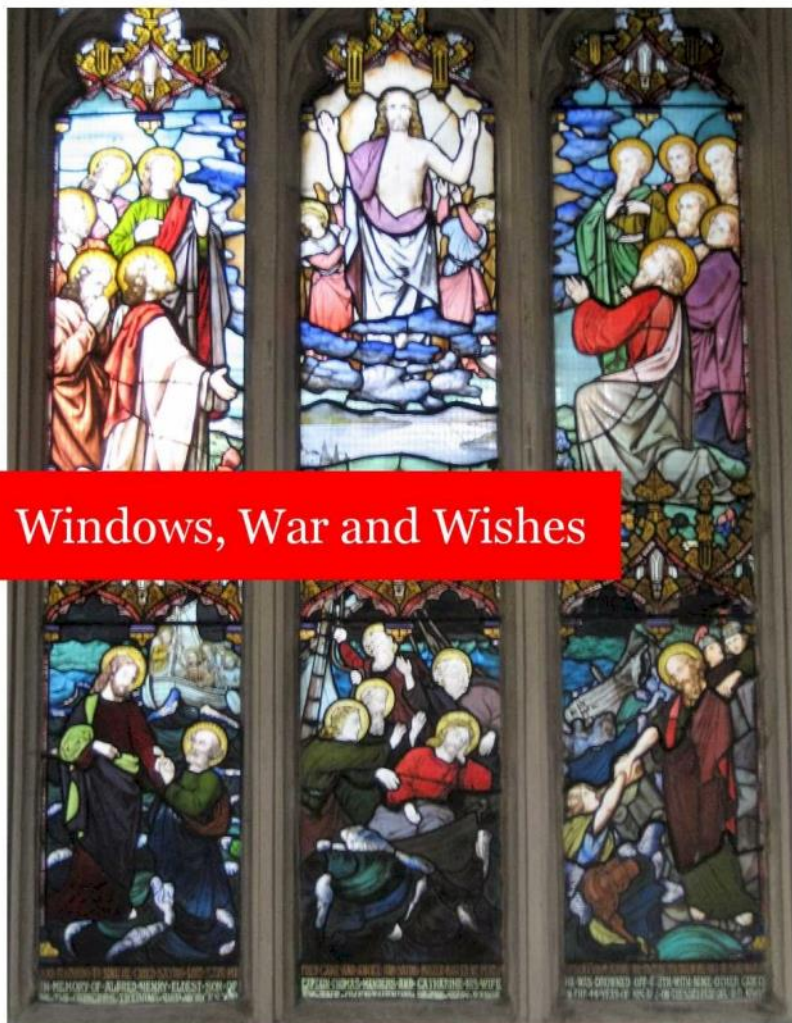

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Windows, War and Wishes

Apologies for the fact that this month's edition is a bit more of a hotch-potch than usual, but as they say "variety is the spice of life"!

We start with an article about a tragic story commemorated in stained glass in one of the windows in St Mary's church, a place I have worshipped in for the past nineteen years but have never stopped to look. I suspect that this may well be true for many of us, and I hope in future months to make similar occasional contributions about items of interest in our churches which we perhaps take for granted - and would welcome such contributions from any of our far more knowledgeable readers.

Secondly, we have a fine collection of photographs from the Marlborough History Society telling something of the story of our town one hundred years ago. These photos have already been exhibited twice in the past eighteen months, but I wanted them to have as wide an exposure as possible because I think they are so interesting.

And finally, a Bucket List of must-do-before-I-die things from ten different people to whom I am most grateful for being prepared to reveal in public their deepest desires. The hope is that it will not only be of interest to our readers in perhaps opening your eyes to something that you hadn't thought of for yourself, but also that it might prompt further contributions from our readership of items from your own list which you might be prepared to share with others - the more obscure the better!

David Du Croz - Editor

Cover picture: Memorial window, St Mary's Church, Marlborough

Clergy Letter from The Reverend Dr David Campbell

Life in all its fullness

It's a very wonderful thing that each and every year we are fortunate enough to be alive as the natural world as we see it in our fields, gardens and parks renews itself. The (not so cold this year) winter months begin slowly and surely to pass away and with the coming of Spring there is an extraordinary amount of new and diverse life and living to be seen all around us.

Fundamentally I know of course that the reasons for this are primarily horticultural and agricultural, but for me there is still something nonetheless remarkably miraculous about the whole business. We ourselves may do little or nothing to assist and yet the earth through the miracle of life enters into a new phase almost unnoticed at times.

The end of March sees the annual Christian Festival of Easter. It is the pre-eminent time in the year when Christians will meet together in order to celebrate the generosity of the God of life in whose munificence they believe they live, move and have their being.

The kind of life that the God of the Christians inspires Christian people to live is one of a great and surpassing abundance. It is one in which they are encouraged to drink so fully from the oases of joy and gladness that other people round about them cannot but help notice them do so and in turn be inspired to find that life in all its fullness for themselves.

This kind of life is the very opposite from that mean, exclusive, destructive kind of life and living which at any moment threatens to take a hold of people and destroy them and others. It is the very opposite of destructive negativity because it seeks all, it embraces all, it welcomes all and it knows that in God's reality and in God's time all shall win and all shall have prizes.

Grace Denman

1912 - 2016

It is with sadness that we record the passing, last month, of Grace, aged 103. She joined the Tower & Town staff and was a proof reader for over 25 years up to her 100th birthday. 'Eagle Eyes' Denman never missed an errant colon or an abused apostrophe and frequently, with great tact and humility, questioned the recollections of various magazine contributors... and was always correct. She was still regularly attending St Mary's Church in her 100th year. A lovely lady in every degree.

There will be a full obituary next month.

Halfway down the north wall of the nave in St Mary's is a window (*pictured on the front cover*) that I often sit nearby, but one whose details I have never bothered to examine until they were drawn to my attention in church the other day. By an amazing coincidence, the great grand-daughter of the Thomas Manders mentioned below, Elizabeth Ward, currently worships in St Mary's.

It is a window in memory of a 14-year old boy who was drowned just over 150 years ago. The commemorative inscription tells something of the story of this tragedy:

"In memory of Alfred Henry eldest son of Captain Thomas Manders and Catherine his wife. He was drowned off Erith with nine other cadets of the officers training ship "Worcester" by the overturning of the ship's barge in the 14th year of his age on Tuesday 28th February 1865."

A few years earlier a London merchant and a local shipbuilder had the idea of establishing a training vessel on the Thames to overcome an acute shortage of certificated officers for both the merchant and the royal navies. A committee was set up to raise money for the project and within six months £1000 had been raised by subscription from merchants, ship-owners and underwriters who had the great foresight to invest in their trade. Their search for a hulk bore fruit, when the Royal Navy offered them a surplus 50-gun fourth rate Java class frigate, that had been laid up at the Nore since leaving her builders at Deptford.



The original HMS Worcester

In 1862 the Thames Marine Officer Training School was opened. The vessel was initially stationed at Blackwall Reach, but moved to Erith the following year where she remained until 1869 when she was moved to Greenhithe.

To mark the occasion of mooring off Ingress Abbey, the cadets fired a noisy salute from the ship's 18-pounder muzzle loading guns, which shattered the windows of a large number of houses in Greenhithe. By the 1870s the School had outgrown this ship and another was purchased - the "Frederick William" but renamed "Worcester" to maintain the link.



Four of the boys who were drowned, clothed in white at the top of the window

Quite what the occasion of the tragic events was which led to the drowning of these ten cadets in 1865 history does not (as so often!) relate. Perhaps it was a result of one of the "aquatic sports" recorded in a contemporary photograph - perhaps a rowing race in one of the ship's barges across the river caught in the cross currents of stream and tide? Or some other training accident in which these young boys were thrown into the freezing February water of the Thames?

The window depicts three Biblical textual references to rescue from drowning - the first two from the left are more familiar and from the

Gospel stories of Jesus' ministry: Peter jumping out of the boat to meet Jesus walking on the water towards him, panicking "and beginning to sink he cried saying 'Lord save me'"; the disciples panicking in the midst of a storm on the Sea of Galilee and "they came and woke him saying 'Master, Master, we perish'". The right hand image is of a shipwreck illustrating a verse from Psalm 18: "he sent from above, he took me, he drew me out of the many waters."

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Lent Talks at Christchurch, Marlborough



Finding God in ...

A series of Lent Talks organised by Marlborough Churches Together
Wednesdays - 7.30pm - All Welcome

2nd March:

Finding God in ... The Everyday

Alan Jeans

Archdeacon of Sarum and chairman of the Mission Council
of Salisbury Diocese

9th March:

Finding God in ... The Sacraments

Christopher Whitehead

Director of the Department of Adult Education and
Evangelisation for the Clifton Diocese

16th March:

Finding God in ... Silence!

Harvey Gillman

Outreach Secretary of Quaker British Yearly Meeting and
author of several books on Quaker Spirituality



The Merchant's House

2016 Spring Study Course

Wednesdays (2 March, 16 March and 6 April)

followed by a visit to Dyrham Park on Thurs 21 April

The course comprises three half days

Architecture led by Christopher Rogers

Art led by David Evans

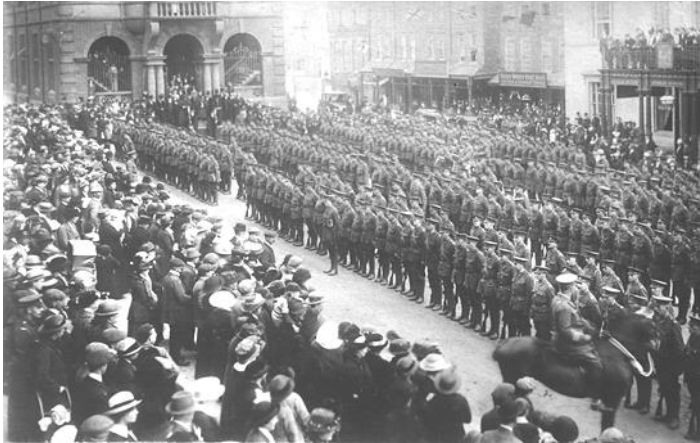
Politics led by Michael Hart

Tickets available at The Merchant's House £15 each (£12 for Merchant House Friends) 10% discount if all three days are booked. Dyrham visit £15; free to NT members

For further information email emmap@merchantshousetrust.co.uk.

Marlborough in the Great War

A recent photographic exhibition mounted by the Marlborough History Society (in conjunction with Wiltshire Council) in St Peter's Church revealed some fascinating photographs of Marlborough 1914-1918 which deserve wider exposure. What follows is just a taste of what life was like for the town 100 years ago.



The 7th Battalion, Wiltshire Regiment, was raised in Devizes in September 1914 as part of Kitchener's Third New Army. They trained at Codford, spending the winter in billets in Marlborough - here they are on parade in front of the Town Hall in early 1915.



Training was much improvised as equipment and khaki uniforms were not available until early spring 1915. To get some experience of the war they were about to join trenches were dug on Rockley Down, as shown above.

They moved to Sutton Veny in the Wylde valley for final training in April, and then proceeded to France in September 1915 where they were deployed near Amiens. This picture shows some of the men who were unable to get home back in December 1914 enjoying the hospitality of the Town for a Christmas lunch, including desserts and cigarettes paid for out of a fund set up by the mayor.



In November 1915 as part of the 26th Division they moved to Salonika via Marseilles, where they remained until 1918. The 7th Battalion had been raised by a former professional soldier, Colonel Walter Leslie Roche, who came out of retirement in 1914 in answer to Kitchener's call.



He would doubtless have been delighted by the PR effect of this photo on his recruitment drive - two youngsters being admired by soldiers in the High St. The boy on the left is Eric Free, whose father ran a furnishing business in the town.

The 7th Wiltshires returned to France in mid-1918 to take part in the Battles of the Hindenburg Line, the pursuit to the Selle, and the final advance in Picardy in November. The picture below shows military transport lined up along the High St in preparation for deployment on the Western Front.



There is a fine window in St Peter's church in memory of the 7th Battalion of the Wiltshire Regiment, and of its commanding officer. They had suffered heavy casualties in an attack in northern Greece in April 1917, and again in October 1918 on the Somme.



This photo shows the town's Volunteer Training Force (the Home Guard of WWI) in camp on Marlborough Common in the summer of 1917. The soldier seated fourth from the left is believed to be the unit's commanding officer, 2nd Lieutenant William Stephen Butler from West Kennett.

Easter Services 2016

**All the churches of Marlborough wish you a very Happy Easter
and warmly invite you to worship with us:**

Palm Sunday, 20 March

5.30pm Experience Easter Informal Service (St Mary's)

Monday, 21 March

10.00am Mass (St Thomas More)

7.30pm Night Prayer with Address (St George's)

Tuesday, 22 March

10.00am Mass (St Thomas More)

7.30pm Night Prayer with Address (St John the Baptist)

Wednesday, 23 March

7.30pm Night Prayer with Address (St George's)

Maundy Thursday - 24 March

7.00pm Passover Meal (St Mary's Church Hall) followed by

8.00pm Holy Communion (St Mary's) *and The Watch until midnight*

7.30pm Section Communion Service (Christchurch)

7.30pm Mass of the Last Supper followed by vigil until

10.00pm Night Prayers (St Thomas More)

Good Friday - 25 March

10.30am Worshipping at the Foot of the Cross (St Mary's)

10.30am Reflective Service (Christchurch)

11.30am Procession of Witness Marlborough High Street

12.15pm Christian Aid Lunch at Wesley Hall

12.30pm Stations of The Cross (St Thomas More)

1.00pm Devotional Service (St George's)

3.00pm Commemoration of the Lord's Passion (St Thomas More)

Saturday - 26 March

9.00pm The Easter Vigil Mass (St Thomas More)

Easter Sunday - 27 March

6.00am Sunrise Service at Martinsell Hill

6.00am Dawn Service at Marlborough College Chapel

8.00am Holy Communion (St Mary's)

continued overleaf...

Easter Services continued...

8.00am	Holy Communion (St George's)
9.30am	Family Communion (St John the Baptist)
10.00am	Family Communion (St Mary's)
10.00am	Family Communion (St George's)
10.30am	Holy Communion (Christchurch)
10.30am	Quaker Meeting for Worship
11.00am	Mass (St Thomas More)
4.00pm	Kite Flying (College Playing Fields)



34th Marlborough Brandt Lent Lecture

8.00 pm Thursday 10 March 2016

Marlborough Town Hall

Harriet Lamb CBE, Chief Executive, International Alert

“To Bomb or not to Bomb – that is the Wrong Question!”

Peace can only last where human rights are respected, where people are fed and individuals and nations are free

The Lecture will be introduced by Lord Joffe a leading member of the Defence Team for Nelson Mandela and nine other defendants at their trial in 1963

Admission free, retiring collection



Marlborough Concert Orchestra

Saturday, March 5th at 7.30 pm

St Mary's Church, Marlborough.

Programme includes:

Strauss' Blue Danube waltz

Schubert's Tragic Symphony no.4 in C minor

Fauré's Pelléas and Mélisande

Mozart's overture to La Clemenza di Tito.

Serenade for 13 wind instruments by Richard Strauss.

Tickets adults £9, students £2

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Marlborough Medical Practice

Patient Participation Group (PPG) Update

Did you know...



Over the last 12 months, from November 2014, over 428 hours of clinical time were lost due to patients failing to attend their booked appointments.

With this time we could have offered up to 2499 appointments to other patients. That is the equivalent of 73 days of GP appointments; an average of nearly a day and a half of GP appointments every week.

If all our patients cancel appointments they do not need or cannot make, then time to get appointments with our clinical staff can be reduced.

To make it easier for our patients to let us know when they cannot attend a booked appointment, we now offer the following ways to cancel your appointments:

24 hours a day, 7 days a week:

Online through our website, more than 24 hours before the appointment – <http://www.marlboroughdoctors.org.uk/making-appointments>

Through your online access account, using your unique username and password – <https://systemonline.tpp-uk.com/Login?PracticeId=j83037&Date=20151116144423>

When the practice is open: Drop in and cancel in person or
Call the Practice on 01672 512187

We understand that things crop up and it is not always possible to attend an appointment, and so we are always happy to rearrange. If you cancel then these appointments are available for other patients.

Clinical Ambiguities

Excisions from hospital reports:

The patient refused an autopsy

Cause of death: Rigor Mortis

Discharge status: alive but without permission

What's on in March

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

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

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

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

Every Thursday (or some Thursdays)

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

10.30-12.00 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

10.00-12.00 noon: Christchurch Crush Hall. Food bank and coffee morning.

Every 2nd Saturday

10.00-12.00 noon: Library. Marlborough & District Dyslexia Association. Drop-in advice.

Help line: 07729 452143.

March calendar

2nd (*Wednesday*)

10am-12.30pm Merchant's House. Spring Study Course. (see p.7)

7.30pm Wesley Hall, Oxford Street. WI AGM followed by Cheese & Wine.

3rd (*Thursday*)

7pm Town Hall. Live from NT: 'Hangmen' by Martin McDonagh £15 in advance, £17.50 on door.

7th (*Monday*)

2pm Kennet Valley Hall. Embroiderers' Guild. Talk by Cas Holmes: 'Magpie of the Mind'.

9th (*Wednesday*)

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

7.45pm Wesley Hall, Oxford Street. Gardening Association. Talk by Rosemary Hardy: 'Spring Flowering Perennials'.

10th (*Thursday*)

8pm Town Hall. 34th Annual Brandt Lent Lecture. (see page 12)

11th (*Friday*)

7.30pm St Peter's Church. Charity Fund Raising Concert (three local choirs) in support

of the GWH's Brighter Futures radiotherapy appeal. Entrance free with retiring collection and sale of refreshments.

14th (*Monday*)

7.30pm Bouverie Hall, Pewsey. Pewsey Vale DFAS. Lecture by Alexandra Drysdale: 'The aesthetic & emotional significance of red in western art, from angelic pink to demonic scarlet'.

15th (*Tuesday*)

6.30pm St Peter's Church. AGM of St Peter's & St Paul's Trust followed by refreshments. Open to all members of the Trust.

16th (*Wednesday*)

10-12.30pm Merchant's House. Spring Study Course. Lecture 2 by David Evans: 'To go Dutch, or to shadow the Sun King? Contrary directions in English art after the Restoration'. £15 (£12 MH Friends) incl coffee & pastries.

17th (*Thursday*)

7.30pm St Peter's Church. History Society. Lecture by Mari Takayanagi, Senior Parliamentary Archivist, Houses of Parliament: 'Parliament and Women 1900-1945'.

7.30pm Town Hall. Film: 'The Lady in The Van' (12A). £5 in advance, £6 on door.

18th (*Friday*)

Marlborough College. End of Lent Term.

21st (*Monday*)

10.30am Ellendune Hall, Wroughton. Kennet DFAS. AGM and lecture by Dr Anne Anderson: 'The Good Life: Gimson & the Barnsleys – Inventing the Cotswold Style'.

7.15pm Town Hall. Live from ROH: 'Boris Godunov'. £15 in adv, £17.50 on door.

7.30pm Slade House, St James's Gardens, Devizes SN10 1EL. Talk by Dr Nick Snashell: 'Something Old, Something New – Research discovery in Stonehenge & Avebury'.

24th (*Thursday*)

St John's Academy. End of Term 4.

Advertise your local event

If you have an event coming up and want to reach a wider audience, let Tower & Town know about it. There is no charge for charity events. We'll put it in the 'What's On' calendar and where possible create a separate advertisement. Just let us have the title, a brief description, the cause, the date and time and any entry charge - we'll do the rest.

A Bucket List from some of our readers (in no particular order)

Keith Fryer: Graceland

I have a rather eclectic taste in music - some might say jumbled; I'd prefer to say varied. This mix has always brought me back to tracing the roots of music. Many of the modern hits hint at or directly steal classical pieces, but one of the Kings of modern music has to be Elvis. Whether you're a massive fan, or like me an occasional listener to his work, you have to admit that he had an enormous impact. So, Graceland is right up there on my bucket list - it's just got to be done. The Jungle Room and all the other slightly cheesy elements are a strong fascination - I just hope it's as good in the flesh as it is in the dream!

Pam Tulloch: Whale-watching

I have once, in 1995, been very privileged to watch some Right whales in their breeding bay off the coast of Argentina. It was a remarkably spiritual experience, quietly watching a mother whale cruise slowly by, with her playful calf nearby (dodging across the front of the boat!) - so huge, so graceful, so gentle..... impossible to think of man hunting these beautiful creatures. It really stilled my soul with a sense of "the presence of the Lord" as I had a precious meditative half-hour walk along the beach afterwards. Before I die I would love to visit Quebec one summer, to see the many species of whale (blue, humpback, minke, beluga and many more) off the east coast of Canada.

Sarah Musgrave: Special moments

One of my bucket list items would be more 'special moments' - moments of real meaning that alter one's outlook on life. This might arise through sharing an instant of deep connection with someone, or through a totally new insight into a difficulty - a realisation from an inner voice, or reaching somewhere deeper in one's prayer life. There is something beyond the visible on these occasions - something even sacred. Very occasionally, these moments hold a fleeting glimpse of God that offer us a tiny taste of something much bigger than all of us put together, and for me they hold a sense of mystery and wonder.

Pepita Hurd: Cricket in Mongolia

Something we are working on before we die is to help our son give Mongolia its first cricket pitch* on the edge of Ulaanbaatar. This site is preserved in perpetuity because it supplies their water, and other sporting facilities are planned on it. The benefits of team sport to the nomads have been shown to be important, and income from the ground will support outreach programmes to kids from difficult parts of Ulaanbaatar. The first and only coach, Battulga Gombo, has been on the

case since 2007 and has some very keen apprentices - they invite visiting XIs to plan a trip for 2020!

*to support please see the Mongolian Cricket Seed Appeal facebook page.

Mark Philps: Tolstoy's country estate

I first read Tolstoy as an undergraduate studying Russian. On a visit to Russia three or four years ago I managed to arrange a visit to Tolstoy's Moscow home. It's not grand: just a fairly modest wooden structure with a good sized garden, but you can see where Tolstoy did his writing, where the family ate and slept, and the children had their lessons. Ever since then I have wanted to see his country estate, Yasnaya Polyana ("Bright Glade"), which was originally bought by Tolstoy's grandfather. Now nationalised, it is still managed by one of Tolstoy's descendants. From the photographs it looks quite a lot grander than the Moscow home.

Jeremy York: Weather Forecasting

I never cease to marvel at the pinpoint accuracy of so many BBC TV weather forecasts. So, before I fall off my perch, I am resolved to spend a couple of days at the BBC Weather Centre to learn just what goes on before that amiable man or woman finally appears on my screen with intriguing news of El Niño, the Gulf Stream, the Jet Stream, warm and cold fronts, and shifting isobars. Then perhaps I shall understand how Carol Kirkwood manages to look so pleasant whilst delivering the direst of weather warnings!

Ann Yates: Land's End to John O'Groats

Six years ago I completed a 1,100 mile pilgrim cycle ride to Santiago de Compostela with my friend Jennifer. We thought that was it for long distance rides, but Land's End to John O' Groats kept beckoning so now we plan one more cycling challenge setting off on May 1st from Cornwall. We are approaching this again as a pilgrimage starting with a blessing from the local clergy at Land's End and calling in on various churches on the way. Not for us a ten day sprint, but a six weeks "scenic route" with time to enjoy the sights, visit friends and to "stop and stare" as we journey.

Michael Reynolds: Climbing "Wainwrights"

My ambition is to ascend all 214 of the so-called "Wainwright" fells in the Lake District – as featured in A W Wainwright's classic guides. I love the Lake District – the incomparable scenery, the fine routes to the summits, the less well-known areas where you can be on your own in the fells, and the multitude of small tarns providing the opportunity for swimming in the most spectacular of settings. Although I have been visiting the Lakes almost all my life I was surprised to discover that I can only be sure of having climbed about 70 of the 214 fells. So this coming summer I will be making a serious start on the remaining 140 or so!

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News from the Churches

For Easter Service times please see page 11&12

The MCT Lent Talks (see page 7) are at 7.30pm at Christchurch over the following three weeks. The theme is “Finding God in

.....the Everyday: Alan Jeans - 2nd March

.....the Sacraments: Christopher Whitehead - 9th March

.....Silence: Harvey Gillman - 16th March

Women’s World Day of Prayer will be celebrated on **Friday 4th March**. This year in Marlborough we will have a time for silence and open prayer from 10.30am to 11.00am in Christchurch; to pray for the people in Cuba and women around the world. This will be a time to show our support to those participating and marking the day itself. There will also be a 1 hour, traditional Women's World Day of Prayer Service starting at 2.00pm at Holy Family, Pewsey.

Renewing Hope: Pray, Serve, Grow

The third of our Deanery Synods responding to the Bishop of Salisbury’s initiative of Renewing Hope, will explore what gives life to our faith and growth in numbers and depth.

This is an Open Meeting to which all are welcome on **Saturday 5th March** from 10am to 12noon at Chiseldon Church Hall, with refreshments available.

St John the Baptist Church, Minal are holding a coffee morning on **Saturday 5th March** 9.30am to 11.00am in Minal Village Hall for children to make Mothering Day posies to hand out the next day in Minal Church; all very welcome.

All welcome to attend our usual Church Services on **6th March** to celebrate **Mothering Sunday** with gifts of flowers.

Marlborough Area Poverty Action Group (MAPAG) meets at the Friends Meeting House, The Parade, Marlborough at 7.30pm on **Monday 7th March**. All welcome to attend the meeting.

Women’s Fellowship at 2.45pm in Christchurch

1st March Sara Thompson (Phoenix Cards for Prospect)

8th March Father John Blacker

15th March Members Meeting

22nd March Rev. Heather Cooper (Holy Week)

29th March No Meeting (Easter hols)

5th April Rev. Heather Cooper



Sunday Lunch Club meets on 13th March at Christchurch. All welcome. Book a place by contacting Sandra or David Wylie: 861627 by 10.00am on Friday 11th.



Filling Station will meet on 23rd March with speaker Matt Ford; Matt has led the Highworth Community Church since 2012. He is committed to building a church of love that engages with the world. The Filling Station meets from 7.30pm to 9.30pm at St Peter's Junior School, Marlborough, SN8 1LQ.

Experience Easter is an exhibition consisting of six stations telling the Easter story. As the title suggests, they are not only to look at, but to take part in, to experience the Easter story in a new way. The exhibition will be set up at St Mary's Church on Palm Sunday (20th March) and will be there throughout Holy Week. On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday (21st – 23rd March) of Holy Week, groups of school children will visit the exhibition. We are looking for volunteers to show the children around during these days. If you would like to volunteer or find out more please contact Janneke: 515970 or jblokland@gmail.com.

Good Friday 25th March



All are invited to join us outside the Town Hall *just before* 11.30am for our procession of silent witness. Some of you will come from other church services but we hope that many more will give a few minutes of their time to mark this special day in togetherness: able-bodied and not so able – wheel chairs and push chairs.

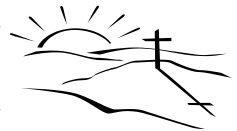
After brief opening prayer we will walk silently along the High Street to gather outside St Peter's for concluding prayer, and then back to Wesley Hall, Oxford Street, for the Christian Aid Lunch at 12.15pm (Lunch admission by donation at door).

There will be Devotional Services in St George's and St Thomas More on Good Friday afternoon and on Saturday evening at St Thomas More.

Easter Sunday 27th March

For Easter Sunday Service times please see page 11 & 12

The Sunrise Service on Martinsell Hill takes place on Easter Morning starting at 6.00am. Park in the Martinsell car park. This year a **Dawn Service** will be held outside Marlborough College Chapel at 6.00am.



Kite flying is a way of celebrating the risen Christ, a tradition from the Caribbean. Come and join this Easter celebration by flying a kite at the **Marlborough College Playing Fields** (*off Leaze Road*) on Easter Sunday afternoon at **4.00pm**.

Hangout@The Mead

&

Hangout@Devotion

More details about these youth clubs can be found at <http://devotion-marlborough.co.uk>. Please continue to pray for the work of Devotion with young people.

Youth and Families Worker (YFW) at St Mary's

St Mary's are planning to employ a YFW to help continue and develop the work being carried out amongst children, families and young people in our parish. We are looking for someone who will enthuse children and young people in their faith and enable their discipleship.

The focus of the YFW will be on youth work, in close collaboration with the ecumenical Devotion Youth Project, and with children and families at St Mary's Church and across the Marlborough Anglican Team. For more information contact Janneke: jblokland@gmail.com

St Non's Retreat, 20th to 23rd September

The 14th retreat at this beautiful site on the Pembrokeshire coast will be led this year by the Revd Dr Janneke Blokland. This is an ecumenical retreat, and all are welcome. Enquire or book now with Barney Rosedale (01672 512205, barney.rsdl@gmail.com, after 1st March).

Future Diary dates

The Heart of Things: an exhibition of painting and sculpture by Paul Hobbs at St Mary's Church 30th April to 5th May 2016. Open: Sat 10-5, Sun 12-5, Mon-Thurs 10-5. Contact: Janneke: 515970.

Next Book Club: Thursday 14th April 7.30pm at Mustard Seed. The book chosen is 'Finding myself in Britain' by Amy Boucher Pye, all very welcome.

Swindon Choral Society with The Oxford Sinfonia

Mozart - C minor Mass

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Family News from your local Community by Audrey Peck

Kath Allright's daughter Naomi writes:

Kath had two daughters Naomi and Judith, four grandchildren and three great grandchildren who knew her as GG for great grandma. She lived in her own home on her own until the last week of her life when she was in GWH.

She moved to Marlborough with her children and husband Jim in November 1961. She went back to work when we were teenagers and worked as a district nurse and midwife in Burbage, Bedwyn and Pewsey.

She was very ecumenical and was one of the first members of Marlborough Christian Council. She also held most offices in the Methodist church and circuit.

Tower and Town apologises for not publishing earlier this follow-up to the brief note in the December Family Matters column.

Sarah and Andrew Bumphrey's grandson, Adam, was Christened on February 7th during a wonderful service at St. Mary's, the church where his parents, Claire and Neil Williamson, were married in 2013. They were surrounded by about 80 family and friends as well as the usual Sunday morning congregation.

Best wishes to Gerry Rowlands who is happily settled in her new home in Elcot Lane. She is back on her feet after a long illness and is calling this her 'well' house.

Jo and David Chandler are grateful to everyone for their prayers and support on their grandson's move to a new home in Trowbridge from Bridgwater. This has been challenging for him as he will be sharing accommodation with another young man with autism but he seems to have settled in thanks to the support of the dedicated care home staff.

Helen and Harold Caswell have lived in St. John's Close for many years. Helen died suddenly on 25th Nov 2015. She trained and worked as a nurse at both Savernake and PMH. Later she worked at the Rope Factory in the Parade and the Fair Isle Wool Shop where she enjoyed the job and the many friends she made there. She was a talented seamstress and knitter, happy to pass on her skills to others. She loved baking and bread making. She was a kind and generous friend and neighbour, helping anyone in need or feeling poorly. Helen is sadly missed by many people but especially by Harold, their children and grandchildren Nicola, Richard, Chris, Charlotte, Juliette, Charis and Fran.

Our sympathy to Ann Lovett whose husband, Keith, died after a long illness. Keith and his brother, Christopher grew up in the town. Their father was Head of St. Peter's Boys' School in the present Library building. Keith had worked on Marlborough College Staff as an electrician since 1974 until he retired.

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Bucket List continued...

Henry Pearson: Cricket at the MCG

High on my list is a trip to the MCG (Melbourne Cricket Ground) on Boxing Day when England are playing Australia in an Ashes Test Match. Fifteen years ago, at Eden Gardens Cricket Ground in Calcutta, I witnessed India beating Australia in front of a crowd of 80,000, when India had had to follow on 271 runs behind. In overhauling the Australian 1st innings this was an extraordinary victory grabbed out of the jaws of what seemed to be a certain defeat. Why the MCG? Well the crowds there can reach 80,000 plus, and what better needle match to watch with thousands of others than that between the “auld enemies”!

Sarah Knight: Disneyland

When my brother and I were young my parents took us on a very memorable holiday which included Disneyland. Disney was magical. We loved every minute of it – from knuckle-blanching roller coaster rides to the magnificent firework displays and parades. I’ve wanted to go back for years but somehow returning in my early twenties didn’t seem credible! Now I have children of my own, I think I have the best excuse - the prospect of seeing something that was special for you through your children’s eyes is exciting, and I can’t wait to watch my boys delight and excitement when they visit.

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Dear Hugh de Saram [T & T chairman]

I read with special interest the article A Tragic Year for Mildenhall by Andrew Ross. We lived in Mildenhall for many years until we moved into College Fields last year and during my time in the village I compiled a lot of information about the 16 men who died in WW1 and whose names are on the memorial in the church. Much of the information was in Andrew's article and I would like to discuss the subject with him but have no means of contact. Would you be able to put me in touch? I would be most grateful, thank you.

Henry Pritchard

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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 Sundays)

10.00am All Age Service (1st Sunday)

Parish Communion (other Sundays)

Teddy Prayers + Picnic (2nd & 4th Wednesdays 2-3pm)

St John the Baptist, Minal (C of E)

8.00am Holy Communion BCP (2nd Sunday)

9.30am Parish Communion (1st & 3rd Sundays)

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

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP on 4th Sundays)

10.00am All Age Worship (1st Sunday):

Parish Communion, Junior, Church & crèche on all other Sundays

5.30 pm Informal service (except on 1st Sunday)

St Thomas More, George Lane (Roman Catholic)

11.00 am Sung Mass (See also below)

Marlborough College Services are shown at the College Chapel

Weekday Services

St Mary's Holy Communion: 10.30 am Wednesday

St Thomas More Mass: 10.00 am Mon, Tues, Wed & Sat

Holy Days: 10.00 am

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

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## Tower and Town On-line

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Due to the space limitations of the printed edition, we are publishing the following excellent contributions to this issue on the website ([www.towerandtown.org.uk](http://www.towerandtown.org.uk)) under 'T&T Online' :

Part II of Mark Clements' article on his *Marlborough Childhood*

David Maurice's sermon of January 31st on *The Presentation Of Christ In The Temple*

Robin Ward (St John's student) '*When I Awaken Into The Night*'

We have also placed a drawing by Sunita Sisodiya (St John's student) on the front page of the website.

## **From the Register**

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### **Baptism:**

7 Feb – Adam Williamson at St Mary's

### **Departed:**

- 14 Jan Lawrence Vittorio Fiorita (92) of 13 River Park, Marlborough  
*South Oxfordshire Crematorium*
- 26 Jan Sheila Creedy-Smith (86) of Merlin Court Nursing Home, Marlborough  
*West Wiltshire Crematorium, Semington*
- 1 Feb Thomas Henry Dyke (73) of 19 Baylie Acre, Marlborough  
*St Mary's and Cemetery*
- 5 Feb Jean Mary Wallace (88) of 2 Reeds Ground, Marlborough  
*South Oxfordshire Crematorium*

## **'Circus-themed' Charity Performance**

*Wednesday 2nd March in the Memorial Hall of Marlborough College at 9pm*

**Marlborough College sixth form pupil Steph Evans will give a 45-minute charity performance of circus skills and gymnastics in aid of the Trussell Trust Charity**

*(this is part of Steph's A-Level Extended Project Qualification)*

Tickets available only on the night are priced at £5 each (children under 10 free) with all proceeds going to **The Trussell Trust** which organises food banks across the UK.

### **Family News continued....**

Keith Lovett was a member of the RSPB. He also enjoyed walking his dog and chatting with other dog walkers along the way. Condolences to Ann and his step children, Dawn and Richard and their families.

Lawrence Fiorita died recently at his home in River Park. He came here in 1969 while working for the consulting engineers for the M4. He worked for them for 40 years in various parts of the world. He was a member of Marlborough theatre and concert clubs, Vice President of the Conservative Club and an Hon. member of the R.N.A. In the days when Tower & Town was duplicated in the rectory he helped with that. Our thoughts are with Mary and her family.

Greta Illsley died 3 days before her 100th birthday at her flat in Castle Court. Born in Derbyshire she had lived in various places around the country and came here in 2002 to be near one of her four sons. She loved visits from her devoted family. I last saw her when she was saying goodbye to her grandson and two great-grandsons a few months ago.

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