

Mayors of Marlborough 1310 to today

Under its Royal Charter the Mayor and Corporation had considerable power and administered the Borough entirely except for serious criminal cases. With authority to pass their own by-laws, responsibility for keeping the peace, fire prevention, education to some degree, it was an almost self-contained community. Part of their authority was taken away in the Reform Bill of 1831 when its representation to Parliament was reduced to two. The Reform Bill of 1867 further reduced the representation to one member.

Since then, in 1885, Marlborough was incorporated into the Devizes Parliamentary Constituency until 2024 when it became part of the East Wiltshire Parliamentary Constituency. Until recently, the Mayor and Corporation still held considerable power. Today, with the reorganisation of local government it has lost its Borough status and then privilege to govern itself. The town came within the Kennet District Council who made the decisions. The ancient office of Mayor has been retained, but they and their Councillors have had their authority reduced to that of a Parish Council. The town is now divided into two wards, East and West and their representatives are elected on to the Town Council.

Until 1835 the Mayor was usually elected on the Friday before the Feast of the Assumption (August 15th) and sworn in on the Friday before Michaelmas. From 1836 to 1947 the oath was taken on November 9th, but since then it has been transferred to mid-May.

Kennet District Council was wound up and dissolved in 2009 and the new unitary Wiltshire Council has since taken over and now makes the majority of the decisions for the parish of Marlborough.

1310-1978 Marlborough Borough Council Mayors

1310	John Godhyne	1412	Thomas atte Ferme
1312	Richard le Brai	1421	Thomas Keche
1319	John Hervest	1428	John Chapman
1326	Walter Menaunt	1430	Thomas Kech
1327	Richard le Brai	1445	William Howsw
1330	Richard le Brai	1452	Richard Mermyn
1333	Richard le Brai	1458	Walter Moyn
1345	Nicholas le Tailleur	1459	Walter Moyne
1347	John le Bole	1465	John Hynde
1370	Walter Joop	1471	John Fryse
1376	Peter Baldry	1472	John Mermyn
1378	John Jenewyne	1477	Robert Somerfield
1389	Robert Warner	1478	Richard Austin
1390	William Perham	1479	John Childs
1397	Walter But	1489	William Fysshier
1398	Thomas Heose	1490	John Bayly
1402	Thomas Heose	1493	Robert Forster
1403	Robert Broke	1496	William Fysshier
1406	Thomas Heose	1498	Thomas Sley
1409	Henry Bruseboys	1499	John Baylie

1501	Robert Forster	1579	Anthony Diston
1504	Richard Malebroke sen.	1580	John Lovell
1506	Henry Pengref	1581	John Hearst
1510	Henry Lery	1582	John Cornwall
1511	John Bythewaye	1583	Anthony Diston
1514	William Fyssher	1584	John Trewe
1515	Richard Wren	1585	John Lovell
1518	John Poole	1586	Richard Hearst
1522	Richard Malebroke	1587	John Cornwall jnr
1523	Robert Nottyng	1588	Anthony Diston
1524	Richard Wren	1589	John Trewe
1525	John Bythewaye	1590	John Lovell
1526	Thomas Bacon	1591	Thomas Hearst
1528	John Mathew	1592	John Walford
1532	Richard Diconson	1593	Anthony Diston
1536	William Owen	1594	John Cornwall
1537	Clement Yonge	1595	John Baylie
1538	Richard Diconson, als Sadler	1596	John Walford
1539	Robert Were the yr seven times mayor	1597	Anthonie Diston
1542	William Symons	1598	John Cornwall
1543	John Avale, als Goldsmith	1599	William Francklyn
1545	Richard Colle	1600	John Cornwall
1548	William Symons	1601	John Baylie
1549	Richard Sadler	1602	Philip Francklyn
1551	John Brooke	1603	John Cornwall
1552	Robert Were, als Browne	1604	Anthonie Diston
1553	Thomas Avale, als Goldsmith	1605	John Cornwall
1556	John Parrinchiefe	1606	Roger Hitchcock
1557	Peter Peers	1607	John Cornwall
1559	John Rowe	1608	Philip Francklyn
1560	John Brooke	1609	John Walford
1561	Philip Godwyne	1610	Thomas Sclatter
1562	Robert Were, als Browne	1611	Thomas Patie
1563	(or 1558) William Mydwinter	1612	George Waddington
1564	John Brownberd	1613	William Francklyn
1568	John Lovell	1614	Philip Francklyn
1570	Richard Cheney	1615	William Bigges
1571	John Cornwall	1616	Thomas Sclatter
1572	John Allyn	1617	John Baylie
1573	Anthony Diston	1618	Stephen Lawrence
1574	Thomas Pyke	1619	William Francklyn
1575	John Lovell	1620	Philip Francklyn
1576	John Cornwall	1621	William Bigges
1577	Alexander Staples	1622	Walter Baylie
1578	Robert Long	1623	Thomas Newby

1624	Simon Dringe	1669	Christopher Lipyeatt
1625	John Baylie	1670	William Grinfield
1626	Stephen Lawrence	1671	Stephen Gilmore
1627	Samuel Hitchcock	1672	Rolfe Baylye
1628	Philip Francklyn	1673	Robert Carpenter
1629	Walter Baylie	1674	Christopher Lipyeatt
1630	Thomas Newby	1675	Philip Lawrence
1631	Simon Dringe	1676	William Grinfield
1632	William Blissett	1677	John Morgan
1633	John Baylie	1678	Stephen Gilmore
1634	Stephen Lawrence	1679	John Hawkins
1635	John Lawrence	1680	Rolfe Baylye
1636	Christopher Finchwayte	1681	Thomas Cotton
1637	Philip Francklyn	1682	Robert Carpenter
1638	Walter Baylie	1683	Thomas Hunt
1639	John Yorke	1684	Christopher Lipyeatt
1640	Thomas Newby	1685	William Grinfield
1641	Simon Dringe	1686	John Kem
1642	William Blissett	1687	John Morgan
1643	Stephen Lawrence	1688	James Cutt
1644	Robert Hitchcock	1689	Rolfe Baylye
1645	John Lawrence	1690	John Horner
1646	Thomas Hunt	1691	John Hawkins
1647	Thomas Mundy	1692	John Kem
1648	William Gough	1693	Henry Stent
1649	Thomas Baylie	1694	John Horner
1650	John Lawrence	1695	Roger Williams
1651	Robert Clements	1696	John Hawkins
1652	William Blissett	1697	John Kem
1653	John Lawrence	1698	Henry Stent
1654	John Baylie	1699	John Horner
1655	Thomas Hunt	1700	John Smith
1656	John Keynes	1701	Roger Williams
1657	Thomas Baylie	1702	John Hawkins
1658	William Gough	1703	Nathaniel Popejoy
1659	William Barnes	1704	Robert Cowsey
1660	Richard Webb	1705	John Kem
1661	Nathaniell Baylie	1706	Nicholas Kimber
1662	John Hearst	1707	Richard Edney
1663	Christopher Lipyeatt	1708	Edward Bell
1664	William Grinfield	1709	John Horner
1665	Stephen Gilmore	1710	Roger Williams
1666	Rolfe Baylie	1711	John Horner
1667	Philip Francklyn	1712	Nicholas Kimber
1668	Philip Lawrence	1713	Walter Shropshire

Richard Edney in 1712 and Roger Williams in 1713-14 were rival mayors, but their claims were disallowed.

1714	John Fowler	1757	Henry Haggard
1715	Nicholas Kimber	1758	John Powell
1716	William Ragbourne	1759	Richard Goddard
1717	Walter Shropshire	1760	John Brathwaite
1718	John Gilmore	1761	Henry Hope
1719	John Fowler	1762	Thomas Tomlins
1720	Roger Williams	1763	John Smith
1721	John Gilmore	1764	John Powell
1722	William Gough	1765	William Francis
1723	Thomas Lipyeatt	1766	Richard Goddard
1724	William Ragbourne	1767	John Powell
1725	William Baylye	1768	Thomas Tomlins
1726	John Fowler	1769	Henry Hope
1727	Edward Bell	1770	William Fuidge
1728	William Gough	1771	John Cousins
1729	Thomas Lipyeatt	1772	Richard Francis
1730	William Ragbourne	1773	William Peck
1731	Thomas Lipyeatt	1774	John Baverstock
1732	Thomas Brunsdon	1775	Charles Bill
1733	Edward Bell	1776	Thomas Warner
1734	William Jones	1777	William Fuidge
1735	Thomas Bint	1778	John Smith
1736	Thomas Bevan	1779	Rev Charles Francis
1737	Thomas Coleman	1780	Thomas Warner
1738	Francis Gregory	1781	John Baverstock
1739	Christopher Lipyeatt	1782	Charles Bill
1740	Thomas Brunsdon	1783	William Fuidge
1741	Richard Mills	1784	Rev Charles Francis
1742	William Jones	1785	George Taylor
1743	Thomas Bint	1786	John Wentworth
1744	Thomas Bevan	1787	John Ward
1745	John Wentworth	1788	John Baverstock
1746	Christopher Lipyeatt	1789	William Fuidge
1747	Daniel Tomlins	1790	George Taylor
1748	John Wentworth	1791	John Wentworth
1749	Hugh Hope	1792	John Ward
1750	William Francis	1793	John Baverstock
1751	John Savage	1794	Rev Charles Francis
1752	Christopher Lipyeatt	1795	George Taylor
1753	Thomas Bint	1796	Richard Hope
1754	William Francis	1797	John Ward
1755	William Gough	1798	Rev John Meyler
1756	John Savage	1799	John Wentworth

1800	John Baverstock	1845	Elijah Lawrence
1801	Richard Hope	1846	John Westall
1802	Rev Charles Francis	1847	William S May
1803	John Ward	1848	David Price
1804	John Wentworth	1849	Robert Dixon
1805	John Brinsden	1850	John Iveson
1806	John Brown	1851	John Brown
1807	John Eyre	1852	William Emberlin
1808	John Ward	1853	T B Merriman
1809	John Wentworth	1854	William Neate
1810	John Brinsden	1855	Henry Seymour
1811	John Brown	1856	Thomas V Stiles
1812	John Eyre	1857	William W Lucy
1813	John Ward	1858	James S Gwillim
1814	Thomas Merriman	1859	Jonah Reeve
1815	John Halcomb	1860	Richard E Price
1816	Nicholas Washbourn	1861	Elijah Lawrence
1817	John Wentworth	1862	David P Maurice
1818	John Brown	1863	W C Merriman
1819	John Brinsden	1864	Sydney Willies
1820	John Ward	1865	David Price
1821	Thomas Merriman	1866	James Russell
1822	John Halcomb	1867	William W Lucy
1823	Stephan Brown	1868	Henry P Dixon
1824	John Brinsden	1869	James S Gwillim
1825	John Brown	1870	Edward Hayes
1826	John Ward	1871	David P Maurice
1827	Thomas Merriman	1872	Thomas Harrison
1828	John Halcomb	1873	W C Merriman
1829	Stephan Brown	1874	James B Maurice
1830	John Gardner	1875	James Morrison
1831	John Russell	1876	David P Maurice
1832	Thomas Halcomb	1877	William C White
1833	Thomas Merriman	1878	Horace Cooper
1834	John Gardner	1879	James S Gwillim
1835	Thomas Halcomb	1880	James B Maurice
1836	Benjamin Merriman	1881	Thomas Foster
1837	Robert Dixon	1882	Edward Hayes
1838	Francis M Russell	1883	Joseph Milburn
1839	Thomas V Stiles	1884	Joseph Milburn
1840	William F Hillier	1885	James Morrison
1841	R M Somerset	1886	James Morrison
1842	T B Merriman	1887	Vincent Head
1843	Jonah Reeve	1888	James B Maurice
1844	George May	1889	Thomas P Bane

1890	James Carter	1933	Henry W Cooper
1891	Mark Jeans	1934	Vincent Head
1892	T Lavington	1935	Col Christopher W Hughes
1893	W S Bambridge	1936	Thomas Free OBE
1894	William Duck	1937	Walter J Burchell
1895	George Drake	1938	James Duck
1896	Edward J Hill	1939	A F Hillier
1897	James B Maurice	1940	Edwin H Webber
1898	Joseph Milburn	1941	F J Harraway
1899	James Morrison	1942	H M Friend
1900	James Morrison	1943	F R Woodeson
1901	Thomas Free	1944	Col Christopher W Hughes
1902	Thomas Jackson	1945	Henry W Cooper
1903	Thomas P Bane	1946	E G H Kempson
1904	William M Glass	1947	James Duck
1905	Albert J Crosby	1948	James Duck
1906	Herbert Leaf	1949	T K Maurice
1907	Thomas Jackson	1950	F J Harraway
1908	W S Bambridge	1951	W T Calvert
1909	Edward James Hill	1952	Eric John Atkins Free
1910	Thomas Free	1953	Eric John Atkins Free
1911	Thomas Free	1954	Mrs Cecily Maurice
1912	Walter B Maurice	1955	Col Christopher W Hughes
1913	Ernest N Colbran	1956	F J Harraway
1914	Ernest N Colbran	1957	F J Harraway
1915	Albert J Crosby	1958	Col Christopher W Hughes
1916	John Russell	1959	H E Lansley
1917	James Duck	1960	Eric John Atkins Free
1918	George Hill Hughes	1961	Eric John Atkins Free
1919	Fred Simons	1962	Miss M E N Pearce
1920	Joseph Southgate	1963	John W Seamer
1921	James Duck	1964	Mrs D Harral
1922	Vincent Head	1965	Miss M E N Pearce
1923	Thomas Free	1966	H E Lansley
1924	Thomas Free	1967	W Winchcombe
1925	William M Glass	1968	Eric John Atkins Free
1926	Thomas Pope	1969	Mrs I L Pocock
1927	Albert J Crosby	1970	W E J Gordon
1928	Edwin H Webber	1971	David H Chandler
1929	Fred Simons	1972	Anthony V Gray
1930	H V L Kelham	1973	Eric John Atkins Free MBE
1931	H M Friend	1974	J W Seamer
1932	Herbert Savery		

1975 onwards Marlborough Town Council Mayors

1975	A G Beauchamp	2001	Dr David Watson
1976	A G Beauchamp	2002	Mrs Margaret Boulton
1977	Mrs L M Ross	2003	William B Cavill
1978	Clifford M Green	2004	Graham Francis
1979	Gp Capt P H Waterkeyn	2005	Mrs Hilary Cripps
1980	Mrs I L Pocock	2006	Brian D Castle
1981	Mrs I L Pocock	2007	Mrs Peggy A Dow
1982	W N Maslin	2008	Mrs Peggy A Dow
1983	Mrs L M Rose	2009	John Nicholas Fogg MBE
1984	Len H Bulley	2010	Andrew R W Ross
1985	John Nicholas Fogg MBE	2011	J Alexander Kirk-Wilson
1986	Stewart R Dobson	2012	Mrs Edwina J Fogg
1987	Clifford M Green	2013	J Guy Loosmore
1988	Len H Bulley	2014	Mrs E Marion Hannaford-Dobson
1989	Maurice P Cooper	2015	Mrs Margaret R Rose
1990	Anthony V Gray	2016	Noel Barrett-Morton
1991	Mrs J C Evans	2017	Mervyn J Hall
1992	Robin S Notton	2018	Lisa A Farrell
1993	Mrs O L DeLyle-Turner	2019	Mervyn J Hall
1994	Ian J Perryman	2020	Mark Cooper
1995	Mrs J C Evans	2021	Mark Cooper
1996	Derek I Smithers	2022	Lisa A Farrell
1997	Mrs Joyce E White	2023	John Nicholas Fogg MBE
1998	Len H Bulley	2024	Mrs Kym-Marie Cleasby
1999	Stewart R Dobson	2025	Emily Trow
2000	Maurice P Cooper		