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## Charity Craft Fair

Saturday 1st October  
Methodist Hall - 10.00 - 2.30pm

Lots of interesting items for sale. Cakes, Christmas Presents, Cards, Wrapping paper, Woodcraft, Bric a Brac, Knitted garments, Patchwork items, Costume Jewellery, Crafts, Art etc

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Ring: Carol 01258 820766 or Gill 01258 820678 for any enquiries.

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## Welcome to your Marnhull Messenger

Chris Ryu - Messenger Editor

This issue feels small in comparison to last month's bumper issue, but hopefully you'll agree that it's full of everything going on in the village.

After a call I received this month I feel I need to explain why I can't always put articles in specific places. Obviously articles need to fit in the space left on the page from other articles and they also need to fill the space.

I do the Messenger in my spare time and so to save myself time and help clubs know where to look for their article, I will normally leave regular articles in the same place as the previous issue. They will occasionally get moved if they no longer fit.

There is an element of 'First-come-first-served' too. I try to keep up Vaughan's schedule of submitting to the printers on the 19th, or early hours of 20th, so will at least start assembling them Messenger up to a week before hand. The earlier you submit, the greater chance you have of being at the front of the magazine.

I strongly encourage the use of images and will always use them if space is available. I cannot use images that are clearly copyrighted, have a watermark, or are too low-resolution.

### Deadline For Next Issue

## MID-DAY 19th October

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## Marnhull Village Care

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The new residents of some forty-six houses were invited to attend our New Comers Party held on 16th September and as the doors opened we knew it was going to be a fairly busy night.

Representatives from most of the organisations operating in the village were present and it gave the new comers not only an opportunity to meet them but also engage with other new comers.

As the evening ended it was evident that all who had attended really enjoyed themselves and those who had organised and represented the various organisations felt it was an evening well spent.

We are always looking for volunteers to help, either for driving or for general assistance. If you have spare time and would like to be part of this community service, please contact either the Chairman, Trevor Vaughan on 01258 821636, or the Secretary, Jill Kieran on 01258 821233.

Similarly, if you need help, or know of anyone who does, please telephone the above numbers and we can try to sort something out.

## Village Hall Extension and Refurbishment

### Good news!

The table tennis players who meet on Monday and Wednesday afternoons have decided to pay an extra £1 each for every session to be donated directly to the building fund. If numbers keep up this is expected to raise between £1000 and £1500 over twelve months, plus gift aid on the donations of those who pay tax. Every little helps and local efforts look very good on grant application forms. Many thanks to the ping pongers.

### Dates for your diaries

#### Saturday 29th October:

4 Ls: Launch Light Luscious Lunch 12.00 to 2.00. With gentle entertainment.

#### Saturday 19th November:

Table top sale in the Hall from 10.00 a.m. Entry charge 50p per person. Refreshments on sale. 20 tables inside and more outside plus car boots if the weather is kind. If you would like a table for £5.00 ring Tina Matthews on 01258 820054 / 07773220284 or Barbara Cornford on 01258 821427

## Marnhull Fest AGM

The Marnhull Fest Committee will be holding their AGM at the Crown pub on 11th November 2016 at 8pm  
**Everyone welcome!**

## MARNHULL VILLAGE HALL SUPPORTERS CLUB 2017

The Application Forms for next year will be published in the Messenger in the November and December editions of the Messenger. I would be grateful if you would support the Hall and send the forms and cheques to me before end February 2017.

Thank you.  
Mrs Shirley Blackford

## Annual Diary 2016

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

### October

2nd - Methodist Church Harvest Festival @ 11:00 - Methodist Church  
3rd - Table Tennis Club @ 14:15  
3rd - Parish Council Meeting @ 19:00  
5th - Mother's Union Lunch @ 12:00 East Stour  
5th - Table Tennis Club @ 14:15  
5th - Zumba Dance Fitness @ 20:15  
6th - Baby & Toddler Group @ 09:30  
7th - Lunch Club @ 12:00  
9th - Harvest Festival @ 18:00 British Legion  
10th - Table Tennis Club @ 14:15  
10th - Womens Institute @ 19:30  
11th - Marnhull Garden Club "Grasses" by Castle Garden's speaker @ 19:30  
12th - Table Tennis Club @ 14:15  
12th - Zumba Dance Fitness @ 20:15  
13th - Baby & Toddler Group @ 09:30  
14th - Blackmore Vale Art Group @ 10:30  
14th - Quiet Half Hour Prayer @ 12:00 St Gregory's  
17th - Table Tennis Club @ 14:15  
19th - Table Tennis Club @ 14:15  
19th - Zumba Dance Fitness @ 20:15  
20th - Baby & Toddler Group Halloween Party @ 09:30  
20th - Marnhull Yarners @ 13:30 Laburnum Cottage  
21st - Marnhull POPPin Cafe @ 10:00  
22nd - North Dorset Folk Festival @ 00:00  
24th - Table Tennis Club @ 14:15  
25th - Moviola- Our Kind Of Traitor @ 19:00  
26th - Table Tennis Club @ 14:15  
26th - Zumba Dance Fitness @ 20:15  
29th - 4 Ls: Launch Light Luscious Lunch @ 12:00  
31st - Table Tennis Club @ 14:15

### November

2nd - Table Tennis Club @ 14:15  
2nd - Zumba Dance Fitness @ 20:15  
3rd - Baby & Toddler Group @ 09:30  
4th - Lunch Club @ 12:00  
7th - Table Tennis Club @ 14:15  
7th - Parish Council Meeting @ 19:00  
8th - Marnhull Garden Club "Blandford Otters" by Dudley Higginson @ 19:30  
9th - Table Tennis Club @ 14:15  
9th - Mother's Union @ 14:30 Methodist Church  
9th - Zumba Dance Fitness @ 20:15  
10th - Baby & Toddler Group @ 09:30  
11th - Blackmore Vale Art Group @ 10:30  
11th - Remembrance Service and 2 Minutes Silence @ 11:00 - War memorial  
11th - Quiet Half Hour Prayer @ 12:00 Church of our lady  
13th - Remembrance Parade and service at St Gregory's Church @ 14:45  
14th - Table Tennis Club @ 14:15  
16th - Table Tennis Club @ 14:15  
16th - Zumba Dance Fitness @ 20:15  
17th - Baby & Toddler Group @ 09:30  
17th - Marnhull Yarners @ 13:30 Laburnum Cottage  
18th - Marnhull POPPin Cafe @ 10:00  
19th - Village Hall Table Top Sale @ 10:00  
21st - Table Tennis Club @ 14:15  
22nd - Moviola- Love And Friendship @ 19:00  
23rd - Table Tennis Club @ 14:15  
23rd - Zumba Dance Fitness @ 20:15  
24th - Baby & Toddler Group @ 09:30  
28th - Table Tennis Club @ 14:15  
30th - Table Tennis Club @ 14:15  
30th - Zumba Dance Fitness @ 20:15

### December

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  
11th - Moviola- Ridgeway Singers And Band @ 19:00  
12th - Table Tennis Club @ 14:15  
13th - Marnhull Garden Club Christmas dinner and skittles evening @ 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 Christmas Party @ 09:30  
15th - Marnhull Yarners @ 13:30 Laburnum Cottage  
16th - Marnhull POPPin Cafe @ 10:00  
19th - Table Tennis Club @ 14:15  
20th - Methodist Church Refreshments and Candlelit Carol Service @ 16:00  
21st - Table Tennis Club @ 14:15  
21st - Zumba Dance Fitness @ 20:15  
26th - Table Tennis Club @ 14:15  
28th - Table Tennis Club @ 14:15

**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 Village Hall Refurbishment****BURNS NIGHT****SATURDAY 28TH JANUARY 2017**

To raise funds on behalf of the Village Hall it has been decided to hold a Burns Night to celebrate the life and times of Robert Burns. Superb dinner and entertainment will be part of the evening.

Please put this date in your calendar, more information will follow soon.

**WATCH THIS SPACE****Beaver Colony (Scouts)**

I am proposing the formation of Beaver Colony to meet in the Village Hall.

**Boys and Girls of 6-8 years**

Obviously this will require interest from the children and support from parents.... so please contact me at the following, to indicate if this would interest your child...

Janette Kenworthy  
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janette.kenworthy@btopenworld.com

## PARISH MUTTERINGS

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

Extra seating provided in the Recreation Ground

A review of Standing Orders is continuing

Equipment in childrens' play area being replaced

Registration of Deeds with Land Registry

As a result of a huge water bill being received an Allotment Tenants Meeting arranged Village Hall 7pm Sept 26th

There are a few allotments available, for further info contact either the Clerk or Trevor (below)

Mobile phone mast resurrected, company interested do you the villagers want it?

We now have Marnhull Football Club playing in the recreation ground

All of the above are currently being dealt with by your Parish Council If you would like to learn more or wish to comment please call 821636 or email [trevor.mpc@gmail.com](mailto:trevor.mpc@gmail.com)

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**Marnhull Garden Club**

The September meeting was on the subject of Clematis (pronunciation as you wish) and the talk was by Marcel Floyd, who has been enamoured of them since he was a small boy, and now grows and exhibits at Chelsea, Hampton Court and other prestigious places.

He started by talking of the pruning groups about which I am not going to give details, though the general idea was that clematis are tough plants and can survive most treatment. Provided they are planted deep – really deep – and with a pile of horticultural grit or similar under their root ball, watered once after planting but NOT again for a week, they'll flourish.

If planting near a wall/fence, at least 18" away and at an angle, otherwise they'll never get any rain. Feed with sulphate of potash, mulch in autumn but NOT in spring, and Tomorite or similar in spring when the buds appear.

A chopped up banana skin is also helpful as it contains potassium. If keeping in a contained, it should be 18 x 18"; if planted at the base of a tree, plant at an angle and with a pipe so that water/feed may be directed to the roots, cut off the base of the pot and sink the plant – that way, the roots can get below those of the tree and water/feed is not pinched by the host. Planted this way, a clematis should last at least 10 years. Wilt was mentioned – there is no cure except breeders are working on resistant varieties.

He told us how to take cuttings, both summer and spring types, hardwood and softwood, always inter-nodal. Always use a clean, sterilised knife. You can also grow from seed if you feel He mentioned slugs and said that Quaker oats are a good deterrent but must be applied after rain, which probably means at least twice a day! Also copper bands, beer traps, coffee, salt – but avoid slug-pellets if possible as so damaging to wildlife.

He then showed slides of some absolutely gorgeous plants – and also had some specimens for sale. There was an exquisite purple one called Edda – but I resisted.

The next meeting is on 11 October on Grasses, by someone from Castle Gardens. Visitors are always welcome.

**Village Hall Supporters Club****13th September 2016****Draw held at Garden Club meeting**

Prize	Ticket No	Winner
£60	352	Pat Budden
£50	377	Helen & Keith Butler
£50	176	Barbara Cornford
£30	12	Stephen Sides
£30	424	Mike Wilkins
£25	151	Marnhull Music Society
£25	285	Deborah Chisman
£20	186	Merle Evans
£15	221	John Couzens
£10	411	Mo Ryde
£10	389	Eleanor Woodhouse
£10	333	Margaret Schellerup

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## From The Surgeries



### Flu Clinics.

Every year the NHS offers a free vaccination against flu to people who are considered to be at risk. If you're in one of these risk groups, you're more likely to develop potentially serious complications of flu, such as pneumonia or a lung infection.

A flu vaccine is available for:

- adults over 18 at risk of flu and anyone over the age of 65;
- pregnant women;
- children and adults with an underlying health condition (particularly long-term heart or respiratory disease);
- children and adults with weakened immune systems;
- children aged six months to two years at risk of flu.

The flu vaccine is also given as an annual nasal spray to:

- children aged two to 18 years at risk of flu;
- healthy children aged two, three and four years old.

This year's clinics are as follows -

Saturday October 1st – Abbey View  
 Saturday October 8th – Sturminster  
 Saturday October 15th – Abbey View  
 Saturday October 22nd– Marnhull

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### Tackling Medicines Waste in North Dorset

Waste of prescribed medication continues to cost the NHS millions every year and estimates suggest this could be in excess of £3 million in Dorset alone. In response, GPs and community pharmacies across North Dorset have joined together to launch a month long Campaign to tackle the problem. Throughout October patients are encouraged to return unused or unwanted medications and to make sure that they only order what they need.

Medicines on repeat prescription are sometimes no longer needed, but continue to be ordered by the patient, or by a carer on their behalf. Medicines waste is everyone's responsibility – if you are aware it's happening, make sure it stops! It is also important to have a regular review of medication with a pharmacist or GP, to discuss any issues relating to their use.

Once medicines have been prescribed and have left the pharmacy premises they cannot be recycled and must be thrown away – whether they've been used or not.

Another focus of the Campaign is to raise awareness of the dangers of having unused medicines lying around at home. This may be a significant danger, particularly if there are young children present.

If you have any unwanted medicines, please return these to your local pharmacy for safe disposal.

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## Partners and Communities Together

Marnhull continues to be a safe place to live and work with only two reported crimes in August.

Concerns from us at this time are, again, shed and outbuilding breaks.

I am currently dealing with theft of tack and riding equipment from an outbuilding in Chettle Lane. This has occurred during the recent road closure so it is felt it may be a local person with some knowledge that it was likely they wouldn't be disturbed.

We are asking residents to think about the value of items stored in outbuildings. How secure are they?

These type of buildings are very easy for criminals to gain access to. The size of the padlock is immaterial if the clasp is flimsy or only a couple of mass produced screws holing it into a wooden frame. Is there a way to secure items inside your shed? Can you purchase a couple of bike locks and then chain items up inside?

Criminals seem to like power tools, especially petrol driven items as they are easy to dispose of on the black market. We would like residents to mark items with a postcode or another easily identifiable mark, this way, if we do stop a vehicle or raid a premise, officers can then identify items that may be stolen and arrests can be made.

I will be at Paddock Pantry, Rolls Mill, Sturminster Newton on the 22nd October with colleagues and we will be offering security advice and equipment marking if you would like to come along or more information is available on the Dorset Police website at [www.dorset.police.uk](http://www.dorset.police.uk)

Please stay safe and keep your property safe.

PCSO 6268

Kate Hann



## North Dorset Folk Festival

North Dorset Folk Festival is celebrating its 5th anniversary on the 22nd of October, It's 4th being based here in Marnhull. The Village Hall has played host to some great names over the last 5 years with Nizlopi, Emily Barker and Phillip Henry and Hannah Martin to name but a few.

This year is no different and we are delighted to be welcoming Martin Simpson as this year's headliner. Martin is rated and one of the world's greatest living guitarists and is sure to light up the village hall stage with his wonderful presence.

Martin Simpson will be joined by a selection of wonderful performers including, Blair Dunlop, Megan Henwood, Kit Hawes and Aaron Catlow, Emily Maguire, Jack Carty, ODi and Tom Clements. 8 acts packed into one day in the village hall. It's a real treat. We will have a bar and food available throughout the day. As well as tea coffee and cake!

If you would like to come and enjoy the day there are very limited tickets left available please visit [www.northdorsetfolkfestival.co.uk](http://www.northdorsetfolkfestival.co.uk) or call 07772979381 for further information.

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## Royal British Legion



Headland will be performing in the Club on Saturday October 15th and this will be in aid of the Ducks and Drakes Cancer Trust. For those who don't know this was inspired by Andrews Drake of Duntish who died aged 30 of bowel cancer. Entry will be a modest £5 and there will be a great prize draw with all prizes being donated by local business.

It is always a great night and it is for a great cause so come on down but if you are not a music lover there is nothing to stop you putting your head in the door and buying a draw ticket or ten.

Excellent result from the jumble sale with it raising £350, so thanks to all the helpers, all whose donations made it possible and all those who came to spend, spend, spend! The next one will be in January so watch out for that and if you have anything we

will be pleased to collect. We also have a bookcase in the foyer and it costs nothing to come and peruse when the doors are open, Saturday lunch time perhaps, books are sold by donation, pay what you like but please be kind.

Our harvest Festival service will be on Sunday October 9th at 6 for 6.15pm. So we are on the lookout for produce to sell from a pot of jam to a bunch of leeks (Dave). Bring whatever you can on the day or I will collect if you wish, you do not have to be a member to come and all proceeds go to the Poppy Appeal

We require a Standard bearer, it is a once a year job but if you got interested there are courses and other event you could attend. But mainly we would like to see our Bearer carrying our Standard on Remembrance Sunday. We normally scrounge a Cadet or the County Standard Bearer helps us out. No need to worry about getting it wrong Parade Marshall Owen Wells will guide you every step of the way. So if you do not fancy it yourself but know somebody who might put them on to me or give me their number.

We passed another £675 to Poppy appeal Organiser Val Eslick from the bingo, a stupendous effort from Lyn Bartlett whose sterling work has raised a lot of money for the Poppy Appeal. It's every other Monday at 7pm if you are a bingo fan and again you do not have to be a member.

Busy weekend in November with a service and the the two minute silence at the War Memorial at 11am on November 11th. Then on Saturday 12th there is the annual fish n chip Poppy Quiz priced at £7 starting at 7pm, team sizes very flexible, prizes minimal, good time maximum. Then finally on Sunday 13th there will be the Remembrance Day Parade setting off at 2.45 to be followed by a service in St Gregory's straight after, following that there will be the wreath laying then back to the Club for tea or something stronger. All welcome. Phew! I'm tired already.

Finally both the Branch and the Club have made donations to the memorial to the Devon and Dorset Regiments memorial being erected at The National Memorial Arboretum. If you would be interested in giving something check out their website. On a similar subject if you have not been to to Arboretum it's free and it's brilliant. Do yourself a favour and go, it's near Burton on Trent

Branch business contact Jack Whitehead on 01258 820800 or email whitehead795@btinternet.com

## Farewell Penny Holden

St. Gregory's Church say farewell to Mrs Penny Holden as she leaves Marnhull to live near to her family in Worcestershire.

Penny has lived in Marnhull for almost 30 years during which time she she has not only been an active member of St. Gregory's Church, but also many other Societies within the village and was one of the founder members of Marnhull Christian Care which became Marnhull Village Care.

Penny will be greatly missed by her many friends in Marnhull but we all wish her every possible happiness in her new home.

Eleanor Woodhouse

## Women's Institute



In September Tony Davies took us on a gentle ramble through the world of "Fascinating Numbers." He started with an explanation of the road numbering system in Great Britain, with the A1 London to York road being the most important highway historically. From that he showed how all roads are numbered in segments centred on London. Those to the east of the A1 as far as the Thames begin with the number 1, those in the south-east are 2's, our segment to the southwest are 3's and so on as far as the segment just to the west of the A1 which are all 6's. Above the Solway Firth the 8's and 9's sort themselves out. I was not clear where the 7's are situated – perhaps there are no roads beginning with number 7 – I must consult a road map.

From roads we moved on to mathematical puzzles, and if audience and presenter sometimes got a bit lost we untangled the conundrum by collective effort.

Try this:

**pick any two-digit number  
multiply it by 2  
add 5  
multiply by 50  
add 1766  
subtract the year of your birth.**

The result should give you your original number followed by your age this birthday.

Tony finished by talking a little about films with numbers in their titles.

If any of the audience had been made anxious by the mention of numbers they need not have worried – it was a relaxing and undemanding evening for even the most innumerate.

Next month our speaker is Mike Bolton and his talk is entitled "Funny, I'm sure it was there! Abandoned, deserted places in the South West."

YV

## Marnhull Pantomime Needs You!

Marnhull pantomime needs more volunteers! There are loads of things to do, you can perform, or help backstage with props and costumes, or just help with selling tickets or help on the night.

If you are interested and want to get involved please contact Emma Ryu on 07540580372 by 28th October.

There has been a pantomime in Marnhull for 15 years, help us to keep it going - it would be a shame for it to stop.

It will be lots of fun and it's a great way to meet new people and get involved in the village.

Marnhull Pantomime Crew

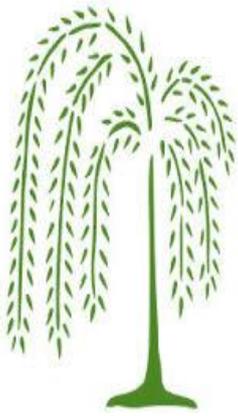
## St. Gregory's Church – Gift Day Organ Concert

Stephen Binnington will be playing a varied programme of some of the finest pieces in the organ repertoire, including Mendelssohn's majestic third Sonata to open proceedings in this year's Gift Day Recital in St. Gregory's Church.

Music by Bach, Mozart and Howells is also featured and there are splendid arrangements of The Arrival of the Queen of Sheba by Handel and Elgar's stirring, Nimrod.

The famous Toccata from Widor's fifth organ symphony ends the 55-minute programme.

All proceeds will be in aid of church funds as part of the Gift Day Appeal.



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## Marnhull Cricket Club

Some images from last weekends inaugural Marnhull Cricket Fest and Family Fun Day at Marnhull. Marnhull Maidens beat Ilton Cricket Club in the final.



Photos courtesy of Nick Walker - [www.sportpicturelibrary.com](http://www.sportpicturelibrary.com)

## Churches Together

### Harvest Festival Supper

The Churches Together Village Harvest Supper is a 'Pies, Peas and Poetry' evening at the Village Hall on Thursday 29 September starting at 6.30 for 7pm. Tickets are £7 (covering your pie, peas, mash, a pudding and a drink), are available from all three churches and the Post Office (Robin Hill Stores). All are welcome, but numbers are limited, so please make sure you get your tickets early!

### World 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:

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

2 Oct	- Al Hijra	New Muslim Year 1438. (Islam)
3-4 Oct	- Rosh Hashanah	Jewish New Year 5777
11-12 Oct	- Yom Kippur	Day of Atonement (Jewish)

## Garden Tips for the months of... ...October



"Extracts from the Diary  
of a Working Woman  
(and her Marnhull garden)"



### SEPTEMBER

#### Thursday,

Went to look up copy of Adam the Gardener to see what I should be doing in September and am advised that ... nothing helps to brighten the long, dark days of winter more than some nice bowls of bulbs in flower over the Christmas period or early in the New Year.

Quite agree and make a note to purchase crocuses and hyacinths. As usual think that these will make good Christmas presents knowing that I will have forgotten the cool and dark place where they have been stored until it's too late.

Weather is so wonderful that I am inspired to spend more time in the garden after work and have just changed clothes when H calls around. I say, untruthfully, how nice to see her and offer tea. H full of advice for what I should be doing in the garden and says that it's very green!

#### Saturday,

Spent the morning in town and visited the garden centre, having remembered to take with me the generous vouchers given as a much appreciated birthday present. Strict instructions to self that purpose of visit is to purchase bulbs.

Leave two hours later with bulbs; three large ceramic pots - empty; 1 hanging basket - filled; secateurs; trowel; kneeling pad; very pretty Cath Kidson gloves and book by Monty Don. Evening spent reading Monty's words of wisdom and in admiration of his delightful profile.

#### Sunday,

Picked late peas; runner beans and a courgette for lunch from the garden - absolutely delicious. Defined a version of happiness as an afternoon spent listening to Radio 4; whilst getting the better of particularly rampant bind-weed.

### OCTOBER

#### Saturday,

Counted the number of "garden" books that I have - 24. Question: do I really need so many? Answer: much too difficult to let go of them but have made a firm commitment not to purchase anymore.

Spent the afternoon removing what's left of the summer bedding plants and admire how neat the borders look. Won't be able to plant spring bedding till next week as working away in London, but time enough to get them established.

#### Sunday,

Cleared away the remains of the beans; peas and courgettes, which have all done really well this year. Do regret not trying to grow more but am struggling to manage garden; house and work. Spent a lovely morning mulching the vegetable patch with well-rotted cow manure kindly brought round by T, who is very complimentary about my borders.

#### Monday,

Very, very trying meetings all day. Arrived home to find credit card statement and feel quite weak at the knees due to overspend at the Garden Centre. Early to bed with latest book by Alan Titchmarsh.

WW for Marnhull Garden Club.

## From The Churches

## Thoughts from the Rector

Not so long ago the news media were gripped with the brouhaha about the referendum. What has followed since seems rather like a 'phoney war': nothing much has changed for most of us, to confirm or give the lie to either our hopes or fears. Time will tell, but decades hence people will no doubt still argue over the outcome, since we can never be sure, as we look back historically, where a different decision would have led. And all of our views, anyway, are formed and coloured by the framework within which we look at them

C. S. Lewis once wrote: "I believe in Christianity as I believe that the sun has risen: not only because I see it, but because by it I see everything else". Having been brought up as a Christian, Lewis became an atheist at the age of 15 (though perhaps at first he had not thought through his position too well, as he recorded later: "I felt angry at God for not existing"!)

Injured in 1918 by 'friendly fire', he recovered and became an outstanding undergraduate at Oxford University, where he continued in his atheism. Influenced like so many, no doubt, by his war-time experience, he quoted in support of his world view a couplet by the Roman poet Lucretius:

**"Had God designed the world, it would not be**

**A world so frail and faulty as we see."**

When he went on to become a tutor at the university, however, and partly through the influence of his great friend Tolkien, he felt drawn back to the Christian faith. He struggled against it, knowing it would mean changing his whole world view once again.

He first accepted intellectually that God did exist after all, and three years later made a commitment to Christ. From then on, he exerted a great influence on many people, through his teaching, his writing, and broadcasting.

As he said, it wasn't just that he had come to see truth in Christianity and to believe in God, but that he saw the world, people, events – everything – in the light of that faith.

All of us, I suppose, have some framework by which we make sense of the world; some lens through which we see people and events. For some of us, like Lewis, it is our Christian faith. For some it is a political philosophy, or some other belief system.

Some unthinkingly see and judge things through the lens of the particular news media they turn to for information. In a confusing world, we all need a secure framework to negotiate the vicissitudes of events and relationships.

May your framework be solidly founded, and stand you in good stead among the joys and sorrows of life.

Tony Wilds

## Marnhull Churches Sunday Services

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

8.00 – Holy Communion

10.00 – Parish Eucharist

Weekday services as advertised

[www.StGregorysMarnhull.org.uk](http://www.StGregorysMarnhull.org.uk)

## 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 &amp; Events for October 2016

**Sunday 2nd October**  
(Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity)

8.00 – Holy Communion [said]

10.00 – Parish Eucharist with Baptism

**Wednesday 5th**

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

11.00 Holy Communion

**Sunday 9th Twentieth Sunday after Trinity**

08.00 – Holy Communion [said]

10.00 – Parish Eucharist

**Wednesday 12th**

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

**Sunday 16th Harvest Festival**

08.00 – Holy Communion [said]

10.00 – Parish Eucharist

**Wednesday 19th**

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

**Sunday 23rd Last Sunday after Trinity**

08.00 – Holy Communion [said]

10.00 – Parish Eucharist

**Sunday 30th All Saints Day**

08.00 – Holy Communion [said]

10.00 – Parish Eucharist

6pm - Five Choirs' Evensong – all welcome

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**0830 - Morning Prayer is held every  
Tuesday to Friday in the Hussey Chapel  
and 0800 on Wednesdays**

## From the St Gregory's Church Registers

## Marriage

Congratulations to Karen Ficke formerly of Marnhull, and Adam Rietti of Redditch, who were married here on Saturday 3rd of September and we wish them every happiness for the future.

## Funerals

We extend our sincerest condolences to the family and friends of Margaret Bulford of Marnhull, whose funeral took place at St Gregory's on August 30th. May she rest in peace.

## 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)**

### Feast Days in October

1 – Saint Therese of the Child Jesus (1873-1897)

Entered the Carmel of Lisieux at the age of 15 and died of tuberculosis at 24. The influence of her spiritual writings and her 'little way' led to her being declared a Doctor of the Church in 1997.

4 – Saint Francis of Assisi (c.1181-1226)

Son of a wealthy merchant, he embraced poverty and preached to love of God to all. In 1210 he set up the Order of Friars Minor (Franciscans) and two years later helped St Clare to establish a female community (Poor Clares). While praying at La Verna he received the wounds of the crucified Lord, which caused him great pain in his final years.

7 – Our Lady of the Rosary

Commemorates the Battle of Lepanto (1571), when a Christian fleet reciting the Holy Rosary defeated the Turks.

15 – Saint Teresa of Jesus (1515-1582)

Joined the Carmelite convent at Avila and after 25 years as a nun, began to reform the Order, with the help St John of the Cross. Her outstanding works and mystical theology led to her being declared a Doctor of the Church in 1970.

17 - Saint Ignatius of Antioch (died c.107)

Followed St Peter as bishop of Antioch and was thrown to wild beasts in Rome, during the persecution of Trajan. His name is mentioned in the Roman Canon.

18 – Saint Luke, Evangelist

St Luke (1st C) was a Greek, possibly from Antioch, who trained as a doctor. He converted to Christianity, became a disciple of St Paul and wrote both a Gospel and the Acts of the Apostles.

28 – Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles

St Simon (1st C) is usually called 'the Canaanite' and 'the Zealot', suggesting he belonged to the Jewish party of the 'Zealous of the Law'.

St Jude or Thaddeus (1st C) has a short epistle in the New Testament ascribed to him and is invoked as the patron of hopeless causes.

Tradition says that after Pentecost they evangelised, Simon in Egypt, Jude in Mesopotamia, and then both in Persia where they were martyred. Their names appear in the Roman Canon.

### Spiritual Development

A short course entitled 'Why?' (Seeking to answer the questions: Why God? Why Jesus? Why Church?), is being run over a 3-week period, using the new large screen facility at Our Lady's. Each session is about an hour, including a DVD, and will be held on Thursday afternoons at 2pm, repeated again on Saturday mornings at 10.45 (after Mass). The first session was on Thursday 15 Sep, repeated on Saturday 17 Sep. The course provides an excellent explanation of our Christian faith and aids understanding at all levels. There is no charge and tea and coffee is available! Please come along and join us – all are welcome.

Early warning - the very popular 'Life in the Spirit' course will start again soon. Watch out for details.

### Dorset Historic Churches

The annual 'Ride & Stride' for cyclists and walkers around the historic churches of our area took place on Saturday 10 Sep. It was a wet and miserable day, nevertheless, David Minto and Chris Gassmann of Our Lady's pressed-on regardless and raised £302 in sponsorship. A magnificent effort – well done!

## Pause for Thought:

"I believe in Christianity as I believe that the sun has risen: not only because I see it, but because by it I see everything else."

C.S. Lewis

## The Methodist Church



### Can't life be noisy, noisy, noisy?

I sometimes wonder what it must have been like before we had electricity, not that I want to be without it for a second! I know there would have been loud, screeching machinery in factories and mills and horse transport wouldn't have been very quiet, all that clattering of hooves and wheels rolling over cobbles, but there must, surely, have been more times of quiet than we now have.

Radio, T.V, ipods, constantly being in touch via 'phones,' muzak' in shops, cars - all are great, well most are anyway, but where does the time go? Finding a few moments of quiet, to reflect and listen to our thoughts can be refreshing. Time just to think about the bits of life that get pushed to the back of our minds as we busy along, to give us a chance to look at ourselves and to think about the good we have; to hear that 'still small voice'.

**'...And, behold, the LORD passed by, and a great and strong wind rent the mountains, and brake in pieces the rocks before the LORD; but the LORD was not in the wind: and after the wind an earthquake; but the LORD was not in the earthquake: and after the earthquake a fire; and the LORD was not in the fire: and after the fire a still small voice. And it was so, when Elijah heard it, that he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out...'**

**1 Kings 19:11-13**

We have a service each Sunday at 10a.m. and below are some special services that you may like to come along to. You are most welcome at all services, perhaps you may even find a few moments of quiet!

### October

Sun.2nd October – HARVEST FESTIVAL 11a.m

Harvest Festival at the Methodist Church will be on Sunday 2nd October starting at 11a.m. (not 10a.m. our usual service time) Food donated at the service will be given to the Gillingham Food Bank, so tins and packaged foods are preferable.

Sun.16th October – GIRLS BRIGADE SERVICE at 10a.m

The Girls' Brigade Enrolment Service, at 10a.m., to which all family and friends are most welcome.

### December

Sun 4th December – Chapel Anniversary Service at 10a.m.

Remembers and celebrates the establishment of the Methodist Church here in Marnhull over 100 years ago.

Tues 20th December – CANDLELIT CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE at 4pm

We very much hope you and your friends and family will come and join us for this special service. There will be refreshments in the Hall at 4pm followed by a Candlelit Carol Service at the Methodist Church. All are welcome and children especially will enjoy this service.

## HIRE THE HALL!

The Methodist Church Hall is a good place to hire for family parties and social or other events for individuals, clubs, societies and classes. It is easy to find and parking is available.

Rates are reasonable and bookings can be made by contacting

Mrs Marlene Plowman on 01258 820869

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

We welcomed many new families to St Gregory's at the start of the academic year for what we hope will be another fantastic year for everyone at our school.

Children have happily settled into their new classes which have changed and are named after woodland creatures, hedgehogs, rabbits, owls, squirrels, badgers and foxes.

Our whole school theme for this half term is 'To boldly go...' and the new reception children in Hedgehog class have been going 'boldly' into their new class, school and will soon be out and about exploring the village.

Our wild garden has been very popular, with den building activities, tree climbing and apple picking going on regularly. The children have particularly enjoyed our mud kitchen making their own 'apple pie' concoction together, and, of course are loving looking after our ducks!

Our new Learning Power Values were launched to all the children and focus on the children learning to be better learners. This half term our learning power will be CONFIDENCE linked to our Christian value COURAGE. Our assemblies and church services will be based on these values.

The theme has been used to help us explore topics including Space, Dinosaurs, Major Tim Peake and The Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe.

During this half-term we will be having an 'explorer' visit school to spend time with the children.

Parents and carers will have the opportunity to visit school in the last week of half-term to share the children's learning and hear them talk about what they have learned.

Best wishes

From all of us at St Gregory's

## St Gregory's School Swimming Pool



How many of the readers of the Messenger learnt to swim in the St Gregory's School swimming pool? Swimming is such an important skill to have for fitness, life saving and just having fun! This was important when the pool was first built and it is still the case, but the pool is now beginning to look its age.

St Gregory's PTFA has decided to start a major project of fund raising and investment for the swimming pool. The first step will be to refurbish the toilets and changing rooms and to investigate ways of reducing the running costs.

Furthermore, the committee would like to find ways for the pool to be a resource for the wider community. We will keep you informed on the progress of this project in the Marnhull Messenger and will let you know about the fund raising activities being planned.

## John Bradshaw Talks



John Bradshaw and his guide dog Sabre, paid a visit to St Gregory's School. John, who lives in Sherborne, was injured as a bomb disposal officer and lost his sight 7 years ago and is now totally blind. Having learnt first-hand about courage and resilience, he now talks to pupils and teachers all over the county about his courage and experiences in life.



The children and staff heard how John trusts his faithful Golden Retriever, Sabre and he demonstrated how he guides him safely along roads and through everyday obstacles. There was a question and answer session at the end followed by lots of cuddles and treats for Sabre.

## Atom Club - Science & Coding Club

Another busy month for Atom Club! Feedback from our 'Light & Sound' themed box has been very positive and we've new subscribers coming on board each month now. The club is still funded by The Honest Agency, but is moving ever closer to being self-sufficient with new orders each week.

Chris and Mikey have begun filming a new series of '60 Second Science' videos and have even been playing with a DIY green screen. These free videos will be available from our website and a free mobile app being launched soon. They're quicker and much more professional than our first attempts and we think you'll love them.

A BBC admin error meant that we didn't get to see Prof Brian Cox last week, but Chris is meeting UK Astronaut Tim Peake this week (22nd) and will be in the audience for his appearance on 'Inside Science'. He'll also get to see the prototype of the new Mars Rover!

NASA have confirmed our next slot on one of the International Space Station cameras at the beginning of October. St Gregory's School is studying Space at the moment, so this couldn't be better timing! We hope to be able to help the school with the topic.

Schools are beginning to book the Mobile Planetarium and we have a year 1 class coming up, which is a great opportunity to get them interested in space at such a young age.

I'm pleased to announce we were also finalists for the BVM Online Business of the year award, finishing in the top 3 alongside our sister company.

## St. Mary's Catholic School



St. Mary's Catholic  
Primary School

The new academic year has started well with the welcome of new children and families to our school. Everyone settled into the new term quickly, from the second the children skipped through the gate on our first morning, they were busy getting used to new classes and learning new routines.



Our first event of the new term was a celebration of Roald Dahl for his 100th birthday. The children came to school dressed as characters from a huge range of books written by the famous author and had a great time inventing names and designing packaging for the new chocolate sensation!

The characters ranged from Willy Wonka in full top hat and tails to one member of staff who was purple from head to toe as Violet Beauregard! The day launched this term's topic which will look at a whole range of Roald Dahl books.

The children in Year 3 and 4 were lucky enough to have a marvellous musical morning with some of the Dorset Music Service's string section coming along to demonstrate everything from the viola to the cello.

The children will be learning to play the trumpet and trombone during the rest of this term. I am sure that Marnhull will look forward to hearing toots and trumps winging their way across the village!

With the deadline for new parents to make choices on a school for their four year olds, we will be having an 'open door' policy at school. Any 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 also have places in Preschool. There is also more information available on our website or our Facebook and Twitter sites. We look forward to welcoming you to our school community.

Best wishes,  
Charlotte Targett  
Headteacher

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

St Mary's Explorers



St Mary's Explorers got off to a great start this year, welcoming lots of new Reception and preschool children and alongside their new teacher Mrs Myatt. Mrs Myatt is a fully qualified teacher and will be leading the Foundation Stage Unit.

The children joined the school for our Roald Dahl celebration and spent the day making coconut flapjacks to feed the Enormous Crocodile and designed and made traps in the construction area to make sure the crocodile was securely captured! They also designed a chocolate bar wrapper for Mr Wonka's new 'super scrumptious honeycomb bar'.



Over the holidays the outdoor area has had a revamp and the children have been having a great time investigating the new resources. They have particularly enjoyed experimenting mixing different herbs, sand and mud in the Mud Café.



St Mary's Explorers is open from 8:45am – 3:15pm every week day during term time and spaces are available for children aged 3 years +. The unit allows preschool and Reception children to work together on lots of key areas of learning, something that Ofsted agree allows younger children to make greater progress.

If you would like to have a look around, or come and stay for a taster session, please call 01258 820417 to make an appointment. (Sessions: £4 per hour/£24 for full day, Early Education Funding vouchers accepted)

## Jungle Hut Pre-School

Here we are at the start of a very busy autumn term with all the children settled and happy already the long summer holidays seem a distant memory, we would like to welcome new children and their families who are joining us this term as well as welcoming back children and families from last term.

### A little bit about the Jungle hut

Here at the Jungle hut children are happy and enjoy a range of activities on offer, Children benefit from being able to move freely between indoor and outdoor areas, enabling them to play in a way that suits them and enhancing their learning experiences, we have access to a range of outside areas our garden includes a large sand tray, play cabin, digging area & mud kitchen, water play, our well established sensory garden, raised vegetable & flower beds, as well as access to green spaces in the school grounds.



We take the children for walks to explore the village and the environment around our pre-school as well as visits to local woodlands, towards the end of the school summer term we have our annual school leaver outing this year we went to monkey world and an extra outing was arranged to visit Bristol zoo.

The key person arrangements are successful in encouraging effective links between parents and pre-school staff. Parents are involved in their child's learning. They help staff to establish children's individual starting points through the children's learning journey records.

We offer home visits for all parents this has proved very popular with both parents and the Pre-school staff prior to the child starting we offer free taster sessions.

The pre-school environment is welcoming to children. Examples of the children's creative work are displayed on the walls, giving children a strong sense of belonging and pride in their achievements. The staff team are very well qualified working together to plan and evaluate the success of the group in meeting children's individual needs.

We take children from 2 years – 5years accepting funded two and three-year-old funded children.

Coming back for the start of another exciting school year we have hit the ground running with many new children starting their Pre-school life all settling very nicely and as with every year we have some characters some more demanding than others each child is a unique individual Never mind all my staff are up for the challenges that lie ahead looking forward to helping all children to develop and progress through the Early Years Foundation Stage.

We are looking forward to receiving some resources to enhance our children's play further a mobile pumping pod giving children more independence in their play holding the post and with one hand and pumping with the other is great gross motor practice a halfway house for the role play area providing an easy way to see what is going on without intruding so a wonderful way to carry out observations Claire's father in law is making some outdoor wooden furniture he doesn't know it yet but he will by the time the messenger is published!!

We are so proud of our garden area having a massive runner bean harvest our apple tree, tomatoes, wild strawberries and blackberries have produced bumper crops the children are enjoying eating these home grown, fresh and healthy vegetable & Fruits at snacktime.



To find out more about what we get up to the Jungle Hut please visit our website at [junglehutpreschool.com](http://junglehutpreschool.com) or take a peek at our Facebook page

We are now open 50 weeks a year closing over the Christmas and New year weeks as well as still providing term time childcare.

If you would like to know more about the Jungle hut and the flexible childcare, we offer please get in touch.

Email [junglehutpreschool@gmail.com](mailto:junglehutpreschool@gmail.com)  
Sue.



## Marnhull Baby & Toddlers

On our first week back which was 8th September we had Usborne books come in. It is always great when Gill comes, we had a raffle and the winner won £14s of books.

One of our lovely mums Rachel, planned a craft activity to do with children they made toilet roll autumn people. The children really enjoyed making them and they looked great.

On the 17th September we had our pre-loved sale which went really well, we raised £107.00 to go towards the running of the group, so thank you to everyone that book a table and came to look around. Also a thank you to those of you that helped out and made some amazing cakes to sale.

Over the next month we have quite a lot going in, on the 29th September we have our sponsored walk, to help raise money for St Gregory's church, harvest festival and Christmas flower arrangements.

Thursday 13th October we have Diana with her Phoenix cards, where all her profits goes to help for heroes.

Then the last day of this half term is our Halloween party which is 20th October, when the children can dress up, we will be playing with spaghetti and doing a pumpkin craft it's going to be a great day.

Emma and Dee



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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

## The Marnhull POPPin Café is now officially open!



Wow! Thank you Marnhull for the fantastic support you gave to the opening of your very own POPPin Café on Friday 16th September! We served around 100 mugs of tea and coffee and loads of home-made cake!

So many people to thank – POPP for providing the set up funding for this exciting new community venture – the Village Hall Committee for their support - Robin Hill Stores for their donation of newspapers and magazines as well as advertising space in their shop window – Bill and Kathy Shannon for the loan of a vintage record player and selection of LP's – POPPin Café Volunteers Rosie Gall and Ian Pentland - the kind donations from Jenny Swanton and Barbara Cornford and last but not least – **ALL OF YOU WHO CAME ALONG ON THE DAY!**

We are already looking forward to seeing you again on **Friday 21st October from 10-12 mid-day** and are planning which scrummy cakes to make!



Why not "POPPin" with a friend next time or offer a lift to someone who does not drive or get out and about very often?

See you soon – Everyone welcome!

Marnhull POPPin Café Committee – Linda, Jill, Audrey, Joy and Dora.

PS. If you have any reasonably current magazines you would like to donate for us to sell – please just bring them along on the day. Thank you!

## Dentaid In Cambodia

I arrived in Phnom Penh on Sunday 5th June where I met the rest of the team. We were working with a New Zealand based charity, One 2 One, who have a permanent presence in Cambodia providing education, orphanages, medical and dental care. On Monday, we set off early on a 4 hour bus trip to Sihanoukville prison. After dropping off our personal luggage, we transformed a church room into a dental clinic with the help of our very experienced Cambodian hosts. We had mobile dental units with us allowing us to drill and therefore provide fillings as well as extractions. We usually had the luxury of a light and fan each! There had been no dentistry available in the prison for 10 years, so our arrival had been eagerly awaited.



A Cambodian dentist initially examined the patients and then they came to us for treatment. I had been practicing my Cambodian and was fluent in "open" and "close"! We performed mainly extractions on the first day and I really missed my lovely chair which I could position to have the patient in the best position for the procedure. In Cambodia I had to position myself to facilitate the treatment, which involved some very unusual and uncomfortable stances! I was exhausted at the end of the day. By the second day we were doing fillings also, but as my drills didn't work, I continued extracting. On day 3, I changed unit; my drills worked but I had no light other than my head torch. I only worked at the front of the mouth! By now we were getting used to being hot and sweaty; definitely more than a glow! The patients were delightful and very polite. They seemed relatively content and happy in extremely limited circumstances. Most of the patients were local, imprisoned due to poverty and land disputes as Cambodia is a very corrupt country. There was a lot of sympathy for them from our fellow workers. At the end of the week we all felt privileged to have carried out some very necessary work.



We arrived back in Phnom Penh on Friday night and on Saturday shopped and cooked with the help of our hosts, to provide a mid-day meal for children living rough by the railway. The following week, we were working with children providing fissure sealants and collecting data. We were working in the library on very low benches and tables. I was upgraded to a "normal" chair as my back was about to give up. We only had 1 fan in the whole room, so I took to placing paper towels under my head torch to prevent dripping on the children! The children were very co-operative and appreciative.

Both the prisoners and the children were given instruction on looking after their teeth, as well as a new toothbrush and toothpaste. The extra money we raised will be used to buy more mobile dental units and maintain the existing ones. Our trip finished with a visit to the temples at Siem Reap, which were fantastic. We all found Cambodia to be a very welcoming country with a happy and optimistic population, despite their history.

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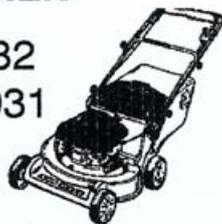
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### Mothers' Union

At our September meeting 16 members enjoyed a very interesting and thought provoking talk from Deacon James Mackain-Bremner about "Christians in the Armed Forces"

Soldiers with faith are mentioned in the bible, probably the most well-known is the miracle of the centurion who asked for his young servant to be healed. (Matthew 8: 5-13)

The talk and discussion are too difficult to precis for this magazine. You needed to be there!

Our next meeting is our members' lunch on October 5th at Kings Arms East Stour

### Sturminster Newton Probus Club

Probus Club? Have you heard of us? Probus Clubs are a world wide organisation where retired people (gentlemen and ladies) meet regularly in a social gathering for coffee, lunch and talks on interesting subjects.

Sturminster Newton Probus Club meets every second Wednesday in the month at midday in the British Legion Club in Sturminster. We have a light lunch and a speaker and a good old get-together. If you would like to join us, or even just try us out, please come along any time, you would be most welcome.

Ron Smith 01258 475378

### Child Okeford Flower Arranging Club

Our next meeting will be at 2.15pm on Tuesday 18th October in Child Okeford Village Hall when Sharon Austin from Carnival Flowers in Wimborne will give a demonstration entitled 'Autumn Carnival'. Sharon's designs will be raffled at the end of the afternoon. Everyone is most welcome.

Visitors £6 to include refreshments.

For further details please contact Sue Brown 01258 863775.

### Stand up Comedy at The Exchange

## 12th November

The Stand-Up Comedy Nights at The Exchange have been running for 9 years now and have raised just over £16,100 for local and overseas charities. With a well-tested format of 4 acts and a compere from the national comedy circuit these events are a bi-annual source of mirth in the Sturminster Newton calendar.

Well another 6 months have passed and the next Comedy Night is nearly upon us- Saturday, 12th November, to be precise.

This next show is raising money for the Jailhouse Café at Guy's Marsh ([www.jailhousecafe.co.uk](http://www.jailhousecafe.co.uk)) and the Hupenyu Hutsva Children's Home in Zimbabwe. We raise money to take the children out on a number of day trips, run in conjunction with Henstridge-based adventure tour operator Oasis Overland ([www.oasisoverland.co.uk](http://www.oasisoverland.co.uk)).

If you've never been before it's a great opportunity for a night out with friends. Book a table and share the mirth or come along and make new friends.

Tickets-at £13.50 each, are already on sale at The Exchange (01258 475137) [www.stur-exchange.co.uk](http://www.stur-exchange.co.uk) and the show starts at 8pm. Bar and bar snacks available.

(Warning: this show is not suitable for children, or those of a sensitive disposition)

### Dr Margaret Bulford - Maggie

Every so often Marnhull has to meet the parting with someone dear to the life of the village. Maggie Bulford passed not only a large part of her life here, until quite recently she was always very much involved in the life of the village. She'll be treasured for her brightness, her humour and her welcoming friendship.

Her parents retired here as far back as the forties when young Maggie was completing her Doctorate after Zoology at S Andrews. She married and headed out to Malaya where John was born. Returning in the seventies she and Gerry commenced Wessex Travel to have four active agencies. It was in the year of their retirement that so suddenly Gerry died.

All who knew Margaret commented on her well grounded approach to life. Her response now to being alone was to allow herself to be opened up to new ways of being useful. Even earlier she had begun plans to see the Tennis Courts built. She now set this forward. She with three partners played right up to two years ago. She was one of the minds behind what is now Marnhull Community care, also the present Older Person's Lunch Club. In Annual Meetings of the village for many years always she was present.

The other direction of her involvement was with S Gregorys Church. She trained for and became what was then called a Lay Reader, using her bright mind for well prepared addresses and valued by many in Marnhull at funerals. Far back she and Gerry were valued for all they did for S Gregorys Fete days often in the paddock behind "Eythrope". Very many years passed before she handed on that leadership and much more.

Late In 2014 Maggie had a fall. It was almost a year before she would be back home. In the Spring of this year her back caused her increasingly to be confined to bed. Maggie was moved to the loving care of her sister Betty and only much later in the year was her true condition diagnosed and good care sourced for her by the hospital authorities.

We are all pleased to welcome John and Pamela back from Sydney. Plans are in hand for a Memorial Thanksgiving Service for Maggie on Monday Oct 10th 2 pm, which would have been Mag's 90th birthday.

Peter Colebrook

### Pilgrim Parishes Event

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On Sunday 23rd October Edward Parker will be running three photography course entitled "Garden and Landscape Photography", "People and Portrait Photography" and "Flash and Low Light Photography". These are suitable for people of all abilities and with any type of camera.

The idea is to demonstrate when and how to the very get the best out any sort of camera and explain the basic principles needed to get great pictures of people. It will explain how to change the settings on cameras to improve the results. For example, the lens zoom settings are particularly important.

It is possible to get excellent images using natural light and on camera flash with almost any sort of camera with a bit of tuition. The course is suitable for all sorts of people photography. In many ways compact cameras are as good as DSLR's for general photography.

A lot of the success of general photography relies on understanding a little about composition and the use of foreground, background and lighting, all of which are equally relevant irrespective of the type of camera used. A tripod and reflectors will be available for participants on the day but do bring your own along too if you have one. Out door shoes and a coat are also recommended

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## A Burning Issue

A small woodburning stove, approx 12 inch square, has been stolen from a temporary structure in a rear garden in MANSTON. This occurred between the hours of 10pm -7,30 am overnight Monday 30th August.

If you have any information please contact us via email or 101 quoting reference 55160130758

## Dorset Leaders respond to PCC

The Leaders of all nine Dorset councils have written to the Police and Crime Commissioner for Dorset, Martyn Underhill, to respond to his comments about the county-wide public consultation on local government reform.

In the letter, the Leaders of the Dorset councils said:

"We welcome the Police and Crime Commissioner's interest in the current public consultation on local government reform and note his views.

"We are the only area in the country responding to the question of changing local government with a common purpose across geography and tiers and as nine authorities are putting services first.

"The consultation document makes it clear why a county-wide unitary option has been excluded from the consultation. Such a wide variation of rural and urban areas would not be best served by a single large unitary council covering the whole of Dorset.

"The Government has indicated that an authority the size of a single unitary would be too large to be efficient or effective."

On the subject of a referendum, the Leaders of the Dorset councils added:

"We do not see how, legally, we would be able to call a referendum (at a cost of more than £1 million to local taxpayers) on a matter which we do not decide. Additionally, it is not a simple yes / no response that is being sought. Each option has complex features and implications, and it is important that we understand the public's views on these options - their concerns and the things they support - before making a recommendation to Government.

"Our aim is to give local people the information they need to understand the situation and the options, so they can complete the consultation questionnaire in an informed way."

## Secure Your Tacking Equipment

We are very sad to report that after a very quiet period over the summer, we have had a particularly bad weekend where multiple properties have reported issues with outbuilding breaks.

This has been throughout North Dorset and surrounding areas.

The theft of saddles has occurred in the Marnhull area where bridles, breast plates and martingales were stolen from a padlocked tack room. The padlock was levered from the tack room door. Unfortunately, none of the items were security marked.

Another theft of note have been Motcombe where petrol tools have been taken from a shed next to a stable.

Please can we ask people to think about the security of your items.

We will be holding a Tack Marking Event at Paddock Pantry in Sturminster Newton on October 22nd from 10 until 2 where security advice will be available.

If you have a large amount of tack, we are always happy to come to you at a convenient time.

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## University of the Third Age



Jenny Peet gave us an informative and amusing talk on Tudor dress. Her talk was illustrated with examples of Tudor fashion taken from paintings currently on show at Montacute House, (go and see the originals). Jenny started with how babies were swaddled and the vast differences between the wealthy households and the poor, covering all the different garments used.

We were also reminded that nappies were called diapers during Tudor times and in North America they still are, as diapers was common usage by the Pilgrim Fathers when they founded their settlements. Jenny also explained the importance of the chemise, a garment worn by sexes. The chemise was used as a barrier to protect outer clothing that was difficult to clean from being stained by sweat etc. and could be changed up to 5 times a day in wealthy households.

Washing the clothes could be both smelly and dangerous as urine was used as a bleach for linen and arsenic salts were used as whiteners. Jenny also covered the many aspects of personnel hygiene and rudimentary remedies for common ailments. The portrait of Lady Scudamore at Montacute is outstanding in the way the lace and fabric has been painted and this style of dress was influenced by Italian fashion at the time. In her right hand she is wearing a glove and holding a glove.

Gloves were also used as a means of dispensing poison to unwanted amorous suitors, a technique perfected by the Borgias. Jenny covered the intriguing aspects of getting dressed in all the different layers of clothing including the various layers used in covering the farthingale hooped skirt which was the height of fashion at the time. It makes looking at Tudor portraits a new experience.

Our next meeting at 10am on the 6th October, at the Father's House, Shaftesbury, will be Asteroid Impact by Robin Miller.

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

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A National study shows four in ten retailers flout laws on nicotine inhaling products.

Trading Standards Services enforce legislation which prohibits the supply of most age restricted goods. New legislation covering the sale of nicotine inhaling products came into force in October 2015, prohibiting the sales of electronic cigarettes and liquids to under 18s. The sale of these products is an offence and the owner of the business can be held responsible as well as the member of staff who made the sale.

Smoking rates in England are in long term decline but in recent years e-cigarettes have risen in popularity. Regular use of e-cigarettes is found almost exclusively amongst those who have previously smoked the more traditional products.

A national test purchase exercise was carried out by Trading Standards Services and 40% of retailers sold the age restricted items to children and young people.

Trading Standards Services play a pro active role in preventing children obtaining e-cigarettes and nicotine refills just as they do with traditional tobacco. It is believed that regular use amongst children is relatively rare but their awareness and experimentation is on the increase. Anyone wishing to report underage sales can report anonymously to Trading Standards through the Citizens Advice consumer helpline on 03454 04 05 06.

News From SturQuest

The great thing about SturQuest is its ability to recognise a community need and actually do something about it. In 2009, we reacted to a support need for those suddenly finding themselves out of work by creating the SturQuest Jobs Club.

This weekly drop in arrangement provided help with issues, such as C.V. writing and job applications, and was very well received. With changing times, client numbers have diminished, and we are now taking a more proactive approach by developing a Jobs Club that has "JOBS".

Links with local employers have been established and they are beginning to share details about their current vacancies. This list is updated weekly, and, currently displayed (Mon-Fri) outside the SturQuest Community Office. The job details are also posted on our Facebook page and on <http://www.sturquestjobsclub.co.uk/>. So, do take a look.

We're also very pleased to announce that an Advisor from the North Dorset Citizen Advice Bureau will be taking a 'drop-in' session at SturQuest Community Office on the first Friday of the month from October 2016 at the following times.

- Friday 7 October - 10am - 12.30
- Friday 4 November - 10am - 12.30
- Friday 2 December - 10am - 12.30

Advice is available on the following: - Benefits; Work; Debt and money; Consumer; Relationships; Housing; Law and rights; Discrimination; Tax; Healthcare; Education.

Contact the office, on 01258 471456, or email [team@sturquest.org.uk](mailto:team@sturquest.org.uk) for further information.

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

Hard

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

- ACROSS**
- Boomer 4; Bevan 6; Rio 7; Adjutant 8; Aire 11; Green 13; Byte 15; Adipose 16; Aramaic 17; Psst 19; Crawl 21; Hide 24; Anaconda 25; Ely 26; Homer 27; Absent
  - Boxer 2; Madagascar 3; Rouge 4; Brain 5; Votary 6; Raja 9; Indus 10; Expat 12; Everglades 13; Bumph 14; Triad 18; Salaam 19; Charr 20; Aloha 22; Inlet 23; Easy
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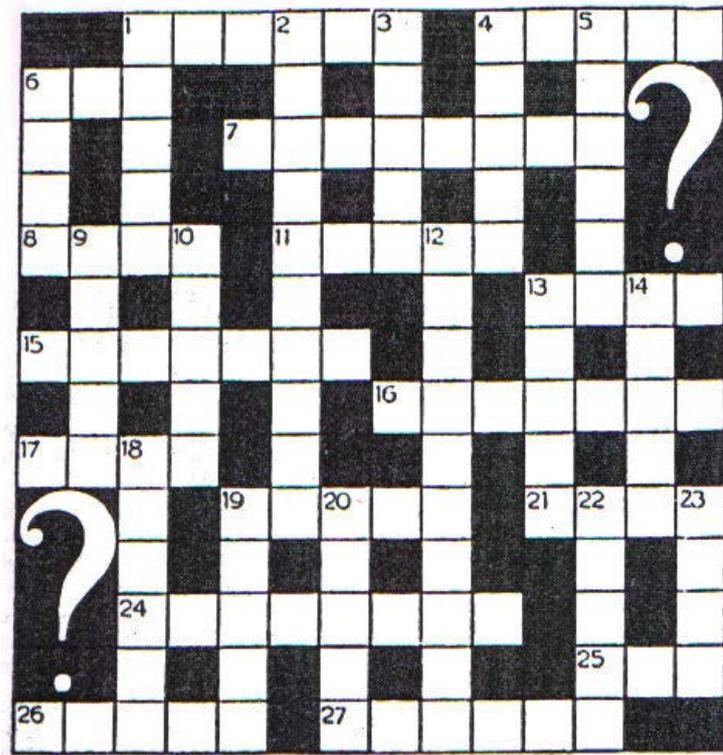
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Hard Difficulty

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

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

**Dorset Wildlife Trust Events**

Lowland heath in the United Kingdom and northern Europe has declined so much that the few remaining areas are now of national and international importance. The Dorset Wildlife Trust, working with local councils and other interested groups, has purchased 581 hectares of high conservation value lowland heath in east Dorset and the surrounding urban areas of Poole, Bournemouth and Christchurch, in an effort to conserve the heathland for the benefit of both wildlife and local people.

Natural England described the area as 'one of the most important areas for wildlife in the country and an undoubted centre of biodiversity'. From the extensive consultations that DWT undertook it seems that local people agree.

Nicky Hoar, DWT's Learning & Interpretation Officer, will give an illustrated talk on 'An Update of the Great Heath Project' on Wednesday 19th October at 7.30pm in Fontmell Magna Village Hall (SP7 0JU). There is no charge for children under 16, but we ask adults to donate £2 (includes tea/coffee & biscuits).

**A date for your diary: Wednesday 16th November** – two short films on Blandford otters and Blandford kingfishers by local film maker Dudley Higginson. Starts at 7.30pm in Fontmell Magna Village Hall (SP7 0JU).

**ACROSS**

- 1) In Australia a large male kangaroo. (6)
- 4) Minister, founder of the National Health Service. (5)
- 6) Spanish word meaning river. (3)
- 7) Military officer acting as an assistant to a senior officer. (8)
- 8) River canalised near Leeds. (4)
- 11) The area around the hole on a golf course. (5)
- 13) In computing terms a unit of memory. (4)
- 15) Denoting body tissue used for storing fat. (7)
- 16) Language spoken by Christ. (7)
- 17) Exclamation used to attract attention. (4)
- 19) A swimming stroke. (5)
- 21) The skin of an animal tanned or dressed. (4)
- 24) Large semi-aquatic snake of South America. (8)
- 25) British cathedral city. (3)
- 26) Ancient Greek poet writer of the Iliad. (5)
- 27) Friends often toasted. (6)

**DOWN**

- 1) Member of an uprising in China in 1900 against foreign influence. (5)
- 2) Island nation off the south-east coast of Africa. (10)
- 3) Red powder used as a cosmetic. (5)
- 4) The cerebrum is the largest part of this human organ. (5)
- 5) Monk or nun who has made vows of dedication. (6)
- 6) Indian king or prince. (4)
- 9) A major river of India and Pakistan reaching the sea near Karachi. (5)
- 10) Colloquially a person living outside their native country. (5)
- 12) Wetlands in Florida. (10)
- 13) Useless or tedious paperwork. (5)
- 14) Chinese criminal organisation. (5)
- 18) Gesture of respect in Arabic speaking countries. (6)
- 19) Trout-like freshwater or marine fish. (5)
- 20) Word used in greeting or parting in Hawaii. (5)
- 22) Small arm of the sea. (5)
- 23) The big \*\*\*\* nickname of New Orleans. (4)

**All puzzle answers on page 28**



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