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# A message from the Mayor of Marlow

Sadly, I am approaching the end of my two years in office as Mayor of Marlow, which I have thoroughly enjoyed. I have met some wonderful people in the Town and I hope that I have helped to retain some of Marlow's vibrancy, during the challenging times we have had with the country in recession. All the signs now are very positive and all indications show that we are easing our way out of it.

In May a new Mayor will be elected and I would like to wish whoever succeeds me an enjoyable year. I know they will have the excellent support that I have received from fellow Councillors and the people of Marlow.

There are a number of positives that I would like to share with you from the past few months:

- We have a more structured parking system in the High Street with further bays planned to improve accessibility
- We have a new combined Post Office and Tourist Office which should secure both their futures through the current tighter economic climate. (We were also able to

maintain a temporary post office in Dean Street Car Park when the previous Post Office closed )

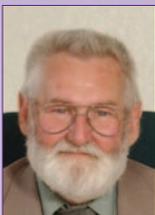
- We have retained the High Street telephone boxes
- We have managed our way through two of the snowiest winters of recent years despite 'global warming'. It was particularly pleasing to witness the community response to the extreme weather conditions over the Christmas period and the consideration given to those who faced difficulties
- Higginson Park continues to be an extremely popular riverside attraction drawing families and young children to enjoy the facilities throughout the year. I am also happy to report that the Park again received the prestigious Green Flag Award for 2009 (also received in 2008)

During the last quarter we hosted visitors from Marly-le-Roi to help us commemorate Remembrance Sunday and I attended many seasonal festivities, such as the Veterans' Lunch, Late Night Shopping, Switching On of the Lights, Carols on the Causeway, and the Mayor's Civic Service.

I wish you all good health and financial stability for the future. Marlow is a very special Town. Let us all strive to keep it that way.

*Cllr Neil Marshall, Mayor of Marlow*

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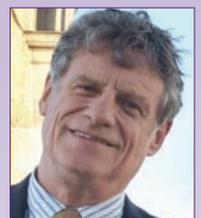
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# Town Mayor's SENIOR CITIZENS LUNCHEON

The Mayor's Senior Citizens Luncheon was held on Saturday January 23 in the stunning setting of the General Higginson Room, Court Garden. 95 guests were invited to attend this annual function to celebrate the New Year.



The Deputy Town Mayor, Cllr Roger Wilson, had to step in to host the luncheon as the Mayor was taken unwell at the last minute. The Town Clerk, Howard Bellairs, and Cllrs Suzanne Brown, June Coleridge and Richard Scott also attended to meet and chat to the guests during the lunch.



Parkwood Leisure's chef, Richard Craig, produced an excellent festive meal with all the trimmings. The Town Council staff had put together a Quiz for diners to fill in on their arrival and which entered them into the free raffle. The winner with the highest points was Mrs Butterfield who correctly answered such questions as What was Eric Morecambe's real name?, Who was the Welsh Wizard?, and asked to finish slogans such as Dig for ....., and all because the lady loves ..... and, Guinness is .....

It was quite interesting marking the results!

After the lunch the Deputy Mayor drew the winners for the free raffle, with prizes having been purchased by Marlow Town Council. The number of prizes totalling 25 included a sandwich toaster, carriage clock and hand-made tumblers, with the star prize being a Luxury Fruit

Hamper donated by Westside Fruit, Booker. The winner of the hamper very generously donated it to Age Concern.

Once the excitement of winning a prize had subsided, the guests were treated to the music of the SoundsEasy Trio who played a selection of songs that had the guests singing along. As with all good things the lunch had to end, but all our guests went home having had a good time and with a small gift donated by Waitrose and the Town Council.

If you are aged over 65, a Marlow Resident and have not previously put your name on our database, but would like to receive an invitation to future New Year Luncheons, please contact **Marlow Town Council** on **01628 484024** or email: [office@marlowtowncouncil.org.uk](mailto:office@marlowtowncouncil.org.uk).

## marlow museum

From May 2009 to January 2010, the Museum has received 1,846 visitors, approximately half of whom travelled from outside Marlow. The Museum's first special exhibition in 2010 will be called 'Lace – A Marlow Cottage Industry', opening on 27 March. It will contain exhibits loaned and assembled for us by Pamela Nottingham MBE, a Marlovian and a world authority on lace and lace-making.

Please note new opening times from 6 March: 1 pm to 5 pm on Saturdays, Sundays and Bank Holidays. Other times by arrangement. For further information contact John Evans, 01628 483711, or email [evansjohn@talk21.com](mailto:evansjohn@talk21.com). Marlow Museum is opposite the main entrance to Court Garden Leisure Centre. [www.marlowmuseum.org](http://www.marlowmuseum.org)

*Pamela Nottingham and an exhibit from her lace exhibition*



Photo by Barrie Lea



# MARLOW TOWN



## Seymour Park Recreation Ground

In our last edition, we reported that a new play area for ages 8-13 years had commenced construction, with a grant obtained by Marlow Town Council from the Department of Children, Schools and Families in association with Wycombe District Council. Although the play area has been in use for the last few weeks, the Deputy Mayor, The Town Council held an official opening on Tuesday 9th March. Cllr Roger Wilson officially declared the play area open on behalf of the Town Council. Children from Sandygate School and Holy Trinity joined the Deputy Mayor, Town Clerk Howard Bellairs, Marlow Town Councillors, Jo Braybrooke, Suzanne Brown, Doug Anson and June Coleridge. Sarah Brion from Wycombe District Council, who provided invaluable support to the Town Council during the planning and construction of the area, Alison White from Bucks County Council, together with representatives from Safe and Sound the play equipment company who constructed the play area.

It is obvious from these photos that the equipment is enjoyed by the children and it is hoped that it will continue to be well used.

A small amount of additional funding has been made available by the DCSF and Wycombe District Council and by the end of March it is hoped that an additional piece of equipment called a Rodeo Board will have been installed. The new equipment looks as if it will be great fun for youngsters to use, providing for some exciting and challenging play.

The play area has unfortunately always suffered problems with irresponsible dog walkers not clearing up after their

dog has fouled. Following the opening of the play area for use by children, there have been numerous complaints about dogs fouling the surface area around the play equipment and indeed urinating on the equipment itself. The dog warden has been notified and where possible prosecutions will be brought. If you are a dog walker using the recreation ground, please watch your dog and remove any fouling. This is a serious issue which can lead to infections causing blindness.

The Town Council requests all dogwalkers to act responsibly at all times to ensure that this area can be safely enjoyed by everyone.



## Marlow Flood Alleviation Scheme

As part of the preparation works for the flood alleviation scheme, the Environment Agency has served a number of compulsory purchase orders as part of the process towards the construction, use and maintenance of flood defence walls, low level flood bunds, compensatory storage areas, bore holes, underground water pipes and associated flood defence infrastructure and works which are necessary for flood defence in and around the south-west of Marlow. This is essentially the Pound Lane area and the Gossmore Recreation area.

Copies of all the documentation are held at the Town Council offices for public viewing. Please contact the Town Council office to make an appointment for viewing.

# COUNCIL NEWS

## Post Office

It is some considerable time since the Post Office in the High Street closed and made a "temporary" relocation to portakabins at the Dean Street Car Park. While this temporary arrangement solved the immediate problem of providing a Post Office counter service in the High Street area, it was never fully satisfactory.

The Town Council has been working for some time with the Post Office and with Wycombe District Council to find suitable alternative premises. As a result, the new Post Office is now located at 55a High Street, sharing accommodation with the relocated Marlow Area Information Office. Although the new address refers to the High Street, the new Post Office is actually situated behind the jewellers on the corner of the High Street and Institute Road in what used to be the old Marlow Bureau site.

Apart from this new Post Office branch, there are two alternative Post Office services that can be used: Oaktree Road branch and Marlow Bottom branch. The Town Council hopes that all residents will find that this new Post Office is able to offer all the facilities and services of a main branch. Its opening times are Monday-Friday 9am-5.30pm and Saturday 9am-12.30pm.

Customers can still collect benefits in cash using its everyday banking services or Post Office card account.

Unfortunately the Post Office still need to undertake satisfactory measures to ensure that there is good access into the premises for mobility impaired. The Post Office have assured the Town Council that this work will be undertaken. Hopefully when the new access is completed, the Post Office will meet the requirements of all residents.

Wycombe District Council's Information Centre will have relocated to their new premises at 55a High Street on Monday 15th March.



## Marlow Shopmobility

This service is up and running from Court Garden Leisure Centre. Please call Shopmobility on 01628 405218 to book wheelchairs. The Town Council is still seeking sponsorship to help fund this vital service so please contact the Town Council if you are able to help on 01628 484024.



## French Market

The French Market will be in Higginson Park during the May Bank Holiday as usual. It is always well supported and a popular event within the Town. For further details contact the Town Council Office or our website [www.marlowtowncouncil.org.uk](http://www.marlowtowncouncil.org.uk).



## Forthcoming meetings:

Town Council: May 4, June 15, July 7

AGM/Annual Parish,

Mayor elected for 2010-2011: May 4

Finance Services & Admin: April 6, May 4, June 29

PET: April 20, May 11, June 1, June 22, July 13

Mayor & Chairman of Council - Cllr Neil Marshall

Chairman of Finance Committee

- Cllr Mrs Jocelyn Towns

Chairman of Planning, Environment & Planning

Committee - Cllr Roger Wilson

Town Clerk - Howard Bellairs

Deputy Clerk - Katherine Joy

PA to Town Mayor/Town Clerk - Jan Bailey

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Administration Officer - Margit Walker

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## Forthcoming Town Council Events

MAYOR'S CHARITY GOLF DAY April 27 (see page 8)

REGATTA & FESTIVAL June 12 (see page15)

# 2010...

## The Year to be Good to Yourself!



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Based at The Quad Club at Crowne Plaza Marlow Hannah is available to all Quad Club members for advice and setting exercise programmes to suit your lifestyle. The team at Quad offers a warm and friendly welcome to all and are happy to encourage all members to stick to their good intentions.

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# Marlow Town Mayor's Golf Day

Tuesday April 27, 2010

Cllr Neil Marshall will be holding his 2nd Charity Golf Day, and the 7th Mayoral Charity Golf Day, on Tuesday April 27 at Harleyford Golf Course.

The event is to raise much needed funds for the Newlife charity. Newlife Foundation puts the disabled child's needs first. On a daily basis they are the "specialists for special children". One call to the charity means that families have access to a Newlife Nurse who will listen to the situation and explain what the possibilities are for Newlife to offer support and advice. Many families are not aware of what help is available to them. Newlife nurses have all the information and clinical skills to offer support. They will identify a need for special equipment and where to get it and can also offer a grant.

Newlife has links to sources of the latest research both in the UK and overseas.

The cost to enter a Team of 4 is £275. This includes light refreshments before teeing off, a day's golf at the prestigious Harleyford Golf Course, and a three-course dinner in the early evening. Prizes will be awarded to the Winning Team, Individual Winner, Longest Drive and Nearest the Pin. If you cannot make a team of 4 but would still like to take part,

please contact Jan Bailey at Marlow Town Council as we can perhaps put you in touch with other individuals in order to create a team.

Companies or individuals are welcome to sponsor "A Hole". This would be at a cost of £200 and this will enable you to display a banner or posters at the designated hole and also be mentioned in any publicity surrounding this event. Other sponsorship is welcome for this event.

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# The Future of Marlow Opportunity Playgroup?

Marlow Opportunity Playgroup has been operating from the British Red Cross Hall in Marlow for more than 40 years. It was part of the Red Cross until April 2005, when the playgroup became an independent charity. All users of the Red Cross Hall in Victoria Road have recently been advised of the Red Cross's intention to sell the hall.

The playgroup is unique in this area as it is primarily for children with special needs under the age of five and it currently has 35 children on register, many of whom have profound and complex needs.

We have a highly trained and experienced staff team who work closely with visiting therapists to deliver individually set programmes which can be incorporated into the children's play. The children who are referred to the playgroup (often by paediatricians at Wycombe Hospital) would find it difficult to access a mainstream playgroup or nursery.

We are desperate to find a solution to ensure our future

operation which we would love to keep in Marlow - preferably in the building where we have been for the last 40 years - and where we have always been well supported by local groups and companies.

If you feel you can help the playgroup please contact Jane Gibbons on 01628 483345.



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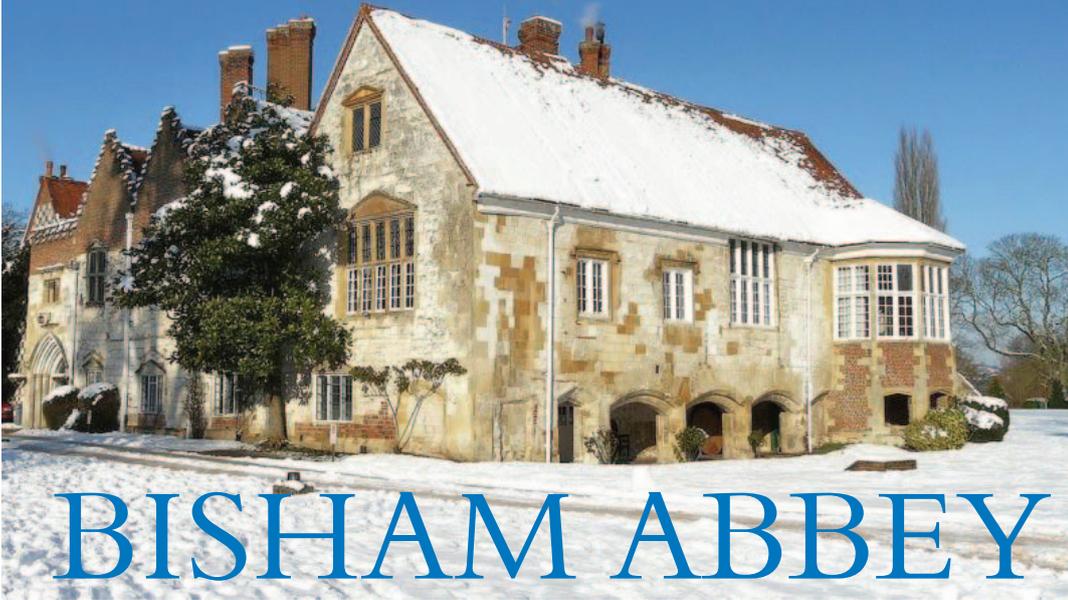
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*A history of...*



Close by the Thames near Marlow, Bisham Abbey has witnessed a rich slice of English history. But Bisham (the name of the Abbey, like the village, should properly be pronounced as 'Bizum') was a Priory, not an Abbey, for much of its life, and most of what we now see is, in fact, a Tudor mansion. It was originally built around 1260 as a preceptory of the immensely powerful Knights Templar. On the suppression of that Order, it passed into the hands of William Montacute, Earl of Salisbury, who then built a priory here for Austin Canons in 1337. The nearness of this Priory to Windsor Castle would have led to heavy claims on this community's hospitality.

In July 1536, Bisham Priory was surrendered to Henry VIII on the suppression of the monasteries. Uniquely among all the monasteries of England, it was then selected by the fickle King to be re-established on grander scale as an abbey. In December 1537, a charter was granted to this new abbey of the Holy Trinity. It lasted, however, for only six months before the Abbot, John Cordrey, and his monks were again forced to surrender Bisham Abbey to the King's appointees.

During its complex history, Edward II used this establishment to imprison Queen Elizabeth of the Scots, the wife of King Robert the Bruce, and her female relatives in 1310. Following the dissolution, it served for about two hundred years as the main residence of the Montacutes, who became Earls of Salisbury. One of that line of illustrious Earls, who merit mention by Shakespeare, was Richard Neville, known to history as Warwick the Kingmaker, the wealthiest and most powerful English peer of his age. A principal protagonist

in the Wars of the Roses, he lies buried somewhere in the grounds of Bisham Abbey. It was probably also a virtual gaol for Princess Elizabeth, later Queen Elizabeth I, who was imprisoned by her sister, Queen Mary, around the period 1555 and 1558. An ancient holy well close by still bears Elizabeth's name.

After its dissolution, Bisham Abbey was given by King Henry VIII to his former Queen, Anne of Cleves. Following Anne's death, Bisham Abbey passed onto Sir Thomas Hoby, the man

who was responsible for the custody of Princess Elizabeth during the reign of Mary Tudor. It was the Hobys who demolished the monastic church on the site while adding the fine bay window to the northern end (see photo) and, in 1560, an imposing brick tower. After her accession, Queen Elizabeth I appointed Sir Thomas as Ambassador to France. It is his wife, Dame Elizabeth, who is purportedly the tormented ghost who haunts the Abbey. A son, curiously named Thomas Posthumous from being born after his father's death, is believed to be the inspiration for Shakespeare's comic figure of Sir Andrew Aguecheek in *Twelfth Night*.

When the Hoby line ran out, the Abbey passed into the hands of the Vansittarts, the first member of that family to live there, George, having made his fortune in India. Adding Neale to the family name in due course, this family and its descendants held the Abbey, the estate and village, up until 1965 when death duties necessitated their sale. The Abbey, which had been let to the Central Council for Physical Recreation as a memorial to two brothers in the family who were killed in the Second World War, was then purchased as the CCPR's first residential site. Bisham Abbey still remains in the hands of a successor body, Sport England.

Stonor House in the Chilterns, a few miles outside Henley, now provides a home for furniture, portraits, china and other objects of interest which came from Bisham Abbey, the families of these two houses having had links. A comprehensive history *The Story of Bisham Abbey* by Piers Compton was published in 1973.

*Article by Jeff Griffiths.*

# New Age for Wycombe's Bus Stops

Regular bus passengers travelling through Wycombe district may have noticed something different about their stops lately. The humble bus stop is being transformed by electronic information systems known as Ibis units.



Ibis units are a similar size to the traditional timetable case but exact arrival times are given through the nextBus, real time information system. This is where satellite technology tracks buses as they travel, so passengers can know exactly in how many minutes their bus will arrive.

Residents with visual impairments can listen to an audio version of this by selecting nextBus audio.

The units which run on solar power also contain useful information including full timetables of all the bus services calling at that stop, route maps and a local interest page. Around 30 have already been installed around Wycombe, Marlow and Princes Risborough and more are due to be installed throughout Buckinghamshire this year.

Valerie Letheren, cabinet member for transport, said: "These unique information systems will be a great asset to residents travelling by bus. This is one of the many ways that Transport for Buckinghamshire is showing our continued commitment to providing residents with high quality travel information to enable them to make the best travel choice for their journey."

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# Times past... Times present



In February, the Year 1 children of Marlow Church of England Infant School invited some Grandparents and older members of the community to come to school to talk about their experiences of life when they were their age.

The day arrived and the visitors all looked rather nervous and not quite sure what to expect but all carried bags with objects and pictures to show the children. The children were very excited and eager to ask their questions. One of the first questions asked was 'What did you play with?' which prompted much delving into bags as all the visitors had managed to either bring the actual toys they had played with or an up-to-date version.

Other questions that were frequently asked were 'Where did you go out to?' and 'Did you go out to restaurants?' The children were quite surprised to find that going out usually meant going to the cinema to watch films and cartoons mainly in black and white. They also found it hard to believe that computers and televisions were not around but children's programmes could be listened to on the radio, which was called 'the wireless'. As for going out to restaurants, there was a resounding 'no' from all the visitors as the only time you went out to eat was to go to dinner or tea at your grandparents. As a special treat at holiday time you might go and buy 'fish and chips' and bring them home to eat.

A group of children wanted to know about the schools the Grandparents went to. 'How did you get there?' 'What did you wear?' One visitor volunteered that her uniform was a white blouse with a green and yellow striped tie and a green skirt.

She walked a mile to school every morning, going home at lunchtime, because her school did not supply

dinners and you did not take packed lunches, then returning to school for the afternoon. She also described how her family did the shopping and she explained how she would go to the High Street with her mother and go to lots of different shops. There were no supermarkets then, so you went to the grocers, the butchers, the greengrocer, the bakers or the chemist, depending on what you needed to buy.



The boys in particular wanted to know if you made any of your toys. A visitor told them how he used to go fishing. He brought with him a jam jar with a piece of string tied round the top and showed them how he would have a small piece of bread, which he would put a drop of water on before rolling it into a ball in his hand then taking a little piece of this to stick into the bottom of the jar. Now he was ready to fish so would kneel on the riverbank and pull the jar through the water hoping to catch little fishes. It is unlikely that too many parents would now be very keen for their children to be let loose on the riverbank to fish without supervision, as this Grandparent had done when he was their age!

The afternoon went by very quickly and the visitors looked relaxed, having enjoyed the time reminiscing about their past, and the children had a much better idea of what life was like in days gone by.



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# A history of... PLATTS MOTOR COMPANY

James and Mary Platt came to Marlow in the early 20th Century, to manage Blounts Farm, Chalkpit Lane. Their son, Reg Platt, had an engineering, rather than farming, bent so he started two businesses in Marlow around the mid 1920's. One was a wireless repair business, and the other was a car sales and maintenance operation. Initially he rented a single room in the White Lion Pub in Quoiting Square, selling Ford and Morris cars. Reg was forced to drop Ford and so concentrated on selling Morris and MG's (Morris Garages, the sports car offshoot of Morris). As the business grew he purchased the whole building, and moved the workshop onto the Oxford Road site it is today. During the 30's Reg had a great passion for the MG cars, owning many and helping the fledgling MG owners club, with Quoiting Square being used as a starting point for many MG rallies. During the 2nd World War parts of Spitfires were built in the motor workshop and the radio repair business helped make radio equipment and sonars for the war effort.

In the early 50's Reg was joined by his son, Jim Platt, who had studied engineering at Imperial College. Reg concentrated on the car sales operation, while Jim oversaw the repair workshop. The workshop business flourished and expanded in the early 60's when the coal yard next door closed down.

During this period Morris had been amalgamated with a number of other British car manufactures to form British Leyland. Makes now sold by Platts Garage included Morris, Austin, Austin Healey, Riley, Wolseley, Vanden Plas, MG and Mini. In the late 50's and early 60's they even sold the Messerschmitt bubble car. British Leyland eventually became Austin Rover as the disparate group



went through numerous restructures. In the early 80's the business was offered the opportunity to become a Ford dealer, at a time when Ford had 30% of the UK market. This was an opportunity too good to be missed, and so Platts Garage switched back to the brand it had first sold in the 20's.

In the 90's Reg's Grandson, Tim Platt, joined the firm. The business then expanded by purchasing a site in High Wycombe and taking on the little know Korean product, Hyundai. This relationship has proved very fruitful with Hyundai expanding its market share to the point where Platts have recently had to purchase a larger site to move its Hyundai dealership to.

Today Platts Motor Company has a flourishing Ford dealership and all makes service centre in Marlow, and a rapidly expanding Hyundai dealership between High Wycombe and Beaconsfield. I'm sure Reg would be proud to know that his business is still going strong after 90 years.

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# Prison or Community Sentence?

... Your chance to decide



The Local Crime Community Sentence project (LCCS) is a joint venture by Thames Valley Probation staff and local magistrates. Its aim is to increase the knowledge and understanding of courts and what happens to offenders afterwards.

Would you like to 'be the judge', looking at the facts of a real case, then deciding whether the person goes to prison or is given a community sentence? You then hear what really happened in that case.

A presentation will be held on **Tuesday April 6 from 6pm - 7.30pm**, at Marlow Town Council, The Higginson Room, Court Garden, Pound Lane, Marlow.

The presentation is absolutely free of charge and is both informative and fun. You can reserve your place by contacting Katherine Joy on **01628 484024** or email

**katherine@marlowtowncouncil.org.uk**.

Please note places are limited so booking is essential. We look forward to seeing you there.



## 1811 (Marlow) Squadron Air Training Corps

Many, if not most, Marlovians are probably unaware of the old building situated to the left of Marlow Library in Institute Road, just off the High Street. It is known as The Armoury, and within its walls is the Headquarters of 1811 (Marlow) Squadron, Air Training Corps.

The Air Training Corps is supported and financed by the Royal Air Force and the Ministry of Defence. Its objectives are to promote and encourage an interest in the RAF and aviation, to provide training and develop qualities of

leadership and citizenship in young people. It's also a huge amount of fun! Your local Squadron is overseen by the Commanding Officer, Flt Lt Garry Cairns, and supported by Warrant Officer John Limback and Sergeant Rachel Howlett. Specialist subjects are taught by Civilian Instructors and visiting RAF officers.

1811 Squadron is open to boys and girls between the ages of 13 and 17. We meet on Wednesday and Friday evenings between 7.15pm and 9.45pm - Parade Nights. There's plenty going on: lectures on the theory of flight, radio and radar, history of the RAF, map reading, special projects, target shooting - and of course drill. Cadets are able to take part in the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme and also work towards a BTEC Certificate or Diploma. Visits to RAF stations and work experience also take place, and in 2009 two cadets took part in the annual four-day Nijmegen March.

There are also opportunities to fly in powered aircraft from RAF Benson in Oxfordshire and gliders from RAF Halton, near Aylesbury.

The Squadron has a presence at the annual Marlow Regatta, and more formally takes part in the annual Remembrance Day Parade. We are always recruiting, so please feel free to pop in on a Parade Night and have a look. You may also like to visit the main website [www.raf.mod.uk/aircadets](http://www.raf.mod.uk/aircadets).

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# What's On?

in and around Marlow

## APRIL

- 5th Cllr Doug Anson will be giving out Easter eggs for all under 7's in Higginson Park, near the cafe. He will be there for one hour from 11.00am - 12.00pm while stocks last. Councillor Anson has handed out free Easter eggs for many years as part of his charity work
- 4th **Choral Evensong for Easter Day** 18.30, with the Men & Boys' and the Girls' Choir of All Saints' Church,
- 5th **Marlow Football Club** home game versus Slough Town, kick off 19.45.
- 8th **Marlow Knitting Group**, bring your knitting or crochet for a chat over coffee, 10.00-12.00, Costa Coffee, West Street.
- 10th **Marlow Football Club** home game versus Atherstone Town, kick off 15.00.
- 10th **Bucks Symphonic Wind Ensemble Concert**, 19.30, All Saints' Church.
- 11th **Music for a Sunday Afternoon**, Robert Vanryne (Trumpet) & Constanze Vanryne (Soprano). Music of the Italian Baroque, 16.00, All Saints' Church.
- 13th **Marlow & District Horticultural Society**, a talk by Barbara Askew, 'Plant Hunters', 20.00, Liston Hall.
- 18th **Car Boot Sale**, 07.30-12.00, Great Marlow School, Bobmore Lane.
- 22nd **'Nature's Patterns'**, an event organised by the Four Ends Flower Club, 14.00, Lane End Village Hall.
- 25th **Music for a Sunday Afternoon**, Bob Gibbard (Baritone) & Carol Gibbard (Piano), 16.00, All Saints' Church.

## MAY

- 1-3rd **French Market**, Higginson Park.
- 3rd **Marlow Spring Regatta**.
- 7th **Lunch-time Organ Concert**: Jonathan Gregory, Director of Music, Leicester Cathedral, 13.10-13.50, All Saints' Church.
- 8th **Celebrity Organ Concert** by D'Arcy Trinkwon, International Concert Organist, 19.30, All Saints' Church.
- 11th **Marlow & District Horticultural Society**, a talk by Edwin Rye, 'BBC Gardener of the Year 2002', 20.00, Liston Hall.
- 13th **Marlow Knitting Group**, bring your knitting or crochet for a chat over coffee, 10.00-12.00, Costa Coffee, West Street.
- 14th **Lunch-time Organ Concert**: Clem Virgo, Director of Music, All Saints', 13.10-13.50, All Saints' Church.

- 16th **Car Boot Sale**, 07.30-12.00, Great Marlow School, Bobmore Lane.
- 16th **Music for a Sunday Afternoon**, concert by Jeremy Rowe (Counter-Tenor). A delightful programme of songs for all tastes, 16.00, All Saints' Church.
- 21th **Lunch-time Organ Concert**: Tony Philpot, Assistant Organist, All Saints' Church H/W, 13.10-13.50, All Saints' Church.
- 23th **Festival Choral Evensong** at All Saints' Church, Marlow, 18.30, for Whitsunday and in Celebration of the Wycombe Arts Festival. The Men & Boys' Choir of All Saint's Church, Marlow are joined by the Choir of All Saints' Church, High Wycombe.
- 26th **Recital Concert by Jill Crossland** - Piano, 20.00, All Saints' Church.
- 27th **Archaeology in Marlow AGM**, 20.00, Garden Room, Liston Hall.
- 27th **'Angles on Design'**, an event organised by the Four Ends Flower Club, 14.00, Lane End Village Hall.
- 28th **Lunch-time Organ Concert**: Richard Hobson, Director of Music, Merchant Taylors School, Northwood, 13.10-13.50, All Saints' Church.

## JUNE

- 8th **Marlow & District Horticultural Society**, a talk by Roger Turner, 'The Naked Gardener', 20.00, Liston Hall.
- 10th **Marlow Knitting Group**, bring your knitting or crochet for a chat over coffee, 10.00-12.00, Costa Coffee, West Street.
- 10th **'Fine Houses in the Thames & Chilterns'**, a talk for Archaeology in Marlow, 20.00, Garden Room, Liston Hall.
- 12-13th **Marlow Town Regatta & Festival**.
- 13th **'Juice Voice Ensemble'**, a concert by this stunning a capella trio of female voices, 16.00, All Saints' Church.(B)
- 19-20th **Marlow Regatta**, Dorney Lake.
- 20th **Car Boot Sale**, 07.30-12.00, Great Marlow School, Bobmore Lane.
- 21th **Choral Evensong for St John the Baptist**, sung by the Men & Boys' Choir, 18.30, All Saints' Church.
- 24th **Four Ends Flower Club Mini-Show**, 14.00, Lane End Village Hall.
- 26th **Midsummer Madness - Family Fun Day**, 18th **High Wycombe Half Marathon**.
- 19-23th **Swan Upping Week on the River Thames**.
- 22th **'Dancing with Flowers'**, an event organised by the Four Ends Flower Club, 14.00, Lane End Village Hall.



# Marlow Town Regatta & Festival

Saturday & Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> June 2010



## Saturday June 12<sup>th</sup> Marlow Town Regatta

Rowing viewed from the enclosure

Bar, food outlets and music in the enclosure



Gold Subscribers have access to an exclusive marquee and garden area inside the enclosure. Part of the main bar is reserved for Gold Subscribers only and the badge includes an exclusive barbecue lunch at Court Garden. Further details are available at [www.marlowtownregatta.org.uk](http://www.marlowtownregatta.org.uk)

Reserved cricket ground car parking and picnicking

Craft Fair, Trade and Charity Stalls and the Marlow Showcase

## Sunday June 13<sup>th</sup> Festival Day

Dragon Boat Racing

Craft Fair, Trade and Charity Stalls and the Marlow Showcase

### Party in the Park at 19.00

'The Magic of Abba' & 'The Bruvvers'  
followed by fireworks



### All Saints Church at 16.00

'Juice' Vocal Ensemble  
Find out more at [www.juicevocalensemble.net](http://www.juicevocalensemble.net)



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# Marlow Town Regatta and Festival - New Subscriber Badge/Ticket Request Form

Valid from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2010 until on or before June 4<sup>th</sup> 2010



**Applications on this form will be processed from April 1<sup>st</sup> and must be received at the latest by June 4<sup>th</sup>. Applications to become a new Subscriber for Regatta Day may close before June 4<sup>th</sup>, if our optimum capacity is reached. In this event your application will be returned. No Saturday badges will be available after June 4<sup>th</sup>, or on the day. The status of badge availability will be regularly updated on the MTRF website - [www.marlowtownregatta.org.uk](http://www.marlowtownregatta.org.uk) FAQ's in relation to the Regatta and Festival weekend are also posted on this website.**

Name		Address	
Telephone	Mobile	e-mail	

Regatta Day - Saturday June 12 <sup>th</sup>	Number	£ value
Adult Subscriber Regatta Gold Badges (Age 18 years+) @ £60 ( <i>Maximum two badges</i> )		
Adult Guest Regatta Gold Badges (Age 18 years+) @ £60		
Junior Guest Regatta Gold Badges (Age 11-17 years) @ £60 ( <i>Gold badges are not available for under 11's</i> )		
Adult Subscriber Badges (Age 18 years+) @ £20 ( <i>Maximum two badges</i> )		
Adult Guest Badges (Age 18 years+) @ £20		
Junior Guest Badges (Age 11-17 years) @ £10 ( <i>Must be purchased by an adult Subscriber</i> )		
<i>Enclose the names for all Junior guest badges and addresses where the Junior badge holder does not live at the address of the Subscriber</i>		
Child Badges (Under 11 years) - FREE		<del>£</del>
Cricket Ground - Reserved Car Park/Picnic Area Spaces @ £20		

Festival Day - Dragon Boat Racing & Concert Day - Sunday June 13 <sup>th</sup>	Number	£ value
Sunday Enclosure Badges - Dragon Boat Racing (Age 5 years+) @ £3 each		
Family Badges - Dragon Boat Racing @ £8 in total (2 Adults and up to three 5-17's)	<del>£</del>	
<i>Please state number of individual Sunday enclosure family badges required up to a maximum of 5</i>		<del>£</del>
'Juice' Vocal Ensemble Tickets (Age 11 years+) at 16.00 hrs @ £8 each (at All Saints Church)		
'Party in the Park' Tickets 'The Magic of Abba' & 'The Bruvvers' at 19.00 hrs @ £15 each (11 years+)		
'Party in the Park' Tickets (Age 5 to 10 years - under 5's free) at 19.00 hrs @ £8 each		
Total value of Badges & Tickets (Cheque payable to MTRF Ltd)		£

This form, together with your cheque, should be sent to **MTRF bookings, PO Box 3250, Marlow, Bucks SL7 1WR**. If you supply an e-mail address we will acknowledge receipt of your application by e-mail. We will bank cheques on receipt and we will send out badges and tickets for Subscribers and their guests at the latest by June 4<sup>th</sup>. Once sent out, tickets will be non-refundable. For all enquiries relating to Subscriber ticketing please e-mail: [info@marlowtownregatta.org.uk](mailto:info@marlowtownregatta.org.uk) or call the MTRF ticket enquiry line on 07870 391040 during 14.00 to 16.30 on weekdays. **I have noted and agree to my responsibilities as a Subscriber.**

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

### Conditions for Subscriber Status

We are supporting 'Challenge 21' and Regatta Subscribers and their adult guests who appear to be under the age of 21, will be requested to provide photographic identification (normally a passport or a driving licence) at the entrance to the enclosure and at the bar, because of the control of under-age drinking. Adult badge holders who appear under the age of 21, who cannot provide proof of their age, 18 years or above, may be refused entry to the enclosure and no refunds will be available. All guests under the age of 18 years must wear an appropriate badge. Failure to ensure this happens could mean the loss of Subscriber status for the adult purchaser. Subscribers must accept full responsibility for meeting the dress code on Regatta Day, both for themselves and their guests. Subscribers must also accept responsibility for the behaviour of their guests whilst in the enclosure. **Saturday Regatta Enclosure Dress Code:** Gentlemen should be smartly dressed in long trousers with blazer or jacket with shirt and tie. Ladies should be dressed smartly in a dress or skirt/trousers and top. Jeans/denim/shorts and trainers are not permitted in the enclosure. **Subscriber & Guest Behaviour Code:** We require our Subscribers and their guests to respect the law in relation to under-age drinking and the use of all forms of recreational drugs. A search policy in relation to drugs, weapons and alcohol will be adopted at the enclosure entrance. The use of offensive language or threatening behaviour will not be tolerated. Security personnel are instructed to expel offenders and report all instances of the above to the police without question.

# Club News...

## THE MARLOW CHAMBER OF TRADE AND COMMERCE

The Marlow Chamber of Trade and Commerce organised another successful Late Night Shopping Event in December with many charity and commercial stalls. Lots of shops opened for the evening, and although some people did not purchase on the night, we know that many visitors returned at a quieter time to purchase gifts for Christmas.

With regard to the Christmas lights, we would like to thank all those companies and residents who donated towards next year's display. We were disappointed this year by the lights and the Marlow Chamber is in discussion with Wycombe District Council to ensure the monies donated are used to bring the lights up to the standard we are used to in Marlow.

Following the success of the Scarecrow Trail last year, the Marlow Chamber of Commerce is organising an April Fool trail from Thursday April 1 to Wednesday April 7.

Shops/businesses will place an object in their window display which they do not normally sell, and all those taking part in the trail have to do is to find and note down the item. It could be very small! Easy, isn't it, and great fun. Keep an eye open in the Press and in the shops for further details nearer the time. We are also organising another Scarecrow Trail for July so keep looking for details of that event.



## ROTARY CLUB OF MARLOW

### ROTARY AND FRIENDS SEND URGENT SUPPORT TO HAITI

The Rotary Club of Marlow has started the new decade with its usual determination to support and help the local community here in Marlow, and also those less fortunate overseas: in particular in disaster areas such as Haiti.

Thanks to the support of the people of Marlow the Club has raised money, received donations and combined with two partners to send several much needed Shelter Boxes and Aqua Boxes to help provide tents and medical/water treatment equipment to the many suffering in the earthquake area of Haiti.

Pupils and staff of Danesfield School raised some £350 at a school Mufti Day and 3 Ladies Clubs in Marlow - Tangent, Ladies Circle, and Inner Wheel raised a similar amount at a combined Charity Lunch.

All monies raised were to go to Haiti and were sent direct to local Rotary Clubs to ensure that nothing was wasted on administration costs.

Here, in Marlow, the Rotary Club has a busy schedule of work and events planned for 2010, having already held



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Could you spare any time to:

**Help cook lunch for us?**

or

**Drive our minibus?**

or

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Next to the Doctors Surgery

Young Chef and Youth Speakers Competitions for school children and also the popular annual Charity Jazz Night Concert, Bridge Night and Rotary Youth Concert in the stunning setting of All Saints Church.



Future charity events being organised by the Rotary Club of Marlow will include:

- **Gentle Jazz Big Band Concert** in the Shelley Theatre, Marlow 8pm Saturday 1st May
- **Kids Day Out for Disadvantaged Children**, Wednesday 16th May
- **Senior citizens Boat Trip on the River Thames**, Wednesday 14th July 1pm
- **Santa's Fun Run**, Sunday 5th December

For more details about these and other events organised by the Rotary Club of Marlow, or more details about Rotary International and membership, please visit our website, [www.marlow-rotary.org.uk](http://www.marlow-rotary.org.uk) or contact the Club's Secretary, Reg Markham on [secretary.rotaryclubofmarlow@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:secretary.rotaryclubofmarlow@hotmail.co.uk) or contact any Rotarian.

# Crimestoppers helps you fight crime

Some people with information about crime or criminals don't want to get involved with the police. They may know something about a family member, neighbour, or work colleague or they may be afraid of reprisals. But those fears and concerns need not stop them reporting what they know. By calling the independent Crimestoppers charity on 0800 555 111 they can pass on information anonymously. No caller is asked for their name and no call is traced or recorded. But the information received through Crimestoppers does help to solve crime.

Since Crimestoppers was set up in the Thames Valley in 1999, 16,000 callers have given valuable intelligence anonymously and as a result more than 1,800 people have been arrested and charged. Their offences ranged from murder, arson and serious assault to drink driving, theft and vandalism. The largest number of calls is about drug dealing which still remains a major problem. Nationally, an average of 19 arrests are made each day and one person every four days is charged with murder - all as a direct result of anonymous calls to Crimestoppers.

In many cases, the piece of information given by an anonymous caller is the final piece in a jigsaw of intelligence and the police rate the material provided from Crimestoppers sources as being very significant to them.

Of course it is always best to speak directly to the police, to make a statement and be willing to appear in court as a witness. But it is a fact that many people don't want to get involved so, for them, Crimestoppers 0800 555 111 is the alternative to speaking to the police. Whatever the situation, the police can't solve crime alone and those who call Crimestoppers 0800 555 111 anonymously are helping to make communities safer.

More information can be obtained from [www.crimestoppers-uk.org](http://www.crimestoppers-uk.org) and there is a special web site for young people: [www.shadowcs.co.uk](http://www.shadowcs.co.uk)



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Thames Valley  
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Call anonymously with information about crime



Marlow is a beautiful town with a rich history of remarkable people being at home here: authors, innovators, artists, chefs, sports men and women, engineers. A lot is known and written about Marlow's heritage, history and status, as a beautiful Chilterns and Thames-side town. We are a favourite tourist destination for people from around the world.

Today, Marlow has a thriving community, brilliant schools, successful businesses and a wealth of wonderful amenities. But what might Marlow look like in 20 or 50 years time? What new thing might our home town become famous for over this period? Is the future bright for today's Marlow children? What might the people of Marlow do today to make Marlow children proud?

Globally our world has probably never looked more fragile. Our home planet is under tremendous strain, and some of that global stress inevitably rubs off on local people's outlook. A growing body of us consider the twin peaks of oil and carbon emissions to be the biggest challenge we'll ever have to face. The era of cheap oil is ending. Oil has underpinned everything we take for granted in our modern way of life: food, energy, services, transport. Is it conceivable that Marlow in 2050 will look different from the Marlow of today? Yes - actually it is inevitable.

So what do we want the new Marlow to look like? The choice is ours. If we can stare the problem in the eye, we will see that we are the generation that can shape the

transition of our economy, locally at least, from one soaked in oil to one that can somehow function post oil. A community that is resilient and sustainable, rich in locally harnessed renewable energy, in local agriculture, in local services, in community, soaked only in local beer!

Transition Town Marlow is a growing group of concerned citizens who come together to share their visions for the Marlow they love and who are trying to ease the transition towards the future. Whether it be more people cycling, more solar panels, more wood burning stoves, more community events, more farmers' markets or more home insulation, the group is starting to do what it can to influence positively our common possible future.

We aim to create a viable degree of sustainability and resilience - the ability to withstand environmental changes. Together, as a community, we have many of the resources and skills to reduce our own carbon footprint and, co-operating with other transition towns, to help to make a measurable contribution to reducing greenhouse gases in the UK.

The local history books will record that a concerted effort began in 2010, by a bunch of people in the small town of Marlow, UK to mode the best post-carbon community transition any town could wish for. We'd love you to join us. For further information, log on to [www.transitiontowns.org/marlow/marlow](http://www.transitiontowns.org/marlow/marlow) or [www.transitionmarlow.org](http://www.transitionmarlow.org).

## Hold a Fish and Chip Supper to help spinal cord injured people live full and independent lives GREAT BRITISH FISH AND CHIP SUPPER Friday May 21 2010

Want to do something different? Want to raise money where you live or work? Want to eat Fish and Chips, while raising money for charity? Hold a fish and chip supper on Friday 21st May 2010 whilst raising awareness of spinal cord injury and supporting SIA's information and support services.

SIA will provide a fundraising pack to help you containing hints and tips, recipes, invitations and donation envelopes. Last year over 80 suppers took place in England and Wales. In 2010 we want to double that figure and ensure we can provide more support to spinal cord injured people.

The money raised from the suppers will help the Spinal Injuries Association offer support to individuals who become paralysed and their families, from the moment a spinal injury occurs, and for the rest of their lives by providing services and publications which enable and encourage paralysed people to lead independent lives.

Be a part of something special and make a real difference to help spinal cord injured people gain access to the information and support they need to enable them to live full and independent lives.

For more information or request a fundraising pack call Elizabeth Wright on 0845 678 6633 xtn 229 or email [fishandchips@spinal.co.uk](mailto:fishandchips@spinal.co.uk) or visit [www.spinal.co.uk](http://www.spinal.co.uk)

# Flackwell Heath Golf Club



Many drivers who find themselves stuck in a traffic queue on the M40 approaching High Wycombe have gazed longingly through the windscreen at the green slopes of a golf club, with leisurely golfers pitting their skills on a beautifully maintained course of undulating slopes interspersed with pleasant woodland.

It really is a delightful setting to enjoy a game of golf. And with a long-established club whose friendly welcome is its pride, it's no wonder that Flackwell Heath Golf Club has become a firm favourite among golfers from Marlow to Beaconsfield over the past century.

Charles Darwin's grandwon Bernard, a golf writer, described it in 1923 as having "beautiful greens. The turf is true and velvety, neither too fast nor too slow, and the greens are all gently undulating, never flat to the point of dullness, nor steep to that of unfairness."

The first nine holes were laid out in 1904, the next nine in 1907, and two more in 1964, and the club is currently making new improvements under the direction of professional golfer and TV commentator Ken Brown. The par 71 course measures 6,211 yards for men and 5,299 for ladies and is considered a fair test of golfing skill for any level of player.

For Peter Clarke, the club's secretary and manager, the appeal of Flackwell Heath Golf Club is the seriousness of the commitment to improving one's play alongside the friendly sociability of the

members. Regular golf competitions and social events take place throughout the year.

The ladies group is very active with a wide mix of ages and handicap. A Newcomers Club introduces novices to golf rules and etiquette.

Though a private members' club, it welcomes visitors and also organises golf days for groups. And it has a fine club house and pro shop.

Flackwell Heath Golf Club, Treadaway Hill, Flackwell Heath, High Wycombe Bucks HP10 9PE 01628 520929 enquiries@fhgc.co.uk

Flackwell Heath Golf Club is a Private Member's Club established in 1904.

Whilst we may be over 100 years old, we are always looking to the future and our golf course is at the heart of this. Recent investment means we are now providing some of the best greens in the County.

The course runs through rolling heathland with plenty of trees, and with some very challenging par 3's, ensures that all golfers have a full and fair test of their skills.

Flackwell has a well-earned reputation as a friendly club and visitors are most welcome Monday to Friday and societies by arrangement.

New members are also welcome and you will find our subscription levels competitive, starting from just £17 per week, payable by monthly direct debit. So even if you only play once a week, you get good value for your money, plus other membership benefits including discounted bar prices.

However if you just want to come along for a good days golf, ring the Professional Simon Quilliam on 01628 520929 to arrange a tee time.

Membership and Society details can be obtained from the Secretary, Peter Clarke on the same number.

**Flackwell Heath Golf Club, Treadaway Hill, Flackwell Heath, High Wycombe Bucks HP10 9PE  
01628 520929 enquiries@fhgc.co.uk www.fhgc.co.uk**

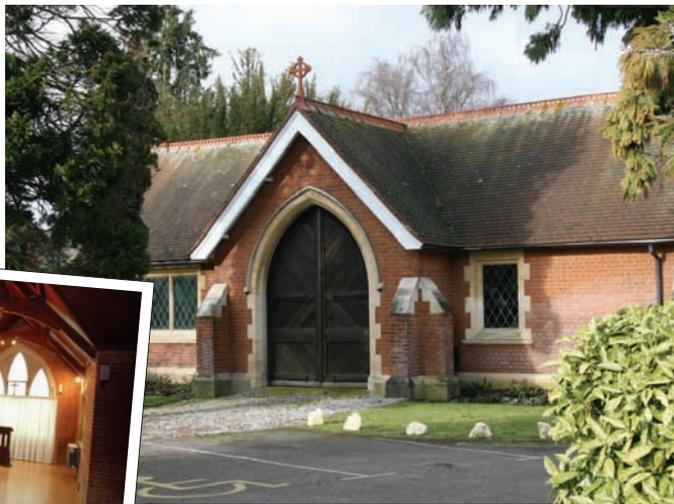


# Town Cemetery Chapel

The Town Cemetery's beautiful brick and stone Chapel, built in 1910, offers a calm and peaceful venue to hold services of all kinds, such as memorial or commemorative services, and is non-denominational.

The Chapel is available to rent from £102 per letting. The Chapel is heated and audio equipment is available for hire. It can comfortably seat 30 with additional standing room for approximately 20.

Please contact Marlow Town Council staff for further information and every effort will be made to meet your requirements.



## An Illustrated Guide to Marlow and Neighbourhood II

In late 2009 John Laker borrowed a book from Mrs Doris Edwards, a lady living in Marlow. It was printed around 1904 and entitled An Illustrated Guide to Marlow and Neighbourhood. It featured 94 pages of texts and photographs and 56 pages of advertisements from local

shops and businesses.

John was so impressed by the contents of this pocket guide, he decided to reproduce it, placing up-to-date photographs next to the original illustrations. So he took new photographs of the featured buildings and views, as well as the shops shown in the advertisement section.

To help fund this expensive project, John approached 160 potential advertisers in the locality.

Nineteen companies supported this

venture during very difficult times, and their generosity allowed a quality A4 landscape hardback book to be published at a very competitive price of £14.99.

The original guide takes us around the town and covers stories about and information on Marlow and district's churches, important buildings and places of interest, as well as presenting a good selection of local walks. It continues with a chapter on Trade in Marlow, followed by the names of the local Councillors and Magistrates, along with a list of local organisations, utility companies and local clubs and societies, concluding with a list of the local places of worship.

There were 44 advertisements in the original Guide, of which only the George and Dragon and Lloyds Bank remain unchanged in name (plus the Chequers, if it reopens as a public house).

It takes us back to the time when bicycles were replacing horse riding and walking, and automobiles were slowly replacing the horse and carriage. It paints a positive picture of the town and, although things have changed considerably since the early 1900s, the picture remains just as positive today.

Hopefully someone will publish An Illustrated Guide to Marlow and Neighbourhood III in about 100 years from now!

For further information on this book, please contact [john@jle-marlow.co.uk](mailto:john@jle-marlow.co.uk)

[www.marlowtowncouncil.org.uk](http://www.marlowtowncouncil.org.uk)

**The Spring Concert by Marlow Choral Society** with Princes Risborough Music Society will feature Grieg's Piano Concerto in A Minor, with soloist Anna Markland, and a performance of Karl Jenkins 'Armed Man'. It will be accompanied by Cygnus Orchestra of London, conducted by Christopher Grant.

**Sunday March 28 at 7.30pm** at the **Wycombe Swan**, tickets (£15 and £12) from **07976 848002** or the **Swan Box Office** on **01494 512000**



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Thinking of selling or letting your home? Already on the market with no offers? Perhaps you need to step back and look at the property through the eyes of a potential buyer. The old saying "You never get a second chance to make a first impression" is never more true than when promoting your biggest asset.

If you find it difficult to take a critical view of your home, why not ask a friend to do it. Simple things like lingering odours from the curry you had the night before, dirty windows or cracked paintwork can all work against a potential sale.

Contrary to popular observation and comment, we are now officially in spring and this is a perfect time to address those areas that have been put on hold over winter. Gardens are starting to come into bloom and it doesn't take a great deal of time or effort to tidy the frontage and enhance that all-important first impression. Check with your agent that they are using refreshed images to advertise and promote your property. If you have put the effort in to make it look its best, you want to convey that to the market place. Digital photography enables us to update a photograph almost instantly so there is no delay in getting your efforts noticed.

A dominant coloured room can make it appear much smaller than it really is. Could a lick of fresh neutral paint help brighten and enlarge the space? Even rearranging furniture can change the whole appearance of a room.

Children's bedrooms can sometimes come with a health warning before the door is even opened. If they are excited about the move, then they should be on-side and understand the need to tidy round and de-clutter. If they haven't played with a toy or game for more than three months then why not pack the item, ready for the move. If a viewer opens a garage door to see a wall of neatly stacked cartons they will think nothing of it other than you are preparing for the move. But empty all the contents of those cartons throughout your home and test the reaction. Everyone lives differently and it is your home and you have to live there. Just be mindful that you need viewers to want to make your home their home and they need to

see what they are buying rather than your worldly goods.

Review with your agent the feedback from viewings that have already taken place. What was it that the applicants didn't like and prevented them from making an offer? If there is a common denominator then it could be easily addressed and overcome.

With the days becoming longer and the clocks going forward this month, buyers have more time to drive around the area and get a feel for locations and maybe spot a house that they had not previously considered. As your home is normally the most valuable asset you possess, it is surely worth making a small effort to get the best result.

I always say that you need to fill the mind of a viewer with positive thoughts. If they then come across a negative then they will ride that as they are still thinking about the good parts. However, if the first thing they see is negative, then no matter how many positive aspects they see, they will always have that first negative preying on their mind.

Let your agent show the house. You are paying them to sell it and they will be aware of how best to show your home.

Ideas for a successful sale are far too many to cover here so if you would like us to inspect your home and give advice on how to present it for market please call us. Our advice is based on many years' firsthand experience, is completely free and without obligation. Even if you are already on the market and just want an alternative view, we are here to help.

To find out more speak to Neal Wood, Senior Manager of Hamptons International at 5 West Street, Marlow, 01628 485234 or email [woodn@hamptons-int.com](mailto:woodn@hamptons-int.com)

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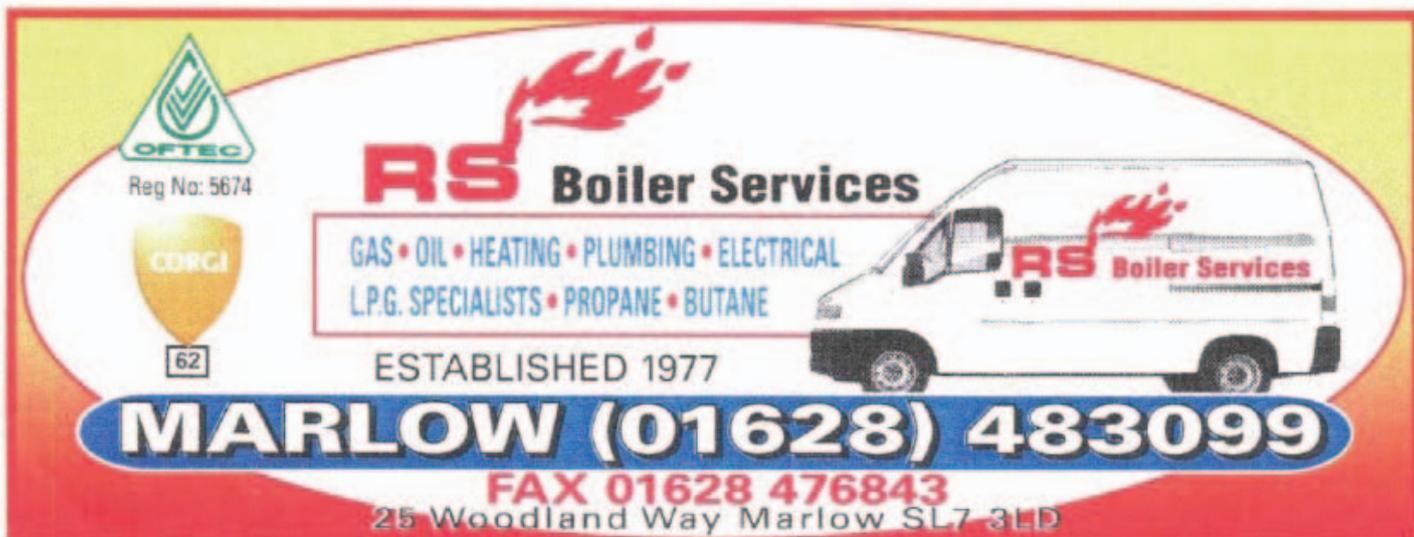


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*Recession, cold night, remote location... no matter, this was still a busy little place.  
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The Queen's Head, which likes to call itself Marlow's Little Secret, has blown its cover. The tucked-away 16th-century hostelry in Little Marlow has just been listed in both the Michelin Eating Out in Pubs Guide and The Good Pub Guide 2010 - which is no surprise to the many locals who had already discovered what chefs Chris Rising and Daniel O'Sullivan have achieved here since taking over nearly two years ago.

Hidden away it may be on a narrow lane next to Little Marlow Manor, but it has enough fans to ensure the necessity of booking a table if you want to eat here at weekends.

So we turned up on a Thursday night. Recession, cold night, remote location... no matter, this was still a busy little place. So what's it doing right?

Daniel reckons their success is due to the consistently high quality of the food, fair prices, and good service. Not to mention the charm of this wonderful old building - all beams and candles, climbing roses and real log fires.

While the village setting and ancient inn offer the allure of history, the cuisine is distinctly contemporary. The chefs are proud to say that local produce is used where possible, and everything is home made.

We started with a terrine of confit duck leg, smooth and savoury, layered with a coarse herby rabbit pate and served with a tangy home made chutney (£6.95): an unusual variation on a favourite theme and very satisfying.

Mains can be straightforward - steak or fried salmon, perhaps - or adventurous, and we were ready for a surprise. It came with pan-fried sea bream (£13.95) served over a veritable medley of flavours. Sweet beetroot mingled with green lentils, chorizo added its deeply sultry notes alongside a fruity tomato and herb oil dressing, with fine beans and mangetout to add colour and texture. This rollicking medley was delightful.

Coq au vin (£12.95) was as rich and luscious as this traditional dish should be, with lots of bacon lardons, caramelised pearl onions and mushrooms. Both main dishes came in large bowls, in generous portions.

Home made puds (£5.75) include such temptations as roasted plum and apricot crumble, and warm banoffee tartlet. But I couldn't resist soft-centred chocolate pudding

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### Macmillan Cancer Support Lunch

Once again the Macmillan Lunch in the Bowater Restaurant was a huge success raising over £700 for the charity. Many thanks to those who supported us.

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