

The Big Picnic



Everyone can enjoy Marlborough's very own Big Picnic on Saturday, 9 September from 1pm onwards at Stonebridge Meadow. The event is being organised by Action for the River Kennet with support from the Town Council which together owns the meadow. This will be a chance to come along and learn more about what this wonderful area of the town offers.



Award winning natural history author Peter Marren will be leading a wildlife walk and telling us about flora and fauna, there'll be mini bug hotel making, fly casting and river and pond dipping too. It's an event for the whole family, bring along a blanket and picnic and we'll supply free soft drinks. It's easy to find, just head along Stonebridge Lane. For more information, contact ARK Project Officer, Anna Forbes on 07780 381709 or at anna@riverkennet.org.uk



Marlborough's Mill Wheels Turn a Corner

Marlborough's former mill wheels have been taken to a new temporary home at The Old Ropeworks. This is all thanks to a small group of local volunteers, headed up by Ron and Angie Dickens, Val Compton, Adrian and Tom Burton, Malcolm Lampard and Mike Fernley, who has agreed to store them for safekeeping. This will certainly resurrect many memories of the Town Mill which ceased to be a working mill in 1922 and was demolished in the 1980s to make way for a housing development of the same name.



Over two days the volunteers helped move the equipment together with transport company, R.J Lampard & Co. Ltd, from the Salisbury Road Recreation Ground to Kennet Place. A short journey but not an easy one – this equipment weighs around 4 tons!

The machinery had been stored for many years alongside the Town Council's workshop, not ideal and using up much needed space which can now be used for equipment for the increasing workload being taken on by the council's Grounds Team. To take the initiative forward, a Project Group is being constituted and the community kept involved through a Facebook campaign - The Watermill, Marlborough, Wiltshire. The Project Group is keen to hear from anyone interested in working towards the refurbishment – engineering



enthusiasts are particularly welcome. If you would like to see the mill wheels, call in at The Old Ropeworks at Kennet Place during opening hours. We are all looking forward to the time when the mill wheels will again sit proudly in Marlborough to remind us all of the town's magnificent and varied history.

Marlborough Community & Youth Centre

Works at the Community Centre have started and we are hoping that it will be re-opened in the autumn. Any group interested in making a booking should contact Sue Fry, Office Manager at the Town Council Offices. External grants are being applied for various works and a funding raising campaign for fixtures and fittings is being launched soon. There will be a special fundraising event at the Salisbury Road Recreation Ground on Sunday, 24th September – watch out for details nearer the time.

Grants

Do you know of a local community or voluntary group working for the benefit of Marlborough? If so, it may well qualify for funding under the Town Council's Small Grant Scheme. More details are available at www.marlbrough-tc.gov.uk

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