

Dear Little Marlow Resident,

Well, the weather is getting colder and the evenings darker so just the time to sit down with a good book! I may not be able to offer you the plot of an Agatha Christie but at least the contents are up to date and, I hope at least some of the contents will be of interest to you.

In this eighteenth newsletter of ours we have articles about some of the work of the parish council and also contributions from outside bodies such as Help the Aged and the Fostering service.

The works to the Chapel to which Clive Innocent refers in his article have come about largely due to his persistence and hard work in obtaining funds and pushing the scheme forward. The provision of lights and hopefully heating will bring this delightful building into greater and more varied use. My thanks to Clive for making it possible.

Likewise the provision of information boards at Spade Oak Lake. A lot of hard work went into the design and installation of these signs and I do hope you will find them both informative and attractive.

As always the fete is an event when that “village feeling” always abounds. From the number of visitors clearly the organisers are getting it right and it is good to see their efforts rewarded.

The information on walks comes just at the right time as some of us less hardy souls start to think of relaxing in our cosy homes rather than striding the countryside. Well, a little inspiration is probably all that is needed to get our boots on again and remind ourselves how lucky we are to live in such a delightful area.

Finally, my thanks for reading this introduction and I do hope you have been inspired to delve a little further into the following pages.

Regards,  
Dallas Banfield

## **Fern Lane Cemetery**

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The wooden seats around the pond have been replaced and the area generally tidied up keeping in mind the wild flowers which the Wycombe Wildlife Trust are keen to promote in the woods.

The re-connection of electricity to the chapel is nearly complete. This will provide lighting and heating. We have the Lafarge Gravel pits fund to thank for a large grant together with a contribution from the Little Marlow Amenities Committee for the required 10% local contribution. We still have to beg , borrow or buy heating equipment.

We will be looking to provide new chairs and tables to extend the use of the Chapel for other than for funerals and would welcome a contribution from anyone who can help with this.

We are investigating the possibility of obtaining grants to assist with the provision of toilet facilities in the Chapel. This will require careful planning consideration so not to spoil this lovely old building.

To assist with overall look of the cemetery when attending to your family graves please remember to put any compost waste in the correct container and take all other unwanted paper etc home with you.

*Clive Innocent and Barbara Wallis.*

## **CAN YOU HELP?**

Are you related to either Frederick Maple or Benjamin White? Both these men died in World War 1 and we would be interested to know more about them for the War Memorial Book.

## **Thinking of fostering?**

In Buckinghamshire there is a shortage of foster carers. More are needed so that children and young people in care can be placed closer to their community and maintain vital links with family and friends.

We are looking for people with a spare room, along with the skills and experience to meet the needs of the children and young people - no formal qualifications needed.

We need carers from a wide range of backgrounds and life experience who can provide a safe, warm environment. You can apply to foster regardless of your age, marital status, sexuality or residential status.

Foster carers receive professional support and will be provided with an allowance to cover the needs of the child or young person in your care.

If you would like more information regarding fostering a child or young person, please call the Buckinghamshire Family Placement Recruitment Team on 01296 382 555 or visit [www.buckscc.gov.uk/fostering](http://www.buckscc.gov.uk/fostering)

## **SEWAGE WORKS**

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The saga continues. Following a fire in April we have had a respite through the summer whilst the sludge was tankered off site. Composting restarted in July and lo & behold the smells returned.

At the last liaison meeting Thames gave the results of the latest odour survey which showed that 73% of the off site pongs came from the composting operation (no surprise here then) and they also commented that the site will NEVER be odour free ! They also showed the detailed plans for a new £4m treatment plant which they guarantee (AGAIN !) will clean up 100% of the composting smells. This is scheduled to be fully operational by December 2010. The cynical amongst us still feel the enforcement action taken by the EA in February that is still current has had much more effect than all the rhetoric. This is a direct result of the volume of complaints received, so keep reporting, the number is 0800 80 70 60. It's free, it takes a couple of minutes and it works !

So - your living environment - your problem - you have the solution - use it.

Phillip Emmett

## **HALLOWEEN AND FIREWORKS**

If you do not want any 'Trick or Treat' visits on Halloween, we have a few posters in the office that you can display in your window. Please contact the office, or alternatively download a poster from [www.thamesvalley.police/Halloween..](http://www.thamesvalley.police/Halloween..)

There are also regulations regarding the sale and use of fireworks and information can be obtained from Thames Valley Police on their non-emergency number 0845 8 505 505 or visit [www.thamesvalley.police.uk/anti-social](http://www.thamesvalley.police.uk/anti-social)

### **POLICE BEAT SURGERIES**

The local PCSO's are holding 'Beat Surgeries' in the area. You may not receive this Newsletter before the one to be held at Little Marlow Pavilion on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> October 9am – 11am. Others are to held as follows:

Wooburn Park, Wooburn Green    9<sup>th</sup> November 10.00-12.00

Wakeman Road Bourne End        16<sup>th</sup> December` 11.00 – 13.00

## SPADE OAK LAKE INFORMATION BOARDS



### **County Councillor David Watson and Parish Council Chairman Dallas Banfield**

(Photograph by Patrick Walmsley Patrick Walmsley)

On a lovely September morning the ‘official’ unveiling of the two new information boards took place, the sharp eyed amongst you will have noticed that they had actually been in place for some time of course! For those that haven’t yet seen them, they contain an indicative map of the public and permitted paths around the lake, a little on the history of the gravel extraction and some excellent photographs taken by members of the Bucks Bird Club. The photos are different on each one and feature birds that can be seen on and around the lake at different times of the year.

The information boards were funded by donations from County Councillor David Watson, Little Marlow Fete Committee and the Bucks Bird Club, and the Parish Council, and our grateful thanks to all. We also extend our thanks to Lafarge for providing the area to site the boards.

We hope the information depicted will be a valuable resource for both visitors and regular users of the footpaths around the lake.

*Geoff Fitchew*



**Photograph by Patrick Walmsley**

## **More than 230 Buckinghamshire walks to download and print FREE!**

There's no doubt about it, walking is good for you. It's good for your heart, it's good for your lungs, it's good for the muscle and bone growth of your children and it's good for your feeling of wellbeing! Strong scientific evidence now supports the many benefits to health of regular walking – it is recommended that we take at least 10,000 steps a day.

Studies show that walking can:

- Reduce the risk of coronary heart disease and stroke

- Lower blood pressure
- Reduce high cholesterol
- Reduce body fat
- Enhance mental well being

Walking offers a great way to help kids get the active habit. If parents express excitement about the prospect of a walk in the countryside, they are more likely to transmit this feeling to their children. It's important to treat the walk as an exploration or adventure and to go at the child's pace, no matter how often they want to stop and look at things; take treats to eat and plenty to drink; and head for some landmark that will appeal to them such as a castle, a playground, an ice cream van or a boating pond. If children experience walking as part of a fun activity they are more likely to want to go again.

So, how do you find out what is on offer? John Harris, a keen walker, got fed up with the lack of information on walks that were going on in the County. So, he decided that if he couldn't find what he was looking for – he had better create it! So [www.walkinginbucks.co.uk](http://www.walkinginbucks.co.uk) came into being.

[www.walkinginbucks.co.uk](http://www.walkinginbucks.co.uk) gives you all the information you need for the best walking in the County:

Details of more than 230 walks to download and print free, details of all the Buckinghamshire walking groups, maps and walk books – plus loads more information.

So check out the website and get walking!

### **Chilterns Society Rights of Way Group Walks in November**

Date	Walk	Contact for times and further details
Sunday November 22 <sup>nd</sup>	A walk by the Thames and then up Astley Hill.	Jo Spratley 01753883066/ 07754048041
Wednesday November 25 <sup>th</sup>	Walk along our new footpath (joint venture with Little Marlow Parish Council and Chepping Wycombe Parish Council), plus 6 other paths that connect to this.	Tim Kendall 01628 521149
Sunday November 29 <sup>th</sup>	Moderately strenuous. Stokenchurch, Chinnor Hill, Spriggs Alley.	Richard Boas 01628 527978

## LITTLE MARLOW FETE



(Photograph by Patrick Walmsley)

As always, the Little Marlow Fete on August Bank Holiday Monday was a great success, with lovely sunshine and lots of people attending. We really enjoyed speaking to those who visited our stand and showed interest in what the Parish Council has been doing recently. Please remember, you can always contact any councillor or the Clerk, Contact details are at given further on in this Newsletter.

## **NEED A HAND?**

As we get older, the home we live in can become more difficult to manage. Sometimes what we want is a friendly hand for all those DIY jobs, but at other times maybe you want to move to somewhere more manageable. Either way, Age Concern Bucks has support services to help. For DIY jobs call the Handyperson Service . The work is charged at a reasonably hourly rate plus materials. And we have a new painting & decorating service as well.

## **MOVING ON?**

Moving home to somewhere more manageable can bring with it greater independence and a new lease of life. But it can be a daunting prospect, especially if you have lived in your current home for many years.

Age Concern Bucks have set up a service to support older people to move home, working in partnership with **Seamless Relocation**, and covering the whole package. For more information contact Seamless Relocation direct on 0208 621 3553, or call Age Concern Bucks on 01296 431127, 145 Meadowcroft, AYLESBURY, Bucks HP19 9HH Tel: 01296 431911

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## **PLANNING NOTES**

There have only been 16 planning applications since the last newsletter and none of them will result in major changes to the parish. All planning applications are now listed on the Little Marlow Parish Council website.

**Westhorpe** On the last day of the six months allowed to them, Northwest Estates appealed to the Secretary of State against the decisions by Wycombe District Council Planning Committee to refuse the removal of the Marlow football ground to Westhorpe and the development of the Oak Tree Road site. Everyone who commented on the application should have received notice of the appeal which will be held by public inquiry probably about December or

January. All the comments already made will automatically go to the Inspector for the Inquiry, but further comments will also be considered. Please write directly to the Inspectorate as instructed in the letter. It would be impossible for everyone who wrote to speak at the Inquiry, but the Parish Council expects to be able to do so. We are definitely maintaining our opposition to this plan. Watch the notice boards and website for details of what to expect and when. The state of the Westhorpe site following the incursion by travellers is unsatisfactory, but as it is private land there is apparently no way in which we can get the rubbish cleared. Anyone concerned should contact the Environment Agency on 01491 828603.

**Gypsies and Travellers** Wycombe District Council is required by law to provide permanent sites for gypsies and travellers. There has recently been a Partial Review of the South East Plan. This suggests that 1,064 new pitches are needed in the SE during 2006-16.

Of these, 78 would be in Bucks including 15 in Wycombe District (39 in Aylesbury Vale, 9 in Chiltern and 15 in South Bucks). In their response Wycombe DC are arguing for a maximum of 14. The Review lays down the sorts of place that new sites should be situated, and WDC are saying that the Green Belt is not appropriate except as a last resort. The responses Review will be examined by an Inspector in February.

However, WDC are taking a pragmatic approach and have employed Baker Associates to undertake a thorough survey to find suitable places for the 14 (or 15) pitches to be accommodated. They have consulted the Parish Council and I quote from some of the information they have provided:

‘The size of a pitch varies across the country, but broadly speaking it can comprise an area of land suitable for two caravans, two associated vehicles and potentially a utility building’

They rule nothing out, but give a list of places that would be ‘viewed less favourably’. These include Sites of Scientific Interest, Flood plain. Green belt, AONB. ‘sites that have potential to significantly impact on neighbouring residential amenity’, contaminated land, sites near noisy major roads. Sites that have good access and are within walking distance of shops, schools and GP surgeries would be favoured.

They are looking for land owners to come forward with suitable sites. These sites will not accommodate the travellers who want transit sites and the Inquiry in February will recommend how these should be provided.

Barbara Wallis.

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## **DATES OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS**

**TUESDAY OCTOBER 20<sup>TH</sup>**

**TUESDAY DECEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup>**

**ALL MEETINGS START AT 8PM  
AND ARE HELD AT  
THE PAVILION,  
RECREATION GROUND,  
LITTLE MARLOW.**

**YOU ARE VERY WELCOME  
TO ATTEND THESE MEETINGS.**



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