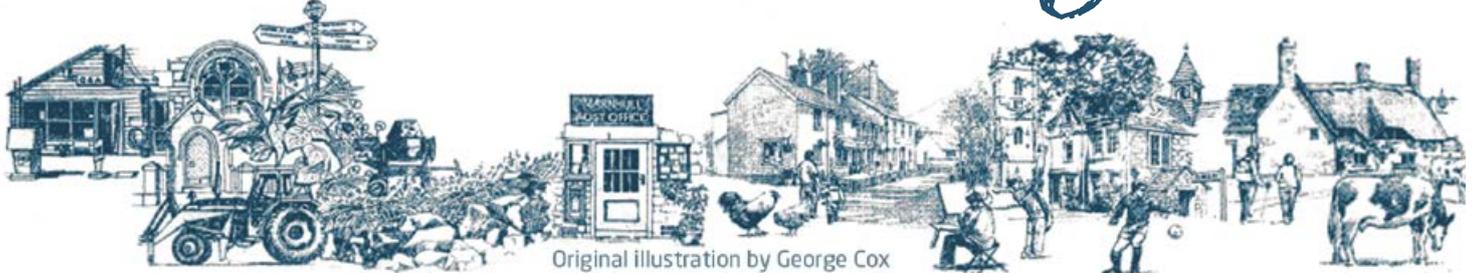


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**Friday 1st July  
and  
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REAL ALES – 2 CIDERS - MUSIC  
HOG ROAST



## Help for Heroes Coffee Morning

We were so lucky with the weather for our Help for Heroes Coffee morning on 20th May. Many thanks to all who came, bought, and helped on the day, and also to Joy and Fred Rothery who nobly kept all the plants destined for sale alive while we were away.

The splendid sum of £750 was raised, and so I have been able to send £1000 to Help for Heroes, which includes profits from on-going Phoenix Trading sales

Diana Stephens

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Chris Ryu - Messenger Editor

### Volunteers Wanted and Offered

Don't forget our new regular column where we list volunteering opportunities in or around the village. If you have some free time and want to try something new, you can also offer your time in this column too. Simply send the details to me on the usual email address and it will be published in the next issue.

### Messenger Website - Club Pages

Well done to Ros Eveleigh, who has taken me up on the offer and has been adding a great new page to the website for the Marnhull Ramblers. I believe the Garden Club will also be expanding their presence on the site. All the clubs/groups/charities, etc in the village are welcome to expand on what is on their page on the Messenger website. It is much easier to edit these days and you can have image galleries, videos, brochures - Just send me what you want on there.

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# Marnhull Village Care



## What were you doing in July 1976?

Members of the three churches in Marnhull got together to form a group of villagers whose aim was and still is to serve the village in as many ways as possible. A system of thirty eight road contacts covering the village was set up to welcome newcomers and give help in emergencies until a backup team of social services could take over so Marnhull Village Care was borne.

The original services offered were 1. Transport for medical purposes 2. Shopping 3. Help with the sick and disabled 4. Cook meals 5. Visits to sick and lonely 6. Be a good neighbour with practical help. And there were teams to help so that road contacts were not left with problems. This list has dwindled over the years as Social Services took over more of the care aspects and Health & Safety regulations curtailed activities but a few off shoots still remain in place as well as the core programme.

Geoffrey Hill the first chairman, was St Gregory's Church Warden and ran their magazine which then became the three churches magazine enhanced by the drawings of George Cox and distributed to all houses for free. This then became the Marnhull Messenger a voice for the whole village.

In the early days providing meals in emergencies was a much used service. At the time a first class service by the Woman's Voluntary Service Meals on Wheels operated Mon-Fri but MVC helped at weekends when necessary. It was a great pity due mainly to cost that this service had to become a frozen meals service delivering once a week as customers missed the friendly deliveries.

A fortnightly afternoon meeting in the community room at Marnhull Close with tea, cake and games was very successful for several years. Eventually a live in warden was withdrawn and the number of old people dwindled and the close became multi-residential for a wider age group.

The early success of the care on offer was the backup lists of helpers for all the services promised so that road contacts were not left with the problem on their patch. They did eye drops, helping to get people up and to bed while the carer was incapacitated, cleaning, and shopping among other things. These people were also prepared to help if a disaster struck the village. Specified was a burning oil tanker as an example but trying to prepare for a nuclear disaster in the cold war was the purpose for increased liaison with the Parish Council even visiting Yeovil's underground bunker. Much as we tried our efforts would not have been a great deal of help looking back.

### So forty years later what is Marnhull Village Care up too?

Firstly we organise the annual New Comers Party which has been running every year since 1979 with the addition of the welcome pack detailing village activities which is hoped not only helps give the new comers information on the available services but makes them feel part of the village.

We still have the volunteer drivers scheme who are willing to take anyone in the community without transport to hospital, medical & legal appointments a small charge is made to cover the cost of petrol.

Lastly there is a list of helpers willing to visit the old, incapacitated or lonely if asked. There is still a strict code of not interfering in people's privacy and confidentiality. These tasks always need new volunteers so whoever you are if you would like to join your help would be most welcomed.

This village is a very good place to live with so many volunteers participating in the Parish Council, village hall, churches, clubs and societies Marnhull Village Care is not only pleased to be part of this but hopes with your help to be around for the next forty years.

Barbara Russell

## THE GREAT MARNHULL FISH & CHIP QUIZ

**Friday 23rd September  
Village Hall - 6.30 for 7, Teams of 6**

**Book now on 820247 or mikyon@aol.com  
Don't delay and risk missing this glittering event.**

## Marnhull Village Care

Would like you and your family to join us on Saturday July 16th from 10am in the Village Hall to celebrate 40yrs of looking after neighbours who need help. Some of you have been involved from the beginning and it will be good to share Tea, coffee, soft drinks, biscuits and cake together with old and new villagers.

There will be information on the various activities that Marnhull Village Care participate in as well as informative leaflets will be available. I look forward to seeing you there...

Trevor Vaughan - Chairman Marnhull Village Care

## Annual Diary 2016

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

### July

1st - Beer festival - Marnhull British Legion  
1st - Lunch Club @ 12:00  
4th - Table Tennis Club @ 14:15  
4th - Parish Council Meeting @ 19:00  
6th - Table Tennis Club @ 14:15  
6th - Zumba Dance Fitness @ 20:15  
7th - Baby & Toddler Group @ 09:30  
8th - Blackmore Vale Art Group @ 10:30  
8th - Half Hour Prayer @ 12:00 St Gregory's  
9th - Nitelite @ 20:00 British Legion Club  
11th - Table Tennis Club @ 14:15  
11th - Bingo @ 19:00 British Legion Club  
11th - Womens Institute - Tiger, tiger, burning bright, Chris Shaw @ 19:30  
12th - Marnhull Garden Club "Plant hunters" by Christine Stones @ 19:30  
13th - Table Tennis Club @ 14:15  
13th - Mother's Union - Roberta Primrose from Friends of Guys Marsh @ 14:30 Methodist Church  
13th - Zumba Dance Fitness @ 20:15  
14th - Baby & Toddler Group Summer Party  
16th - Celebrating 40 years @ 10:00  
16th - Cream Tea and Bring & Buy stall @ 15:00 Methodist Church  
16th - Johnny Cash Tribute @ 20:00 - The Legion  
18th - Table Tennis Club @ 14:15  
20th - Table Tennis Club @ 14:15  
20th - Zumba Dance Fitness @ 20:15  
21st - Marnhull Yarners @ 13:30 Laburnum Cottage  
23rd - Marnhull Fest and Flower Show @ 11:45 Recreation Ground  
23rd - Talks by Rev Timbrell (Dorset Churches) and Max Hoskins (Air Ambulance) @ 19:00 British Legion Club  
25th - Table Tennis Club @ 14:15  
25th - Bingo @ 19:00 British Legion Club  
26th - Moviola - The Dressmaker @ 19:00  
27th - Table Tennis Club @ 14:15  
27th - Zumba Dance Fitness @ 20:15  
28th - Baby & Toddler Group @ 09:30  
29th - Cribbage @ 19:30  
30th - Rebecca Chambers and Dave Walton Trio @ 20:00 British Legion Club

### August

1st - Table Tennis Club @ 14:15  
1st - Parish Council Meeting @ 19:00  
3rd - Table Tennis Club @ 14:15  
3rd - Zumba Dance Fitness @ 20:15  
4th - Baby and Toddler Group @ 09:30  
5th - Lunch Club @ 12:00  
6th - Just Bertie @ 20:00 British Legion Club  
8th - Table Tennis Club @ 14:15  
8th - Bingo @ 19:00 British Legion Club  
10th - Mother's Union @ 10:00 The jens  
10th - Table Tennis Club @ 14:15  
10th - Zumba Dance Fitness @ 20:15  
12th - Blackmore Vale Art Group @ 10:30  
12th - Quiet Half Hour Prayer @ 12:00 Church of our lady  
13th - Dale Fender Band @ 20:00 British Legion Club  
15th - Music society - Kings Mill court  
15th - Table Tennis Club @ 14:15  
17th - Table Tennis Club @ 14:15  
17th - Zumba Dance Fitness @ 20:15  
18th - Marnhull Yarners @ 13:30 Laburnum Cottage  
20th - Reunion @ 20:00 British Legion Club  
22nd - Table Tennis Club @ 14:15  
22nd - Bingo @ 19:00 British Legion Club  
24th - Table Tennis Club @ 14:15  
24th - Zumba Dance Fitness @ 20:15  
26th - Cribbage @ 19:30  
29th - St Gregory's Church Fete @ 14:00  
29th - Table Tennis Club @ 14:15  
31st - Table Tennis Club @ 14:15  
31st - Zumba Dance Fitness @ 20:15

### September

1st - Baby & Toddler Group @ 09:30  
2nd - Lunch Club @ 12:00  
5th - Table Tennis Club @ 14:15  
5th - Parish Council Meeting @ 19:00  
7th - Table Tennis Club @ 14:15  
7th - Zumba Dance Fitness @ 20:15  
8th - Baby & Toddler Group @ 09:30  
9th - Blackmore Vale Art Group @ 10:30  
9th - Quiet Half Hour Prayer @ 12:00 Methodist Church  
10th - Jumble Sale @ 10:15 Marnhull British Legion  
10th - Performance By Andrew Lucas Top Organist @ 19:00 St Gregory's  
12th - Table Tennis Club @ 14:15  
12th - Womens Institute - Fascinating Numbers, Tony Davies @ 19:30  
13th - Organist Concert Gordon Amery @ 12:00 St Gregory's  
13th - Marnhull Garden Club "Floyd on Clematis" by Marcel Floyd @ 19:30  
14th - Table Tennis Club @ 14:15  
14th - Mother's Union @ 14:30 Methodist Church  
14th - Zumba Dance Fitness @ 20:15  
15th - Baby & Toddler Group @ 09:30  
15th - Marnhull Yarners @ 13:30 Laburnum Cottage  
16th - Newcomers Party @ 19:30  
19th - Table Tennis Club @ 14:15  
21st - Table Tennis Club @ 14:15  
21st - Zumba Dance Fitness @ 20:15  
22nd - Baby & Toddler Group @ 09:30  
26th - Table Tennis Club @ 14:15  
28th - Table Tennis Club @ 14:15  
28th - Zumba Dance Fitness @ 20:15  
29th - Baby & Toddler Group @ 09:30  
30th - Cribbage @ 19:30

**For Village Hall bookings please call  
01258 821427 OR 07786 667796**

**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!**

## Welcome Packs

Please would the secretaries of all the clubs and societies who wish to be represented in the Welcome Packs that are given to newcomers to the village let me have 50 flyers size A5 before the end of August.

When they are ready let me know on 820247 or mikyon@aol.com and we can arrange collection or delivery.

If you have not advertised your society in this way before, give me a ring and I will tell you more about the scheme.

Yvonne Vintiner

## St Gregory's Church Weathervane Project

We are delighted to report that the restoration of the weathervane is well under way, and that our friends at Dorset Forge and Fabrication have put the finishing touches to 'Chanticleer the Cockerel', who can be seen in all his gilded glory in Church on Sunday Mornings until such time as he is replaced on the pinnacle of the tower.

The repairs and renovation on the rest of the vane are being carried out at the moment and we hope to have the completed article on show at the Fest, when there will be an opportunity to contribute to the cost of the restoration.

**We have raised a lot of money so far, and anticipate completing our appeal by the end of July.**

We hoped that this would be a Village project and so it has turned out to be, with interest and enthusiasm being shown by many who aren't necessarily members of the congregation.

We are so very grateful for all the contributions received hitherto, and look forward to announcing the date for the 'topping out' ceremony.

**THANK YOU ALL SO MUCH**

# PARISH MUTTERINGS

**The top topics being discussed this month:**

**Problem with drains, verges and pipes in  
Hain's Lane being dealt with**

**Parish Council page on Messenger web site on going**

**A review of Standing Orders is under way**

**Equipment in children's play area being replaced**

**Registration of Deeds with Land Registry Solicitor engaged  
who is making enquiries**

**Every student should have the opportunity to learn first aid  
skills early in life-giving them the chance to be the difference  
that could save a life. As a result a total of 160 children  
have been trained in first aid in both our schools by St John  
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**All of the above are currently being dealt with by your Parish  
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**Recruiting Councillors are you interested?  
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## Village Hall Supporters Club

14th June 2016

**Draw held at Garden Club meeting**

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£50	36	Barbara Russell
£30	388	Mrs L Ruth
£30	336	Mrs M Schellelrup
£25	168	Mrs J Kenworthy
£25	404	Mrs J Cherry
£20	122	Dr & Mrs W Miller
£15	302	Marnhull Lunch Club
£10	327	Mr & Mrs J Howe
£10	76	Dr & Mrs Romeril
£10	201	Marnhull Garden Club

## Marnhull Garden Club



Caroline Pakenham brought a wonderful selection of herbs to the Club, to illustrate her talk. The definition of a herb is any plant, tree or shrub which can be used. (We will not mention lethal ones like aconite, nightshade or datura (thorn apple) which has sometimes been added to curry by unhappy wives in Asia).

Caroline has always been fascinated by herbs, and has been a member of the Herb Society and exhibited at Chelsea, Hampton Court and other shows. She lives near Frome in a large garden – with neighbours about whom she told us stories some of which were highly amusing.

Early humans knew the medicinal and culinary properties of herbs; they believed each plant displayed its properties in its shape – thus pulmonaria, because of its lung-shape and spotted leaves, was good for respiratory complaints. Early English houses always had herbs – either on the floor as "matting" to keep the place sweet (no baths, or showers or other forms of cleanliness), as the mattress, round openings like doors to ward off evil, or as nosegays. Hedges in herb-gardens were grown crinkle-crinkle because witches can only go in straight lines (not sure how anyone knew this).

In 1858 Louis Pasteur discovered that garlic really does have anti-bacterial properties, and Western medicine is still exploring the plant kingdom. Of course Chinese Herbal Medicine is still widely used all over the world. As for culinary, she had on display a selection of jams and jellies made from hedgerow plants. She recommended elderberry and blackberry as a soothing cough mixture – and also contains high levels of Vitamin C. Sadly the cacao plant (source of chocolate) doesn't grow in Europe.

She also talked us through using comfrey as fertiliser, and companion planting – onions with carrots, tagetes with tomatoes, and a new (non-culinary) one on me – soot round the roses to deter black-spot. My sweep is coming on 20 July if anyone is interested.....

It was an amusing and informative talk which, in spite of thunder and torrential rain on the roof, we all enjoyed. The subject for 12th July is "Plant Hunters", and visitors are always welcome.

Members are reminded that the Plant Stall at the Fest will happily receive any spare plants to be sold to raise funds – contact Ian (820131) or Nick (820553) if you need transport.

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## From The Surgeries



We are delighted to announce that a new GP partner will start with us in October. Dr James Kershaw is currently a GP Partner in the North of England and is in the process of buying a home in the village.

We have some further candidates coming to visit the practice in the coming weeks and are hopeful that we will have some more information in the September Messenger.

Dr Camilla Kulasekaram has started at the practice and is settling in brilliantly. She has changed her surname to her married name and will now be known as Dr Camilla Johnson.

We are really looking forward to welcoming Richard Broad and Martin Geibner to the team as full time nurse practitioners. Both have a wealth of experience across of range of specialities in primary care.

With extensive NHS and practice management experience, our new Operations Manager Nicola Williams will be responsible for the day to day running of the practice, managing the reception and administration teams and also managing patient complaints.

Dr Richard Emms and Dr Jan Emms are working at Sturminster as locums. Both are extremely experienced GPs and are helping us with the present workload. We have been very short staffed in recent months and are recruiting further staff and are delighted that 4 new team members joined last month, to begin their training.

## Marnhull & Gillingham Badminton Club

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### Badminton senior night

Thursday senior league night: 8.15-10.15pm

The club is interested in players who wish to play at a league level.

The club participates in the salisbury district league – div2 mens and div2 mixed and div3 mixed

### Village Hall Hire Charges For Weddings & Parties

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### News from the Nick.

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Partners and Communities Together

One report of criminal damage to a vehicle. This was very unusual and at this time, we are currently unaware of why and who. If anyone has a good memory, this was overnight Saturday 30th April to 1st May and in the Flanders Close area of the village. Once again, when looking at crime figures, I am reminded that we are very fortunate to live and work in such a safe and beautiful place.

However, it is only by looking after each other can we keep this village as lovely as it is. June 18th to 26th is National Neighbourhood Watch week and all the local neighbourhood policing teams will be holding roadshows and events where you can meet your local team and get security advice or ask us a question. We will also be available to discuss starting Neighbourhood Watch Teams in your area. The local team will be in Station Road, Sturminster Newton on Thursday 23rd June from 10-3. I am aware though that this publication will not reach everyone in time so if you do have a question for me, I will also be holding my regular surgery at Robin Hill Stores, Thursday 7th July 11.30 - 12.00 and the Spar 12.00-12.30.

I am also contactable on the telephone on our 101 number and ask to leave a message for 6268 Hann. You can also e mail kate.hann@dorset.pnn.police.uk Failing that, please feel free to flag me down! Stay safe and keep an eye on friends and neighbours. If something doesn't feel right, it probably isn't. Call in at the time on 101 and in the event of a crime in progress or life in danger, always call 999.

PCSO 6268

Kate Hann



## Garden Tips for the months of..

### July/August

**HOTTEST MONTHS  
OF THE YEAR...  
WE HOPE**



July and August are the hottest months of the year and a great time to sit and enjoy your garden. However we still need to do on or two things before that can happen.

Keep plants looking good by regularly dead-heading and you will enjoy a longer display of bloom, also keep new plants watered using grey water wherever possible. Give the lawn a quick acting summer feed and give woodwork a lick of paint/preserve while the weather is dry. Ponds should be cleaned of algae/debris and kept topped up.

In the vegetable garden, pick courgettes before they become marrows, harvest sweet corn and other veg as they become ready. Do not forget to give away any surplus to anyone who is not so lucky to have a veg patch. Finally prune the Wisteria and any restricted fruits, including old canes on the raspberries .

Phew after all that, now go and enjoy the fruits of your labour, by sinking into a comfy chair and treating yourself to a well deserved drink. CHEERS!

Marnhull Garden Club.

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## Royal British Legion



Final preparations are under way for the beer festival commencing at 7pm on Friday July 1st, then starting again on Saturday July 2nd at midday and going through till midnight. We think that we have got a good mix of beers from various breweries and various strengths from session beers through to the stronger stuff for the more dedicated drinker. Entertainment will be provided by 2 Foot Moose on Friday and the always popular Silhouettes on the

Saturday. Beer will be on sale by ticket at £2.50 a pint or £1.25 a half and there will also be cider for the lovers of the apple. A hog roast will be available both days provided by Marnhull's own Adrian Curtis. I will do a free written Dorset quiz just for fun for anybody who likes such things. This is by way of an experiment for us, so please support it if you can because there will not be another one if it does not succeed

Thank goodness the jumble sale did better than the plant/book sale and ended up making over £250 for the Poppy Appeal. We are already storing stuff for the next one on Saturday September 10th so feel free to contact me anytime if you have anything and I will be happy to come and collect.

As there is no Marnhull Messenger in August the Club ad is rather full this month, but a quick glance will tell you that we have all kinds of stuff for you. Don't sit inside watching the TV come down and enjoy the long summer nights with some entertainment and a drink. Non members are welcome but on an entertainment night a modest fee of £2 is charged.

One date for your interest is Saturday July 23rd when we have Reverend Timbrell talking on Dorset churches. This may sound a bit dry but let me assure you that having seen him not only is he interesting he is one of the most naturally funny people I have ever seen. He will be supported by Max Hoskins who pilots the Air Ambulance and he will be giving us some insights into the running of the service

We could do with a couple more Poppy Appeal collectors, if you think you could help please get in touch either with me or Poppy appeal organiser Val Eslick.

Lyn Bartlett's fortnightly bingo is attracting around 50 people now, there are some great prizes and all are welcome. The first one in July is on the 11th eyes down 7pm.

The hall is available for weddings, christenings and parties etc. so have a word with Tony and let him know what you want.

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## LEST WE FORGET

Sad to report the Passing of Lt. Col. Gordon Herring of Todber who although not a Marnhull Branch member for many years was the Poppy Collector around Todber.

## Thank You - Countryside Restoration Trust



Elaine Spencer-White, on behalf of the Countryside Restoration Trust, would like to thank all those who so generously sponsored her 73 mile walk along the Wessex Ridgeway. The weather was perfect and the landscape inspirational with £1,175 raised for the Dorset Farm Appeal!

Elaine

## Women's Institute



Diana Goetz is very knowledgeable about Windsor Castle and she told us that it is actually the oldest inhabited castle in the world.

William the Conqueror built his first fortified tower in London but soon decided that he needed an additional ring of defence. He ordered the construction of similar towers one day's march apart and the round tower at Windsor covered the western approaches of his stronghold. The Thames was the main highway for freight and it was essential to keep it well policed. The tower is sited on an artificial mound and within its walls is a well 165 feet deep which was used in earnest during the sieges of King John's reign.

At the start Windsor was merely a military post but settlement began in 1110 when King Henry I spent Whitsun there. Subsequent monarchs have added to the structure so that the castle is now an amalgam of many different designs and architectural styles.

Edward III was deeply interested in the Arthurian legend and he wanted to install a round table at Windsor. It was never constructed but he did initiate the Most Noble Order of the Garter, that most prestigious of chivalrous bodies and Diana showed slides of the Garter ceremony and gave her audience a good deal of information on the history and composition of the Order.

The great fire at Windsor Castle in 1992 was a national disaster but surprisingly few treasures were actually destroyed. Diana described the frantic efforts of the various services and ordinary townspeople to rescue furniture and artefacts. This was, of course, no ordinary domestic fire. The carpet in the Waterloo chamber was so enormous and so heavy that it required 50 soldiers to roll it up and carry it away.

All is now restored, some chambers to a facsimile of their original state, some in a more modern style.

Our next speaker is Chris Shaw, a popular visitor to Marnhull, and her talk is entitled "Tiger, Tiger Burning Bright". This is an open meeting and visitors are welcome.

YV

## Marnhull Ramblers and Shorts

### Rambles Far and Near

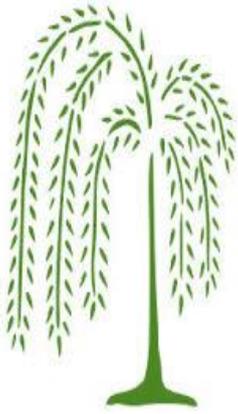
The Marnhull ramblers headed for the far north-west of Dorset for the May walk when we met up at the Mitre Inn at Sandford Orcas. Though the pub was small, we had a great welcome from the landlady and the food arrived promptly as we sat down for a welcome rest after our walk.

The countryside around Sandford Orcas is undulating and Colin and Maggie gave us a walk hat included fantastic views from Corton Ridge looking across the Somerset Levels.

The Marnhull Shorts stayed local and met up at The Crown to explore more paths around the village, this following the Stour Valley Way between New Street and Love Lane. We had a surprise meeting with a group of Americans who were heading towards Fifehead Magdalen and asked us for directions as we crested the hill at the back of Love Lane.

If you would like to join us, the next Short is on 13th July and will be led by Audrey. We will meet at The Fiddleford Inn, DT10 2PX, and explore the countryside a little further away from Marnhull, 10.45 meet up for an 11 am start. The Ramblers will meet on Thursday 28th July at The Saxon Inn, Child Okeford, DT11 8HD.

This will be a 5 mile walk with a few stiles and the time meeting at 9.30 for a 10 am start. Let's hope for more sunny days to enjoy the lovely Dorset countryside!



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## Marnhull Cricket Club

Increased availability of players, and also youngsters showing excellent signs of successfully making the transition into adult cricket, are two important factors which promise positive things for the rest of this season and indeed for the future.

On the field it has been a bit of a struggle at times so far this year, but both the 1st and 2nd XIs have recently experienced wins, and so there is a good spirit in the camp, and cause for optimism that in the second half of the season the 1st XI will manage to survive in Division 2, and the 2nd XI compete for promotion from Division 6.

The past month has also seen the Marnhull Maidens XI making history by playing their first competitive matches. On Saturday 4th June, following a well-contested warm-up match earlier in the day against the 2nd XI, in an exciting second match they recorded their first win, (by just 3 runs), against Edinburgh University Ladies, a touring side. The Maidens impressed a substantial gathering of interested onlookers at the Rec., and clearly all thoroughly enjoyed that special occasion.

Captain Jemma Sullivan made an unbeaten 60, while Hannah Winton (36 & 43), and Martha Bache (38 & 8 not out), also showed off their batting skills throughout the day. Wicket keeper Janet Dimmack, keeping for the first time, produced a remarkably skilful, and ultimately match-winning display behind the stumps, and indeed, every player was a star in her own right. All can be very proud of what was accomplished, so congratulations and very well done to them all. Several observed afterwards that the advent of ladies cricket has done much to promote the family values of the club.

Our strength at present is the breadth of involvement from the youngest to the oldest, and there is a tangible sense that a thriving, vibrant community is developing. Undoubtedly, this outcome is the result of much commitment by many selfless volunteers over the years. Long may this kind of dedication continue to bring pleasure and opportunities to Marnhull and the surrounding areas. In due course positive results on the field will reflect the firm base which has been carefully laid down.

In short, Marnhull Cricket Club is a good place to be right now, and continues to offer a welcome to anyone who has any level of interest in the game of cricket. We aim to cater for everybody's needs. Please look in and support us if you are able. Also please check out our website for more info: [marnhull.play-cricket.com](http://marnhull.play-cricket.com) We may also be found on FaceBook: [facebook.com/MarnhullCricketClub](https://www.facebook.com/MarnhullCricketClub)

### Adult home matches for July & August, (all matches starting at 1.30pm unless otherwise stated):

2nd July: Marnhull 1st XI v Cattistock (Div. 2)

9th July: Marnhull 2nd XI v Poole Town 4th XI (Div. 6)

16th July: Marnhull 1st XI v Witchampton (Div. 2)

23rd July: Marnhull 2nd XI v Stalbridge 3rd XI (Div. 6)

(This fixture will be played on Shaftesbury CC's ground at Twyford Lane, SP7 0JA, as The Marnhull Fest will be held at The Rec. on that day).

2nd Aug: Marnhull Midweek Friendly XI v Port Rejects (start time 6.15pm)

6th Aug: Marnhull 1st XI v Blandford (Div. 2)

13th Aug: Marnhull 2nd XI v Portland RT 2nd XI (Div. 6)

20th Aug: Marnhull 1st XI v Ashmore (Div. 2)

27th Aug: Marnhull 2nd XI v Bradford Abbas (Div. 6)

28th Aug: All-day Ladies Cricket Festival (11am – 6pm)

(Please check our website and FaceBook page for info nearer the time).

## From the St Gregory's Church Registers

### Memorial

We extend our sincerest condolences to the family and friends of the late Colonel Gordon Herring, of Todber, whose funeral service was held on Thursday, June 8th. May he rest in peace.

We extend our sincerest condolences to the family and friends of the late Mrs Diane Lewin of Marnhull, whose funeral service was held on Thursday, June 15th. May she rest in peace.



Images of Hannah Winton and captain Jemma Sullivan of Marnhull Maidens 1st XI during their win against Edinburgh University women's 1st XI - Sat 4th June 2106.

Pictures by Nick Walker - Sport Picture Library Website - [www.sportpicturelibrary.com](http://www.sportpicturelibrary.com)

## Village Hall IT Sessions

### Kind? Caring? IT savvy? Good at explaining simply?

Then you are the person!!!!!! With wifi now in the Hall we wish to arrange a short series of sessions to assist newcomers in the world of computers and the internet. If you can see yourself supporting a small group on their early steps, or can suggest someone who could, please get in touch.

Janette Kenworthy - for the Village Hall Executive Committee  
01258 821311

## Churches Together

### Lent

Lenten Lunches proved to be a great success this year and £770 was raised in donations. This has been sent to the charity 'Tearfund', for support of the Syrian refugee camps. Barbara Russell did a brilliant job as Co-ordinator of the lunches, but is stepping down from the role. So, a volunteer would be very welcome.

If you are interested, please contact your respective church representative, or ring Peter Wardley on 820815.

It was decided at the Churches Together meeting on 5 May that Friday Prayers in Lent would be slightly different next year. Each Friday will focus on a different aspect of Holy Week and we will be given a text to read and meditate upon during the week leading up to the Prayers. This will help us to become more personally involved in the events leading to the Passion and thereby gain greater benefit from our Friday Prayer.

### Social

On Wednesday 25th of May we held the Churches Together Social Evening at the Crown Hotel in Marnhull and enjoyed drinks, food and conversation. It was one of those beautiful late spring evenings, the hostess and staff had prepared delicious sandwiches and nibbles, and the time shared with friends was really invaluable.

Belloc wrote: "There's nothing worth the wear of winning, but laughter and the love of friends". How true.

The village Harvest Festival supper will be an evening of 'Pie, Peas and Poem' in the Village Hall on Thursday 29 September. Details to follow.

### Village Prayers

Churches Together in Marnhull continues to pray for world peace on the second Friday of each month from 12.00 to 12.30.

Details as follows:

8 Jul	- St Gregory's Church	- Rev Peter Colebrook
12 Aug	- Our Lady's Church	- Rev Fr Martin Budge
9 Sep	- Methodist Church	- Rev Paul Arnold
14 Oct	- St Gregory's Church	- Rev Peter Colebrook
11 Nov	- Our Lady's Church	- Rev Fr Martin Budge
9 Dec	- Methodist Church	- Rev Paul Arnold

### Interfaith Calendar

5 July – Eid al Fitr. This is a 3-day Islamic feast marking the end of Ramadan.

It is a festival of thanksgiving to Allah for the month of Ramadan and involves wearing the finest clothing, saying prayers and fostering understanding with other religions.

### Marnhull Churches Sunday Services

#### Anglican Church of St. Gregory the Great, New Street

8.00 – Communion [spoken]  
10.00 – Parish Service with Communion  
Except 2nd Sunday when there is a Family Service without Communion.  
Weekday services as advertised

#### Catholic Church of Our Lady, Old Mill Lane

9.30 - Mass  
6.00 - Mass  
[www.marnhullandgillinghamrc.org.uk](http://www.marnhullandgillinghamrc.org.uk)

#### Marnhull Methodist Church, Burton Street

10.00 - Morning Service

## St. Gregory's Church



### Services & Events for July 2016

#### Sunday 3rd Sixth Sunday after Trinity

8.00 – Holy Communion [said]  
10.00 – Parish Eucharist

#### Wednesday 6th

09.00 - Children's Service led by St Gregory's Primary School  
11.00 Holy Communion

#### Sunday 10th Seventh Sunday after Trinity

08.00 – Holy Communion [said]  
10.00 – Parish Eucharist

#### Wednesday 13th

09.00 - Children's Service led by St Gregory's Primary School

#### Sunday 17th Eighth Sunday after Trinity

08.00 – Holy Communion [said]  
10.00 – Parish Eucharist

#### Wednesday 20th

09.00 - Children's Service led by St Gregory's Primary School  
School Leavers' Service  
(last school service until September 7th)

#### Sunday 24th Ninth Sunday after Trinity

08.00 – Holy Communion [said]  
10.00 – Parish Eucharist

#### Sunday 24th Tenth Sunday after Trinity

08.00 – Holy Communion [said]  
10.00 – Parish Eucharist

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## St Gregory's Events

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Programmes are £6 at the door and refreshments will be served.

### Tuesday @ 12

The Tuesday @ 12 concert in St. Gregory's church on 13th September will be presented by the organist of Gillingham Methodist Church, Gordon Amery. He has worked tirelessly to establish a most enterprising series of concerts and events in Gillingham and we look forward to him presenting his first recital in Marnhull. Just pop-in for 30-minutes of music!

## Our Lady's Church

**Catholic Church of Our Lady, Marnhull  
& St. Benedict's, Gillingham -  
www.marnhullandgillinghamrc.org.uk**

**Sunday Masses - 9.30am & 6pm (Marnhull) / 11am (Gillingham)**

### July

1 – Saint Oliver Plunket, Bishop & Martyr (Memorial) (1629-1681) Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland, he was hanged, drawn and quartered in London on 1 July 1681: the last Catholic martyr to suffer in England. His body is enshrined at Downside Abbey (Somerset)

3 – Saint Thomas, Apostle (Feast) (1st Century) Doubted the resurrection, until he saw the Lord for himself.

11 – Saint Benedict, Abbot, Patron of Europe (Feast) (480-547) Founded the famous abbey at Montecassino, where he established the Benedictine Order, based on his Rule.

23 – Saint Bridget, Religious, Patron of Europe (Feast) Happily married, she brought up eight children including Saint Catherine of Sweden. As a widow, she founded a religious community (Brigettines).

25 - Saint James, Apostle (Feast) With St Peter and St John he witnessed the Transfiguration of the Lord and the Agony in the Garden. He was beheaded in the year 44: the first of the Twelve to be martyred.

### August

6 – Transfiguration of The Lord (Feast) The Transfiguration of the Lord on Mount Tabor showed the disciples, and us, Christ's divinity and anticipates the glory of Heaven.

9 – Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Feast) St Teresa Benedicta (1891-1942) was born Edith Stein. The eleventh child of a Jewish family in Poland, she was a popular lecturer and writer. Converting to Catholicism in 1922, she joined the Carmelites, but was arrested and gassed at Auschwitz on 9 August 1942.

10 – Saint Lawrence, Deacon & Martyr (Feast) (+258) Roasted to death on a gridiron.

13 – Vigil of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

14 - The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (transferred) Commemorates Our Lady's passing, body and soul, into Heaven.

24 – Saint Bartholomew, Apostle (Feast) St Bartholomew (1st Century) preached the Gospel after Pentecost in Arabia, India and Armenia, where he was flayed alive. He is the patron of tanners.

### Pilgrimage to Door of Mercy at Plymouth Cathedral

On the 9th of June a group of 48 parishioners from our parish of Marnhull & Gillingham, including some from Shaftesbury, went on a pilgrimage to the Door of Mercy at Plymouth Cathedral. En route we stopped at Buckfast Abbey for Holy Mass in the chapel of St Michael. After lunch we continued on to Plymouth Cathedral where the Pope's prayers were read as we passed through the Door of Mercy. Father Budge celebrated Benediction in the Cathedral and many took the opportunity to avail themselves of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Bishop Mark O'Toole then joined us afterwards in the tearoom.

### Pilgrimage to World Youth Day in Poland

Iona Mackay and Rowan Mackain-Bremner are taking part in this international event being held in Krakow (18 July to 1 August).

### Parish People

Alice Kacpazak was baptised on 14 May and Salvija Marja Kvedyje & Matas Vileisis were both baptised on 11 June.

Aleksander Bach and Tereska & Edyta Koniuszaniec took their First Holy Communion on 29 May and Phoebe Lindgren took hers on 5 April.

The funeral of Francis Knottley was held on 13 June and the funeral of Anna Maria Hanson (known as Kim) was on 27 June – May their souls rest in peace.

Edmund Mackay is being confirmed on 11 July.

Tony and Mary Moore opened their garden on 5 June and raised £600 for 'Let the Children Live' and the Parish.

Our intrepid Parishioner, 96-year old Monica Goode, takes to the skies from Compton Abbas Airfield on 5 July to raise funds for Julia's House, the Dorset and Wiltshire Children's Hospice.

The Parish Picnic will be held at Foxley House on 9 August.

## Pause for Thought:

"Humility is not thinking less of yourself,  
it's thinking of yourself less"  
C. S. Lewis

## The Methodist Church



**'And He departed from our sight that we might return to our heart, and there find Him. For He departed, and behold, He is here.' - St. Augustine**

Summer's here with, as I write, accompanying thunder storm, high humidity and rain! Mustn't moan though, at least the garden won't require watering for a day or two! All is not lost however as, later, summer may be at its best and you can enjoy it by indulging in a cream tea on

## SAT. 16TH JULY

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I have to send this copy to the editor a few days before our Gift Day which is being held on 18th June. Since there is no Messenger in August, I would like to thank in advance everyone who supports us. I have already received a number of donations to help with maintenance of the church and hall and I suspect, as in previous years, further generous donations will be received. So thank you to everyone from all the Methodist Church family, your help and support is truly appreciated.

Gillian Walsham (Steward)

P.S. Did you know that Bell Street United Church is the oldest Methodist Church in Dorset.

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## St. Gregory's C.E.VA Primary School

We now have an exciting new school motto:

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along with the introduction of a biblical quote to link to our church school distinctiveness.

**"I have come that they may have life, life in all its' fullness"**

**John 10:10.**

This was something that staff and governors felt needed to be developed as the school moves forward. The children all contributed by helping us to decide on the values they want to see promoted within school. Our new values which the children will be looking at for the remainder of this term through our assemblies and church services and in more depth from September are.....

### Respect, Forgiveness, Friendship, Honesty, Courage, Thankfulness

Children from Year 5 and 6 had a wonderful time at Barton Hall, Torquay, experiencing the opportunity to take part in exciting activities which encouraged them to challenge themselves and to work as part of a team. They all rose to this and achieved great personal success. Mrs Field would like to thank the children for their enthusiasm and congratulate them on their impeccable behaviour as a representation of our school.



Our swimming pool is in full use and all of our children are making the most of this fantastic facility with our youngest children swimming every day. It is wonderful to hear the splashing and laughter coming from the pool and we are so grateful to members of the PTFA who work very hard to maintain the pool for us.

Children in Goddards class organised a whole school maths day and demonstrated great leadership skills in guiding everyone through the many maths activities inside and outside of the classroom.

Hains class had a Royal visitor. The Queen joined them for a celebration of her 90th birthday. Children have been thinking about how we celebrate birthdays around the world and they organised a party. They made cucumber sandwiches, as they thought those must be her favourites. They even had a royal corgi cake.

To celebrate the Queens' Birthday children came to school dressed in red, white and blue and during the afternoon they watched a live link to the queens' celebrations.

Despite the ever changing weather Sports week was a huge success. Children came to school in sports kit and took part in a range of sports including athletics, football, and we had 'A road to Rio Dance Day' where all of our classes had a go at Zumba dancing and then everyone came together before the end of the school day to perform on the school playground.

Well done to our girls' cricket team who have qualified to represent North Dorset for the second year running at the Dorset Games to be held at Bryanston later this month. Our athletes from Key Stage 2 took part in the Gillingham area athletic tournament at Yeovil and several have qualified to compete at the County event in July.



We have offered a variety of induction opportunities to welcome children who are starting school for the first time in September to help them feel settled and at ease. It is great to see them participating in activities not only in the classroom, but also in our outdoor area where much fun has been had with the mud kitchen.

Rehearsals for our Year 6 performance of Oliver on 14 July are well and truly underway. The children have really thrown themselves into the characters, they would be sure to do well in the West End! We have an amazing cast with Molly and Rebecca taking on the lead roles of Oliver and the very Artful Dodger, with Frankie showing his pick pocketing skills as Fagin. A performance not to be missed! Our musicians are preparing for their end of term concert. This is an opportunity for parents to come along and support our musicians and hear performances from the choir.

There are many other events taking place during the rest of this term and we will finish with our Leavers Service in St Gregory's Church at 2pm on the 19 July.

From all of us at St Gregory's

### Atom Club - Science & Coding Club

At time of going to print last month we were just days away from the end of Virgin Media's VOOM competition. To go through to the finals with a chance to win funding, we needed to be in the top 80 (out of 7,500).

Unfortunately, despite the great support from those that know about it in time, we didn't quite make it. We finished 86th, just 26 votes short! Nevermind though, we gave it our best shot and are very pleased with where we got to from a standing start.

Our crowdfunding campaign was a huge success however and we now have a mobile planetarium in production. Parents and Grandparents all across the country have pre-ordered our subscription boxes and box 1, with a space theme will be ready for dispatch by the time you read this.

"Mad Mikey", our 10 year old ambassador from St Gregory's Primary spent an hour with me building an exclusive game, called 'Space Explorers' which we think will be a big hit!

We're planning the next box at the moment with a theme of 'Around the world'. Our DBS checks are now complete, so we're also planning our first activities. It is likely we'll wait for the planetarium to arrive in a couple of weeks before holding an event at the village hall.

A big thank you to those in the village, particularly the schools that have supported us so far.

"Crazy Chris"

## St. Mary's Catholic School

St Mary's was well represented at the Key Stage Two Area Athletics that took place at Yeovil Athletics ground this week. The children took part in a variety of events such as long jump, hurdles, sprints, relays and throwing. All the children did incredibly well and were congratulated on their sportsmanship and outstanding behaviour. We got a five 1st, three 2nd and a 3rd in a selection of track and field events. Two of our children will now go forward to represent the school at County level.

Last week, a group of children attended the Quad Kids athletic event. The children took part in a variety of track and field events. All of the children received silver medals. St Mary's did so well that they have now been selected to take part in the next level of the competition at Bryanston School!



Our Key Stage One children enjoyed a visit to the Magdalen Centre earlier in the month. They had the opportunity to take part in many woodland adventures such as creating a den for a Doormouse, seeking out nuts for Squirrels and tracking down minibeasts as part of their topic on Habitats.

We have arranged for a Premier Sport to hold a holiday camp at St Mary's for two days over the summer. The club will run on Monday 25th and Tuesday 26th July at a cost of £17 per day with a reduction for siblings. This is open to children from all schools. Please call the school office for further information.



Year 6 were lucky enough to be invited to listen to mathematician and TV personality Johnny Ball as part of the Gillingham School 500-year celebration. The children learnt lots of fun mathematical facts and tricks during the entertaining presentation which was great fun.

The whole school were joined by local parishioners for this year's May Procession. The sun shined brightly and the wind behaved itself so for the first time in a few years we were able to place the crown of flowers on Mary without it trying to fly off again! A huge thank you to Father Martin for leading the service and our parishioners for helping with the preparations.

We have an 'open door' policy at St Mary's and prospective parents are welcome to call the school on 01258 820417 to organise a tour or just pop into the school office and take a look around. We have places for September and also have availability in our Preschool, St Mary's Explorers. We look forward to welcoming you to our school community.

Charlotte Targett - Head teacher

## St. Mary's Explorers - Foundation Stage Unit

St Mary's Explorers have had a fantastic few weeks. They have started a new topic looking at the different creatures in the story of Wind in the Willows. The children have created dot pictures of each of the characters and the main scenes in the story and they are looking forward to being part of our whole school production of the story.

The children have also been joining the school in their weekly swimming lessons. Both the pre-school and reception children have gained a huge amount of water confidence during the sessions at St Mary's School, Shaftesbury however, the most exciting bit has been the bus ride up there!

We are pleased to be welcoming Ellie Myatt to our Foundation Stage Unit. Ellie is a fully qualified, experienced teacher with a huge amount of experience in Early Years. She has taught in a variety of primary schools and will be leading our Foundation Stage Unit from September. Ellie has some ambitious plans for its development and we are looking forward to her joining our team!

There are spaces available in St Mary's Explorers for children aged 3 years +. If you would like to have a look around, or come and stay for a taster session, please call the school office on 01258 820417 to make an appointment.



## Jungle Hut Pre-School

On Thursday 26th of May, Claire and I visited the Marnhull Mother and toddler group which operates from the village hall we were given a very warm welcome it was great to see how Emma and Danielle have worked so very hard to provide a fantastic and exciting environment for babies and toddlers as well as a place where Mums, Dads, Grandparents and Carers can meet up together sharing ideas, concerns and pass on their own experiences of bringing up children. This is also for some the first time they are able to start and build on relationships that will follow through to Nursery Pre-school and then on to School.

On Friday 27th May the much awaited visit to Bristol Zoo was at last here we had an amazing day leaving the village a little late we arrived at the Zoo very hungry so we settled down to our picnic on the lawns at the Zoo we then went to the educational centre for our Jungle Boogie session which the children and yes the staff were able to dance to the jungle boogie song in between we were introduced to a variety of animals including hissing locusts, lizards and cockroaches ending with Annabella the very friendly snake the session was very interactive with the children being able to hold and touch the various animals. We continued our tour of the Zoo seeing Penguins, Lemurs, Sea lions, Kangaroos, Lions and much much more we ended our visit with cake and biscuits on the lawn with all the staff enjoying fresh cream and strawberry jam scones yummy.

We set off for an eventful journey home with horrendous traffic chaos and what I can only describe as rain unlike I have never seen before an ark may have been more useful but not to be deterred the children sang and laughed through everything arriving back in Marnhull two hours late but nobody minded as our drop off point was in the Crown hotel car park so refreshments were readily available!!! All the children were impeccably well behaved a total credit to all involved in their lives the trip was such a success and was totally funded with profits made at our car boot sale held on Good Friday to which we thank Mr and Mrs Kendall for making this possible believe me you have made lots of children very happy as well as special memories that will stay with the children for a very long time.

On Friday 10th of June we held our very own street party to celebrate the Queens 90th birthday The children dressed in red white and blue with lots of dancing, singing and royal games we settled down our very own street party with bunting, flags and balloons. Even the sun put in an appearance all the children were given a special commemorative medal to end such a special event we will never get to experience again.

As I write this we are awaiting the arrival of our caterpillars which the children will observe the various changes that the caterpillars make before turning in to painted lady butterflies. Also we have put our incubator in to service with a clutch of bantams eggs ready to hatch before the end of term. Our garden is looking great with the children planting runner beans, potatoes, tomatoes, sunflowers and wild flowers our apple tree is loaded with apples and we hope to pick strawberries for snack in the next week.

Coming up later this term is our visit to monkey world to meet our adopted chimpanzee Rodders we have also arranged a visit to Waterloo farm which was so successful last year. To conclude our very exciting and busy year we will say farewell to all of our school leavers with our final week packed with lots of fun and exciting activities. We will keep you up to date on all our news in the next messenger.

If you want to find out more about us here at the Jungle hut, please visit us on our Facebook page.

Sue - All enquiries to [junglehutpreschool@gmail.com](mailto:junglehutpreschool@gmail.com)



Looking at the lizard



Picnic at the zoo



Looking at the lions



Picnic at the zoo



Having fun at Marnhull Toddlers

## Marnull Baby & Toddlers

We have had a fantastic few weeks with lots more to come. We had Sue and Claire from Jungle hut spend the morning with us on 26th May, they introduced us to gel balls which the children thought were awesome and have been asking for them, I will have to get some. It was a great success and we hope they come back to see us again.

We went back to Newstone nursing home on 31st May, we had another amazing time, with lots of activities going on. Then on the 9th June we had Gill from Usborne books which always goes down a treat, she did a raffle and the winner won £15 of books of their choice. We also made some photo fridge magnets for father's day as there wouldn't be time the following week as it would be our big toddle.



The 16th June we did the Barnardo's big toddle which was a fantastic success. We walked up to a field just on Church Hill that belongs to Alan and Nicola Denham, where we watched the calves have their milk, then we were able to help feed bread to the sheep and calves which the children really enjoyed. Then the children helped feed the chickens, and Alan showed them where they collect the eggs from and they were able to collect the eggs in a bucket for them. It was a lovely morning and a great big thank you to Alan and Nicola Denham for allowing us to help feed the animals, it made our toddle even more special. We were very lucky with the weather as well it was just a perfect time. Thank you to all our lovely Toddlers we hope you enjoyed it as much as we did.

We have our summer outing to Stourhead on 23rd June we hope the weather will be kind to us. Diana will be joining us again with her Pheonix cards, on 7th July which always goes down well. Then 14th July is our summer party which is a great way to end the term.

We have also added two extra dates throughout the summer holidays, 28th July and 4th August. This is so it is not such a long break for those who would like to join us. We hope you have a lovely summer and we will be back 1st September.

Emma and Dee



## Marnull Girl's Brigade

Marnull Girls' Brigade has been having fun as usual. The girls have been earning their last badges of the year and have enjoyed doing badge work such as, Our Stories – matching themes of children's stories to Bible stories; Acceptance - learning how Jesus accepted everybody and encourages us to do the same and a badge called Mend & Heal – learning how to mend clothes and learning how to sew while looking at how Jesus could heal and mend lives. All this has been done with lots of craft, cooking, singing, games, stories and of course needle and thread!

We had a few theme nights. One where we found fun ways to remember words to new songs. This involved using the parachute, working out moves together to fit the words and making a huge picture together that included all the elements of the song. We performed these songs at our Spring Service which was all about the 5 Languages of love. The girls had an interactive time and some fun video clips to watch as we worked out how the members of our families, our friends and God all feel loved – is it through Words we say like "your hair looks nice"; Actions we do for each other like making a cup of tea for mum; Touch, like holding a hand to keep a child safe or a hug to say "I know how you feel and I'm here for you"; or is it through quality Time given with undivided attention (no looking at Facebook at the same time); or Gifts, a surprise new teddy or in my case a chocolate bar always makes me feel loved?

We also had a theme night on World Book Day, dressing in our Pj's and sharing our favourite stories and we were visited by the Gideon's who presented us with specially printed GB Bibles. Just recently we had an amazing night of learning how to make puppets sing and we were able to make the puppets perform a song – it looked so good and the girls really enjoyed themselves. This was run by a lady who is setting up a GB company in Martock so if you know any girls in that area who you think may enjoy GB please give them my number.

Over the last few weeks we have been thinking once again about our Awards Night, our opportunity to show off how hard the girls have worked and all the badges they have earned. The girls have been practicing some singing and some plays from the Story Time badge work. We look forward to showing these off. We also look forward to this year's Summer Canvas Camp in Corfe with the girls' & boy's brigades from Yeovil. Let's pray for good weather, good fun and safe journeys.

We will have a few weeks to enjoy time with family and friends and meet again in September. Blessings to you all and best wishes.

Rachael 07771897262

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On September 16th, between 10-12, the doors of the POPPin Café will open at the Village Hall and then every third Friday of the month thereafter.

Dorset Partnership for Older People Programme (POPP) has provided funding to help a small group of village volunteers come together to launch a new, non-profit making café in Marnhull! This is very exciting and we are currently all beavering away to ensure that the café is bright, cheerful and welcoming for everyone. It was estimated by The Office of National Statistics in 2012 that 50% of the population of Marnhull are over 55 years old – so we know you are out there! So make sure you come along and check us out. Enjoy our Fairtrade teas and coffees as well as biscuits and irresistible homemade cakes, all at very affordable prices.

We hope that POPPin will provide the opportunity for you to meet up with old friends and also make new ones. As well as having a bit of fun, our main aim is to encourage community involvement so we hope to develop a range of activities to run alongside the Café as an integral part of it.

So come along – you can read the newspaper, just chill and chat or get involved in a game of draughts, cards or dominoes - maybe someone could help you tackle that tricky crossword clue! The options are endless, but one thing is guaranteed you will be met with a cheerful smile, the smell of fresh coffee and some very yummy cake!

We're looking forward to seeing you. Any queries please call Linda on: 01258 820131

**Stourhead Pink Ribbon Walk 2016**



Breast Cancer Care ([www.breastcancercare.org.uk](http://www.breastcancercare.org.uk)), have been organising sponsored walks in various parts of the country for a number of years. This charity offers support to people who have been diagnosed with breast cancer, from informative literature to helplines. Last year, I joined the first Pink Ribbon Walk that was held in Stourhead and decided that I would support this event in 2016.

The organisation is both professional and friendly, with cheering points for enthusiastic supporters, refreshment stops along the route and a sustaining lunch to enjoy when the walk is over. Of course the countryside around the Stourhead Estate is fantastic with the route taking in the landscape gardens as well as the farmland and woods of the wider estate.

There are three options for the walk, 20 miles, 10 miles and 5 miles, and I decided to join the 10 mile walk, a distance that, for me, was challenging but achievable. The 3 walks start at different times, so that all the walkers could arrive back at the Stourhead House at about the same time.

Thanks must go to all of those who sponsored me and I have been able to send £220 plus gift aid to this worthy cause. If you think you would like to participate in next year's walk, let me know and I can send you all the details. It is in support of a good cause and is a great way to keep fit.

Ros Eveleigh

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The village proved a great hit with the visitors, as did the hospitality of the Crown Inn. They also enjoyed a barbeque at the Nagles and cream teas at the Udder Farm shop. The socialising and the 150 miles motoring around our delightful county ensured that all the participants went home happy with their weekend.



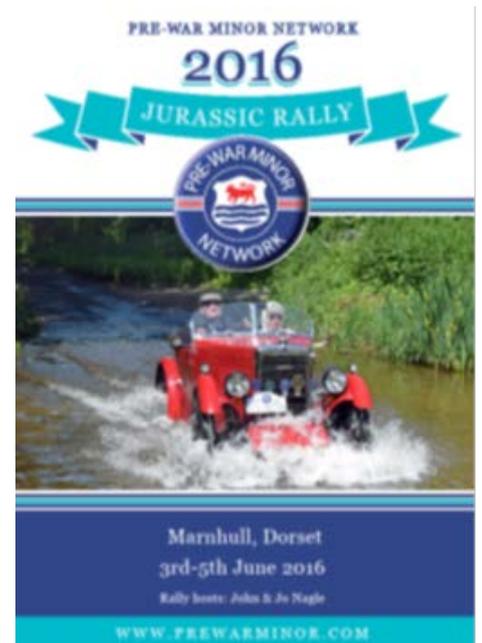
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Many successful trips were made taking supplies for the resistance and bringing back Norwegians who were in imminent danger from the occupying forces. In late 1943 the Americans sent 3 submarine chasers, these were heavily armed and could defend themselves from sea and airborne attack and were a great success in keeping The Shetland Bus service operational. There and back in 25 hours was achievable. The many brave men who made the Shetland Bus possible have memorials in both the Shetlands and Norway in recognition of their exceptional bravery.

Our next meeting at 10am on the 7th July, at the Father's House, Shaftesbury, will feature Lynda Warren, "It's all a bit of a carry on".

Details of all SGU3A activities can be found at [www.sgu3a.org.uk](http://www.sgu3a.org.uk)

## July Events at Springhead

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 Mon. 25th July - Bingo 7pm      Sat. 30th July - Rebecca Chambers & Dave Walton Trio  
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A blanket ban on the sale of New Psychoactive Substances came into force on 26 May 2016, outlawing the trade in so-called 'legal highs'.

Also known as New Psychoactive Substances they are capable of affecting a person's mental or emotional state mimicking the effects of drugs such as cocaine and ecstasy, but are structurally different enough to avoid being classed as class A, B, or C drugs.

What concerns experts too is that there has been little or no useful research into the short or long-term risks from human consumption. Psychoactive substances have widely different strengths and effects on different people. You can become addicted too.

The new law makes it illegal to supply any so-called "legal highs" for human consumption. This includes selling them or giving them away for free (even to friends) when they are going to be taken for their psychoactive effects. Importing them from abroad will also be a crime.

Police, working in partnership with Trading Standards will take action where they find people supplying them. Punishments range from a prohibition notice, which acts as a formal warning, to 7 years in prison.

If you have information about the sale of New Psychoactive Substances or 'legal highs' please report it to Trading Standards via the Citizens Advice consumer helpline on 03454 040506.

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9	3	5	7	6	4	1	8	2	9
3	6	8	2	9	1	5	7	3	4
4	8	2	7	3	5	6	1	9	8
1	2	3	5	6	8	7	4	9	1
8	7	5	9	3	4	1	2	6	8
9	4	6	1	2	7	3	5	8	4

Hard

5	6	8	3	1	2	9	7	4
7	9	4	8	5	6	2	1	3
3	1	2	7	4	9	6	8	5
2	3	1	6	8	5	4	9	7
6	5	7	4	9	1	8	3	2
4	8	9	2	7	3	5	6	1
1	2	3	5	6	8	7	4	9
8	7	5	9	3	4	1	2	6
9	4	6	1	2	7	3	5	8

Medium

**ACROSS**  
1. Grappa 4. Cajun 6. Emu 7. Orbiting 8. Atom 11. Union 13. Brut 15. Eclipse 16. Piranha 17. Doge 19. Anzio 21. INRI 24. Mastodon 25. Ace 26. Barry 27. Yes man

**DOWN**  
1. Giano 2. Persuasion 3. Alibi 4. Cairn 5. Jaguar 6. Etna 9. Tacho 10. Maize 12. Omnivorous 13. Bhaji 14. Usher 18. Gopher 19. Assay 20. Zloty 22. Nolan 23. Idle

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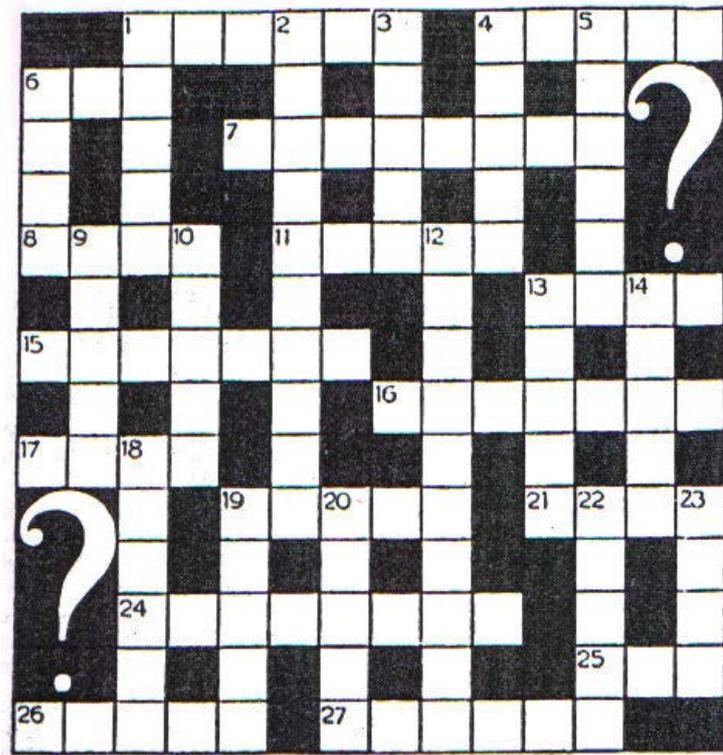
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**Hard Difficulty**

			5	2			
8	9		1			6	
	2						1
			1				
	5	7			1	8	
4	7		3				
7		8			2		
	6				3		
				6			

**Medium Difficulty**

	4					3	
	5	9				2	
						4	9
	8			3			
6	7					3	2
2	1		8				
	2	7			6		5
7				6			
		3					4

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We rehearse Thursday evenings, and some Sunday afternoons from September

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**ACROSS**

- 1) Brandy distilled from grape residue after wine making. (6)
- 4) French speaker who lives in the bayou areas of Louisiana. (5)
- 6) Bird on the coat of arms of Australia. (3)
- 7) Celestial body going around a star or planet. (8)
- 8) Smallest part of an element. (4)
- 11) The northern states of the US in the American civil war . (5)
- 13) Of sparkling wine, very dry. (4)
- 15) The light from one celestial body obscured by another. (7)
- 16) A voracious South American fish. (7)
- 17) Chief magistrate of Venice. (4)
- 19) Site of Allied landings in Italy in 1944 . (5)
- 21) Inscription over Christ’s head at the crucifixion. (4)
- 24) Large extinct elephant. (8)
- 25) Non-returnable tennis serve (3)
- 26) So called ‘army’ of England cricket supporters. (5)
- 27) Person who always agrees with superiors. (3-3)

**DOWN**

- 1) Excrement of sea birds. (5)
- 2) Jane Austen’s last novel completed in 1816. (10)
- 3) Legal term from the Latin for elsewhere. (5)
- 4) Small terrier with short legs, long body and shaggy coat. (5)
- 5) Big cat found in Central and South America. (6)
- 6) Volcano in Sicily. (4)
- 9) Instrument that measures the speed of an engine over a period (abbr.). (5)
- 10) Cereal plant from the Americas. (5)
- 12) Of an creature to feed on food of both plant and animal origin. (10)
- 13) In Indian cuisine a ball of vegetables fried in batter. (5)
- 14) Official in a law court who swears in juries. (5)
- 18) Burrowing American rodent. (6)
- 19) The testing of metal ore. (5)
- 20) Basic monetary unit of Poland. (5)
- 22) Irish singing sisters. (5)
- 23) Of an engine to run unladen. (4)

**All puzzle answers on page 28**



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