

Christmas in the Air



This year's successful Christmas Lights event on Friday, 20th November was brought together through real collaborative effort with the Town Council, Rotary, Lions, Wiltshire Council, the Showmen's Guild, our Neighbourhood Policing Team and retailers all playing their part. A Christmas Market lined the centre of the High Street linking up to a children's funfair and there was late night shopping. We were entertained with fantastic performances from the St John's Jazz Band, Marlborough Academy of Dance and Drama and the Community Choir. It was made all the more memorably festive with special guests Scouting for Girls performing their new single – Christmas in the Air. The band helped our Mayor officiate during her presentation to our Citizen of the Year before the countdown to the Lights Switch-on.

The band has used the town as the backdrop for its video for the Christmas single, now climbing the charts - Marlborough is clearly a contender for the Number 1 slot! This can be viewed on our website at www.marlboughtowncouncil.gov.uk Have a look and see what and who you can recognise.

Citizen of the Year 2015



Former Mayoress, Mrs Jenny Smithers, is Marlborough's Citizen of the Year. From a racing background, Jenny was born in Rockley and has lived in the Marlborough area all her life spending a huge amount of her time volunteering to help those less fortunate than herself. From an early age and alongside raising her family and supporting her husband, Derek, as Town Mayor, she volunteered to help those with physical and learning difficulties. Most of us will know her for the non-stop work she has done for the last 20 years supporting Mencap in the roles of both Chair and Secretary. She's organised Christmas parties, summer events, cricket matches, skittles evenings and much more. She has fundraised endlessly to make the local branch of Mencap the thriving group it is today and one that so many rely on.

Our thanks go to all those who nominated Jenny and other worthy members of the community for this award. Our runners up were Andrew Barnett, longstanding Scout Master of the 2nd Marlborough Scouts, for his commitment to young people and Anna Forbes, for her hard work and enthusiasm for Action for the River Kennet. Sadly, now



deceased, nominations were also received for Richard Miles who dedicated so much of his time to the church and will be especially remembered by the children of St Mary's for the wonderful wood carvings he generously made for them at Christmas over the last few years.

Our Award Winning Apprentice



In November, Michael Haines, our Horticulture Apprentice, was presented with an award by Claire Perry, MP at a special Apprentice Awards Ceremony at the new Wiltshire College Campus in Chippenham. This was for outstanding commitment to his apprenticeship programme. Horticulture Apprentice 2015 - a huge achievement. A very big well done to him.

Happy New Year!

The Town Mayor, Councillors and staff wish all readers a very Happy New Year!

Christmas and New Year Opening The Town Council offices will be closed from 12.30pm on Thursday, 24th December 2015 and re-open on Monday, 4th January 2016.

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