

Farewell to.....

It's time to bid farewell to Town Mayor, Cllr Margaret Rose, as she passes the role onto her successor, Councillor Noel Barrett-Morton at the Mayor Making ceremony on Monday, 9th May. Her mayoral year has been a very busy one and she has attended more than 100 civic and other events, representing Marlborough right across the county. She masterminded the delightful Alice in Wonderland event at Priory Gardens last summer and arranged for our surprise guests – Scouting for Girls - at the Christmas Lights Switch-on. Most of all, she will be remembered for the magnificent work she has put into raising money for The Brain Tumour Charity, exceeding any amount raised for the Mayoral Charity in recent years. Thank you Madam Mayor.



Neighbourhood Plan

Another milestone has been reached - our application for the designation of our Neighbourhood Area has been accepted by Wiltshire Council. This means the parishes of Marlborough, Mildenhall, Preshute and Savernake will be working together towards

a Neighbourhood Plan for the whole of the area. The Steering Group will be asking for comments about Marlborough's future from residents, businesses and organisations right across these parishes. Watch for leaflets and an Open Day at the Town Hall very soon.



Public Conveniences in Marlborough

At the beginning of April 2016, Wiltshire Council closed its public conveniences across the county. Town and parish councils were asked, at short notice, whether they wanted to take on these facilities. The toilets at George Lane Car Park in Marlborough were amongst those set for closure. The Town Council recognises the importance of providing these facilities to its residents and visitors and has taken on this building via a Community Asset Transfer. Currently, there is no funding to provide toilet provision at George Lane and with existing running costs for this toilet block at just under £20,000 per year and no significant investment made at the site for many years, Town Councillors have decided to sell its toilets at Chantry Lane and use the proceeds to upgrade the George Lane site.

Although, there will be no public toilets at George Lane for a short time whilst we raise the funds through the sale of the Chantry



Lane building, this is a real chance to upgrade the town's facilities. We are discussing renovations that might include not only new and better toilet provision but possibly a small Tourist Information Point and a coach driver's rest room which all fits in with aspirations to become a Coach Friendly Town. It's hoped that the George Lane site will re-open in 2017.



Commemorative Stone on The Common

Our thanks go to Mark Nash for the excellent work he has done to voluntarily restore the memorial stone on The Common which is there to commemorate the 347th Station Hospital based there during WWII. This will be tied into an exciting commemorative event involving WWII vehicles which will, hopefully, take place later in the year. It'll be particularly interesting as part of the Common was used by the US Army's XX Corps as a vehicle park in 1944. Watch out for more information in the coming months.

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