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# A message from the **NEW** Mayor of Marlow...

Welcome to the latest edition of The Marlovian.

Marlow in summer is an amazing place, when it seems half the world comes to enjoy the river, the park, the shopping,

the pubs and restaurants, and the various events in the town's social calendar.

Regatta Fortnight and our wonderful Town Regatta are our annual highlights, but there's plenty more going on in summer, from Armed Forces Day in June through local fetes and fairs, to the Marlow Food Festival in September, now in its second year. All of it promotes Marlow as it continues to present itself as a vibrant, forward-looking town.

The new play area in Higginson Park has been a tremendous success, reckoned to be one of the best in England, drawing many new visitors to the town.

On the wider front, the economic troubles of the country are sure to make it a tough year for many businesses as well as the council. We, as a town council, are committed to working closely together to go on providing our front line services while looking at ways of reducing our costs.

It is a privilege for me to represent Marlow this year as its Mayor, following on from the sterling work done by Cllr Neil Marshall. I am very happy to have Cllr Jocelyn Towns as my deputy.

These may be tough times, but we have a wonderful town and I'm looking forward to a great year.

*Cllr Roger Wilson, Mayor of Marlow*

## What will this year bring for Roger Wilson?

What will this year bring for Roger Wilson as Town Mayor? It will certainly be a busy time. He explains: "To a large extent the Mayor responds to requests from the community, such as greeting official visitors, fundraising for charity, attending civic services around the County, and giving his support to the various community activities organised throughout his mayoral year."

The role also includes hosting the Veterans Lunch organised by the Town Council for all those who served in the Second World War, leading the Remembrance Service on Remembrance Sunday, and hosting lunch for some 95 senior citizens of Marlow at Court Garden House. He says he is looking forward to it all: "It's a great privilege to represent the people of Marlow as their Mayor." Last time he had 120 engagements and expects a similar number this year.

This time around Roger knows what to expect - though in this job the unexpected is always around the corner. He was the town's Mayor in 2005-6 and says it was a memorably enjoyable year. "It was great - not just being part of the 'chain gang' but because I met so many interesting and amazing people, especially those volunteers of the various charities that I'd not been aware of before and doing such a wonderful job."

On a personal level this mayoral year will be different because he will not have his Mayoress at his side. Roger's wife, Christine, died from MS 18 months ago. "It did make me think hard about being Mayor again," he says. "I shall be working to raise funds for my chosen charity, the MS Centre at Halton, where she found so much laughter and enjoyment on her day visits, usually at my expense! They really do make a difference to people's lives."

The Mayor's duties run alongside Roger's regular commitments as Councillor at Marlow Town Council and representing Marlow as a District Councillor at Wycombe District Council where he is Cabinet Member for Finance and Performance. He also hopes to do something about the excessive road signage in Marlow. He has served as a councillor at parish, town and district level since 1987. "I don't think of it as politics - I was brought up to think that you have a duty to your community and the area where you live."

Roger's chief area of interest is finance and trying to keep down the cost of services by finding better ways of providing them. A background in accountancy, he points out, helps you understand the numbers and at least ask the right questions. What he hates most is bureaucracy handed down from on high.



### Message from the Lord Lieutenant of Buckinghamshire, Sir Henry Aubrey-Fletcher

The Mayor of Marlow, Roger Wilson, kindly invited me to propose the toast to HM The Queen at his Reception at Higginson Park on Regatta Day. This Reception is always an enjoyable occasion as it brings together Town Councillors and volunteers of all kinds from the community who do so much to make Marlow such a wonderful town.

I took the opportunity to thank all those who give so much of their time supporting others less fortunate than themselves. Over

the years ahead the ability of the government of the day to continue to support charities and voluntary organisations that deliver so many vital services to people is likely to be reduced. This means that those of us who help deliver these services will be called upon to do even more than we do at present. I also hope that those people who, for whatever reason, have not yet tried supporting a voluntary organisation will consider doing so. Not only will your involvement help to keep services going but you will also receive enormous satisfaction from helping others less fortunate than yourselves. If you are thinking of volunteering, a good place to start is on the Internet, <http://www.do-it.org.uk/> or you could try Community Impact Bucks

<http://www.communityimpactbucks.org.uk/> or a local group in Marlow itself.

If we all focus a little extra effort on helping others, they will not be the only ones to benefit, we will too.

*Henry Aubrey-Fletcher*

# ihelp Community Projects Competition

The ihelp Youth Initiative was created by the Province of Buckinghamshire to encourage young people to assist those less fortunate in their communities and it has been a great success with more than 50 youth groups entering, hoping to go forward to the grand final at Beaconsfield Masonic Centre on the 12th September.

The winning project will receive £5000, second place will receive £1000 and there are three awards of £500. Projects have been entered from a variety of youth groups including: schools, scouts, Boys Brigade, youth academies and action groups, Prince's Trust and even a church.

W.Bro Eugene Matthias, ihelp Chairman says " It has been truly magical working with such a dedicated team of like-minded brethren. All have given 100% commitment and worked above and beyond to make ihelp such a success".

The Mayor of Marlow, Cllr Roger Wilson was part of the judging team for Marlow on 5th June at the Marlow Masonic Centre.

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# TOWN MAYOR'S CHARITY GOLF DAY

The 7th Mayor's Charity Golf Day was held on 27th April at Harleyford Golf Club.

Unfortunately the Town Mayor, Cllr Neil Marshall was unwell with flu and wasn't able to attend but the event still went ahead.

Nineteen teams took part in this annual event and were blessed with a gloriously sunny day. Last year's winning team - The Awesome Foursome which included Sir Steve Redgrave was revamped and renamed the Reborn Awesome Foursome. Sir Steve took part again this year to try to help retain the title. Unfortunately they were not able to repeat the success of last year.

The winning team was Vantis 2 made up of Clive Jackson, Owen Jesseman, Doug Simmon and Paul Rippon scoring 127 points, runners-up were Bach Quartet with Alan Clarke, Kevan Robinson, Jim Robson and John Hodgson with 120 points, followed by Emerson 2 with Ian Carter, Tony Austin, Paul Berry and Lee McSweeney and they scored 119.

The Individual winner was Lee McSweeney with 42 points. Nearest the pin on the 6th was Suzanne Brown and Nearest the Pin in Two on the 14th was won by Owen Jesseman.

Chief Executive, Sheila Brown, OBE with her husband Colin from the Newlife Foundation for Disabled Children, joined the golfers for dinner in the evening and spoke about how the Foundation came into being and the work that it does. 100% of all money raised for the charity is used to help disabled children.

The Mayor would like to thank everyone who contributed to raising funds for the Newlife Foundation including:

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A generous donation of £500 was received from the Buckinghamshire Masonic Centenary Fund together with individual donations from Harleyford Properties Ltd, Mr Ian Corse, Harleyford Club Captain and Mr Rob Marsh.



*Winning Team – Vantis 2*



*Individual Winner - Lee McSweeney with left Ian Corse and right Richard Scott*

*Reborn Awesome Foursome I- Ian Corse, Club Captain, Sir Steve, Sharon Crawford, Lady Captain and Roger Povey, Chairman of Harleyford*



# MARLOW TOWN



## Marlow In Bloom

### FRONT GARDEN COMPETITION

*Are you proud of your front garden?  
Does your neighbour's garden delight the eye?  
Do you pass a garden you admire?*

If you have answered yes to any of the questions then please phone  
**Marlow Town Council** on **01628 484024**

to nominate the garden for entry in the Front Garden competition.  
The gardens nominated will be judged at the end of July. It is important that the garden can be seen without entering anyone's premises.

The Town Mayor will be holding a reception in September to present the winner with the Marlow In Bloom Cup, certificate and prize.

Runners-Up will also receive a certificate and prize.

So come on, either phone in your nomination or email and make someone's day - even if they don't win they will know their garden has been admired!

You can also nominate your own garden!



## Scooter Presentation

Marlow Thames Rotary donated £1,500, as a result of fundraising, to Marlow Town Council for the purchase of a new mobility scooter for Marlow SHOPMOBILITY.

Marlow Town Council took over the operation of the Shopmobility facility in Marlow in December 2009 as the operation was in danger of being lost due to lack of funding. The Town Council have overall responsibility for the service but Parkwood Leisure deal with the day to day booking of the scooters from the Leisure Centre in Court Garden.

The presentation of the scooter was made by Cllr Jo Braybrooke and David Lawrence of the Marlow Thames Rotary Club.

SHOPMOBILITY is dependant for its finance on grants, donations and sponsorship. Anyone wishing to support the scheme please contact Marlow Town Council, Court Garden, Pound Lane, Marlow, Bucks SL7 2AG

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Left to right:  
Cllr Jo Braybrooke,  
Andy Goddard,  
Court Garden  
Leisure Manager,  
David Lawrence  
and Town Mayor,  
Cllr Roger Wilson.



# COUNCIL NEWS

## Hanging Baskets...

The Town Council took the initiative to offer retailers in the High Street, West Street and Spittal Street the opportunity to purchase hanging baskets at a very competitive rate. The Town Council took the decision at a Town Council meeting held in March of this year.

It was hoped that retailers would take advantage of this offer in order to enhance the Town for residents and visitors. Letters were distributed to all retailers asking if they wished to purchase filled 12" hanging baskets for their premises for £5. The responsibility for erecting and caring for the baskets would be down to the retailer once purchased.

*The Town Mayor, Cllr Roger Wilson and Cllr Mrs Jo Braybrooke presented the owner of D & J News, David Cooper, with one of the hanging baskets.*



## Riley Park Trust Receive Donation From Marlow Town Council

Riley Park Trust applied for a Town Council grant to which members agreed at the FS & A Committee meeting held on the 9th February this year in the sum of £1,000. The Riley Park Trust has provided a general recreation facility for the Marlow Community since 1914 as per its Trust Deed. To keep abreast with the growing demand for its facilities, compliance with Health and Safety and environmental requirements etc it has undertaken a major expensive regeneration programme. In 2009, in addition to the day to day running costs of £12K per annum, it spent £40,000 on its capital projects (most of the latter was fundraised). The Trust provides facilities for youth footballers, children and general recreation.

The Town Council is pleased to support the Trust in providing this facility for Marlow residents.

## Tree Planting at Plough Corner

For the first time, Buckinghamshire Community Action held an Awards Evening, in recognition of those communities that had successfully completed community led/parish plans during the period 2006-2010. The Town Council were invited to attend and receive an award for the Marlow Health Check initiative. The Health Check had been set up to look at Marlow and identify what the town could possibly need over the next 20 years. A Questionnaire was compiled and given to residents of Marlow who were asked to complete and return to the Health Check Committee in order to help them to formulate the Action Plan for the Town.

Mr Rod Braybrooke, who was the Chairman of the Health Check, and Cllr Jocelyn Towns, who worked on the project at that time, represented the Town Council and received an ornamental tree, together with a commemorative plaque, to mark our community's achievement.

The Whitebeam tree was planted by Rod Braybrooke and Cllr Towns on 18th May at Plough Corner and should enhance this amenity area in years to come.



## Best Kept Village Competition

Marlow Town Council has again entered Marlow into the Best Kept Village Competition. The Town has won this competition on a number of occasions and won the Michaelis Cup last year. As Cup Winners we entered the "Cup Winners Cup Competition", the Tindall Cup category this year.

The judging took place during June. The judges were looking for not just a beautiful town but the demonstration of care, concern, maintenance and community effort.

The presentations to the winners will be made on Saturday 4th September by the Lord Lieutenant of Buckinghamshire, Sir Henry Aubrey-Fletcher.

# MARLOW TOWN COUNCIL NEWS

## continued...

### Town Council

At the annual general meeting of the Town Council held on the 4th May 2010. New Mayor Cllr Roger Wilson was elected for the forthcoming Mayoral Year 2010-11. Cllr Jocelyn Towns was elected as Deputy Mayor. At the same meeting elections were held for committee Chairman and vice chairman. The committee chairman for FS & A Committee is Cllr Jocelyn Towns and her deputy will be Cllr Richard Scott. Cllr Suzanne Brown is the new Chairman of the Planning Environment and Transportation Committee and Cllr Neil Marshall as the Vice Chairman.

### Marlow Flood Alleviation Scheme

In this column frequent updates have been made on the Marlow Flood Alleviation Scheme for the Pound Lane and Gossmore Lane area. It had been anticipated that this flood alleviation scheme would have commenced works on site following approval of the planning application. This planning application had been resubmitted as objections to the first one had been received.

The Environment Agency have now informed the Town Council that these schemes will not now go ahead in the foreseeable future. Although the planning application will still continue to go forward, the Scheme is being "mothballed." This decision by the Environment Agency is a direct result of funding cuts due to the current economic conditions prevailing within the country and is part of the Government's restriction on expenditure. This obviously is the last type of news that the Town Council and those in the Pound Lane and Gossmore Lane area would wish to hear. However, in the light of the economic situation it is perhaps not surprising that this decision has been taken.

### Marlow Bridge

Work is due to start on the refurbishment of the Marlow Bridge. This work will commence at the beginning of July and will involve the replacement of defective timber work, repainting and the cleaning of the steel works. In addition other improvements works will be carried out to further enhance the appearance. The pedestrian walkways will be closed one at a time whilst these works are progressing and there will be a period when vehicular traffic will be restricted.

### Replacement Gas Mains

The Town Council has been advised by the National Grid that they are to embark on essential gas main replacement in Marlow later this summer. The £150000 project will involve the replacement of 23 metres of the existing metallic gas mains in West Street with new hardwearing plastic pipe. Work is due to begin on July 21st and should be completed by September. The work has been planned following close discussions with Bucks

County Council and other agencies and National Grid are to do their utmost to ensure the work is completed with the minimum of disruption. National Grid have a helpline number of 0845 2461285.

### Allotments

Allotment Holders on both sites have been working hard on their allotments to ensure productivity during the growing season. Many of these allotments make it quite obvious to the viewer that many hours of painstaking and perhaps backbreaking work has gone in to ensure pristine plots with many plants beginning to grow. Currently judging is taking place for the Town Council's Best Kept Allotment Competition. Further judging is to take place early September.

### Amenity Areas & Cemetery

Unfortunately the Town Council has received a small number of complaints regarding the condition of the cemetery. Whilst every effort is made to keep the cemetery maintenance of a high standard it is always a very difficult period during May-June due to the varied weather and rapid growth of grass. At this point the staff are very stretched to carry out the grounds maintenance in the cemetery but also in the Town, however every effort is being made to ensure the high standard of maintenance and to help with this a new mower has been purchased to supplement the existing equipment.

### Forthcoming meetings:

Plans Only Planning Environment & Transportation Meeting 3rd August

Financial Services & Administration  
10th August

Full Planning 24th August

Town Council 7th September

Plans only 14th September

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from 9am-1pm Monday to Friday.**

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# Chef's Awards...

Chefs fought off fierce competition to bring home two awards during a recent culinary competition.

Crowne Plaza Marlow entered two chefs into a prestigious competition at London's Westminster Kingsway College recently and cleaned up with a bronze and silver award. The Major Culinary Challenge, in conjunction with The Craft Guild of Chefs saw 32 hopefuls competing in 4 heats.

Stuart Hine, Executive Head Chef at Crowne Plaza Marlow nominated two well established chefs for the competition and then made them practice, practice, practice. It all paid off when Daniel Poplawski, senior Chef de Partie won a Silver Award for his Pan-fried Cannon of Lamb, Fondant Potato, Baby Carrot, Rosemary Reduction. Whilst Rohit Sharma, Demi Chef de Partie won a Bronze Award for his Pan-fried Fillet of Sea Bass, Crab Risotto, Chervil and Tomato Butter Sauce.

Daniel and Rohit were both over the moon to have had their abilities and culinary flair recognized in the competition. But no-one was more impressed than Stuart "I feel like a proud father - the guys have really worked hard for this and they truly deserve these awards".

Currently Crowne Plaza Marlow is looking forward to a weekend over the summer to celebrate Daniel and Rohits' successes ...watch this space.



Left to Right: Rohit Sharma, Stuart Hine and Daniel Poplawski

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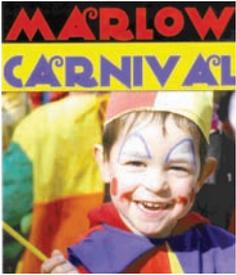
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# MARLOW CARNIVAL 2010



2003 was the year, when reading the BFP I read that unless they received some help the Marlow Community Association Annual Carnival would have to be laid to rest. Having enjoyed the Carnival with my family for some years I first thought 'how sad' someone should

do something about that and then in a flash of madness I decided I should volunteer and preserve the heritage of the Marlow Carnival. Such patriotic thoughts and belief that I was maybe the 'chosen one' soon turned to fear when I turned up to meet Roger Wilson, well known Mayor of this local parish and Chairman of the MCA! At first I thought I must be early but then it dawned...I was the chosen one, as there was no one else!

Roger confirmed that he too believed I was the chosen one and when could I start as we had a lot to organise before the third Saturday in September. He produced pages of 'things to do' at the same time as locking me in! I have been fortunate in that I have managed to encourage more help from a number of good citizens of Marlow who thankfully reappear every year, well most of them do!

My present band of helpers are invaluable and have brought new life to the Carnival. A quick mention for Karen, Jane, Nikki, Genny, Philip and Cindy, and all their understanding partners who get dragged along as well! Thanks guys! Not forgetting of course Roger and Bill. But on the day we have even more support from local businesses, associations and individuals who all give their time and experience to help the cause and donate all sorts of things that enable us to keep going...a big thank you to them too.

Last year was our best Carnival yet, creating a great community atmosphere and raising much needed funds for the upkeep of Liston Hall. This year is already coming together and has the makings of another great event.

**Check us out on our web site**  
**[www.marlowcarnival.co.uk](http://www.marlowcarnival.co.uk)**  
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....oh, and do I regret that moment of madness in 2003? No! I've enjoyed every minute! If you want to know more about the Carnival give me a call!

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## Chiltern Way Walking Festival

Celebrating the 10th anniversary of the Chiltern Way, the festival aims to encourage more people to walk this circular walking route which stretches around the Chilterns Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

Chiltern Society volunteers are leading a series of linear walks on Sundays between May and September offering the opportunity to walk the whole of the original Chiltern Way and receive a certificate.

Walkers walk at their own risk and it is helpful to inform the leaders in advance if you are planning to walk.

For the latest information about the walking festival and the work of The Chiltern Society, please see the web-site on **[www.chilternsociety.org.uk](http://www.chilternsociety.org.uk)**

The Chiltern Society, White Hill Centre,  
White Hill, Chesham, Bucks HP5 1AG.

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## A message from Inspector Ray Wilks

# *A lovely place to live...*

As summer arrives it is easy to see what attracts us to living and working in Marlow. The town itself and the river seem to come alive with the advent of the better weather. The Town Festival and Regatta is a fantastic occasion and although a few idiots create some policing problems for me it is still a great day out for all the family.



The better weather also creates opportunities for criminals who know they can target car parks and beauty spots where the good people of the area still leave laptops, handbags and other valuables in their cars.

My message is simple - **Don't leave anything in your car.** This includes hiding it under seats or in the boot as you don't know who will be watching you when you put it there.

I am still often asked about when to call the police emergency number. If you have an incident where somebody is at risk of being hurt or you need an immediate police response such as a crime in progress then you need to call 999. In all other circumstances you can call the non-emergency number **08458 505505**.

I would like to invite you all to let us know about the problems that you are having in your particular community or neighbourhood. That way the police, together with the council and other agencies, can try to deal with them on your behalf. To do this each of your neighbourhood teams will be holding regular "Have your Say" meetings.

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***Come along and have your say.***



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## marlow museum

The Marlow Museum reached its first birthday anniversary in late May. It has received 2,738 visitors in its first twelve months, and thanks to the generosity of visitors and friends in high and low places, it looks well positioned to keep open for a second twelve months.

# 10th Marlow Town Regatta & Festival

Lady Ann Redgrave officially opened the 10th Marlow Town Regatta and Festival on 12th June in Higginson Park Subscribers Enclosure.

Organisers of the Regatta and Festival have said the weekend was a great success. Saturday was devoted to rowing and enjoying the atmosphere in the Enclosure. Sunday saw the very popular dragon boat racing and the concert in the park in evening which unfortunately was brought to an abrupt end due to the heavy rain.

The committee are trying to expand the weekend to include other activities and for the first time a Flower Festival was held in All Saints Church which was opened by Wendy Craig.



# THE MAYOR'S RECEPTION...

Town Mayor, Cllr Roger Wilson hosted the Annual Reception in the Shelley Theatre, Court Garden on Saturday. The Reception was held to thank those who are responsible for clubs, associations and others who make life in Marlow so varied and rich for its residents.

Among the dignitaries present were Sir Henry Aubrey-Fletcher, Lord Lieutenant of Buckinghamshire, Mayors from High Wycombe, Henley and Beaconsfield, Deputy Mayor of Marly-le-Roi and Mayor of Budavar District 1 to name but a few.

The Mayor kept his speech short as he doesn't believe in long rambling ones he said! He then proceeded to announce the winner of the **Town Council Sports Personality of the Year**. **Francesca Scambler** was put forward by her school, Sir William Borlase, for her achievements in sculling.

*2009 National Schools Regatta Champion  
in the Under 18 Double Scull*

*2010 National School Head of the river Champion  
in under 18 Quad Scull*

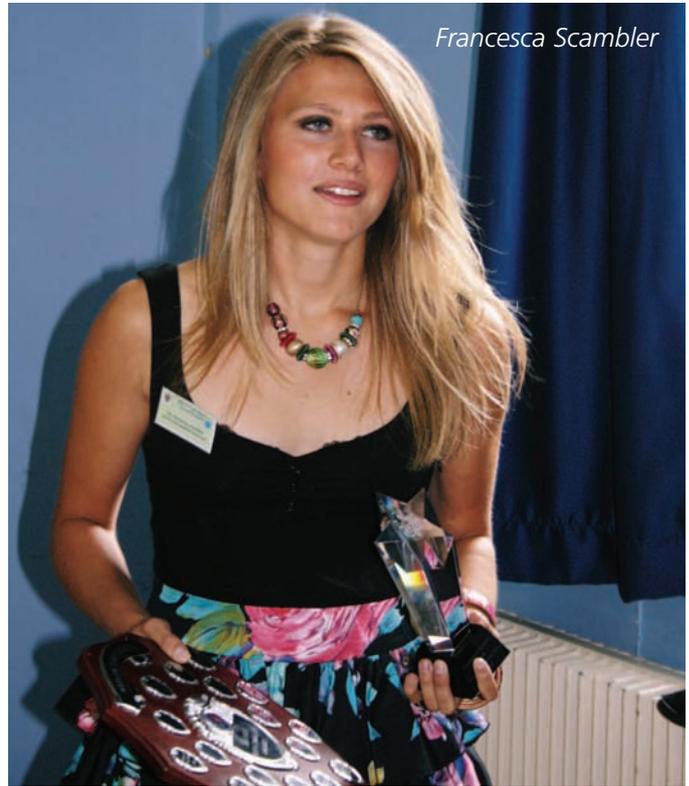
*2010 National Schools Regatta Silver medallist  
in Under 18 Quad Scull*

Selected to be one of 13 to race at Great Britain Junior Final Trials at the end of June where she could win a place to represent Great Britain at the European or World Championships.

*We all wish her every success.*

The Mayor presented her with the Sports Personality Shield which she holds for one year and a glass engraved trophy for her to keep in recognition of her fantastic achievements.

**The Community Award** was presented to **James Campbell** for his outstanding contribution to the Marlow Town Regatta and Festival which celebrated its 10th Anniversary this year. James was instrumental in getting the Town Regatta, in its current format, up and running after the International Regatta moved out of Marlow to Dorney Lake due to international competition requirements. He received a glass decanter which he said he would endeavour to keep empty! Jim is also the President of the Marlow Branch of the Royal British Legion and is very involved with the Remembrance Service and Parade held in November.



Francesca Scambler



Town Mayor, Cllr Roger Wilson  
with James Campbell



## Cheque Presentation

At the Annual Reception, hosted by current Town Mayor, Cllr Roger Wilson, on 12th June, Cllr Neil Marshall, Past Town Mayor 2009-2010, presented Stephen Morgan, Newlife Foundation for Disabled Children Operations & Liaison Manager with a cheque for £3,680.

This was the culmination of fundraising during his Mayoral year by holding a Charity Golf Day at Harleyford Golf Club, collections taken at the Carols on the Causeway event and his Civic Service in March.

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# FREE Fire Safety Checks

Free safety checks to help reduce the risk of a fire or other emergency in your home are available from Buckinghamshire Fire & Rescue Service.

Free smoke alarms are fitted where required, and firefighters will also help you find out more about other useful local services if you are interested.

The checks take about 30 minutes each, depending on the size of the house, and are usually carried out by firefighters. The householder needs to be present to answer a few questions.

Firefighters will offer fire safety advice, based on any potential fire risks that they may have identified during the check, and answer questions.

They will then fit as many smoke alarms as they think necessary. Buckinghamshire Fire & Rescue Service currently fits British Standard smoke alarms with a sealed battery that should last 10 years in normal use.

**To book one of these free checks, call 01296 744477 or email [cs@bucksfire.gov.uk](mailto:cs@bucksfire.gov.uk)**

Community safety manager Terry Ridgley said: "When fires break out, smoke alarms provide a vital early warning sign. If the fire happens at night, they are often your only warning."

**Here are Terry's top tips to ensure you and your family stay safe from fire:**

**Fit and maintain a smoke alarm:** You should have one on each level of your home and test it weekly. The ideal position is on the ceiling, in the middle of a room, or in the hallway and landing. Test it weekly.

**Plan your escape route:** Make sure you and your family know the quickest way out in the event of fire. Consider an alternative route in case your usual one is blocked.

**In the event of a fire, get out, stay out and call 999:** Don't delay for valuables, and don't investigate or try to tackle the fire. Use a mobile, a neighbour's phone or a phone box to call 999. If someone needs to be rescued wait safely outside for the firefighters who have the equipment and training to do it. Never go back in.

**Check on others:** When you visit relatives or friends, look out for safety hazards in the home. Offer to help test their alarm and plan escape routes together.

**Keep internal doors shut:** This will slow down the spread of fire.

Four key safety messages - Fit smoke alarms; Test them every week; Plan an escape route; Get out, stay out and call 999.



## PARENTS AND CHILDREN TOGETHER

### Have YOU ever thought about FOSTERING?

There is a recognised shortage of 10,000 Foster Carers in the UK. PACT (Parents And Children Together), founded in 1911, is also known as the Oxford Diocesan Council for Social Work inc. We are a registered charity working to improve life chances for children. The focus of our work is within Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire and aims to build and strengthen families.

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2. You don't have to have children already although you do need to have experience of caring for children.
3. Did you know you get paid a Fostering Allowance of £335.70 a week to be a Foster Carer which is tax free and won't affect any other benefits?
4. Most of the children who need fostering are known as 'hard to place' children, they will usually be 8+ years of age.

Fostering is a hard but very rewarding job. If you think you might have what it takes to become a Permanent Foster Carer or you want to find out more then contact PACT now on **0800 731 1845** e-mail [fostering@pactcharity.org](mailto:fostering@pactcharity.org) or visit [www.pactcharity.org](http://www.pactcharity.org)

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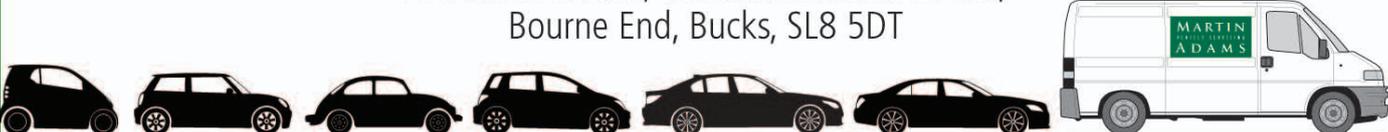
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# Together we can make a safer community...

## What is the Public Safety Team?

Wycombe District Council and Thames Valley Police understand that anti-social behaviour can have a significant effect on your quality of life. To help us provide a more effective service, the Anti-Social Behaviour staff from the Police and the District Council now work together in a merged team, known as the Public Safety Team, and are based in the same offices within Wycombe District Council offices. The aim of the team is to provide a swifter, more co-ordinated response to reports of anti-social behaviour, and by working with other agencies, to help improve the quality of life for the residents of the district.

## What is anti-social behaviour?

Anti-social behaviour is defined as 'behaviour which is likely to cause harassment, alarm or distress to one or more persons not in the same household as the perpetrator'. It also includes 'fear of crime or concern for public safety, public disorder or public nuisance'.

This can include a wide variety of types of behaviour, eg: graffiti, abandoned vehicles, noise nuisance, barking dogs, harassment, threatening or intimidating behaviour, nuisance driving/vehicles, criminal damage.

Before reporting an incident of anti-social behaviour to the Public Safety Team, it is worth considering if there is a better organisation or department to report the matter to:

**WDC Environmental Services** can deal with incidences of: noise nuisance, nuisance dogs, pest control. To report a problem to this team, please call **01494 421737**.

**WDC Waste and Cleansing Services** can deal with incidences of: graffiti, litter, abandoned vehicles. To contact this team, please call **01494 421415**.

**WDC Homes and Housing Services:** If you are a WDC housing tenant and you are experiencing anti-social behaviour, please call **01494 461000** and ask to speak to the Housing Officer for your local area.

## How will the Public Safety Team deal with an incident of anti-social behaviour?

If there have been three or more instances of anti-social behaviour, and this has affected two or more people in the last three months, the Public Safety Team will be able to deal

with the case. Due to the volume of cases, and the extreme nature of many of them, the Team have to ensure that new cases fit these criteria. If they do not, then a member of the team can provide you with information about other agencies that may be able to help.

In particular, if you are experiencing problems with your neighbour that you do not want to deal with on your own, you can seek assistance from Mediation Bucks which is an independent service dedicated to resolving neighbour disputes. To contact them directly, call 01494 520821.

Once you have reported your anti-social behaviour incident to the Public Safety Team they will send you Log Sheets. On these you will record times, dates and commentary of the incidents. The Log Sheets are crucial in monitoring the frequency and severity of the anti-social behaviour, and need to be returned to the Public Safety Team, where they will be reviewed and investigated.

If there have been no further complaints for a period of a month, the case will be closed.

To speak to a member of the **Public Safety Team**, call **01494 421087** or **01494 686224**, or email: **asb@wycombe.gov.uk** or **publicsafetyteam@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk**.

## USEFUL CONTACTS:

### Thames Valley Police:

Non-emergency 08458 505 505, Emergency 999.

### Wycombe District Council:

Switchboard 01494 461000

Environmental Services 01494 421737

Waste and Cleansing 01494 421415

Homes and Housing 01494 461000.

**Mediation Buckinghamshire:** 01494 520821.

For more information about anti-social behaviour, see **www.wycombe.gov.uk** or **www.respect.gov.uk**.

*This information is taken from the leaflet Wycombe Public Safety Team. For a copy, or for the leaflet in audio-tape, Braille or your own language, contact Wycombe District Council.*

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At the same time, the property market attracts a new browser. From the casual inquisitive glance to the genuinely serious enquiry, this is a perfect time to take advantage of a refreshed passing trade through our town and surrounding streets. It may be a coincidence but some property that has lain dormant over the winter months now show their faces at this prime selling time. With the long warm days and evenings to enjoy a casual cruise along the Thames and admire the waterside homes that may not necessarily be out of your budget? A three bedroom Marina house with its own 27' mooring for less than £600,000! With the luxuriously appointed kitchen, sitting room and the



master bedroom all taking advantage of the views over the water to the west, this home is offered with no onward chain. If your dream home does not lie on the riverbank it may be that a country retreat will suit better. The small rural settlement of Bockmer on the outskirts of Marlow is home to a charming Grade II listed semi detached cottage. With open views of the country and a south westerly aspect, where better to relax on the terrace and watch the sun set over the trees. At a guide of £675,000 this provides a luxury home for full time or weekend occupation. For those with more grand requirements a piece of local history can be yours for under £1.5million. It is unusual to find a period house in the town centre with the modern benefit of a double garage. The accommodation includes a usable cellar and contemporary fitted bathrooms yet retains its listed charm and period features. With 5 bedrooms, 4 receptions and stunning kitchen-breakfast room this is an ideal family home. This is a small selection of properties available at the time of going to press but for an up to



date list visit the website; [www.hamptons.co.uk](http://www.hamptons.co.uk)

## H A M P T O N S N E W S

Marlow office is welcoming a new member of Staff at the end of June. Peter Seabrook will be joining the award winning team headed by Senior Manager Neal Wood. I am delighted to have Peter on the team. He is a local man with excellent experience and will compliment our enthusiastic and successful staff perfectly. Peter says; "I am really looking forward to getting started at Marlow".

### NEW BOARD ON THE BLOCK

You may notice a change on the streets as Hamptons International is updating their profile with a rebranded For Sale Board. The new boards highlight the company's investment in their market profile. Managing Director - Shakeel



Barok says; "The new boards have been carefully designed to not only look fresher, cleaner and more modern, but to be more successful in communicating our brand". And what of the companies existing boards? They will all be recycled in line with the overall desire to be environmentally friendly.

**HIP's** One of the problem's with Home Information Pack was the loss of spontaneity and impulse marketing. The removal of the HIP now adds freedom to market your home swiftly as once the Energy Performance inspection has been commissioned we can get straight on to selling your property. Call your local office to discuss how this change can improve the opportunity for you to sell now.

## I N V I T A T I O N

If you have considered the idea of a move and have yet to find out what your home is currently worth, Hamptons can arrange for an appraisal of the property. Even if it is not in this area, they can arrange for their nearest office to meet with you and discuss how to achieve the best price through their network of office both in the UK and overseas.

Contact the Marlow branch in the first instance on **01628 485234**. Alternatively pop in for an informal chat at the office at 5 West Street, Marlow, Buckinghamshire. SL7 2LS **Neal and his team look forward to helping you.**



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**Marlow, Buckinghamshire** £1,200,000

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More babies and children survive conditions, accidents and infections today, thanks to medical advances. More children also face enduring disability. Newlife Foundation cares for disabled and terminally-ill children, and these children have been at the heart of the charity since 1991.

Newlife Foundation Chief Executive Mrs Sheila Brown OBE says: "The support we have received from the former Mayor of Marlow, Cllr Marshall, has been outstanding and we are so thankful for his help. It is very encouraging to see the efforts of the people of Marlow who are helping to improve the lives of disabled children within the local community. We are very grateful to everyone involved, and would encourage other groups and individuals to keep fundraising for other disabled children.

"Every day we hear about disabled and terminally-ill children who are in need of essential equipment to make their lives much easier. But we are facing a shortfall in

meeting that need. There are currently 176 children needing more than £300,000-worth of equipment."

Newlife gives practical support for disabled children throughout the UK, cares for the carers, funds medical research, creates awareness and campaigns for change. Newlife does this through Equipment Grant Services, Nurse Services, Medical Research and Campaigns and Awareness.

Newlife is one of the few charities which actively encourage supporters to make a restricted gift, which ensures that 100 per cent must by law be used for the purpose the giver intends. All of the gift does all of the good work you want it to do.

**For more information visit [www.newlifecharity.co.uk](http://www.newlifecharity.co.uk) or call 01543 462777.**

## Marlow Music Makers Anniversary Concert

"Marlow Music Makers" will celebrate their first anniversary with a concert which will raise funds for the highly regarded local charity "Thames Valley & Chiltern Air Ambulance serving Berks/Oxon/Bucks".

Founded on 2nd July 2009, the Choir achieved success with its first concert, in December, which, despite the disruption caused by snow and ice, sang to capacity audiences and raised a significant sum for "The Thomas Ball Children's Cancer Fund".

The Choir's founder and Musical Director, Barbara Whitehead said: "We all love singing and we are fortunate also in having two talented musicians playing for us: pianist James Church who is well-known in the area for his regular cabaret slot at Norden Farm, Maidenhead, and Greg Phillips who produces some magical sounds on his electronic organ. Being able to raise money for local charities adds greatly to the satisfaction we all get from our performances".



**MMM's concert will be held on Friday, 2nd and Saturday, 3rd July at the United Reformed Church, Oxford Road, Marlow, starting at 7.30pm.** Tickets for the concert, which includes a glass of wine and light refreshments during the interval, are modestly priced at £8. They may be obtained from Insight Opticians, High Street, Marlow or by telephoning **01628 484618 or 01494 883392.**

## THE MISTRAL FASHION SHOW

Marlow mums strutted the catwalk in April when they became models for the evening at Mistral on the High Street. The fashion show was a fundraiser for St Peter's Primary School, and ten models, mostly mums with a few from the school, volunteered to model the spring-summer collection. Alicia's Accessories supplied bright, unique and versatile bags to accompany the outfits. Kelly Brown, manager at Mistral, says: "It was a very enjoyable evening and the models performed really well. They represented a range of sizes and ages, which the audience appreciated." One of the audience commented: "It was a great experience to see the clothes being modelled on different women with real body shapes." Tickets sales and a raffle raised more than £300 for the school. This lively event was part of a drive by the PTA at St Peter's to raise a total of £10,000 pounds, to provide better facilities, equipment, and software for the children.

## Afternoon Tea at The Compleat Angler



It doesn't get much better than this. Priceless view, the river gliding by, and that most self-indulgent of treats: afternoon tea served in the time-honoured fashion, three-tiered cakestand and all.

We felt like two duchesses as we were shown to our seats on the terrace of the Compleat Angler, beside the conservatory, with that famous, matchless view of Marlow bridge and church. You can have a cream tea with scones (£11.25), traditional full afternoon tea (£17.95), or celebration tea which includes a glass of champagne (£27.50).

We couldn't think what to celebrate but went for the full works anyway. Now this of course isn't something you could do every day, but for a special treat - it's a dream.

So first comes the bubbly, and what better place to sip and natter and watch the boats go by. Next, decision time: which tea leaves? Assam for my friend, Lady Grey for me.

Then follow all those little details that define the ritual: crisp napkins and fancy tea strainers, neatly trimmed finger sandwiches with traditional fillings (cucumber and cream cheese, smoked salmon, ham, egg), and that elegant cakestand.

Everything it holds is delicious: two warm scones each with thick clotted cream and strawberry jam; and three yummy cakes each (strawberry tart, carrot cake, cream eclair). Time passes as slowly as the river and it's the perfect chance to catch up with an old friend, our friendly waiter topping up the hot water pot as needed.

Afternoon tea, we're told, is popular for girls' gossip time, as well as birthday and anniversary get-togethers for a small crowd. It would be hard to find a more pleasant setting. If tea and scones aren't your thing, there's an attractive Market Lunch Menu at just £19.95 for two courses, Monday to Saturday, or a new Lawn Menu for al fresco lunch at weekends.

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## JULY

- 02/03 Marlow Music Makers Summer Concert at the United Reformed Church, Oxford Road at 7.30pm.
- 04 Amersham Old Town Walk, a 1.5 mile walk along the streets and hidden footpaths of the historic old town. Meet 14.30 at Amersham Museum, 49 High Street, Old Amersham
- 08 Marlow Knitting Group, bring your knitting or crochet for a chat over coffee, 10.00-12.00, Costa Coffee, West Street.
- 10 Wycombe High School Grand Reunion 2010, catch up with old friends, tour the school, buffet lunch, bbq and much more. Former Lady Verney High School staff & students also most welcome, 12.00-17.30, Wycombe High School, Marlow Road, H/W.(B)
- 10 Marlow Evening Townswomen's Guild event, 'Cream Tea with TG', 14.30-17.00, All Saints' Church Hall, The Causeway.
- 11 Music for a Sunday Afternoon, concert by award winning High Wycombe Music Centre Guitar Consort, 16.00, All Saints' Church.
- 11 'Chilterns Panorama', a 5 mile walk with the WDC Woodland Services. Meet at the Lions public house, Church Lane, Bledlow Village.
- 13 Marlow & District Horticultural Society, a talk by Susie Barwick, 'Flower Arranging Demonstration', 20.00, Liston Hall.
- 17-18 Thames Traditional Boat Rally, Fawley Meadows, nr. Henley.
- 18 Marlow River Ramble: a guided walk from Marlow Bridge to Temple Lock, returning via Lower Pound Lane, 14.00 from Court Garden Leisure Centre, Pound Lane.
- 18 Car Boot Sale, 09.00-12.00, Great Marlow School, Bobmore Lane.
- 18 Choral Evensong in celebration of the end of the Academic Year, sung by the Men & Boys' and the Girls' Choir, 18.30, All Saints' Church.

- 19 'Bisham Abbey', a talk for The Marlow Society, 19.30, Garden Room, Liston Hall.
- 19-23 Swan Upping Week on the River Thames.
- 22 'School's Out' party, for under 12's, with inflatable and outdoor games, disco and bbq, 16.00-20.00, Crowne Plaza hotel, Fieldhouse Lane. (Please note: all children must be supervised by a responsible adult).(B)
- 22 'Dancing with Flowers', a demonstration for the Four Ends Flower Club, 14.00, Lane End Village Hall.
- 24 Hambleden Concerts presents 'Favourite Arias, Ensemble and Piano Solos', 19.30, The Parish Church of St Mary the Virgin, Hambleden.(B)

## AUGUST

- 01 'Victorian Marlow', a guided walk with the emphasis on how the Victorians changed Marlow in the 19th century, 14.00 from Liston Hall.
- 02-06 Lighthouse in Marlow, a holiday club for children aged 5-11 years run by Churches Together in Marlow at Holy Trinity School, Wethered Road.(B)
- 04 Reading Group Meeting, 10.00-12.00, come and share your enjoyment of books! To confirm venue, please contact the Marlow Information Centre.
- 10 Marlow & District Horticultural Society, a talk by Mr Shewell-Cooper, 'Fruit Cultivation', 20.00, Liston Hall.
- 12 Marlow Knitting Group, bring your knitting or crochet for a chat over coffee, 10.00-12.00, Costa Coffee, West Street.
- 15 Marlow Town History Walk: a guided walk around the heart of this historic Thames-side town, 14.00 from Liston Hall.
- 21 Euro-Japanese Exchange Concert, 19.30, All Saints' Church.
- 28 Hambleden Concerts presents 'Hampden String Quartet', 19.30, The Parish Church of St Mary the Virgin, Hambleden.(B)
- 30 Longridge Music Festival, a great afternoon of music, dancing, stalls, workshops and great food.

## Come and sing...Is singing on your wish list?

### Why not join Marlow's latest Community Choir?

Nextstage Drama is launching a brand new choir in July for anyone aged 18 to 90 who would like to sing - even if they have never done so before. Nextstage has been running acting and singing courses for amateur adults for more than seven years in London and the Home Counties, run from Marlow by Sarah-Jane Olsen. Three sell-out one-term singing courses were held in Marlow last year. The new course, which runs on Monday evenings from July 12 to September 13 (with an optional introductory evening on July 5) will be led by Russell Scott, an experienced singer, vocal coach and artistic director. Sarah-Jane says: "Russell has a fantastic reputation for working with performers and getting the best out of them in technique and performance. Musical Theatre is his passion and he is committed to finding and developing new talent."

Nextstage Choir members can expect each evening to be fun, dynamic, social and progressive, whether they are new to singing or experienced. Music will include Big Band Music, Modern Day Rock and Pop, and the course runs at Court Garden. A concert is held after each term except the initial one.

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Chef Michael Macdonald opened The Vanilla Pod in West Street in 2002, after cooking in some of Europe's finest kitchens, culminating at Danesfield House before setting up his own restaurant. He says: "I'm delighted to get this vote of confidence from people who dine here - who are the ones that count. When my wife and I launched The Vanilla Pod our vision was to provide an outstanding standard of food and service, but also to create an atmosphere where our guests can relax completely."

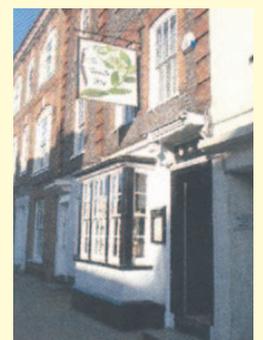


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