## Festival returns to the common



Following on from last vear's successful event, the Marlborough Food & Drink Festival will be returning to The Common over the weekend of 16/17 May. It will showcase the very best of local and national food, wine and real ale, giving a chance to sample, learn, enjoy and generally celebrate food. There will be cooking demonstrations, wine tasting and a music stage. It's not a rock concert, more of a picnic in the park and plenty for children to enjoy too with Punch & Judy and street theatre. More information at www.garden-events.com



# Calling all budding lepidopterists

ARK's very successful Moth Nights are returning soon. These free events are for all the family to get up close and learn about the amazing diversity of moths in our local area. No need to book. Meet at the Scrub Habitat Area in Stonebridge Meadow - the meadow jointly owned by the Town Council and ARK. Best to enter by the Football Club access in Elcot Lane then turn right. Warm clothing. sensible footwear and a torch are essential

Saturday 4 April Saturday 2 May Friday 5 June Saturday 5 July Wednesday 19 August Thursday 3 September All weather dependant so the dates may change at short notice. Check ARK's Facebook page for confirmation nearer the date. It's at www.facebook.com/ riverkennet

### Annual Parish Meeting

You are invited to come along to the Annual Parish Meeting on Monday, 27th April at 7pm in the Town Hall. This is your meeting, our local electorate, to hear about what the Town Council has been involved with in the last year and a chance for you to ask questions. Look out for more details at www.marlboroughtowncouncil.gov.uk

### Community Covenant

During the visit of HRH
The Duke of Kent on 27th
October 2014, a Community
Covenant was signed
between Marlborough and
the 4th Military Intelligence
Battalion.



Community Covenant meeting

This helped to seal the strong bond that has grown



between 4MI and the town. To ensure that this continues, representatives of those signatories to the document – the Town Council, 4MI, St John's, Marlborough College, the Royal British Legion and the Sports Forum - met up in mid-March to discuss collaborative projects and links. All will be working towards projects to continue the commitment to support the military and our community.

#### Local Council Tax

Your local tax pays towards services provided by Wiltshire Council. Wiltshire Police Authority. Wiltshire Fire & Rescue Service and the Town Council. The proportion which pays for the running of the Town Council, known as the precept, is by far the smallest at around 10% of your overall bill. Councillors have a duty to provide value for money services and have raised the precept by only 2.2% for 2015/16. For a Band D property this equates to an increase of £3.20 per year. 26p per month or 6p per week.

Comments and enquiries to the council are always welcome, you can contact us on:-Tel: 01672 512487

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