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Annual General Meeting

15th November 7pm

All Welcome

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Marnhull Messenger

Chris Ryu
Messenger Editor

Welcome to the November Messenger!

Exciting News!

I'm pleased to announce that from next issue, the Messenger will be full colour throughout! While that may sound like an extravagant change in these uncertain times, a change of printers has also resulted in a considerable saving on previous costs. Over the Christmas break I'll give the Messenger a bit of a redesign to embrace the new colour print.

Advertising

The time has come to book your 2020 advertising space. With the move to full colour we would recommend getting in nice and early as spaces are limited. Contact Rosie on the details below.

Village Diary

Don't forget to add your clubs 2020 dates onto the website's calendar - that automatically puts them in the diary in the Messenger.

Deadline For Next Issue

MID-DAY 17th November

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Save The Stage! Sign The Petition



This village has a long tradition of having an annual pantomime performance and a few years back a group formed to take over from the long-running group and keep that tradition alive. That group now faces a new challenge and it ironically comes in the form of a committee set-up to improve things for clubs in the village.

I am sure you are all aware of (and hopefully contributed to) the fundraising for the Village Hall **Extension**. However, what you may not be aware of, is that the steering committee have already made their mind up that the best way forward is to give up on fundraising and to "extend" the hall by ripping out the existing stage.

Remember those amazing plans to extend the hall and have it so that it opens onto the field? They sounded great didn't they and certainly got the community buy in. Well this plan is being scrapped despite being 3/4 (potentially more) of the way there with fundraising. Instead, their plan is to remove the stage and create a storage extension on the back, which will **somehow** safely house 130 chairs and the new expensive flatpack staging, along with the 18 trolleys worth of storage that is conveniently under the existing stage. Sounds rather optimistic to me...

I mention flatpack staging – that is the solution presented by the committee. While it would have the benefit of being moveable, it instantly rules out most uses. No club is going to spend an hour (chargeable of course) to prepare a stage for their session and break it down again afterwards. When asked about the staging, they say they do not know how tall, or the size of the staging, but right now it is expected to be considerably smaller than the current stage, let alone the stage extension. Personally, I don't understand how any decision can be made when you don't know the cost, or even practicality of a key element. Likewise, there is no replacement presented for the stage lighting, hall music set-up, curtains, backstage area, wings and back-drops. I will say that there have been some suggestions today of solutions to some of these issues, but in reality, it results in large costs (not factored into the current plans), health & safety nightmares and would be a rather big step down from the current purpose built stage.

While it is certainly true that the stage does not get as much use as it could, with the Panto being the primary user for 6 months of the year, it has huge potential and some marketing would surely increase usage. Potential uses include:

- Talent Shows • School Performances • Dance Classes
- Seminars/Talks • Fitness Classes • Live Music • Comedy Nights
- And so much more...

In short: The stage is a great asset to the village hall!

Many of you go to great lengths to protect the heritage of the village - from unused phone boxes, to fighting against road signs, property development and phone masts. Surely we're not going to let them kill a village tradition just to gain a tiny bit of extra space in the hall that only exists when no stage is used?

We are told that "no decision has been made" in regards to the stage, but the committee have made their plans very clear that they wish for the stage to be removed. I implore you to help save our stage – sign our petition before 15th November and show the hall we care!

Sign the petition: www.dorset.tech/savesthstage

Annual Diary 2019

All events are held at the Village Hall unless otherwise stated.

November

1st - Marnhull Lunch Club @ 12:00
 4th - Pilates @ 09:00
 4th - Table tennis @ 14:00
 4th - Parish Council Meeting @ 19:00
 5th - Marnhull Hub Drop-in coffee morning Marnhull Hub
 5th - French conversation @ 14:00 Marnhull Hub
 6th - Pilates Evolution @ 09:00
 6th - Fit Steps @ 11:15
 6th - Table tennis @ 14:00
 7th - Baby and Toddler group @ 09:30
 8th - Blackmore Vale Art Group "Brusho Techniques" workshop by Deborah Chisman @ 10:30
 9th - Fish n chip Poppy quiz at the Legion 7pm
 10th - Remembrance Day Service at St Gregory's @ 15:00
 11th - Pilates @ 09:00
 11th - Armistice Day two minutes silence @ 11:00 - Marnhull British Legion
 11th - Table tennis @ 14:00
 11th - Bingo at Legion @ 19:00
 11th - Women's Institute - Yogurt Making @ 19:30
 12th - Marnhull Hub Drop-in coffee morning Marnhull Hub
 12th - French conversation @ 14:00 Marnhull Hub
 12th - Spanish conversation @ 15:30 Marnhull Hub
 12th - Garden Club - The Vegetable Garden - David Loder @ 19:30
 13th - Pilates Evolution @ 09:00
 13th - Fit Steps @ 11:15
 13th - Table tennis @ 14:00
 13th - Mothers' Union meeting @ 14:30 Methodist Hall
 13th - Sturminster Newton Floral Group - Demonstration 'Christmas is Coming' - Katie Baxter @ 19:30 - Sturminster Exchange
 14th - Baby and Toddler group @ 09:30
 15th - Marnhull POPPin Cafe @ 10:00
 18th - Pilates @ 09:00
 18th - Table tennis @ 14:00
 18th - Marnhull Music Society @ 19:15
 18th - Marnhull Music Society presentation by Judy McTaggart @ 19:15
 19th - Marnhull Hub Drop-in coffee morning Marnhull Hub
 19th - French conversation @ 14:00 Marnhull Hub

19th - Spanish conversation @ 15:30 Marnhull Hub
 20th - Pilates Evolution @ 09:00
 20th - Fit Steps @ 11:15
 20th - Table tennis @ 14:00
 21st - Baby and Toddler group @ 09:30
 22nd - Coffee and Cards @ 10:00
 25th - Pilates @ 09:00
 25th - Table tennis @ 14:00
 25th - Bingo at Legion @ 19:00
 26th - Marnhull Hub Drop-in coffee morning Marnhull Hub
 26th - French conversation @ 14:00 Marnhull Hub
 26th - Spanish conversation @ 15:30 Marnhull Hub
 26th - Moviola Yesterday @ 19:30
 27th - Pilates Evolution @ 09:00
 27th - Fit Steps @ 11:15
 27th - Table tennis @ 14:00
 28th - Baby and Toddler group @ 09:30
 29th - St Gregory's Bingo, Chilli & Beer Night @ 19:30

December

2nd - Pilates @ 09:00
 2nd - Table tennis @ 14:00
 2nd - Parish Council Meeting @ 19:00
 3rd - Marnhull Hub Drop-in coffee morning @ Marnhull Hub
 3rd - French conversation @ 14:00 Marnhull Hub
 3rd - Spanish conversation @ 15:30 Marnhull Hub
 4th - Pilates Evolution @ 09:00
 4th - Fit Steps @ 11:15
 4th - Table tennis @ 14:00
 4th - Community Choir @ 19:00
 5th - Baby and Toddler group @ 09:30
 6th - Marnhull Lunch Club @ 12:00
 9th - Pilates @ 09:00
 9th - Table tennis @ 14:00
 9th - Christmas bingo at the Legion @ 19:00 British Legion Club
 9th - Women's Institute - Christmas Party - American Supper @ 19:30
 10th - French conversation @ 14:00 Marnhull Hub
 10th - Spanish conversation @ 15:30

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Marnhull Hub
 10th - Garden Club - Christmas Events - Details to be Confirmed @ 19:30
 11th - Pilates Evolution @ 09:00
 11th - Fit Steps @ 11:15
 11th - Table tennis @ 14:00
 11th - Mothers' Union meeting @ 14:30 Methodist Hall
 11th - Marnhull Music Society BSO concert in Poole @ 18:00
 11th - Sturminster Newton Floral Group - Annual General Meeting and Members Evening @ 19:30 - Sturminster Exchange
 12th - Baby and Toddler group @ 09:30
 13th - Blackmore Vale Art Group painting and drawing + Christmas buffet @ 10:30
 16th - Pilates @ 09:00
 16th - Table tennis @ 14:00
 16th - Marnhull Music Society @ 19:15
 16th - Marnhull Music Society Holly & Jolly @ 19:15
 17th - French conversation @ 14:00 Marnhull Hub
 17th - Spanish conversation @ 15:30 Marnhull Hub
 18th - Pilates Evolution @ 09:00
 18th - Fit Steps @ 11:15
 18th - Table tennis @ 14:00
 19th - Baby and Toddler group @ 09:30
 20th - Marnhull POPPin Cafe @ 10:00
 23rd - Pilates @ 09:00
 23rd - Table tennis @ 14:00
 25th - Table tennis @ 14:00
 30th - Table tennis @ 14:00

Reminder: Please Add Your 2020 Dates Now

NEW: You can now submit your events into a live calendar on the messenger website and they'll be added to this diary in the next issue!

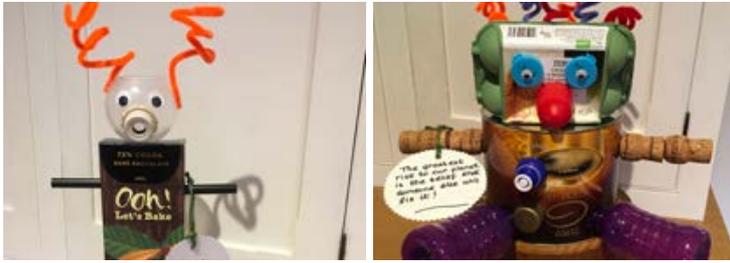
Marnhull POPPin Café

Marnhull POPPin Café had great fun supporting the Marnhull Eco Day in October by theming the café around recycling! There were fun quizzes and some amusing Junkbots put together by the lovely ladies on the POPPin Committee, who also got into the mood by coming along in their favourite fashion bargains purchased at Charity Shops! The POPPin also recently looked at ways in which we can become more eco-friendly and we are all committed to now taking these forward.

Each year the POPPin Supports Children in Need which, conveniently falls on the same day as the café on Friday 15th November. So feel free to come along in any children in need attire and enjoy our Duck Sweepstake to raise money for this very worthwhile charity.

Ah then its Christmas! We love theming this POPPin date just 4 days before Xmas Day this year! So pop a note in your diary and come along on Friday 20th December to share some yummy Xmas bakes!

Thank you as always for your continued support for the POPPin, we love meeting you all each month and if you haven't been along before do come and join us for Fairtrade Filter Coffee or Teas and Homemade all for just £1.50pp. Re-cycled Magazines & Books for a donation or just swap! We are open every third Friday of each month at the Village Hall from 10-12 midday. - Linda, Jill, Audrey, Sue, Anne, Lynda and Rosie



The Royal Air Forces Association

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September is a very special month for the Association as it celebrates and commemorates the decisive victory of the Battle of Britain. It is also the month during which we raise the sortie rate over two weeks as a grand finale to our annual fundraising to reach our target of £5000.. Gratefully, the Sturminster Newton Cheese Festival falls within these weeks. We were very grateful for the privilege to exhibit to the thousands of happy and enquiring visitors. As with other exhibitors, we had a superbly successful weekend and a significant boost to funds. Simultaneously, as some readers will know, there were multiple missions in the area politely knocking on doors and seeking donations. With this final operation complete, the missions debriefed and monies counted and recorded, we realised that all our efforts had realised our target and had overflowed it by £200 and more.

This triumph would not be complete without declaring our heartfelt appreciation and genuine thanks to the many that made it possible. Thank you to the organisers and administrators of the Cheese Festival. Thank you to the unstinted service of all our collectors. Thank you to the unselfish and benevolent public, to the premises who kindly allowed us to stand outside, to the stores that allowed our tins to sit on their counters and to those that so willingly and generously donated. What you have so graciously allowed us to collect will go towards the £8 million spent annually by the Association on welfare for the serving, the veterans and their dependents. Thank you.

Per Ardua, Tony Edmunds

Mother's Union

After a very enjoyable talk from Paul Arnold in September we are looking forward to our Autumn Lunch as our, later than usual, October meeting.

On 13th November Carey Pearce will be talking to us about the Royal Voluntary Service.

Visitors welcome at this meeting.

Royal British Legion



When you receive this copy of the Messenger we will be well into the Poppy Appeal fortnight and you may already have had the dreaded knock on the door. Following the article in last month's magazine I am pleased to say that it looks like all the rounds will be covered, so thanks to all who have stepped in to fill the breach and of course to all the stalwarts

who will be doing their rounds again. Please be nice to them. I will be going abroad this year to the wilds of Fifehead Magdalene so if I am never heard of again you will know why.

Following the retirement of long time Branch Chaplain Mike Ficke I am pleased to announce that the new incumbent at St Gregory's the Rev. Gaenor Hockey has kindly stepped into the role, she was presented with the paraphernalia at a moving ceremony in the kitchen at the Legion Hall on a wet Monday night in October. She has jumped straight in at the deep end with her first official functions being the Remembrance Day service and the silence on Armistice Day. We are very grateful to her and wish her all the best.

On the same subject all are welcome to attend the service in St Gregory's at 3pm on Sunday 10th November and then down the Legion Hall for tea and buns after. The service is always well attended with the Gillingham Town Silver Band playing loud enough to drown out my terrible voice, but there is always room for more so it would be nice to see you there.

Also of course there is the short service and silence at the memorial at 11 O'clock on Monday 11th where we have a good show but if you can spare ten minutes we would be happy to see you there.

Before all that there is the annual Poppy fish 'n' chip quiz on Saturday 9th November at 6.30 for 7pm. Checking back I did my first one in 2007, so this will be my 13th, a bit ominous but it usually goes well so fingers crossed. The price this year is £8 a head and there is no need to book just pay on the night but a phone call or email would be handy so I can give Mr Chips an approximate number.

Meanwhile in the Club we put on some great entertainment on a Saturday night sometimes to a small audience. Some of the entertainers travel a long way and it must be disappointing for them to play to empty chairs, so why not come down and support them and us. Non-members pay a modest £2 so it wont break the bank. If there is some thing you would like to see let us know maybe we can help.

For Branch business contact Jack Whitehead on 01258 820800 or whiteheadjack51@gmail.com.

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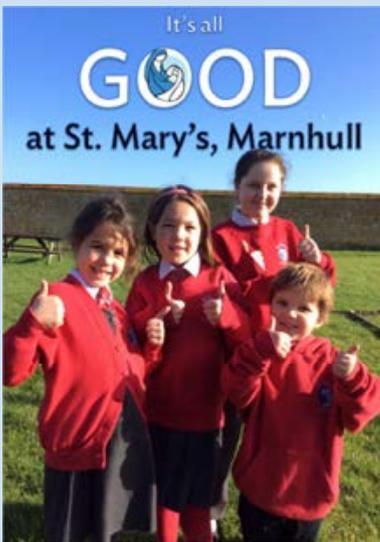
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From The Surgeries



It may be cold outside, but winter needn't be the unhealthiest time of the year for you and your family.

Here are five ways to make sure that, even when your body is telling you to hibernate, you can keep healthy and fit, no matter what the weather's like.

Banish winter tiredness

Many people feel tired and sluggish during winter. This is due to the lack of sunlight, which disrupts our sleep and waking cycles. Try these tips:

- get outdoors in natural daylight as much as possible
- get a good night's sleep – go to bed and wake up at the same time every day
- destress with exercise or meditation – stress has been shown to make you feel tired

Eat more fruit and veg

When it's cold and dark outside, it can be tempting to fill up on unhealthy comfort food. However, it's important to ensure you still have a healthy diet and include five portions of fruit and veg a day. If you find yourself craving a sugary treat, try a juicy clementine or satsuma instead.

Winter vegetables such as carrots, parsnips, swede and turnips can be roasted, mashed or made into soup for a comforting winter meal for the whole family. Explore varieties of fruit and veg that you may not normally eat.

Drink more milk

You are more likely to get a cold in winter, so make sure your immune system is in tip-top condition. Milk and dairy products such as cheese, yoghurt and fromage frais are great sources

- protein
- vitamins A and B12
- calcium, which helps keep our bones strong

Choose semi-skimmed, 1% or skimmed milk – rather than full-fat – and low-fat plain yoghurts.

Try new activities for the whole family

Don't use the cold winter months as an excuse to stay in and lounge around. Instead, get out with the whole family to try out a new activity – maybe ice skating, or taking a bracing winter walk on the beach or through the park.

Regular exercise helps control your weight, boost your immune system, and is a good way to break the tension that can build if the family is constantly cooped up inside the house.

Have a hearty breakfast

Winter is the perfect season for porridge. Eating a warm bowlful on a cold morning isn't just a delicious way to start your day, it also helps boost your intake of starchy foods and fibre.

These foods give you energy and help you feel fuller for longer, stopping the temptation to snack mid-morning. Oats also contain lots of vital vitamins and minerals.

Make your porridge with semi-skimmed, 1% or skimmed milk, or water, and don't add sugar or salt. Add a sliced banana, berries or other fruit for extra flavour and to help you hit your 5 A Day target.



News from the Nick.
Combating crime
in your neighbourhood
PC 2146 Phil Sugrue



There are 3 crimes to report this month, these include a theft of a trailer and its contents, attempt theft of fuel and criminal damage to van parked on the road.

The nights are drawing in....

Winter is approaching fast, dark mornings and evenings are upon us, as well as poor visibility there will be icy and muddy roads to contend with. Keep yourself and other road users safe by ensuring your vehicle lights are in working order, regularly check your tyre tread and pressures as well as keeping the screen wash topped up.

Cyclists

If you or a member of your family is a cyclist please make sure that your cycle is roadworthy with working lights and brakes. Wear a high visibility jacket as well a cycle helmet for added protection. **KEEP SAFE!**

DORSET ALERT

Dorset Alert is a free community messaging service which allows Dorset Police to update you on crimes, anti-social behaviour, witness appeals, to name a few, as well as keeping you updated on events, ie community engagement and surgeries, that occur in your local area. You can sign up whether you are an individual or a business, to receive messages that are relevant to you, as well as messages that may be of personal interest such as horsetwatch or farmwatch. If you are interested in this service you can sign up at www.dorsetalert.co.uk

PLEASE BE VIGILANT AND REPORT ANY SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY

Report suspicious activity either to 101 or via the police website <https://www.dorset.police.uk/do-it-online#report>

Only phone 999 if your life is in danger or crime is happening now

See what your local NPT have been up to by following our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/NorthDorsetRPT>

If you have any issues that you would like to discuss with us or if you would like to introduce yourself; we hold our monthly surgeries on the 1st Thursday of the month at The Hub from 11.30 -12 noon. Unfortunately there are times when an officer is not available to attend.

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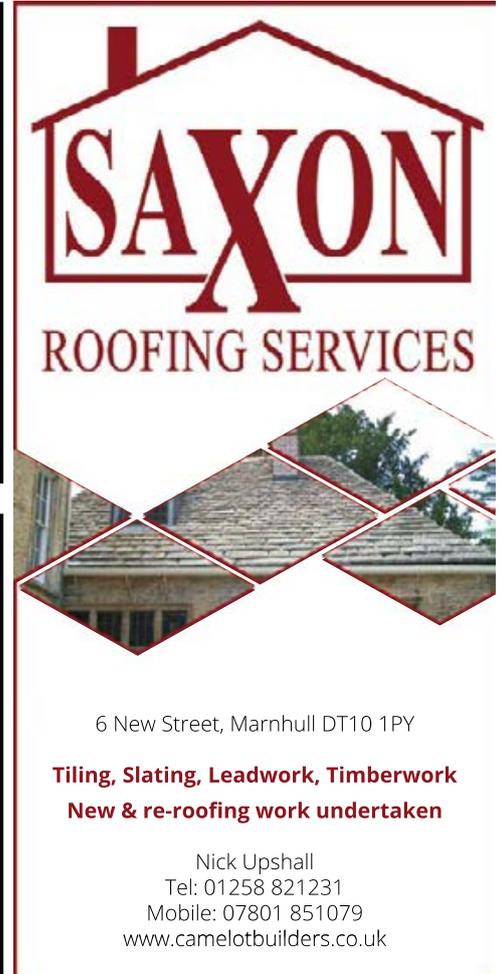


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- Drop-in sessions - tea, coffee, cake & chat - every Saturday, 10 - 12 am
- Repair Café - see below: every Saturday, 10 - 12 am
- Recycle at the Hub - see below: every Saturday, 10 - 12 am
- French conversation, Tuesday afternoons from 2 pm
- Meet Mandy Robertson, our local police community support officer - Thursday 7 November, 11.30 - 12 am
- Jane Batten, Neal's Yard - Saturday 9 November, 10 - 12 am
- Bric-à-brac - Saturday 16 November, 10 - 11 am (and every third Saturday)
- The Hub Book Group - Tuesday 19 November, 7 pm (and every third Tuesday)
- Alison Palmer, Off to Sew @ the Hub - Wednesday 27 November 3 - 5 pm (and every fourth Wednesday)
- The Hub's One Hundred Year Quiz - fun for all the family, £2 a go, with a £20 voucher as prize! Pick up your copy at the Hub or the village shops, and return your entries by 30 November.

CHRISTMAS IS COMING!

- Wreath / table centre workshops:
 - Mollie & Myrtle - Wednesday 4 December, 7pm, and Saturday 7 December, 4pm
 - Old Chapel Flowers - Wednesday 18 December, 6 pm, and Sunday 22 December, 2pm
- Card sale in aid of Help for Heroes - Saturday 7 December, 10 - 12 am
- The Marnhull Hub will be part of the Christmas in the Carpark event on Saturday 14 December. We will be open for teas and coffees and a few Christmas items, such as stockings stuffed with chocolates! In addition, Jane Batten, Neal's Yard, and Sue Carter, Old Chapel Flowers, will have pop-up shops at the Hub, 6 - 8 pm. Pop in and see what is going on, and for shelter if it rains!

RE-USE, REPAIR, RECYCLE

As well as the monthly bric-à-brac sessions and the Hub book & puzzle exchange, the very popular Repair Café is open every Saturday morning. Our skilled craftsmen will tackle almost anything! Examples so far include furniture (house and garden), computers, a food mixer, a chainsaw and a coffee machine. If you think it might be repaired, don't throw it away: let the experts have a look...

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- baby food pouches
- Pet food pouches (clean and dry, please) and dry food & treat packaging
- dishwasher tablet & salt packaging, and dishwasher cleaner & freshener outer packaging
- cleaning wipe packaging (but not baby wipes - sorry).

AND REMEMBER

For more information keep an eye on our website, social media, the Hub window and information board, and the village noticeboards.

The Hub is a great venue for all kinds of smallish gatherings - meetings, networking, pop-up shops & events, children's activity parties, clubs, groups, and so on. Hire costs from just £10 for a three-hour session.

The Hub is a not-for-profit organisation run entirely by volunteers. If you'd like to help, or to make a booking or ask a question, email booking@marnhullhub.org.uk, contact us via the website, www.marnhullhub.org.uk, or just drop in on a Saturday morning and talk to one of the team.

And if you're not sure where the Hub is, we're in Burton Street, Marnhull DT10 1PH. See you there!

Marnhull Women's Institute



Debra Cruttenden positively radiates her passion for bees. She proclaims the message in schools and to groups of all sorts that bees are the essential ingredient that makes life possible. If her "girls" were not here to perform their work of pollination plants of all sorts would cease to thrive, herbivores would have less to eat and so decline, and carnivores, including humans, would have less available meat.

Debra has been keeping bees for a good many years and one of her main sources of supply is collecting errant swarms. She explained that when a hive is doing well and its numbers increase there comes a time when overcrowding becomes an issue. Worker bees produce a second queen by feeding a selected egg with royal jelly. When this queen emerges she ousts the resident queen who leaves the hive with a proportion of its population. A swarm can gather anywhere, hanging in a tree or any convenient situation whilst it looks for a place to re-house. That is when Debra arrives with a truck full of tools and a bee-box. The bee-box contains wax screens, and the smell of something familiar attracts the swarm which can be safely lured in and transported to another hive.

Bees, of course, need a food supply and Debra encouraged those of us whose garden sometimes lacks colour to visit a garden centre during the "off" times, (the period between Spring flowers and full Summer colour, for example) take a look at what is blossoming and buy it.

Debra is full of fascinating information about the lives of these vital little creatures and about their wild relatives, the bumble and solitary bees. It is well understood now that bees are put at risk by human activity such as the use of pesticides and by the practice of large tracts of land growing a single crop. She cites the huge orchards in America which offered a bee only one sort of flower. Variety, she insists is best.

In November Dan Miller will talk about "Yoghurt Making".

The Tale of Little Bevan

Artsreach presents Pentabus in 'The Tale of Little Bevan' at Child Okeford Village Hall on Sunday 24th November, at 7.30 pm. A brand new, darkly comic fairytale for village halls.

Booking:

Rosemary Blundell 01258 861621. Further details: artsreach.co.uk

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It might be worth pointing out that if it is essential to you to receive the Marnhull Messenger by a particular date and it hasn't arrived, then the Church, the two pubs and all the businesses in the village have spare copies available.

Ian Gall – Chairman, The Marnhull Messenger Steering Group.

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Tickets £5 at the door or in advance from 01258 860113.

Marnhull Players Pantomime Group

Dick Whittington

This year's pantomime Dick Whittington is off to a great start.

We have filled all main cast roles now and rehearsals have started.

If you would like to be an extra or help back stage contact Emma on 07540580372.

Performance dates for the diary:

Friday 31st January 7pm

Saturday 1st February 2pm and 7pm

Sunday 2nd February 2pm

Tickets will be on sale at Robin Hill store and Marnhull Spar from 1st December.

We look forward to performing for you all.

The Marnhull Players committee and cast.

Marnhull Music Society

The musical year started with pieces chosen by the committee and compiled and presented by the chairman, Judy Fyfe. There was a wide range of styles and moods on offer and the variety made for an interesting concert.

We began with a robust version of Brahms' Academic Festival Overture, always a crowd pleaser. Brahms composed it to accompany his award of an honorary doctorate at the University of Warsaw and the big-wigs expected something grave and serious. Instead they got a lively medley of student drinking songs.

A most unusual item was a piece by Stanford called "Bluebird". A haunting melody in numerous parts was, we were told, all sung by the same person in a multi-layered recording. The range of the singer was quite extraordinary, from bass to counter tenor.

Rachmaninov's piano concerto, of which we heard the 2nd movement, has a dream-like quality, like lying in a summer field and watching clouds swell and disperse overhead. This was included as a trailer for the PSO concert in December, and in the same vein Jo Loukes also included part of the Mahler we will hear on that occasion. The second movement of the 1st symphony has a strange cantering and swaying rhythm which is quite hypnotic.

After the break there was a burst of Verdi: The overture from La Forza del Destino with the plaintive oboe theme which some may remember from the delightful little Stella Artois advertisements on TV some years ago. Then the gorgeously rich tones of Placido Domingo wooed us with "Celeste Aida"

A complete change of pace followed with William Boyce's delicious little 1st symphony. The first movement especially is utterly joyous and as light as a feather.

A little later in the programme there was a sharp contrast with the foot-tapping "Honky Tonk Train Blues" by Keith Emerson. And after a very different mood of jazz represented by Scott Joplin's Maple Leaf Rag the evening ended with another hearing of Stiggoe and Skellern's hilarious "We never go out any more."

The season, we all agreed, has started off in fine style and we look forward to further evenings of pleasure in the coming year.

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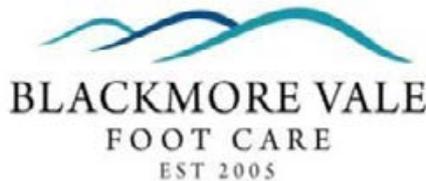
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Marnhull Village Hall

Building Project Information Meeting 15th October

Hall user group members and the wider Marnhull public were invited to the meeting for a briefing on the progress of the project, and in particular the details of the proposed works and costs. The information was based largely on the tender process and in other ways. This was followed by an open question and answer session, finishing with an informal 'show of hands' indicating the preferences of the 29 people present. The meeting was in preparation for a formal decision at the AGM – see below. A note of the meeting and copies of the flipcharts used are to found on the Marnhull Village Hall website, and on village notice boards (note of meeting only).

Constitution Meeting 23rd October

By the time you read this another meeting will have taken place! Considerable work is under way to bring the Hall's management arrangements into line with the (very dated) constitution. Not the most exciting subject, but this is a vital piece of work and it is hoped to progress with this and achieve the involvement of more user groups at this exciting time in the Hall's development.

AGM Friday 15th November– including building project decision

The Hall's AGM will be held in the Hall on Friday 15th November, when it is intended to reach a final decision on the way forward, and to authorise commitment to a building contract. There will be further publicity and appropriate information in advance of the meeting.

John Dowsett
On behalf of the Committee

Comedy Dysfunction Coming To A Stage Near You!

Alan Ayckbourn's fast-paced, touching comedy 'Bedroom Farce' comes to the South West this winter as theatre group 'Close to the Mark' come out to play.

With a cast boasting roles in TV and film ranging from Tomorrow Never Dies, Casualty and Midsomer Murders, and local and National Theatre leads in Coram Boy, Mary Poppins, The Winter's Tale, West Side Story, Importance of Being Ernest, Oliver Twist plus many local pantomime shows, 'Close to the Mark' is guaranteed to treat you to a wonderful show. There will be five performances so get your tickets quick! Dates and ticket details below:

Sunday 17th November at Shaftesbury Arts Centre, 13 Bell Street, Shaftesbury SP7 8AR. Tickets available directly from the venue for £10.

Saturday 23rd November Gala Performance at St Mary's School, Shaftesbury, SP7 9LP Tickets are £20 and include free drinks and canapés throughout the evening, available via www.thelittleboxoffice.com/cmp

Thursday 28th November at The Exchange, Old Market Hill, Sturminster Newton, DT10 1FH Tickets available directly from the venue for £10. <https://stur-exchange.co.uk/programme/bedroom-farce/>

Dorset Wildlife Trust: North Dorset Group



Dorset Wildlife Trust Events

North Dorset Group Events Calendar 2019/20

The North Dorset Group of the Dorset Wildlife Trust organise a series of talks each autumn and winter at the Village Hall in Fontmell Magna (SP7 0PF). The talks take place on the third Wednesday of the month, start at 7.30pm and usually last 45 minutes. Our talks are open to everyone, admission is £2.50 (including refreshments & Honeybuns cakes) and children under 16 may attend for free. The proceeds from these talks go to provide tools and equipment for the DWT ranger in North Dorset and in the past few years the group has raised (and spent) almost £4,000.

2019 Talks Programme:

Wednesday 20th November: The Ecology of Seahorses – an illustrated talk by Julie Hatcher, Marine Awareness Officer for the DWT Living Seas Team.

There is no event in December.

2020 Talks Programme:

Wednesday 15th January 2020: Wildflower Wonders – an illustrated talk by Dr. Bob Gibbons, author and wildflower tour leader.

Wednesday 19th February: Marine Conservation, MCZs and Plastics – an illustrated talk by Imogen Davenport, DWT Director of Conservation.

Wednesday 18th March: Reptiles of Dorset – an illustrated talk by Steve Davis, Head of DWT HR & Volunteering.

Wednesday 15th April: Bees and Wildlife Gardening – an illustrated talk by Brigit Strawbridge, DWT's Make Wildlife Welcome Hero and bee friendly gardener (as seen on TV). This talk will be preceded by a rapid AGM (max. 10 mins.).

Marnhull Ramblers

Day-break on Thursday 26 September was wet and windy. The wind didn't subside but the rain did for the almost 3 hours it took 10 intrepid ramblers to climb up the steep Halter Path from Ibberton to the Wessex Ridgeway on Bulbarrow,; through Turnworth Wood and across Turnworth Common; followed by a climb up Turnworth Down to Bonsley Common; then along the 200' contour for a couple of miles before descending to the village of Turnworth where we took the track back over Bulbarrow and across Ibberton Long Down and finally down the steep Halter Path to the village. A total of 7.2 miles according to a 'watch'. The staff at the Ibberton pub gave us all a warm welcome and a hearty meal for everyone.

The Ramblers take a hike - literally - on the last Thursday of the month throughout the year, except December. Those who enjoy an energetic outing are welcome to join in. The next Marnhull Ramble will be on Thursday 31 October meeting at 9.30am at the Drovers Inn, Gussage All Saints.

Marnhull Short Walk

For those who feel less energetic but still want to enjoy some social outdoor exercise, there is the monthly Short Walk over 2 - 3 miles from a meeting point closer to Marnhull on the second Thursday of each month. Everyone is welcome to join in.

The next Short Walk will be on Thursday 10 October, meeting at 10.45am at the Blackmore Vale Inn, Burton Street.



Thoughts from the Methodist Minister:....

Dear Friends,

I sit here in early October wondering what to write in an article that will appear in November...and I can't help wondering, where we (as a nation and local communities) will be after 31st October! This date has been set as the deadline for this country's exit from the formal structures of the European Community, but as I write any one of several options are being suggested as alternative outcomes.

In words of Blessing proclaimed at the end of many acts of worship we are assured of the '...peace of God that passes all understanding' – but this seems to be in short supply at the moment as voices are raised and the virtues of tolerance and patience seem to have evaporated from much public discourse.

There are no easy answers for people of faith either – we have no monopoly on wisdom or good practice and when Churches make loud pronouncements, it is certain that some someone will quickly come forward to give examples of words and actions that have not been as one! Therefore, I am glad to enter November... a month of Remembrance.

On 1st November (All Saints Day) – we recall and give thanks for all of God's saints – those alive, or dead who have helped and inspired us, and others. We are reminded that in all the complexities and uncertainties of life and faith, there are others who have gone before us – we are not alone. Then, on 5th November we remember, remember, 'gunpowder, treason and plot' – as the rhyme goes. These days we enjoy fireworks and bonfires, but the events of 1605 when Guy Fawkes and his accomplices tried to blow up Parliament, call us to value the democracy on which our common life is built and recall how easily social and religious freedoms can be lost. Next, on Remembrance Sunday (this year, 10th November) we stand in silence and then repeat the familiar words of the Kohima Epitaph, '...we will remember them,' as we recount lives lost in military action in many conflicts.

Finally, in services of Christian worship we regularly hear the call of Jesus to his followers at the final meal he shared with them before his arrest, trial and crucifixion, telling them to, 'Do this [eat bread and drink wine] and remember me.' In our vocabulary, we often think that the opposite of 'remember' is to, 'forget.' However, the opposite of remember is in fact, to 'dis-member' – which is to pull apart, or fragment. Christians believe the loving actions of Jesus bring together those who are estranged and separated. This is true 'Re-membrance.'

My hope and prayer is that whatever happens on 31st October, these events we hold in common in November, will help us all to truly 're-member' – to pull together, unite, heal and rebuild...

Peace,

Rev Paul Arnold

Churches Together in Marnhull

Churches Together are grateful that Rev. Gaenor Hockey, newly licensed Associate Priest at Saint Gregory's Church, plans to continue with the tradition of holding an Advent Service at which members of the Methodist Church and Our Lady's Church play a part. It is always a great pleasure to join together at the beginning of the period in which all Christians remember the first coming of Jesus Christ to His world and look forward to His second coming in glory. The service this year will be in the afternoon of Sunday 1st December and everyone is invited to share this community service.

World Peace Prayers

Churches Together in Marnhull gather regularly to pray for world peace. Everyone is welcome to join us for thirty minutes of quiet contemplation focussed on world events. The gatherings usually take place at midday on the second Friday of each month in the three Marnhull Churches in turn. So the next meetings will be

8 November - Methodist Church

13 December - Saint Gregory's

St. Gregory's Church

Services & Events for November 2019

Every Wednesday 9am-9.30am, Parish Prayer in Hussey Chapel. All welcome

Sunday 3rd

All Saints Day

8am – Holy Communion [said]

10am – Parish Eucharist

4pm- All Souls' Service

Wednesday 6th

11am – Holy Communion [said]

2.45pm – 3.15pm Children's Service led by

St Gregory's Primary School

Tea & Coffee before service from 2.15pm

All welcome

Sunday 10th

Remembrance Sunday

8am – Holy Communion [said]

10am – Parish Eucharist with 2 minute silence at 11am

3pm Royal British Legion Service of Remembrance

Wednesday 13th

2.45–3.15pm Children's Service led by

St Gregory's Primary School

Tea & Coffee before service from 2.15pm

All welcome

Sunday 17th

Second Sunday before Advent

8am – Holy Communion [said]

10am – Parish Eucharist

Wednesday 20th

2.45–3.15pm Children's Service led by

St Gregory's Primary School

Tea & Coffee before service from 2.15pm

All welcome

Sunday 24th

Christ the King

8am – Holy Communion [said]

10am – Parish Eucharist

Wednesday 27th

2.45–3.15pm Children's Service led by

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Marnhull Churches Sunday Services

Anglican Church of St. Gregory the Great, New Street

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Weekday services as advertised

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Catholic Church of Our Lady, Old Mill Lane

9.30 - Mass

6.00 - Mass

www.marnhullandgillinghamrc.org.uk

Marnhull Methodist Church, Burton Street

10.00 - Morning Service

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Significant dates in November

1 – All Saints The Solemnity of All Saints celebrates all those who are in Heaven, in the light of God's face – both those recognised by the Church as saints and those known only to the Lord. We ask for their intercession and we strive to follow their example, so that we too can fulfil our vocation to be saints.

2 – All Souls Today we pray for the souls of the faithful departed and remember particularly those we have known and loved.

9 – Dedication of the Lateran Basilica The Church celebrates the feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica, the oldest of the four major basilicas in Rome. The Basilica of St. John Lateran is the cathedral of the diocese of Rome, the official ecclesiastical seat of the Holy Father, the Bishop of Rome, not St. Peter's Basilica as so many mistakenly believe. In ancient Rome this was the church where everyone was baptized. It is the oldest church in the West, built in the time of Constantine and consecrated by Pope Sylvester in 324.

17 – World Day of the Poor For the protection and assistance of the poor.

24 – Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe The last Sunday in Ordinary Time

24 – Youth Day For young people, may they grow in Christ; and for all who work with young people, that they show leadership and compassion.

29 – Saint Cuthbert Mayne, Priest and Martyr Cuthbert Mayne, born at Youlston near Barnstaple in Devon, was an Anglican clergyman when he converted to the Catholic faith. He studied for the priesthood at Douai and was the first of the seminary priests to suffer martyrdom. After a year of missionary work in Cornwall, he was arrested and tried. On refusing the Oath of Royal Supremacy he was hanged at Launceston on 29 November 1577.

30 – Saint Andrew, Apostle St Andrew (1st C) was born in Bethsaida and was a fisherman. He was originally a disciple of St John the Baptist before following Christ, bringing with him his brother, St Peter. After Pentecost he zealously preached the Gospel and was crucified at Patras (Greece).

Parish People

Lucy Foster and James Ketley were married at Our Lady's on the 12th of October.

Saint John Henry Newman

Pope Francis declared Cardinal John Henry Newman a saint on the 13th of October. Cardinal Newman was born in London in 1801 and attended Trinity College, Oxford, going on to become an Anglican priest and a leading theologian. He converted from Anglicanism to Catholicism in 1845 and has since been credited with two miracles by the Vatican: curing a man's crippling spinal disease and the healing of a woman's unstoppable bleeding. Pope Benedict beatified Cardinal Newman in 2010 during an open-air Mass in Newman's home city of Birmingham after the first miracle was recognised. His remains lie in a closed sarcophagus at Birmingham Oratory. The last English canonisations (1970) were of the Forty Martyrs of England and Wales, a group of Catholics who were executed between 1535 and 1679 under laws enacted during the English Reformation.

Parish Events

Parish Film Night at Our Lady's on the 24th of October featured 'Molokai: The True Story of Father Damien,' a 19th century priest who volunteered to go to the island of Molokai to console and care for lepers. An inspirational film starring Derek Jacobi, Peter O'Toole, Sam Neill, Leo McKern and David Wenham

The Methodist Church

Marnhull Methodist Church 1899 – 2019 120 years of Worship and Service

Sunday Service Everyone is welcome to join our service at 10:00am every Sunday and for tea or coffee in the hall afterwards.

120th Anniversary

Do not forget the **Evening of music and song on Friday 1st November in the church** to celebrate the opening of the present church building in December 1899. **The celebration begins at 7:30 pm and entry is free.** We hope that this will be a celebration for the whole village community and we are delighted that the **Marnhull Community Choir will be entertaining us with a broad variety of songs.** They will be led and accompanied by Katie and James Smith and those of us who enjoyed their performance at Marnhull Fest know we can expect a delightful range of songs professionally performed. We shall also have performances from **Carey Irving (Soprano) and Duncan Goldie (Cornet).** **Do not miss this event – you may have to wait another 120 years for another like it!**

On the actual anniversary, **Sunday 8th December, we shall be holding a special service in Church beginning at 2:30 pm** to which you are all invited. The service will be followed by tea in our hall where there will also be a display remembering some significant events from the past 120 years.

Carol Service

Do also make a note of our **candlelit carol service on Wednesday 18th December at 5:00 pm** with tea afterwards in the hall. This is a very popular and loved event and you really wouldn't want to miss it!

Youth Work

Girls' Brigade meets in the Church Hall on Wednesday evenings from 6:00 pm to 7:15 pm. New members (4years old and upwards) are always welcome. For more information, contact the Captain, Rachael Findlay on 07771 897262

Hire the Hall

Our church hall is a good place to hire for family parties and social or other events for individuals, clubs, societies, and classes. Rates are reasonable and bookings can be made by contacting Mrs. Marlene Plowman on 01258 820869.



Celebrate 120 years

*in
Music and Song*

*with the
Marnhull Community Choir,*

*Solo Instrumentalists
and
Yourselves!*

*Friday 1st November
7.30pm*

*In
Marnhull Methodist Church*

Community Choir

The 10-week autumn term is well under way and the numbers have been increased with 10 new members bringing out total to 38! Fantastic achievement for a group only in its second term. All the members are enthusiastically embracing the new tunes that our Music Leader Katie Smith and accompanist husband, James Smith have introduced this term, including singing in French and Latin!

The choir is delighted to have been asked to support the 120th Anniversary Celebrations of the Marnhull Methodist Church and will be performing at a concert on 1st November 2019. Come and join the celebrations and enjoy a wide range of music including music by Bernstein, Verdi, Rodgers, Vaughan Williams, Ellington and others.

Entry is free with a retiring collection and starts at 7.30pm. Looking ahead, the choir will also be singing carols at the Christmas in the Car Park celebrations on Saturday 14th December – hope to see you there!

New Priest

Revd Gaenor Hockey

Associate Priest at St Gregory's Church Marnhull

Licensing service with Bishop Karen

Wednesday 11th September 2019

Gaenor is the eldest of 3 daughters and spent her childhood in Essex, Bedfordshire and South Wales where she attended her local Methodist churches with her family and came to a personal faith at 17.

She began her nursing training in Oxford at 18 and attended a large student Anglican church. After completing her training she remained at the John Radcliffe Hospital as a staff nurse for 2 years, before joining the Anglican lay community at Scargill House in the Yorkshire Dales for a year. It was a formative year that led her to change direction to study theology at university which she did at Hull University. During her time in Hull Gaenor was confirmed and explored vocation to ordained ministry and afterwards as part of this discernment process she went to join St Mary Magdalene, Islington, London as a CPAS Lay Assistant.

The year in this varied and multicultural London parish confirmed her Anglican vocation and she was selected for residential training at St John's Nottingham at the end of the year placement.

Gaenor went on to study theology at a post graduate level at St John's and was ordained deacon in the Diocese of Exeter at Michelmas September 1993 to serve her curacy in Charles with St Matthias, Plymouth for 3 1/2 years.

She was then asked by the Bishop of Plymouth to consider the Community Priest in Devonport role, an innovative 'pre-Pioneer' post with a community health project. She began in April 1999 and during her busy five years there Rob and Gaenor got married and they had two daughters Anna and Rebekah.

As a young family they moved to South Buckinghamshire in 2005 where Gaenor was House for duty Priest in Charge at Holy Trinity, Seer Green and Jordans for 7 years.

In April 2013 they moved back to the West Country to Yeovil to be nearer Gaenor's parents and she was appointed full time Vicar of Holy Trinity Yeovil with Barwick from which she comes to St. Gregory's.

Within ministry Gaenor has had a longstanding interest in the areas of music, mission, worship, liturgy, Christian spirituality, creative prayer and Christian healing in its varied forms.

She enjoys spending time with family and friends, going to the coast, doing anything arty, walking Dilys their 9 month old Sprocker Spaniel and as well as everything else, also looks forward to learning a bit more about gardening here with the amazing Rectory garden!

Revd Gaenor is part time and her working days are Sunday, Monday and Wednesday. - Phone: 01258 268971. Email: gaenor@protonmail.com



Bishop's Letter

Remembering our future



'Little Imber on the down; seven miles from any town'. Like its better-known counterpart in Dorset, Tyneham, the 'lost' village of Imber was permanently evacuated in 1943, to provide a training area for US troops preparing for the allied invasion of Europe: one community's quiet sacrifice for the war effort. Deserted and overgrown, today Imber is a kind of ghost village, about as deep into Salisbury Plain as it is possible to be.

Adapted as a stage set for army manoeuvres, with the well-preserved parish church of St Giles as its centrepiece, Imber has also become something of a pilgrimage site for thousands of visitors who flock there during the twenty days each year access is granted. What draws them in such numbers? Abandoned places retain a unique fascination and Imber is, for many, a potent symbol of lost community - what the writer Georgina Boyes called 'the imagined village'. In this idealised and deeply nostalgic sense of place, the Anglican Church plays an almost iconic role - when the bells of St Giles toll, we are recalled to a longed-for common life.

The loss of place is perhaps the most powerful motive in modern social and political life. Globally, more people than ever before are uprooted from their home, by war and disaster; across the United Kingdom we are deeply unsettled and - whatever our allegiances - view the coming months with profound concern. Like the Psalmist, who writes 'in time of national humiliation' that 'we do not see our emblems' - the symbols of our belonging - as believers we are called by God to remember our future. Called back to the Lord's faithful provision in former generations and forward in hope to the place assured for us - won for us - in the Lord Jesus.

Everyone is, by different routes, seeking this way forward. As an enduring sign of faith, hope and communal resilience, our parishes and churches once again have a crucial part to play in signalling and settling the nation. In Christ is our way back - and our way forwards. +Andrew Ramsbury

The Dean of Salisbury, Nick Papadopoulos



Preparations have long been underway for Salisbury Cathedral's three Advent celebrations, From Darkness to Light. The preparations are necessary because they are mammoth events: in 2018 they were attended by nearly 5,000 worshippers; they were illuminated by more than 4,000 candles; and they involved (on each night) more than 150 staff and volunteers.

From Darkness to Light is a processional service. It is never static. From its beginning to its end the choirs and the clergy are on the move. We begin the darkness of the western cathedral, where one tiny candle-flame is kindled, and finish in the blazing light of the east end as the liturgy reaches its triumphant and hope-filled conclusion.

It's the annual service that has become Salisbury's signature - and it's appropriate that, among all the worship we offer, this one should have done so. For among the medieval cathedrals of England our distinctive story is that we are the cathedral that moved. From the windswept hilltop of Old Sarum to the fertile plain below, where five rivers meet, our Cathedral moved and was re-founded in 1220.

We will mark the 800th anniversary of that move in 2020, with city-wide festivities throughout the year that celebrate "A City On the Move". We will recall that the ambition of our forebears was threefold: to escape the intrusive oversight of the royal garrison; to cultivate and inhabit a gentler and milder environment; and to raise up a glorious building dedicated solely to the worship of God. Liberty; creativity; eternity: these were the goals of the move 800 years ago, and we are determined that these should remain the goals of the Cathedral's common life today.

In its recent history Salisbury has known great adversity. The move of 800 years ago, and what that the move set out to achieve will fill our hearts and minds as we gather in the darkness this Advent. That is our encouragement, our inspiration, and our ambition, as we move together into a new year and into God's bright future.

Digital Champions

Summon a Digital Champion and get online for Halloween

Don't be spooked by digital technology this Halloween. If you are struggling to use the computer, tablet or smart phone to look up 'what's on' over half term and Halloween there's help at hand.

Superfast Dorset has a network of 70 volunteer Digital Champions who offer free, one-to-one computer help sessions in libraries and other venues across the county and they can help you get online and develop your digital skills.

There's a wealth of magical things to do this half term around Dorset from wand making on Brownsea Island to spooky Halloween trails, free entry to a museum if your (grand) child is in Halloween fancy dress, through to a seashore safari trail – but most information is only available digitally.

Cllr. Gary Suttle, Portfolio Holder for Economic Growth and Skills, said: "If you struggle using computers, tablets, smart phones or are just a bit rusty you are not alone. It is a common issue, around 150,000 people across Dorset are not confident using a computer and 70,000 of these have never been online. If you are unable to use digital technology it means you can miss out on simple pleasures such as sharing family photos.

"Your Digital Champion can help here and also show you how to use Skype to keep in contact with your friends and family wherever they are. You could have a weekly chat with loved ones and even feel part of birthdays, christenings, weddings digitally."

Superfast Digital Champions are ready to provide you with all the help you need from switching on a computer and using the internet safely to managing email and digital pictures and, of course, finding information from reliable sources. Visit them on a regular basis or just once to learn digital skills so that you can show your family how to safely use the internet.

To get help from a Digital Champion simply call 01305 221048 or visit <http://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/get-online> and we will match you with a friendly volunteer in your area who will help you feel right at home in the digital world.

If you use the internet but want to become more confident in accessing information, you could try one of the online courses provided by Learn My Way - <https://www.learnmyway.com/courses/using-search-engines>.

Speeding at Salisbury Street

I must say Mr Nagle is correct, they do speed at 60 miles an hour, we see and hear them especially early morning 6am till 9am and evenings from 6pm and onwards not all the time, but quite a lot. But they can not see the 40 miles signs as the hedge is so high its covered it up. Motor bikes are the worst early morning and white vans. Mr Rob Culenden said they have monitored Crown Road, that's not when they do, its from Sodom Lane to the bend past Stoneylawn. We live in Stoneylawn so see it all the time as our house backs on to the Road. When we leave our house and get to the halt sign opposite Tansy Lane, we have a job to get across, before a car or van is up our back, several have almost hit us, as we pull away from the halt sign.

We see cars pass lorries outside our house between Sodom Lane and the Stoneylawn entrance.

It's 40 miles per hour from Sodom Lane to half way up Crown Road, 20 miles per hour from Sodom Lane to the Church would be much safer, as Stoneylawn entrance and Tansy Lane is like a cross road.

yours sincerely
Grace Penny

The Power of love

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A Celebrity Guest appearance by **Pippa Haywood**

The concert is being jointly organised by

'Dementia Friendly Gillingham' & 'Gillingham Poppy Appeal'

The music for the evening is being carefully chosen with thanks to **Jackie Adams**, who will be considering our thoughts, feelings and emotions in the music at that special time.

Bringing these two organisations together, we will depict in this concert, the relevance of

The Power of Love and devotion for those caring for someone with dementia, but it's also very relevant to the time of **Remembrance** and why we wear our **Poppies with Pride**.

However, it will leave you feeling 'uplifted'

There will be a wonderful Raffle of prizes donated by local businesses.

6.30pm Admission Free Interval Drinks

Donations collected will support the work of 'Dementia Friendly Gillingham' & 'Gillingham Poppy Appeal'

Many thanks to sponsors: Newglaze Windows, Co-op Funeralcare Gillingham, Cullingfords Carpets, Gillingham Chamber of Commerce & Industry, We Do Vans.com, Gillingham Press Co Ltd.

News from Dorset Trading Standards

A cautionary Tale

My father who is in his late 70s and lives alone received a knock at his door one afternoon. Outside parked up was a white van and two males in their late 20's who offered to clean out his gutters for £40. As it would happen Dads gutters had been overflowing and he saw this as an opportunity to get them cleaned. Having agreed to it the men then went into the rear garden to start. With that there is a second knock at the door and Dad finds two police officers in uniform outside who told him they had seen the men pull over and knock on Dads door and what did they want. Dad told them and the officers then asked if they could go and talk to them which they duly did. The police officers then stepped away and spoke into their radios. They returned to the house and told Dad they had made some enquiries and were satisfied with the situation but that he ought to be more cautious in the future regarding traders who knocked on his door offering to do work. No paperwork was given to Dad. Had the amount charged been over £42 then the men would have been legally required to give paperwork including an address and telephone number, a description of the goods and his cancellation rights.

If you pay or agree to pay over £42 for any services or goods that are sold to you in your home, then you have 14 days to cancel the agreement. If you cancel, any monies that you have paid should be returned to you.

The trader must give you a written notice of your cancellation rights when you agree the contract. If the trader doesn't provide you with this information, they commit a criminal offence.

You can show you do not want to receive visits from cold calling doorstep traders by displaying a 'We do not deal with uninvited doorstep traders' door sticker available from libraries across Dorset or by calling the Citizens Advice consumer helpline on 03454 040506. This is also the number to call if you would like consumer advice, or to report something to Trading Standards.



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Be an active member of our local community. Remember it is your civic right to attend and observe our meetings.

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We are OPEN!

The Men's Shed has been busying itself recently with a number of community projects, including the restoration of the vandalised bench in Burton St and some sadly dilapidated finger posts from around the village.

We have also been active in a project to support the **POPPin** Café, which must remain under wraps for the moment.....

Our cookery classes have been very popular, **particularly the eating phase of the task**. Subjects covered so far include Rock Buns, Cherry Sponge Cake and an excellent Quiche recipe. The Men's Shed is not just about sawing and drilling!

The funding we raised last year from **Asda, Tesco**, and more recently **Waitrose**, has enabled us to invest in some high quality tools & machinery, such a wood turning lathe. The Shed is now equipped for a wide range of woodworking activities and these facilities are available for use by members in both community and personal projects.

There is plenty of help and encouragement available for those who are new to the craft or need to brush up their skills.

Whatever skill your project requires, there is sure to be a Shed member who knows how to do it.

Fancy a game of cards, darts or ping-pong with new friends... come along!

"The Men's Shed is not just about sawing and drilling!"



The Shed is in session every **Tuesday afternoon** and new members are very welcome to come and have a chat, a cup of tea and see what it's all about.

Get in touch with Alan Loukes, the Membership Secretary, on **01258 821629** or by email at membership@MarnhullMensShed.org.uk

St Gregory's C of E Primary School



We can't believe half term is nearly upon us

In class we've been working hard through the syllabus.

In the playground we have played

In Church we have prayed

We've had fun with chums

And we've gotten better at our sums

ORDER, ORDER!

Thankfully minus the bluster of Westminster, we boast a very proactive pupil leaderships team at St Greg's. We wish our children to feel empowered and able to approach others when they have ideas to share. To that end representatives from each class are voted in by their peers and within that select group applications are made for key roles, any pupil interested in these roles has to deliver a speech to the whole school and staff, our key roles this year are filled by Abbey Robinson (Chair) and Aaron Stewart (Vice-Chair). In an interview with Mrs Field they expounded: "We feel we are here to listen to the classes and put their ideas forward and to help the school improve - although it is really good now!!! We want to organise lots of things over the year for the classes talent show, hot chocolate Fridays, children's quiz evening, hall sleepover, monthly movie nights, non-school uniform days for charity, a disco and a community cream tea in school - where we would invite people who live in the village into school to chat and meet us and we can serve them tea"

Speaking of tea, our Pupil Leadership warmed up for this by selling kindly donated cakes along with tea and coffee and in the process raised a commendable £79.91 for Macmillan Cancer Research.

"CELEBRATE THE FESTIVAL OF INGATHERING AT THE END OF THE YEAR, WHEN YOU GATHER IN YOUR CROPS FROM THE FIELD"

We at St Greg's are immensely proud of our links to the church and in our Young Worship Ambassadors, who in their own words described what it is they do:

"Our role is to have fun, learn, act out and teach bible stories to other children in our church services and in school worship. It is a real pleasure and brilliant working with Rev'd Gaenor, who is new. She meets us in school to help us prepare for the services. This week in our school Harvest service we are all different characters from the Harvest supper, we get to dress up and enact the story, some of us are giving readings and saying prayers. Our services and worship are around our school values - this term it is Courage. After half term we are leading the Remembrance service with other children from Foxes class." More from Foxes later.....

CROUCH, BIND, SET!

Rugby is a both topical and thanks to Mrs Barge and Mr Pearce featuring more and more at the school, in late October we shall be sending a tag rugby team to compete against other schools. Netball also features as we attend a tournament in early November.

Helping to continue a great sporting tradition at the school 4 pupils will accompany Mrs Field in training to become Sports Ambassadors for the school, once qualified they will help organise activities during break times for other pupils as well as representing the school at other sporting events. More on this to follow later in the school year.



Fox Vox

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ON PARADE:

Foxes Class (Yr:s 5 & 6) have continued their learning about the Second World War and have been exceedingly busy. They've had lots of esteemed visitors share their stories from wartime. Mr Cooper, a war veteran from the village came with his medals and his telegram from the Queen which was hooping. The children loved listening and talking to a real-life veteran. Mr Stockford also came in and spoke to the children about local stories of the war. Thank you kindly to both for sharing their fascinating stories.



The children have been active and engaged in constructing Anderson Shelters as well as baking rock cakes and flapjacks with Ms House.



Finally, the children wrote poetry and performed an amazing and very moving World War 2 dance to the rest of the school and parents in their Class Assembly.

St Mary's Catholic School



St. Mary's Catholic
Primary School



This month we have been busy discovering the treasures of autumn! We've collected leaves, talked about their colours and created artwork with them. Welly walks to the school nature area have provided lots of hands on experiences, the children particularly enjoyed discovering many different seeds and berries. We talked about how a seed rest and wait through the winter and will grow again if it finds the right spot in the spring. The children then reflected on how in their lives it's hard being patient and waiting for exciting things to happen.

The children are continuing to enjoy exploring in our outdoor area. The mud kitchen has been a real hit lately and it's great hearing the children plan and prepare imaginary meals for one another. We love hearing the children developing their communication skills during their play, trying out new vocabulary and exercising their imagination.



We have a weekly book focus using some classic picture books. This terms favourites have been 'Whatever Next!' and 'Owl Babies'. Staff have used the books to develop children's vocabulary and storytelling skills. We have been thrilled with the way the children have engaged with these stories and are seeing a real love of books developing.

Marnull Baby & Toddler Group

Well we have started Halloween already as we started it on 3rd October with a visit from Gill and her Usborne books. She bought some spooky books for us to have a look at and did a raffle, it is always fun when Gill visits.

Then on 10th October we made some foam pumpkins with funny faces.

The 17th October we have Diana with her Flamingo cards come along. It's was great to get some early Christmas cards.

We will end October with our Halloween party on 24th October Then a week off for half term.

We will be back on 7th November with a firework craft.

We are also having our Christmas party on 19th December.

A busy term ahead but an exciting one.

Thanks for all your support, Emma and Michelle



Fireworks Display



Marnull Fest Committee 2019

Dear Resident,

I am writing to you on behalf of the Marnull Fest committee to give you advance notice of the upcoming fireworks display that we are holding in the village. It is on Tuesday 5th November in the Withy Wood field off Nash Lane and is running from 5.30pm until approximately 7.30pm. This is a fundraising event for both of the village primary schools and will be we hope, an enjoyable family event for our village.

The fire is due to be lit at 6.15pm and the fireworks are due to start at approximately 6.45pm and will run for about 20 minutes. We anticipate that everyone will be off site by 8pm with the bonfire being closely monitored at the end of the evening.

The fireworks event has been a great success in previous years and enabled a considerable amount of money to be split between the two primary schools in the village, and we are hoping to replicate this again this year.

Where possible we have advised people to walk to avoid congestion in the area as there will be no parking on the field and both the police and fire brigade have been advised.

As a resident we are conscious that this event may cause you and your animals some disruption due to both the number of people attending and the noise on the evening and for that we apologise. We do however hope that you will be understanding and supportive of such a great community event which we hope can become a more regular village tradition.

We will have marshalls helping on the evening to help with any traffic issues that may arise on Nash Lane or the surrounding roads.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the event please feel free to contact one of the committee members on the numbers below.

Kind Regards,

Janet Dimmack & Lisa Woodhouse

Marnull Fest Committee

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JULIA'S HOUSE OPENS THE DOORS ON THE SOUTH WEST'S LARGEST CHARITY SHOP

The largest charity shop in the south west opens its doors in Creekmoor on Friday when Julia's House, the Dorset and Wiltshire children's hospice charity unveils its newly-expanded flagship store.

Julia's House has created a one-stop department store offering larger items of furniture, fashions (including designer brands and jewellery), homeware and an extended bridal room selling new and pre-loved wedding dresses, bridesmaid gowns and Mother-of-the-Bride outfits. The bridal room, which is available by appointment only, features sumptuous décor, a private changing room with the services of a personal shopper, and a large mirrored viewing area, providing brides-to-be with all the luxurious touches needed to make wedding dress shopping a truly special occasion.

Fitted out using reclaimed materials and vintage-style shop fittings, the store retains the boutique-style interior that has become the trademark of Julia's House charity shops, and dovetails perfectly with increased consumer demand for more sustainable fashion.

"A recent study by waste management agency BusinessWaste.co.uk suggests that the UK's second hand item market could overtake the fast fashion market by 2029," reveals Tracy Stanley, Retail Manager for Julia's House. "This is great news for charity shops like ours, which have played a pivotal role in reducing environmental impact and the rise of the ethical consumer."

The official opening of the shop takes place at 10am on Friday by Julia's House Chief Executive, Martin Edwards.

"In addition to expanding our current departments we will be unveiling some exciting new features exclusive to Creekmoor," Tracy continues. "There will be a library, a vinyl music section and a section for electrical goods." All the usual magical touches that have become synonymous with Julia's House can be found scattered throughout the store, including a children's changing room modelled on Doctor Who's TARDIS. We don't want to give too much away though - we hope people will come and see for themselves and enjoy exploring the largest charity shop in the south west!"

The BBC Radio Solent Breakfast in Dorset show, presented by Steve Harris, will broadcast live from the shop on Friday morning between 6.30 and 9am ahead of the official opening. Throughout the weekend shoppers can enjoy exclusive offers and special attractions including on Saturday special guests The Dorset Troopers, who will be bringing a touch of Star Wars magic to Creekmoor from 12 to 5pm.

Julia's House currently has 10 shops in Dorset and 2 in Wiltshire and has become known for its unique interior style which has played a part in transforming the look and feel of charity shops locally.

Kendall's of Newfoundland origins in Marnhull

I have long been compiling information about my branch of the Kendall namesake, from the small island community of Ramea, Newfoundland and many years ago learned that my paternal great-great-grandfather, John Kendall, may have been born in the village of Marnhull sometime in the early decades of the 1800's, later emigrating to the Hermitage area of Nfld. in the employ of "Newman and Company", possibly during the 1830's and later settling in Ramea during the 1840's/50's.

Am looking to correspond with any Kendall of Marnhull, who might be able to provide some information regarding the surname origins and/or possibly info regarding my ancestor's family in Marnhull

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To Be Seen or Not To Be Seen

Over 170 villagers objected to the modern cul-de-sac housing estate that is Little Basingstoke, just off Burton St and Sackmore Lane. Those that attended the Planning Authority meeting in June 2014 were demoralized, belittled and cringingly patronized by that meeting. We were however, somewhat cheered by the Council's Conservation Officer, giving great weight to the need for extensive screening of the site. She had stated in her report that: "the development of the site in question would lead to substantial harm to the character and appearance of the Conservation Area and that this damage would be mitigated by screening". This was backed up by the Senior Planning Officer who reported that: "The additional planting proposed and the existing trees and foliage which form the boundary of Burton St are crucial in retaining the character and appearance of the Conservation Area...it would also be necessary to provide additional planting to the rear of the trees which will further screen the site". He also reported that: "the foliage along Burton St was of utmost importance to the Conservation Area and would remain in its current state".

Effectively, we were assured that even though the estate would be built, it would be screened from the Burton St and Sackmore Lane Conservation Area and the scene from Burton St would be unchanged. The Council also included two Informatives to supposedly "back up" this promise.

At the December 2017 Detailed Planning meeting, the screening was further defined by the Senior Planning Officer. He reported that; "Other than the proposed dwelling on Plot 1, the approved layout is arranged such that the development would not be readily visible from the local street scene of Sackmore Lane or from Burton St." What could be clearer than that?

The estate is now practically finished (people moved in in the first week of October). But where is the screening that was promised? Nearly all 13 dwellings are plainly visible from Burton St and Sackmore Lane. It has gone badly wrong and the remote Council in Dorchester has reneged on what was stated at 2 legally binding meetings. To compound the damage to the Conservation Area, the Developer was allowed to trash a 20m section of the native foliage on Burton St in November 2018. It has never been reinstated. To add further insult, the Planning Enforcement Officer this year declared that the Informatives set at the time have no weight in law, another con by the District Council. Even if the Developer started planting now, the Conservation Area has been substantially harmed for over 18 months and any hedging will take at least another 4 years to grow the 15ft or more to hide these out-of-character dwellings. Planning Enforcement officers at Dorchester fail to respond to E Mails and appear toothless and unwilling to sanction the Developer. We are left with a substantially harmed Conservation Area, as defined by the Council's own Conservation Officer. Is this how the village's heritage assets are to be treated? Nobody appears to care at County Hall, what does the village think of this shameless deceit?

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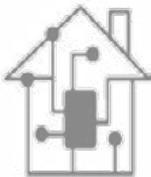
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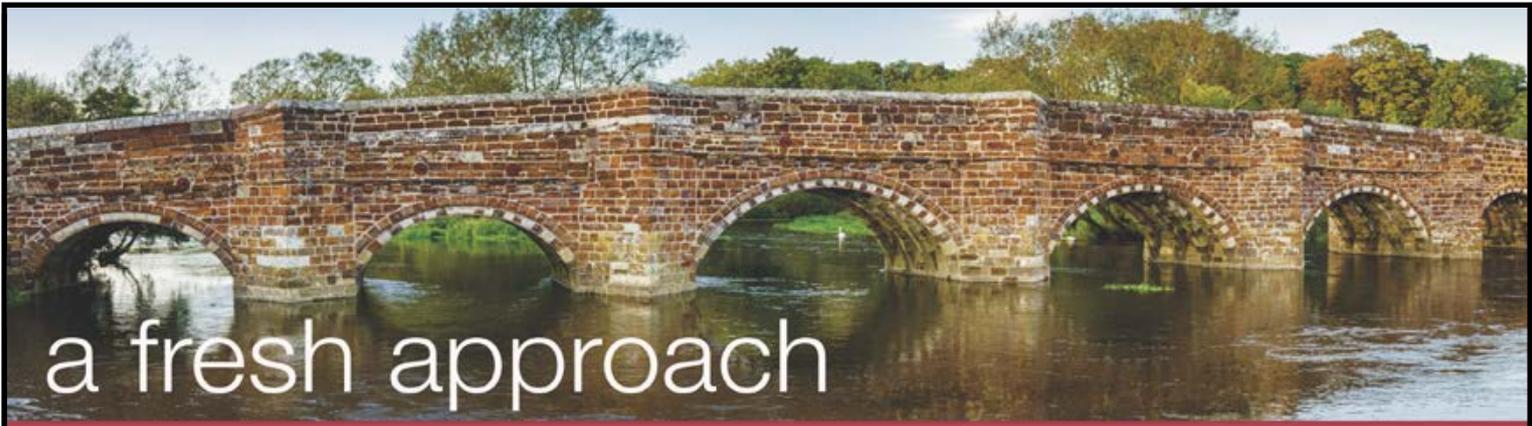
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DOWN 1. Accra 2. Birmingham 3. Cured 4. Tagus 5. Cherbub 6. Adit 9. Rabat 10. Privy 12. Understudy 13. Ivory 14. Icing 18. Alpaca 19. Sugar 20. Ulnas 22. Ochre 23. Auld

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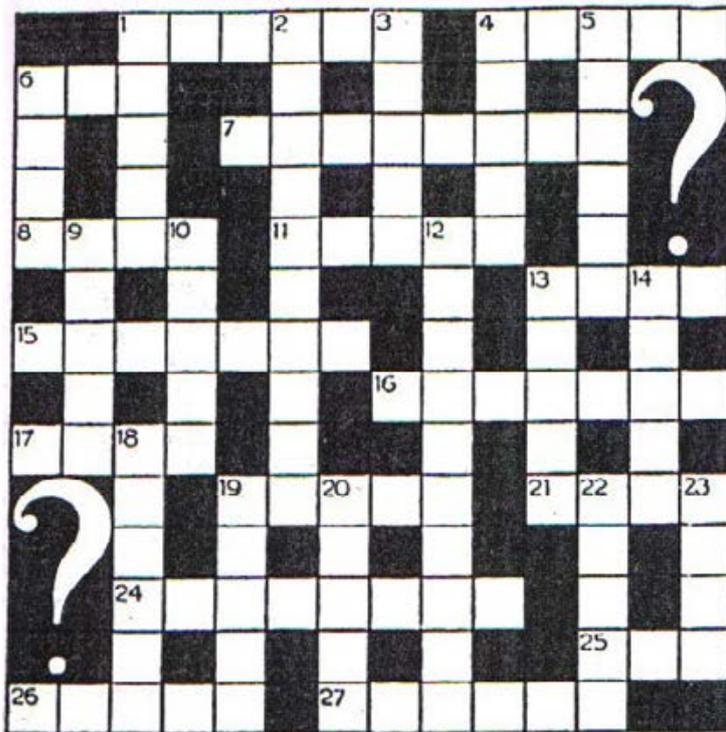
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ACROSS

- 1) Language of North Africa and the Middle East written from right to left. (6)
- 2) Lyme disease is transmitted by these creatures. (5)
- 6) A curve forming part of the circumference of a circle. (3)
- 7) Discontinue a session of Parliament without dissolving it. (8)
- 8) Light two wheeled carriage pulled by a pony. (4)
- 11) River rising in Tibet and running the whole length of Pakistan before joining the Arabian gulf near Karachi. (5)
- 13) Long legged wading bird with downward curving beak. (4)
- 15) Shorten the text of a book without losing the sense. (7)
- 16) Nomadic desert Arab. (7)
- 17) Large rope or wire supporting a ship's mast. (4)
- 19) Prime Minister of South Africa from 1919 to 1924 and 1939 to 1948. (5)
- 21) A Hindu spiritual discipline. (4)
- 24) In Greek mythology one who was with Jason on his search for the golden fleece. (8)
- 25) and 26A) Famous US oil well firefighter. (3-5)
- 26) See 25A)
- 27) Farm implement carried by old father time. (6)

DOWN

- 1) Capital of Ghana. (5)
- 2) Second largest city by population in the UK. (10)
- 3) Preserved by salting, smoking or drying. (5)
- 4) Longest river in the Iberian peninsular. (5)
- 5) Winged angelic being described in biblical tradition as attending on God. (6)
- 6) Passage leading horizontally into a mine. (4)
- 9) Capital of Morocco. (5)
- 10) Purse from which an allowance is given for the monarch's private expenses. (5)
- 12) Actor who learns another' role so as to be able to step in if required. (10)
- 13) Proverbial tower where a state of privileged seclusion is found. (5)
- 14) Frosting is the American term for it. (5)
- 18) South American mammal related to the llama. (6)
- 19) It was brown in a 1971 Rolling Stones hit. (5)
- 20) The two longer and thinner bones in a human's forearms. (5)
- 22) Earthy pigment containing ferric oxide varying from light yellow to brown or red.(5)
- 23) In Scotland old. (4)

All puzzle answers on page 32

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