

Dear Little Marlow Resident,

Why is it that as we get older time seems to pass at an ever increasing speed? It seems but a moment ago that I was writing the introduction to our Autumn newsletter. Since then we have survived the worst winter in decades, rain that Noah would have been proud of and all the delights and frustrations of a modern family Christmas.

As usual our newsletter covers a range of topics and contains useful contact details and information. If you don't look through it straight away do put it away safe as you may need it for reference later.

For all the uncertainty we face some things remain depressingly familiar; the need to guard against crime being perhaps one of the most obvious. Fortunately we have the support of a first class neighbourhood police team under PC Faherty who hold regular surgeries at the sports field together with the offer of forensic marking kits. Full details inside.

Whilst on the issue of safety do consider the free offer from the Fire and Rescue service for a safety check. You don't get much for nothing these days and remember it could just save your life.

Another area we all have to consider is staying fit and healthy and to this end the seated exercise classes look just perfect.

Details of the conduct of the planning appeal all stadium highlight just what a lot of effort from all sides goes into such an affair. It is fortunate that we have those prepared to put the time and effort into ensuring the Inspector heard all the arguments to enable him to come to a decision.

It is also good to know that greater access is being made available on the country park site.

We are delighted that the first commercial use of the newly refurbished chapel in Fern Lane will be to highlight the work of local artists, an example of which is very inadequately reproduced inside. The building is a hidden gem and will provide a perfect backdrop to the talent which will be on display.

Best wishes to you all.

Dallas Banfield

## **Operation Breaker:**

### **Forensic marking kits go live across High Wycombe**

Forensic marking kits which allow valuables such as electrical goods and jewellery to be identity marked are being used across High Wycombe.

SelectaDNA, which uses a chemical based formula, allows the registered user to mark valuables with a product unique to them - meaning their goods should be easily identifiable if recovered after being stolen.

SelectaDNA signage has gone up across the district to show Wycombe is not an easy target for would be thieves.

Gemma Herbert, Police Crime Prevention and Reduction Advisor for Wycombe, said: “The signs are in place to deter thieves and remind residents to protect their property. They act as a first defence against thieves, to show them that Thames Valley Police and Wycombe District Council are serious and committed to cutting crime across the district.”

Kits cost £22, which includes registration fees, and can be obtained from the Neighbourhood Watch office by contacting either Gemma Roberts, Wycombe District Council Community Safety Officer on 01494 421117 or Gemma Herbert, Thames Valley Police Crime Prevention and Reduction Advisor for Wycombe on 01494 686205.

Ends

Buckinghamshire Communications Team  
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### **POLICE ISSUES**

Unfortunately, the Police Drop –In session at Little Marlow recreation Ground on 22<sup>nd</sup> March had to be cancelled due to the police getting stuck on the way on the A4155 . Another date will be announced. In the meantime, if you have any concerns or issues with your local area that the Neighbourhood policing team can address please feel free to contact us on the numbers below.

PC6190 Faherty C9309 Stevens C9849 Bowles C9298 Buckle  
0845 8 505 505

## GRASS VERGE CUTTING

From 1<sup>st</sup> April Transport For Buckinghamshire will be taking responsibility for cutting roadside verges. If you have any queries, you can contact them on 0845 230 2882 or [TFB@buckscc.gov.uk](mailto:TFB@buckscc.gov.uk) At the moment, we do not have any information on dates or frequencies of cuts.

Wycombe District Council will continue to cut the grass where the Council owns the land, such as parks and large open spaces and their contractor will be John O'Connor Ltd.

## CHANGES TO MOBILE LIBRARY TIMES

Winchbottom Lane	Alternate Thursdays from 3rd June	15.40-16.00
Westhorpe	Alternate Mondays from 7 <sup>th</sup> June	9.25- 9.50

### Keep Moving

**Seated Exercise to Music classes in Liston Hall, Marlow** (fully accessible)

**Mondays 11.45 – 12.45**

These sessions are for anyone wanting to benefit from the value of exercise but with the support of a chair. They are designed to maintain and improve health, fitness and mobility and help prevent falls. All exercises are to music and the emphasis is on having fun!

Classes are run by Abigail, a fully qualified Exercise and Movement Therapy specialist with 20 years experience, teaching in adult education and private classes working specifically with the 50's+ age group.

For further information, contact Abigail:

**Tel:** 01628 483895 or 07932 188 129

**Email:** [keepmoving50plus@gmail.com](mailto:keepmoving50plus@gmail.com)

**Website:** <http://www.bucksinfo.net/keep-moving-exercise-and-movement-for-50s/>

**Other classes available:**

Gentle Exercise to Music for 60s+, 1.15 – 2.15

Exercise to Music for 50s+, 2.30 – 3.30

**The Planning Inquiry into the Appeal by NWE to move Marlow football Ground to Westhorpe Park**

Everyone will now know that the Appeal by North West Estates was dismissed, but I thought you might like to read my account of the Inquiry.

The inquiry was held at Wycombe District Council on 6-8 and 12-14 January 2010.

The Inspector, Kenneth Barton, opened the Inquiry promptly at 10.00 am on 6<sup>th</sup>. William Northcroft and I were there in good time in spite of the snow. William drove taking the no hill route through Bourne End, Wooburn and Loudwater. We followed that route every day except the last even though we had to pay to park in Easton Street.

The QC for Wycombe District Council was Richard Ground and his witnesses were Nicky Huijer (landscape) and Philippa Jarvis (planning).

NWE had Patrick Clarkson QC who introduced Peter Frampton (planning), Richard Crawford (landscape), Mr. Walker (design of the Oak Tree Road Houses) and Ray Frith for Marlow Football Club. 3<sup>rd</sup> Parties speaking on behalf of the Council were myself and William, who introduced Verity West. Dominic Grieve MP, Mike Overall from the Chiltern Society & Gravel Pits Community Partnership, 2 people from the Marlow Society, Christine and Trevor Hunter from Oak Tree Road and Cllrs Scott and Collingwood. Tony Dunn also spoke to advance an alternative site. Several people presented further written evidence on

behalf of the council. Ken Morgan and a Mr Warren spoke on behalf of the Football Club.

The procedure is this: the Council's case comes first. The council witnesses gave their evidence and were then cross examined by Mr. Clarkson. Then I spoke followed by William and Verity and the Marlow Society. This took us to the end of Thursday 7<sup>th</sup>. I did not find the cross examination too daunting, though I did get a bit confused about where football pitches should go in the Country Park area (of course I thought of the right answer afterwards!) Verity was very good indeed and answered Mr. Clarkson's questions clearly and confidently. We were all pleased to have such a good turn out of 'supporters' on Thursday. Thank you for coming.

Friday morning was a bit of legal theatre, when Dominic Grieve spoke very well and was cross examined by Mr Clarkson. The Tony Dunn/Patrick Clarkson interchange was also entertaining, the other evidence and questioning of third parties was perhaps more useful for the Inspector. It is sad that Tony Dunn died before the results of the Inquiry were announced.

The Appellant's case started on the afternoon of 8<sup>th</sup> January and was continued on Tues & Wed of the following week. I hope the questions we asked were useful. It is very difficult to tell at the time. Mr. Ground was nothing like as probing as Mr. Clarkson.

We had hoped we would have Thursday morning to prepare our closing statements, but the Council Offices closed early (again) on Wed so we had to do it over night. Thursday also had the discussion of conditions and the S106 Agreement. The inspector had wanted the latter signed by the end of the inquiry & was quite cross when it was not completed. They were given until noon on 25<sup>th</sup> Jan to sort it out. They failed to comply with this deadline, but that was only a small contributory factor in the inspector's decision.

The site visits were postponed until 26<sup>th</sup> January so the land could be seen without snow. On the site visits WDC was represented by Chris Steuart for the football ground site and Nicki Huijer for Westhorpe, Mr Crawford was there for NWE, Ray Frith and Terry Shine for the Football Club, myself and Verity for the Little Marlow interests and John Waters and Martin Blunkell for the Marlow Society. We spent some time at the football club and its surroundings before driving to Westhorpe. We had an inspection of the site itself and a good look round the environs, before walking to Little Marlow village then up the hill past Emmett's Farm so

the view from the AONB could be seen. It was a lovely day for a walk. After returning to Westhorpe we drove to various view points including Winter Hill. Some of the party went to see the other football pitches in the Marlow area and the Inspector obviously (from his report) visited Winter Hill again after dark.

Thank you again to everyone who came to support me and William. The result was well worth the effort.

Barbara Wallis

### **Country Park**

At last there may well be a small step forward for the Eastern boundary of the Country Park in the formation of a permissive way from the River Thames travelling North past the back of the Crowne Plaza Hotel up to the Volvo bridge. Currently the only major stumbling blocks are two pedestrian bridges, which are made up from old sleepers put in place by Marlow Angling Club. These will have to be much improved with a non-slip surface and handrails, which must also comply with all health and safety aspects. The landowners have been in discussions with Bucks County Council and local representatives Richard Boas and Mike Overall and have come to a verbal agreement. Once Bucks County Council have produced suitable legal agreements the permissive way should become a reality.

**Richard Mash**

## **Bucks Open Studios 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year**

**The Chapel, Fern Lane, Little Marlow**

**Saturday 12 to Saturday 19 June**

**Exhibition of Kiln Form and Leaded Stained Glass**

**Jane Vincent; Suzanne Raffellini; Tracey Holmes and Marilia  
Carvalho**

**Tuesday 22 to Sunday 27 June**

**Exhibition of Paintings, Artists Books and Ceramics – Anna Payne  
and Helen Evans**

**Open 11am to 3pm daily**

The Chapel, Fern Lane, Little Marlow will be the venue for two exhibitions during Bucks Open Studios fortnight. The Chapel is currently undergoing renovation and these will be the opening events for this new small exhibition venue. Anna Payne and Jane Vincent are both local artists within the Parish and are thrilled to have the opportunity, with fellow artists, to show their work in this charming little chapel. In 1985 Anna Payne took part in an exhibition in Bourne End in the first Bucks Open Studios event. It is now in its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary year and hundreds of artists across the county are participating in this exciting event to be held from 12 – 27 June 2010. The aim of Bucks Open Studios is to enable artists and visitors to share and discuss their work. The artists are happy to explain techniques, to discuss technical data, to talk about art education as well as simply sharing their enthusiasm for their work. For the visitor it is an ideal opportunity to quiz the artists, to find out about how the work is created, to share common ground, or to simply come and look and enjoy. Brochures of all the venues will be available in local libraries.

Open Studios fortnight at The Chapel begins on Saturday 12 June with an exhibition of kiln form and traditional leaded stained glass. Jane Vincent has shown her leaded stained glass from her home studio in Well End in previous open studios events; this year she is joined at The Chapel by friends Suzanne Raffellini and Tracey Holmes who work mostly with kiln form glass and Marilia Carvalho who shares Jane's enthusiasm for leaded glass work. They first met at stained glass classes in High Wycombe and have variety of qualifications in fine arts and stained glass. Their work offers different techniques in colourful traditional and modern designs. Some incorporate agates, metals or painting on clear and coloured glass and their work hangs in windows or on the wall, in the garden or is commissioned for special projects. Their exhibition closes on the Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> June.

On Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June Anna Payne and Helen Evans open their exhibition with work in a variety of media. Anna's work includes colourful imaginative paintings with symbolist and Indian influences and her Artists books. Anna has exhibited in Australia, in her Gallery in Wooburn Green from 1994 - 2001, and widely in the UK including Bucks County Museum, Southwell Minster and Westminster Cathedral. Helen is a ceramic artist and she makes sculptural vessels based on studies of seed pods and a variety of natural forms. She has worked from her studio in Flackwell Heath since gaining her degree in three dimensional design in Manchester in 1996. She uses her artist training to teach and work with special needs adults and children.

Contact Jane at [janel.vincent@btopenworld.com](mailto:janel.vincent@btopenworld.com) or Anna at [paynej7@sky.com](mailto:paynej7@sky.com)



Anna Payne



Ducklings, Spade Oak Lake

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## **Free Fire Safety Checks**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**In the event of a fire, get out, stay out and call 999:** Don’t delay for valuables, and don’t investigate or try to tackle the fire. Use a mobile, a neighbour’s phone or a phone box to call 999. If someone needs to be

rescued wait safely outside for the firefighters who have the equipment and training to do it. Never go back in.

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

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



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

### Useful Numbers

Bucks County Council	0845 3708090
Wycombe District Council	01494 461000
Police (non emergency)	0845 8505 505
Crime Stoppers	0800 555 111
Highways (BCC)	0945 230 2882

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

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### **Annual Parish Meeting**

Abbotsbrook Hall, Well End

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> May at 8pm**

Join us to hear what your Parish Council  
has been doing over the past year and  
a chance to speak to the Parish Councillors

Light Refreshments

All welcome to attend.

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### **Next Parish Council Meeting**

The Pavilion, Little Marlow

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> May at 8pm**

All welcome to attend

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### **Chiltern Way Walk**

A circular walk starting and ending at

The Pavilion, Little Marlow

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> June**

Further details from The Clerk

01628 890301

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### **Little Marlow Village Fete**

The Recreation Ground, Little Marlow

August Bank Holiday Monday

**30<sup>th</sup> August 2pm.**

A great afternoon for all the family  
stalls, rides, teas, games

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## **LITTLE MARLOW WAR MEMORIAL**

Sue Norton will be giving a talk about her research of the names of the men on the Little Marlow War memorial. 2pm Wycombe Library, Eden Place, High Wycombe. April 21<sup>st</sup>.  
£1 entry



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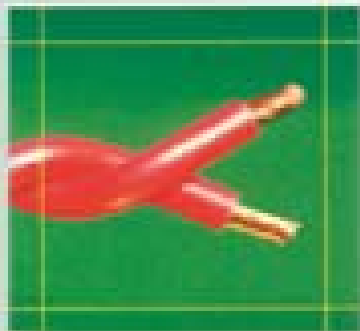
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