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A message from the Mayor of Marlow



Welcome to the latest edition of The Marlovian, which we hope you find both informative and enjoyable.

As Mayor of Marlow I often get asked by schoolchildren: *“What exactly does a Mayor do?”*

The only truthful answer is: *lots of different things.*

The three months since our last edition have been typically busy and enjoyable. A new highlight in the calendar was the first Marlow Food Festival in September. I joined an enthusiastic group of visitors throughout the day's



programme at the Crowne Plaza and was impressed with the enthusiasm of local producers, chefs and foodies. Heston Blumenthal and the other celebrity speakers were fascinating, and the kids' cooking programme was inspirational. Aren't we amazingly lucky to live in a centre

of such culinary excellence, with so many well regarded dining options? One recent national commentator placed Marlow top of Britain's out-of-London gastronomy league. It all helps keep the town busy and vibrant, and in spite of the recession, it's good to see all the vacant shops being relet.

My autumn schedule continued with tape-cutting duties at the very successful Breast Cancer walk on October 4. The High Sheriff of Buckingham's civic service at Amersham was quite different, all pomp and trumpet fanfares, with all the county's mayors parading in order of historic appointment.

Then it was on my bike to join the CO2 Cycle Ride. In the “few words” I was asked to give, I was able to say there are good indications of funding to bring cycle routes into Marlow next year.

What else? Opening the new British Heart Foundation shop, joining our veterans at their lunch on the day before the Remembrance Parade, meeting and greeting visitors from our twin town, and lots more.

But all that is just the public face of a mayoral role, when the chain of office comes out. The real hard work is done at town and district council meetings - about three nights a week - plus endless poring over plans and paperwork. It's a great pleasure as well as a great privilege to serve our wonderful town as its Mayor.

Cllr Neil Marshall, Mayor of Marlow

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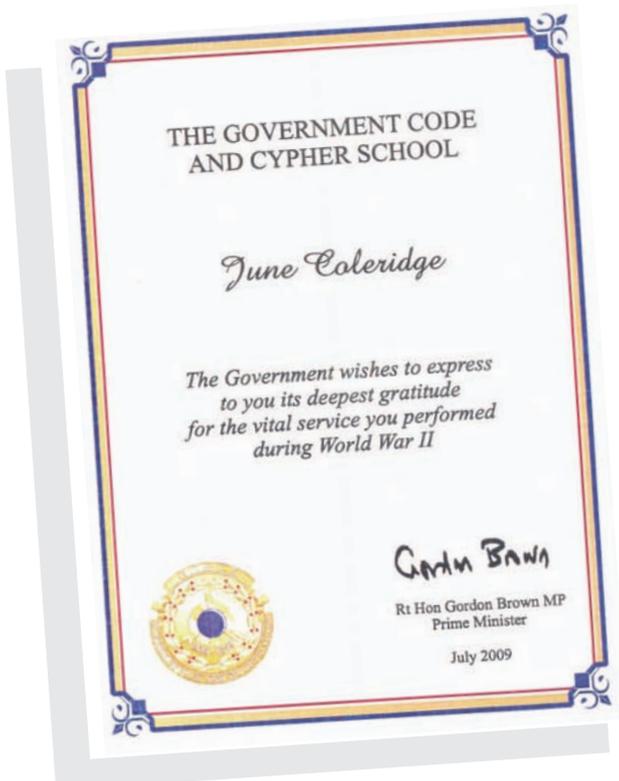
Veterans Lunch

The Town Mayor, Cllr Neil Marshall, hosted the annual Veterans Lunch on November 7 in the General Higginson Room, Court Garden.

24 Marlow veterans with their guests were invited to attend what has become a very popular lunch. Deputy Mayor Benoit Burguad and Cllr Petra Meier attended on behalf of our twinned town Marly-le-Roi, together with Group Captain Tony Radcliffe, Station Commander RAF High Wycombe.

Guests sat down to enjoy a traditional roast chicken dinner with all the trimmings. Lunch was followed by a Toast proposed by Group Captain Radcliffe to Her Majesty and to the President of France in deference to our French guests. The Town Mayor welcomed his guests and made particular reference to Cllr June Coleridge and Mrs Corinne Field, who have recently been honoured by the Government and received a certificate signed by the Prime Minister expressing "the deepest gratitude for the vital service you performed during World War I". Read about their wartime service on page 9.

Mrs Elizabeth Peacock, who served in the Wrens, gave the reply on behalf of the guests, saying that this wonderful event had come to mean a lot to the veterans.



Cllr Mrs J Coleridge and Mrs Corinne Field



Veterans and guests



Town Mayor, Cllr Neil Marshall



Mrs Elizabeth Peacock

MARLOW TOWN

Seymour Park Recreation Ground



A new play area for ages 8 to 13 is under construction this November with a £40,000 grant obtained by Marlow Town Council from the Department for Children, Schools and Families in association with Wycombe District Council.

The choice of equipment, following a consultation with local residents and children last year, includes swings, pod swing, slide, climbing equipment, assault course and a roundabout suitable for disabled children. This is in addition to the existing play area.

The siting of the new area was carefully planned in order for it to be visible from the Marlow to Stokenchurch Road for security reasons and after consultation with immediate neighbours. The Town Council's PCSO has been tasked to police this area especially after dusk to discourage vandalism and other anti-social behaviour.

Marlow Shopmobility

Marlow Shopmobility has for the past 10 years been run by Wycombe Shopmobility, but because of lack of funds, in October Marlow Town Council agreed to take over the scheme and the running costs. The Town Council hopes that local businesses will offer much-needed sponsorship.

Marlow Thames Rotary Club has agreed to fund a new wheelchair, costing about £2,500, using funds raised at the Longridge Fireworks event.

Shopmobility is not only for shopping but enables access to the park, river and other facilities. Bookings can be made by calling **01628 405218**. For information or to offer sponsorship ring **Marlow Town Council** on **01628 484024**.

Marlow Bridge

The Town Council has for some time been concerned at the condition of the Marlow Suspension Bridge. Although its structural condition is very good, the visual appearance is very unsatisfactory.



Apart from redecoration of the timber work, much of the metal and timber superstructure needs thoroughly cleaning and some rotten non-hazardous timbers need replacing. The Town Council has approached Bucks County Council to carry out the various works in the future. Unfortunately the County Council budget for bridge repairs is extremely small. Nonetheless the Town Council hopes that works can be carried out in due course.

There still remains the ongoing concern at the number of overweight vehicles that continue to use the bridge illegally to gain access in both directions. The police have been requested to carry out spot checks and take action against the offenders.

ALLOTMENTS

Allotment Rentals have recently been sent out to all allotment holders detailing the current year's rental fee and giving notice of the increase for 2010/11. There is currently a two-year waiting list for allotments which are now proving to be very popular with all ages of local residents. The Town Council is endeavouring to bring further land into allotment use at Hanging Hill. Much land adjacent to the existing allotments has already been reclaimed from its overgrown state into usable allotments by the hard work and endeavour of members of the Allotment Association.

COUNCIL NEWS



Free Parking Day

To help residents with their Christmas shopping the Town Council is pleased to announce that there will be a free parking day in the Marlow Car Parks on Wednesday December 16.

Marlow Railway Station

The railway station is one of the gateways into Marlow, but because of its location it rests in a small backwater in Station Approach. For some time the appearance of the station has been of concern to the Town Council.

Discussions were initiated by the Town Council with the Area Station Manager of First Great Western and the Chairman of the Marlow Maidenhead Passenger Association who have outlined a number of improvements that could be made to the station. The Town Council will work with First Great Western to try to ensure that these improvements are carried out to provide a much better environment for all rail users. Initially the Town Council will replant the plant bed at the entrance to the station as a first step towards improving the station environment.

Town Bus

The Town Council would like to remind residents that buses run Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Look out for the Carousel Bus 160 which operates at regular intervals from Court Garden Leisure Centre from 9.05 until 14.00pm

Gossmore Flood Alleviation Scheme

Following on from information reported in earlier editions of The Marlovian, the Environment Agency has indicated that work is to commence at the Gossmore Recreation Ground in the Spring of 2010. During these works the various football clubs of the Marlow Amateur Association of Football Clubs will re-locate to other playing accommodation. Once all the works have been completed, the football clubs will return to what is hoped to be a vastly improved playing surface.

Marlovian

The Town Council would be interested to hear your views on the new look Marlovian. Please email, write or call in to the Town Council.

Mayor's Civic Service

The Mayor's Annual Civic Service will be held on a Sunday to be agreed in March 2010. All residents and local organisations are invited to attend. Details will be posted in due course on the Town Council's website and notice boards, or call the office for information.



Senior Citizens Luncheon

Another very important event hosted by the Town Council is the Senior Citizens Luncheon. This will be held on January 23 in the Higginson Room at Court Garden House. The Town Council holds a database of those senior citizens who have requested to be considered for an invitation to this event. If you are resident in Marlow Town Council area, are over the age of 65, would like to be invited and have not yet registered with the Town Council, please ring **01628 484024** or email office@marlowtowncouncil.org.uk. Invitations are sent out on a rotation basis.

Dean Street Pedestrian Crossing

In July a public meeting was held at St Peter's School attended by representatives from the local school, parents, Marlow Community Forum and Transition Town Marlow, to discuss a request for a pedestrian crossing in the vicinity of Queens Road and Dean Street. As a result a petition of more than 600 signatures was presented to Town, District and County Councillor, Doug Anson. Following on from this request by members of the public, Cllr Anson, working in partnership with Bucks County Council and Wycombe District Council, has been able to secure £30,000 to fund a pedestrian crossing. This is subject to a final public consultation but it is anticipated that the crossing will be in place by the end of April 2010.

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riley park trust

Riley Park Trust was established by Mr Edward Riley in 1914 and left in Trust to the town, so that children and young people could have a safe off-street area to play in. On achieving its 90th anniversary, however, having fully funded its work throughout that period, it faced insolvency.

To prevent this happening, urgent decisions were taken. It was agreed that the Trust would have to be run on a business basis with a strengthened Trustee team, and a Business Plan was drawn up and acted upon.

Over the past five years most Marlovians will have become aware of the very substantial regeneration schemes that have been put in place: environmental improvements; the

developed Trust profile and logo; more comprehensive usage of the facility (particularly youth and footballers); involvement of the community; health and safety/cleanliness improvements. This programme has cost £100K and has been funded from income development and fundraising.

For the third phase of regeneration of the facility over the next three to four years the Trust team will have to work more effectively if it is to come to terms with the inevitable challenges. The programme consists of: bolstering the Trust reserves; completion of fencing; landscaping and shrubbery improvements; heritage trail; upgrade of play area etc. Cost: probably the better part of £200K!



Ambitious, yes, but bear in mind that this land on the open market with planning would fetch in the order of £20 million. It is held in trust for 20,000 Marlovians and it is vital that it is protected for another 95 years. It is a price worth paying by the Trust and the Marlow Community, to ensure the survivability of one of Marlow's most valuable and irreplaceable jewels.

Your continuing ongoing financial support is much valued and necessary. Please log on to www.rileyparktrust.co.uk.

J. A. (Tony) Shannon, Trust Chairman

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The geese that never gagged!

Two Marlow residents were honoured by the Government and received a certificate expressing the Government's deepest gratitude for the vital service they performed during World War II.

The work of Cllr Mrs June Coleridge and Mrs Corinne Field's was codebreaking although they did not know one another at that time. Both ladies volunteered to join the Royal Navy and were asked to fill in forms asking what skills they had.

Corinne Field had wanted to stay on at Wycombe High School as she planned to become a PE teacher and had applied to Liverpool PE College, but when the College changed the age regulations she was two days too old to apply. She and a friend decided to volunteer for the Wrens. She was asked during her interview if she had knowledge of any scientific subject and would she mind being in the country with cows! She had rather hoped to go to sea but as it turned out she never saw the sea but did see fields and cows.

June Coleridge was told at a Mill Hill interview that she didn't have the skills required, however the personnel interviewing her whispered amongst themselves and said that there was something that she could do but she would have to sign the Official Secrets Act before they would be able to tell her any more.

Both were told to get their uniforms and report to Mill Hill. June was posted to Gayhurst Manor. Corinne was stationed at Eastcote. Corinne was a Turing Bombe Operator where JOB cables had to be put into the back of the machine in a specific way called the Menu. There were three drums and each drum had to rotate 26 times. At the end of the operation, letters were noted and then passed to a Checker. This was then passed to another Checker and eventually passed to Bletchley.

June said life at Gayhurst was boring as there was nothing to do in your spare time and Gayhurst Manor was in the middle of nowhere. The shifts meant Wrens worked 8am - 4pm, 4pm -12 midnight, midnight-8am. The shifts were 8 hours working and 8 hours off.

After VE day a few Wrens were sent down to Bletchley to work on the Japanese codes which were all numbers and no machines were used. June had two choices to get out of Gayhurst and that was to get pregnant or to work overseas. She chose the latter and was stationed in

Wrens in Bletchley Park



Colombo in Ceylon where she continued working on the Japanese codes.

Neither June nor Corinne realised the importance of her work for the war effort and as they had signed the Official Secret Act no one spoke about the work they did. It wasn't until 1970 that those bound by the Act were able to talk about the sort of work they did as Codebreakers. Even June's husband did not know she was a Codebreaker!

At the end of the war Winston Churchill gave the order to break all the codebreaking equipment as he did not want Germany to know that Britain had broken their codes.

'The geese that never gagged' is a quote from Baroness Trumpington, herself a former codebreaker, referring to all those involved in codebreaking during the war who had to keep their work top secret.



The Turing Bombe

News In Brief..

Becoming a befriender

There are many people with dementia in Bucks who are living alone and feeling isolated, often seeing no one for days. The Alzheimer's Society runs a Befriending Scheme in Bucks to provide friendship, support and encouragement to people with dementia. Volunteers visit people in their homes once a week to help relieve the loneliness and isolation.

If you get on well with people and enjoy a good chat over a cup of tea you may really enjoy being a befriender. It is very rewarding and for one hour of your time each week you could become a valued person in someone's life. Befrienders are given training, support and travelling expense. C.R.B. checks are also required.

If you know of someone who has a diagnosis of dementia and would benefit from a visit, please refer them to us, with their permission of course. To find out more about becoming a befriender, call Nicole on 01296 331722.



CAROLS ON THE CAUSEWAY

Come along and join the Town Mayor and Councillors singing carols around the town Christmas tree at 7.15pm on December 14 at The Causeway.



Marlow Town Band will be providing the musical accompaniment, together with the Next Stage Drama singers. Father Christmas will be in his grotto from 6.30pm outside the Parish Rooms and giving away Christmas Chocolates.

He will also have the post box for colouring competition entries from school children. The George & Dragon and Burgers will be providing mulled wine and mince pies. The Rotary Club will be manning the Hot Chestnut Stall and soft drinks will also be available.

KEEPING THE LIGHTS ON IN MARLOW AT CHRISTMAS - BUY YOUR OWN BULB!

Each year Marlow Chamber of Commerce asks for donations to help keep the Christmas lights on in Marlow. Wycombe District Council supply the lights but we contribute you to the maintenance, erection and dismantling and also towards the cost of new lights when required.

The lights are saved for this year but money collected now will help ensure that the lights are burning bright next year. Some of the schools already have collecting boxes for the pupils to "buy their own bulb".

There are collecting boxes to be found in the following places:

The Information Centre, High Street

Hunts of Marlow, Station Road

The Quad Club, Crowne Plaza Hotel

Burgers of Marlow, The Causeway

Mekong Boutique, Spittal Street

All we are asking for is £1 from you to buy "your own bulb"

Marlow is your town and without your help we may be in darkness in the future, so please help us to keep it burning brightly.

Donations may also be made to our Treasurer at 12 Quoitings Drive, Marlow SL7 2PE or look on the web site www.marlowchamber.com for further information.

Macmillan Cancer Support Lunch

Following the success of the Macmillan lunch at the Compleat Angler in October, the next lunch takes place on February 16. It will include a demonstration of ikebana, Japanese flower arranging. It begins at 12.30pm in the Bowater Restaurant overlooking the river and weir.



Tickets £25 each to include two courses, glass of wine and coffee.
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The team consists of Neighbourhood Specialist Officers. These are experienced officers who have responsibility for a particular Neighbourhood. They are supported by Neighbourhood officers and Community Support Officers.

Whilst the PCSOs do not have the same powers as police officers they do an excellent job in patrolling your streets. They focus mainly of our crime hotspots and the areas identified as having problems by the community. They provide reassurance and gather intelligence. Indeed over the past year we have arrested several burglars on the intelligence gathered by our PCSOs. They also visit victims of crime and are able give crime prevention advice.

We are fortunate in Marlow to have an excellent working relationship with the Town Council and they provide the funding for one of the Community Support officers.

The team also consists of officers from the Special Constabulary. These officers are all unpaid volunteers but they are well trained and have all of the powers of a Constable when on duty.

Finally I come to the most important part of the Neighbourhood policing family - You the public. Keeping our neighbourhoods safe is not the sole responsibility of

the police and the local authority. All of us whether it be parents, schools, residents or visitors have a part to play and if we work together then we can make a real difference. If you want to find out more about your local neighbourhood team including your local crime figures then visit our website at www.thamesvalley.police.uk.



Recently we have been concentrating on dealing with the anti-social behaviour associated with Halloween and bonfire night. This year we worked with schools and local shops in the run-up to Halloween. This combined with an extensive patrol strategy seems to have worked as the reports of bad behaviour were far lower than in previous years.

I would now like people to concentrate on the build-up to Christmas...

Don't make it obvious that your house is empty, use a timer switch.

Don't leave gifts on display at home or in a car while you do the rest of your shopping.

If you would like to contact your Neighbourhood policing team then you can call on the non-emergency number **08458 505505**.

by *Inspector Ray Wilks*



Remembrance Parade

More than 700 members of the public turned out on a cold wet day to remember those who had fallen in the two World Wars.

The Lord Lieutenant of Buckinghamshire, Sir Henry Aubrey-Fletcher, joined the Town Mayor, Cllr Neil Marshall, the Deputy Mayor of Marly-le-Roi, Monsieur Benoit Burgaud, Councillor Petra Meier, Town Councillors, together with the many organisations who took part.

The Lord Lieutenant came on Parade and the Service commenced at 10.45am. Canon Nick Molony took the service, assisted by Canon Griffiths. Canon Molony said that he had been privileged to have conducted 20 Remembrance Services for Marlow. The Parade itself was managed by Parade Commander, Lt Col Shaun Murphy, and Parade Marshal, Mr Tony Cummins.

Major James Campbell, TD gave the poignant Royal British Legion Exhortation: They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old. Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them.

For the two-minute silence, bugler Simon Davie played the Last Post, followed by The Lament, played by a young man called Ben Ashmore who attends Radleigh College. At the end of the two-minute silence, Simon Davie played Reveille and the service then continued with the laying of wreaths on the Memorial. These were laid not only by Marlow Town Council and civic dignitaries but veterans, all branches of the Regular Forces and Cadets, through to the various associations represented. The Names of the Fallen were read out by the Town Mayor, Cllr Neil Marshall, Cadets from Air Training Corp, 1811 (Marlow) Squadron, Sea Cadets from TS Apollo, Marlow and Army Cadets, Marlow.

Parade Commander Shaun Murphy requested permission from the Lord Lieutenant to Dismiss, and the Parade then marched up the High Street where the Lord Lieutenant took the Salute and the Parade marched back to the Royal British Legion Headquarters for some much needed refreshments.

The day was the culmination of many hours of planning by the staff of Marlow Town Council, the Royal British Legion and the three Cadet forces.

The Poppy Appeal total for last year was £15,735.90 and it is believed that this total will be exceeded for 2009.



*They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old.
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning,
we will remember them.*



News In Brief...



Marlow & District Wine Circle

The Circle was formed 37 years ago by a group of people who enjoyed making wine and beer. It still has four Founder Members in the group today.

It meets on the first Tuesday of each month at Liston Hall, Liston Road, with members arriving from 7.30pm for the meeting at 8pm. This may

include a speaker on various subjects such as Man Made Global Warming?, wine tastings or social events. Additional events include a Christmas Dinner Dance and a New Year's Eve American Supper and Dance. Beginners to wine making and new members are always welcome. Visit www.bucksinfo.net/marlow-and-district-wine-circle or ring 01628 630341.

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Allotment Association AGM

The Allotment Association holds its Annual General Meeting in the General Higginson Room, Court Garden on Tuesday December 8 at 7.30pm. All allotment holders are welcome to attend and there will be refreshments after the AGM and Prizegiving.

The Allotment Competition Winners are:

Mr A D Ross	Master Gardener
Mr F Tillier	1st Prize - Jewell Cup
Mr R K Bailey	2nd Prize
Mr G Lomas	3rd Prize
Ms D Bagge	High Commended - Foxes Piece
Mr & Mrs D Foster	High Commended - Foxes Piece
Mr Bird	Highly Commended - Hanging Hill
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Mr Kirkland	Best Newcomer - Foxes Piece



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marlow museum



1,700 visitors came to the new Marlow Museum between Opening Day on May 23 and the end of October - a highly successful first summer season. There has been no shortage of

complimentary comments in the Museum's Visitors' Book. The Committee would like to thank all its supporters and enthusiastic volunteer stewards.

On October 26 the Museum (opposite the main entrance to Court Garden Leisure Centre) reduced its opening hours to Sundays only, 1 to 3pm (other times by arrangement). It is likely the weather and the problem of heating the building will force it to close completely before Christmas. But the Committee is already looking forward to reopening an improved Museum, probably at Easter next year (5 April), which will include an exhibition of Marlow lace-making.

To find out more about joining the team call 01628 483711 or email john.evans@marlowmuseum.org.



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Caldesi in Campagna

Passion runs wild in a corner of Bray. It's the word that crops up when chef Giancarlo Caldesi explains why his English wife Katie married him, "She's passionate about Italy, and Italian food, and Italian restaurants". It crops up again when he's talking about the menu at his restaurant Caldesi in Campagna: "We're passionate about offering people the real authentic cuisine of Italy, not a bastardised version concocted for British tastes."

And passion oozes from the pages of Katie Caldesi's new book, *The Italian Cookery Course*. It's a vast tome that is packed with love for all that makes Italian food so special. It has more than 400 recipes, all of them sourced by talking to chefs and family cooks the length and breadth of Italy, as well as stunningly original photos of ordinary people producing the family meal.

The recipes are given with clear instructions that are easy to follow, as well as fascinating background notes about their



origins.

The book could be a great DIY Italian cooking course. Or you could go to the couple's cookery school La Cucina Caldesi near their Marylebone restaurant. Or you could cheat - like we did - and pop along to their restaurant at Bray to have it all cooked for you.

Filetto Robespierre (£10) is a fantastic starter which depends on good quality ingredients to produce its wow factor. Fillet of beef is bashed and tenderised into a very thin round as wide as a teaplate, doused in a dressing of balsamic, rosemary, garlic and olive oil, flashed under

the grill, and served topped with rocket and Parmesan shavings. Simple but delicious. There's really no good reason why I couldn't produce this at home.

Main course was pan-fried stone bass (£22) with an intriguing, deeply flavoured sauce created from fennel seeds, anchovies, brandy, chilli and garlic, served with buttery mash: more complex to recreate, but well worth the effort.

And finally, with Christmas coming up, we plumped for panettone pudding served with cinnamon ice cream (£7). This seemed blissfully light, though I'm not sure how, since the recipe in the book shows it's made with oodles of cream and eggs. If you end up with left-over panettone and cream after the festive season, this is the recipe to try.

Caldesi in Campagna in Old Mill Lane, Bray (01628 788500) is a welcome reminder that there's a whole bright gastronomic world beyond pasta and pizza to be explored in Italian cuisine.



A New Christmas Song for Marlow

"The Bells Will Chime" is the title of a festive song which has been specially written for the first concert of Marlow's recently-formed choir "Marlow Music Makers".

The song will be heard by the public for the first time on Friday, 11th December at 7.30pm in Marlow's United Reformed Church, followed a week later by a second airing. It will be one of the highlights of a concert - titled "Christmas Bells" of mainly

festive music with the singers accompanied by pianist James Church and with appropriate seasonal numbers by organist Greg Phillips and other entertainers.

Musical Director Barbara Whitehead said: "We aim to create the mood of a good old fashioned Christmas not only by the programme for the evening but also through the ambience of the venue and a 'mini-social' in the interval. We will be supporting The Thomas Ball Children's Cancer Fund".

Tickets are £8 including a glass of wine and festive light refreshments during the interval. These may be obtained from members of the Choir, by calling 01628 484618 or 01494 883392 or from Insight Opticians, High Street, Marlow.

Meet your Town Council...



BARRY CROSS

Barry Cross joined Marlow Town Council on September 7 as Amenities Supervisor. He replaces Peter Boulton, Technical Supervisor, who retired from the Council in June.

Barry had previously worked in the brewing industry for over 20 years. He is a keen allotment gardener and conservationist as well as being involved with the wildlife hospital, Tiggywinkles, near Aylesbury. He will be responsible for all the outside activities and equipment, including the cemetery, allotment sites and amenity areas under the control of Marlow Town Council. Health & Safety and Risk Management for the Town Council are also part of his duties.



PETER HARRIS

Peter Harris has joined the Town Council as Cemetery and General Services Superintendent.

He takes over from Brian Sparks, who recently retired from the post, but still works for the Town Council on a contractual basis in various capacities. Peter has a background in grounds maintenance and construction. He will be responsible for the upkeep of the cemetery and various other amenity sites in the town.

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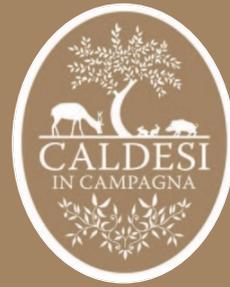
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