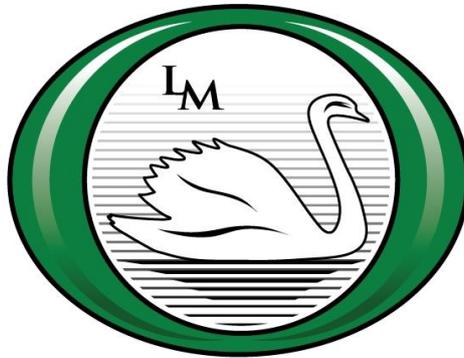


LITTLE MARLOW
PARISH COUNCIL



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Dear Little Marlow Resident,

It gives me great pleasure to introduce the Spring edition of the Parish newsletter. If you read on - which I strongly encourage you to do – you will find a range of articles covering not only what the Parish Council has been up to, but also what the many local organisations which use our facilities or are based in our community have been doing or are planning to do over the next few months.

Thanks to the efforts of our fantastic Clerk, we managed to obtain a grant to do some much needed work on the Spade Oak car park. We have made a number of improvements to our allotments on Chapman Lane and are hoping that we can now tempt a few more residents to take on a plot. We have also undertaken quite a bit of work on the trees and the old memorial stones in the Cemetery and are absolutely delighted that the cubs have volunteered to give the Cemetery a Spring Spruce up. Abbotsbrook Hall and the Pavilion will both be getting a lick of paint shortly. We are keen to see both being used more often by residents for one off events and as a meeting place for local clubs and organisations.

As you will see from the reports by the Wycombe Phoenix Harriers who train at the Little Marlow Athletics Track and ALFletics, the organisation which runs the Track, the Track is being put to good use, but it would be great to see more local residents using it. If you or your children would like to take advantage of this wonderful facility there are details of how you can become an annual member of the track and how you or your children can enrol with the Harriers. In the meantime, it is encouraging to see that the Track is being used by other local organisations such as Marlow Wheels for All. There are some great photos of the Inclusive Cycling Festival they held at the Track on 30 March.

I am delighted that this edition has an article from the Head Teacher of the Little Marlow School as well as news of forthcoming local activities which will benefit our community such as the Scanappeal Scrub-run, the Chilterns Walking Festival and the Little Marlow Village Fete.

Finally, I would like to give a plug for our Annual Parish Meeting on 19 May. We would love to see you there and are even offering refreshments to entice you along! And, of course, you are all most welcome at our regular Parish Council meetings - dates are on the last page.

*Valerie Brownridge,
Chairman, Little Marlow Parish Council*

Spade Oak Car Park

The Spade Oak Car Park is a very well used car park in Well End. It is a great place to park when visiting the Wharf and was recently used as the starting point for an Active-In interactive App. With the popularity of this car park it leads to quite a bit of wear and tear on the surface.

Little Marlow Parish Council was delighted to be awarded grant funding from the Heart of Bucks Community Foundation. This funding will allow the council to make some improvements to the surface of the car park. We are currently looking at the opportunity to put in two soakaways and expand the capacity by up to six places.

We hope to complete this work by the end of the summer. In the meantime, we are grateful to the Coldmoorholm Lane Residents' Association for their day to day maintenance of the car park and to the Spade Oak Pub and Restaurant for their contribution.





It's been an exciting year so far here at Little Marlow School. September saw the introduction of a new leadership team and teaching staff who have had great fun settling in to life at Little Marlow.

You may notice driving past the school that we have new colourful playground markings. This was a project run by the PTA and school council to improve our outdoor grounds. The school council designed the area with an outdoor fitness trail being the main attraction. We thank the Little Marlow Village Fete for a donation towards these fundraising efforts, what a great way to get the children outdoors and active.



Church Links:

We are so lucky to have St John the Baptist our local church just a short walk away. We have taken part in Harvest,

Nativity and Easter services in the church and Reverend Sarah is a regular visitor for collective worship at the school.

Recently Reverend Sarah came to host a very special Ash Wednesday service. She used the sign of the cross on our foreheads to remind us to be honest and symbolise the sacrifice Jesus made for us.

We have also set up a lunchtime club run by the local church community. The children are thoroughly enjoying getting to know more about Jesus and the stories he told.



World Book Day:

We had an amazing time celebrating World Book Day recently. Our theme for the day was “favourite bed time stories”. We started the day together in the hall with stories led by myself and Mrs Harjette.

We then split into groups for the rest of the day for a range of exciting activities based on some much loved bed time stories. We decorated biscuits for ‘When the Tiger came to Tea’, created collages for ‘We’re Going on a Bear Hunt’ and completed outdoor adventure activities from ‘Whatever Next’ and ‘What the Ladybird heard’.



All this and we still have another term to go!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Little Marlow community for making the staff and leadership team feel so welcome.

Miss K Penney – Head Teacher

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Little Marlow Preschool

The Pavilion
Church Road
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SL7 3RS

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littlemarlowpreschool@talktalk.net



Opening hours: Monday – Friday 9am – 12 noon

Ofsted judgement 'Good' October 2016

"Children are motivated to learn and are confident and happy"

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Annual Parish Meeting – 19th May 2017

This year's Annual Parish Meeting is on 19th May at Abbotsbrook Hall at 8pm. This is an opportunity to meet your Councillors and see what the Council has achieved over the last year. We are delighted to be welcoming a presentation from Prevention Matters from Bucks County Council. Prevention Matters is a scheme which helps look after local vulnerable people who may need some assistance. This echoes the good work which the Little Marlow Relief in Need Charity currently undertakes. The Council is keen to increase the awareness of parishioners and promoting the idea of being a 'good neighbour'.



Light refreshments will be provided.

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Allotments

There has been a tremendous effort recently to clear the allotments at Chapman Lane and improve the overall appearance of the site. We are delighted to welcome some new tenants to Chapman Lane, but we also have spare allotment plots available for the green fingered among you. It is a lovely site which has a real community feel. Please contact the Clerk on 01628 890301 should you be interested.

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Little Marlow Village Fete 2017

This year has been a bit of a rollercoaster in the world beyond Little Marlow with lots of unexpected developments and much uncertainty but I have some comforting news for you. There is one thing that remains constant in this time of change: the Little Marlow Village Fete will again be held this year on the **Little Marlow Recreation Ground (off Church Road)** from **2pm – 5pm** on August Bank Holiday Monday, **28th August**.

We are going to stick with all our usual stalls selling home baking, jams, plants, vegetables, bric-a-brac and books as well as our usual activities including children's races, face painting, Bouncy Castle, coconut shy, plate smashing, soccer sideshow, tombola and a fun dog show as we know that they are all much loved by you. If, however, any of you would like to volunteer to run some new and different activities, we would be absolutely delighted. Just call me on 01628 523367 to put your idea to me and the rest of the Amenities Committee.

For the last two years, the Tug of War between teams from our two village pubs, the King's Head and the Queen's Head, has provided a great finale to our Fete. As many of you will know, the King's Head has now closed so we will be looking for a new and worthy opponent for the Queen's Head team. If you would like to put a team together or be part of a team, please contact James Wilkie who has kindly volunteered to mastermind the Tug of War again. His number is 07545 391977. We also had a women's tug of war last year and will be looking for some brave (or foolhardy!) participants who are willing to have a go again this year.

We will, of course, be serving afternoon tea in the Pavilion, hamburgers at the BBQ stall and ice cream from where else but the ice cream van. Music will again be provided by the Chiltern Jazz Quartet.

I now come to the plea I make every year so apologies for repeating what I wrote last year but we cannot run the village Fete without your support. One of the reasons we are able to call our fete a "Village Fete" is that so many residents from the village and neighbouring communities get involved by helping on the day in a variety of ways, by contributing goods to the various stalls, by buying tickets for the Grand Draw or by simply coming along to join in the fun. Here is a reminder of the help we need from you:

Provide Prizes for the Tombola eg sweets, chocolates, toiletries, bottles, games, gadgets, toys. We will take anything provided it is new. Items need to be ticketed ahead of the day so please contact Martin Braint on 07967 217182 before Sunday 27th August to arrange a time to drop off your prizes.

Donate Goods for the bric-a-brac Start collecting now so that you have a big box of goods ready to drop off at the bric-a-brac stall on 28 August. Your unwanted goods could become someone else's treasures! It would be really helpful to have your bric-a-brac before 12 noon to give the stall holders time to set up before the Fete opens.

Supply Books for the Book stall Create some space on your bookshelves by donating the books you have already read. Just bring them along on the day, preferably before 12 noon.

Donate Home-baking We need lots of home made cakes and biscuits for the home baking stall and the afternoon teas, so please do some baking for us. Baked goods can be delivered to the home baking stall or the tea pavilion from 11.30 -1pm on 28 August.

Volunteer to help on the day with setting up, parking, manning the stalls or serving the teas. Even 30 minutes of your time would be a great help. If you would like to volunteer, please contact me on 01628 523367.

Buy lots of tickets for the Grand Draw They will be on sale beforehand and on the day.

And most importantly, come along on 28 August! Please put the date in your diary now.

As in previous years, the proceeds from the Fete will go to local good causes and to projects and activities which benefit the residents of Little Marlow. Last year we donated funds to Little Marlow School, St John the Baptist Church, Bourne End and Cookham Rotary Club, Well End and Little Marlow Women's Institute, maintaining The Pound, the Cricket Club, improving broadband connectivity for the village, the Red Cross, Wye Valley Volunteers and the Bucks/Berks/Oxon Air Ambulance Service.

Valerie Brownridge

Chairman, Little Marlow Village Amenities Committee



Afternoon tea at Little Marlow Village Fete, 2016

Chiltern Walking Festival

The inaugural [Chilterns Walking Festival](#) is just a couple of months away now and we have over 80 walks and events on offer right across the Chilterns – the interactive map on the [Walking Festival](#) sites show the start points of all 83 events. There is a huge choice of activity including:

- **Pub walks, meet-the-producer** walks and **foraging** activities
- **Iron Age Hillfort** walk followed by **an Iron Age feast** at a local pub!
- **Wildlife** spotting walks, **artists** walks, and **history/heritage** walks
- Guided **electric bike tour** with a picnic lunch from Henley on Thames, taking in Chiltern Valley Winery & Brewery, Hambleden Valley, Turville and Warburg Nature Reserve,
- Expert led **wild medicine walk** around The Sunnyside Trust's Hemel Food Garden, discovering what plants can be used for medicinal purposes,
- **Take the train for a walk**, starting from Princes Risborough station journey to together to Haddenham, and walk back to Princes Risborough.
- **Take the boat** one way with **Hobbs of Henley**, enjoy a guided walk back along **the Thames Path**
- **Gruffalo spotters trail** where the characters come to life in Wendover Woods,
- **Nordic Walking** and **Health Walks**

For further details www.visitchilterns.co.uk/walkingfest

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Scrub up for Scannappeal

[Scannappeal](#), a charity dedicated to providing state of the art medical equipment, has launched the Scrub Run at the Cardiology Department of Wycombe Hospital setting the scene for the inaugural family fun run for local charity. The run is taking place on Sunday 21 May and plans to see all manner of doctor's coats, nurse's uniforms and scrubs take on the challenge.

Participants can choose a 5k or 1k route, both of which start and finish at Amersham Cricket Club and will take in the beautiful Great Missenden Way and Shardeloes. Those taking part are welcome to run, jog or walk, and don your favourite doctors and nurses' outfit in homage to the incredible work our doctors and nurses do.

The day will kick off with a warm up provided local company, Wild Training, who are kindly supporting the event. With the runners decked out in their ‘doctors and nurses’ gear it is sure to bring a smile to everyone’s face!

Hannah Camden, Operations Director, Wild Training said” Wild Training are excited to be supporting the Scannappeal Scrub Run and are delighted to be able to bring our passion to the event and get everyone motivated through a fun a friendly warm up”.

By taking part you will be supporting Scannappeal’s All Heart Appeal. This Appeal is raising funds to buy two latest generation 3D scanners to diagnose and evaluate heart disease. Equipment purchased by Scannappeal is used every 10 minutes in the local hospitals by 1 in 4 residents of Buckinghamshire.

[Registration for the Scrub Run closes on Wednesday 17 May at midday. Adult entry is £10, 5 – 16 year olds £5, and under 5’s run free with every participant receiving an exclusive Scrub Run medal on completion](#)



Abbotsbrook Hall and The Pavilion

The Council is currently organising the redecoration of The Pavilion and The Abbotsbrook Hall. We are pleased to be working with the Community Pay Back Scheme and hope to commence in May. It will take some time as the halls are so well used, however hopefully by this time next year, both halls will be looking very smart with a new lick of paint.



Planning an event and need a location?

ABBOTSBROOK HALL & THE PAVILION

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Preferential rates for Parishioners of Little Marlow.

Contact – Pavilion Hire – 01628 890301

Abbotsbrook Hall – 01628 528936



Best Kept Village 2017

Little Marlow Village has entered the competition for 2017. Over the last two years the Village has been Highly Commended and Runner Up. Could this be the year to bring home the Gurney Cup?

Maybe next year Well End may wish to enter the competition. Should any Well End Residents be interested, more information can be found on:

<http://www.bucksvoice.net/bestkeptvillage/results/>

It would be great to have representation from both Villages in the BKV Competition.

The image is a composite. On the right is a photograph of a black metal signpost with a decorative top. The sign at the top reads "BUCKINGHAMSHIRE BEST KEPT VILLAGE" and features a small crest. Below the sign is a vertical list of years from 1987 to 2010. The signpost is set in a grassy area with trees in the background. On the left is a vertical poster with a light green and yellow background. The poster contains the following text: "We have entered the Best Kept Village Competition", "Please help to keep our village tidy", "Judging takes place in June & July", and "The Buckinghamshire Best Kept Village Competition www.bucksvoice.net/bestkeptvillage". At the bottom of the poster, under the heading "Competition Sponsors:", are logos for George Browns, Motts Travel, Wycombe District Council, Milton Keynes Council, Chiltern District Council, and Buckinghamshire County Council.

Little Marlow - Fern Lane Cemetery

The Cemetery looks really beautiful at this time of year. First we have the gorgeous snowdrops, followed by the daffodils and primroses and now it is a riot of blue – with the beautiful blue bells.

Quite a lot of maintenance on the trees has taken place. It is part of the Council's overall plan to look after the trees throughout the parish.

The memorials in the older section of the Cemetery have all been made safe and I am pleased to say all the tape that surrounded them has been removed.

One area that is a real eye sore is the rubbish! The Parish Council is acutely aware of the over flowing area in the corner of the cemetery. The problem has been gaining access to the site to remove the rubbish. The main entrance does not have room to allow large vehicles such as a bin lorry into the cemetery. Our second entrance at Sheepridge Lane unfortunately has had a low hanging telephone wire which again prevented any large vehicles entering. Despite our best efforts, Open Reach still haven't sorted out this wire – so we are trying to work out the best way to remove this excessive rubbish and manage it better in the future.

The Council recently reviewed its Regulations in regards to the reservation of burial plots. After careful consideration, the Council resolved to keep the regulation of not allowing reservations. All previous reservations will be honoured.

The Cemetery is getting short of space for full interments and the Council estimate that there is potentially 10 years left before the cemetery is full. This is a problem to which the Council will be giving a great deal of thought in the Autumn.

The Council are pleased to welcome the Bourne End Cubs to the cemetery in May. We are very grateful to the Cubs for ~~are~~ kindly volunteering to help spruce up the Chapel and the Cemetery. We hope they find it interesting visiting our Cemetery and experiencing some of the local history.

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Wycombe Phoenix Harriers – come join us!

This is an invitation to all budding athletes, young or old, who've always wanted to be a part of a professional club and realise their full potential...

Wycombe Phoenix Harriers, a local athletics club, with a long history of successes and achievements, has waived their long waiting list and is inviting members of the community to join the club and accomplish their running, throwing, jumping and fitness goals.

The club has experienced, dedicated coaches who mentor, train and encourage athletes from the various age groups, developing, not only their fitness and strength, but their focus and perseverance skills too.

Induction courses are now held once a month at the Little Marlow track, outlining the various track and field events on offer and detailing the regular training times, fixtures and events.

If you or your child is interested in experiencing a great social network in a supportive environment, please email Dawn Kingman:

enquiries@wycombephoenix.org and provide the following:

- Athlete's Name (or name of child if enquiring on their behalf):
- Athlete's Date of Birth:
- Tell us about the area(s) of athletics interests:
- Primary contact's name:
- Contact Email Address:
- Contact Phone Number:

enquiries@wycombephoenix.org and membership@wycombephoenix.org

For more information, please visit our website: www.wycombephoenix.org



Wycombe Phoenix Harriers - A great way to spend your weekend



Competitive and fun!

Athletics Track – Little Marlow

The Athletics Track is home to local Athletics Clubs but is also open to members of the public. If you are a keen runner, you may wish to consider annual membership.

Public opening times

Monday to Friday 09:00 – 17:00

Saturday 10:00 – 17:00

Priced at £5 per runner for each individual session.

Membership is £80 per year and benefit from extended opening times to use the track.

Monday to Friday 06:30 – 19:00

Saturday 06:30 – 21:00

Sunday 06:30 – 16:00

To book a session – email address alfletics@alfcharity.org

Website details www.alfvillages.org.uk/alf-villages/alfletics/

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Cycling Festival at the Athletics Track – Little Marlow

On Thursday 30th March 2017 Active-In welcomed a number of local schools to our Inclusive Cycling Festival which was held at Little Marlow Athletic Track and run in partnership with Cycling Projects. The day was a great success with a number of children riding a bike for the first time! If you would like a chance to ride one of our fantastic adapted bikes, please come along to our Marlow Wheels For All centre which is open every Saturday 11am-2pm. The centre is based at Bisham Abbey National Sports Centre and is for all children and adults with disabilities and differing needs to engage in cycling activity. For more information please contact: marlowwheelsforall@gmail.com.

Please see attached flyer for the session and a couple of photos from the Schools Cycling Festival.



Dog Bins

The subject of dog fouling is always an emotive subject! The phenomenon of the 'poo bag trees' seems to have filtered into our local footpaths and rights of way. To try and combat this very anti-social behaviour, the Parish Council has installed two dog bins in Little Marlow Village. One is situated near the path by the Queens Head and the other is near the Moor. Hopefully these bins will be well used by dog walkers as there is now no excuse for not picking up and disposing of dog mess.



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Dates for your Diary

Council Meetings:

2017

23rd May, 4th July, 15th August, 26th September, 7th
November, 19th December

Annual Council Meeting 23rd May

***Annual Parish Meeting – 19th May**

*** at Abbotsbrook Hall**

All meetings are held at The Pavilion, Church Road, Little Marlow, SL7 3RS.
Most meetings start at 8pm and all public and press are invited to attend.

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