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## Welcome to your Marnhull Messenger

Chris Ryu - Messenger Editor

### IMPORTANT: New Deadline!

Our deadlines are very tight and with lots of articles coming in right on the cusp of the deadline, it makes it very difficult to get to print on the same day, especially when I tend to finish my day job at around 5:30pm.

We've therefore decided to bring the deadline forward to noon on the 17th each month. Thanks in advance for your understanding.

Remember - email me if you want an automated reminder each month.

I'm pleased to welcome Rosie Gall as the new Advertising Manager. She brings a wealth of experience and I'm sure our advertisers will give her the warmest of welcomes. This is perfect timing as our advertisers will shortly receive renewal forms...

You'll see a return this month of a familiar dog related issue in the village - I am sorry to print so much on one topic, but I feel it's important to demonstrate how many people are being affected.

I hope to see you all at the village Fireworks!

### Deadline For Next Issue

#### MID-DAY 17th November

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



### MOLE PROBLEMS



We have been living in Marnhull for a number of years now but previously, while living in a fairly urban area in Hertfordshire, one of the things that I had no experience of was mole problems.

When mole hills started to appear in my new lawn I had to decide on a course of action. I did not want to kill the mole or moles so traps were out (townie softie!).

#### First attempt

I went to my local garden centre to ask for advice. The chap there said that the first option and the cheapest was the windmill, which basically was a children's windmill with a device on the front that made a clacking noise as the blades rotated. He said to find the mole's run and push the handle of the windmill in it because moles do not like the clacking noise. That evening I went the windmill.

I went out in the morning to find the windmill lying flat on the grass. The mole did not like it so he had pushed it back out. The same thing happened the next day so windmills were out.

#### Second attempt

I went back to the garden centre for the second option. This was a special type of small garlic bulb, which I was assured is very effective as moles do not like garlic. You get about twelve in a packet and the idea is to plant them in a U shape just under the surface. The open part of the U is the direction you want to send the mole in (towards the next door neighbours!).

The mole loved them; more mole hills than ever.

#### Third attempt

I read about a rocket shaped ultrasonic gadget (run on batteries) which you push down into the mole run. I managed to find one on eBay and in it went. Useless. I was seriously thinking about ringing up the mole catcher.

#### Success

One morning I went out to get the paper, which involves a walk across the field in front of our house. There was a disturbance in the long grass by the field edge. A cat had caught my mole and was playing with it, as cats do. I chased off the cat and the mole seemed no worse for his experience. I took him to the far edge of the field (quarter of a mile away) and let him go.

I have had no more mole problems. He is probably digging his way back!

Marnhull Garden Club

### Marnhull Pantomime

Thank you to all of you have replied to my last messenger article, it is fantastic to see so many people that want to get involved.

I should be hearing when our meeting will be very shortly and will contact everyone who contacted me as soon as I get that.

If there are any more volunteers out there please contact me, the more the merrier. There are so many jobs to be filled that big or small they are all important.

Emma Ryu 07540580372

## Marnhull Fest AGM

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

**Everyone welcome!**

## Mother's Union - Change of Date

140th ANNIVERSARY COFFEE MORNING

This will now be held on

**SATURDAY 5TH NOVEMBER**

**10.30 to 12noon**

**Methodist Church Hall**

## Annual Diary 2016

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

### November

2nd - Table Tennis Club @ 14:15  
 2nd - Zumba Dance Fitness @ 20:15  
 3rd - Baby & Toddler Group @ 09:30  
 4th - Lunch Club @ 12:00  
 4th - Marnhull Village Fireworks Display @ 17:30 - Goddards field  
 5th - MU 140th Anniversary coffee morning at Methodist Church Hall @ 10:30 Methodist Church  
 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  
 12th - Fish and Chip Quiz for Poppy Appeal @ 19:00 British Legion Club  
 13th - Remembrance Parade and service at St Gregory's Church @ 14:45 St Gregory's  
 14th - Table Tennis Club @ 14:15  
 14th - Women's Institute 'Music in every Home' Gordon Bartlett @ 19:30  
 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  
 16th - Women's Institute Christmas Party @ 9:30  
 19th - Table Tennis Club @ 14:15  
 20th - Candlelit Christmas Service @ 16:00 Methodist Church  
 20th - Methodist Church Refreshments and Candlelit Carol Service @ 16:00 Methodist Church  
 21st - Table Tennis Club @ 14:15  
 21st - Zumba Dance Fitness @ 20:15  
 26th - Table Tennis Club @ 14:15  
 28th - Table Tennis Club @ 14:15

### January

9th - Women's Institute 'One man's sound is another man's cacophony' Nick Lalor @ 19:30  
 10th - Marnhull Garden Club "History of Thorngrove Garden centre" by Caroline of the garden centre @ 19:30  
 11th - Mother's Union @ 14:30  
 Methodist Church  
 20th - Marnhull POPPin Cafe @ 10:00  
 28th - Burns Supper @ 18:15

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!**

## Marnhull Village Hall Refurbishment

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## The Great Marnhull Fish & Chip Quiz

Thanks to our trusty quizzers this event made a profit of £354 which has been divided between the Dorset & Somerset Air Ambulance and the Marnhull Village Hall Appeal. Well done everyone - see you next year.

Yvonne

## Jack's Poppy Quiz at the Legion.

**November 12th 7pm**

£7 a head including fish n chips  
01258 820800 for details

# PARISH MUTTERINGS

The top topics being discussed this month:

A review of Standing Orders is continuing

Equipment in childrens' play area being replaced.

Tree has successfully come down - guys did a great job. Sad demise but it was very rotten in fact one half was split all the way through. Clearing work on paths in cemetery and back path into Rec being looked at.

Cross in Cemetery being fixed

Registration of Deeds with Land Registry

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

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

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## Marnhull Garden Club

Malcolm Mills from Castle Gardens gave a talk on various grasses for the garden (not the lawn !). Basically, two kinds – cold season and hot season. They almost all prefer a dryish site, but one or two will tolerate pond edges.

He held examples as he spoke – the giant reed grass which in its native Asia can get to 20 ft but here can very slowly reach about 6 ft. Calamagrostis Carl Foster which is a fine wavy specimen and can eventually get to 5ft, and has pretty flowers, and will do well on any average soil. Blood Grass from Thailand, not hardy, with reddish stems; Festuca and carex, which are good smallish groundcover, not invasive; miscanthus and pennisetum (not all are hardy) which again are good, tall grasses with ornamental flowers; acorus which has pretty variegated leaves, panicum or switch grass. Many will self-seed, and a few can be invasive but generally they are not temperamental, but do not thrive in damp shade.

He also had some plants which go well with grasses – echinacea, helenium, Michelmas daisies, eupatoria and verbena bonariensis and persicaria. And a few non-grasses which look like they should be – the black ophiopogon nigra and lirioppe, which are small, spread gently and have delicate flowers.

One thing he stressed – do not overfeed! At the start, he asked who didn't much care for ornamental grasses – and at the end he asked for a show of hands of those who'd changed their mind – the result was a comment on the success of his talk. He recommend a visit to Knoll Gardens or the Hauser & Wirth Garden at Bruton designed by Piet Oudolf, which is new to me, but having looked at the website, I will be going there – it's stunning.

The next talk is on "Blandford Otters" on 8 November – and members are reminded that payment for the skittles evening meal on 13 December will be required. The coach is free. Visitors to the Club are always welcome.

SB

## Marnhull Village Hall - AGM

The AGM of the Village Hall is being held on Wednesday 9th November at 7.30 p.m. All are welcome. Light refreshments from 7.00. Hear about progress with the building project and make your input.

### Fundraising for the Extension and Improvement

We have had some pleasant successes and surprises in the last few weeks, and a gang of members of various village organisations are arranging a Burns Supper in support of the Hall. In the past few weeks grants and donations have included:

- \* The Pitt Rivers Charitable Trust: £250
- \* The Fish and Chip and Quiz Supper: £254
- \* The Marnhull Messenger: £500
- \* Table tennis: £124

Applications to a number of grant making trusts will start with a vengeance shortly.

### Reminders:

- \* Saturday 29th October: Winter Warmer Lunch in the Village Hall, drop in any time between 12.00 and 2.00. £4 for lunch, drinks (all kinds) on sale. Soft music.
- \* Wednesday 9th November: AGM
- \* Saturday 19th November: Table top sale at the Village Hall 10.00 to 2.00
- \* Saturday 28th January: Burns Supper

John Dowsett - Secretary  
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Shirley Blackford

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## From The Surgeries



Recently, we doubled our Nurse Practitioner cover having gone from 6 sessions per week to 12, across Sturminster Newton & Marnhull. You may already know Sue Lonsdale and Carolyn Overton and we also have Richard Broad working with us for two days per week.

We have a new Pharmacy Technician working in the practice. Katherine Rann will be working with the GPs to sort out prescription queries, problems and difficulties. She is currently reviewing the whole process for prescriptions and will be implementing changes to ensure things run smoothly. If you have not already, please sign up for electronic prescriptions.

We said a very sad goodbye to Dr Anne-Marie O'Carroll last month.

Anne-Marie is off to pastures new and we wish her all the very best for the future.

The Patient Participation Group has recently initiated a Carers' Project Group. The aim of this group is to work with the Surgery, Dorset County Council and local voluntary organisations to inform Carers of the support available to them. If you are a carer, or know of someone who would like to be involved – please contact us.

The PPG has also developed a new logo for the practice. Over the next few weeks, it is being incorporated across all stationery and communications.

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## Pedestrian Perils

It appears that hardly any motorists are prepared to give consideration to pedestrians anymore.

Large parts of this village do not enjoy the benefits of a pavement so we walkers have to dice with death every time we step out whether to the shops or for recreational purposes.

The Highway Code recommends motorists should give careful consideration to those walking in the road but once a pedestrian becomes a motorist s/he forgets the perils they experienced as walkers when confronted by vehicles that ignore their presence resulting in the poor blighters having to dive into a hedge or, at best, have their toes placed at serious risk.

Long stretches of Burton Street, Church Hill and Sackmore Lane, all in the heart of the village, are notable as being places where those on foot are at particular risk there being so little in the way of pavements, but in Pilwell and Sodom Lane amongst others walkers are also very much at risk.

This is a plea to all readers who, when they get behind the wheel, to be mindful of those on foot who, as tax payers, have equal rights of passage to use the highways.

Yours sincerely

G.O.F. (You guess!)

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Crimes of note for September in Marnhull include theft from tack room overnight 02/09 into 03/09 in Chippell Lane. A large amount of tack and equipment was stolen. This was during the road closure so it is thought that offenders may have had some local knowledge.

Also reported to us has been criminal damage to a vehicle in Burton Street where a windscreen has been smashed on a parked vehicle. This was reported on 27/09.

If anyone has any information on either of these crimes, please contact Dorset Police on 101 or on line at [www.dorset.police.uk](http://www.dorset.police.uk)

As the nights draw in and the days get shorter, may we request local residents take a good look at shed security before closing it all up for winter. Really simple measures can include postcoding any equipment with any form of permanent marker. Security lighting and securing items within the shed with bike locks are also good prevention techniques.

Driving conditions are often worse in winter and we would like to remind people to check their lights, tyres and levels before setting off on any journey. If ice has formed on your windscreen, you need to clear your whole screen before setting off. Please do not leave your vehicle unaccompanied with the engine running to warm it up as your vehicle can be taken in seconds and I doubt your insurance will cover you for this.

Finally with Halloween approaching, please remember YOU DO NOT HAVE TO ANSWER YOUR DOOR. Notices from Dorset Police requesting no trick or treaters will be available at both The Spar, New Street and the Post Office, Burton Street.

For those that do anticipate trick or treating, please respect others and if they are displaying these signs, do not knock.

Myself and colleagues will be patrolling the area and we will deal robustly with those reported as acting in an anti-social manner.

PCSO 6268

Kate Hann



## Craft Fair for Autism Wessex

Well what a great turnout we had for The Craft Fair at The Methodist Church, Marnhull, we raised a fantastic profit of £431.50 which has been sent to Autism Wessex.

I would like to thank the following people who helped on the day, Linda Cook, Doris Chard, Jill Treby, Jenny Griffiths and of course my husband Keith, also Keith Woodward for helping my husband set up the tables, I could not have managed without your help.

I would also like to thank Eileen Woodward for the lovely floral display, The Methodist Church for allowing us to use the hall, and The Royal British Legion for the loan of their tables.

Most of all I would like to thank all the people who came to our fair and supported us on the day.

Carol Collis

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## Royal British Legion



The Headland Charity night was a great success with a packed house having a rocking night and the Ducks and Drakes Cancer Trust walking away with a cheque for £1,392. Thanks go to Tony and Marilyn who worked so hard to set the whole thing up and all the local businesses that donated prizes to the draw, too many to mention here but they included the Crown Inn and Marnhull Post Office. A big well

done to to Amy and Sarah behind the bar who worked their socks off to keep the booze flowing. Plus a mention for the stars of the evening Headland who kept everyone on the dance floor all night and of course everyone who came and made it such a great night.

Our harvest Festival service on Sunday October 9th was ably led as usual by Branch chaplain Mike Ficke and thanks go to Olivia Chapman whose organ playing kept us in line with the tunes if not actually in tune. Ian Kendall auctioned the donated produce off in his usual style and £126 was raised for the Poppy Appeal. Well done to all who donated, purchased or gave their support.

Something different on Sunday 27th of November at 3pm, Clapper Chaos will be playing a medley of tunes some festive and some not. They are a four member Poole based handbell group with an interesting selection of instruments (if that is the right word) some of which are 150 years old. Entry will be by donation to the Poppy Appeal and the bar will be open before and after the recital but not during. Please thank them for their efforts by having a look in on the day.

By the time you are reading this Poppy fortnight which starts on October 29th will be under way, please listen for the knock on your door from one of our intrepid collectors and get your poppy and give generously. Don't forget the short service and two minute silence at the memorial at 11 o'clock on Friday 11th November where hopefully as in other years contingents from both schools in the village will lay their own wreaths. Then of course the culmination of the fortnight on Sunday the 13th November the parade down New Street starting at 2.45 to be followed by the service at St Gregory's.

Between those events on Saturday 12th November at 7pm there will be my annual Poppy quiz priced this year at £7 to include a good time and fish n chips. It is usually very well attended but there is no need to book however a phone call or E-mail (see below) would help so I can assess numbers and tell Mr Chips. Teams sizes are very flexible I am only after your money.

### LEST WE FORGET

Sad to report the sudden passing of member Geoff Eavis for many years the guiding light behind the annual Devon and Dorset regimental reunion.

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

## Marnhull Shorts

The Marnhull Shorts walk returned to Marnhull for its October outing and luckily the sun broke through as we gathered at The Crown. It proved to be a popular with 30 of us ready to enjoy the autumn colours.

We returned to the Stour Valley Way, picking up this long distance path at the edge of Cross Tree Farm and walking through Goddard's field almost to Mowes Lane before heading back to the pub for a well earned beer.

The next walk is on 9th November starting at the Fiddleford Inn. Audrey will lead the walk when we will explore the SSSI Piddles Wood. For more information on this walk and the Marnhull Rambles visit the web site at <http://www.marnhullmessenger.org.uk/marnhull-ramblers/> or search for Marnhull Shorts on Google.

## Women's Institute



Mike Bolton gave us a rapid tour of the abandoned and deserted villages of Dorset. The reasons for desertion included Henry VIII, Cromwell, Black Death, landlords finding sheep more profitable than arable/tenant farmers, development and changes of land use. Where once were wind and watermills, we now have power stations, hydro dams and windfarms. Roads and tracks were replaced by motorways and railways (until Beeching). There is also the problem of encroaching seas. All these changed the landscape.

His slide show included places before and after – Bridport and Lyme once full of sailing ships, Sturminster as it was in early 1900s, and many other villages of 19th century England which are still just recognisable from some of the buildings, but otherwise are totally changed. Our most famous deserted "village" is Maiden Castle, and there was also an aerial view of the Roman aqueduct outside Dorchester which took water from the Frome near Frampton.

He also touched briefly on foreign "deserted" areas, from Spinalonga (leper colony island in Greece) to Pompeii (volcanic eruption), and mentioned earthquakes and rising seas as contributors. There was also a tour of Tyneham, and Imber in Wiltshire, areas taken over by the military and never returned.

He finished with a video from the 1960s of WI affairs, which was great fun – all the hats, no women in trousers and yet was very much the WI of today in that it was a progressive and socially aware institution. The next meeting is on 14th November "Music in Every Home"; visitors are always welcome.

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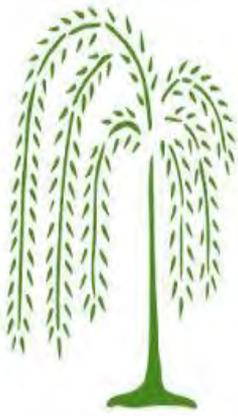
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## POPPin Café Plans for November!



The second POPPin café event will have taken place by the time you all get to read this! Hopefully it will have gone well and everyone is now looking forward to the next café date Friday November 18th!

It just so happens that this year's Children In Need appeal will be on that same day. We have a few plans to include some themed ideas for the café session to raise some funds for this very worthwhile appeal.

Please join us and have some fun – see you soon!

Linda, Jill, Joy, Audrey and Dora

## Dog activity in the Cemetery & Recreation Ground

Over the last few months there have been a number of complaints of dogs running loose both in the Cemetery and on the Recreation Ground and an increase in dog fouling in both areas. Marnhull Parish Council has a policy that all dogs should be kept on the lead in both areas and notices are displayed to illustrate this point.

The cemetery is a place of remembrance for many Parishioners and therefore should remain a tranquil and peaceful area which should be treated with respect at all time. It is certainly not the place where dogs should be allowed to run free and defecate.

On the Recreation ground there has been an increase of dog fouling again due to a few irresponsible dog owners who allow their dogs to run free and do not clear up after them even although there are a number of bins available to deposit dog waste. Dog faeces contains Toxicara which can have a serious effect on young children and adults. It can affect the eyes and cause breathing difficulties. The groundsmen that keep the Recreation ground neat and tidy are also put at risk by this careless act.

Although there are stiff fines for allowing your dog to defecate in these public areas the Parish Council feel that education in these matters is a better solution. We would ask responsible dog owners and members of the public if they see dogs running free in these areas or defecating to perhaps have a gentle word with the owners pointing out the notices and dog bins.

If there is no improvement in this matter the Council will be obliged to look at other more stringent methods of stopping this unsociable behaviour including banning dogs from both areas. Your help in this matter would be much appreciated as we want to keep these areas clean and tidy for the use of all Parish residents. Remember **'Bag it and Bin it'**, most people in this area do.

Cllr Sandy Kerr, Marnhull Parish Council

## Letter to Editor - Dog Mess

Due to a recent bereavement I wished to spend some quiet time in the cemetery and reflect on a life loved and lost. During this visit I was horrified to find myself standing in dog faeces at the graveside! There are signs posted at the cemetery gates and around recreation ground asking for dogs to be kept on a lead and any mess to be cleared up and put in the many bins provided for this purpose.

As a dog owner and lover and I take responsibility for my dog which includes cleaning up after him. Those of us who walk regularly around this village are very aware that there are some dog owners who do not clean up, but to not do so in a cemetery is disgraceful behavior.

I shall find myself at the cemetery regularly in the future to spend some time in quiet contemplation. If I see anyone in that area with a dog that is not on a lead I shall have no hesitation in publicly naming and shaming the owner at the next Parish Council meeting. I shall also ask to publish their name in this magazine.

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On Behalf Of The Marnhull Village Hall Management Committee

## Recreation Ground Dog Mess

Are we or are we not so fortunate to have such an amazing recreation ground in our Village. As a user of this facility, I play cricket here, I am so proud of the comments that the opposition players often make on how lucky we are to have such a place with beautiful surroundings. They are right, we are and we should take care to keep it that way. We all do things within our community and one of my delights is being able to assist with the Rec as we call it, being kept in a tidy condition, it's fantastic to be there mowing or strimming, rolling the wicket listening to all the children laughing and running around, the sound of tennis balls being patted back and forth, maybe a kite soaring and of course those wonderful views towards Duncliffe and Compton Abbas.

Sadly though my time here is ruined by some mindless, and to be frank, ignorant persons that abuse our facility. Imagine yourself sat on a large 5 gang mower, as you aspire to create those stripes in straight lines, you have to focus on one side of the machine at all times, occasionally looking the other side to ensure all is working ok, the smell of sweet mown grass enhancing the beauty of the place only for it to be ruined by a sudden smell that is both nauseating and disgusting, can you guess what it might be? Yes its dog poo, only this week I had the pleasure of 31 samples of dog poo and that is only looking at the left hand side of the mower!! Heaven knows how many I didn't see on the right! I counted 24 of these on the newly marked out football pitch, imagine a sliding tackle on Saturday in that! Worst still imagine some child sliding in it; it's disgraceful and so avoidable.

Now don't get me wrong, I am an animal lover, I am country born and bred but it's not the animals fault is it. Why do individuals bring their dogs into such an area, that clearly states on the signs, ALL DOGS MUST BE KEPT ON LEADS. Why is it also that some are roaming free whilst there owners entertain themselves in activities? If you're playing sports of any kind your dog should be controlled, I am sorry it cannot be so if you are, I know from experience that in ball games you have to keep your eye on the ball, so where is your dog?

In a previous edition of the Messenger the Dog Warden expressed her intention of visiting more often, I suggest very early morning to catch those that pull up, open the door and wait for the animal to return, mid-morning is also a good time and around early evening too. What also appals me is that some actually choose to park, walk up the gravel track and take the animals into the Cemetery, can you believe this? I see it all the time.

We are in some ways fortunate that Dogs are not banned from here, as they are at nearly every other recreation ground around us, but I am now looking into what steps us as individuals can take to report offenders, especially in the day and age of mobile phones that have outstanding cameras on them!! Maybe we could take your portraits? I do hope so.

PLEASE, PLEASE pick it up and take it away or put it in the bin provided for such items, not the general rubbish bins either!! I for one will be looking out for all you offenders and I will be doing my utmost to report you too.

## Churches Together

### Harvest Festival Supper

The Churches Together Village Harvest Supper, 'Pies, Peas and Poetry', was a sell-out and a great success. We all had lots of fun and are extremely grateful to Mo for co-ordinating the evening and Gillian and Caroline for their sterling work in the kitchen!

Thanks to everyone who supported the event, which raised £314 for crisis support in Haiti, following the devastating impact of Hurricane Matthew.

### Committee

The next Churches Together Committee meeting will be held at Tapshays Barn on 17 November, at 2.30pm.

### 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:

11th November - Our Lady's Church - Rev Fr Martin Budge

9th December - Methodist Church - Rev Paul Arnold

## Great Support For St Gregory's Gift Day

I write on behalf of the Parochial Church Council of St Gregory's to give a huge 'thank you' to those who responded to our recent Gift Day by bringing their contributions along to the church on October 15th, or at our celebration of Harvest Thanksgiving the following day – or by dropping their envelopes off at the Rectory.

We are delighted to report that, at the time of going to press the sum received (including gift aid) amounts to £3,700.00.

One of the glories of the English countryside is its parish churches. (There are more than 16,000 of them). They are often the focal point of villages, some of the glories of our architecture, telling much of the history of our nation, underlining the importance of community life, and above all reminding us of spiritual values and providing space for the celebration of life's most significant moments.

By the generosity of those who made their gift, we are greatly assisted in the task of ensuring that St Gregory's remains such a symbol and centre in our own village.

Thank you!

Tony Wilds

P.S. If you have not yet been able to make your contribution and would like to do so, we would be happy to receive it – in the envelope provided in last month's Messenger, or via envelopes still available in the church. Thank you again.

### 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 & Events for November 2016

#### Wednesday 2nd

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

11.00 Holy Communion

#### Sunday 6th - The Third Sunday before Advent

8.00 – Holy Communion [said]

10.00 – Parish Eucharist

#### Wednesday 9th

09.00 - Children's Service of Remembrance led by St Gregory's Primary

#### Friday 11th

10.50 – Act of Remembrance & Two Minutes Silence At the War Memorial

#### Sunday 13th - Remembrance Sunday

08.00 – Holy Communion [said]

10.00 – Parish Eucharist

15.00 – Annual Village Service of Remembrance

#### Wednesday 16th

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

#### Sunday 20th - Christ the King

08.00 – Holy Communion [said]

10.00 – Parish Eucharist

#### Wednesday 23rd

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

#### Sunday 27th - Advent Sunday

08.00 – Holy Communion [said]

10.00 – Parish Eucharist

15.00 Churches Together Advent Carol Service with refreshments

#### Wednesday 30th

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

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**0830 - Morning Prayer** is held every  
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**and 0800 on Wednesdays**

### From the St Gregory's Church Registers

#### Baptism

We welcome Phoebe Beatrice Barbet-Woods, daughter of Alister and Jenny of Sturminster-Newton who was baptised into the Church on October 2nd.

#### Funerals

We extend our sincerest condolences to the family and friends of Wendy Green of Gillingham, whose funeral took place at St Gregory's on October 14th and to the family and friends of Mary Tyler of Marnhull, whose funeral took place October 15th. May they rest in peace.

## Our Lady's Church



### Catholic Church of Our Lady, Marnull & St. Benedict's, Gillingham -

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

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### Feast Days in November

1. All-Saints
2. All-Souls
2. Saint Malachi
3. Saint Hubert
4. Saint Charles Borromeo
5. Saint Bertille
6. Saint Leonard
7. Saint Willibrord
8. The Feast of the Holy Relics
9. Saint Theodore Tyro
- 10: Saint Andrew Avellino
11. Saint Martin of Tours
12. Saint Martin
13. Saint Stanislas Kostka
14. Saint Didacus
14. Saint Laurence O'Toole
15. Saint Gertrude, Abbess
16. Saint Edmund of Canterbury
17. Saint Gregory Thaumaturgus
18. Saint Odo of Cluny
19. Saint Elizabeth of Hungary
20. Saint Felix of Valois
21. Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
22. Saint Cecilia
23. Saint Clement of Rome
24. Saint John of the Cross
25. Saint Catherine of Alexandria
26. Saint Peter of Alexandria
27. Saint Maximus
28. Saint James of La Marca of Ancona
29. Saint Saturninus
30. Saint Andrew

### 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



### November

Sun. 13th November 'Remembrance Sunday' – our 10a.m service will be led by Mr D Webb and, also, there will be a service at St Gregory's Church at 3pm

N.B. Sun 27th November – We are joining the congregation at St Gregory's Church today at 3pm for a United Advent Service. There will be no service held at our church that day. You are most welcome to join us at St Gregory's though!

### December

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

Remembers and celebrates the establishment of the Methodist Church here in Marnull 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.

Gillian Walsham (Steward)

### 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.

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### CANDLELIT CAROL SERVICE

Tuesday 20th December

MARNHULL METHODIST CHURCH HALL

4pm – Refreshments

5pm – Candlelit Carol Service

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### QUIET HALF HOUR PRAYER

11th November at Church of Our Lady

12.00 -12.30pm

ALL WELCOME

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

Our youngest children in Hedgehogs had a great time visiting Southill Vets in Gillingham. The children had been so interested in pets that they went with their interests and had a 'Pets Week' where lots of parents brought in pets from home. They turned their role play area into a vets and so visiting a real vets gave them a great insight into what happens and how things work. What a great topic!

Year 1 children in Rabbits class had their first well walk around Marnhull. They decided to look for lots of numbers as they went. What a success! They found numbers on street signs and houses. They also located digits on their clothes and on cars and buses.

They have also been planning their harvest festival presentation and decided to make bread in recognition of the hard work farmers have to do at this time of year. The children were happy talking about where wheat and flour came from and even more impressed to discover how much the yeast made their tiny balls of dough rise in the oven.



'Great British Bake Off' here we come.

Owls Class went on a coach to Salisbury Cathedral for a day of exploration of the Cathedral and the materials that it is made of. They had a tour of the Cathedral, looking at all the different parts and what they're made of, they found out how it was built and had a go at stone carving and made their own clay tiles. It was an amazing day and the memory of seeing the spire before we had even arrived and the Cathedral itself will remain with us for a long time.

Squirrels class have been learning about dinosaurs and about the job of a palaeontologist. To help them with this they have had a visit from a famous palaeontologist, Simon Penn, who has travelled worldwide discovering and studying dinosaur remains. Simon spent time with them sharing his knowledge of dinosaurs and perhaps most excitingly, the clues to look for when hunting for dinosaur fossils. It was fun to hunt for and identify hidden fossils in our wildlife area and take part in a gruesome CSI investigation to identify the dinosaur responsible for a terrible attack in our school grounds. The children have set up a class dinosaur museum, written non-chronological reports on their very own dinosaur as well as made clay models and are in the middle of writing a dinosaur adventure story. It has been lots of fun.

Year 4 and 5 children from Badgers class have taken time out of their lessons for cycling sessions and have been riding their bikes around the school playground in preparation for their cycle ride along the trailway from Sturminster Newton to Blandford after half term.

Children in Foxes Class are currently writing their own poems inspired by their dreams, which will be entered into a national poetry competition called 'Once Upon a Dream...' They are also having a 'poetry slam' to give the children an opportunity to perform their poems to each other. As part of their topic, 'To Boldly Go...' they have learnt about the artist Peter Thorpe who is famous for his space paintings. He uses left over paint to create an abstract background and has a space picture in the foreground. They have produced their own spectacular space pictures which have made a particularly striking display in the corridor outside the school office!

The whole school enjoyed a visit from Chris Ryu who gave a great talk all about space. Children were able to ask him lots of questions, learn lots of facts and also hold some meteorites.

**Did you know? The moon is so far from the earth that all eight planets can fit in between (with Jupiter tilted).**

We were joined by parents and members of the community at our Harvest Festival Service in St Gregory's Church and all of our classes presented a little something on the theme of 'Harvest' during the service. Children brought in produce which was sold after our service by our Year 6 children and the proceeds shared between the Church and Guide Dogs for the Blind.

Two tag rugby teams will be taking part in the Gillingham Cluster School Festival and for many of them it will be their first experience of this sport. Our swimmers and high fives team are looking forward to their tournaments in November.

We have had an amazing half term in school, with the children having an exciting, fun and yet challenging curriculum. It is hard to believe that our half term holiday is here. If you would like to visit us we would be happy to give you a personal tour of our school and introduce you to our wonderful staff and children. Please give us a call on 01258 820206.

## Jungle Hut Pre-School

We are very proud to now offer forest School sessions which has this term involved exploring our environment and what grows in it, we have picked blackberries which we have cooked with apples from our garden tree. We have used our imagination to make animal shapes with sticks and other natural materials which has included conkers and leaves we have collected on our nature walks around the village.



We enjoyed taking some children to Marnhull Pharmacy to purchase new toys the children were in charge of the money and had to work out what they would like within the budget they had, they came back with some great tractors, puzzles and of course some dinosaurs.

We have enjoyed using our baking skills to make pizzas, cakes, biscuits and some very special apple cakes using our great apple harvest from the garden apple tree. All that watering has really paid off!!

The children have enjoyed exploring all about their families including where they live and who is in their family.

We are pleased to say that at the moment the Jungle hut is operating at its full capacity which is fantastic, we have lots of exciting plans to expand the Jungle hut and the services we offer so watch this space!!!

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Sue

## St. Mary's Catholic School

St. Mary's Catholic  
Primary School

We were lucky enough at St Mary's to spend the afternoon with two true Olympians. Rhys Williams and Julian Golley were very impressed with the ability and sportsmanship of all the children. They talked to the children about how they train for their Olympic event and what it is like to compete! The children then got the chance to try some activities themselves which they were sponsored for. The event raised over £300 which will go towards sporting activities this year.



We have had new touchscreens installed in each of our classrooms this month. They allow the children to use apps from the iPad, write on the board and access the curriculum in many new ways. The children and staff are very excited about St Mary's joining the new technological age!



All the children at St Mary's enjoyed porridge for breakfast in support of Mary's Meals porridge week. Porridge was made and served from Mrs Westcott's camper van and the children enjoyed adding fruit and honey to their porridge. Many of the children had second helpings! Altogether we raised £49 for Mary's Meals, enough money to feed 7 children for a whole year!



Year 5 and 6 spent an exciting afternoon at St Mary's, Shaftesbury where they had the opportunity to watch a demonstration from Bristol University on 'Gases in the air'. The children had the chance to find out how oxygen is produced and why nitrogen is far more interesting when it is cooled!

With the deadline approaching 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. 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.

Charlotte Targett - Headteacher

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



Our Foundation Stage Unit and Key Stage One had a visit from the Fire Brigade last week. The children had the chance to look around the fire engine, try on some of the uniform and find out all about the job. The children went on to make their own fire engines and talked about the danger of fire and when to call the fire brigade!



The children have been finding signs of autumn during several 'Welly Walks' over the last few weeks. They have been able to use the nature area to investigate the seasonal changes and had great fun splashing in puddles!



They have also been thinking about how to make sure that the wildlife in our area get enough food now the weather is turning colder. The children have filled bird feeders donated to the school and have decided on the best places to locate these around the site. We look forward to watching the birds tuck in over the winter months!



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)

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**Atom Club - Children's Science & Coding**

Another busy month here at Atom Club - Starting with a visit to meet UK Astronaut Major Tim Peake in London. Tim gave a great talk on everything from how he became a Astronaut, to what the launch was like. He shared humorous anecdotes about his time on the mission, including several practical jokes - Scott Kelly from NASA had jumped out at him wearing a Gorilla costume he'd had someone send up. He chased Tim through the space station - an amusing video of the prank can be found online set to the Benny Hill theme tune!

Last week was World Space Week and Chris took the opportunity to give 2 talks at St Gregory's School. We'd recently taken delivery of some meteorites for our online store, so the children could touch rock, iron (4-6,000 years old!) and glass from outer space.



Our parent company (and sponsor) The Honest Agency, who are based in the village, have been recognised for supporting us. They are finalists for the Dorset Business Awards - Engagement with Education Award. Chris and Emma will be attending the awards ceremony in November, so we'll report back with progress. We have a film crew coming beforehand to take a video of us in action, both in our day job and doing our science/coding videos.

We have a couple of planetarium bookings in November, including some live shows, so that part of the club is starting to gain traction now.

Chris and Mikey (aged 10) from St Gregory's are expanding their range of educational products in time for Christmas shopping. The great news is all proceeds from sales go towards our next projects.

Next issue, we should be able to disclose an upcoming event for the village children...

**Marnhull Baby & Toddlers**

On the 29th September we had our sponsored walk, to help raise money for the flower arrangements in St Gregory's church. We are pleased to say we raised £95 for them. The children really enjoyed our walk around the recreation ground, they each had a list of things to find and if they found them all they got a little milky way as a reward.

We have lovely Diana coming on 13th October, with her Pheonix cards, it is always great to have Diana with us. She came with a surprise as well, as someone had donated £50 to us to spend on Pheonix card products, we put that to good use and order some Christmas colour in craft bits to help get us the Christmas spirit and other bits and bobs. So thank you to whoever you are, we really appreciate it.

I would also like to thank Rachel Oxford one of our fabulous mums, who has been helping out with the craft activities since we came back from our summer break. She has done an amazing job and every week it is something different that the children can't wait to get on with. Well done and thank you.

On the 20th we will be having our Halloween Party with adults and children dressing up, prizes for both, there will be pumpkin carving, pin the spider on the web game made by Rachel Oxford, the children will be playing with spaghetti, doing a pumpkin craft and having some yummy party food.

Then we have half term week off and back on 3rd November with firework activities and fun.

We have our photographer on 10th November.

Happy Huggers will be joining us on 17th with her blankets, scarfs and cosy toes to sale.

Then Gill our Usborne books lady will be back on 24th with more Christmas present ideas.

Emma and Dee

**Marnhull Music Society**

When Judith Forster gives a presentation we know we are in for an interesting evening of works by little-known or undervalued composers. Her musical experience is wide and varied and on this occasion she linked part of her programme to performances by musicians she knows personally, fleshing out the recordings with interesting little anecdotes.

The unusual combination of bassoon and piano featured in a piece by Robert Schumann, and this was followed by a delicate piano quartet by von Weber with wonderfully precise playing. Later a charming bagatelle featuring a stylish clarinet was composed by someone most of us had never heard of: Gyorgy Ligeti. He fled the Hungarian uprising in 1956 and became known as one of the foremost composers of the avant-garde. His music was used in "Space Odyssey" and "The Shining."

The first half ended with Sir Clifford Curzon playing in a piano quintet by Franz Schubert. Judith admitted that she didn't know Sir Clifford personally but as she was friendly with his regular page-turner she felt it allowed her to include this recording in her programme.

The second half included a couple of great favourites but also some more obscure works. The Symphonie in C minor by Jacques Ibert was especially lovely, as was a gentle piece called Sehnsuchts Waltzer by John Field. However the biggest surprise, for me at least, was a piece called Um Mittenacht by a chap called Julius Fucik. He wrote this piece at the turn of the 20th century when he was a musician in the Austro-Hungarian regiment. I think it could best be described as Orchestra-meets-Oom-Pah-Band. There were twiddling piccalos, big bass drums, fruity tuba belches and the rudest trombones I have ever heard. Highly recommended for entertainment.

Next month our presenter will be Jean Shiner.

YV

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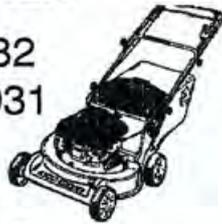
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## Mothers' Union

Our October meeting on the 5th was an excellent meal at the Kings Arms, East Stour.

Our next event is the 140th anniversary coffee morning on Saturday 5th November 10.30 to 12md at the Methodist Church Hall. This is a fund raising event to support the work of the Mothers' Union in this country and abroad. There will be cakes, gifts, crafts, plants, books, cards and a raffle.

The next meeting is Wednesday 9th November when Mary Jenks will be doing "Flowers for Christmas"

Visitors always welcome.

Jill

## St Gregory's Church - Weathervane Project



At the end of last year we launched a community project to replace the 1745 weathervane on the tower of the church as a village commemoration of the Queen's 90th birthday.

After a successful fundraising campaign led by Kathie Emery and her team, and having obtained consent from the various church authorities, we are delighted to announce that the scaffolding could well be erected ready for installation by the time you read this, and that the next edition of the Marnhull Messenger might include photographic evidence of your generosity!

A huge 'Thank You' to everyone who contributed to the success of this 'Community Venture'.

## 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)

## Art for Everyone Summer exhibition 2016



Susan Hughes, tribute to L.S. Lowry. Winner of the favourite painting competition 2016.

### ART FOR EVERYONE AUTUMN UPDATE

Marnhull Art for Everyone group ended the summer term in July on a high with a vibrant exhibition of work produced over the last year. It was great to meet so many visitors and hear so many lovely encouraging comments. A big thank you to all the visitors and of course the very talented participating artists.

Special congratulations go to Susan Hughes who's fabulous characterful tribute to L.S. Lowry won the most votes in the favourite painting competition and also to Ann Percival, a close runner up with a delicate portrayal of sparrows in pastel, well done to all!

We have just started the Autumn term and are challenging our way of looking at things with Abstract art. The word ABSTRACT means to separate or withdraw something from something else. Abstract art is art which is not representational, it could be based on a subject or have no source at all in the external world. With no instantly recognisable subject, we will be considering some fundamental aspects of painting such as, emotional impact, quality of mark making, flow, balance, contrast, interplay of colour, focal point and surface texture. All important factors in any kind of drawing or painting but more predominant with abstraction.



Throughout the term will try a variety of abstract approaches, for example, starting with realistic drawings from life or photos and gradually abstracting them by following processes of simplification and deliberate alteration. An interesting method to create semi - abstract work with one foot still in realism.

Another way to begin is random abstraction, making non representational marks and textures and being led by imagination and creative use of materials. Jackson Pollock is well known for his Action Paintings, large canvases covered in dynamic tangles of lines, loops and blobs created by throwing, splattering and pouring paint. We will be having a go at loosening up our painting styles with some smaller scale random pouring and dribbling in an Autumn trees inspired semi abstract project using tea and Indian ink, newspaper and aprons required!

An interesting term ahead then, certainly one to challenge our ideas and try out some new experimental techniques. Our next Summer exhibition will reveal the results!

Deborah Chisman Art for Everyone

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Art For Everyone in Marnhull meets on Tuesdays at the Village Hall.



### Child Okeford Flower Arranging Club

Our next meeting will be at 2.15pm on Tuesday 22nd November in Child Okeford

Village Hall when Katy Knott from Rustic Rose in Sturminster Newton will give a demonstration entitled 'Happy Christmas!'

Everyone is most welcome. Visitors £6 to include refreshments.

For further details please contact Sue Brown 01258 863775.

### Film Night at Child Okeford Village Hall

On Friday 25th November we will be showing 'Me Before You', a romantic drama starring Emilia Clarke and Sam Claflin.

Doors open at 7:00pm, curtain up at 7:30pm. Refreshments available. Tickets £5 at the door or book in advance on 01258 860518.

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The role would be supported by the Operations Director on behalf of the seven strong board of directors (all volunteers) of the CIC. Training would be given together with support during the early stages for as long as necessary. The scheme is based in North Dorset and may also suit those who are not so able to travel as the travel role can be undertaken by some of the directors.

Contact Rural Dorset Wheels to Work CIC at [info@rdw2w.co.uk](mailto:info@rdw2w.co.uk) in the first instance.

#### Children's Society

The Children's Society urgently and desperately needs a volunteer to help raise awareness and money in the Sturminster Newton area, as soon as possible.

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But if you haven't been fortunate enough to see either of these special creatures then come along to the North Dorset DWT group film night on Wednesday 16th November at 7.30pm in Fontmell Magna Village Hall (SP7 0JU) when local film maker, Dudley Higginson, is showing two of his short films on Blandford Otters and Blandford Kingfishers. Entrance is £2 (including refreshments of tea/coffee & biscuits) and children under 16 are not charged.

There will also be an opportunity to purchase DWT Christmas cards and 2017 calendars, as well as other items which can be viewed on the DWT website.

A date for your diary: Wednesday 18th January 2017 at 7.30pm in Fontmell Magna Village Hall (SP7 0JU) – an illustrated talk on Birds of Prey and the work of the Hawk Conservancy Trust given by Dr. Campbell Murn FRBSFLS from the Hawk Conservancy Trust. £2, to include refreshments, with no charge for children under 16.

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Dr Neil Wilkin's particular interests are links between Bronze Age ceramics and metalwork and Bronze Age funerary practices and grave goods. He is currently working on a project on prehistoric grave goods which aims to redisplay the Bronze Age material in the British Museum public gallery. He is also the project leader of the Asahi Shimbun displays in Room 3 of the British Museum, overseeing four shows a year focusing on iconic objects from across the Museum's collection.

The talk is free although a donation of £3 is encouraged to cover costs.

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**New Running Club Leader**

The Dorset Doodlers running club have appointed Claire Novak as one of the leaders for the Dorset Doodlers Beginner's group. Claire joins Debbie Broadhurst in running these sessions.



Left to right: Leighton Teasdale, Cath Temple, Sarah Perrett, Jane Coe, Mark Steggs, Jane Ridge, Debbie Broadhurst, Nigel Legg, Claire Novak, Laura Eckett

I joined the Dorset Doodlers beginner's group last year having recently moved down from Berkshire as I was struggling to keep up my running through not knowing people to run with and also safe places to run. The beginner's group enriched my life. I met some lovely supportive, like minded, runners and had the encouragement of two brilliant group leaders. I have gone from occasionally running (not that well I must add!) to enjoyable off road runs of incredible distances and with the most fabulous views. Dorset is such a beautiful county and it is a pleasure to be able to run through such countryside. Last month, I completed Dartmoor in a Day (32miles) with two other Dorset Doodlers (Jane Ridge and Ines Braun) and to my surprise I was able to move the following day! For me this was an incredible achievement which I wouldn't have been able to do without the Beginner's group. When I was asked to become a group leader, I jumped at the chance as I want to motivate and support others in achieving their goals whether that be running a 5k without walking to completing the London Marathon.

If you would like to start running please do come and give Dorset Doodlers beginner's group a try. You will be welcomed with open arms and we would love to help you achieve your running goals. The Dorset Doodlers beginner's session is held every Thursday evening at 18:30 from Sturminster Newton leisure centre. Facebook: Dorset Doodlers Beginners Running Group (Sturminster Newton).

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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).

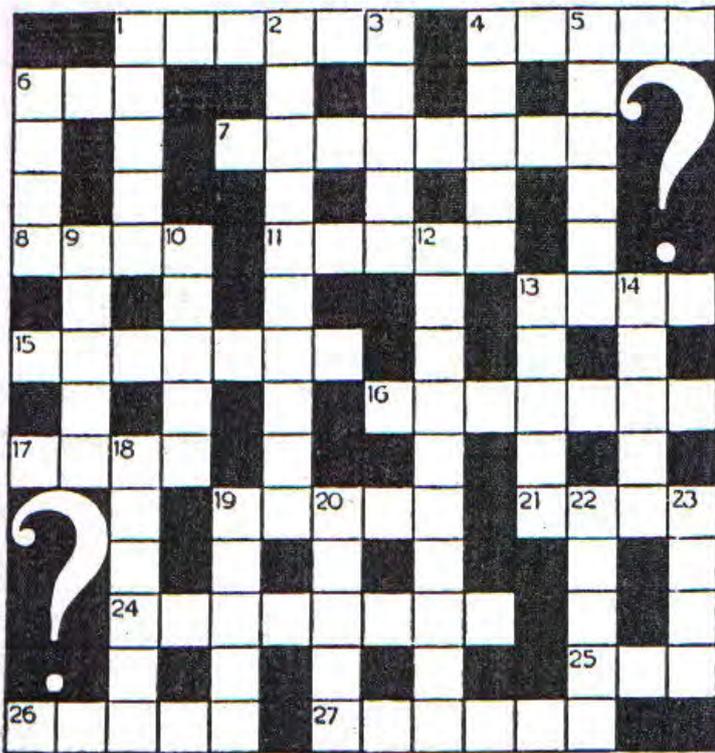
**A date for your diary: Wednesday 16th November** – two short films on Blandford otters and Blandford kingfishers by local film maker Dudley Higginson. Starts at 7.30pm in Fontmell Magna Village Hall (SP7 0JU).

**ACROSS**

- 1) Drummer in the Muppet's. (6)
- 4) Language spoken in Iran. (5)
- 6) and 14D) US city whose name translates as 'The Meadows'. (3-5)
- 7) Jim, composer famous for his collaboration with Meat Loaf. (8)
- 8) One of the channel islands. (4)
- 11) Deciduous tree that produces purple-black berries. (5)
- 13) Slang word for afternoon in Australia. (4)
- 15) Native American tribe of the Great Plains. (7)
- 16) British prehistoric period prior to the Roman invasion. (4-3)
- 17) Member of a South American Indian people living in the central Andes. (4)
- 19) Sound of a bell at a funeral. (5)
- 21) Shoemakers model for repairing a shoe. (4)
- 24) Sauce in which meat or fish is soaked before cooking. (8)
- 25) Unit of electrical resistance. (3)
- 26) New York island famous as a leisure destination. (5)
- 27) A naval flag indicating nationality. (6)

**DOWN**

- 1) Daisy like perennial having starry shaped flower heads. (5)
- 2) Mountain in the Alps first climbed by Edward Whymper in 1865. (10)
- 3) Large estate owner in Scotland. (5)
- 4) Longest bone in the human body. (5)
- 5) A member of the senior branch of the Guides. (6)
- 6) Asian country whose capital is Vientiane. (4)
- 9) The strip of stage in front of the curtain. (5)
- 10) The tenth letter of the Greek alphabet. (5)
- 12) Wetlands in Florida. (10)
- 13) Record of events for one year. (5)
- 14) See 6A).
- 18) Small group of islands in the Caribbean. (6)
- 19) County of south-west Ireland. (5)
- 20) Computer that picks the premium bond winners. (5)
- 22) Noble gas with the atomic number 18. (5)
- 23) Belfast band that launched Van Morrison's career. (4)



**Hard Difficulty**

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**Medium Difficulty**

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