



# THE GREYHOUND



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## DISABLED ACCESS TOWN HALL STEPS

On 7th February 2011 work commenced on a new disabled access to the front of the Town Hall.

Marlborough Town Hall was constructed in 1902 and is a focal point in the High Street.

It is currently used for a wide range of functions including sales, farmer' markets, exhibitions, civil ceremonies, community functions and much more.

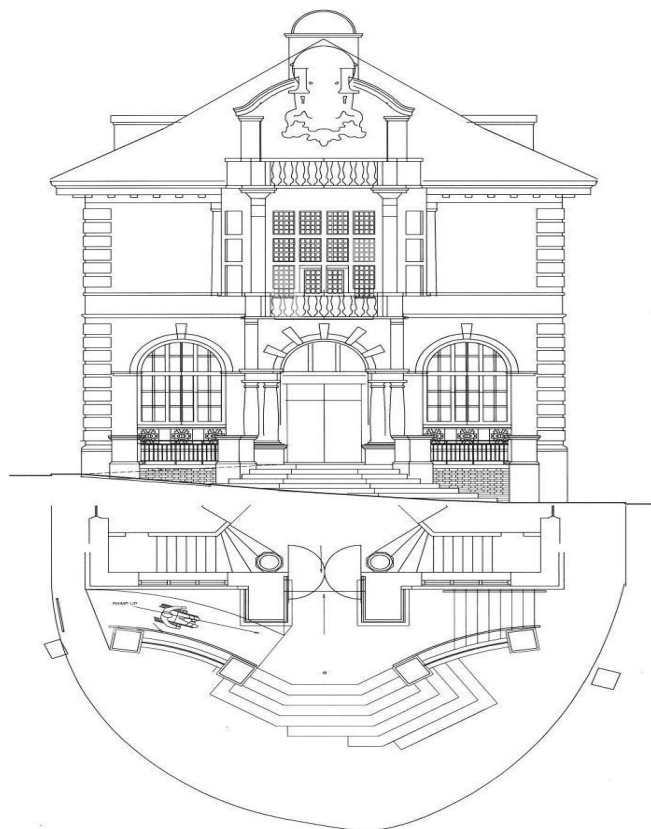
The building had limited disabled access especially the Court Room.

This has been solved by the creation of the ramp at the front of the building which allows full access to the building

At the same time the Assembly Room was redecorated and a new sound and lighting system installed. This will allow greater community use of the building.

Work should be completed shortly.

(diagram shows Town Hall front view and birds eye view of the new development).



## NEW MAYOR ELECTED

Following the meeting of the Full Town Council on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2011 Councillor Alexander Kirk Wilson was elected as Mayor for the Mayoral Year 2011-2012.

Councillor Kirk Wilson was educated at Shrewsbury School and Oxford University where he graduated in Politics, Philosophy and Economics. He is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants.

Councillor Kirk Wilson joined the Council in 2006 and is Chairman of Amenities and Open Spaces and Vice Chairman of Planning.

In the town he chairs the Kennet Community Minibus Committee, is the Town Council's Representative on the Merchant's House Committee and is a member of the Jubilee Centre Committee.

He has two adults sons who were both educated at Marlborough College.

His Mayoress will be Mrs Julie Robinson

At the same meeting Councillor Mrs Edwina Fogg was elected as Deputy Mayor. Councillor Mrs Fogg was elected to the Council in 2007 as a member of East Ward and is Chairman of the Staffing Committee.

A graduate of Nottingham University she has taught at St Mary's Calne and in the VI form at St Joseph's College, Swindon.

She is a trustee of the Marlborough Jazz Festival and serves on its Committee. Councillor Mrs Fogg is also a founder member of the Apple Day Committee.

She attends St Thomas More Church and has 6 children and 9 grandchildren.



Councillor Alexander Kirk Wilson



Councillor Mrs Edwina Fogg

## NEWS FROM WILTSHIRE COUNCIL

### CASHLESS PARKING

Have you ever arrived at a carpark only to find you do not have enough change or run over your parking time while in a meeting or shopping?

Wiltshire residents and visitors using council car parks across the country can enjoy improved parking with cashless parking.

It takes 3 easy steps:

- 1 Park your vehicle**—Find a space in one of our locations where cashless parking is available.
- 2 Register your stay**—Pay by text, internet or telephone. No need to use the pay and display machine.
- 3 Enjoy your visit**—A receipt is sent to your mobile confirming your stay. There is no need to display a ticket.

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### DOG CONTROL ORDERS CONSULTATION

A consultation is taking place on introducing new dog control orders. For more information and background on the consultation please go to Wiltshire Council's Website [www.wiltshire.gov.uk](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk)

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### HOUSEHOLDER'S GUIDE FOR EMERGENCIES

Wiltshire Council have produced a Householder's Guide for Emergencies. Copies can be obtained from the Town Council Offices, 5 High Street, Marlborough.

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### FREEDOM OF ENTRY

As you may be aware Marlborough recently became affiliated to the 4th Military Intelligence Battalion.

The Town Council will be honouring the Battalion with the Freedom of Entry to the Town on 23rd June 2011.

This was originally due to take place in September 2010 but the battalion were deployed to Afghanistan in June so the decision was made to postpone it until June 2011.

The ceremony will begin with a welcome and inspection of the parade by The Mayor at Marlborough College before the Battalion marches to Lloyds Bank frontage to receive the Freedom Scroll and their campaign medals.

Access to the High Street will be limited until noon.

## HEAD GARDENER'S REPORT

Have you noticed a change around the town's two war memorials recently?

Under the guidance of David Purkiss, Marlborough's Head Gardener, the council team have been busy re-designing and re-planting these important areas.

Starting with the memorial to the 7th Wiltshire Regiment on the London Road, a scheme was drawn up incorporating plants adopted by the Commonwealth War Graves commission for their memorials in France and Belgium.

This scheme was presented to and accepted by the council's Amenities and Open Spaces committee at a meeting in September.

Work began by removing the two old rose beds in the lawn; the roses were saved and planted elsewhere. This allowed the creation of two larger lawn areas which have been under planted with drifts of daffodils.

Alongside the pavement there is now a hedge of forty Remembrance roses, a deep red long lasting rose, which will really stand out next to the green of the grass



*Wiltshire War Memorial*

Finally, framing the memorial itself are four stately Irish yew trees and, surrounding it, a low growing box hedge which makes it more of a feature. All this was completed just in time for the Remembrance Day service in November and feedback has been very positive.

Work has also been underway on the 1<sup>st</sup> World War memorial, but more about that later...

***Since writing this article 8 of the Remembrance roses have been stolen from the memorial and will have to be replaced.***

## FLOOD PROTECTION

In order to help protect the community Marlborough Town Council has purchased from Wiltshire Council a supply of gel sacs, these are similar to sandbags, but inflate when they come into contact with water and can be used to protect doorways and airbricks. The sacs are filled with a gel that expands when wet but when dry they are virtually flat. This means they are easy to store.

These are available to purchase from the Town Council Offices at 5 High Street, Marlborough at a cost of £3.00 per bag.

If you are interested in finding out more about flooding and how you can be prepared please see the following websites:

[www.abi.org.uk](http://www.abi.org.uk) [www.floodforum.org.uk](http://www.floodforum.org.uk)

To report any flooding in the future please contact the Floodline Service on 0845 988 1188 and speak to an operator.

## MARLBOROUGH BEAT

### MEET YOUR TEAM



Community Beat  
Manager



Police Community  
Support Officer



PC Stan Boardman

PSCO  
Mark Braithwaite

### PRIORITIES

These priorities have been set by members of the community in our area as a result of police surgeries and interaction with them.

### ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR MARLBOROUGH HIGH STREET

Patrols will continue to be made in the town centre to help deal with any problems that may occur as a result of excess alcohol and drugs.

### VISIBILITY/REASSURANCE PATROLS DURING SHOP OPENING TIMES

Due to the constant shoplifting that is happening officers are spending more time on foot patrol around the town to try and combat this issue.

### SUMMARY OF CRIME

Over the past few months Marlborough and surrounding areas have had multiple burglaries.

The offenders have gained entry by forcing open either a door or window.

The offenders have made a tidy search of the house and only take jewellery which has any value.

Some of the offenders have been arrested in connection with the local burglaries.

Some of the shop lifters who have been targeting the town centre have been arrested.

### CONSULTATIONS

Come along to the Library or Jubilee Centre to let us know your concerns: dates are available on our website:

[marlboroughtownpt@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:marlboroughtownpt@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk)



The Mayor's Cup, Debating Competition between St John's School and Marlborough College was held on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2011.

This year's competition was hosted by St John's School.

It was very closely fought between both schools with St John's coming out the winners.

The Mayor was delighted to present the trophy to St John's Captain Emmie Price-Goodfellow.

**Marlborough Area Community Plan**

The new Community Plan for the Marlborough Area is being developed and we need your thoughts and opinions.

This will affect YOUR town or village and YOUR life for the next 10 years.

How do I have my say?      Where can I find out more?

Get more information and complete the on-line surveys at:  
[www.marlborougharea.org](http://www.marlborougharea.org)

Come to a Public Consultation event near you:

April 20th @ St John's School, Marlborough, from 6.30 to 8.30pm

May 12th @ Aldbourne Memorial Hall, from 6.30 to 8.30pm

May 19th @ Kennet Valley Hall, Lockeridge from 6.30 to 8.30pm

What are the priority issues for the Community Area?  
Make your voice heard, what do YOU think?

Pick up a questionnaire from local shops, Post Offices and Libraries, complete it and return it to:

MADT  
2b Wagon Yard  
London Road  
Marlborough  
SN8 1LH

What do you think about...?

- Communities & Community Safety
- Transport
- Housing
- The Local Economy
- Environment & Spatial Planning
- Local Amenities
- Health & Well-being
- Adult Employment & Education
- Children & Young People

Marlborough Community Area

- Broad Hinton
- Ogbourne St George
- Ramsbury
- Avebury
- Marlborough

## YOUR TOWN COUNCILLOR

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## **TOWN COUNCIL – NEWS IN BRIEF**

### **Telephone Boxes**

The transfer of ownership has now been completed on the telephone boxes in Manton and Barnfield from BT.

The telephones have been removed. Anyone who has suggestions for possible alternative uses for the telephone boxes please contact the Town Clerk.

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### **Chantry Lane Toilets**

A recent fire forced the temporary closure of the Chantry Lane Toilets.

Repairs have now been completed and the toilets have reopened.

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### **Royal Wedding Celebrations**

Plans are underway to celebrate the Wedding of Prince William and Kate Middleton on the 29<sup>th</sup> April.

It is proposed to hold a children's tea party in the Priory Gardens followed by a barn dance and hog roast in the evening.

Final plans are still being discussed further information will be available shortly.

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Next Year the Royal British Legion celebrates it's 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and a tribute to the RBL will focus on the Barn Street War Memorial.

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## **ITALIAN MARKET**

The Italian Market will visit Marlborough High Street on the 20<sup>th</sup> May 2011

## **FORTHCOMING CIVIC EVENTS**

4<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2011  
MERCHANTS HOUSE - PEPPERCORN RENT  
CEREMONY, 6.00PM

9<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2011  
ANNUAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING AND MAYOR  
MAKING CEREMONY – 6.30PM

15<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2011  
CIVIC SERVICE ST. MARY'S CHURCH, 10.00AM