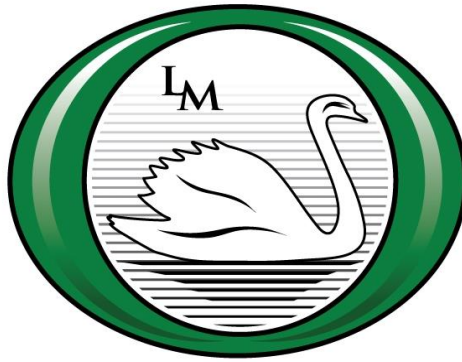


LITTLE MARLOW
PARISH COUNCIL



YOUR COUNCIL FOR YOUR AREA

NEWSLETTER NO: 35

SPRING/SUMMER 2018



Dear Little Marlow Resident,

Please do not be surprised to find this Spring edition of the Parish newsletter in your letter box. It is officially Spring although it does not feel like it! As usual the newsletter contains details of what has been keeping the Parish Council busy over the last six months, how we are spending your money and what our priorities are for the months ahead. You will also find articles from our local schools and from some of the organisations which use our halls, as well as information about future events in our Parish and more widely.

I should like to draw your attention to two articles where we flag up the opportunity for you to have your say. The first of these concerns the future structure of local Government in Bucks. This really does matter to all of us. It is currently looking very likely that the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government will opt to replace the existing five Councils across Bucks with one single Council, but he has not yet made a final decision. I would therefore encourage you to look at the proposals put forward respectively by Bucks CC and the District Councils and to take the opportunity to let the Secretary of State know what you think. The other opportunity for you to have your say concerns a much more local issue – the refurbishment of the Pavilion. Details of what is planned and how you can submit your views can be found in the article on the Pavilion.

I am delighted that we have reports from two of the organisations which use Abbotsbrook Hall - the Bridge Club and the Brownies. We would like to see more local clubs and organisations using Abbotsbrook and the Pavilion as a meeting place as well as more residents using them for one off events. We realised that both were looking a bit “tired”, hence the ongoing refurbishment work at Abbotsbrook and our planned work for the Pavilion.

Claytons Primary School and the Little Marlow CE School are an important part of our community so I very much welcome the inclusion of reports from them. You will also find an article on what happens to the waste which you recycle. It is well worth a read.

Finally, I would like to give a plug for our Annual Parish Meeting on 18 May. Our MP, Dominic Grieve, has kindly agreed to join us this year. And if any further enticement is needed, we will be offering refreshments! We would also

love to see you at our regular Parish Council meetings - dates on the last page.

Valerie Brownridge,

Chairman, Little Marlow Parish Council

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The Pavilion
Church Road
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Opening hours: Monday - Friday 9am - 12 noon
*'Where children are safe and learn whilst
having fun.'*
Ofsted judgement a 'Good' Provision



Little Marlow Pre-School

Have your say on the future of local government in Bucks

The Government has been reviewing the options for reforming the current structure of local government in Buckinghamshire. The Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government has announced that he is “minded to” abolish the existing County and District Councils and create one single unitary council for the whole of Bucks (excluding Milton Keynes) as proposed by Bucks County Council. The four District Councils put forward an alternative proposal for two unitary authorities, one in the North based on the area currently covered by Aylesbury Vale District Council and the other in the south based on the area currently covered by Wycombe, South Bucks and the Chilterns District Councils. Information on the proposal for one unitary council can be found on www.futurebucks.co.uk and on the two unitary authorities proposal on www.modernisingbucks.org.

The Secretary of State has invited further representations regarding the future of local government in Bucks before he takes a final decision. The deadline for submitting views is 25 May 2018. We urge you to submit your views to the Minister by e-mailing him at sajid.javid@communities.gsi.gov.uk or by writing to him at The Rt Hon Sajid Javid, Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, Fry Building, 2 Marsham Street, London SW1P 4DF. Please also copy your views to our local MP, the Rt Hon Dominic Grieve QC, MP, at dominic.grieve.mp@parliament.uk

The Parish Council has been closely following the debate about the future of local Government in Bucks and has discussed the issue at a number of its meetings, most recently on 24 April when the focus was on how the Council should respond to the Secretary of State. We had a lively discussion during which we reviewed the arguments put forward by Bucks CC for a Single Unitary Authority and by the District Councillors for two Unitary Authorities and had the added benefit of input from our County and District Councillor David Watson. We came to the conclusion that, given all the uncertainty and confusion surrounding Brexit and the effect this is already having on business and investment, the additional upheaval and major disruption to services which would inevitably occur during the 2-3 year transition to a new Council was likely to have a negative impact on development and investment in Bucks. The Council therefore agreed that we should propose to the Secretary of State that the status quo be maintained for a minimum of 5 years and that the structure of local government in Bucks should be revisited once the implications of Brexit

had been worked through. We thought we should also take the opportunity to make clear that any new process should involve thorough consultation with Town and Parish Councils and much greater thought being given to their future roles and responsibilities and how they would fit into any new structure of local government. And finally, we should add that, in the meantime, there was scope for changes to be made to the existing structure of local government in Bucks to improve communication and co-operation between the County Council and District Councils, reduce duplication, improve efficiency, share services and reduce confusion about the services provided by each Council.

Valerie Brownridge – LMPC Chairman

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Little Marlow CE School News



Oak class was transformed into a restaurant. The chefs, waitresses and waiters worked hard in the morning making place mats for the occasion and honing their supermarket shopping skills and food preparation. The children then tried all their tasty treats in the afternoon: noodles, salad and fruit skewers. The children had lots of fun trying to eat with chopsticks to celebrate Chinese New Year!



Aspen class took a trip to Woolley Firs Environmental Centre to explore the woodland habitat. They spent the day hunting for wildlife in the woodland and pond dipping. Highlights of the day included visiting the minibeast hotel and using the large fishing nets to collect and observe pond life.



Elder Class explored the Henley River and Rowing Museum. They made their own boats and had a scenic walk along the river. The children also had the opportunity to look around the “Wind in the Willows” exhibition.



Abbotsbrook Hall

Abbotsbrook Hall has undergone some internal refurbishment. The painting has just about finished inside and has made a huge improvement to the general appearance. The railings outside have all been painted and some play bark has been added to the play area to make this area more attractive and less muddy!

The floor in the main hall and by the stage is being re-varnished in July and we will be replacing the curtains. Further maintenance will be taken on Abbotsbrook Hall's beautiful high windows. The aim is to have this work completed by Summer 2018.

The hall is still available to hire for children's parties etc on Saturdays and even with the work being undertaken, you can still enjoy Abbotsbrook Hall's unique 'arts and crafts' architecture.



Abbotsbrook Hall – inside

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2nd Bourne End Brownies

I am very lucky to be the leader for '2nd Bourne End Brownies' together with my friend Beryl - between us we have been involved in Guiding for over 55 years. We meet at the Abbotsbrook hall every Tuesday during term time where we have lots of fun and activities.

We have just completed our Spring term and now look forward to our Summer term. This coming term will be extra special as we are celebrating 50 years of guiding with our pack. We have lots of plans to coincide with the forthcoming Royal Wedding. We plan to plant a special flower planter (in guiding colours) full of flowers to celebrate this occasion. The Brownies and the playgroup will add their magical touches to the planter which will stand in place of pride next to the hall. I would like to teach the Brownies to take care and pride in their local environment and thought this would be a good idea.

I am particularly fond of the Abbotsbrook hall as it is where my husband and I celebrated our wedding reception 43 years ago!!

Rosie Kimber (Wise Owl - 2nd Bourne End Brownies)



Abbotsbrook Hall Planter

The Brownies have collaborated with the Pre-school to make, paint and plant a beautiful planter which takes pride of place outside the Hall entrance. It has been lovingly painted in the Guiding colours and also commemorates 50 year anniversary of the 2nd Bourne End Brownie pack!



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Point to Point Races Dates



Kimblewick Races

The dates for Point to Point Racing at the Kingston Blount and Kimble racecourses are: **Kingston Blount: Saturday 10 March, first race 1pm**

- *Kimble: Easter Saturday, 31, first race 1pm*
- **Kingston Blount: Saturday, 21 April, first race 2pm**
- **Kingston Blount: Sunday, 13 May, first race 2pm**
- **Kingston Blount: Sunday, 27 May, first race 2.30 pm**
- More information is available at <http://www.kimblewickraces.co.uk/>

The Centre for Buckinghamshire Studies presents:

Great War Buckinghamshire Showcase

Date:
Saturday 12
May 2018
10am to 3pm

Venue:
Arts4Every1 Centre
Desborough Road
High Wycombe, HP11 2PU

A day celebrating the lives of the men and women from Buckinghamshire who participated in the First World War.

- Local history exhibitions
- WWI family history tips
- Family craft activities
- Live music and poetry readings
- Refreshments



For more details:



@CenBucksStudies

Email: archives@buckscc.gov.uk



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The Pavilion

The Pavilion is a well-loved community facility which has a lovely location. It is now in need of some investment to improve this hall and allow it to continue to serve the community for many more years to come.

Have your say!

We have started to put together a proposed programme of refurbishment for The Pavilion. This is a huge schedule of works and will require a great deal of investment by the Council. It was resolved at Council to apply to the Public Works Loan Board (PWLB) for a loan of £20,000. With this capital the Council are looking to improve the kitchen, decorate the Pavilion inside and outside, improve the access to the loft areas of the Pavilion, improve storage for chairs and tables, look at improving window furnishings and provide notice boards for the displaying the Pre-school's art.

As this an application for public money, it is important that we consult with our parishioners for their views. The PWLB provides preferential rates of interest for Parish Councils and the current rate is 1.59%. The Council wishes to repay the money over a period of five years.

What do you think? Please see the link below and complete our short survey which can be found on our website www.littlemarlowparishcouncil.org.uk

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/BHLEF5VJ>

Without your input we can't progress these much-needed improvements.

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Planning an event and need a location?

ABBOTSBROOK HALL & THE PAVILION

Are available for Hire

at very competitive prices

Preferential rates for Parishioners of Little Marlow.

Contact – Pavilion Hire – 01628 890301

Abbotsbrook Hall – 01628 528936



Friendly Bridge at Abbotsbrook Hall

These days, we are bombarded with conflicting health advice, but all experts agree on one thing - The most important thing is to keep your mind active.

For several years now, a group of friendly people have met at Abbotsbrook Hall and enjoyed playing Duplicate Bridge.

Abbotsbrook Bridge Club meets every Thursday and play commences promptly at 1.30pm. You do need a partner, but the Club Committee can often help with this.

The weekly fee is £2.50, (£2.00 if you become a member.) This includes tea, coffee and biscuits available throughout the session. The club is not constricted membership of any outside body, but it does require playing within the rules of Bridge.

Why not come along and give it a try?

If you need further information just give me a call on 01494-711225.

Cliff Brown, Hon. Sec.



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A new financial year.

At this time of year, we look towards a new financial year and to make sure we continue to deliver value for money to our electorate. Our precept is increasing this year to £50,452. The Council has continuing pressures on its budget as we continue to provide devolved services on behalf of Bucks County Council. This includes maintaining footpaths, cutting grass verges (in 30mph zones), drainage slips in Sheepridge & Winchbottom Lanes, bus shelter maintenance. The Council will also continue to provide a community bus service in partnership with Marlow Town Council and Marlow Bottom Parish Council. We feel it is vital to maintain this service to give parishioners who don't drive the opportunity to have access to transport.

Action Plan 2018/19

Little Marlow Parish Council is always looking forward and we are again setting ourselves ambitious targets for the year ahead. Road Safety is high on the Agenda with the Council committing funds to speed review in Little Marlow Village and improving the immediate exit from the Athletics Track into Westhorpe Lane. Other projects include - further improvements to the seating in the playground and improvements to the grounds at Abbotsbrook Hall. Our biggest project for the coming year is the refurbishment of The Pavilion.

So, what was your precept spent on last financial year?

Little Marlow Parish Council continued to provide devolved services on behalf of Bucks County Council. The Cemetery and Chapel were continued to be maintained to a high standard with ongoing grass, hedge and tree maintenance which has really improved the Cemetery's overall appearance. Better facilities for families to dispose of rubbish and old plants. The Council undertook further work on the old memorials to ensure they remained safe for visitors.

We continue to maintain the 'green footpaths' in Winchbottom Lane and Burroughs Grove Hill Road to ensure there is a safe place for pedestrians to walk whilst maintaining a rural appearance.

Projects the Council completed last year included the clearance of the footpath from Abbey Road to Chalklands, which greatly improved the path for pedestrians and also enabled the street lights to be more effective in this area, the installation of 'The Brig' play equipment at recreation ground which has been a huge success with our younger parishioners, the extension of the Spade Oak Car Park and the insertion of two soakaways – to help with flooding issues,

improvements to the interior of Abbotsbrook Hall with decorating and upgraded emergency lighting and the provision of dog bins for Little Marlow. Not the most glamorous of projects but has been very popular with our dog walkers and has reduced the amount of discarded dog waste.

The Council was delighted to provide donations for worthwhile projects to Claytons School, Bourne End Scouts and The Marlow Museum.

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Claytons Primary School: Year 3 and 4 production of Superheroes Anonymous

At the end of the Spring term, the children in years 3 and 4 enjoyed performing Superheroes Anonymous, a musical adventure by Becky and Brian Mayhew. The children sang, danced and acted with great enthusiasm and audiences were delighted. The cast consisted of narrators, heroes and villains, schoolteachers, bursars and pupils, newsreaders and health-and-safety officials.

Highlights included Ant Man, Robin Hood, Hannah and Rat Girl driving the Rat Mobile; Dr Whatever stopping time and revealing Ant Man's spotted underpants; and the fight scenes when Dr Strangelove, Dr Unpleasant and Dr Whatever had their evil plans thwarted



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Annual Parish Meeting - 18th May 2018

Invitation to our Parishioners

Our Annual Parish Meeting is on the 18th May at Abbotsbrook Hall from 8pm. We would be delighted to welcome as many parishioners as possible. This is an opportunity to meet Councillors at a more informal meeting and see how Little Marlow Parish Council is spending your precept. There are reports from Finance and Planning and as well as contributions from organisations such as Thames Valley Police.

This year we are delighted to be welcoming our MP – Rt Hon Dominic Grieve QC. With the decision to be taken soon on the future of local government in Bucks, it is an opportunity to express our views to our Member of Parliament.



Light refreshments will be served

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Annual Parish Meeting - Agenda

NOTICE OF ANNUAL PARISH MEETING



Little Marlow Parish

Notice is Hereby Given that Little Marlow Parish Council will be holding a

PARISH MEETING

At

Abbotsbrook Village Hall, Marlow Road, Well End

On

Friday 18th May from 8pm.

All electors of the Parish can attend and vote at the meeting, at which any Parish matters can be raised.

AGENDA

1. Introduction by Chairman of Little Marlow Parish Council
2. Apologies for Absence
3. Geoffrey Moss Memorial Rose Bowl Presentation
4. Minutes of previous meeting held on Friday 19th May 2017
5. Chairman's Annual Report
6. Financial Report
7. Planning Report
8. Report from Rt Hon Dominic Grieve MP QC
9. Report from Thames Valley Police
10. Speaker - TBC
11. Other matters

After the business of the meeting has been completed there will be an opportunity to circulate with representatives of the Council and other organisations, as well as other members of the electorate.

Refreshments will be available.

Signed: *Valerie Brownridge* – Chairman of the Council Date: 1st May 2018

Little Marlow Village Fete 2018

Avid readers of the Parish newsletter will know that for some years now the Spring edition has included advance notice of the delights in store for you at the Little Marlow Village Fete on August Bank Holiday Monday. This year is no exception. First, let me confirm the Fete's time, date and venue: **2pm - 5pm** on **27th August** at the **Little Marlow Recreation Ground (off Church Road)**.

I am delighted to report that all our loyal stall holders are planning to return this year so you will again be able to stock up on jams, plants, home baking and vegetables, find new treasures on the bric-a-brac stall and brush up on your reading at our book-stall. There will be lots of activities for children including races and other sporting activities, helter-skelter, hook the duck, face painting, mini-train, coconut shy, plate smashing and a soccer sideshow. The big news is that this year for the first time we are also going to have a Punch and Judy show and a Magic show. In addition, we will have other activities which we hope will appeal to all ages such as the tombola, the fun dog show and the tug of war. The times of all the different events will be listed in the Fete programme. We don't charge for parking, but we do ask you to buy a programme instead. Not only will this ensure that you don't miss out on any of the activities but it will also enable you to enter into the programme draw.

We don't want you to go hungry or thirsty so there will be various stalls selling food, drink and ice cream and, of course, we will be serving afternoon tea in the Pavilion. By popular demand we have asked the Chiltern Jazz Quartet to come back again this year to play for us throughout the afternoon.

The Amenities Committee is a small but dedicated team who organise the Fete each year and with help from the various local organisations and villagers man the stalls and run the activities. But we also need some support from the wider community to make the Fete the success it is year after year. There are lots of ways you can help us:

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 26th August to arrange a time to drop off your prizes.

Donate Goods for the bric-a-brac This could be just the incentive you need to clear out your cupboards! It would be really helpful to have your bric-a-brac

before 12 noon on the day of the Fete to give the stall holders time to set up before the Fete opens.

Supply Books for the Book stall Why not give someone else the chance to read those books you really enjoyed? 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 27 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. There are some great prizes.

And most importantly, come along on 27 August! Please put the date in your diary now.

As always, 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 and the shrubbery, the Cricket Club, playground equipment for the recreation ground, the Red Cross, Wye Valley Volunteers, the Bucks/Berks/Oxon Air Ambulance Service and the Berks, Bucks and Oxon Wildlife Trust.

Valerie Brownridge - Chairman, Little Marlow Village Amenities Committee



Taking the strain at the Tug of War at the 2017 Fete

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Visits to Greatmoor Energy from Waste

Do you ever wonder what happens to the things you put in your waste bin? Your recycling is sorted and passed onto recycling companies, but what about your non-recyclable waste?

So far over 2500 visitors to Greatmoor Energy from Waste have found out.

All of the residual (non-recyclable) household waste generated in Buckinghamshire is now processed at the Greatmoor Energy from Waste facility, at Woodham, near Aylesbury. Greatmoor is operated by FCC Environment, in partnership with Buckinghamshire County Council.

Greatmoor has the capacity to treat up to 300,000 tonnes of waste a year (approximately 900 tonnes a day), waste which would otherwise have gone to landfill. As a result, it generates a minimum of 22 megawatts of electricity to the national grid – meeting the energy needs of around 36,000 homes.

This alternative treatment of waste will result in a saving to Buckinghamshire County Council of approximately £150 million over the 30 year life of the contract.

Guided tours of Greatmoor are available by prior agreement and at no charge. Visiting groups have included WIs, U3As, Rotary Clubs, Scouts, Cubs, Primary Schools, Colleges and lots of others.

A group visit to Greatmoor can be tailored to your requirements and will include a tour around the facility, which includes the control room (where you will be able to see the cranes loading the waste), a visit to the viewing hatch providing an exciting view into the heart of the fire, the turbine hall and the huge condenser fans, which is an experience not to be missed.

The maximum group size for a tour is 15. School visits are available for Key Stage 2 upwards.

Cllr Bill Chapple OBE, Buckinghamshire County Council's Cabinet Member for Planning & Environment, said: "Greatmoor is a great asset to Buckinghamshire, and I'd really recommend that people take this opportunity to see the plant in operation and find out how it helps us reduce the environmental impact of our waste while at the same time saving money."

Feedback from visitors includes “ The tutor had a really good knowledge and explained it all well. The tour was such a good experience and really interesting. I think that all the general public should have an opportunity” and “Very informative but not too much sitting around so the children got bored or disruptive - they were kept engaged throughout”

If you aren't a member of a local group but would like a tour, why not come to one of our open tour days?

Greatmoor is holding four public open tour days in 2018.

These are on the following Saturdays - March 17th, June 30th, September 22nd and November 24th.

On each day there will be tours, at 10am, 12.30 and 3pm. Please note that places are available on a strictly booking in advance basis only. There is a minimum age limit of 12 on open tours.

For more information about Greatmoor please visit www.Greatmoor.co.uk



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Little Marlow Fern Lane Cemetery

The Cemetery is a beautiful and tranquil place but it is important that we ensure it is safe place to visit. We recently carried out a “topple test” on all the memorial stones in the cemetery and a number were found to be unsafe. The affected memorial stones have been laid down. It is the responsibility of families to ensure the memorial plaques are safe. We ask that any families who wish to have their stones repaired, please contact us and we will advise on the work required.



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Dates for your Diary

Full Council Meetings 2018:

29th May, 10th July, 21st August, 2nd October,

13th November, 18th December

Annual Council Meeting – 29th May 7.30pm

***Annual Parish Meeting – 18th 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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