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We are delighted to confirm that we will be working alongside the Area Board and The Mobility Store, based at the George Lane Car Park to launch a Shopmobility Scheme in Marlborough. With funding from both councils this exciting community-based project will benefit local residents and visitors to the town. It's a service that helps those with mobility problems (whether through disability, illness or injury) to get around independently without having to rely on friends or family. For an annual membership fee, the scheme offers the hire of powered scooters or wheelchairs at low daily rates to use for shopping and other activities around town. Organisers are hoping the project can be run with volunteers. If you think you would like to volunteer, please contact either Shelley Parker from Marlborough Town Council on 01672 512487 or Andrew Jack from Marlborough Area Board on 01225 713109.

Macular Society

At the end of January, our Mayor visited Marlborough's Macular Support Group, a local self-help group run for people with macular conditions where she presented a cheque for



£500 to Group Leader, Linda Chapman. This funding was awarded by the Town Council under its Small Grants Scheme and will be used for visits and social activities. The group meets at the Wesley Hall on the last Thursday of each month from 1.30 - 3.30 pm and offers practical and emotional support to those suffering from various macular conditions including age-related macular degeneration - an eye condition causing the loss of central vision, usually in both eyes and the largest cause of sight loss in the developed world. The group is currently looking for a new Secretary and other volunteers who would be willing to help organise activities and visits. If you are interested, please contact Linda Chapman on 01672 512471.



Trees on the Common

Users of The Common will notice some felling and other tree surgery taking place. The trees here help to form



the historic landscape of this wonderful piece of public open space, especially the impressive Horse Chestnut trees. However, there are measures that we are having to take both to protect the safety of the public and the overall health of the trees. All trees on Town Council-owned land are inspected every three years - we are responsible for about 1,500 in all. During this inspection they are examined by a qualified arboriculturalist and assessed for what pest or disease might be present. On The Common, Dutch Elm Disease and Horse Chestnut Leaf Miner have been identified and after years of being weakened by these, action is being taken to combat any further spread. We will be looking to replace some of the felled trees. More information is available at www.marlboughtowncouncil.gov.uk



A Knock-Out!

Did you know that Marlborough has its own local boxing club?

Marlborough Amateur Boxing Club, based at the Sports Pavilion at Elcot Lane, is leased from the Town Council and has been brought together by volunteers who applied for grants and refurbished the building to make it a fantastic facility for local people. It offers training for both seniors and juniors with qualified coaches, all at very reasonable rates and is affiliated to the UK Amateur Boxing Association (ABA). More information at <http://www.marlbrough-abc.co.uk/>.



Silverless Street

New arrangements have been put in place to test out a solution to problems with HGVs in Silverless Street which has seen congestion and damage to buildings, particularly at the Kingsbury Street end. Wiltshire Council has recently issued an

Experimental Traffic Order with "No Entry" signs to the A346 (Herd Street) entrance to Silverless Street.

This will not make Silverless Street one way and although drivers won't be able to turn into Silverless Street from the A346, they will still be able to exit the road at either end. An "Unsuitable for HGVs" sign is also to be put up near the Town Hall to try to discourage HGVs from using Kingsbury Street and then turning into Silverless Street. Any comments on this Traffic Order should be sent to Wiltshire Council.

Comments and enquiries to the council are always welcome, you can contact us on:-
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