MARLOW AND DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER 2026



A MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAIRMAN

Summer has finally arrived and I hope you are enjoying the sunny spells (while keeping safe from over-exposure to ultraviolet rays).

Arrangements for our 20th anniversary lunch are continuing to be planned, and should be finalised in July. We are planning two additional events to celebrate this milestone and details will be provided very soon.

The new holiday group undertook its first trip - to Torquay - in June, and a second is planned to visit Belfast in September.

Following the May AGM our new Membership Secretary is Glynis Simons. Suze Bateman will be the committee member responsible for New Members. We welcome them both to their new roles on the committee.

Most of our group activities will continue over the holiday period, and I hope you will benefit from continued participation. If you have any comments or suggestions to enhance our u3a please let a member of your committee have your thoughts.

Roger Shipton

YOUR COMMITTEE

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The picture used at the top of your newsletter is the old automaton of Uncle Tom Cobley, which was first seen at the Widecombe Fair in 1959, made of scraps of wood and metal by a retired sailor from Drewsteignton (name unknown), and was found in pieces and rusty. It was fully restored in time for its 50th 'birthday' in 2009 and is now on show as a permanent exhibit in St Pancras church, Widecombe.

CELEBRATIONS FOR 20 YEARS OF MARLOW U3A. Please put these dates in your diaries!

THURSDAY 20TH AUGUST: Lunch at the Crown Plaza Hotel Marlow

THURSDAY 17TH SEPTEMBER: Picnic in the Park. Meet at around 12 o'clock at Steve Redgrave's statue. Bring your own picnic and drink. Also chairs or rug if you want to.

THURSDAY 22ND OCTOBER: Monthly meeting celebration. **Mike Hurst** will give a talk 'The History of popular music'. He was the speaker at our 10 years anniversary meeting.
Stay afterwards for chat and cake.

MEMBERSHIP

Welcome to our new members:
Jane and John Gillbe, Joy and Alistair Roe, Roger Pearce, Simone and Peter Smith, Andrew Baillie, Mary Howson, Tim Nelson, Vivienne Strayton, Linda Hughes, Elizabeth James, Jane Naylor, Elaine Mead, Janice Wise, Ann Charlwood, Mary Zalcman, Kevin Butler, Barry Goodwin and Julie Rockell.

For any queries regarding membership please contact the membership secretary

membership@marlowu3a.co.uk

MONTHLY MEETINGS

Liston Hall 2.30 on the 4th Thursday of the month

Thursday 23rd July **Jenny Mallin** **Partition and my British Raj Family**
In August 1947, two independent nations would be formed – India and Pakistan. Partition allowed for the establishment of two sovereign countries which could pursue their own political economic and social systems. The context of Jenny's talk is a portrayal of how future generations of her family caught up in events in 1947, made different decisions: some chose to stay in India and got Indian citizenship, whilst others decided to make a new life in the United Kingdom or elsewhere in the British Commonwealth. Jenny will deliver a fascinating insight into two families: her parents who emigrated to the UK in 1954 who had to face post war Britain with its rationing and finding their own feet there, to her father's baby sister who made the decision to stay in India. She will explore the Anglo Indians' sense of belonging to their British ancestry with their family's historical background but also the juxtaposition of their stronger feelings of rootedness in clinging to the memories of an India they were accustomed to. Records indicate that in 2025 there are still 350,000-400,000 Anglo Indians still living in India.

NO MEETING IN AUGUST

Thursday 24th September **Adam Baxter** **An insight into Japanese History**
Adam is a Marlow resident who has studied history, spent more than five years living and working in Japan and returns there for about ten weeks each year to visit friends and his wife's family. He has travelled extensively around the region and has a good knowledge of Japanese history, culture and everyday life.

Any help with putting out chairs would be greatly appreciated. Please arrive early.

COFFEE AND CHAT

The group meets every Friday morning at Da Luca in Marlow Bottom at 10.30 until 11.45.

Dot Jaques 07767 703552

Monthly Meetings in Liston Hall

May

HEATHER ADAMS **Not Just Nelson's Lover**

Fresh from her involvement in the Cookham Festival, May's u3a monthly meeting guest speaker, Heather Adams, a local history researcher par excellence, is no stranger to the Liston Hall, where she has been a regular presenter on behalf of the Marlow Society. Alongside this, Heather has been instrumental in helping to put together high-quality recent exhibitions at Marlow Museum.

Her topic, on this occasion, was the remarkable story of Emma Hamilton whose journey through poverty in the late Georgian period, led to her becoming one of the most influential women ever in English society. Celebrated throughout Europe, too, hers was a story worthy, nowadays, of a big screen epic.

The story started on the Wirral in the most modest of childhood circumstances. Prostitution was rife throughout George III's England and a major source of employment for those who felt there was no other option. Such a profession led to Emma's route into marriage and Hanoverian society.

Painted by Romney, London's most fashionable portrait painter, she became the darling of the art world and London society, renowned for her beauty, smile and grace, with an admirably attractive singing voice. Such qualities introduced her to the fashion-conscious upper classes, her fame and potential rocketing her rapidly on an upwardly mobile rise to fame, like that of a present-day superstar celebrity.

It was not surprising that Nelson, the great British hero of Trafalgar and a married man, would be not only attracted to her but, also, their relationship would become one of the great British stories of love and subterfuge.

The many aspects of Georgian life were brilliantly explained by Heather, as her slide show revealed the multitude of social issues that lay within Emma Hamilton's story, one which, with the demise of Nelson, ended in her returning to frugal means and to an early death. **Dave Part**

June

Due to the intense heat, and that our speaker would be travelling down from the North, it was thought wise to cancel the June meeting.

Group News

groups@marlowu3a.co.uk

Let's Talk carries on at the Donkey every Monday morning at 11am.There is usually a committee member there to answer questions. It is especially useful for new members to meet other members and to ask any questions they may have.

Holiday Group The first holiday group's holiday to Torquay was a great success. Thank you to Ann Mary and Vic Ware. Read more about it elsewhere in this newsletter.

Garden Group We are still hoping someone will come forward to be a convenor of the garden group!

Convenors: The Group Convenors thank you coffee morning will be on Thursday 29th October at the Bowls club. Please save the date!

Contact Helen or Sue at groups@marlowu3a.co.uk

A Bit of Silliness!

Why do seagulls fly over the sea? Because if they flew over the bay, they would be bagels.

Why are fish so smart? Because they live in schools.

What do you call a pig that does karate? A pork chop

What did one plate say to another plate? Dinner is on me.

Where do cows go in the evening? The moo-vies

What is a tornado's favourite game? Twister

ART APPRECIATION B

Meetings on the second Tuesday of the month 2:30-4 pm, Garden Room, Liston Hall

We embrace a "learning together and sharing" approach. In the words of Benjamin Whichcote: "There is no better way to learn than to teach." (17th century Provost, King's College, Cambridge)



Each month different members who want to, lead a presentation and discussion of a topic of their choice. We might have three speakers each taking 20 minutes analyzing a painting, two speakers spending 40 minutes each on an artist or exhibition, or someone using the whole session. We have a projector and local technology support for anyone who wants to present – so no computer skills are necessary. We take a short break part way through for homemade treats and your own beverage.

Past topics include: Van Gogh, Gaudi, Vermeer, Australian Impressionists, an art gallery in New Zealand, Casa Lis in Salamanca, Joseph Wright, Japanese Woodblocks, and Eric Harris from South Bucks graciously came to Marlow and gave us a talk on CRW Nevinson.

We have discussed outings to galleries or museums and are currently planning something for August, as we will not be meeting in August. Art, artists and the historical context are all endlessly fascinating! Come explore and expand your appreciation with us. We have plenty of room for more members – pop in any 2nd Tuesday to see what we are all about.

"The purpose of art is washing the dust of daily life off our souls." - Pablo Picasso

Diana Currie dcurriemd@gmail.com.

ENGINEERING, TECHNOLOGY AND TRANSPORT (ETT)

Meetings are on the first Tuesday of the month at the ARK Café in the Methodist Church, Marlow at 2pm.

New Members Welcome

New Members are welcome but, prior to coming along, please contact us through the Marlow and District u3a website for details on how to join the Group or email ett@marlowu3a.co.uk

Programme – please email your convenor

Alan Fitzgerald ett@marlowu3a.co.uk

FAMILY HISTORY

First Thursday in the month at 10:00 in the Garden Room, Liston Hall.

We still have space for a few new members.

Thursday 6th August No meeting

Thursday 3rd September Our speaker will tell us how he used family history research coupled with DNA analysis to help identify his biological parents – postponed from July

Thursday 1st October "The Vikings; King Alfred the Great (871) to William the Conqueror (1066)!". Jim McMaster returns to tell us the history of how the Vikings passed through Marlow on their way up the Thames to winter camp at the junction of the Kennet and Thames at Reading. He will also tell us how a relative's male line came over with King Knut (Canute).

Adrian Spearman: adrian.g.spearman@gmail.com

Hand and Foot Group C





This group is nearly 2 years old now, enjoying a very summery "Bring a Plate" in Sue and Ian's garden. A cool pavilion to hand to collect the dishes and comfortable outside in the shade of trees, with plenty of Mr. James Pimm's 1800-something "Health Tonic". Whilst still working hard at finding the perfect strategy to beat a bad hand dealt, we seem to also have developed into quite a "foody" group – comparing the recipes of the delicious, home-made cakes sampled at our fortnightly playing sessions, and then everybody's favourite dish for the Summer and Winter buffet luncheon

Brigitte Rechlin prechlin@aol.com

French Improvers

Be it summer or winter our group continues to be a team of keen 'self-learners' aspiring to improve our knowledge of the language both speaking and grammar.
All members of the group contribute by preparing a small presentation each week on a set subject alongside completing grammar exercises.
Included in the material we use are publications such as bien-dire and Inner French Hugo podcasts.
Over the last few months, we have been investigating a variety of French cities, such as Bordeaux and Marseilles.

Valerie Griffith valeriemgriffith@gmail.com

German Conversation



Our Marlow German Conversation group usually meets in person but for a recent discussion on the topic of AI with our counterparts in Germany we resorted to Zoom. Our German partners are members in the Seniorenstudium programme at the Ludwig Maximilian University in Munich - the nearest thing to our British u3a.
Their summer programme largely consists of lectures on weighty topics, such as:

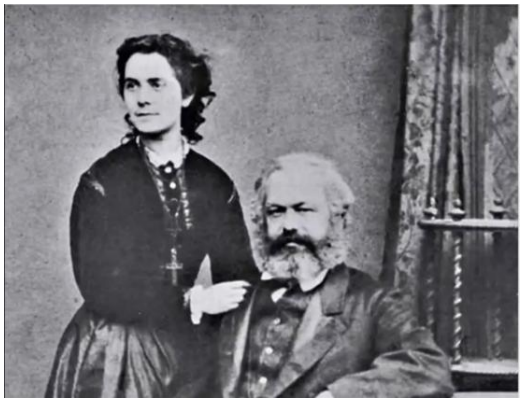
Human Blood: Insights into Haematology
Approaches to the Art of Albrecht Dürer
Female Characters in Contemporary Opera
Morphology, Anatomy, and Taxonomy of Higher Plants
Introduction to Christian Iconography and Symbolism, Part II
General Theories of Intercultural Communication

This was our third Zoom link-up with Munich this year; we began the meeting with smaller groups in break-out rooms before rejoining for a plenary session. The next meeting is in November.

Alan Crease euscholastic@gmail.com

Most people have heard of Karl Marx, but few know of his sister, Onya, who was an Olympic runner.

Her name is still mentioned at the start of every race.



HOLIDAY GROUP



Belfast Holiday 20-24th Sept 2026 There are now 5 single and 2 twin/double spaces available costing £935 pp sharing or single rooms with a SS of £205 pp, if interested, please contact Ann Mary annmaryware@gmail.com. 07775 733871.

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Scotland holiday 17th – 21st May by air and coach. The waiting list for single rooms. This holiday includes a flight from Heathrow to Edinburgh.
This is by far the favourite so the Scotland holiday chosen. There is only 1 twin room left! I am asking for more rooms if possible and there are already 3 on the waiting list for single rooms. This holiday includes a flight from Heathrow to Edinburgh costing **£759 pp** (min. 35), **£744 pp** (min 40), **£80 pp SS** plus **£20** for non-NT members. The price includes 4 nights DBB at the Salutation Hotel, Perth, admission and guided tour of the Real Mary King's Close, Glamis Castle, Boat ride at the Falkirk Wheel, Admission to Culross Palace and Gardens, entry to Royal Yacht Britannia, Dundee Discovery museum plus V&A, St. Andrews, East Neuk of Fife, Crail and Anstruther.

Austria holiday 8th – 11th September 4 days Vienna only **OR 8th – 13th September** 6 days, Vienna, Salzburg and Innsbruck. The favourite holiday is b), but so far has only 18 interested. The feeling is Austria will probably not go ahead as not enough takers. Regardless, the deadline has been extended to August and is also being marketed in the u3a groups in Maidenhead, Bourne End and High Wycombe .

A) Vienna only costing **£1055 pp** (min. 40), **£1085 pp** (min. 35) or **£1110 pp** (min. 30). SS £90 pp per stay. Many things have been included, e.g. 3 nights 4* Sporthotel, Vienna of which 2 nights HB + 1 night B&B with an evening meal at a traditional Viennese Heuriger; Guided tour of Vienna + walking tour of old town, traditional Viennese coffee house, guided tours of Schonbrunn Palace, Kunsthistorisches Museum, Hofburg Palace plus Spanish Riding School performance. Two optional extra visits £50 concert and £15 backstage opera house tour.

B) Vienna, Saltzburg and Innsbruck costing **£1425 pp** (min. 40), **£1455 pp** (min. 35) **£1520 pp** (min. 30). In addition to Vienna there are 2 nights HB at the 4* Alpen Gluck Hotel, Kirchberg; journey to Saltzburg via Mountains and Lakes, boat trip from St. Wolfgang to St. Gilgen, guided walking tour of Satzsburg, tour of Innsbruck, Swarovski Crystal Worlds, and a glass blowing demonstration.

If interested in any of the above holidays, please contact Ann Mary Ware annmaryware@gmail.com who will send you fliers with full details. There will be a go/no go decision on both holidays in **August 2026.**

2028

We are contemplating a cruise holiday using Martin Hay who we are meeting end June to discuss options. More information later.

Ann Mary Ware annmaryware@gmail.com

MAHJONG

Although our Wednesday Mahjong is closed to new members, my husband is still willing to teach anyone who makes enquiries – in fact he has just taught our latest member Jane, who has quickly picked up the rudiments of the game. We also have another two people waiting to be shown how to play this month.
These new people will be asked to join the **Thursday group** who play in the **Ark cafe at 9.30am**, once they understand the game.

Pam Dawes pam.dawes43@gmail.com

KNITTING AND CROCHET GROUPS



We have been busy as usual, although not so much in the great heat. As well as our usual charities we are also knitting for the Whitechapel appeal in the autumn. The Marlow contribution is organised by the Methodist Church and they send details later in the year.

We now have two groups, the first established group meeting twice monthly, and the other new one just once a month at the moment. Following Helen Glover's email in February we received more than seventeen enquiries. From them we formed K&C Group 2 (the monthly one) and have a further group and convenor lined up for the autumn. We will still have a waiting list.

Of course, along with our knitting or crocheting we have time to try and put the world to rights, and the more groups, the more chance we have of doing just that. I read somewhere that not making and keeping social connections can be as bad for our health as smoking 15 cigarettes a day, so we could say our K&C groups should be in the health category!

A few of us are going to the Summer Wool Festival at Ampthill in July which celebrates all things fibre-related. This may well inspire us to create something amazing, and promises to be an interesting day.

I enclose a photo of some of our new group and look forward to helping start up new groups as required.

Jill Brownjohn jay.beejay@zen.co.uk

MOTO GROUP

This group is for members on their own who wish to meet others in a similar position.
We meet for coffee and a chat at The Old Brewery Public House in the middle of Marlow High Street on the third Tuesday of every month at 10:30.

Tuesday 21st July
Tuesday 18th August
Tuesday 15th September
Tuesday 20th October

If you would like to join us but do not wish to come alone, please call **Carole Thorpe 483903**

In Jamaica, you can get a steak and kidney pie for £1.75, a chicken and mushroom pie for £1.60 and an apple pie for £2.15.

In St Kitts and Nevis, a steak and kidney pie will cost you £2, a chicken pie (without mushrooms) is £1.70 and a cherry pie can be yours for £1.95.

In Trinidad and Tobago, that steak and kidney pie comes in at £2.50, but you can get two for £3.50, while the chicken and mushroom pie is £2.25, or two for £3.25. They also offer meat and potato pie for £2.00, or two for £3.00. Their apple pies and cherry pies are often sold for £2.75, or two (any combination) for £4.75.

A documentary or film will be made on this subject and will be called The Pie Rates of the Caribbean.

MUSIC APPRECIATION (MAG)

Our meetings are usually held on the **third Monday** every month at Christ Church (URC), 18 Oxford Road, Marlow, SL7 2NL. We start at 10.30am and the group is open to all members of Marlow u3a and their visitors. The Attendance Fee is £3.00 (payments cash or card).

May meeting



We had two young musicians visiting us. **Hailey Wong** who came with her cello two years ago made her third visit. This time she played the piano in addition to the cello. She was joined by **Benjamin Carter** who came and amazed us playing the piano in January.

Here are all the details of their programme, so enjoyed by everyone:

Poulenc Sonata (piano duet)

Debussy Sonata for cello and piano



Faure Dolly suite (piano duet)

Duparc Extase for cello and piano

John continued his talk of Beethoven in the second part of the morning Some contemporary music played by himself

In "Beethoven transformed" we discovered the defining event that shaped Beethoven's music and pushed him into unchartered territory, how he structured his music and look at some of the sketches for the 3rd and 5th symphonies which reveal how he worked on each new piece.

June meeting

We were joined by pianist **Edward Tait**. Edward would describe himself as a composer who plays the piano and he played one of his own works. Edward was recently the winner of the "Young Composers Award" presented in partnership with BBC Radio 3.



His programme was:

Ravel Sonatine

Schumann 'Herberge' from Waldszenen

Liszt Orage

Edward Tait Cloches I-III

Brahms Intermezzo Op. 116 No. 6

Scriabin Piano Sonata No. 4

Some contemporary music played by himself – a first for MAG! Then what a contrast, John's talk was about "the wit and playfulness in the music of Joseph Haydn". So much information and so well illustrated with examples.

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MORE SILLINESS!

What do you call a group of disorganised cats? A cat-astrophe.

Where does a sheep go to get its hair cut? A baa baa's shop … but it got fleeced.

What did the cow say to its calf? Its pasture bed time.

Why should you not use a dull pencil? Because it's pointless.

Where did the cat go after losing its tail? To the retail shop.

PHOTOGRAPHY

The Photography Group continues to meet once a month in the afternoon of the second Tuesday of the month at the Methodist Church in Marlow, with the aim of providing the members the opportunity to develop their photography skills in a friendly and support group.

It gently challenges everybody to take photographs on subjects, and in ways, that they might not have thought about before. Our members use both what might be regarded as traditional cameras as well as phones. We purposely do not have competitions nor do we judge the submissions. The format remains the same with the first part of the meeting being a review of the member's pictures submitted on a particular theme followed by an explanation and discussion on a particular topic. It is not a chalk and talk lecture but rather an expert led discussion with lots of questions and everybody contributing to the discussion. The topics over the last few months, represented by these photographs, included, no place for the eye to rest, experimenting with focus and connections.











If you would like to know more, please get in touch – you are more than welcome to come along to one of our meetings to meet the group and see if it is something that you would be interested to part in.

Steve Illman

RUMMIKUB

One group meets in Marlow Donkey on the 1st Wednesday of the month at 2:30pm.

Wednesday 5th August
Wednesday 2nd September
Wednesday 7th October **Niki Ralfs 473377**

Another group meets at the Britannia on the 4th Monday of the month at 2.00pm
Monday 27th July
Monday 24th August
Monday 28th September **Sue 487292**

Everyone is welcome – members who can already play and those who wish to learn.

STROLLERS

Jill Kemp 416998, Carole and John Battersby 474366

All walks are on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month at 11am. Please wear suitable footwear for the ground conditions. Please contact the walk leader in good time to confirm attendance and if you are staying to lunch. If you need a lift please contact the walk leader.

Wednesday 12th August **Sue 485275** will lead a walk to Marlow Lock and towards Bourne End. Drive down Station Road from 'Burgers', turn right into Lock Road (passing the Pub) to the end of the road, then left into Gossmore Lane Park in the car park near the river (down the lane opposite No. 25, SL7 1QQ). We will lunch afterwards at the Britannia SL7 1HL

Wednesday 26th August **Jill 416998** will take us on a walk by the river from Boveney. Take the A4 towards Slough. Turn right at the Sainsbury's roundabout onto the B3026 signed Dorney and Eton. Continue through Dorney village, across the cattle grid onto the Common and turn down Boveney Road where the car park is on the right between the trees. We will then lunch at the Dorney Court Garden Centre SL4 6QP

Wednesday 9th September **Hazel 07778 030640** will take us on a Marlow Town Walk and tell us some interesting facts about some of the buildings etc. on the way round. Park in the Pound Lane Car Park SL7 2AH and meet at the Marlow Museum by the Court Gardens Leisure Centre entrance. We will lunch afterwards at the George and Dragon Pub SL7 2AA

Wednesday 23rd September **Unfortunately this walk has had to be cancelled, but hope to see you all in October.**

WALKERS PHOTOS – SUMMER WALKS







THE MARLOW U3A IS MADE UP OF MANY INTERESTING PEOPLE … (Thanks go to a certain publisher!)

Mike Atsil, the local vet
Manuel Labor, a builder
Doug Site, landscaper
Hugh Bend, a plumber
Matt Finnish, painter
Lotta Light, electrician
Phil McClass, wine waiter
Gemma Tree, Maths teacher
Miss Chief, Head Teacher

Carmen Stay, who runs the local Bed and Breakfast
Bill Ditt, a bricky
Tim Burr, a carpenter
Flora Bunder, the florist
Albert Hall, architect
Gordon Blurr, chef
Sue Prano, Music teacher
Walter Culler, artist
Les Chatter, Deputy Head Teacher

WALKING GROUPS SCHEDULE

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We have enjoyed walking in the summer sunshine. Woodlands are beautiful this time of year and offer shade on the hotter days.

You must be a member of Marlow u3a and the walking group to join a walk. If you would like to join the walking group, please e-mail Jane Statham jes@withurst.co.uk

Details of walks will be e-mailed to members of the walking group about 10 days in advance and only members can join the specific walk by contacting the walk leader by email. **Please arrive 10 minutes before the start of the walk.** Let the walk leader know in plenty of time if you are unable to join the walk. The numbers of walkers are restricted for any one walk. No dogs please.

Wednesday Walks – Circular walks of around 5 miles

1st July	Richard
8th July	Clive and Olivia
15th July	Lorraine and David
22nd July	Christine and Mary
29th July	Jill
5th August	Roger
12th August	Liz
19th August	Andie
26th August	Jane and Peter
2nd September	Tim and Jenny
9th September	Mike Basnett
16th September	Win and Chris
23rd September	NO WALK
30th September	Jane
7th October	Norma Baker
14th October	Geoff and Jeanette
21st October	Nicki Senda
28th October	Mari
4th November	Olivia and Clive
11th November	Richard
18th November	Jeff Short
25th November	Sandie and Stuart

Long Loopers (Circular) and Long Leggers (from point to point) – Walks of between 8 and 10 miles

LONG LOOPERS 5th of each month **LONG LEGGERS 21st of each month**

5th July	Mike Woollams
5th August	Graham and Mary
5th September	Susan Wagland
5th October	Jeff Short
5th November	Lawrence
5th December	Liz

NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS

THANKS! Many thanks to all the people who have provided input to this Marlow Newsletter – without you our members would be looking at just a list of events or even just blank sheets. Your Committee and Editor work hard to make the newsletter both informative and interesting, but we can't do it alone. **We need your help**!

We will be even more grateful for contributions that come unprompted – i.e. ones that arrive without the originator being cajoled – or even bullied a little – into writing a few words for the newsletter.

HOW DO I PROVIDE MY CONTRIBUTION? In any way you like! Email it; scribble it down on a sheet of paper – whatever comes easiest to you. Ideally, Email to newsletter@marlowu3a.co.uk

OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER 2026 NEWSLETTER The deadline for your contributions will be **1st September 2026** Please send your articles and photos to newsletter@marlowu3a.co.uk by then.

Thank you

DID YOU KNOW ….



All Saints Church in Marlow

Apparently, there has been a church on this site since the 11th Century, according to Wikipedia. The present church (now Grade II listed) was rebuilt in 1832-35 after the spire of the former Norman church collapsed in 1831. The present building was designed by one Charles Frederick Inwood – an architect of the time. Many of the statues and artifacts were saved from the previous building.

The British architect, John Oldrid Scott was instrumental in designing the chancel, the remodelling of the nave and the rebuilding of the upper tower and spire in the years between 1875-99.

Marlow Place (Grade I listed), according to Wikipedia, was built in the 18th Century for the 1st Viscount Lymington, John Wallop, in the English Baroque Style, designed by Thomas Archer. It was used briefly as the residence of the Prince of Wales in the 1720s before being bought by William Clayton of Harleyford Manor. In the 1790s it was bought by Thomas Williams of Temple and became an overflow to the junior department of the Royal Military College. It became a boarding school in the 1860s, and in the 1950s became a finishing school for girls. Apparently, the Williams family owned the building until well into the 20th Century! It is now offices.



THE MARLOW U3A IS MADE UP OF MANY INTERESTING PEOPLE … (continued!)

Daisy Fields, dairy farmer

Phillipa Pale, milks Daisy's cows

Carter Bowt, drives tractors

Gus O'Lean, garage owner

Otto Mattick, garage salesman

Ron Dermupp, herdsman

Henrietta Negg, poultry carer

Ivan Aiker, farm manager

Dick Tate, Gus's PA

Emma Chizzit, assistant sales person

HOLIDAY GROUP – DEVON



We are back from a truly enjoyable and eventful holiday where a few secret delights of Devon were explored. The Livermead Cliff Hotel where we stayed was located on a peninsular of the Torbay area and had the most delicious food and a lovely patio area which several members enjoyed after dinner.

Because of the hot weather the air conditioning on two coaches malfunctioned. A third was provided with a very friendly professional young driver who brilliantly managed the narrow Devon lanes. Overall, the holiday was a success and new friendships were made.

The favourite visit was to the Britannia Royal Naval College. We were shown round by 2 informative witty guides, this was followed by a delightful river cruise up to Totnes. A few walked most of the way up to Haytor on Dartmoor with a short stop in Widecombe, a typically attractive village which had a craft fair. The Plymouth Gin distillery was a welcome break from the hot sun and on the way back members discovered the exclusive upmarket Dart Farm establishment.

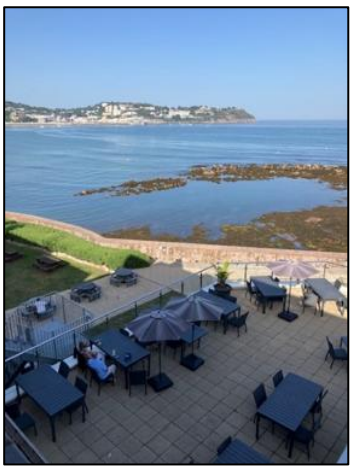
Overall, the holiday was a success and new friendships made.

Roy May produced this lovely sketch whilst we were away.



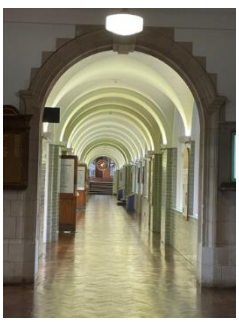


Beautiful view of the sea and terrace area at the hotel



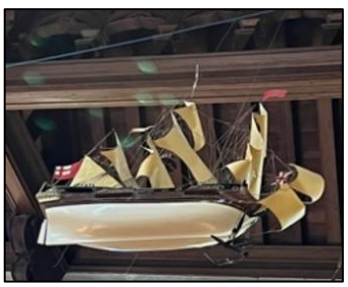


Brittania Royal Naval College











View of the college from the boat which took us from Dartmouth to Totnes
And a glimpse of the train as it passed by!



Plymouth Gin Distillery



Plymouth Gin Distillery – 4 glasses each on the table – the front one has water! The clear one to the right of that is Gin, plain and simple! The glass other two glasses were two different flavours of Gin



Haytor on Dartmoor



Haytor – and the tiny figure of Ann Mary (in the black circle) rapidly disappearing up towards the crag, and five intrepid followers who were not so agile!











