

## Training for the Future



A milestone has been reached this summer in our Grounds Team. Our apprentice, Michael Haines and trainee Aaron Presley, who have been with us for more than 2 years, have received symbolic tools of the trade – a fine pair of secateurs - from our Grounds and Estates Manager, Richard Beale. Michael has passed his Horticultural Level 2 qualification at Wiltshire College, Lackham and recently gave a presentation to staff and Councillors with an overview of this land-based study course. Aaron, who is also a retained firefighter, has been honing skills in all areas of the Grounds Team's work and has passed training courses in chainsaw use, strimming, highways signage and excavator operations. Congratulations go too to fellow team member, Richard Jones, who passed his Horticultural Level 1 qualification.

## Thank you St John's



We have A-level Art students from St John's International Academy to thank for helping out with the refurbishment of our blue signs at the entrances to Marlborough. Our Grounds

Team took these down and have re-painted them and we asked Mike Harrison of the Art Department if he and his students could help us out with painting the crests. They have done a great job in bringing these back to life. Included in the project were Emma Beasley and Sophie Gibb. Watch out for the re-vamped signs being returned to their rightful places soon. Very many thanks to St John's students.

## Work Experience



Sixth former, Ellie Jerome, recently spent a couple of days at the Town Council offices learning more about the town and parish council sector - the first tier of local government. This was a taster towards her future aspirations to study politics at university. Amongst other things, Ellie spent time working alongside staff in the front office, took a tour of the town to visit those areas for which the Town Council is responsible, sat in on a briefing for the Town Mayor and helped to prepare for a Full Council meeting. We wish her well for her future studies.

## Cooper's Meadow Clear-up

Following a meeting and site visit with residents and users of the meadow, a number of



actions have been agreed to make sure that it is a great open space for the whole community to enjoy both in terms of conservation and wildlife habitat and as an improved community amenity. There will be a Working Party Day on Wednesday, 9th September 2015 at 11.00am to help with clearing work. Volunteers will be very welcome.

## Mayor's Charity Concert



Classical pianists, Berendina Cook and Matthew Stanley, will be performing a piano duet in St Peter's Church on behalf of the Mayor's Charity - The Brain Tumour Charity - on Sunday 13th September 2015. Tickets are available from Sound Knowledge, The White Horse Book Shop and Henry George from Friday, 7th August 2015.

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