

South West in Bloom

Our two judges, Tim Elley and Kim Parish, came to Marlborough on a very hot 19th July and went away clearly impressed by what they had seen.



The focus of their visit was our magnificent High Street which showed off floral displays and bee-themed artwork. They also saw how conservation and sustainability can work well in town centres with imaginative planting of vegetables and flowers in specially made tubs as well as bee hives and sheep grazing at Cooper's Meadow. Time was also spent in the award winning Wye Gardens. On 28th July, there was a return visit when It's Your Neighbourhood judge, Andy Cole, was in town to tour the 10 entries in this scheme. Enormous efforts were made towards this year's In Bloom campaign from the community, businesses and schools and a significant increase in the number of sponsors and supporters. All will be revealed at an award ceremony in Taunton on 6th October.

Top Town Cryer!

After only a few months in the role, our Town Cryer, Mike

Tipman, has scooped the award for Champion Town Cryer of Wiltshire.

This all happened at the annual competition staged by Calne Town Council on Saturday, 8th August at Bowood House. The sun shone and Mike stunned the crowd and the judges with his 'shouts' about Marlborough and Bowood itself. His win means that next year the competition will be hosted by Marlborough Town Council.



Berlin. Fundraising was organised by St Mary's Curate, the Revd. Dr Janneke Blokland.

Public Toilets – Have Your Say!



The toilets at George Lane were closed in April by Wiltshire Council. Town Councillors felt that these were an important facility for Marlborough's visitors and residents and agreed to take them on and make improvements. Most of the funding towards refurbishment will be raised by the sale of the toilets at Chantry Lane. Disappointingly, there has been a delay around the legalities for this sale and the Town Council is keen to move ahead with the project and have work start as soon as possible. It has already met with the British Toilet Association to identify facilities best matched to Marlborough. In order for things to progress, it is proposing to apply for a public works loan so that the toilets can be installed first followed by other facilities for this building. (Hopefully a coach driver's rest room, small Tourist Information Point and Personal Care Room – all subject to any necessary agreements and planning permissions). These loans are offered to town and parish councils at very preferential rates. Look out for further details on our website and let us know what you think.

Mayor's Annual Cricket Match



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A warm August evening and our Mayor, Councillor Noel Barrett-Morton, gathered his players from fellow Councillors, their families, soldiers from the 4th Military Intelligence Battalion and included too our Rector, Revd. Canon Andrew Studdert-Kennedy. The Mayoral team played against Marlborough Cricket Club. The result of this friendly match was a very close second place. The real success of the evening was the £615 raised to help buy cricket equipment for keen young Afghan refugees living in



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