

We hope we're allowed to nominate Mary and Geoff as a single person. The inseparable duo playfully call themselves the 'Hinge and Bracket' of Marlow FM, and together they inspire us, they guide us, and most importantly they make us smile.

Mary Flavelle and Geoff Motley regularly present the Wednesday edition of Good Morning Marlow, our flagship community talk show. They have a captivating style, and their loyal listeners look forward each week to their mix of banter, fun, and probing interviews. We know of one elderly listener who often gives them top marks in his own presenter chart.

Mary's distinctive Northern Irish brogue is the perfect foil for Geoff's flamboyant and sometimes excitable Italian ways. She's on hand to keep him in check in the nicest way possible, as she does with all of us at the station when she has to.

Mary is invaluable as the long-time coordinator of Good Morning Marlow, with its more than 20 regular presenters and many, many guests who come through the door. She makes sure opportunities aren't squandered, and that the right presenter talks to the right guest. It's a full-time job in itself!

If any of us needs advice, she's the go-to person. If she can't help - and if you've got a technical problem, she definitely can't! - then she knows how to steer you in the right direction.

Geoff is an accomplished cartoonist, and appeared on the children's TV programme Playdays. He often leaves a cartoon or two on our whiteboard to get us all thinking, or to just make us laugh. He's kindly donated his works in the past as prizes for fundraising events.

Geoff has been involved in television and radio since the 1980s, and has been on national programmes as a reporter and commentator. Listeners notice a distinctive Northern twang, inherited from his early childhood in Hull, but he moved to Venice at a young age and he's proud of his Italian roots. He speaks fluent Italian, and has appeared on Italian television many times as a roving reporter.

Mary and Geoff's friendship began in the corridors of BBC Radio Berkshire years ago. Mary was Henry Kelly's newspaper reviewer for more than three years, and that is when the wisecracking team met. They clicked like the loveable comedy duo Hinge and Bracket, Hinge being brittle and acerbic and Bracket more flamboyant. We leave it to you to decide which is which. They've been making listeners, and each other, laugh ever since.

After Mary joined Marlow FM, soon after it started, she invited Geoff as a guest. Mary says: "I asked him if he would like to join me and he thought about it for all of two seconds and said 'Love to darling'. He picks crap music, and I moan about how old it is and tell him there are two generations of listeners who have never heard of his choices. Although he insists he is down with the kids, he doesn't even know what that means. But he's a good friend - a real mate and a great support. I can't imagine doing radio now without him - though I do try."

Mary and Geoff give their many varied guests a warm welcome on the show, and we often receive comments from them about the lovely experience. We're proud to have them at Marlow FM. Mary's bark is definitely worse than her bite - as you'd expect from the Hinge character.