

Marlborough Community & Youth Centre



The Town Council has now taken on this building at St Margaret's Mead from Wiltshire Council under a 7 year lease and we are working towards a full asset transfer well within that timeframe. Many local people have fond memories of times spent there either during their own youth or supporting those groups using the building. The Town Council is committed to opening it up for community use and has set aside an annual revenue budget to run it, covering costs for utilities, cleaning and caretaking, security, licences, etc. Councillors are also planning improvements to the layout of the interior to make it a more flexible space and this means raising some additional capital funding. A Working Party has been formed to look at those improvements and the future management of the building. We welcome members of the community who want to be part of this team and if you would like to join us, please contact the Town Clerk.

The building will be closed during July to enable some clearance and repair work but, we are hoping to be taking bookings from September 2017 and enquiries about this should be made to Mrs Sue Fry, our Office Manager at the Town Council offices. The Community Centre sits alongside the

Recreation Ground, a well-equipped play area and a skate park, all excellent facilities, all run by the town for the town.

Lifetime Achievement Award

At the well-attended Mayor Making ceremony on 15th May, Tony Gray was presented with a



Lifetime Achievement Award. Tony, a former Marlborough Borough and Town Council Mayor and Chairman of Kennet District Council was brought up in Marlborough and carried out his National Service in the Wiltshire Regiment. He was also a school governor for both St Mary's and St Peter's schools. Alongside his many achievements in local government he helped to raise thousands of pounds for charity and organised many community events including some memorable celebrations around the Queen's Silver Jubilee. He will, of course, also be remembered as the owner of the famous Ducks Toy Shop, a family run business and magical place in the High Street and though no longer open, still remembered by generations of children. A very worthy recipient of this special award.

Pelham Puppets – Civic Service

As advertised on page 8, the weekend of 8/9 July sees a celebration of the 70th



Anniversary of Pelham Puppets when the town looks back at the important impact that founder Bob Pelham had on the town. Part of this will be a Civic Service to be held at St Mary's Church at 10am on Sunday, 9th July after which the congregation will be invited back to the Town Hall to have a look at an exhibition of puppets. All members of the community are welcome at the service.

Mark of Respect



Over the last few weeks, the flag has twice flown at half-mast and Councillors and staff have stood on the steps of the Town Hall to observe a minute's silence in remembrance of those who lost their lives, were injured or affected by the terror attacks in Manchester and London. Our Mayor has also sent letters passing on Marlborough's condolences to the Mayors of both these cities.

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

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