

A Farewell

At our Mayor Making ceremony on 15 May, Cllr Noel Barrett-Morton passes his mayoral role and chairmanship of the Town Council onto his successor. The last year has been a busy one and your Mayor has represented Marlborough admirably at civic and charity events throughout the county, beautifully supported by an elegant Mayoress, his wife Susan. He has supported community and voluntary groups in the town, maintained close links with the 4th Military Intelligence Battalion, opened many events, hosted the Queen's Birthday celebrations in the Town Hall as well as raising funds for Swift Medics and Wiltshire Air Ambulance. An excellent First Citizen – thank you Mr Mayor.



event at the Town Hall in March. Mark has seen some changes since he joined the team in 1992 and throughout those years he has given the town a superb service whether looking after our public gardens, play areas, cemeteries and other open spaces or the Town Hall and will be remembered for his high standards, wide horticultural knowledge and conscientious approach – he will certainly be missed. We wish Mark and his wife, Julie, a very happy retirement.



agreed to take on this important community facility. Councillors are currently negotiating a 7 year lease on it with an aspiration that it is eventually passed on as an asset transfer. We are hoping that this will mean that the centre will soon be open again for our young people and others in the community.



George Lane Public Toilets

As hoped, the new toilets at the George Lane Car Park will be open by the end of April. As readers will already be aware, these were closed by Wiltshire Council in April 2016 and the Town Council decided to take them on. No investment had been made at the site for many years and the new modern, unisex toilets will offer facilities to our residents and visitors. The charge of 20p will help to fund running costs. The toilets at Chantry Lane will now close and the building sold at auction.

Youth Centre

Wiltshire Council was to close the Youth Centre at St Margaret's Mead in May 2017. However, the Town Council



Macebearer

If you would like to help represent your town and enjoy historic tradition, you may be just the person we are looking for to join our small team of Officers of Dignity – our Town Crier and two Macebearers. We now need another voluntary Macebearer. Ceremonial attire provided! If you are interested in this role, please contact Mrs Linda Chapman, our Civic Secretary, at the Town Council offices.



A Goodbye

After 25 years working for the Town Council, our Senior Groundsman and Deputy Town Hall Caretaker, Mark Harding, has retired. Councillors and staff wished him farewell at a small

Don't forget to vote!

Although there will be no election for the Town Council on 4th May, many thanks to those candidates who came forward to represent their communities. More information about the new Council will be available later in May. However, there will be an election for Wiltshire Council - don't forget to have your say.

Annual Report 2016/17

Our Annual Report is now available and can be downloaded at www.marlborough-tc.gov.uk

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