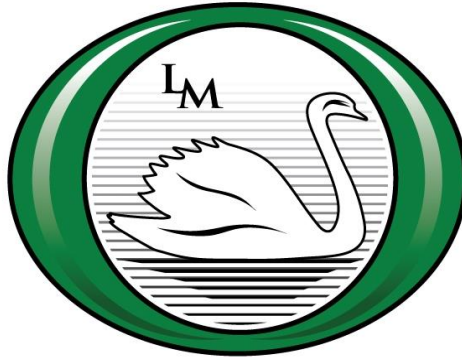


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Dear Little Marlow Resident,

It is that time of year again when the days get shorter, the sky turns greyer, the temperature drops and then just to cheer you up, the Autumn/Winter edition of the Little Marlow Parish newsletter lands on your door-mat! This is another bumper edition with lots of news about what has been going on in Little Marlow, what your Parish Council has been doing on your behalf and what some of our local organisations and clubs are up to.

Regular readers will know that the Autumn/Winter edition usually includes a copy of the Annual Report which the Chairman gives every year at the Annual Parish meeting in May. If you want to know what your Parish Council has achieved in the past year, that would be a good place to start.

Thanks in large part to Emma, our very active Clerk, the Council, has initiated a number of improvements around the Parish over the summer. Details are in the articles on the Spade Oak Car Park, the Brig (!), Abbotsbrook Hall and the Cemetery. We are conscious that the Pavilion is looking rather the worse for wear. Read the article on the Pavilion to see what we are going to do about it!

The Pavilion provides a venue for a number of organisations including the Little Marlow Pre-school. I am sure that you will wish to join me in congratulating the Pre-school for winning a Highly Commended award in the Pre-school of the Year category in the annual National Nursery World awards. This is a huge honour for the pre-school, but also for our parish.

It is good to see that sport is thriving in Little Marlow as you will see from the articles about the Cricket Club, the Bourne End Junior Sports Club (BEJSC) and the Athletics Track. And there are opportunities for you to get involved too. The Cricket Club is keen to attract new recruits and the BEJSC is looking for a Coach to support its U15's Team Manager.

If sport is not your thing, but you would like to do some volunteering, the Marie Curie article has details of what you can do to support their fundraising activities. And if that does not appeal to you, the article on "Help in the Parish" describes another way you can help your community.

Finally, this is just a little reminder that you are all very welcome to attend our Council meetings. Dates and times of the meetings are on the last page.

*Valerie Brownridge,
Chairman, Little Marlow Parish Council*

Spade Oak Car Park

In the Spring Newsletter we advised parishioners of the proposed improvements to the Spade Oak Car Park. I am delighted to report that this work has been now been completed and we are thrilled with the results.

Due to the grant from Heart of Bucks – Buckinghamshire Community Foundation and money from the Parish Council we were able to improve the drainage, increase the parking provision and make the surface much easier to use for all parishioners.

A huge thank you to members of Coldmoorholm Lane Residents' Association who co-ordinated the work on site.

The pictures below show the improvements which have made parking much more accessible.



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Little Marlow Village Fete, 28 August

I have to begin with some slightly disappointing news. Our takings on the day of the Fete did not break the £7000 barrier after all! There was a bit of a mix up with the figures and we actually took in just under £6800, so we were not far short. The good news is that this is still a record amount and a huge achievement. A massive thank you, therefore, to everyone who contributed in any way to the success of the Fete. You know who you are! And success is not just measured by the amount of money we made for local organisations and good causes, but also by the way the Fete brought so many people from our local community together and by the fun everyone had on the day. It makes all the time and effort put in by the Amenities Committee and by the many volunteers who help on the day worthwhile. We also really appreciate the support we received from the local businesses who advertised in the programme and/or donated prizes to the prize draw and tombola.

We had a couple of new attractions this year. The Wycombe Phoenix Harriers brought along some of their young athletes who kindly helped a couple of our local residents to run the children's sports. As well as the traditional races, they also organised a javelin throwing competition. Fortunately for the bystanders the javelins were made of foam! This gave local children a taste of one of the many sports which the Harriers practice at the Little Marlow Athletics Track. The Wye Valley Volunteers were represented for the first time and I am delighted to report that they managed to recruit some new and much needed volunteers. We were pleased to welcome back St John the Baptist Church which ran three different stalls this year and Little Marlow School which organised some fun children's activities. The dog show and the tombola were both as popular as ever, while the book stall, the cake stall, the vegetable stall and the bric-a-brac were kept busy all afternoon. Unsurprisingly, The Royal Coach Collection attracted a lot of admirers. The Rotary Rocket was a great hit as were the coconut shy and the plate smashing, but the highlight for many people was sitting in the sun enjoying a hamburger, an ice-cream or a delicious afternoon tea to the sounds of the Chiltern Jazz Quartet.

At the Amenities Committee AGM in 2016, Little Marlow residents agreed to donate some of the proceeds of the 2017 Fete to the Thames Valley Air Ambulance and to the Wye Valley Volunteers. At this year's AGM, residents decided that funds should also be allocated to St John the Baptist Church for digital equipment, Little Marlow School towards their ICT infrastructure

project, the Parish Council for playground equipment, Little Marlow cricket club for recruitment publicity, Bourne End and Cookham Rotary for the Wycombe Hospital's ScanAppeal, Well End and Little Marlow Women's Institute, the Red Cross, Berks, Bucks and Oxon Wildlife Trust (BBOWT) and maintaining the Pound and the Recreation Ground shrubbery. It was also agreed that some of the proceeds from next year's Fete would again be allocated to the Thames Valley Air Ambulance and the Wye Valley volunteers.

We look forward to welcoming you to next year's Fete which will be on August Bank Holiday Monday, 27 August.

Valerie Brownridge

Chairman, Little Marlow Village Amenities Committee



Proud winners at the Dog Show



Tug-of-war!



Little Marlow Pre-School

Little Marlow Pre-School hits the big time with national recognition at Nursery World Awards 2017

Little Marlow pre-school has scooped itself national recognition at the annual Nursery World Awards, being named as Highly Commended in the Pre-School of the Year category. Beating off stiff competition from across the country, the small local family-run pre-school gave much larger organisations a run for their money, thanks to their caring and nurturing approach to childcare.

With a total of three decades of educating, the pre-school – which was the only one in Buckinghamshire to make the final of the awards - has watched more than 900 young children grow into positive, friendly and hard-working individuals and is still in touch with many previous students. In a significant amount of cases, their little ones end up joining a generation later.

Louise Adaway, Manager and Owner was delighted with the award: “Working in education goes far beyond just a job for each of our staff. It’s something we love to do and it’s really humbling to receive this recognition. The Nursery

World Awards are like the Oscars of our industry and we were blown away when our name was read out and awarded the Highest Commendation, we are the only pre-school in Buckinghamshire to be awarded and what's more, we were the only pre-school from the area selected for the final so a huge achievement. Going back to work after the awards ceremony, it was off with the glad rags and straight back to the play-dough, glitter and paint!"

Little Marlow Pre-School takes children from ages two until rising five. For all enquiries regarding spaces, please contact littlemarlowpreschool@talktalk.net or call 07967 597516



Little Marlow Preschool

The Pavilion
Church Road
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Opening hours: Monday – Friday 9am – 12 noon

Ofsted judgement 'Good' October 2016

"Children are motivated to learn and are confident and happy"

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Women supporting women against domestic violence

Wycombe Women's Aid is a registered charity working in the Wycombe, South Bucks and Chiltern Districts of Buckinghamshire. We work with women, children and young people who are experiencing or trying to escape domestic violence and who are dealing with its effects and consequences.

Domestic violence is physical, sexual, psychological or financial violence that takes place within an intimate or family-type relationship and that forms a pattern of coercive and controlling behaviour. This can include forced marriage and 'honour crimes'. Domestic violence is most commonly experienced by women and perpetrated by men. Any woman can experience domestic violence regardless of race, ethnic or religious group, class, disability or lifestyle. Domestic violence is very common – research shows that it can affect one in four women in their lifetimes – and domestic violence can also take place in lesbian, gay, bi-sexual and transgender relationships, and can involve other family members, including children. All forms of domestic violence come from the abuser's desire for power and control over other family members or intimate partners. Domestic violence is repetitive, life-threatening, and can destroy the lives of women and children.

Everyone has the right to live free from abuse and fear and no-one has the right to hurt you. If you are experiencing domestic violence, you may feel humiliated, frightened, ashamed, alone and confused. Please know that you are not to blame and you are not alone.

If you live in the High Wycombe, Chiltern or South Bucks districts of Buckinghamshire you can contact Wycombe Women's Aid on **01494 461367** for practical and emotional support, advocacy, information and to find out about your choices. You do not have to give your name. We support women to make their own choices and decisions about how they want to live their lives. We offer access to safe, temporary accommodation, support, information and advice. All women, with or without children, are welcome to use our services. Our website address is www.wycombewomensaid.org.uk

You can also contact the National Domestic Violence Helpline on **0808 2000 247** for information and support. You could also begin to plan how you would respond in a crisis to help keep you and your children safe. If it is safe and practical for you, you could store emergency clothes, money, special children's toys, important documents, addresses, telephone numbers and duplicate car keys with someone you can trust. ***Don't be silenced***

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Little Marlow Residents' Association

The Little Marlow Residents' Association which represents the residents of Little Marlow Village, Fern Lane, Winchbottom Lane, Westhorpe Park and Pump Lane is keen to keep in touch with its residents about issues affecting them and local events which might be of interest to them. The Association has therefore started to compile a list of e-mail addresses of its residents. If you would like your email address to be included in this list please contact the Residents' Association Committee on LittleMarlowRA@gmail.com. E-mail addresses would not be shared externally. The Association envisages that they would not send more than 12 e-mails a year. They would encourage all residents covered by this Residents' Association to sign up.

Jason Downes - Chairman, Little Marlow Residents' Association

*Note from Clerk – LMPC are not facilitating the collation of these emails. All data collection should adhere to the Data Protection Act 1998.

Annual Parish Meeting – 19th May 2017

We were delighted to welcome a large number of parishioners to our Annual Parish Meeting.

The Annual Report was presented by the Chairman Valerie Brownridge.

It has been an honour to be Chairman of Little Marlow Parish Council for a second year and I am pleased to present my report for the year to you.

The full Parish Council has met 9 times since our last Annual Parish Meeting, including one extraordinary meeting. The Council sub-committees have also met regularly. You will find the minutes of all these meetings on our website. Your Parish Councillors have represented the Council on a wide range of outside bodies and have ensured that the interests of Little Marlow parishioners are taken into account. In addition, the Clerk and Councillors have attended training courses as well as briefings on the Local Plan and the proposed Unitary Authority. I am most grateful to all of the Councillors for giving up their precious time to attend these various meetings.

We have produced two newsletters again this year. As well as reporting on Parish Council activities, we have made an effort to include more articles and photos from local organisations. We now have a new website. I hope that you will agree that it is a huge improvement on our old website. It is still a work in progress. We have had a few teething problems but we are confident that they will all be sorted out soon. Many thanks to Councillors Downes and Acres and to our Clerk, Emma Marsden, for all the time and effort they have put into the new site. I would also like to remind you again that we now have a twitter feed.

I reported last year that we had gained Quality Award Status in the new Local Council Award Scheme. We have worked hard this year to ensure that we continue to meet the Quality Award standard.

Turning now to our main areas of activity during the year:

Abbotsbrook Hall

In order to improve the cleanliness of the hall, we have increased the number of hours the hall is cleaned each week. We have contracted out the additional hours to a cleaning company to our longstanding cleaner, Peter Samuels. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Peter Samuels for his many years of

service and also to thank Christine Samuels, our caretaker, for all she does, including dealing with Hall bookings on our behalf. You may recall that I reported last year that we had had a lot of work done on the car park. I am pleased to announce that as a result all the residents whose properties back onto the car park are now paying the licence fee.

Pavilion and Recreation Ground

We have also contracted out the cleaning at the Pavilion. The Parish Council entered into a new Agreement with the Little Marlow Cricket Club over the use of the pavilion and the recreation ground. I should like to record our thanks to Richard Tedham for all the time and effort he puts into keeping the recreation ground in such excellent condition. I am disappointed to report that we have had a number of incidents of anti-social behaviour on the recreation ground. We have alerted the police. It would be very helpful to them and to the Council if parishioners could call them immediately if they witness any anti-social behaviour.

Burial Ground

One of our longer-term projects for the Burial Ground was to improve access to and from Sheepridge Lane for funeral corteges and funeral service employees by creating a bell-mouth onto Sheepridge Lane. We have now completed the first phase of this project which involved the removal of some of the hedgerow to the North of the entrance and rehanging the gate so it opens inwards. The Council resolved not to go ahead with the bell-mouth as the work undertaken had improved the sight line sufficiently for vehicles to exit safely onto Sheepridge. The memorials in the old part of the burial ground have been made safe. We held our usual working party at the Cemetery in December. Many thanks to all those who came along to help. We are also grateful to the 1st Bourne End Cubs who kindly volunteered to do some tidying up at the cemetery as part of their community engagement. I would like to apologise for the state of the waste bins at the burial ground. Our attempts to bring in a skip to clear the bins have been thwarted by a low hanging telephone line blocking the entrance. In spite of calling them repeatedly, BT Openreach have not yet sent anyone to raise the line.

Roads and road safety

The Vehicle Activated Sign which was finally installed on Sheepridge Lane in June has done its job: there have been no reported accidents this year. The C100 Green Path starting from the Rebellion Brewery and finishing at Pump Lane North has been completed thanks to funding from the Community Infrastructure Levy.

Allotments

Over the year we continued tidying up the allotments site. We also improved the numbering of the plots. We have managed to attract a few new gardeners but still have some vacant plots. I would like to thank Jane Vincent, our allotments warden, for all she has done to help us improve the allotments and find new plot-holders.

Athletics Track

The Parish Council has established good relations with Active-in who are now operating the Track on behalf of ALF. There was a well organised charity Sprintathon at the Athletics Track in September which in spite of the numbers participating caused minimal disruption to residents. One of the Developer Obligations set out in the S106 Agreement between the Little Marlow Trust and WDC was that Little Marlow Trust had to create new permissive paths. The Council has kept up the pressure on WDC and work has started on one of the paths.

General

You may recall that in order to obtain the Quality Award, we were required to draw up an Action Plan setting out the Parish Council's objectives for the coming year. Drawing up such a Plan has certainly helped us as a Council to think ahead and to decide our priorities for the coming year. I am pleased to say that once again we have met most of our objectives. You will find copies of the 2016/17 Action Plan on our website. We will be discussing our new Action Plan at our next meeting.

The Parish Council is continuing to carry out the grass cutting and other work which Bucks County Council devolved to us in 2015. At the end of last year we invited tenders for the ground maintenance of the Parish open spaces and the ground maintenance of the burial ground. The Council awarded the contracts to

two different contractors who started work on 1 April. Both are doing an excellent job.

We have undertaken a fair bit of work on the trees in the burial ground, the recreation ground and Abbotsbrook Hall as part of the tree maintenance plan we drew up following last year's tree survey.

Little Marlow Village was highly commended in the Gurney Cup in the Best Kept Village Competition. We have entered the 2017 competition. Judging takes place in June and July. The Parish Council again had a stand at the Little Marlow Village Fete last August. We have installed two dog bins in the village, one near the path by the Queen's Head and the other near the Moors.

Thanks to the efforts and persuasive powers of our enterprising Clerk, we obtained a grant to improve the Spade Oak Car Park. I am very grateful to the volunteers from Coldmoorholm Lane who have kindly maintained the car-park throughout the year.

Thames Water was given a record fine for a series of significant pollution incidents on the River Thames at a number of sites including in Little Marlow where the Sewage Treatment works polluted the River, Thames Path and farmland between November 2012 and December 2013. Local businesses, residents, Residents' Associations and the Little Marlow Lakes and Country Park have submitted claims to Thames Water.

Parish Councils are the lowest tier in local government and as your elected representatives, it is important that we speak up on your behalf about local issues. This year we have submitted comments to WDC on its draft Local Plan for 2017-33. We expressed our concern about the immense strain the proposed new developments at Abbey Barn South and Hollands Park would put on our local infrastructure (roads, schools, doctor's surgeries) and queried the ability of the Little Marlow Sewage Treatment work to cope satisfactorily with the growth in catchment. We have also commented on Bucks County Council's proposal to replace BCC and the 4 district councils with a single unitary authority and WDC's proposal to replace them with 2 unitary authorities.

I would like to end by saying a few more thank yous. As I said last year, we are fortunate to have two active Residents' Associations. I greatly appreciate the support and co-operation I receive from their Chairmen, Jason Downes and Richard Boas. I am also grateful to County and District Councillor David

Watson and District Councillors David Johncock and John Savage for attending our Parish Council meetings, for their continued interest in our Parish and for their support on issues affecting Little Marlow. I owe a huge vote of thanks to my fellow Parish Councillors for all the service they have given to the Parish Council and the wider community throughout the year. The Parish is very lucky to have such a great team of Councillors who all have different skills which complement one another. This means that between us we can usually deal with any issue that arises. And last but not least, I would like to thank our fantastic Clerk, Emma Marsden. I don't know what we would do without her! She is a huge support to all Councillors, but particularly to me. She is extremely resourceful and manages to sort out any problem thrown at her – and there have been quite a few this year - and keep smiling. She keeps us all on our toes and ensures that the Parish Council serves its parishioners to the best of all our abilities.

Geoffrey Moss Memorial Bowl Rose Bowl Presentation

Geoffrey Moss was a former County Councillor and Chairman of the Parish Council from 1975-1980. He gave this rose bowl to the Parish Council and asked them to present it annually to any resident of Little Marlow who in the opinion of the Parish Council had given outstanding service to the community. Nominations are made by Councillors and the person with the most votes is awarded the bowl. It gives me great pleasure to present the Geoffrey Moss Memorial Rose Bowl this year to Richard Boas in recognition of all that he has done – and continues to do - in the service of this Parish.

Richard will be known to many of you as the Chairman of the Coldmoorholm Lane Residents' Association, a position he has held for 34 years! That in itself deserves an award. He is also Chairman of the Thames Preservation Trust. In that capacity, he has taken the lead in looking after the Spade Oak Wharf. This has included sorting out the concessions for the ice cream sellers, dealing with contractors for any work needed on the Wharf, arranging for waste to be collected from the properties along the river and maintaining the benches. By undertaking all these tasks, he has ensured that Spade Oak Wharf continues to be an attractive amenity for Little Marlow parishioners as well as visitors to the area.

Richard is a leading member of the Little Marlow Lakes Country Park Community Partnership. He can regularly be seen carrying out work around the

lakes, using his practical skills to help to keep the footpaths clear for the benefit of us all. He recently arranged for the Chiltern Rangers to resurface the areas around the kissing gates.

The Parish Council, parishioners and, of course, visitors owe a great debt to Richard and other residents of Colmoorholm Lane who maintain the car park on Coldmoorholm Lane. Our thanks go to Richard for co-ordinating this work. Richard also took the initiative to ask the Spade Oak Restaurant if they would be willing to make a financial donation to the upkeep of the carpark which they kindly agreed to do. I am sure that was down to Richard's persuasive powers.

Finally, Richard is a great stalwart on every cemetery working party, turning up with a great array of deadly tools: well deadly from the viewpoint of hedges and bushes!

This was just a brief summary of the outstanding service Richard has given to the community. I am sure that you will agree that he is a very deserving recipient of the memorial rose bowl.



Chairman Valerie Brownridge representing the Rose Bowl to Richard Boas.

The Brig!

After providing many years of fun for the children of the parish, the Timber Multi-play Unit had reached the end of its life. The Council were very mindful that this was a well-loved piece of play equipment, so the hunt was on to find a suitable and even better replacement. After talking to a number of manufacturers, the Council decided that the pirate ship 'The Brig' would be a great addition to the playground.

We were delighted to 'welcome aboard' our young parishioners in September and The Brig has been an immediate hit with them all!



The Brig!

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Abbotsbrook Hall

Abbotsbrook Hall is undergoing some re-decorating and refurbishment. The decorating is being undertaken by the Community Pay Back Scheme. It is taking slightly longer than anticipated as they have years of paint to remove before we can move forward. The hall is well used, so this work is limited to one day a week. We are delighted that the railings outside are being painted and look very smart.

Following a review, the emergency lighting has been upgraded within the hall and there are proposed improvements to the stage area to make it more usable.

The hall is still available to hire for children's parties etc on Saturdays and even with the work being undertaken, you can still enjoy Abbotsbrook Hall's unique 'arts and crafts' architecture.



Abbotsbrook Hall – inside

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The Pavilion

The Pavilion is a well-loved community facility which has a lovely location.

We have started to put together a proposed programme of refurbishment for The Pavilion. It will include the décor, increased storage improved access etc. This is a potentially a huge schedule of works and will require a great deal of investment by the Council. The proposals will be discussed at length at the November and December Parish Council Meetings. We welcome any ideas and input from parishioners.

Work has been completed on the improvement to the exterior lighting which has made it easier to access the building when it is dark and during the winter months.



Planning an event and need a location?

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Abbotsbrook Hall – 01628 528936



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Little Marlow Cricket Club

Happy to report, the 2017 season was Little Marlow's most successful for several years, or at least it was for the 1st X1 League team. They enjoyed a ding dong battle for the third division title, ultimately missing out to close rivals Pinner on the last day of competition. Several thrilling victories had kept them in the hunt, including last over home wins against Harpsden and Denham, the latter featuring the capture of the last five wickets in 26 deliveries.

Fortunes fluctuated throughout the final matches, but eventually Little Marlow were held to a draw at Chalfont St Giles, whilst Pinner overcame Winchmore Hill. Nevertheless, promotion as runners-up represented a well-earned reward for skipper Andrew St Maur and his side.

The 2nds finished at the opposite end of their table, but were generally competitive and, if a couple of several close matches had gone their way, would have been a few places higher. It was a similar story for the Sunday team, which also experienced mixed fortunes. With a number of the club's players having graduated from the colts, it is vital that this avenue is kept open. Fortunately the news is also good on that front. Our small, but happy band of primary school aged youngsters is developing apace. Under the expert guidance of professional coaching outfit.

'Future Legends' the older kids have now begun to play hard ball cricket, a major step on the pathway to senior teams. As we all know, time flies, so it won't be long before some of these juniors are knocking on the door.

At a time when cricket clubs throughout the country are struggling for numbers, Little Marlow is a lot better off than many. However, there is certainly no room for complacency and, with that in mind, an extensive recruitment drive will take place during the close season.

Indoor training for all will begin early in the new year so, if you have just moved into the area, are contemplating a return to the game or are the parent of a keen youngster we'd love to hear from you.

Recruitment Officer [REDACTED] neillancum@stapleton-oak.co.uk is the first

point of contact for seniors, while Youth Development Officers Guy Thistlethwaite (07557 307977 or guy.thistlethwaite@gmail.com) would be pleased to advise on the colts set-up.



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Can you help our local Marie Curie fundraising group?



Residents of Wycombe District are invited to join the High Wycombe Marie Curie Fundraising Group to help raise vital funds for our at-home nursing service for people with a terminal illness.

The High Wycombe Fundraising Group is looking for a Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer and new members.

All money raised by the High Wycombe Fundraising Group will help Marie Curie provide expert care, guidance and support to help people with a terminal illness, and their families, get the most from the time they have left.

Fundraising groups are a great chance to make a difference while having fun – our volunteers have been involved in a range of events, from tea parties, to collections, to fashion shows!’

To get involved, you can contact Hazel Bendon Buckinghamshire Community Fundraiser on 01604 258758, or email hazel.bendon@mariecurie.org.uk



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Bourne End Junior Sports Club

“The football season started has started again and all the BEJSC teams have hit the ground running.

Our Development squads U7's to U11's age groups will play a mixture of non-competitive and competitive matches, whilst our U12's to U16's age groups will play competitive league and cup matches. In addition, our very popular “Junior Kickers” (U5's and U6's) sessions have started at the Sports hall on Saturday mornings, which is a great way for children to be introduced to football and offers them a structured pathway within the Club to develop their football skills (these sessions cost less than £ 3 per session over the season).

We are urgently looking for a Coach to support our U15's Team Manager. The U15's squad training sessions (Astro-turf) are held on Wednesday evenings and play their matches on Sundays. Also, we are always looking for new players to join the Club at all age groups, especially for our U7's, U8's, U9 and U13's squads, so If you are interested in joining or Coaching at BEJSC, please contact Ken Murphy on 01628 525359 or via the “contact us” option on our web site www.bejsc-football.co.uk.”

Finally, our U10's and U11's squads have received sponsorship from two local businesses for new kits.

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Help in the Parish

Do you know anybody in the Parish who could use a helping hand with their normal activities of daily life? Or somebody who is feeling alone, shut in and would welcome a visit.

There is a small group of parishioners who would like to offer help where help would be welcomed so if you know somebody who would like help, would you please call the Parish Council office (01628 890301) and leave us some contact information, but only do this if you have the agreement of the person to be contacted.

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Little Marlow - Fern Lane Cemetery

We are delighted that we are finally getting on top of the problem with rubbish at the Cemetery. This has been an unsightly problem for a number of years and particularly difficult for residents whose love ones are interred close to the old rubbish area.

To improve the appearance of the Cemetery, we have a new wheelie bin which is being emptied weekly. It is situated at the rear of the cemetery in the area beyond the new part of the cemetery. You can't miss it as it is bright red! We are in the process of creating a compost area for 'green' waste which will also be at the rear of Cemetery.

Winter work will include tree work along the old part of the cemetery, ivy removal and making any bench repairs required.

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We have had a very busy start to our academic year here at Little Marlow School and the children have settled in beautifully to their new classes

Oak Class News:

Our new reception class are now thoroughly into the swing of life at Little Marlow School. They have particularly enjoyed using our kitchen sets both indoors and outdoors



Aspen Class News

We have a new teacher in Aspen class who joined the team this year. Miss Everall has brought exciting additions to the school day such as “star skills” and “wake and shake”.

Aspen class have been exploring the topic of toys this half term and even made their own versions of their favourite toys.



Elder Class News

Our Year 2s have been really engaged in their “towers, tunnels and turrets” topic. They have been building castles out of Lego and bridges from spaghetti and marshmallows!



“Food glorious food”

The introduction of hot school meals in the Summer term was a big success. It has been lovely to see pupils enjoying favourites such as roast dinner, spaghetti bolognese and of course fish and chips together in the hall, particularly as the weather turns colder



Church Links:

We had such a lovely Harvest festival in the church on 6th October. We had the biggest congregation ever with parents having to stand at the back.

Each class lead songs such as “Oats and beans and barley grow” and “Autumn days”. Our Year 2 Worship Leaders lead us in prayer and then we sang congregational hymns such as “We plough the fields” and “Think of a world without any flowers”.

The school also had a great time creating decorations for the church using their feet.



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Bourne End Charity Christmas Fun Night and Late Night Shopping

Friday 1st December 2017 - 5.00pm until 8.00pm.

Once again Bourne End (Bucks) Community Association (BEBCA), the Rotary Club of Cookham Bridge and local businesses are organising this annual event for all the family in Bourne End village centre.

The event will start at 5pm when the winning 2017 Children's Christmas Light will be switched-on by its young designer.

Bourne End shops will be opening late and full of Christmas cheer and produce to buy. Local secondary school students from Young Enterprise companies will be promoting their businesses and selling Christmas themed goodies.

Santa will park his reindeers by his grotto at the Bourne End Motor Company's showroom where there will be a huge Tombola for adults and children. The Library will be hosting lots of events including face painting and hot mulled wine for grownups. A wide variety of enticing stalls will be spread throughout Bourne End.

There will be a children's funfair and games along the Parade. The festive atmosphere will be enhanced by carol singers from local schools and St Mark's church.

Street food will be available throughout the village - scouts will be roasting chestnuts, the famous hot dogs will be sizzling and soup simmering. There will be free beer tasting courtesy of Marlow's Rebellion Brewery and the Community Centre bar will be open.

Thanks to our local Councils there will be free Parking in Wakeman Road Car Park. Hopefully there will be some bright, shiny new Christmas lights on the trees. So come along to the Parade and Wakeman Road, Bourne End from 5.00pm and enjoy yourselves. If you would like a stall on the night it is not too late to book one! Contact Kath Acres on 01628 531521 or email kath.acres@spadeoakfarm.com.

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Dates for your Diary

Council Meetings:

2017

7th November, 19th December

2018

**30th January, 13th March, 24th April, 29th May, 10th July,
21st August, 2nd October, 13th November, 18th December**

Annual Council Meeting - 29th May at 7.30pm

***Annual Parish Meeting – 18th May**

*** at Abbotsbrook Hall**

All meetings are held at The Pavilion, Church Road, Little Marlow, SL7 3RS.
Most meetings start at 8pm and all public and press are invited to attend.

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