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mayor's message

It has been a busy year so far and likely to get busier! I became engaged at the end of April, gained re-election as a Marlow Town Councillor in May and was elected as Town Mayor shortly after that – a role that is guaranteed to fill my spare time plus I already have a demanding career role!

I moved to Marlow in 1996 with my two daughters then aged eight and ten, and we soon grew to appreciate the vibrancy of the town, which was an important factor for us coming from London.

Having worked for 6 years locally and finding myself out of a job I spent a very happy year running the Marlow Town Health Check project, which gave me some great insights into how a Town Council works. When it was suggested that I become a Councillor, I felt it was a great opportunity to be able to give something back!

In my day job I work for Dun & Bradstreet, the International Business Information provider. I started in a marketing role for 5 years, with a year's break on the aforementioned 'Healthcheck' and now run, what we call our International Bid Process, which is very involved in how we manage our global customers and their needs.

This combined with my role as Town Mayor makes for a very busy life, the only way I can handle this is to be extremely well organised! It helps that most of the Council commitments are held in the evenings and at weekends. If required to fulfil a Mayoral role during the day, I am able to do this as I have a really good working relationship with my boss and the company. I have a fair degree of flexibility, given the long hours worked in a global environment.

I am lucky to have a very helpful Deputy, in Cllr Suzanne Brown, who can step in to attend events on my behalf when necessary. And I would also mention that I have a great team of Councillors who are always

happy to step in and help out when needed!

The role of the Town Mayor is not political but an ambassadorial role for the Town. The Mayor hosts a number of civic functions within the town and attends, wherever possible, requests for a Mayoral presence, not only at local events, organised by the varied organisations and clubs within Marlow, but also in the wider Buckinghamshire community.

It is a very important part of my role to be supportive and listen to residents' needs and issues and show that we care, and where it is in our remit, to do our best to help. The Town is constantly evolving and we try to meet the growing needs of this busy Market Town, by providing a measured approach to the challenges we are set.

My life before moving to Marlow, was also varied. I worked in the music business and then became MD of a film distribution business, releasing feature length films. It was great fun and not like real work, apart from the hours involved! I thought I would miss the hustle and bustle of London life, but am pleased to say that I don't, as Marlow has a buzz and vibrancy of its own, as well as being a very attractive and friendly town. I frequently bump into someone I know when walking down the High Street.

I would like to assure residents that I will do my best to be a good Town Mayor and Councillor for Marlow during my Mayoral year.

Finally, I would like to convey a message of appreciation to the outgoing Town Mayor, Cllr Roger Wilson, for his hard work and guidance during my year as his Deputy Mayor, he was a great ambassador for our Town.

Councillor Jocelyn Towns





Town Centre Improvements

The Town Council has for some time been concerned at the condition and unsightliness of the tree beds surrounding the trees in the High Street. Following agreement with Bucks County Council, the Town Council is to replace the current soil bed with water permeable resin bonded decorative gravel with a water feed for the tree. By the time you read the latest copy of the Marlovian this work should have been completed.

Due to the lack of hard surface pedestrian access to the bus shelter in Wilshire Road, the Town Council is to construct a permanent hard surface pedestrian access to the shelter. Currently bus users have to walk from the footpath behind the shelter across a grassed area which is often muddy and rutted. The Town Council was also concerned that this was very unsuitable for mobility impaired users. These new works will ensure a safe, clean access for all users of the bus shelter.

These works form part of the Town Council's on-going programme of town improvements.

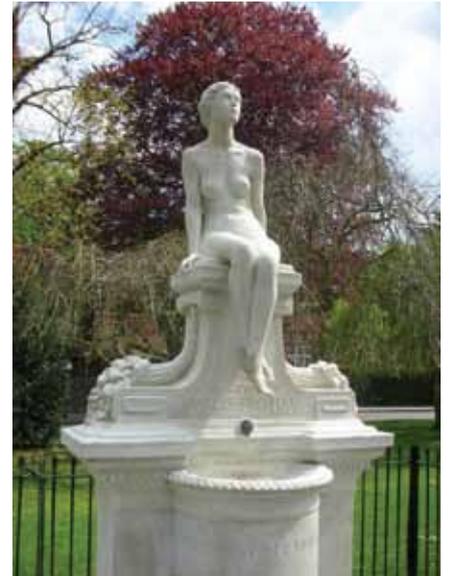
Marlow Bridge

Last year following pressure from the Town Council, the County Council agreed to the redecoration of the steel

work to the bridge and the replacement of defective timbers. Although the work started last year, it was ceased for the winter months. Currently the east side of the bridge is now being redecorated and various timbers being replaced. It is hoped that this work will be completed shortly and it will overall improve the visual appearance. The Town Council will endeavour to ensure that the bridge continues to be maintained to a satisfactory condition, particularly as it is the gateway to Marlow and such an important icon.

Frohman Statue

Following on from the refurbishment of the statue some three years ago, the Town Council is arranging with conservation specialists for the statue to be cleaned in order to maintain it in an on-going good condition.



AGM and Parish Meeting



Cllr Jocelyn Towns (left) and Deputy Mayor Cllr Suzanne Brown.

The Town Council held its Annual General Meeting and Annual Parish Meeting. The Annual Parish Report which is published by Marlow Town Council was presented to residents in the General Higginson Room, Court Garden House on 17th May. This report details information on all the activities of the Town Council over the year 2010/2011. If you would like to see a copy of this report, call in to the Town Council office or go online at www.marlowtowncouncil.org.uk under Meetings-Annual Parish Meeting. In his speech, the Mayor thanked the Town Clerk for his service to Marlow Town Council over the last thirteen and a half years and wished him a happy retirement. The Mayor then introduced Stuart Carter, the new Town Clerk, who had come along to the meeting. He will be taking up his post at the Town Council on 12th July.

After the Annual Parish Report had been reviewed, the Mayor invited the new Town Council to join him at the top table for the Town Council meeting.

The position of Mayor was then voted on and Cllr Jocelyn Towns was confirmed as Mayor for 2011/2012. Cllr Roger Wilson passed the Mayoral chain to the new Mayor. Cllr Towns who was previously Deputy Mayor, passed her chain of office over to Cllr Ms Suzanne Brown who was voted in as this year's Deputy Mayor. There was a small adjournment for the press photos of the new Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Councillors to be taken.

The meeting resumed with all the Councillors reading out their Declarations of Acceptance of Office and Register of Members' Interests. Once the documents were signed, members were able to take up their duties as Councillors for Marlow Town Council.



Marlow Town Council Members



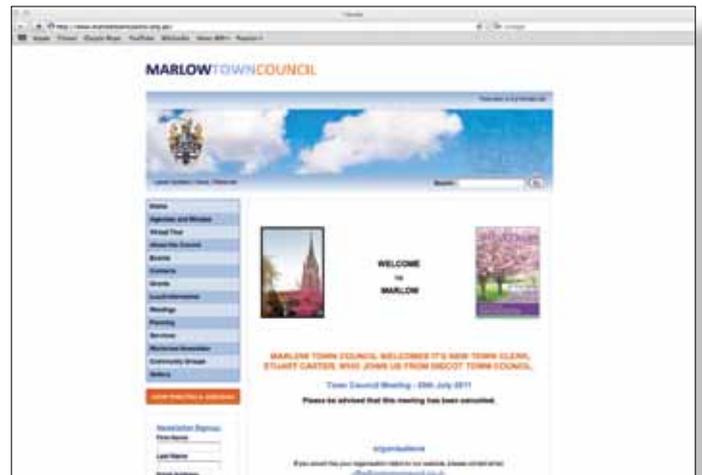
Hanging Hill Allotments

Last year the Town Council commenced replacing the very aged and defective chain link fencing to the allotments. The Town Council is to continue with these works and further palisade fencing and a new gate is to be installed very shortly. Currently both Hanging Hill and Foxes Piece Allotments are extremely well used and there are very many superbly maintained allotments producing an amazing amount of crops.



Website

Please do not forget that the Town Council has a new website and is continually posting a variety of information for the benefit of residents. If you get the opportunity please read all the Town Council news and information news that is presented. If you have any comments regarding the site, do please let us know.



The High Street

Currently approvals for and the management for banners across the High Street are the responsibility of Wycombe District Council. Both the District Council and the Town Council have agreed that this responsibility, so local to Marlow, should be transferred to the Town Council. Therefore in the coming weeks the Town Council will be responsible for the management of the scheme. Further information will be posted on the Town Council's website.

Town Clerk

I have been your Town Clerk for some 13½ years but by the time you read this magazine I will have left the Council and finally retired from Local Government. I have thoroughly enjoyed my period of time with the Town Council and I hope that I have contributed towards many of the changes that have taken place over the years. As I leave, the Town Council is on the cusp of potentially taking over other



areas of responsibility from the District Council and in due course information will be given in the Marlovian and on the website of these changes. I am proud that the Marlovian has gone from strength to strength since its inception some 6 years ago providing residents with information on what is going on in their town. We are constantly seeking news from all sources within the town, particularly the organisations who so richly contribute to the richness of life in Marlow. Please do let us know what you are doing so that we can print it in this magazine.

I have attended over the years many civic functions in Marlow and have particularly enjoyed the luncheon for the Marlow war veterans and the Remembrance Day Parade & Service.

Your new Town Clerk, Stuart Carter, will be joining Marlow Town Council on 13th July 2011.

Howard Bellairs



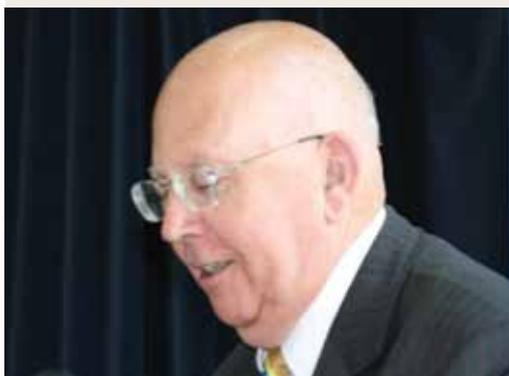
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Past Town Mayor's Charity

Cllr Roger Wilson, Past Town Mayor, was delighted to present a cheque to Mrs Thompson, a Trustee of the Chiltern MS Centre for £4,355. This fantastic sum of money raised for the charity was achieved by holding a Charity Golf Day at Harleyford in April, together with collections taken at his Civic Service in February and his Annual Reception last year.



NEW TOWN CLERK

Coming to work for Marlow Town Council really is a privilege and a great opportunity, one that I hope to grasp with both hands. The Town Council really plays an active role in the community representing the residents and delivering great services. Under the previous Town Clerk, Howard Bellairs, and the team, Marlow Town Council has achieved a lot and I aim to continue this.

I studied politics at university and always had an interest in local government. This led me to begin a career after graduating in 2002 in local government first in Edinburgh and then Oxford.

My most recent and most applicable work experience came at Didcot Town Council in Oxfordshire where I have worked as a Deputy Town Clerk for 4 years. This has given me a great grounding in the work of town and parish councils and will hopefully serve me well as I embark

in my role as Town Clerk for Marlow. On the personal side, I currently live in Chiswick, west London with my fiancée; we are to be married in July this year, so there are a lot of exciting things happening



all at once. I enjoy all sport especially football and cricket, which I play regularly. I am a big fan of Oxford United which may not be too welcome in these parts!

I really look forward to working in the beautiful town

of Marlow and I hope to meet as many people as possible. If you have any questions or issues that you would raise with me then I will always be willing to listen, so please get in touch.

Stuart Carter



the new town council line up

NORTH WEST WARD



Cllr Jeremy Bedford



Cllr Suzanne Brown



Cllr Phillip Ditchfield



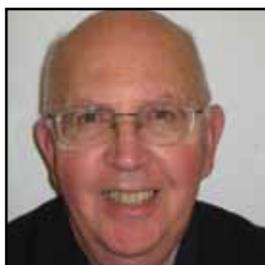
Cllr Bob Johnson



Cllr Neil Marshall



Cllr Ian Wernham



Cllr Roger Wilson

SOUTH EAST WARD



Cllr Tim Avery



Cllr Roy Cadman



Cllr Kathy Thomson



Cllr Jocelyn Towns



Cllr Richard Scott

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Double 'Outstanding' at Sandygate - Sarah Maddern, Chair of the Governors

During the spring of this year, Marlow Church of England Infant School has undergone both Ofsted and SIAS (Statutory Inspection of Anglican Schools) inspections. Ofsted judged the school 'outstanding' overall. This puts the school among the top 9% of schools nationally.

The report praised high standards in reading, writing and mathematics, which are significantly above local and national averages. Together with many other achievements, the report noted the excellent relationship between staff and pupils, outstanding facilities and the creative curriculum that were all reflected in the children's enthusiasm for learning.

The SIAS Inspector looked at the distinctive Christian character, the impact of collective worship on the school community, the effectiveness of religious education and the effectiveness of leadership and management of the school as a church school and graded the school 'outstanding' in all areas. The Inspector highlighted how the strong links with All Saints church greatly supported the pupils' spiritual development.

Quoting from the report, "Here is a place where everyone is welcomed and all are encouraged to achieve. These young pupils are given excellent opportunities and experiences, which support their Christian pilgrimage. This prayerful community is making a real difference in the lives of the pupils and families it serves." SIAS Inspection May 2011.

Our Headteacher, Miss Elizabeth Toohig, in thanking staff, parents and governors for their support, said that "I am delighted that this official recognition reflects the strengths of our school and the hard work and dedication of all those involved in running it. We will continue to find



new and exciting ways of further enhancing the quality of our provision."

There was also further good news announced at the end of May, that the Headteacher and staff at Marlow Church of England Infant School have been selected for a top role supporting schools in challenging circumstances. Our Headteacher is one of only 100 Headteachers to be appointed to the role of National Leader of Education (NLE) in the latest recruitment round.

Quoting from the press release, Toby Salt, Deputy Chief Executive of the National College, said: "It's great that heads like Miss Toohig are becoming NLEs, looking beyond their own school gates to help more and more pupils get the best start in life."

With this latest news, it's a triple accolade for the school rather than the double that the headline suggests!

Marlow Church of England Infant School "Pupils' excellent social skills, their outstanding behaviour, high attendance and outstanding attainment prepare them extremely well for the next stage of their education."

Ofsted Inspection March 2011

JustText Giving,

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Both these charities are independent and rely on donations and volunteers to exist and if you are a taxpayer it will work out the gift aid for you as well.

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New Director of Music keeps Marlow tradition alive



For a small town, Marlow has an enviable reputation for its church music. All Saints Parish Church is one of the few in the area which maintains the traditional choir composed of boys and men. It also has a separate girls choir, and a mixed adult choir.

No wonder then that when the part-time post of Director of Music became vacant, following the retirement of Clem Virgo, there was stiff competition. Martin Seymour, who won the position, says: "All Saints is very much in the British choral tradition of cathedral music in our formal services, which is rare now. If you go back 20 years or more, most good parish churches would have a good standard of musical tradition, but it's mostly disappeared. Marlow is really something quite special.

"But as well as traditional church music we also have a breadth of musicality in different styles of services, with family and informal services."

Those angelic looking choristers may have other things on their minds. A number of the boys do rugby training

on Sunday mornings, so when it's their turn to sing at that time, they'll have their rugby kit on beneath their cassocks and hurry off straight from service.

Martin was himself a choirboy in Somerset, and by age 13 was organist at Wellington School junior services. He took up his first church choirmaster post at age 15. After gaining a music degree he now tutors in singing and choral conducting alongside his All Saints duties as Director of Music.

"I'm enjoying being in Marlow, keeping the tradition very much alive while introducing new things. I hope to set up a series of choral scholarships for talented teenagers, as it's only by bringing in a new generation of young singers that we'll keep the tradition alive and fresh. At the same time, I'm looking for men in the middle years who would like to come back to choral singing." He is also responsible for the church's music concerts which run through the year.



Jim Campbell

It was with great shock that members and staff of Marlow Town Council learnt of the death of Jim Campbell. Jim had been a Town Councillor for many years and was Town Mayor in 1998 and 1999. He always tried to do the best for Marlow during his terms of office.

Jim was a pillar of the community and was Chairman of the Marlow Branch of the Royal British Legion for many years. He worked very closely with the Town Council to ensure that the Remembrance Service and Parade was one of the best. He carried out the role of Parade Officer at the Service and always read out the very poignant words of the Royal British Legion Exhortation, "They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old...."



He will also be remembered as one of the principal founders of the Marlow Town Regatta & Festival after the Marlow Regatta had to move to Dorney Lake to meet international standards. The organisation and running of the regatta have presented a major challenge over the years and Jim led a dedicated team of volunteers in order to deliver an event to be proud of and for the people of Marlow to enjoy.

It was in recognition of his commitment to the community that the Town Council awarded Jim the Community Award at last year's Town Mayor's Annual Reception.

Jim Campbell was a gentle person and a gentleman and will be sorely missed by all who knew him.



mayor's annual reception 2011

New Mayor, Cllr Jocelyn Towns, hosted her first civic event, the Mayor's Annual Reception on Saturday 11th June. The format was changed this year to reflect that this Reception is to thank those "unsung heroes" who run local clubs, sports clubs ranging from fishing to cricket, associations and volunteers. All of these people give up a lot of their time free to enhance the lives of Marlow residents.

This was a year for presentations. The Mayor presented the Sports Personality 2011 award to Elin Galvin for her sporting achievements. Elin began running whilst at Danesfield Junior School and represented them in cross country and won sprint events at Marlow Schools Sports Day. She joined Wycombe Phoenix Harriers and ran cross country events in the Chiltern League.

At the age of 9 Elin began to play hockey for Marlow and enjoyed competing in leagues and competitions. She continued to run and play hockey when she moved to Sir William Borlase's Grammar School. She also competed in the Young Athletes League for Wycombe Phoenix Harriers in the 800m and 1500m and beat the school record at 300m. She became joint captain of the school hockey team in Year 7. In Year 8 she moved to Wycombe Hockey Club and concentrated on playing hockey. Elin's list of accomplishments are many.



Cllr Jocelyn Towns & Elin Galvin

Elin was selected to a squad of 18 to play for England U16s in the Four Nations Tournament in Valencia over Easter. The other nations represented were Germany, Spain and the Netherlands. She has further matches to play for England after her GCSE's have ended and will then enter the process for selection for the U127 programme of training.

Congratulations on her Award and all her achievements so far.

The next award, the Community Award, was presented to John Fordham, Chairman of Marlow Sports Club. In 2000 the Marlow Sports Club has four sections, cricket, hockey, tennis and the Striders Running Club with a membership of about 600.

In 2006 the Club was put under enormous pressure when Whitbread decided to put the main ground up for Auction. John was instrumental in getting this stopped by mounting a press campaign with local support and our local MP. This resulted in Whitbread giving the Club time to organise a buyout. In May of that year the Club put together a plan – buy out Whitbread and buy further land to build an all weather hockey pitch and to focus the club on community and the needs of young people. John also managed the

Club's finances and put them on a firm footing.

The Club became a registered charity, changing its status from membership to a community facility, run for the benefit of the whole community of Marlow. The Club has now secured its future by buying out Whitbread. Money has been raised from the National Hockey Foundation and England Hockey to support the building of an all weather pitch which is well under way. John's leadership has been remarkable for our Town and this fabulous community sports club for Marlow Residents.

The Mayor then moved on to present Long Service Awards to three people as a token of appreciation for all the remarkable work they have done over the last 36 years.

Frank Sweatman, outgoing Councillor, has been a Councillor for the Town, District and County and represented Marlow for 36 years. Frank also served as Town Mayor in 2003 and was instrumental in setting up the first Town Mayor's Charity Golf Day at Harleyford to raise funds for the Mayor's chosen charity. He raised over £6,000 for the Chiltern Air Ambulance and this amount has yet to be beaten!

Maurice Oram was recognised for all the work and time he has given to the Town over 32 years. As well as serving on Marlow Town Council he has also represented Marlow at the District Council. Maurice was Mayor on 5 occasions – 1983,1984,1991,1992 and 2001 when he welcomed Her Majesty the Queen and Prince Phillip to Marlow for a lunch in Court Garden House and a garden party held in Higginson Park during her Jubilee Year.

Ivor Coleman had given in excess of 25 years service as a Town Councillor and was Mayor in 2002. Ivor unfortunately has been very ill recently and had lengthy stays in hospital but was allowed to come to the reception to receive his award with his wife Pam and daughter Mary. It was lovely to see Ivor and we all wish him the very best for the future.

At the end of June, Howard Bellairs, Town Clerk will be retiring from the Town Council after 13 and a half years of service. Members and staff contributed to retirement gifts for him consisting of a cast golf bag lamp and a crystal bowl engraved with the crest and his name which the Mayor presented to him.

The Mayor then announced her chosen charity for her Mayoral year 2011/2012 as being the Marlow Sports Club which now has charity status. As part of their ongoing improvements, they will be installing wheelchair ramps and making the club more disability aware which is one of the reasons that she has chosen to support them.



Cllr Jocelyn Towns & John Fordham



Little Marlow Lakes Country Park

Set alongside the stunning landscape of The Chilterns Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, the proposed Little Marlow Lakes Country Park has been in the planning stages since 2002, when the vision was identified in the Wycombe District Council's Supplementary Planning Guide. Now a dedicated committee, working under the title 'Little Marlow Lakes Country

Park – Community Partnership' is working hard to make the vision a reality. The Partnership is made up of the Little Marlow Residents' Association, Well End Residents' Association, Westhorpe Park Residents' Association,

Coldmooreholm Residents' Association, Spade Oak Reach Residents, Riverwoods Drive Residents, Thameside Preservation Trust, Bucks Bird Club, Chiltern Society, Marlow Angling Club and the Marlow Society, all of which are focussed on providing a local amenity for all to enjoy.

This area includes seven lakes where a variety of activities take place, from the fast paced water-sports on the lake at Westhorpe Farm, to the quieter fishing on the Marlow Angling Club lake, to the serene bird-watching at the Spade Oak Lake Nature Reserve.

You may have already seen some of the great work our volunteers have done. There are some information maps and signs that have been installed around the Spade Oak Lake by the Little Marlow Parish Council, as well as some other essential tasks involved in this sort of project, such as hedging, footpath maintenance, riverbank repairs, etc. A new permissive path, Spinney Path was opened in June, thanks to the co-operation of two landowners, adding another possible walking route with stunning views.

There are many beautiful walks throughout the Country Park, ranging from a short and flat, stile-less stroll to a 6 mile woods and water walk, suitable for all ages and abilities. We will be looking to organise some events and activities involving walks, bird-watching, conservation projects, etc in the Summer of 2011.

All of the area included in the Country Park is assigned as Greenbelt, and we strongly believe protection and preservation are a vital part of the vision, whilst creating a local amenity for people to utilise and enjoy. As well as the activities that already take place, we hope to introduce more family friendly areas for children to enjoy safely whilst learning the importance of conservation and preservation, as well as the work involved in

maintaining the countryside we are fortunate enough to live in. We hope to provide a visitors centre where people can find out about the Country Park, the on-going work and the various nature walks and trails available. Also local clubs will have information available for people interested in getting involved in the local events.



To get involved in this exciting project, please make contact to littlemarlowlakescountrypark@hotmail.co.uk

Verity West
Chairman – Little Marlow Lakes Country Park:
Community Partnership

MARLOW TOWN REGATTA & FESTIVAL



This year's MTRF

All parts of the programme – from the 'Battle of the Bands' – a new event – on Friday evening, to the Fireworks display which closed Sunday's programme, went according to plan. Except for Sunday's weather, of course. After a splendidly dry and sunny Regatta Day on Saturday, the skies opened on Festival Day and it rained steadily throughout. However, this did not deter the plucky dragon boaters who carried through their programme as though the weather was perfect. Luckily, the downpour eased in time for our evening Concert with the 'Overtures' to go ahead as planned, and the cloud base had lifted sufficiently for everybody to enjoy the wonderful Fireworks afterwards.

Attendance at this year's event was 'good in parts'. It was certainly affected by at least two factors – the Recession and Sunday's weather. The crowds of people who would normally fill the park on Festival Day, enjoying the picnic atmosphere, patronising the Craft Fair, Trade Stands and 'Marlow Showcase' and popping





was a success

into the Festival Enclosure to support the Dragon boat races, were noticeable by their absence this year. It was eerily quiet compared to the sunlit crowds and fine rowing of the day before.

Marlow Town Regatta & Festival has been organised continuously since our first Regatta in 2001, by a Committee of volunteer Marlovians who strive to provide an entertaining and active weekend of river and land events to suit all tastes. Weather is out of our hands, of course, but we welcome considered comments and ideas from readers of the 'Marlovian' at any time to help us improve and develop Marlow's premier Summer event so that it remains interesting and enjoyable for you all.

Dennis Sargeant
 Marlow Town Regatta & Festival Ltd.
 Volunteer Management Committee
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MARLOW'S BEST KEPT SECRET – HARLEYFORD GOLF CLUB LEISURE AND HOSPITALITY AWARD FOR THE YEAR 2011/2012

One of the most prestigious and fiercely contested annual prizes in the Thames Leader's Calendar is the Leisure and Hospitality Award. This was very closely contested across the south of the UK including restaurants, hotels, resorts and clubs. It is therefore wonderful to announce that this year's winner is Marlow's own HARLEYFORD GOLF CLUB.

Harleyford Golf Club was put forward for this accolade because of its good work within the local community in preserving the sanctity of this charming golf club for future generations. Manager, Trevor Collingwood has encouraged a friendlier attitude and more relaxed dress code to attract a new generation of members.

In addition, Harleyford Golf Club has so much more to offer than golf with a great value lunch menu, a versatile corporate hospitality and event facility and a family friendly atmosphere.

Harley Golf Club is currently celebrating its 15th anniversary with a host of events throughout the summer including Charity and Open Days as well as extra golf events continuing until the Anniversary Gala Dinner in September.

Club General Manager, Trevor Collingwood says: "We are thrilled to win this award and it is a testament to the community of Marlow and the team effort that has gone into making the club the success it is today. We are always looking for new members and to explain more about what is on offer at Harleyford and do look at our web-site on www.harleyfordgolf.co.uk or e-mail us on info@harleyfordgolf.co.uk for more information"



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Lane in the 1800s, and his son Benjamin set up a larger yard on the corner of Oakfield Road and Marlow Road which has been the company's base ever since."

The site is currently being redeveloped and Billingham is temporarily based at Cressex, until they can return to their home yard.

The family firm has seen enormous changes since the early days of local brick-making. Heavy horses and carts are replaced with a fleet of modern vehicles, and bricklaying and building skills are backed up with modern technology and all the administration demanded by planning rules. Its in-house planning department provides drawings for planning applications, obtains building regulations and listed building consents, and deals with conservation issues, so they can see any job through from first contact to completion on behalf of clients.

The company is now run by Mathew and Paul Billingham, with their brother Nick keeping the firm up to date with IT expertise. Paul adds: "Our father, Mike, has five grandsons and three grand-daughters so far, so we hope to be building for the eighth generation and beyond".

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Is grant support for home insulation soon to be replaced by loans? The government's latest proposals certainly imply this.

The Green Deal proposes to spread the cost of new home insulation across future energy bills associated with a property. It is hoped that this will remove any obvious barrier to getting the work done. A guiding principle is that insulation installed must save the householder more money than the extra charge on their bills.

However, we don't yet know how much loan interest repayments will add to the cost. Currently cavity wall and loft insulation cost under £100 each in some areas thanks to Council grants. The Energy Saving Trust estimates households can save £115 each year with cavity wall insulation. This is a remarkable return on investment.

Get insulation installed in 2011 and you'll benefit from a grant. Beyond March 2012, when energy supplier grants are up for review, this is much less certain. So, for householders with savings, no intention of moving home and no desire to pay interest on a loan, today's best offers arguably represent the real green deal.

Taking advantage of grant offers is easy. You can compare insulation deals at cocoonyourhome.co.uk or on 0800 8048 777, or check with the Council.

Sainsbury's

Update on plans for Sainsbury's, West Street, Marlow

Planning permission was granted by Wycombe District Council last July for the new store in West Street. In January Sainsbury's took possession of the site and since then has undertaken a number of detailed site investigations

These investigations have now been completed and works to build the new store started on 21st March and take approximately nine months to complete. This will include the demolition of the rear parts of the building to enable the construction of a new and extended food store in the town centre, with the retention of the listed store frontage.

Once completed the store will provide a quality new Sainsbury's store which will include a bakery, delicatessen, salad bar and fresh food counters, together with a wide selection of the popular Sainsbury's ranges.

The first stage of works will involve the demolition of existing store structures. Once the site has been cleared, it will be necessary to undertake works to prepare the site before construction starts. A timetable for the key phases of construction activity is as follows:

Dates	Activity
Late June to late September	Erection of steel frame, roofing and creation of internal concrete floors
Late August to early October	Erection of external cladding and glazing
Late September to late November	Internal fit out of store and car park works
December	Store opens

The hours of construction will normally be 8am to 6pm Monday to Friday and 8am to 1pm on Saturday with no works on either Sunday or Bank Holidays. To facilitate the construction works, Sainsbury's contractors will set up their construction compound in Central Car Park from early April until late October.

It will be necessary at various stages throughout construction to set up temporary traffic management and pedestrian diversion for the safety of both visitors and contractors. The temporary management will be monitored by their contractors to minimise inconvenience.



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ESTATE AGENTS ON THE MOVE

Due to growing demand and thanks to the success of the business, **Hamptons International** is pleased to announce the expansion of its sales and lettings business in **Marlow**.

Hamptons International has acquired larger, more prominent and accessible premises at **43 High Street, Marlow**. The office has been relocated from the West Street premises where they operated successfully for over 25 years. Last year was a record breaking year for the office and this warranted the need to expand the sales operation to cope with the increased business.

At the same time **Hamptons** has also extended both the sales and lettings teams and have recruited three new members of staff, two of whom have joined from local competitors. The Sales team is led by Associate Director, Neal Wood and the Lettings Team by Senior Manager, Sonja Broderick.

Peter Everett, Regional Sales Director, for **Hamptons International** commented: "We have been restricted for some time by our relatively small premises in West Street and this move represents a major investment by **Hamptons** in the Marlow market. Marlow was one of the most successful offices within the **Hamptons** network last year and this move will help us to achieve our objective to be the market leaders in both the sales and lettings markets." Associate Director, Neal Wood explained: "This is a major move for my team. We have produced some stunning results from the smaller office in West Street and leave with a tinge of nostalgia. We can now invite our customers to

a more airy and conducive environment with private rooms for company use or private client meetings. All the staff are excited about this move and we also welcome our newest member of the team, Sophie Laurie." Sonja Broderick, Senior Manager of the Lettings team said: "The lettings market is booming locally, nationally and internationally and we have already been asked to source accommodation for a number of tenants who are looking for a Marlow property for occupation during the next three months. If you are considering letting your property now or in the near future, please contact the new office immediately to find out how we can help."

The staff in both departments look forward to welcoming clients, past, present and future to their air conditioned show room at 43 High Street.

It is with great pleasure that we announce the launch of the new London and Country Property Auction Group. It marks the arrival of an exciting new brand for the UK auction market, bringing together the unrivalled expertise of three of property's most prestigious names, **Hamptons International**, John D Wood & Co. and Faron Sutaria. They will offer unrivalled coverage and strength, utilising a network of over 100 offices and 140 years of expertise and knowledge in the property sector.

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Strawberries and Whipped Cream Layered in Sweet Puff Pastry Biscuits

Serves 4:

1 Punnet or 350g fresh strawberries
200ml Fresh whipping cream
300g Puff pastry
200g Icing sugar
100ml Strawberry coulis

Method:

Pre-heat oven to 160°C. Roll out the puff pastry and dust with a little icing sugar; continue to fold and roll adding a little more icing sugar each time until about half (100g) has been absorbed into the pastry. Cut out 12 disks and lay on baking paper on a flat baking tray, cover with another sheet of baking paper and place another tray on top. Bake for approx 20-25 minutes and leave to cool. Whip the cream with most of the remaining 100g icing sugar.

Thinly slice the strawberries leaving 10 nice red small ones aside for garnish on the plates.

Layer the strawberries and cream using two of the biscuits with the third ready to go on top. (Tip - if you pipe the cream around the edges and press-in some more sliced strawberries before adding the top biscuit layer the finished result will be neater).

Place the final biscuit on top, dust with icing sugar; glaze with a blow torch if possible.

Cut the remaining strawberries in half and arrange around the plates and drizzle with strawberry coulis to serve.

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After 65 years supporting older people local charity **Age Concern Bucks** is now celebrating changing its name and branding to become **Age UK Buckinghamshire**.



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But the even better news for older people who are finding it a bit of a struggle to manage everything at home, there are a range of services which will come to you to make your life easier.

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Please note that **Marlow Age Concern**, in Glade Road, Marlow, is a separate independent charity.

Federation of Bangladeshi Caterers (FoBC) Networking Dinner at the Tiger Garden, 41 West Street, Marlow, SL7 2LS

Mr. Abdul Rob, the owner of the Tiger Garden restaurant in Marlow hosted a Networking Dinner on behalf of the Federation of Bangladeshi Caterers on Sunday 26th June 2011.

The FoBC has been working on behalf of restaurateurs and business owners in the curry industry to address problems facing the sector including staff shortages and the provision of training for specialist workers. Topics discussed at the meeting were:

The immigration cap and its effect on curry restaurants; Skilled staff shortages in curry restaurants and solutions; Training courses and apprenticeships for

front and back-of-house staff; How to encourage the younger generation to enter the restaurant industry; Introduction of curry cuisine on the National Curriculum in schools and colleges; FoBC Events organised in partnership with Parliamentary Outreach; Campaign to reduce level of VAT.

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Miles better... Summer pudding

Miles Nixon, Executive Head Chef of Aubergine Restaurant, Marlow, tells us how to prepare one of his favourite seasonal puddings

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probably think. Just follow this easy step-by-step guide and you'll impress your friends and family while serving up a delicious treat packed with juicy berries - one of the essential power foods we should all be eating more of!

Summer pudding For the pudding

500g fresh summer berries (frozen can be used out of season)
150ml port
125g sugar
12 slices of bread ready cut into rounds (white, but preferably from an unsliced loaf)

For the sauce

250g fresh blackcurrants (or frozen out of season)
125g sugar
Mixed fresh berries for decorating
Ice cream or cream - whatever your guilty pleasure for serving

How to do it

Place the port, berries and one lot of sugar in a deep pan and bring to the boil.

Once boiled leave the mixture to cool. Once it has cooled drain the fruit from the juice.

Dip your bread into the juice and place in your mould; put some fruit in between the layers. Do this so you

have three layers of bread. When this is done wrap with cling film and place a tray or flat object on top with a bit of weight to squeeze everything down.

To make the sauce put the remaining sugar in a pan with a splash of water. Bring to the boil until it is starting to thicken then pour over the blackcurrants and blitz until smooth. Pass it through a sieve.

Place the turned-out pudding onto a plate; pour the sauce over the top so it drizzles over the sides. Dot the fruit around the plate and serve.

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