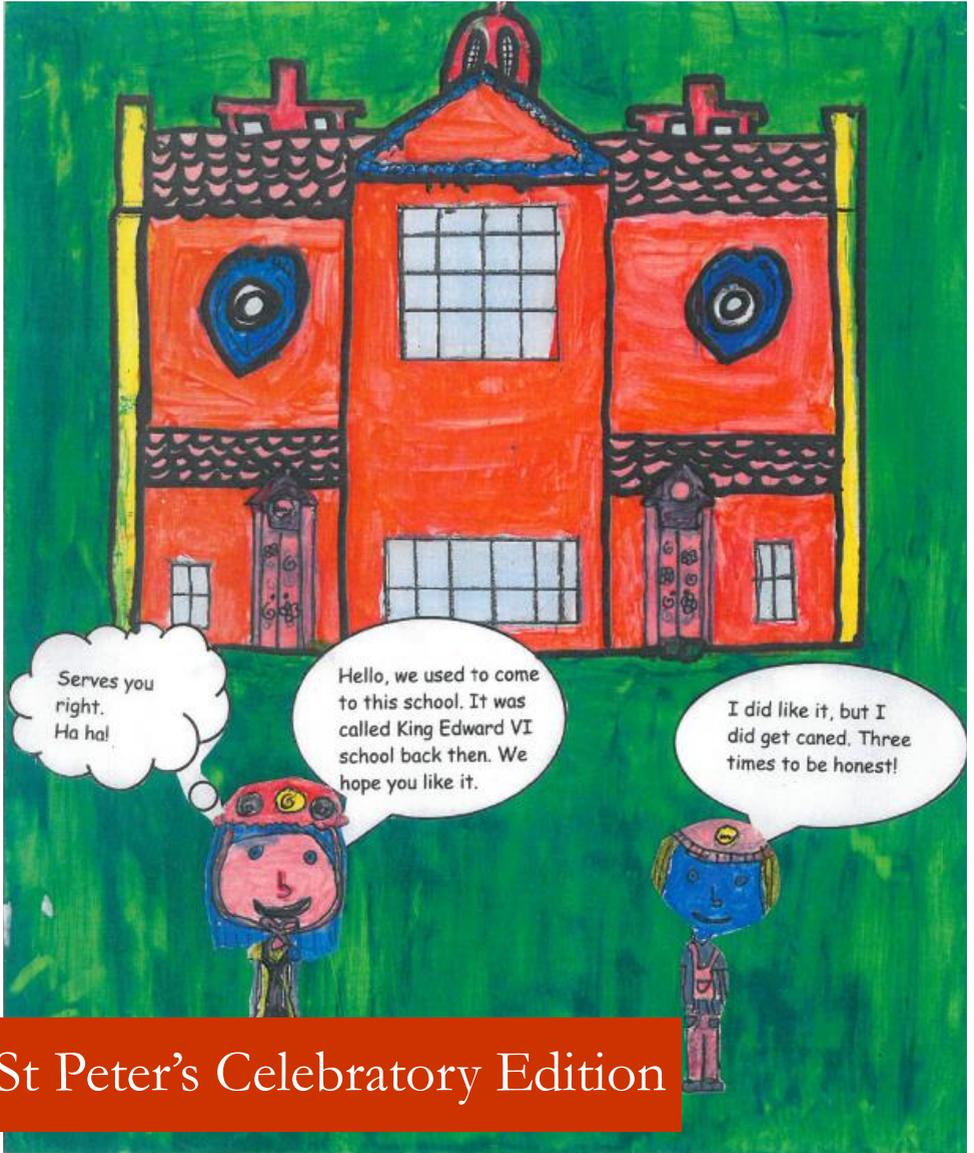

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St Peter's Celebratory Edition

At this hugely exciting time for the School we are delighted to be asked to contribute to the Tower and Town magazine, and would like to thank Jenny Swankie, our curriculum leader, for her hard work and commitment in driving the project forward.

From September 2016, St Mary's Infant School and St Peter's Junior School amalgamated to become Marlborough St Mary's. The children can now be seen all over town in their smart red uniforms with the striking logo that they designed. But along with the excitement of things new, many pupils, teachers and families will be sad to leave the old St Peter's building with its wealth of history and memories.

This term the children from Key Stage 2 have been finding out about the history of the old St Peter's building; what the building was used for and what school life was like through the early and later years. Among other things, the children have had the opportunity to explore 1960s art work, interview past pupils and find out about artefacts discovered in a time-capsule in one of the tunnels under the school.

The children of the town of Marlborough were originally educated in an all-through primary school, when in 1849 a school room was opened for 64 boys and 60 girls at the junction of the High Street and Hyde Lane. The school was later divided into boys and girls and in 1962 the older children moved into the St Peter's building. We have now come full circle and are looking forward to moving back together in our beautiful new school.

We hope, along with most of Marlborough, that the old St Peter's building will be restored to its former glory and become a focal part of Marlborough life.

Anne Schwodler, Headteacher

Marlborough St Mary's wishes to thank all the visitors who either came into school to speak with the children or with Mrs Swankie to help us with the project and all the items, such as photographs, old books and magazines they shared with us. The ages of the year groups are:

Year 3: age 7 to 8. Year 4: age 8 to 9. Year 5: age 9 to 10. Year 6: age 10 to 11

Sadly we can't include all the items produced by the pupils, especially the colourful artworks. They can all be viewed in full colour on line on the Tower and Town web site: www.towerandtown.org.uk.

Front Cover by Eleanor, Year 5

Changes at St Peter's Over the Decades

by Adam, Year 6

St Peter's Junior School was situated in The Parade in Marlborough and opened its doors to pupils aged from 7 to 11 from 1962 until 2016 when it closed. By interviewing past pupils an insight was given about the educational experiences through the decades.

1960s Experiences

Mr Trevor Dobie attended the school from 1962 until 1966. He was one of the first pupils to go to St Peter's when it relocated from what is now the library building. At this time St Peter's gave you textbooks, though you had to bring in fountain pens and pencils. Some of the lessons were in different rooms, such as the current office was the music room, the ICT suite was a science lab and one of the downstairs classrooms (Miss Burdge's room) was an arts and craft room. The punishments were very severe back in the 1960s, like doing lines, getting slapped by the cane on the back of the legs, hit on the hand with a ruler or standing under the clock in the library waiting for the headteacher. At this time the uniform was more formal with the pupils wearing a green and yellow tie, a green blazer, a green jumper, grey trousers, shorts or skirts and grey socks. In the 1960s the use of technology was not part of daily life and all they had in the classroom was a blackboard with chalk and a blackboard rubber. Also playground games were a fun thing to do and different games were tag, Dinky toys, cricket and ball games. The children would also enjoy swimming in the summer in the outdoor pool situated close to the school.

1990s Experiences

Lydia Dobie attended St Peter's from 1989 until 1993. St Peter's gave her all the stationery she needed, plus paper, books and textbooks. In the early 1990s, the lesson timetable was very much like nowadays. The punishments were not as severe and were normally just a telling off. Uniform was not as formal as in the past as blazers were no longer worn. Grey trousers and skirts were still worn but with polo shirts. In the summer girls could wear a green and white summer dress and would roll their socks down. In the 1990s there was some evidence of the use of technology in the classroom. There was one computer in each classroom, which only had a black screen with green writing and the only fun thing they could do on the computer was play a special maths game about angles and measurement. They did have calculators to help them with maths as well. On the playground, the games they played were British Bulldog, fifty-fifty, handstands against the wall and Top

Trumps.

2010s Experiences

At this time the children were provided with pencils, handwriting pens, home school books, rulers, rubbers, whiteboards and reading books. However, the children often liked to bring in their own pencil cases with some of this equipment too. The timetable, in recent times, was very similar to the 1990s. The behaviour system used cards, with yellow cards as a warning and red cards for a time out. This could lead to being sent out of class or to the headteacher. The uniform had remained the same from the 1990s, with green sweatshirts with the school logo being worn. Technology was at a high in the 2010s, so all the classrooms had computers, interactive whiteboards and speakers. In the playground more of the children liked to chat, but ball games were still played and the introduction of the Play Pod enabled children to use their imagination with the items they found in there.

Key Differences throughout the Years

Despite much staying the same, many things have changed throughout the years. Back in the 1960s and 1990s the toilets were outside, rather than in the building and were not a pleasant experience. Punishments were another big difference and were much more severe in the 1960s. Playground games have changed dramatically with Dinky toys giving way to chaos tag and the Play Pod. Rewards also changed with house points in the past and yellow stickers, green cards and thumbs up in more recent times.

To conclude, St Peter's has had some more dramatic changes as technology has enhanced how teachers teach and pupils learn over the past decades. However, the green sight of the St Peter's uniform has been seen until recently. Now a colourful red will fill the streets of Marlborough as a new beginning dawns.

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A Poem All About St Peter's Junior School

by Summer, Year 3 Endeavour Class

A head teacher called Mr Clark used to play football with the children outside,
Mr Clark was here from 1999-2006.
There were tunnels under the school,
They're damp, dusty and muddy,
We think we see a time capsule.
A teacher used to breed butterflies,
How much fun can that be?
Monica Weston a head teacher here too,
From 1987-1999,
She has her own plaque outside the old school.
There used to be a pond outside,
It got filled for safety reasons.
Mrs Heath used to own a caravan on the school site,
The boys' toilets used to be outside.
Mrs Spindlow was a head teacher not long ago,
She was here from 2006-2016.
But now a new school is waiting,
The school is going to be great.

St Peter's School History

by Freddie, Year 3 Endeavour Class

Tiptoeing down the corridors,
Do not make a sound,
Past the head teacher's door,
Deep, dark tunnels far under the floor,
204 children playing in the playground,
So many rooms and passages to be found,
The boys' toilets in the car park,
So much history to be discovered,
And more to make in the new school.

St. Peter's - A History by Alf, Year 6

St. Peter's school has been situated in this very building for over fifty years. Before this, its setting was the current library building, and with the advent of the new Marlborough St. Mary's, St. Peter's will finally be laid to rest...

1962-1966 The early years

Mr. Dobie was one of the first boys to come to the then new St. Peter's school in January 1962 (the girls came in September 1961) Back then things worked a little differently to nowadays, for you were in slight danger of having some furious teacher fling a blackboard rubber in your general direction while making noises that sounded like a wounded rhinoceros. You might also have been told to go and stand under that clock in the library for ten minutes - it actually worked back then - which was a little more merciful, but not any fun. Another difference about the library was the utter lack of display boards. The teachers were to be called Sir or Miss, and one of the more dangerous of their number had a large cane left over from the days of child-whacking! Mr Dobie's daughter was a pupil too...

1988-1992 The middle part

Ah, the glories of the middle era - outside toilets, a dangerous lack of car park gates, and rubbish black-screened (mostly) computers...it's all true! The boys' lavatory was situated in the middle of the car park, but amazingly nobody used this escape route for truanting operations. Under the stairs there was a little nook in which to sit reading for ages and ages and ages. Why not use the computers? Well, actually, they were pretty much enormous desktop calculators – you could probably get quicker results with Babbage's difference engine! The only other thing these useless machines could do was a maths game featuring a few green triangles on the screen which you had to measure.

2012-2016 Final act

This was probably the most fun part of St. Peter's history, with an entire room dedicated to ICT! The “mobile classroom” of the middle part had been replaced by a proper brick building, and the worst punishment you could possibly get was being sent home to Mum with a note. Sadly the nice pond in the quiet area had been filled in - it was probably a little scummy, but who cares about that – and tiled over.

To conclude, I think that I would stay in 2012-2016 St. Peter's, because a classroom without an interactive whiteboard sounds more boring than school trousers! It is sad that St. Peter's is no more, but onwards and upwards always looking to the future...

Testing Times

11+ Questions

Choose the correct word from the words in brackets.

1. The rain did (pour, paw, pore, poor) when it came.
2. Add all the odd numbers between 10 and 20.
3. There was a lovely (sent, scent, cent) in the air.
4. 615 divided by 3
5. SAIRINS are used in Christmas puddings.
6. Complete the following by giving words expressing sound and ending in 'ing',
e.g. the humming of telephone wires.
the of leaves

Early SATs:

1. Circle two numbers which add to make 0.12
0.1 0.5 0.05 0.07 0.7 0.02
2. Science: Explain why a stick makes a sound on a block of wood.
3. Science: Explain how the sound can be made louder.
4. Chris saves 50p coins. He has saved 45 of them. How much has he saved?
5. Calculate $\frac{3}{4}$ of 840.
6. Circle the connective:
The children played football until it was time to go to bed.

New SATs:

1. Circle the two noun phrases:
The hungry cats looked longingly at the delicious fish.
2. Insert a colon correctly:
I have three pets a hamster (called Frankie), a goldfish and a cat.
3. Ali is 1.2m tall. Jack is 15 cm taller. What is Jack's height in cm?
4. $3.005 + 6.12$
5. Circle the object in the sentence.
My friend bought a cake from the bakery.
6. Insert a semi-colon correctly:
There are Roman ruins near our village they are being excavated next week.

Compiled by Adam and Ruby
Year 6

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Future Use of the School Building

One project was to write to the Council with suggestions for the future use of the St Peter's buildings. The letters were to be properly laid out, and suggestions to be persuasively argued. Five letters were presented, one of which is reproduced here; none has yet been sent. The other four suggestions are for a Science Museum; an Entertainment Centre; a Theatre; and a Children's Home and Animal Rescue Centre.

Marlborough St Mary's
The Parade
Marlborough
SN8 1LQ
Friday 7th October 2016

Dear Wiltshire County Council,

In response to your letter regarding the use of the school building in The Parade Marlborough; I strongly feel that it should be used as a community centre for the local residents. If this idea is introduced, it will allow for the following: a wide range of physical activities, a coffee morning for the elderly and lots of activities for young families.

Firstly, a community centre could benefit the town of Marlborough. As well as being a community centre, the building will maintain the iconic and historic elements of the building. As a child at the new school, I know that the majority of the population living in Marlborough attended the school; therefore, a lot of people will want the building to stay intact. Surely you would not want to have your childhood memories destroyed?

Around Marlborough there are a lot of old people's homes and getting them out and about will be good for their health. Currently in Marlborough there are not a lot of places that old people can access so having a community centre will help provide an opportunity for them to socialise. In the care homes they could get quite cooped up, therefore they can visit and enjoy walking round the garden at the community centre instead. It could massively improve their health and wellbeing.

A lot of the time young families who cannot drive do not have a lot to do. The community centre can introduce a lot of activities for the public. One thing they will introduce is trips, for example, to the beach. This would give people a chance to socialise and make new friends. They could also start a playgroup for young children and have a wide range of social activities. This would give them a chance to catch up and have a chat.

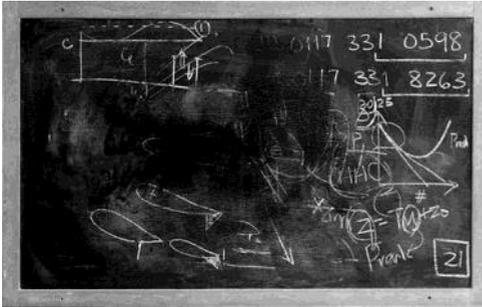
To conclude my letter, I think that this is clearly the best idea for the use of the building. Something as simple as a community centre could change Marlborough's future. I look forward to discussing this with you in more depth in person.

Yours sincerely

Ruby, Year 6 pupil

Differences ...

We had the opportunity to interview Eric Gilbert who was a teacher at St Peter's from 1974 - 1980. During this time, there were far more children than today – around 360! This meant that the classes were very big! We found out that there were lots of differences but also some things remain the same.



When Eric taught at the school, they only had blackboards. You can still see these in Seeker's and Pioneer's classrooms.



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Punishments were far stricter - you might have had a blackboard rubber thrown at you!



The children didn't wear school logos on uniform like we do today.

St Peter's school didn't have any play time equipment - they didn't even have lines painted on the playground!



One of Eric's favourite times at school was Maypole dancing which we don't do anymore!

and Similarities compiled by Year 4

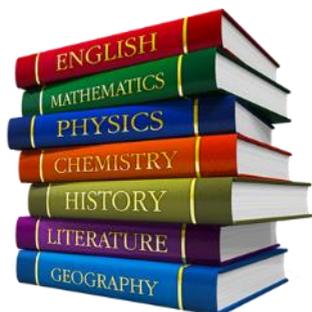


Lunches were brought into the school like they are today and the children still had their lunch in the Dance and Drama Studio.

Children were taken on trips. Eric remembered a summer trip to the New Forest but these were only for a day unlike our residential trips to Braeside and Pencelli.



When we took Eric on a tour of the school, he surprised us by saying that very little has changed to the structure of the building. He did tell us that the staffroom used to be a classroom though!



Subjects were very similar although the children did not go swimming! Eric's favourite lesson was maths and he enjoyed running an after school maths club.

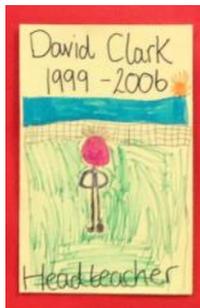
Changes at St Peter's by Rojin, Year 6

Over the 54 years that St Peter's has been in The Parade, some things have changed and some things have stayed the same. The school educated children aged 7 to 11 until 2016 when it became a brand new primary school. By interviewing past pupils, we were able to find out more.

During the years, many things at St Peter's have stayed the same. One of the things which stayed the same was the colour of the school uniform. The uniform's main colour was dark green. The boys wore trousers or shorts, which were grey or black and the girls wore skirts of the same colour. More recently the girls had begun to wear trousers too. Also, in the summer, the girls wore a green and white summer dress. In addition, the school days were the same with english and maths being taught in the morning, and in the afternoon the children learned subjects like history, art and music. In all cases when pupils did something wrong they had to go to the head teacher.

On the other hand, things have changed too. Although the uniform stayed the same colour, there are a few differences, as the boys in the past used to wear a green blazer and yellow and green tie. However, more recently the children wore a polo shirt with sweatshirts. In the 1960s, at break the children were given a third of a pint of milk to drink. One of the other differences were the punishments given for behaviour. Back in the 1960s the punishments were much more severe. Some of the punishments the children got were lines, the cane or a slap on the leg or hands which could be with a ruler. Furthermore, the children at this time used to have to wait under the school clock in the library to wait for the headmaster. The old clock is still there now and travelled from the earlier St Peter's building in the town's library.

As you can see, punishments have changed the most and were much more severe in the past. However, the uniform has stayed the same with the familiar sight of green being seen in Marlborough over the past decades.



Moving on by Elena

Classrooms busy and full
Colourful and bright in the dark!
Shouting, whispering and crowding,
Stomping and stampeding through each wall
Noisy children, teachers bellowing!

Quiet, silent, spooky, gloomy
Cobwebs everywhere, lights flickering
Spiders crawling over abandoned rubbish
Empty, haunted classrooms
As dark as a bat
Everything quiet - as still as can be!

Moving On by Jacob

Cloakrooms clattering and banging
Crowded, colourful and crazy.

Crumbly, crusty, cold and cool.
Doors dusty and dull.

Chatter, talk, whisper, shout,
Noises coming from all about
Colourful cloakrooms filled with joy.

Echoes of the past,
History from the old school,
Ready for a new adventure.



Marlborough has a local Duke of Edinburgh Award centre at the Marlborough Youth Development Centre, 30 St Margaret's Mead, SN8 4BA. The centre is open to all young people aged 13-24 years of age.

Those who missed the information evening on Thursday 10th November can call 01225 716740 or contact marlboroughopenawardcentre@gmail.com.

Past, Present and Future!

St Mary's (Infants and Junior Girls)



St. Mary's became the school for girls and infants in the town while the boys went to St. Peter's. In 1962 the older girls moved into the former Grammar School building in The Parade with the boys from St. Peter's.

St Peter's Junior School (Boys)



After a reorganisation in 1918 St. Peter's became the boys' school for the town while the girls went to St. Mary's. The old St. Peter's School closed in 1962 and soon became the town library.

St Mary's Infant School



The infants remained in the Herd Street school until 1974 when it was closed and the pupils moved to the new St. Mary's Infants' School in George Lane.

St Peter's Junior School



In 1962 the boys, and the older girls from St. Mary's, moved to the former Grammar School building in The Parade, which became St. Peter's Junior School.

Marlborough St Mary's Primary School



The new school building is currently underway! All the children and staff are excited about moving into the brand new Marlborough St Mary's primary school in September 2017!

Clergy Letter

Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people.

Today ... a Saviour has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord.

Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favour rests.

Luke 2: 10 & 14

Is it just me, or is this true for you too? Some of the best conversations I have are ‘on the edges’ of other things. I’ll be on my way to something, possibly running late, maybe standing in a car park, or walking down the High Street, and will find myself in the most interesting, or moving, or funny, or spiritual discussion I’ve had all week! It’s happened a lot recently. I wonder whether it’s because this festive season is ‘on the edge’ and we’re in a reflective mood looking back over 2016 and anticipating the New Year. In this doorway between the years we look back over the joy and sadness, adventure and illness, wonderful surprises and bitter disappointments we’ve faced and hope for the very best for 2017.

It’s the same every year. As all the Christmassy-ness gathers speed we see more clearly the contrast between the world as it is and the world as it should be yet we continue to hope that the message that the angels brought to the shepherds will be fulfilled in our homes and across the world. Amongst the presents and the mince pies, the office parties and the seasonal sales we look for a world without fear where every family lives in joy and peace.

For me this yearning for good-will, joy and peace is a wonderful reminder that we human beings are made in God’s image. He loves each one of us and so he gave the first Christmas gift, Jesus, that tiny baby born to be the Saviour of the world. He didn’t stand aloof from our suffering and fear. He sent his Son to share human life and to replace brokenness and fear with wholeness and healing. So when we donate to charity, or choose gifts to bless friends, neighbours and loved ones, our actions echo the music of God’s actions; our hearts beat with the same rhythm as his heart. This is a powerful idea because it frees us from the fear that we can never do enough, or be good enough to see real changes for good in the world. It reminds us that just as the angels played their part in God’s great plan and brought the good news to the shepherds, we can play our part when we love and give and cherish the message of hope in our own hearts and in the hearts of others.

My prayer for us all is that this Christmas will bring us, and everyone we love, great joy and peace and that 2017 may be free from fear and filled with blessings.

Miri Keen
Marlborough Anglican Team

What's on in December/January

Regular events

Every Monday

7.30pm: Christchurch. Marlborough Choral Society.

Every Tuesday

10-11.30am: Christchurch. Friendship Club.

2.45pm: The Parlour, Christchurch. Women's Fellowship.

Every Wednesday (or some Wednesdays)

10am: Jubilee Centre. Drop-in, Tea/Coffee. 12.30 Lunch.

1.30-3.30pm: Town Hall. Sunshine Club for the over 55s.

3pm: St. George's. Teddy Prayers & Picnic for under 5s and carers (2nd & 4th Weds)

7.30-9pm: St Peter's Church. Marlborough Community Choir.

Every Thursday (or some Thursdays)

10am: Jubilee Centre. Drop-in, Tea/Coffee. 12.30 Lunch.

10:30-12 noon: Kennet Valley Hall, Lockeridge. Singing for the Brain. Alzheimer's Support. 01225 776481. (Every Thursday during term-time.)

1.30-3.30pm: Wesley Hall, Christchurch. Macular Society (last Thursday in the month)

Every Friday

10-12 noon: Christchurch Crush Hall. Food bank and coffee morning.

Every 2nd Saturday

10-12 noon: Library. Marlborough & District Dyslexia Association. Drop-in advice. Help line: 07729 452143.

December calendar

1st - 3rd (Thursday - Saturday)

7.30pm Town Hall. The Marlborough Players. Alan Ayckbourn's 'Season's Greetings', also matinée 2.30pm Saturday. Tickets £10 from the White Horse Bookshop or www.wegotickets.com/marlboroughplayers. See page 22.

3rd (Saturday)

10.30am-12.30pm St Peter's Church. Book signing by local author Neil Hall latest publications 'An English Baby Boomer: My Life & Times' and 'Salisbury in the Great War'.

7.30pm St Mary's Church. Marlborough Concert Orchestra. Concert: Brahms, Weber & Rachmaninov. £9 (students £2).from Sound Knowledge or on the door. See page 27.

7th (Wednesday)

7.30pm Wesley Hall, Oxford Street. Christmas & 7th Birthday Celebration: Songs from the Shows, Ray Dance.

10th (Saturday)

7.30pm St Mary's Church. Marlborough Concert Society. Concert: A Christmas Celebration. £8 (students £1, children free). Refreshments at interval.

11th (Sunday)

7.30pm Town Hall. Christmas Concert: Kennet Valley Brass. In aid of Macmillan Cancer Support Group. Wine & cheese included.

7.30pm Kennet Valley Hall, Lockeridge. Film: 'Our Kind of Traitor'. £6 via KVH website.

12th (Monday)

11am Ellendune Hall, Wroughton. Kennet DFAS. Lecture by Robin Nelson: 'Humour in Music'. 01793 840790.

7.15pm Bouverie Hall, Pewsey. Pewsey Vale DFAS. AGM and Lecture by Christopher Bradley: 'Magnificent Mosaics: Window into the Colourful Roman World'. 07775 683275.

14th (Wednesday)

12.30pm 40 St Martins. Widows' Friendship Group Lunch. 514030.

7.45pm Wesley Hall, Oxford Street. Gardening Association. Quiz & Pot Luck Supper.

15th (Thursday)

8pm Christchurch. Marlborough Folk Roots: 'St Agnes Fountain'. £19. 512465 Sound Knowledge, Hughenden Yard.

16th (Friday)

St John's Academy. End of Term 2.

17th (Saturday)

Marlborough College term ends.

10am-4pm Norwood Hall, Marlborough College. A Marlborough Christmas: A Christmas Market, Food & Drink, Choirs & Santa Claus. 100% profit shared between CRUYK, Prospect Hospice & Brighter Futures radiotherapy appeal. Minimum entry £3, under 12's free. See page 31.

29th (Thursday)

12.45-3.45 & 4.35-7pm Leisure Centre. Save a Life: Give Blood. Apt 0300 123 2323.

January calendar

2nd (Monday)

Marlborough College term starts.

3rd (Tuesday)

St John's Academy. Start of Term 3.

4th (Wednesday)

7.30pm Wesley Hall, Oxford Street. Talk by Peter Noble: 'Boys in the Tatras' (Polish Mountains).

9th (Monday)

7.30pm Bouverie Hall, Pewsey. Pewsey Vale DFAS. Lecture by Kevin Karney: 'Telling Time throughout the Ages'. 07775 683163.

11th (Wednesday)

12.30pm 40 St Martins. Widows' Friendship Group Lunch. 514030.

7pm Town Hall. Live from RSC: 'The Tempest' with Simon Russell Beale. £15 in advance from WHB or £17.50 on door.

7.45pm Wesley Hall, Oxford Street. Gardening Association. Talk by Rica Banther: 'Bee Keeper's Wife'.

16th (Monday)

11am Ellendune Hall, Wroughton. Kennet DFAS. Lecture by Dr Kate Strasdin: 'Cobwebs of Fashion – Honiton Lace'. 01793 840790

7.30pm Kennet Valley Hall, Lockeridge. KV National Trust Association. Talk by Roger Smith: 'Royal Wootton Bassett'. £4 (Members £3).

3pm Memorial Hall, Marlborough College. Concert: The Academy of St Martin in the Fields Sextet. £20 (students £10).

27th (Friday)

8pm St Peter's Church. Annual Quiz Night. Tables of 6-10 persons. Book in advance to David Du Croz 511725 or du.croz@btinternet.com. £5 (£4 to members) including light refreshments in aid of St Peter's Trust.

31st (Tuesday)

7.15pm Town Hall. Film of ROH production of 'Il Trovatore' (12A). £15 in advance from WHB, £17.50 on door.

Classroom Comparisons

After interviewing Mrs Fry, an ex-pupil from St Peter's, we explored the differences between the classrooms in the 1980s and the present day.

In the 1980s the chairs and desks were made from wood and were often set out in rows. Each desk had a lid that could be lifted and pupils' work was kept inside. There was a large blackboard at the front of the classroom and teachers used chalk to write on it. It could get quite dusty! There was a large television (often on wheels) and pupils would occasionally get to watch video clips on it. Photocopied work was often handwritten rather than typed.

In 2016 each classroom has an interactive whiteboard and the teachers use the boards in many different ways to deliver their lessons. There are also I pads and laptops to help us with our learning. Each pupil has a mini whiteboard which is helpful for working things out, especially at the beginning of a lesson. The tables and chairs are made of plastic and are often set out in groups. If there are worksheets, they are usually typed and printed.

Even though they are very different, both classrooms have lots of lovely books to read.

Year 3 Explorer Class

Ten Things Found in a Teacher's Drawer by Phoebe, Year 3

- Some tissues that turn into a winter wonderland to get home.
- A magic, marvellous multitasking pen so it can do all of the marking.
- A magic map for emergencies.
- A glue stick that sticks to anything.
- Lip gloss that can burn anything at any time.
- A magic necklace that can travel back in time.
- A bag that can fit everything inside it.
- A shiny paper clip.
- A pencil that can be any colour for any bit of paper and never runs out.
- A magic potion for a meeting in case it gets boring.

Marlborough Churches Together

Please check page 28 for Christmas services, and pages 29 to 31 for other special services and events.

Usual Sunday Service times

Christchurch, New Road (Methodist - URC)

- 9.00am Worship
- 10.30am Morning Service with Junior Church and crèche

Society of Friends, Friends Meeting House, The Parade

- 10.30am Meeting for Worship

St George's, Preshute (C of E)

- 8.00am Holy Communion (1st and 3rd Sunday)
- 10.00am All Age Service (1st Sunday)
Parish Communion (other Sundays)

St John the Baptist, Minal (C of E)

- 8.00am Holy Communion BCP (2nd Sunday)
- 9.30am Parish Communion (1st and 3rd Sunday)

St Mary's, behind the Town Hall (C of E)

- 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP on 4th Sunday)
- 10.00am All Age Worship (1st Sunday); Parish Communion and Junior Church and crèche on all other Sundays
- 5.30pm Informal service except on 1st Sunday.

St Thomas More, George Lane (Roman Catholic)

- 11.00am Sung Mass (See also below)

Marlborough College Services are shown at the College Chapel

Weekday Services

St Mary's Holy Communion: 10.30am Wednesday

St Thomas More Mass: 10.00am Mon, Tues, Wed and Sat
Holy Days: 10.00am

St George's Tea Time followed by Evening Prayer: 4.30pm Weds.

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FROM THE REGISTERS

Baptism

7 November Bo Patricia Heather Bridgeman and Ronnie Josephine Greech at St Mary's.

Weddings

15 October Vicky Burgess and Stuart Bowen at St John the Baptist.

Departed

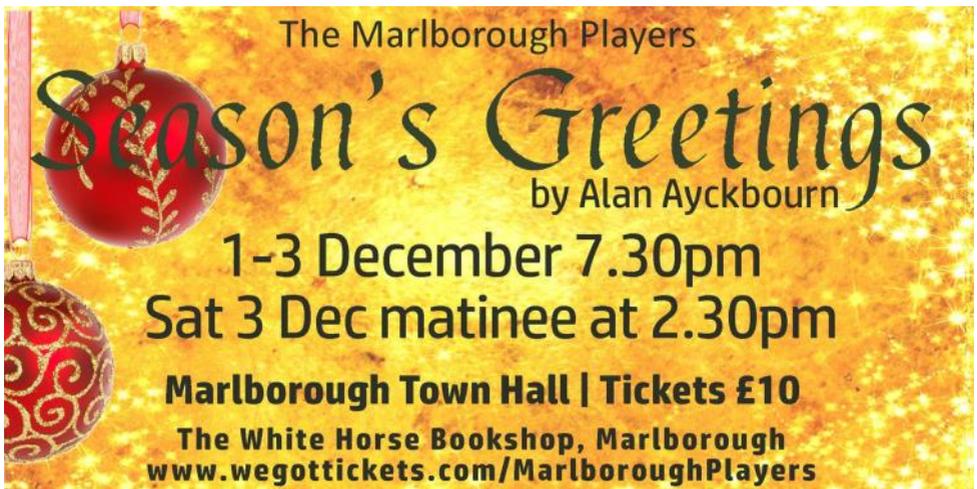
10 October Vanessa Cook (51) of 4 Elcot Close, Marlborough
St John the Baptist and Marlborough Cemetery

14 October Dorothy Mary Clements (89) of 13 Savernake Crescent, Marlborough
St George's

Did You Know? Compiled by Year 6 Pupils

By interviewing past pupils and teachers from the Grammar School and St Peter's Junior School we found out lots of interesting facts!

- Did you know the slightest mistake, such as not spelling the word on the chalk board, for pupils in the 50s and 60s could result in a punishment?
 - Did you know the willow tree in the quiet area was planted by the caretaker Harold More just before 1972? Accompanying the willow tree at the time was a pond.
 - Did you know that when the building was the Grammar School the playground was divided in half? One half was for the girls and the other side for the boys!
 - Did you know during the war some of the sixth formers at the Grammar School covered and taught some of the lessons?
 - Did you know that the building was built in phases? The last phase to be built was the downstairs classroom at the back of the school. It was used by the sixth formers at The Grammar School and was used mostly as a classroom by the year 6 pupils at St Peter's. Currently, in the first year of Marlborough St Mary's it is still a year 6 classroom.
 - Did you know that a punishment from the 1960s was to stand under the clock? The old clock travelled from St Peter's when it moved from the library building and is currently found in the library at the school today!
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Year 3 interview Mr Hands the Caretaker

The children in year 3 interviewed Mr Hands the caretaker to find out lots of information about St Peter's Junior School. We thought Mr Hands would be the best person to interview about the school as he has worked here since 1999 until 2016.

We found out that Monica Weston was headteacher from 1987 – 1999 and there is a plaque on the front of the school. Then there was a headteacher called Mr Clark who worked from 1999 – 2006 and then there was Mrs Spindlow until 2016. Every Friday afternoon, Mr Clark used to play football with the children.

Something funny we found out was that the boys' toilets used to be in the carpark! This didn't change until the 2000s. The school even had a kiln outside for all the pottery work the children did. That would have been fun.

We have a quiet area and it has been around for a long time. There used to be a pond in this area but it got filled in in the 1990s. I wonder what it would be like to have a pond here now.

We have found out lots of information about St Peter's Junior School but we are very excited about being Marlborough St Mary's and we are looking forward to having a brand new school.

An Interview with Past Pupils by Year 5 Skylight Class

As part of our topic, we were fortunate to welcome two visitors; David Chandler and Carol Moylan, who were past pupils of St. Peter's and David attended the Grammar School. We had the opportunity to interview them, asking questions about what our school and the building was like when they attended.

We found out that, internally, the layout of the building had not changed too much. However rooms within the building had altered in terms of usage; for example, in David's time (1940's), the current staffroom was the library and our classroom (Skylight) was the science lab. In addition, we found out that there were once a few outside classrooms that housed woodwork lessons. These are now demolished.

During our interviews, we discovered that the content of our school day and that of David and Carol's when they attended St Peter's, were very similar. For example, when Carol was here (1960's) she recalled participating in assemblies, maths lessons as well as reading and writing lessons.

We thoroughly enjoyed finding out about St. Peter's in the past and we would like to thank David and Carol for taking the time to share their memories with us.

Family News compiled by Audrey Peck

Ian and Kathy Perryman and **Mary Ewing** recently went to Palazzola just outside Rome. The palace used to be the summer retreat for ordinands at the English College in Rome when the temperature soared. While there, courtesy of their Catholic friends, they had an audience with the Pope (along with hundreds of others) and received a blessing.

Stewart and Marian Dobson, both former Mayors of Marlborough, have a new grandson, Rafferty, born to Nicholas and Arrabella, a sister for 2 year old Theadora. He is Stewart and Marian's 9th grandchild. Nick and Arrabella now live in London but both were brought up locally, Nick in Marlborough and Arrabella in Oxenwood. Nick was a very active member of both the Rugby and Cricket Club.

Older local residents will remember **Cyril Painter**, who died on the 1st November at the age of 92, during the many years he was a smiling, friendly local police officer in Marlborough and Ramsbury. He was born near Stroud but went to the Grammar School here where he met his wife Pat. After his retirement they moved to Churchill Court. They worshipped at Christchurch. We send our sympathy to Pat and their three children Timothy, Pauline and Deborah and their families.

David Bower was born in a cottage near St Peter's Church but his family moved to Herd St where he grew up with his five brothers and sisters and went to the local schools. He has died after a long illness. He married Rita, his wife, in 1952 and recently cared for her for some years before she died. He started work as an electrician with Marlborough Borough Council and then with the Southern Electricity Board until he retired. Our condolences to Julie and Sally and his five grandchildren.

Friends and neighbours in Elcot Close were shocked at the death of **Vanessa Cook**, aged 51. She became ill at home and died a few days later with an aneurism in the brain. She was an organ donor and the fact that she gave her kidneys, liver and pancreas to help seriously ill patients was some comfort to her mother, Viv, and her children, Tamsin and Ziya. She grew up in the town with her sisters Samantha and Amanda. She had worked, before her son was born, as a hotel receptionist and at Townsends, Solicitors. She loved walking the three dogs in the countryside. Our sincere sympathy to all the family.

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Where possible the NHS 111 team will book you an appointment or transfer you directly to the people you need to speak to. If NHS 111 advisers think you need an ambulance, they will immediately arrange for one to be sent to you.

For immediate, life-threatening emergencies, such as loss of consciousness, acute confused state and fits that are not stopping, persistent severe chest pain, breathing difficulties, severe bleeding that cannot be stopped, severe allergic reactions, severe burns or scalds call **999**.

Marlborough Concert Orchestra

Saturday 3 December 7:30 pm St Mary's Church

Irene Enzlin cello

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Brahms *Variations on a Theme by Haydn*

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CHRISTMAS SERVICES 2016

All the churches of Marlborough wish you a very
Happy Christmas and warmly invite you to worship with us.

Sunday, 11th December

4.00pm Carol Service (St John the Baptist, Minal)

Sunday, 18th December

10.30am Carol Service (Christchurch, Marlborough)

4.00pm Carol Service (St Mary's, Marlborough)

6.00pm Candle-lit Carol Service (St George's, Preshute)

Wednesday, 21st December

7.00pm A Quieter Christmas (St Mary's, Marlborough)

Christmas Eve – Saturday, 24th December

3.00pm Crib Service (St Mary's, Marlborough)

3.00pm Crib Service (St George's Preshute)

4.00pm Family Mass with Carols and Blessing of Crib (St Thomas More)

5.00pm Village Nativity - starting at The Horseshoe Inn (Minal)

9.00pm Christmas Vigil Mass Carols from 8.30pm (St Thomas More)

10.00pm First Eucharist of Christmas (St George's, Preshute)

11.30pm Midnight Communion (St Mary's, Marlborough)

Christmas Day – Sunday, 25th December

8.00am Holy Communion (St Mary's, Marlborough)

8.00am Holy Communion (St George's, Preshute)

9.00am Christmas Mass (Holy Family Church, Pewsey)

9.30am Family Communion (St John the Baptist, Minal)

10.00am Family Communion (St Mary's, Marlborough)

10.00am Family Communion (St George's, Preshute)

10.30am All Age Worship for Christmas (Christchurch, Marlborough)

10.30am Quakers Meet (Friends Meeting House, Marlborough)

11.00am Christmas Mass (St Thomas More, Marlborough)

Sunday, 1st January 2017

8.00am Holy Communion (St Mary's, Marlborough)

10.00am Family Communion (St George's, Preshute)

10.00am Family Communion (St Mary's, Marlborough)

10.30am Section Service (Christchurch, Marlborough)

11.00am Sunday Mass (St Thomas More, Marlborough)

NEWS from the Churches

Carol and Christmas Services: please see the page opposite for the dates and times for the individual churches.

In December St Mary's Church will be hosting

3rd December	7.30pm, Marlborough Concert Orchestra
8th December	6.00pm, Beer and Carols
9th December	2.00pm, Marlborough St Mary's Infant School Nativity
10th December	7.30pm, Marlborough Choral Society
12th December	7.30pm, Marlborough Community Choir Concert
13th December	6.00pm, Mencap Carol Service
15th December	7.00pm, St John's School Celebration
16th December	9.15am, Marlborough St Mary's Junior School Christmas Service



**Marlborough
Anglican Team**

And at the Town Hall

11th December 7.30pm, Macmillan Carol Service with Kennet Vale Brass Band

Marlborough Area Poverty Action Group (MAPAG)

Meets at The Friends Meeting House on Monday 5th December and Monday 9th January at 7.30pm. These are open meetings and all are very welcome.

Quiet Time During Advent

Take time out to reflect during the lead up to Christmas from 5.30pm in St Mary's Church on 7th, 14th and 21st December followed by evening prayer at 6.15pm.

Beer and Carols at St Mary's

6-7.30pm Thursday 8th December. Carols around the piano, local ale, mulled wine and mince pies. All welcome, admission free, donations for The Children's Society.

Monthly Sunday Seniors' Lunch Club

18th December 2016 at 12 noon in Christchurch. To reserve a place and for the January 2017 Lunch Club date contact the Church Office at Christchurch 513701.

A Quieter Christmas Service

7.00pm on Wednesday 21st December will also be held in St Mary's Church. This service allows us to reflect through ministry, scripture and prayer, how God's word comes to shine light in to the darkest places of life. All welcome.

Teddy Prayers Sing-Along Nativity

3pm on Friday 23rd December at St George's Preshute. Suitable for under 5s and their parents/carers. Contact Rev Miri Keen for more information.

Women's Fellowship All meetings at 2:45pm in Christchurch:

Dec 6th Revd Heather Cooper

Dec 13th Carols and mince pies

No meeting in January.



Posada

Don't forget to look out for the Holy Family set travelling along the North side of Marlborough High Street and the three Kings travelling along the South side during December. The Holy Families will be brought together at the 3.00pm Crib Service on Christmas Eve in St Mary's.

Marlborough Churches Together

Fraternal Meetings take place monthly with the local clergy. If you have any issues to be raised please speak to your church representative.



Filling Station

Next meeting Wednesday 25th January 2017 at 7.30pm at St Peter's Junior School, The Parade, now known as Marlborough St Mary's. The speaker is Katherine Gantlett from Westminster Theological Centre.



Methodist Covenant Service

The Covenant Service will be held at Christchurch on Sunday 8th January at 10.30am.



Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 18-25 January 2017

The material for 2017 was prepared by the churches in Germany based around the verses 2 Corinthians 5:14-20.

There are fifty million Christians in Germany who, traditionally, have mostly belonged to the Roman Catholic Church or one of the Protestant State Churches. Recent developments, particularly the reception of refugees and asylum seekers, have begun to change this balance and other Christian traditions are finding expression. Whilst that which unites the churches is stronger than that which divides, there are still areas of difference in which the churches remain self-

absorbed or construct new walls.

Each year Christian Aid provides the Go and Do action points for each of the daily reflections – linking into the important work of Christian Aid in the relief of poverty and advocacy of justice.

More details from <https://ctbi.org.uk/week-of-prayer-for-christian-unity-2017/>

Deanery Education Listening Skills: Reflect and Refresh

On Tuesdays 24 and 31 January from 7.30 to 9.00pm at Chiseldon Church Hall. Free and open to all. Contact Janneke for more information: 515970.

Hangout & Devotion

The young people in Marlborough have been working on transforming their Devotion youth room! Inspired by a visiting artist of spray painting/graffiti they worked out their designs onto the blank walls of the youth room. They found a biblical verse that affirmed the importance of youth, which they felt represented the ethos and message of our youth work in Marlborough.

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