturday of every month 2pm, providing weather is not too bad. Visit our website www.transitionmarlow.org.

Contributed by Liz Lorente
lizlorente@aol.com
Marly-le-Roi Medal of Honour awarded to Patrick Gautier-Lynham; the most British person of Marly!

Patrick Gautier-Lynham, President of the Association of Friends of Twinning, has been awarded the Marly-le-Roi Medal of Honour. He has devoted a large part of his life to his town of Marly-le-Roi for around 50 years.

In 1970, when teaching at Marly College, he arranged a visit for language students and accompanied a hundred pupils to Marlow. Jean Béranger, who was then Mayor of Marly, asked Patrick to look into the feasibility of twinning Marlow and Marly-le-Roi, and the two towns were twinned in 1972. The towns have continued to be active in twinning visits and events ever since. The Twinning oath was renewed in 2012 in Marly-le-Roi between Jocelyn Towns, Marlow Mayor at the time, and Marly-le-Roi Mayor, Jean-Yves Perrot.

Patrick is a man with numerous interests: local politics, horse riding, town twinning, education and - last but not least - the kingdom of her Majesty the Queen - reigning over bowler hats, Austin Minis and red telephone kiosks. Well before the existence of the Channel Tunnel, Patrick Gautier was a remarkable link between England and France, between Marlow and Marly-le-Roi.

His pro-British advocacy has made its mark through the presence of red telephone kiosks and postboxes which he has installed in different areas of Marly.

Patrick attends Marlow’s Remembrance Service and Parade every year together with Marly-le-Roi Sapeurs-Pompiers (French Firemen) and town twinners.

Extract from La Chronique, Marly-le-Roi’s town magazine.
Wycombe District Neighbourhood Watch Association (WDNHW) has around 150 Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinators in Marlow and Marlow Bottom which is fantastic – but we also need volunteers to help co-ordinate the co-ordinators! These locals would help provide street signs, window stickers, give advice, arrange meetings and events, and look out for opportunities for new schemes in the town, all with the help of Geoff Pegg, Director of Operations of WDNHW.

If you feel you can contribute to the success of Neighbourhood Watch coverage in Marlow by taking on one of these roles, we’d be delighted to hear from you!

Please contact: publicitywdnhwa@hotmail.co.uk

Thank you.

Contributed by Geoff Pegg
Thames Hospice

Q & A with Marianne Bradshaw, Retail Volunteer Programme Manager

What is Thames Hospice?
Thames Hospice is the local charity supporting people living in East Berkshire and South Buckinghamshire.

What does the charity provide?
We provide expert nursing and medical care, with emotional and practical support for adults who have illnesses from which they are not expected to recover. Our care and support extends to family, friends and carers.

How do you raise funds?
Partly through our shops, like the one in Spittal Street, Marlow – which everyone thinks is just a vintage shop, because it’s beautifully laid out and stocked, but it’s actually raising money for Thames Hospice.

That sounds unusual – are all your shops vintage?
No, this one is unique and it’s very special. It specialises in ladies items, though also has a few items of furniture and homeware too, all along the vintage theme. Recently they have had in stock Jimmy Choo shoes and Karen Millen coats. We also had some beautiful jewellery from Magpie Vintage on sale, including vintage finds, solid silver, crystal and freshwater pearls.

Have you had any unusual customers?
Excitingly the shop was recently visited by a costume buyer looking for items for the next Bridget Jones film, and she bought lots of items for a number of crowd scenes. The team are hopeful that she will bring along Hugh Grant or Renee Zellwegger next time she visits!

What support are you looking for?
Manager Izzy and Supervisor Ash urgently need volunteers to help run the shop. It’s a great place to volunteer for those interested in fashion and vintage high-end items. At the moment we only have one volunteer, so it would be great to get some more people interested in helping. You would help make our displays look beautiful, sort donations and serve our lovely customers.

Why should people volunteer?
As with many of our shops, it is a real part of the local community, for example we stayed open late to accompany the town’s Christmas lights switch on by Sir Steve Redgrave. The roles are fun, sociable and varied and give a great opportunity to share or develop your fashion and retail expertise or interests.

Do you work for Thames Hospice then?
I actually work for Waitrose, part of the John Lewis Partnership, and am working for Thames Hospice on a charity secondment to establish a sustainable retail volunteer programme for them. Getting the word out there is a key part of that.

How contributions help us

• £25 pays for two Health Care Assistants to help a patient bath and wash their hair, something they may not have been able to do for a long time because of their illness.
• £50 pays for a Nurse to run a Wellbeing Group to help patients to make the most of their lives whilst coping with their illness.
• £75 pays for a visit from our specialist Doctor, either at the Hospice or at a patient’s home, to assess and help with their pain and symptom control.
• £100 pays for a Hospice at Home Nurse to spend an afternoon with a patient in their home, offering support and care at a time of real need.
• £250 pays for an occasional bed for a relative, so they can sleep in the room with their loved one when they don’t want to leave them.
• £450 pays for one day’s care for a patient on our Inpatient Unit, where they receive expert care delivered with compassion and kindness.
• £1000 pays for a syringe pump that allows us to give pain medication to a patient who cannot swallow tablets, ensuring they are comfortable.

How can I get involved?
You can sign up for a taster session in the shop – giving you a chance to experience what it’s like volunteering there, with no obligation. Contact Izzy, the shop manager on 01628 483 689 or drop in to the shop at 7 Spittal Street.

How else can local people help?
If you are part of a local group or organisation which may have potential volunteers, you can help us raise awareness of the need for volunteers. We could attend your group to give a talk or circulate posters or leaflets to your members. If so, please get in touch with Jenn Johnson, Head of Volunteering for Thames Hospice on 01753 848945 or Izzy, the Marlow shop manager.

If you are ever nearby, do pop in for a visit to this unique shop.
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Patient Care

Marlow doctors call for your help

More people than ever need to see their doctor more than six times a year - twice as many as ten years ago – as a result of our ageing population and the increase in multiple chronic conditions like diabetes and heart disease. At the same time, Marlow is experiencing a shortage of GPs. Some have retired recently, others have taken up other professions and some have moved abroad.

There are a number of ways in which we can try to ease the problem. Before we automatically phone and book an appointment to see the doctor, the following would help:

- Hand completed forms to the secretary for the doctor to sign without an appointment.
- Cancel appointments that are no longer needed so that they can be used by someone else.
- Request an appointment and get a reply by the end of the next working day.
- Manage minor illnesses at home by using the WEBGP service online at www.marlowdoctors.co.uk or with the advice of a pharmacist - either your local community pharmacist or Marlow surgery’s new pharmacist, Hannah Copus, who has been recruited to meet this demand.

She should be booked for:
- Advice on medications.
- Advice on the side effects of medication.
- Advice on minor illnesses.
- Blood pressure reviews.
- Planned mental health and dementia reviews.
- Anti-coagulation clinic (in addition to the family health clinic).

For some people who really need appointments with a doctor, ten minutes is not always enough time. We hope that with these time-saving measures, more time will be freed up for the GPs to spend with patients.

Thank you for your help in keeping our surgery open!

Contributed by Suzanne Brown
Chairman of the patient reference group
It is now 13 years since we first produced a Business Plan for Riley Park Trust. That plan was created at a time when the original wealth bequeathed by Mr and Mrs Edward Riley had been substantially eroded due to running costs and inflation to a level where the Trust was in a state of insolvency and facing bankruptcy.

Since then, the plan has been updated several times to focus its aims and has proved to be a key tool in re-establishing the sustainability of the Trust’s foundations as outlined in its Trust Deed.

Over the past 13 years it is calculated that half a million pounds has been invested in regeneration and annual operating costs. Whilst the Trust’s income has been maximised it is still, in relative terms, modest, and the opportunity to grow it further is severely constrained by the fact that the Trust’s main asset i.e. its extremely valuable land, is situated within a Conservation Area, leaving the Trust in a somewhat ‘financial pincer situation’.

As a stakeholder in this extremely valuable facility, please ensure you log on to our website and read the full business plan, which details ways in which you can support your trust.

Visit www.rileyparktrust.co.uk to view the full Business Plan. (Click on IMPORTANT UPDATE on the front page).

Contributed by J A (Tony) Shannon
Chairman Riley Park Trust

‘Your trust needs your support’
Marlow Youth Centre

New facilities and refurbishment celebrated at formal opening

A new kitchen, new climbing wall and full refurbishment of the Marlow Youth and Community Centre (MYCC) were celebrated with a formal opening on Sunday 31st January, when a red ribbon was jointly cut by the town’s MP The Right Honourable Dominic Grieve and the Town Mayor Councillor Johnson.

Funds were raised for all this work from National Lottery, Buckinghamshire Community Foundation, Wycombe District Council, Marlow Town Council, Marlow Rotary, Marlow Round Table, Shanly Foundation and Paradigm Foundation. Chris Kelsey, President of The Rotary Club of Marlow, presented the Centre with a generous donation of £1000.

The Centre is currently used by River Church, Marlow, for a toddler group (RiverLife) on a weekly basis, and it runs two youth clubs. Several other groups also make good use of the Centre, including the Marlow After School Club, Action for Children, Bells and Whistles puppy training, Mucky Monsters, Tumble Tots, adult ballet, tap dance, zumba and counselling. A meeting room on the first floor of the building serves the Marlow community and another small refurbished room provides a cosy place for one-to-one counselling.

MYCC is now operated by a local charity set up for the purpose. The trustees are all local residents and are passionate about seeing the centre being used as a real community hub.

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Help support local business
Encouraged by the fantastic support we received for the first Love Marlow Festival last year, Churches Together in Marlow, Marlow Town Council and local community groups and businesses have decided to organise a second Love Marlow Festival in the run-up to the 2016 Marlow Regatta. All our partners from 2015 want to contribute to the fun and entertainment again and are excited at the prospect of making this Festival even more special. The Festival will be four days longer than last year, which will provide scope for making the programme of events even better and allow more people of all ages to take part.

Our aim remains the same as last year: to help strengthen relationships across Marlow by promoting kindness, volunteering and fun so that every resident feels cared for, everyone who works in Marlow knows they are valued and every visitor is welcomed. In short, we want to make Marlow a town in which life, love and all that is good are held up and celebrated: a place where we all love to live.

We are now in the process of putting together the programme, which we hope like last year will include sports events, dancing, live music, arts displays, craft workshops, quizzes, coffee mornings, afternoon teas, exhibitions and fun activities for children. We are also encouraging schools, churches, local community groups and youth organisations to undertake some voluntary work in the course of the Festival, but particularly over the weekend of 4th - 5th June.

Having identified the Thames as a dominant feature of our town, we have adopted it as a key aspect of this year’s Festival. As a result, several new partners have emerged, bringing with them characteristics that make Marlow and its bustling, ever-changing river scene an intriguing venue for visitors. Afternoon tea on magnificently manicured lawns can be enjoyed in a few hosteries close to London, but surely none compare with the pristine splendour of the Compleat Angler! On the other hand, who would forego the chance to experience the exquisite hospitality of Danesfield House while learning about its vital contribution to Britain’s battle for survival in WW2.

The river will also be highlighted in Burgers Tea Rooms, where the Marlow Society’s talented volunteers will present a montage showing how past generations used the town’s iconic bridge as a launching pad for reckless acts of daring. Though Health and Safety was not around in those days, there are no reports of fatalities - and the photographs are magical. (Well done Grandpa!)

We are delighted to be able to give you advance notice of one especially exciting river activity which will be arranged by Bisham Sailing Centre. Peter May, who hasn’t dived off Marlow Bridge, but is known for many other equally daring feats, has acquired something that looks like a Tank Landing Craft. He will offer wheelchair bound passengers and others with mobility issues the chance to see the town from an unusual angle. His sturdy craft will be waiting at the slipway at the bottom of St Peter Street.

And by the way, for the younger people in town, there will be a Kid’s Bike Ride to be held at the SAS Institute on the Henley Road on Sunday 5th June. Young people are also being offered taster sessions by Marlow Tennis Club, whose top-rate instructor Paul Davey is giving up his time to enthuse young people to follow in the footsteps of Andy Murray and Johanna Konta.

On Sunday 12th June come down to All Saints’ Church (Marlow) at 3pm for a summer afternoon’s delight. Masterpieces from the chamber music repertoire brought
to you by talented students from the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama, directed by Simon Jones. Admission is free and afternoon tea follows the concert.

And, in case you’re wondering what’s in it for the town, the Army, Navy and Air Cadets are joining with members of the Marlow Methodist Church to carry out a litter collection programme during the festival. You can be sure the streets will be spotless - well done guys!

The events above are just a taster of the many activities that will be on offer throughout the Festival. Look out for the Love Marlow brochure, which will give details of the full programme. It will be available from many outlets around the town from the beginning of May. It’s great to have such a large number of enthusiastic partners keen to show people what is special about our town. Please support them as they give up their time and effort to make our Festival a happy and fun-filled occasion.

If you would like to get involved by running an event or arranging some voluntary activity, please send an e-mail to the following address: hello@lovemarlow.co.uk or call 01628 472774, otherwise just come along and join in the fun. We can guarantee that there will be something in the programme for everyone! For more information on Love Marlow, log on to our website: www.lovemarlow.co.uk. In the meantime, put the dates in your diary now!

Contributed by Valerie Brownridge
We’re all looking forward to the 2016 Marlow Town Regatta and Festival, which will take place on the Thames and in Higginson Park, Marlow on 11th and 12th June this year.

Saturday 11th June – Marlow Town Rowing Regatta

Following the success of last year’s event, the 2016 format has only a few small changes. Picnickers can purchase Picnic Pitches and host parties within the enclosure, and in addition to the picnic area visitors can enjoy musical entertainment provided by Marlow FM 97.5. There will be plenty of stalls as well as some great competitive rowing organised by Marlow Rowing Club. The Riverside Bar will be run by Marlow Round Table, with all proceeds going to local charities and good causes. 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. From mid-March onwards, it will be possible to purchase badges in advance through the website or from the Marlow Information Centre on Institute Rd, Marlow, at £10 for adults, £7 for youths (aged 14 to 17) and £5 for children (aged 5 to 13). It will also be possible to pre-book Picnic Pitches for gazebos, tables and chairs within the enclosure. Pitches on the Green and Lawn are priced at £60 and £80 respectively. A small number of riverside pitches will be available for £170. All Pitches include two adult entry badges.

Sunday 12th June – Family Entertainment, Dragon Boating, Canoe Regatta and Evening Opera

Sunday is festival day with the annual Marlow Dragon Boat Festival and Marlow Sprint Canoe Regatta taking place on the river. Both events attract many hundreds
of competitors, making them the largest of their type in the UK. On land, the day starts at 10.30am with a joint churches open-air Sunday service. From mid-day, the park is filled with family entertainments in the arena and music on the Marlow FM 97.5 stage. Entry to the park on Sunday is without charge.

This year we will be screening Garsington Opera’s Cosi Fan Tutte on the big screen. The showing is expected to start at 6.30pm with free entry to all from 6.00pm.

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

Up-to-date information can be found on the website at www.marlowtownregatta.org and on Twitter at www.twitter.com/mtrfl

About the Marlow Town Regatta and Festival

The annual Marlow Town Regatta and Festival is Marlow’s premier sporting and social occasion. It takes place in Higginson Park, Marlow in early June. Saturday’s traditional rowing regatta and garden party is complemented by a Sunday family day including entertainments, the Marlow Dragon Boat Festival and the Marlow Canoe Regatta. The event is organised by a volunteer committee and runs on a not-for-profit basis with the support of a number of local organisations including Marlow Round Table and Marlow Rowing Club.

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RAF Parade

Swords drawn and bayonets fixed!

Marlow Town Council is delighted to announce that RAF High Wycombe will be exercising their right to parade through Marlow on Sunday 18th September 2016. This parade will encompass not only the Freedom Parade but also the Battle of Britain service and the 75th anniversary of RAF cadets.

RAF High Wycombe was awarded the Freedom of Wycombe District in April 2011. The Parade only occurs every four years and Chairman of Wycombe District Council, Cllr Ian McEnnis gave his agreement for this to take place in Marlow in 2016. Personnel from RAF High Wycombe, Wycombe District Council, Bucks County Council and Marlow Town Council have already begun planning in order to ensure that the event runs smoothly.

The RAF parade will set off from Higginson Park with swords drawn and bayonets fixed, parade up the High Street and back down to take the Salute from the saluting dais. The Parade will then assemble at the War Memorial on the Causeway in order to lay wreaths as part of the Battle of Britain commemoration. This will be followed by a service in All Saints’ Church.

Put this date in your diaries as it is one not to miss! More detail on timings will be given in the next edition of the Marlovian (Summer Edition).

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On Sunday 6th December the 11th Rotary Santa’s Fun Run took place with around 2500 runners, joggers and walkers thronging the centre of Marlow.

This annual event, jointly organised by the Rotary Club of Marlow and the Rotary Club of Marlow Thames, has rapidly become the second biggest event in Marlow after the Marlow Town Regatta and Festival. The Fun Run seems to epitomise the spirit of Marlow and demonstrates the willingness of local people to help others and to take part in family and community events.

The great crowd in Higginson Park before the start of the event, with everyone dressed in their red Santa outfits, is a sight to behold - especially when local Paralympian Gold Medallist Naomi Riches gets everyone jumping up and down in the warm-up session. As always, Sir Steve Redgrave sounded the klaxon horn to set the runners on their way up the High Street on the five-kilometre course through the streets of Marlow.

The 2015 event will have raised over £30,000 for the two Rotary Clubs to carry out their good works helping people in need. The three main beneficiaries from the 2015 Santa’s Fun Run are: In-Vision, Child Autism UK and the Alexander Devine Children’s Hospice.

The 12th Marlow Rotary Charity Santa’s Fun Run will be on 4th December 2016, so enter early to make sure of your place by visiting www.santasfunrun.org.
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