



THE GREYHOUND



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THE MAYOR'S GARDEN PARTY

On Monday 27th August The Mayor Councillor Mrs Peggy Dow held a fund raising garden party in Wye House Gardens.

The garden party raised money towards the Mayor's Fund, which this year will be to assist the purchase of equipment for the youth organisations in the town.

The idea for the garden party came about when the Mayor was walking through the gardens only a few weeks ago.

The weather was definitely on her side as it turned out to be one of the warmest days for some time.

Councillor Mrs Dow had requested that all ladies wear hats and she was not disappointed the ladies did her proud.

The Mayor thanked Anthony Sycamore and the Overtones for providing the musical entertainment.



Councillor Mrs Dow also thanked the following people for their generosity and time -

Mr Tony Gray from Ducks Toy Shop for his generous contribution of a remote control lifeboat for the raffle which made one very small boy extremely happy. Mr Jim Jones from Wye House for the use of his electricity supply and The Beechcroft Trust for their assistance.

She also thanked Mr & Mrs Bill Cavill for the use of their gazebo and Mr Sumbler who also provided a gazebo for the band and the staff for all their hard work organising the garden party at such short notice.

Councillor Mrs Dow added that she hoped the idea could be something future Mayor's may wish to continue.



LITTER IN THE PRIORY

The Town Council staff are once again having to spend an increasing amount of time clearing litter in The Priory Gardens.

Irresponsible users of the gardens are leaving behind food wrappers, bottles and other general litter that can take up to an hour to clean up.

Litter bins are available and it would be appreciated if all litter could be placed in them or taken home and disposed of.

NEW TRACTOR AND MOWER

Marlborough Town Council have taken delivery of a new tractor and flail mower fitted with a rear roller.

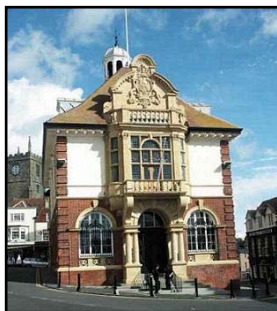
Having a flail mower means that particularly long areas can be cut, and in wet weather the quality of the cut is much better than with the old motor mower.

New tractor and flail mower



WHAT HAVE I BEEN DOING...? BY KIM WAKEHAM

I am currently undertaking a Masters in Landscape Archaeology at the University of Bristol. As part of the Masters, I have to undertake a 12 week placement. I have already spent 6 weeks with South Cadbury Environs Project in Somerset looking at the rural heritage and landscape. With Marlborough Town Council, I am looking at the urban heritage and landscape. This focus has been divided into three areas – Marlborough Town Hall, an inventory of the items stored in the Town Hall and the Old Graveyard.



One of the areas which I am looking at is the possible development of the Town Hall Cells into a Heritage Centre and Museum for Marlborough. There are many different potential themes and ideas for

what to include, but I feel that to start small and then gradually expand is the best approach. A possibility is to first develop the Marlborough Oral History Project and to focus on peoples memories of growing up, working and living in Marlborough. This promises to be an exciting project and will hopefully complement the oral history research already undertaken in Marlborough by other groups.

There are many different documents, artefacts and photographs stored in various places in the Town Hall. The documents include leases, tithe agreements, sale of property, deeds, wills and building insurance. A database of these items is being put together which will provide a better idea of what is where.



Image by Kim Wakeham

The Old Graveyard, Marlborough is a wonderfully well preserved Victorian Cemetery. I have been looking into many different ways of conserving and preserving it including the establishment of a Friends Group and the involvement of the local community. The issues facing the Old Graveyard are complex and varied it is only with continued effort and local input can the future of the Old Graveyard be secured.



Image by Kim Wakeham

REPORT FROM INSPECTOR IAN STEVENSON TO MARLBOROUGH TOWN COUNCIL

Marlborough Police Inspector Ian Stevenson gave a report to the Town Council at their meeting on 20th August on crime figures from April to the end of July, which coincides with the introduction of Neighbourhood Police Teams.

Inspector Stevenson reported a 13.4% reduction in crime overall, which is set against the general increase in crime across the County of 5.4%. Marlborough's detection rate for all crime is 24.75% compared to 21.2% for the same period last year and a current county rate of 22.5%.

Violent crime is down by 29.3% .

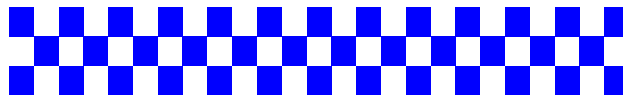
and detections are up from 50% this time last year to 60.3%

It was particularly encouraging that of 58 crimes recorded, 27 occurred in public places, 14 were minor public order offences, the other 13 were assaults. However, in all but 2 of the 13 assaults the offender and victim were known to each other prior to the incident, which leaves just two where the protagonists were unknown to each other, one was a road rage incident and the other at a late night refreshment house. These figures were very encouraging and give a good indication how safe the streets of Marlborough are.

Domestic burglary is down by 35%

compared to the same time last year with just 11 crimes recorded in four months. The detection rate is improved over last year but falls below the County average, this is believed to be because the majority of these crimes are committed by persons entering the area from Swindon, Bristol, Reading etc. Enhanced relationships with Police from other forces will improve the intelligence network and hopefully the chances of catching those responsible.

The full details of Marlborough Station's Crime Performance can be seen on page 3



Marlborough Beat Neighbourhood Policing Team



PCSO 6017—John Bordiss

Crime Prevention Advice

PC 2293—Chrissie MacDonald

On Monday 9 July Wiltshire Police launched a campaign to reduce distraction burglaries in the county. As part of this campaign, residents are being told to say **Stay Out Stranger** to unknown and unexpected callers.

The SOS – Stay Out Stranger campaign is promoting the steps that can be taken to avoid becoming a victim.

Every year some 200 Wiltshire householders – often the elderly and infirm – report that they have fallen victim to distraction burglars and bogus callers.

Distraction burglars tend to use a number of ruses in order to gain entry into people’s homes, often

posing as utility workers, or council officials - claiming to be from the ‘Water Board’ is a particular favourite. It is often assumed by the public that distraction burglars are men - this is not always the case, these groups often include women and children as well.

In addition to distraction burglars, doorstep crime also encompasses rogue traders. This is where bogus gardeners or builders carry out inferior work or repairs on a property and then charge extortionate amounts of money for below standard work.

We are keen to raise the awareness of this crime and have embarked on a four week PR and Media campaign to promote the **SOS – STAY OUT STRANGER** message.

Most people who call at your home will be genuine. But sometimes, people turn up unannounced, with the intention of tricking their way into your home.

You should always be cautious when someone you don’t know calls at your door. Bogus callers may be smartly dressed and claim to be from the council, the police, health organisations or from gas, water or electricity companies.

DO NOT open the door if you don’t recognise or are not expecting a caller

Avoid keeping large amounts of cash at home.

If you see anything suspicious please dial 999

Marlborough Station Crime Performance

31st July 2007	Recorded Crime					Detection Rates		
	This Time Last Year	So Far This Year	No +/-	%+/-	Force-wide % +/-	Last Year %	Current %	Current Force-wide%
All Crime	350	303	-47	-13.43%	5.35%	21.20%	24.75%	22.45%
Burglary Dwelling	17	11	-6	-35.29%	5.25%	0.00%	9.09%	21.37%
Burglary Other	41	37	-4	-9.76%	1.17%	2.40%	16.22%	8.53%
Robbery	0	0	0	0.00%	19.51%	N/A	0.00%	30.61%
Violent Crime	82	58	-24	-29.27%	-0.54%	50.00%	60.34%	39.77%
Theft From Motor Vehicle	43	37	-6	-13.95%	7.19%	0.00%	0.00%	22.87%
Theft Of Motor Vehicle	4	6	2	50.00%	22.90%	25.00%	33.33%	9.91%
Criminal Damage	64	65	1	1.56%	10.17%	24.20%	18.46%	11.90%
Drugs	12	11	-1	-8.33%	-30.96%	100.00%	100.00%	96.03%

Key	Improvement over Last Year
	Stable compared to Last Year
	Worse than Last Year

FLOOD WARNINGS FOR THE MARLBOROUGH AREA



Flood Watch -

Flooding is possible. Be aware! Be prepared! Watch out!



Flood Warning -

Flooding of homes, business and main roads is expected. Act now!



Severe Flood Warning

Severe flooding is expected. Imminent danger to life and property. Act now!



All Clear

All clear is issued when Flood watches or warnings are no longer in force. Flood water levels receding. Check all is safe to return. Seek advice.

NOTE: FLOODWATCH DOES NOT SIGNIFY THAT FLOODING OF BUILDINGS WILL OCCUR

Householders who consider that their home maybe, or is, liable to flooding are invited to register (in confidence) at the Town Council Offices. The Town Council will endeavour to ensure that they receive the *Flood warnings*.

Notification of *Flood Watch* will not be issued to individual homes.

Copies of the Wiltshire Flood Directory, as issued by the Environment Agency, are also available at the Council Offices.

Up to date information on the warnings that may be in force can be obtained by ringing -

Floodline 0845 988 1188, when prompted enter

Quick dial No 0112431-this number covers the River Kennet and its tributaries in Wiltshire. Alternatively you can enrol to receive an automated warning onto your home telephone

Ring

Floodline 0845 988 1188 for details

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Councillor S. R. Dobson 513181

Councillor G. Francis 519067

Councillor B. Castle 513955

Councillor N. Fogg 512656

Councillor A. R. Ross 512169

Councillor A. Kirk Wilson 513861

Councillor Mrs E. Fogg 512656

Councillor R. Notton 513747

Councillor Mrs M. Rose 515500

Councillor T. Spranger 516338

Councillor G. Loosmore 513185

Councillor S. Radnedge 512145

Councillor R. Pitts 516978

Councillor A. Sycamore 07799 368494

CIVIC EVENTS/SERVICE FOR NOVEMBER

11th November 2007— Remembrance Sunday

SURGERIES

Councillors hold a regular surgery every month in the Library from 10.00am to 11.00am.

The dates and Councillors due to be present in November and December 2007 are:

Saturday 3rd November 2007

Councillor Mrs E.M.Hannaford-Dobson (West Ward)

Councillor T. Spranger (East Ward)

Saturday 1st December 2007

Councillor A. Sycamore (West Ward)

Councillor A. Ross (East Ward)

The next edition of The Greyhound will be available in December. It is distributed free of charge to households in the Marlborough Parish as an insert with the Adviser. Further copies are available from the Library and the Town Council Office.