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I’m delighted to welcome you to the latest edition of the Marlovian, as your new Town Mayor!

I’ve chosen Marlow Rowing Club and Marlow Age Concern as my charities for this year. I chose Marlow Rowing Club because they need £280,000 to rebuild the clubhouse and also to support para-rowing which enables ex-servicemen and women who have lost limbs to enjoy rowing on the Thames.

My other chosen charity is Marlow Age Concern for whom I’d like to raise funds towards a new minibus. If you would like your organisation’s name on a rowing boat, or on the minibus, please give generously!

One of the results of the 10-year Vision

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consultation demonstrated that residents were keen to create a volunteer culture. With this in mind we’re compiling a list of people willing to help out with Marlow Town Council activities such as preparing for the Britain in Bloom judging on 8th July plus other major events in the town. There are plenty of these – for instance the 150th Anniversary of the Football Association at Riley Park, Marlow Football Club on 14th August and Trafalgar Day on 13th October.

In my role as Mayor I will be invited to many functions and openings - and I plan to involve the community by inviting different people to accompany me to each event.

Cllr Suzanne Brown

Please enjoy the Marlovian. I hope you find it useful and informative! As always, we welcome any feedback you may have.
The New Mayor

Interview with new Mayor Suzanne Brown

1. What does being Mayor of Marlow mean to you?

“Being the Mayor of Marlow will be a major highlight in my life. I’m going to work hard to do as much as possible for Marlow by raising as much money for charities in the town as I can, and by helping to promote the businesses and people of Marlow.”

2. What are you most looking forward to in your new role?

“Helping young people realise the benefits of volunteering, the satisfaction you get and how much fun it is!”

3. What are you least looking forward to?

“The weigh-in at Wycombe next year, as I do not want to have put on ‘some more!'”

4. How did you reach this position?

“A lot of people have asked how did I get to be Mayor. Well, I was persuaded to be a Councillor in 2006, which I agreed to as long as it was to look after Marlow and its people.

“I’ve worked in Marlow for 26 years and lived here for 13. I’ve been involved in many groups in the town over the years - including Marlow Town Regatta, Riley Park Trust (Trustee), Marlow Rowing Club, Marly Le Roi and Budavar Town Twinning, the Marlow Society, the Marlow Museum and The Royal British Legion – and I’ve obtained over one thousand free trees for the parks of Marlow! I also work in the town with Age Concern (Marlow) and I have my own lettings business, so I know many Marlow people through my work.”

5. Regarding Marlow’s Vision for the next decade, what do you believe are the most important elements?

“We want to ensure Marlow is a fantastic place to live, work and visit. Crucial to this are the people of Marlow, without whom we won’t be able to achieve the many elements of our Vision, from sponsorship of the Christmas lights to litter picking.”

6. What do you do to relax?

“I enjoy being with my friends for a drink or eating out, and very occasionally I play golf.”

7. What are your ambitions now you’ve reached the top in Marlow?

“To ensure that all the events and occasions in Marlow are very well done. I am also happy to personally support Trafalgar Day on 13th October - first time in Marlow since 2005 - and the 150th anniversary of the Football Association on 14th August at Riley Park and Marlow Football Club. I want everyone to appreciate all that Marlow has to offer.

“Then to continue looking after Marlow working closely with local organisations. Then, who knows?”

8. What will be your epitaph?

“Suzanne Brown, who helped create a volunteer culture for all groups of all ages in the town of Marlow.”

“Let’s build on our volunteering success. I’m looking for young people to get involved. Email me on s.brown@marlow-tc.gov.uk if you can give me some time”

Cllr Suzanne Brown

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Who’s who of Marlow
...attend Mayor’s reception

Among Mayor Suzanne Brown’s guests at her Marlow Regatta reception and lunch held at the Shelley Court Theatre in Court Garden on 8th June, were many well known figures from the area.

Guests included Sir Henry Aubrey-Fletcher, Lord Lieutenant of Bucks; Rt Hon Dominic Grieve, QC MP; Sir Stuart Hampson, High Sheriff of Buckinghamshire; Group Captain Frank Clifford, OBE, Station Cmdr, RAF High Wycombe. Mayor of High Wycombe, Cllr Trevor Snaith; Mayor of Beaconsfield, Mr Sandy Saunders; Chairman of Bucks, Mr Carl Etholen; Chairman of WDC, Mr Roger Emmett; and Mrs Stephanie Thierye and her family who were representing Marlow’s twinned town, Marly-le-Roi in France.

Sir Henry Aubrey-Fletcher addressed the 130 guests and gave the loyal toast and John Chapman toasted “The people of Marlow.” Mayor Suzanne Brown presented a number of awards to local people. See page 10.

Cllr Jocelyn Towns, in her year as Mayor of Marlow, 2012 - 2013, raised £12,000, that was shared between her three charities. She presented cheques of £4,000 to the Sea Cadets, Lighthouse and Marlow Youth Club.

Sadly after the event, chairman of WDC, Cllr Emmett passed away.

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Charity Golf Day
On the first beautiful sunny day

On Tuesday, 23rd April - St George’s Day - Sir Steve Redgrave teed off with the Captain’s team at the Marlow Town Mayor’s Charity Golf Day at Harleyford Golf Club.

At the post-event dinner in the Pavilion Restaurant at Harleyford, Marlow Town Mayor, Jocelyn Towns said: “What a fantastic day - we all enjoyed the best weather so far this year and I’m delighted that we’ve been able to raise so much money for my three charities: Marlow Sea Cadets, Lighthouse Charity and Marlow Youth Club.”

A total of £6,576 was raised from the raffle and auction, with guest auctioneer Scott Ruck (a livestock auctioneer). He was very amusing and completed the auction in no time and in a very jolly and profitable way! Prizes included priority tickets to visit Highgrove House Gardens, a week’s stay in a luxury apartment in Cape Verde and a private wine tasting event.

Eighteen teams of four took part, many of whom also entered last year, and the winning team was RSM Tenon, who took home the Mayor’s Cup with a score of 122. Each team member was presented with a set of crystal glasses. Marlow Cricket Club came second, with Harleyford Hopefuls third. The individual winner was Graeme Paskins, and nearest the pin was Steve Johnson. Nearest the pin in two was Barry Stone and the “Challenge the Pro” competition raised £300.

“It was an excellent day out - do start practicing for next year!” - Cllr Jocelyn Towns

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Marlow honours deserving individuals

At this year’s Mayor’s Annual Reception, Mayor Suzanne Brown awarded the **Community Award** to Dennis Sargeant. Dennis was Chairman of Marlow Town Twinning Association for years and is now President. Mayor Suzanne Brown said: “Dennis has worked tirelessly and with enormous enthusiasm to help establish and maintain the links with France, particularly Marly-Le-Roi; so much so that he was recently presented with Marly’s highest award for service to the community, the medaille d’honneur, an honour that has only been given to three Englishmen.”

A founding member of Marlow Town Regatta, he also played a major part with Jim Campbell in setting up Marlow Town Regatta and Festival when the original rowing event moved to Dorney Lake. As President of Marlow Rotary Club, helping to foster international relationships, he coordinated the appeal for reading glasses abroad.

The **Sports Award** was presented to David Ross, who started his bowling career at the age of 15 playing for Marlow. Since then he has represented Bucks County Under-25s and Bucks County in several competitions, and been Club Champion at the Marlow Bowls Club. He has won many other competitions and cups for his skills and in 2012 received an England nomination.

A new **Culture Award** went to Janina Doroszkowska, founding chairman of the Marlow International Festival, which for several years has run a competition for young musicians in the area, giving much encouragement to the younger generation to pursue excellence and enjoyment in classical music. The award was presented later as Janina was unable to attend the event.

The **Mayor’s Award** was given to Bethany and Ellie Osborn of Great Marlow School, who have achieved success in netball, cross-country, athletics, football and, most recently, rowing. In the past year they have been the driving force behind victories for Great Marlow School at the Sculls Head at Dorney Lake, and achieved second place in the Women’s Head in an 8 in the J18 age category. This year’s highlight has been representing Great Britain against France.

A special ‘thank you’ went to Sylvia Miller for her significant achievement this year. She approached the Town Council last year and asked for permission to use a neglected piece of land to create allotment plots for the mentally challenged. She organised volunteers and raised the funds, and now the Council has eight plots for the use of people from Sir Aubrey Ward, Oxford Mental Health and the Autistic Society.

*Photo Left: Sylvia Miller & the Triangle volunteers*
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Town Council News
Who looks after you in Marlow?

Each council plays a different role. Do you know which council empties your dustbins, runs the Marlow Library, owns our allotments, repairs broken lights, owns and runs our cemetery and chapel or is responsible for Higginson Park?

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.

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- 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.bucksc.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

Buckinghamshire County Council
- Environmental health
- Street trading
- Street name signs
- CCTV
- Public toilets and litter bins
- Bin collection and pest control
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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, Senior Citizen’s Luncheon, 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 play area
- Grass and hedge cutting in designated areas
- Removal of flyposters and illegal signs on public highways and attached to street furniture
Court Garden, Pound Lane, Marlow Bucks SL7 2AG 01628 484024 www.marlowtowncouncil.org.uk
BARRY CROSS is the Town Council’s Amenities Supervisor. He has been with the Town Council for three years and is responsible for the Town Cemetery, allotments, all Town Council play areas and amenity land. His duties are so diverse it would be impossible to list all of them here!

A typical day is hard to pin down. For instance recently, on a routine visit to the cemetery, Barry came across some chickens happily wandering around without a care in the world - not something you would expect to see every day in a cemetery! Super-sleuth Barry found out that they had escaped from a resident’s garden that backed on to the cemetery and so helped to round up the escapees.

He went from the chicken round-up to supervising a Community Payback team, by tasking them with jobs around the cemetery and the town. They can often be seen in high visibility jackets, strimming footpaths and cutting hedges.

Back in the Town Council offices, Barry deals with a large amount of paperwork that includes risk assessments, liaising with contractors and answering queries from members of the public on a whole range of issues relating to his responsibilities.

He works closely with officers at Bucks County Council and Wycombe District Council.

Barry says: “This job is very varied and I just never know what is going to face me on any given day. I have learnt to expect the unexpected!”

“I have learnt to expect the unexpected!” Barry Cross

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For six cold nights in April between the hours of midnight and 5.00 a.m., Marlow High Street became the set of a short film, Stride of Pride. Stride of Pride is a local student film, set entirely in Marlow in the dead of night. It is about a man walking through Marlow after a night out. As he walks he gets flashbacks of the night and the girl he met and he tries to recall her name. It is a poetic portrayal of a man’s isolation, a film that leaves the viewer with more questions than answers and acts as a subtle critique of the society we live in.

Sam Minett and Henry Howard (Director and Writer respectively) are aiming to send the ten-minute film to competitions around the world, including Raindance, Encounters and Coney Island Film Festival.

When asked about Marlow, Sam Minett said: “I love Marlow - I’ve lived here all my life and it’s a beautiful town with a lot to be proud of. People sometimes complain about the saturation of Marlow but at the dead of night there’s a haunting beauty to the town. When everyone’s asleep and it’s completely vast and still and timeless, that’s one of the main things that attracted me to Henry’s script, capturing that essence of a sleeping town. It’s strangely poetic.”

The film stars Henry Howard, who also wrote and produced the film and co-stars Jane Alice, an up-and-coming young actress from London. The film’s colourist, Richard Fearon, works for MPC, the leading post-production company which has been Academy Award-nominated five times and was recently presented with an Academy Award for its visual effects on the film Life of Pi.

The small film shot in Marlow has created a local buzz and has attracted pride and support from the local community. Sam said: “Police patrolling the High Street stopped to enquire about the film numerous times and could not have been friendlier; some even asked if there were any spare roles for a policeman! Marlow’s friendly pub O’Donoghues should also be mentioned for their kind support in allowing the exterior of the pub to be filmed.”

The film was submitted to festivals in June.

“I love Marlow - I’ve lived here all my life and it’s a beautiful town with a lot to be proud of…” Sam Minett
By the time The Marlovian has dropped on your mat, the judging of the Town Centre category of the Britain in Bloom Award will have happened! As the magazine is in preparation, Marlow Town Council, businesses and residents are enthusiastically working to make the town centre even more attractive in a bid to win the award for the new category. On Monday, 8th July, the judging panel visits the town to pass verdict on the efforts of the many people involved.

Cllr Suzanne Brown, Marlow Town Mayor and Annie Jones, Marlow’s Town Clerk, urged everyone to make sure the town looks its best. “Marlow is a lovely town and we want to make it even more beautiful this year with more hanging baskets, floral displays and planting around the town centre. We are pulling out all the stops for this award.”

The new category: “Town Centre” is on trial in the Thames and Chilterns area and only five towns have been selected to participate. Entries are judged using the standard Britain in Bloom criteria, with minor modifications, with a view to receiving an award appropriate to the level achieved – bronze, silver or gold.

Marlow’s High Street last year boasted a magnificent display of hanging baskets and planters to mark the Jubilee and the Olympics and the floral displays are once again a welcome feature for the summer.

“We’re pulling out all the stops for this award.”
Marlow Vision Update

Floral town, litter picking and Christmas lights

Following on from the success of last year, we have continued the floral theme and supported the recent Flower Festival at All Saints Church. We are continuing our litter picking campaign and working on the infrastructure for this year’s lights. Some new initiatives include:-

Friends of the cemetery

Volunteers are so important to complement the work undertaken by the Council and are key to supporting Marlow’s Vision. We’ve been working hard over the past few weeks to prepare the Cemetery for the fast growing summer season. Whilst doing so a regular visitor to the cemetery contacted our Town Clerk and they met at the cemetery to discuss the idea of creating a ‘Friends of the Cemetery’ volunteer group. If you would be interested in discussing becoming a volunteer with the group, please contact Claire Carter at friendsofmarlow@gmail.com or Annie Jones, Town Clerk on 01628 484024.

Bunting in the High Street

This year the bunting went up earlier to coincide with the Marlow Round Table’s May Fayre on 18th May. It will be kept up throughout the summer and won’t be taken down until after the Marlow Carnival on 21st September. Next year it is hoped that we can work with building owners in Spittal and West Streets to install more secure eye bolt connections that will mean that we have a full complement of bunting throughout the town. Marlow Town Council would like to thank the Marlow Town Regatta and Festival Committee and Marlow Round Table for their contributions towards the cost of the bunting.
New landscaping at Station Approach

The work has been completed at the junction of Lock Road and Station Approach. The area has been opened up with a new planting scheme and the removal of some of the diseased and dangerous trees. Several positive comments have been received from residents ‘The corner looks much lighter, brighter and cared for, a fitting entrance to Marlow from the station.’

Meanwhile, Marlow Town Council has been trying to work with landlords of sites on the Globeside Estate to ask them to encourage their tenants to ‘clean up their act’. This area is an important entrance to Marlow and is let down by some poorly managed units.

Hanging baskets for the summer and winter

They may not look as wonderful yet as they did at the end of last summer, but with all the rain and some (!) sunshine we are hoping for yet another magnificent array of baskets and floral displays throughout the town. Look out for our new town signs at the entrance to the town, complemented by the lovely floral planters, all part of our Marlow Floral Town Vision. We are also planning to install winter baskets for the first time.

Marlow’s new community market

Transition Town Marlow held their first monthly community market in Liston Hall on Saturday 25th May. The market will be held on the last Saturday of every month and will act as a hub for local producers, service providers and customers. Marlow Town Council was very pleased to make a grant to Transition Towns Marlow to support their aim to reduce the number of plastic carrier bags used in Marlow. The grant will be used to supply compostable cornstarch bags at the market, in line with Marlow Town Council’s vision to inspire a ‘sustainability culture’. 
**Henley Road, Marlow**  Asking Price £1,895,000 Freehold
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**Cromwell Gardens, Marlow**  Guide Price £1,650,000 Freehold
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**Abbotsbrook, Bourne End**  Guide Price £1,750,000 Freehold
Situated within the sought after Abbotsbrook estate in the village of Bourne End is this picturesque detached family home, one of the original houses on the estate dating back to the early 1890’s, set in private gardens of around 0.7 acres. The property is off a private road and to the northern boundary is one of the natural watercourses that run through this private estate.

**Church Road, Cadmore End**  Guide Price £1,600,000 Freehold
A substantial Victorian detached family home set in garden grounds of around one acre. The property is in an area of outstanding beauty and a conservation area. The house has accommodation over three floors and also a wine cellar, and is 3,724 sq ft in all.

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Wharf Lane, Bourne End Guide Price £750,000 Freehold
A semi detached townhouse on the river Thames at Bourne End marina, the property is part of an exclusive development by Michael Shanly Homes built in 2006. There are views from the balcony and terrace up and down the river and over towards Winter Hill.

Moor Common, Lane End Guide Price £975,000 Freehold
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Marlow Town Regatta and Festival

The sun shone for this year’s Marlow Town Regatta and Festival on the Thames in Higginson Park. Around 4,500 visitors enjoyed some rare sunshine over the weekend of the 8th and 9th June, watching the rowing while picnicking in the park. By the time Sir Steve Redgrave and his daughter Sophie performed the official opening at 10.00 am, the rowing was already well under way, continuing until late afternoon. Marlow Round Table’s Riverside Bar was a popular viewing point, with tables and chairs right by the river and Marlow FM broadcasting from the enclosure, with four live acts including Imogen Mansfield – an ex-Borlase pupil who sang and played guitar - Borlase Gospel Choir, Richard Lee who played acoustic guitar and Troyden Bent, well known within the Jamaican dance fraternity. Some great competitive rowing organised by Marlow Rowing Club and a happy, family friendly atmosphere guaranteed fun for all.

Sunday saw the annual Dragon Boat Festival complemented for the first time by a Canoe Regatta, organised by Longridge Canoe Club. Both were a great success with the canoeists saying that they will definitely be back next year. With free entry for all spectators, the afternoon included an arena on the putting green with a dog show, acrobats, dancers and martial arts. The bar was open and the trade stalls, food stalls and craft fair all had a busy day in the sunshine.

Next year’s Town Regatta and Festival takes place on 14th and 15th June 2014.

About the Marlow Town Regatta and Festival

The annual Marlow Town Regatta and Festival is Marlow’s premier sporting and social occasion. There has been a rowing regatta in Higginson Park, Marlow since 1855. 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 Rowing Club, Longridge Canoe Club, Marlow FM and Marlow Round Table.

Images: Bucks Free Press
Focus on the elderly

by Mayor Suzanne Brown

As Mayor of Marlow I have great pleasure in nominating Marlow Age Concern as one of my charities. It’s an organisation close to my heart and I’m amazed that so many people in Marlow don’t know where they are and what they do. I am also the Day Centre Manager and would like to tell you more about them.

They are a totally independent charity with a Day Centre based at 38 Glade Road, right next to the doctors’ surgery, family clinic and the cottage hospital. They were formed 31 years ago to serve the needs of senior citizens in the Marlow area and they rely totally on donations and up to 90 volunteers to run the Day Centre.

The Day Centre opens every weekday for up to 100 guests per week who are referred by GPs, social services, friends and neighbours. Guests come mainly because they need more social interaction. Each day they are picked up by the minibus, taken to the Day Centre where they have tea or coffee, play games, take part in chair exercises and then enjoy a two-course home cooked lunch.

They also run the Phoenix Stroke Club on a Monday afternoon, for up to 20 guests of all ages who have had a stroke to receive physiotherapy, refreshments and socialise.

What you can do to help

They own their building and do not rely on government funding, but they still need £49,000 a year to run the Day Centre and the minibus.

So if you can help with fundraising or have some spare time to volunteer, please ring 01628 482883 and talk to Suzanne Brown, Day Centre Manager.

Other groups for the elderly

The Cameo Club at Liston Hall meets once a month for lunch and a talk: 01628 475062

The Friday Club at Liston Hall meets every week for lunch: 01628 471669

The Four Seasons Club meets and organises outings from Liston Hall: 01628 483794

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Marlow Carnival

What’s it all about? By Peter Donegan, organiser of the Marlow Carnival

It’s early morning, there’s a slight mist hanging over the river and the grass is still laden with dew. Two vans pull onto the grass awaiting instructions.....and so the Marlow Carnival is again getting ready. It takes five hours to prepare the site and organise all the stalls and entertainment for the day. The two most important marquees - the BBQ and the Tea Boutique - are set up without delay to support us all with the best bacon sandwiches and cups of tea!

To reach this point has been a twelve-month-long process, reviewing the last Carnival and working closely with MarlowFM, who have helped us so much over the years with the entertainment on the day.

By January our website is ready to accept bookings for the new year’s event and by the first week we have about ten stalls already booked. Our ‘support’ group - BBQ, Bar, Tea Boutique, Marquees, MarlowFM, the children’s fairground rides and some of the performers will have already agreed in principle to attend.

In the months leading up to September we work hard to attract the stallholders, and approach many local businesses for donations to our Silent Auction. They always come up with something to help the cause, and we are eternally grateful for their support.

So, hey! We are here now and the sun is coming out and the stallholders are ready and waiting for the Marlow community to come along to Higginson Park and see what’s on offer....and I am pleased to say people are rarely disappointed.

We look forward to meeting up with you this year - SATURDAY 21st SEPTEMBER 2013.

For further information: www.marlowcarnival.co.uk
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Marlow Information Centre

Marlow Information Centre prides itself on the excellent service it provides to local residents and visitors. Our friendly and experienced staff can help you with a wealth of knowledge about Marlow, High Wycombe and the surrounding area.

If you have not visited the office before, you will be surprised to see just how much information and what services are on offer. It’s a great place to pick up unique and locally produced gifts ranging from Rebellion beer glasses and chutneys to walking and cycling maps and guides.

You can find out about all the latest events and happenings that are taking place in the area along with some really fascinating places to visit. The centre often acts as a box office for local events by promoting and selling tickets.

As well as dealing with tourism enquiries, we also cover all the services that Wycombe District Council provides - from waste collections, including the sale of compostable waste bags, to council tax payments and benefit queries. You can also view current planning applications.

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On May 8 Marlow hosted a memorable return visit of our French friends from Marly le Roi, who were welcomed to the town at a reception in the Court Garden Higginson Room.

Speeches were made by Patrick Gautier, President de l’Jumelage, the new Chairman John Smith and Suzanne Brown our new Mayor, first in English and then translated into French by Wilma Johnston. After the reception the guests returned to the homes of their hosts for an evening meal and a welcome night’s rest.

On Thursday our guests went to Christchurch College in Oxford and toured its Cathedral. The theme for the visit was ‘Harry Potter’, and the youngsters in the party were fascinated to see the actual locations in the much-loved ‘Harry Potter’ films.

On Friday our guests visited Windsor, where they visited Windor Castle and St George’s Chapel - and saw the Changing of the Guard. At Eton they had a guided tour and found out about 700 years of elite public schooling, as well as its splendid architecture and decoration.

After a cultural two days, Saturday was a day of leisurely activities, though some hosts took their guests further afield to London, Stonehenge and Chartwell.

In the evening, a themed Harry Potter Soirée was held in St Peter’s School, and everyone made a tremendous effort to look the part. The French children sang a beautiful song they had written, and several amusing sketches were performed along the lines of ‘Allo Allo’ and the tale of ‘Harry Potter’.

Having met a number of times, many of the guests and hosts had become firm friends. The atmosphere was filled with laughter and some sadness that the visit would be over so soon.

For those of you who have no knowledge of the Jumelage (twinning) and would like to learn more and perhaps even join, please visit our website www.marlowtowntwinning.co.uk and maybe next year profit from a trip to Marly-le-Roi.
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Another historic day...

for Marlow F.C.

Cuthbert Ottaway played for Marlow Football Club and was the first England captain in the first ever international match against Scotland in 1872.

Recently, historians realised that the grave and headstone of Cuthbert Ottaway in Willesden cemetery in London had fallen into disrepair and they were determined to restore it to a state more fitting for such an important person in England’s football history. The ground where Cuthbert played for Marlow (the Crown ground) is still being used for youth team football (now Riley Park) where Marlow F.C. Youth teams play - and so preparations for an appropriate celebration there began.

First, it is hoped that on Tuesday, 13th August, there will be a ceremony in Willesden cemetery to replace the headstone, when representatives of Marlow F.C. and the Football Association will be present.

Marlow F.C.’s big day will be on Wednesday, 14th August, to coincide with the England v Scotland friendly International at Wembley in the evening.

The arrangements are as follows:
10 a.m. kick off at Riley Park - Marlow Veterans XI v Englandfans Veterans XI (Marlow’s team will be made up of managers/coaches of Marlow FC Youth)
1 p.m. kick off at Oak Tree Road - Englandfans F.C. v Scotlandfans F.C.

There will be no entrance fee at either game but souvenir programmes will be on sale. Do come along and show your support. We are hoping for big crowds to witness another historic day in the life of Marlow Football Club. The Club has been involved in some memorable occasions over the years and this is yet further recognition of the special part the Club plays in non-league football.

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The Sea Cadets in Marlow are celebrating a fantastic twelve months, having been one of Cllr Jocelyn Towns’ charities in her mayoral year. Alongside this very welcome financial support, the unit has increased its activities in the local community and seen considerable growth in cadet numbers.

The voluntary youth organisation and registered charity now has nearly forty cadets who meet on Tuesday and Friday evenings at their purpose built headquarters in Wethered Road. They spend as much of the summer months as possible rowing and power boating on the River Thames and concentrate on land based training, such as seamanship, ceremonial drill, piping, first aid, cookery and swimming during the winter months.

The unit aims to help young people towards responsible adulthood by encouraging valuable personal attributes, such as leadership and teamwork skills and high standards of personal conduct.

2013 is turning out to be another big year, with Marlow hosting this year’s Trafalgar Parade for Sea Cadets from Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire on Sunday 13th October. This is the first time the town has been selected to host the parade since 2006.

The charity is currently looking for more supporters who can give a little time to help. Anyone interested should contact Richard Royall on 01494 439763 or email marlowscc@gmail.com.

Ten things you might not know about the Sea Cadets

1. Delivers key youth policy i.e. diversion from crime, community development, social inclusion and Agenda 21.
2. Provides additional learning opportunities and qualifications for 10 to 18 year old girls and boys.
3. Supported by the Royal Navy, but not pre-service or recruiting focussed, our aim is to foster good citizenship by preparing young people to play an active role in their own community.
4. Our parent charity, The Marine Society & Sea Cadets, is the largest, oldest maritime charity in the world, and each of the 400 Sea Cadet Units which make up the Sea Cadet Corps is an independent charity in its own right.
5. Junior image of the Senior Service, the Sea Cadet Corps flies the flag for the Royal Navy (and Merchant Marine) where it matters most, in the youthful heart of the community.
6. Preserving nautical traditions, hornpipe and cutlass drills, knots and splices, seamanship under sail aboard our square rigged flagship, semaphore and the flags of Nelson’s Navy, adventure and excitement – the perfect antidote to computer game syndrome!
7. Sea Cadet Units serve their local community from which volunteer staff and Cadets are drawn.
8. All our instructors are qualified, CRB cleared and approved to work with young people. All our staff members are required to conform to a written, formal Code of Conduct.
9. Uniform and equipment is provided free of charge and weekly activities cost Cadets less than the price of a packet of chewing gum.
10. Many Units have Marine Cadet Detachments, open to boys and girls over age thirteen, based on the traditions of the Royal Marines. Forty per cent of Sea Cadets are girls.
At Marlow’s Youth Centre, at 113 Wycombe Rd, Marlow SL7 3JB, we provide a safe place for young people to meet up, make friends and find help and support. Run by the local community, the Centre aims to provide guidance in a positive direction away from alcohol and drug abuse, along with encouragement for them to make positive career and life choices.

If you’re a young person looking for something to do in a friendly place, come down and join us. There’s football, pool, table tennis, snooker, consoles, crafts, cooking, trips, a tuck shop, DJ-ing equipment and much more.

There’s a youth club on Monday evenings for school year 6-8, and a second club on Thursdays aimed at school years 9 and above. We also have a youth film night on a Wednesday from 7.30pm.

We are always looking for volunteers to help us run our youth nights, so if you’re interested, do get in touch on 01628 484887 or through our website.

We aim to expand the youth club but the centre is in desperate need of renovation. We would like to say a huge “thank you” to Jocelyn Towns, the former Town Mayor of Marlow, who nominated us as one of her chosen charities and raised £4000. We intend to use this money to upgrade our coffee bar and kitchen facilities.

For more information on MYCC – please see our website. www.marlowyouthcentre.com

Look out for the feature on the Lighthouse charity in the next issue.
Leaving Sainsbury’s car park in the evening, especially in the cold, dark months of winter, you cannot fail to notice the brightly lit cross, shining out from the window of the tower of Christ Church opposite, bringing light, hope and comfort to many.

The church, which has 300 years of history with the citizens of Marlow, has always been active in supporting the children in the community and today has a thriving Nursery School in the Church Hall. It is is a very family friendly church, with children actively encouraged to take part in the service, and strives to reach out to the community, inviting Marlovians and non-Marlovians alike.

As well as a vibrant Sunday Service and a multitude of social events, many local community groups share the building, including the University of the 3rd Age, Weight Watchers, various exercise classes and the debt advisory service Frontline. We also run “Kids@Five”, a group of children and parents who meet on the second Sunday of each month for a hands-on, interactive session for children to learn about Jesus in a fun way.

Richard Becher, the Minister at Christ Church, underpins his strongly held belief that “God doesn’t live in a building of wood and stones”, by being available on Tuesday mornings at Costa Coffee for anyone who feels the need for a quiet word or a prayer away from the formal surroundings of the church. Richard is also a regular presenter on Marlow FM on Tuesday nights, where Churches Together in Marlow present “Faith Matters” from 9.00pm until 11.00pm.

A very successful spring season of Music in Marlow at Christ Church has just drawn to a close with jazz, choirs and classical music entertaining and delighting the many who filled the building. Art and furniture exhibitions to fundraise for a variety of local and overseas charities are also held here, and the Minister is actively involved with Churches Together in Marlow, seeing the work of all Marlow’s churches as central to the development of Christian growth and development in our town.

However, don’t just read this, come and see for yourself! Check out the church website www.christchurch-marlow.org.uk and we would be delighted to welcome you on a Sunday morning to share in our joyful family worship.

Nicki Connolly – Press Officer, Christ Church United Reformed Church, Marlow
Debt Problems:
Are you struggling with debt? There’s help available in Marlow

Severe personal debt can be a really debilitating and depressing problem for anyone. Illness, bereavement, accident or redundancy can give rise to a sudden and unexpected debt problem, so it’s reassuring to know that help is now available in Marlow.

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If you would like help and advice then make an appointment to come and see us by contacting marlowfrontline@gmail.com or 07592 060 500 (message line).

Photo: MarlowFrontline Advisers (left to right): Jon, Gill, Jennie and Mike, outside the Christ Church office.
Free Heritage Open Day

in Marlow

The Marlow Society has put together a fascinating programme as part of the national Heritage Open Days Scheme run by English Heritage. This year there are three venues open to the public on 15th September from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., all completely free of charge and manned by volunteers to show you around and provide information. All are welcome to come and enjoy the architecture, local history and activities for young and old.

The hub is Holy Trinity CE (A) School in Wethered Road, which celebrates its centenary this year. Visitors can tour the school, see how it has changed through the years via a display of photographs and peruse some of the old admission registers and log books. There’s lots of free parking on site, refreshments available using tableware provided by China Time Vintage Hire and a fun quiz for the kids. If you are a former pupil or have a connection to the school, you can have your handprint painted on to a tile, which will join their “Helping Hands” wall, that has been running for seven years and includes generations of families who have attended the school.

Opposite the school is Old Trinity Church, a listed Gothic Revival church designed by Gilbert Scott and opened in 1852, that is open to the public for the first time for many years. The church was de-consecrated in 1976 and converted into office premises. The conversion has been beautifully done with minimal impact on the original features. All the stained glass, mosaics and stonework remain in pristine condition and can be easily viewed. A photographic exhibition of the church and its history will be on display. There will also be an exhibition of finds and photos from a recent archaeological dig in nearby Rookery Gardens as well as guided tours of the actual dig site.

Just a step along Wethered Road is Marlow Town Cemetery and its pretty Edwardian chapel, owned and managed by Marlow Town Council. The Marlow Remembers World War One Committee is planning a programme of events starting next year to commemorate the major events of the war and to honour the town’s war dead, some of whom are buried in the cemetery. The committee will be holding an exhibition in the cemetery chapel to provide information about its preparations and research so far.

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Switch on and Shop is Marlow Town Council’s response to calls from retailers for an event to mark the switch-on of the Christmas lights – and Thursday, 21st November has been chosen as the date. At 6.30 p.m. there will be a celebrity switch-on and all of Marlow’s retailers are being encouraged to open until 9.00 pm and offer Christmas promotions and refreshments to celebrate the event. There will also be free parking in Marlow car parks.

Marlow enjoyed a particularly beautiful winter scene last year, with a sparkling new display of Christmas lights along the High Street, reaching into Spittal Street and West Street. Residents, retailers and visitors to the town were delighted and sponsors came forward to help Marlow Town Council fund the tasteful and elegant scheme.

Annie Jones, Marlow’s Town Clerk, said: “Switch on and Shop helps the town extend the Christmas shopping period, attract new visitors into the centre and show off our lovely Christmas lights. We’re offering free parking for the day and hope that everyone will be out to support this great event.”

More details about the celebrity will be revealed at a later date - watch this space!

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