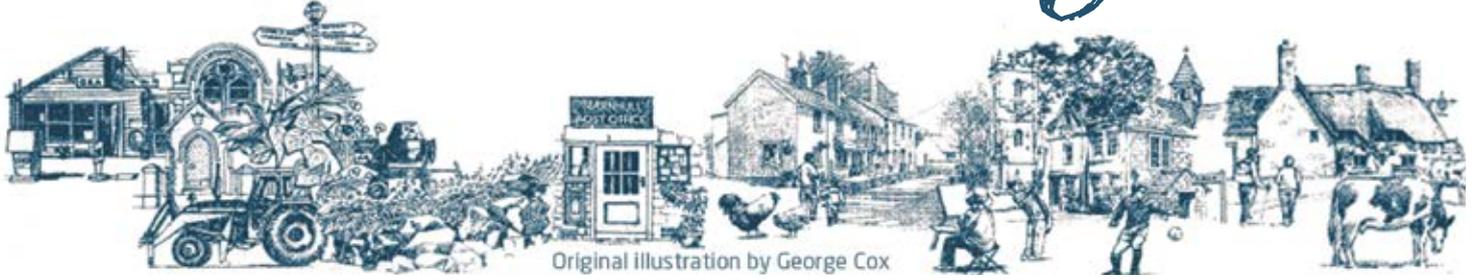


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## Village Hall Bingo

Friday April 7th 7.00 for 7.30pm

### Annual Parish Assembly Invitation

This year's Annual Parish Assembly will take place on Tuesday 18th April at 7pm in the Village Hall.

You are invited to attend to hear what your Parish Council has done over the past year and what it has in mind for the coming year.

I am looking forward to seeing you on the night.

Cllr Trevor Vaughan MBE  
Chairman Marnhull Parish Council

## Marnhull Easter Pantomime

Showtime is nearly upon us, nervous excitement is building up. Things are looking good it's just polishing those final moves and vocal chords.

We are very lucky to have some of the local children from 3 years to 13 years to be involved, and they are fantastic, they are working really hard to perfect their routine and are doing an amazing job. All the adults need to pull their socks up or we will be shown up!

We all met back in November and I feel we work very well together and we have made some strong friendships. I think this comes through in our performance, and hopefully will entice a few of you to join us next year, we've already had a few enquiries! If you haven't bought your tickets yet then get down to Robin Hill stores or Spar to buy them quick before they all go.

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## Welcome to your Marnhull Messenger

Chris Ryu - Messenger Editor

As I send this to print, I've just spent the day with the Marnhull Players - our new pantomime group. It's great to see them keeping the village tradition alive - please support them by getting your tickets - only £2 from the village shops. It's a great cast and I love that they've managed to include lots of the village children - some as young as 3!

To the right of this intro, you'll see our first feature in our new column. We'll be working our way round all the businesses in the village, so get in touch if you want to share your story.

There's an update from the Flower Show towards the back of this issue and a couple of articles from the Fest. Get those stall bookings in while there's still space!

You may notice that I've not written an Atom Club article this month - an update will be ready to share after this goes to print, so expect a good update next month.

Please can I ask the contributors to make sure they meet the deadline of 17th each month. I do my best to find space for you, but a couple missed out this month due to being too late.

### Deadline For Next Issue

**MID-DAY 17th April**

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## Village Business Insight...

### Adrian Curtis Butchers

Adrian has been the Marnhull Village Butcher since buying the business in Burton Street nineteen years ago. But it was a return home for him, because after leaving school, he took a job as an apprentice to Bob & Janet Counsel, who then ran the Butcher's Shop. After three years, he went to work for Somerfield in Sherborne, ending up as their senior butcher. He stayed there for 8½ years until the opportunity came up to purchase the shop in Burton Street in 1998.



A lot of people are still intimidated by butchers. They see a counter full of raw meat and become confused, but that's why Adrian's there - to offer advice on what to buy and how to cook it. As he says, "There are lots of delicious, cheaper cuts which can be prepared and cooked easily and I'm more than happy to advise". The personal service offered by a village butcher means you can buy exactly the quantity, as opposed to the larger pack sizes offered by supermarkets.

### Marnhull Butchers

**"USE IT  
OR  
LOSE IT"**

Adrian's motto is 'Use it, or lose it' - so if you're not yet a customer, why not give it a try or this important, traditional village amenity could disappear. You'll be surprised at the choice, quality and value you'll find in the Marnhull Village Butchers.

Rosie Gall

Food miles are also important to many and the vast majority of Adrian's produce comes from Dorset and Wiltshire. In fact, much of his beef is sourced from Peter Weeks at Gibbs Marsh Farm in Stalbridge, just over two miles away! Pies, pasties and sausage rolls are made on the premises as well as his legendary sausages and burgers.



## Village Club Quiz

Calling all club secretaries: make certain your organisation is represented in this nailbiting annual event to discover which is the brainiest club in Marnhull. It will be held in the Royal British Legion during June - final date to be announced. Teams of 6. Book your table with Jack at the Legion.

## To all my friends in Marnhull

Thank you all so much for your support, prayers and love that have been winging their way to me over the last few weeks.

I have been overwhelmed by the number of cards and flowers that have been arriving at No. 8 and there were so many at the service yesterday that I was unable to speak to you all.

Alan and I always felt that Marn'Il was like one big family and it has certainly felt like that to me.

Thank you all, Much love Norval

## Annual Diary 2017

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

For Village Hall bookings please call  
01258 821427 OR 07786 667796

### April

1st - Charity Organ Marathon - Stephen Binnington @ 09:30 St Gregory's  
1st - Marnhull Pantomime presents 'Pantamonium' @ 13:00 & 18:00  
2nd - Marnhull Pantomime Presents 'Pantamonium' @ 13:00  
3rd - Table Tennis Club @ 14:15  
3rd - Parish Council Meeting @ 19:00  
4th - Concert Presentation by pupils from St.Gregory's School. @ 12:15 St Gregory's  
5th - Table Tennis Club @ 14:15  
5th - Zumba Dance Fitness @ 19:30  
6th - Baby and Toddler Group @ 09:30  
7th - Lunch Club @ 12:00  
7th - Village Hall Easter Bingo @ 19:00  
10th - Table Tennis Club @ 14:15  
10th - Women's Institute Annual Meeting with Cheese and Wine @ 19:30  
11th - Garden Club "Scented plants throughout the year" Marcus Dancer @ 19:30  
12th - Table Tennis Club @ 14:15  
12th - Mother's Union - Joanne Woodd - Salisbury Law Courts Cafe @ 14:30 Methodist Church  
12th - Zumba Dance Fitness @ 19:30  
13th - Garden Club Visit to Castle Gardens @ 18:45  
14th - St Gregory's Primary School Car Boot Sale @ 09:30 Goddards field  
14th - The Blackmore Vale Art Group Drawing/ Painting all day. @ 10:30  
14th - Quite Half Hour of Prayer @ 12:00 St Gregory's  
17th - Table Tennis Club @ 14:15  
17th - Marnhull Music Society Meeting @ 19:15  
19th - Table Tennis Club @ 14:15  
19th - Zumba Dance Fitness @ 19:30  
20th - Marnhull Yarners @ 13:30 Laburnum Cottage  
21st - Marnhull POPPin Cafe @ 10:00  
24th - Table Tennis Club @ 14:15  
25th - Moviola 'A United Kingdom' @ 19:00  
26th - Table Tennis Club @ 14:15  
26th - Zumba Dance Fitness @ 19:30  
27th - Baby and Toddler Group @ 09:30

### May

1st - Table Tennis Club @ 14:15  
1st - Mother's Union - Coffee Morning @ 14:30 Methodist Church  
1st - Parish Council Meeting @ 19:00  
3rd - Table Tennis Club @ 14:15  
3rd - Zumba Dance Fitness @ 19:30  
4th - Baby and Toddler Group @ 09:30  
5th - Lunch Club @ 12:00  
6th - Plant and Book Sale @ 10:00 British Legion Club  
8th - Table Tennis Club @ 14:15  
8th - Women's Institute Resolutions and Beetle Drive @ 19:30  
9th - Garden Club "Wildlife & Archaeological jewels in North Dorset Rangers Patch" - Clive Whitbourn @ 19:30  
10th - Table Tennis Club @ 14:15  
10th - Zumba Dance Fitness @ 19:30  
11th - Baby and Toddler Group @ 09:30  
12th - The Backmore Vale Art Group- David Marl "An approach to abstract painting" @ 10:30  
14th - Table Tennis @ 10:00  
15th - Table Tennis Club @ 14:15  
15th - Marnhull Music Society Meeting @ 19:15  
17th - Table Tennis Club @ 14:15  
17th - Zumba Dance Fitness @ 19:30  
18th - Baby and Toddler Group @ 09:30  
18th - Marnhull Yarners @ 13:30 Laburnum Cottage  
19th - Help for Heroes Coffee Morning @ 10:00 Yew House Farm  
19th - St Gregory's Primary School Spring Bingo @ 18:30  
22nd - Table Tennis Club @ 14:15  
24th - Table Tennis Club @ 14:15  
24th - Zumba Dance Fitness @ 19:30  
25th - Baby and Toddler Group @ 09:30  
26th - Marnhull POPPin Cafe @ 00:00  
26th - Marnhull POPPin Cafe @ 10:00  
29th - Table Tennis Club @ 14:15  
31st - Table Tennis Club @ 14:15  
31st - Zumba Dance Fitness @ 19:30

### June

2nd - Lunch Club @ 12:00  
3rd - Jumble Sale @ 10:15 British Legion Club  
5th - Table Tennis Club @ 14:15  
5th - Parish Council Meeting @ 19:00  
7th - Table Tennis Club @ 14:15  
7th - Zumba Dance Fitness @ 19:30  
8th - Baby and Toddler Group @ 09:30  
9th - The Blackmore Vale Art Group- Sue Smith " Flowers in Watercolour" @ 10:30  
12th - Table Tennis Club @ 14:15  
13th - Garden Club "Echinacea & Rudbeckia" - Martin Young @ 19:30  
14th - Table Tennis Club @ 14:15  
14th - Mother's Union - Garden Party @ 14:30  
14th - Zumba Dance Fitness @ 19:30  
15th - Baby and Toddler Group @ 09:30  
15th - Marnhull Yarners @ 13:30 Laburnum Cottage  
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21st - Zumba Dance Fitness @ 19:30  
22nd - Baby and Toddler Group @ 09:30  
26th - Table Tennis Club @ 14:15  
28th - Table Tennis Club @ 14:15  
28th - Marnhull Garden Club Outting to Mottisfont @ 19:30  
28th - Zumba Dance Fitness @ 19:30  
29th - Baby and Toddler Group @ 09:30

**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!**

## Royal British Legion



At the recent thank you party for our Poppy collectors the Branch President Lt. Cmdr. Julie Vitali RNR thanked everyone for giving their time and effort to raise funds for the Appeal and congratulated Poppy Appeal Organiser Val Eslick for co-ordinating the whole thing.

The PAO then reported that during last year's appeal fortnight almost £4,000 was raised and then went on to announce the winners of the cup and shield for 2016. The cup for the collector goes to the person with largest increase in total with long service taken into account, there were several collectors who got record totals but not for the first time the cup was awarded to Colin Hayward. The shield which goes to the highest total for a static box went, where it has gone since it was inaugurated to Robin Hill Stores, so congratulations to both winners.

The new Bingo season kicked off on Monday March 6th with a gratifying 46 people coming to enjoy the fun. Hopefully this total will grow as the year goes on and remember Lyn does all the hard work involved for the Poppy Appeal. Good fun and a good cause on every other Monday. The next one is on April 3rd with an Easter special on April 17th.

The jumble sale on March 4th was slightly disappointing making £195, the next one is on June 3rd so give me a call if you have any donations and I will come and collect it.

We have six skittle teams playing in the Legion at the moment, we are allowed seven so any team looking for a home next year let me know. On a similar subject we are also looking for a sticker-up, the pay is quite generous for roughly an hour and a half's work, so let me know if you know anybody who may be interested.

We will be having our annual plant/book sale on Saturday May 6th and as usual will be looking for donations so if you have some spare plants give us a call or bring them to the hall on the day, doors open at 10am.

Plenty of entertainment laid on for Saturday nights in the club from country through pop to rock so there must be something to please you, non member pay £2. Plans are also under way for another beer/cider festival on Friday 30th June and Saturday 1st July with music provided by Two Foot Moose on Friday night, Second Time Around Saturday afternoon and the Silhouettes Saturday night.

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

## PARISH MUTTERINGS

The top topics being discussed this month:

**Dog fouling campaign - 'BAG IT AND BIN IT.....MOST PEOPLE DO'**

**A review of Standing Orders is continuing**

**Fly Tipping in Hains Lane being investigated**

**Telephone Boxes we now have two villagers interested in helping with the adoption**

**St Gregory's Churchyard being taken over by Parish Council**

**Does the village need more Defibrillators?**

**There are vacant plots available on the parish allotments on Sodom Lane. Annual rents are very reasonable so if you like the idea of taking up an allotment and growing your own produce as spring comes along, then contact the clerk to the parish council who will sign you up on 821231**

**Mobile phone mast no movement yet by the company**

**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**

**Recruiting Councillors are you interested? Contact Trevor Vaughan call 821636 or email trevor.mpc@gmail.com**

## Women's Institute



It is a joy to listen to someone who really loves his calling. Tony Burgess is a big, bluff, windblown, corduroy sort of a chap who has been a Dartmoor Guide for years. It is easy to imagine him striding over the rough moorland for miles in fog, rain or sun with his big stick and his big dog. He showed pictures of the giant tors, granite outcrops produced in the mountain-building era and left exposed when the softer ground surrounding them was eroded by time and weather. Rotting vegetation from eons of growing seasons has left areas of peat, sometimes eroded into tall hags. Between these landmarks rough grass, heather and gorse characterise this wild and precious open space, home to wild ponies and many other creatures.

People have lived on Dartmoor for thousands of years leaving traces of their communities and social lives. Four thousand years ago the weather was warmer and there were several small settlements of round houses encircled by walls to keep the livestock in and the bears and wolves out. Bronze Age folk constructed a number of mysterious avenues and circles of standing stones. Like Stonehenge, their purpose is thought to be religious but no-one can be absolutely certain. There has naturally been a good deal of archaeological interest in these ancient settlements and a recently discovered tomb was found to contain a body adorned with beads which had been transported from the Baltic, indicating the wide-ranging travels of these early people.

After the Roman Era the climate deteriorated to the extent that vegetables ceased to thrive on the high moor and people descended into the lower valleys to live. However, during the Saxon period and up to the time of the Black Death in the fourteenth century a particular type of Long House was constructed around the area in which animals lived at one end of the interior and humans at the other. These mediaeval longhouses can still be seen today - restored of course - and one feature of note is a tiny unglazed window just below the gable peak called the owllet. This was to allow the barn owls to enter and perch in the rafters and keep the household free from rats and mice.

Tony was a captivating raconteur, telling stories of pixies and devils and peppering his narrative with facts about the moor. Nowadays the infamous Dartmoor Prison is home to a mere 600 prisoners even though it was originally built during the Napoleonic Wars to house 5,000 unfortunate captured Frenchmen. And even the pony population has shrunk to about 1,000 because the need to breed them for work in the mines has lapsed.

Next month we hold our Annual Meeting with cheese and wine. - YV

## History of a Marnhull Car

Can anyone help me - I am researching the history of a 1937 Austin 7 registration number CTT 290 once owned by Miss Margaret Wilkins of Sackmore Lane, Marnhull who lived in your village until her death in 1975, she was a teacher during her life and lived for a while in North Devon (during World war 2) She owned the car for approx 35 years.

If anyone has any information about her or the car i would be most grateful - Scott Coe

## Fly-Tipping

We live in Hains Lane, Marnhull. Recently, someone has fly-tipped about 5 black, 1 blue and 1 red rubbish bags, and 2 cartridge cases, (all containing video cassettes, old cds and general rubbish), adjacent to our property. We have informed the Council.

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## From The Surgeries



### Staff

We are saying goodbye to two Nurse Practitioners, Sue Lonsdale who is moving to Yeovil and Martin Giebner, who is going to St Helena in the mid Atlantic, for two years! His job is being kept open and he will be back for three months in the summer. Pippa Bastable joins the team in April.

### Telephone System

The telephone answering performance is being reviewed on a monthly basis. Last year, the Practice received almost 171,000 calls from patients – that's more than 450 per day. On Mondays however, more than 1000 calls are processed, with the rest of the week being less busy. The afternoons are quieter, with the peak time between 08.30 & 10.00.

Our aim is to answer 95% of all calls within one minute and we'll keep you posted how we are progressing towards that target.

### Zero Tolerance

We are saddened that recently in the practice we have had to remove some patients from our practice list. The removals were due to verbal abuse and aggression from patients to our staff and doctors. This is a very rare occurrence and one that we do not take lightly. Whilst we understand that when things do not go as expected it can be frustrating for patients, this does not excuse this type of behaviour. On a daily basis our staff and doctors suffer from patients shouting, swearing and making threats, which is also upsetting and intimidating for other patients.

We operate a Zero Tolerance Policy for any act of abuse, aggression or violence. In the future any patients who demonstrate this behaviour towards any of our staff will be removed from the practice list and if necessary, the Police will be called to remove them from our premises.

This is a very sorry state of affairs, but we recognise and are grateful that the vast majority of our patients are polite and we have relationships with them that are based on mutual trust and respect.

If any patient has any difficulties or problems when they contact the practice they are welcome to speak to any of the management team who are on site who will be happy to assist them. If patients need to make a formal complaint they should contact Nicola Williams, Operations and Complaints Manager, Abbey View Medical Centre, Salisbury Road, Shaftesbury, Dorset, SP7 8DH or 01747 856700.

Thank you for your cooperation.

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6 p.m. to 11.30 p.m. (midnight on Sat and Sun).... £50.00  
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Booking Officer: 01258 821427



**News from the Nick.**  
**Combating crime  
in your neighbourhood**  
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07500 816 258



Only two crimes to report this month; 2 unattended vehicles were broken into between the 14th/15th March and items stolen.

Please reduce the risk of your vehicle being targeted by ruthless thieves by ensuring that you remove any items of value. Handbags, sat navs, computers, cameras, mobile phones and other items of value are very attractive to the thief. Whether you park your car in a beauty spot, a car park or outside your property - be vigilant. Remove it, Lock it leaflets are available from your NPT.

FLY TIPPING is becoming more common and recently some rubbish has been dumped in the Hains Lane area of the village - this has been reported via the Dorset for You website.

If you want to see what your local NPT have been up to you can follow us on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/NorthDorsetRPT>

If you have any issues that you would like to discuss with us or if you would like to introduce yourself; we hold our monthly surgeries on the 1st Thursday of the month at the Post Office from 11.30am-12noon and at The Spar from 12noon-12.15pm.



**PCSO 5352  
Mandy Robinson  
Sturminster Newton Rural NPT**

## Marnhull Village Hall

### Thursday 27th April: Wartime Fairgrounds: 2.15 for 2.30 p.m.

A first in Marnhull. This is a delightful afternoon of light entertainment with refreshments etc. A colourful (and nostalgic) glimpse of fairground life behind the scenes during wartime. Sit back and enjoy yourselves!

We may be able to arrange transport to and from the Village Hall for those who would appreciate it.

Tickets on sale from 1st April from Hall Committee members, Robin Hill and Spar Shops.

### Hall Contacts

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**All other dates for this year will be on the third Friday of each month as usual.**

### Dora Stockley

Dora has sadly decided to step down as a volunteer and committee member of the café. Dora played a very significant part in the initial setting up of the café back in September last year and has continued to be a ray of sunshine for us all at each session ever since – thank you Dora for all your hard work.

Dora will be holding a **CAKE SALE** at the café on April 21st. The proceeds from her sale will go to The Salvation Army and the Sudan crisis. So don't forget to stock up with some of Dora's famous cheese scones or a boiled fruit cake to take home and enjoy!

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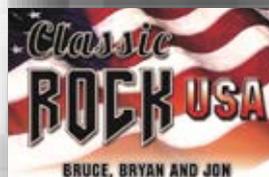
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## Thoughts from Our Lady's Church

We have been following Christ through Lent, with fasting, prayer and almsgiving. We will soon experience the drama of Holy Week with his betrayal, scourging and agonising death; and then joyfully share with him in the victory of the Resurrection. Without the Resurrection, his life and sufferings would have been meaningless. His death exposes the tragedy of human life when it is in conflict with God, but also reveals God's compassion towards us, despite our sin. Christ's Resurrection shows that the love and forgiveness displayed in his death leads to glory and new life. So in him, death and resurrection cannot be separated.

As we approach Easter we have the distinct advantage of knowing how the story will end, unlike the Apostles who did not. All along we know that on the third day Christ will rise again, but they had no such comfort. For them his death seemed like the end: they had let him down when he needed them and now they could not to ask his forgiveness.

The Gospels tell us that Jesus warned the Apostles that he would suffer and die, and then rise up again, but they did not understand what he meant. So it is not surprising that when the women returned from the empty tomb saying they had met 'a young man dressed in white' who told them "He has been raised; he is not here", the Apostles first reaction was not joy and rejoicing, but hesitation: it was too good to be true. Similarly, the two disciples on the road to Emmaus did not recognise him until he broke the bread for them and then vanished from their sight. Later, when Jesus appeared to them as they were eating their breakfast of fish and bread by the lakeside, St John says: 'None of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord'.

Unlike the Apostles, our experience of the Risen Christ is much closer to that of St Paul who, like us, knew how the story developed. As Saul, he heard that Jesus had been crucified and had risen from the dead, but he resisted this fiercely and pursued the followers of Jesus, even to death. Then without warning, a dazzling light shone into his eyes and mind, blinding him. "Who are you, Lord?" he asked. "I am Jesus whom you are persecuting". The crucified, risen Christ identified himself with those whom Saul/Paul was persecuting - and therefore also with all of us. Paul recognised Jesus as Lord, and his life changed. It is the same with us.

We associate fear with the Cross and joy with the Resurrection. However, the Gospels tell us that those to whom the resurrection was announced experienced bewilderment and fear. Perhaps we domesticate the Resurrection by talking about it in a safe and comfortable way, but this does not do justice to the overwhelming, blinding glory made present to us in the face of the risen Christ.

The resurrection is continually happening for us. The light is pouring into us and we are dazzled. We try to open our blinded eyes to see him in Himself and in one another. We may still walk in darkness, but we journey in faith and hope towards the light.

Happy Easter!

Peter, a parishioner

### 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 April 2017

**Please note: Morning Prayer is now held daily Tuesday to Friday at 8.00 in the Hussey Chapel**

#### Sunday 2nd - Fifth Sunday of Lent (Passiontide)

8am – Holy Communion [said]

10am – Parish Eucharist

#### Wednesday 5th

9am - St Gregory's Primary School - Easter Celebration (coffee served before and after service)

11am Holy Communion

#### Sunday 9th - Palm Sunday

8am – Holy Communion [said]

10am – Parish Eucharist

#### Wednesday 12th

11am Holy Communion

### The Great Triduum

#### Thursday 13th - Maundy Thursday

7pm Liturgy and the Watch

#### Friday 14th - Good Friday

1 pm. Meditation on the Cross

2pm Liturgy for Good Friday

#### Saturday 15th April - Holy Saturday

8pm The Easter Liturgy

#### Sunday 16th - Easter Sunday - Resurrection of the Lord

8am – Holy Communion [said]

10am – Parish Eucharist and Baptism

#### Sunday 23rd - Second Sunday of Easter

8am – Holy Communion [said]

10am – Parish Eucharist

#### Sunday 30th - Third Sunday of Easter

8am – Holy Communion [said]

10am – Parish Eucharist

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### Baptism

We welcome Teddie Watridge, son of Stephen and Samantha Watridge of East Stour, who was baptised into the Church on February 26th.

### Funerals

We extend our sincerest condolences to the family and friends of Harry Kemp, who died on 8th January, from Marnhull, and whose cremation was held on 27th February. May he rest in peace.

We also extend our sincerest condolences to the family and friends of Alan Faro, who died on 2nd March, from Marnhull, and whose cremation and Thanksgiving Service was held on 15th March. May he rest in peace.

**QUIET HALF HOUR PRAYER**  
**14th April at St Gregory's Church**  
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## Our Lady's Church



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

#### The Sacred Paschal Triduum

#### 13 April - Maundy Thursday

Our Lady's - 6pm - Evening Mass of The Lord's Supper

#### 14 April - Good Friday (Day of Fast and Abstinence)

Our Lady's - 11am - Stations of the Cross

St Benedict's - 3pm - Celebration of The Lord's Passion

#### 15 April - Holy Saturday

St Benedict's - 11am - Blessing of the Easter food

8.30pm - The Easter Vigil

#### 16 April - Easter Sunday

Our Lady's - 9.30am - Mass

St Benedict's - 11am - Mass

Our Lady's - 6pm - Mass

#### Feast Days in April

#### 23 - Saint George - Patron of England (Solemnity)

St George (+ c.303) was martyred in Palestine during the persecution of Diocletian at Diospolis (Lydda, now Lod, near Tel Aviv, Israel), where his tomb can be found. Legend depicts him killing the dragon, a symbol of the triumph of good over evil. He is patron saint of several countries and regions, including England.

#### 25 - Saint Mark the Evangelist (Feast)

St Mark (+c.75), the author of the Gospel bearing his name, is often identified as the young man who ran away when the Lord was arrested. His Gospel gives the teaching and memoirs of St Peter. He joined St Paul and St Barnabas on their first missionary journey and later became St Paul's secretary in Rome. He is thought to have established the Church in Alexandria and to have died a martyr there.

#### 29 - St Catherine of Siena - Patron of Europe (Feast)

St Catherine (1347-1380) was born in Siena, one of twenty-five children. She became a Dominican Tertiary and both her writings and her stigmata reveal her intimate union with God. She persuaded Pope Gregory XI to return to Rome from Avignon and later tried to unite the Church during the Great Schism and moved to Rome, where she died aged 33. She was proclaimed patroness of Italy in 1939, Doctor of the Church in 1970 and a patron of Europe in 1999.

#### Parish People

The Requiem Mass and burial of Rose Honour took place at St Benedict's on Wednesday 22 February; and the Requiem Mass of Mary Fordham took place at Our Lady's on 20 March. May they rest in peace.

#### Film Night

We will be showing 'The Passion of The Christ' directed by Mel Gibson on the Tuesday of Holy Week (11 April) in the Parish Room at Our Lady's. Entry is free. The film lasts just over 2 hours and is rated '18'. Whilst some scenes are unsettling, this highly acclaimed production is guaranteed to focus minds in Holy Week. Light refreshments are available. Arrive at 6.30 pm for a 7.00 pm start.

#### Catholic Parish History

There is to be a reprint of the yellow booklet 'Steadfast in Faith', which records the history of our Roman Catholic Parish and its two Churches (Our Lady & St Benedict). If you can add any further information or photographs, please email them to [ericaling@btinternet.com](mailto:ericaling@btinternet.com), or ring 01258 472392. Thank you.

## The Methodist Church



#### \*2017 Lent Events in Marnull\*

You, your family, friends and neighbours are most welcome to come to any of these events organised by the Marnull Churches Working Together Group.

April 7th 12-12.30 Lent Prayers led by Our Lady's in the Methodist Church  
12-2pm Lent Lunch in the Methodist Church Hall.

\*\*The Lent Prayers will be based on the next Sunday's lectionary reading.\*\*  
Gillian Walsham (Steward)

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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.

## Churches Together

#### Lent

Lent Prayers are being held in the Methodist Church and Lent lunches (soup, bread & cheese + coffee/tea) in the Methodist Hall, as usual. Details are as follows:

Date	Lent Prayers (12-12.30)	Lent Lunch (12-2pm)
24 Mar	Prayers led by St Gregory's	Lunch provided by St Gregory's
31 Mar	Prayers led by Methodists	Lunch provided by Methodists
7 Apr	Prayers led by Our Lady's	Lunch by the Mothers' Union

Lent prayers focus on the following Sunday's Lectionary readings.

#### World Prayers

Churches Together in Marnull continue to pray for world peace. The next gatherings will take place after Easter, as follows:

12 May	- St Gregory's Church	- Rev Peter Colebrook
9 Jun	- Our Lady's Church	- Rev Fr Martin Budge
14 Jul	- Methodist Church	- Rev Paul Arnold
11 Aug	- St Gregory's Church	- Rev Peter Colebrook

#### Committee

The next Churches Together Committee meeting will be held at Tapshays Barn on 11 May, at 2.30pm.

## Happy May Day!

Last year Marnull Flower Show Committee asked for your help to spread some extra May Day cheer around our village!

May Day was once a cause for great celebration, as people gathered to welcome the onset of summer. This year the **POPPin Café** is encouraging people to revive a part of this ancient tradition?

Why not just arrange a simple posie of flowers, in a jam-jar or recycled tin then gift it to a neighbour or friend, for them to find on their front door/step on:

## MONDAY MAY 1ST

**Giving flowers is a guaranteed way of  
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## Marnhull Garden Club



Peter Roberts, born and bred in the New Forest and a Verderer, gave a fascinating talk about the origins of the Forest, from the time of William I to the present.

"Forest" actually was a legal term and had its own Courts and laws, which were extremely harsh and were hated by the peasants, who used the forest for their livestock, pigs in particular, which is known as "pannage".

Once the forest stretched from Windsor almost to the coast, and was a hunting preserve for the king and his court (and sometimes the scene of death by "accident"). The Charter of the Forest 1217 laid out some rules, in particular for coppicing.

After the Dissolution the system of common rights was developed, and places like Beaulieu just about survived by cunning and, much later, increased their holdings.

There were many encroachments on the forest by the very poor, but also by the wealthy – timber was in great demand for houses, ships and the series of forts built by Henry VIII.

In the following centuries money was pouring in from slavery, and many of today's Forest families are directly descended from those involved in this trade.

In 1861 the New Forest Association was formed to try and preserve the character of the forest, which had been degraded especially by the Crown which only looked to the financial side (plantations of conifers etc.), not the health of the land.

This changed after the Government tried to pass a Bill to Disafforest the area, and efforts were made by many people to defeat this.

An application to turn one of the river valleys into a sewage dump for Southampton resulted in an Art Exhibition in London and all the major artists of the day submitted paintings of the area and "conservation and preservation" became serious matters.

In 1877 the Court of Verderers was re-established, but after two World Wars an act in 1944 lessened their powers and more enclosures took place. The National Park was finally created in 2005.

The next meeting is "Scented Plants throughout the Year" on 11th April and visitors are always welcome. There is a Gold Club event at Castle Gardens on 12th April.



Oh I should be in the garden but.....

## How often have I said that to myself recently!

The weather has been sort of OK for venturing out to do one or two things, but I have just not made it. Let me explain, the reasons have been various, but all quite legitimate, I think anyway.

Firstly there was the day that I had planned to cut the lawn and trim the edges, but the sun was shining and not a cloud in the sky when I woke up, so....

Why don't we take advantage of the weather and drive to Burton Bradstock and have a late breakfast at the Hive which is on the beach and then walk along the cliff top to West Bay.

Well it was a great meal and the exercise was good for us. The next day I did manage to cut the lawn which was now quite long, but ensured that I did not cut it short as it will turn yellow, look unsightly and be weakened, so I must aim to mow regularly.

The following days I had planned to tackle the "slugs", but then one of the grand children sent a text to say that his team was coming to Sherborne to play in a rugby tournament!. Oh well the slugs are not quite out and about yet and it will be great to see Charley .Good grandparent duties!

I deal with the slug problem by setting "beer traps". I sink a jar into the ground with the lip just proud of the surface, then fill it with beer which attracts the slugs. If you don't fancy this route then try this fairly new way of using wool pellets . They swell up after being watered and form a protective hairy ring.

I now have made a list of "things to do", like going round the borders, lightly forking over the soil, pulling out the weeds. Any plants taking up too much space can be lightly pruned into shape, then ensure that plant supports are in place, and I must not forget to fertilise the lawn...

Stop, have you forgotten that this morning it is the start of the famous Masters Golf tournament at Augusta, must watch that, then next week the England cricket team are in action, but the most important date in the diary is the POPPin cafe at the village hall, on Friday 21st!!!!

Oh well "ca la vie". Don't get me wrong, I love my garden, but there are other things going on at the same time and life is a fine balance.

Marnhull garden club.

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

Following on with our 'Boing Boing' theme we had a poet come into school who worked with all of our classes during the day and children in Reception, year 1 and Year 2 classes had fun writing poems about bouncy woodland creatures. Children in KS2 were enthralled in their writing of poems about dragons. Everyone has been enjoying practising their circus skills and we have some very good jugglers and plate spinners.



Reception children in Hedgehogs have been making the most of the sunshine by making dens, looking for mini beasts, digging the school garden and planting lots of vegetable and flower seeds including sunflowers. After all their hard work they visited a local garden centre and had a great time. The children are eagerly waiting for the chicken eggs to hatch which should be within the next few days.

Owls class have been spending time in the forest school making bird feeders using lard and seeds, sawing wood to make stick people and listening and recognising the different birds.

If you heard music while passing the school and wondered what was happening it was the whole school having a singing workshop led by Stacey Hobday from the Dorset Rock Choir. Children will be showing off their musical talent when they perform a concert to family and friends later in the month.

This month there has been great success for our sporting teams. Our netball team took part in the Leweston School Netball Playday Festival which supported the ethos of sport in our school with fun games played competitively and in good spirit. The girls had an enjoyable afternoon despite the weather and everyone received medals.

We have also had some amazing results in the Gillingham Cluster schools tournaments. Our Year 5/6 hockey team came third and earlier this week our Year 4 children came 4th in their football tournament with our Year 3 team coming joint first with St Georges Bourton after a thrilling final which saw the score 1:1.

Several of our children went to one of the qualifying events to select a team to represent North Dorset at the County Gala later in the summer term and swam really well recording some personal best times and we are waiting to hear the results.

We will be celebrating Red Nose Day later in the month with the School Council organising a talent contest and there looks to be a fantastic selection of talents lined up.

Our Easter Service will be held on Wednesday 5 April at 9.15am St Gregory's Church. All of our classes will be presenting a little something and we will welcome anyone from the community who wishes to join us and share our Easter celebrations

We wish everyone a Happy Easter

From all of us at St Gregory's

## St. Mary's Catholic School

We have had a busy few weeks at St Mary's, especially with our sporting achievements. Our netball, football and swimming team have had numerous successes. The swimming team competed at a swimming gala at St Mary's, Shaftesbury where they achieved lots of firsts in a range of races. Our netball team went on to manage a 16-1 win and also came 3rd in the North Dorset finals where they were representing the Gillingham area schools. Our footballers have also joined in with a fantastic 2-2 draw with St Greg's and came 2nd in the Gillingham 3/4 tournament, achieving 3 wins and a draw. They have all made us incredibly proud over the last few weeks!



Our 3/4 pupils enjoyed their first ever residential visit to New Barn in Dorchester. The children had the opportunity to live as a Stone Age person on day one, making Paultice from chalk and leaves as an ancient remedy and grinding wheat with stones to make flour. On day two they lived in the Bronze age, calving chalk art work and had a guided tour of Maiden Castle.

We were pleased to welcome some of our parishioners for this term's Day of Faith. We had a visit from a representative from Mary's Meals, our chosen charity for this year, and each of the children received a 'Mary's Meals' mug which they are busy filling with pennies earned from chores over Lent. We are hoping that there will be enough money raised to support at least 10 children for a year, ensuring that they have a meal every day.

World Book Day was celebrated by looking at the works of Allan Ahlberg. We had a range of different characters for the day, from Burglar Bill to The Jolly Postman! Thank you to everyone for making such a huge effort. The children wrote stories and poetry inspired by Allan Ahlberg and made some super class books.



Our new after school club, Bright Sparks, will be opening a new 'stay and play' club from 3:15pm to 6:00pm daily on April 24th. With our breakfast club, we will then be able to offer wrap-around care from 8:00am to 6:00pm daily.

If you would like to come and see what goes on at St Mary's, please feel free to call us on 01258 820417 or pop in at any time for a visit!

Best wishes, Charlotte Targett - Headteacher

## Jungle Hut Pre-School

Our sensory room has now been completed with the children being able to explore the new and very exciting equipment which has included an amazing crocodile wall panel which has for been specially designed for younger children the crocodile consists of five panels each with a different set of manipulative activities to encourage hand-eye co-ordination and fine motor skills. We have added mirrors, mobiles and some comfy jungle themed furniture. The extra play space has the added benefit of increasing places offered by an extra 20 a week which we are pleased to say have all been taken up.

As always having completed our latest project we are now looking to the next which is to enhance our garden area with a large piece of play equipment we have set our sights on a Pirate ship will keep you updated with that one. We celebrated Shrove Tuesday with Natalie taking over as chief pancake maker with the help of some very enthusiastic little pancake makers making over 45 pancakes brilliant!!

Other Topics have included exploring Farm animals and machinery and now are exploring under the sea with the outside play house being turned into an aquarium with not a drop of water in sight. The children have been working on some very special cards and gifts for Sunday the 26th Our garden has a spring like feeling with many Daffodils appearing giving a bright yellow feel Earlier this month we took delivery of some Frogs spawn which we hope will turn into Frogs!



Making our underwater aquariums

Observing the Frog spawn

We enjoyed a visit from Mr Wilds the Rector of St Gregory's Church who took some time to draw and talk to the children and staff and was happy to oblige when one little 3-year-old asked if he could draw a cat Mr Wilds has invited the children to the church we are going around before Easter when we have made our Easter bonnets.

On the Easter theme, we have been invited again to produce the Easter display for Robin hill stores window display lots of ideas going around from staff and children so keep an eye out for what I am sure will be a bright and colourful piece of artwork.

Coming up next week we will be taking part in Red nose day the children and staff are wearing fancy dress we will have many fun activities linked to comic relief as well as making and selling cakes to raise some money for the cause. We are trying something a bit different this year we are going to attempt hatch some Quail in our incubator apparently, I have been reliably informed they are known to hatch after 16 days and can start to lay after 8 weeks so our aim is to incubate hatch and collect eggs all in one term will keep you up to date with how we get on.

All Dorset providers of childcare have been asked by the government to role out the 30 hours of free childcare a week. This can be a bit confusing as all children the term after their 3rd birthday are entitled to 15 hours the other 15 hours on top of this will come with strings attached. We have been planning for this happening for some time but has come around a bit quicker than we thought April rather than September this is when the rest of the country will join the scheme.

We are pleased to say as a provider we can accept the funding if parents are eligible for extra 15 hours funding this can also be used to pay for extra hour over the 15 hours used, Holiday clubs and coming soon longer opening hours.

To find out more about the new funding arrangements or to see what we get up to at the Jungle Hut please visit our website or have a look at our up to date Facebook pages or Email [junglehutpreschool@gmail.com](mailto:junglehutpreschool@gmail.com)

Sue

## St. Mary's Explorers

Once upon a time in a preschool not too far away the children had lots of fun learning from Fairy Tales!



We started with 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears' a great opportunity to talk about respecting others belongings. The children agreed that Goldilocks needs to learn to knock before entering! The children had fun retelling the story using simple actions and different voices, it was fab to hear that they were telling the story at home too. We used the story as a hook for lots of mathematical exploration. We set up a tuff spot filled with oats and provided lots of different sized containers, funnels and utensils. The children enjoyed experimenting with the oats and learnt lots about capacity, weight, size and they even did some mark making in the oats. Hearing about all that porridge made us rather hungry so we cooked up some porridge and ate it with a dollop of jam at snack time. We were lucky enough to have a visit from the 'Northern Ballet Company' they taught us a dance based on the story, we are very excited about our trip next week to Weymouth Theatre to watch the ballet 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears' danced by professionals.

Next we had the chance to share the story of 'The Three Little Pigs'. This was a great opportunity to think about different materials and the children had fun building houses from Lego bricks, sticks and straw. Our stick houses were great fun to build, the children used sticks, tape wool and rubber bands, once built we then had lots of fun trying to blow them over. Just in case the pigs wanted a roof on their house, some children tested materials to see if they were waterproof. We also had fun exploring the texture of mud gloop which our small world pigs enjoyed rolling about in.



Finally we have heard the story of 'Jack and the Beanstalk'. The children have set up their own Giant's castle and shouts of 'Fee, Fi, Fo, Fum!' echo around the castle walls. In our new malleable area the children have experimented with sparkly green playdough and a variety of dried beans. It's about time we started our sowing as we have a huge veggie patch to fill - cue bean planting. The children are excited to see what our magic beans will grow into.

This term our welly walks to the nature area have been the source of great delight as we have spotted beautiful blossom trees, catkins, leaf buds and heard gorgeous bird song. We are waiting in anticipation to see if our pond will be full of frogspawn on our next visit. It will be wonderful to bring some back to school and watch them closely as they grow!

We have spaces in our pre-school. Please pop in to view the facilities and have a chat.

**Marnhull Baby and Toddlers**

We celebrated world book day on 2nd March, with the children dressing up as their favourite characters. We also had Gill bring in her Usborne books and we handed out book vouchers, that Gill was taking as part payment. We had a lovely time, sharing stories and we had a raffle and the prize was £15's worth of Usborne books.



We had Diana come in with her Pheonix cards on 16th March which is always a great success. She had all the new range of cards to look at, it was great to see her.

On the 23rd March we will be getting ready for Mother's day, with our flower craft.

On 6th April we have our Easter craft and egg hunt and also Rachel with her Neal's yard products.

There is no toddlers on 13th and 20th April as it is Easter holidays.



We are back on 27th April with our sponsored bounce to raise money to help the Parish council to buy some new play equipment for the Marnhull play park. I think Marnhull will really benefit from the park being updated.

Hope you have a lovely Easter.

Emma and Dee

**Mother's Union**

The Ladies' Choice programme in February produced a galaxy of splendid music.

We started with the third movement of Saint-Saens' mighty organ symphony. Who can fail to be stirred by those urgent chords and the sheer avalanche of sound reverberating through one's chest cavity?

It rattles the brain and seems to excite every nerve ending. It was necessary to cool off and regain equilibrium with a light Mozart piano concerto.

More excitement came with the sumptuous bass tones of Nicolai Ghaïourov singing an aria from Don Giovanni. Ghaïourov, of whom I knew little, was Bulgarian and one of the most famous basses in the post-war era, and not without cause if this superb recording is a taster.

"And now for something completely different," said Judy Fyfe, our presenter. The next item called Adios Nonino was totally fascinating but defies classification. Piazzolla was an Argentine tango composer who incorporated themes from jazz and classical music.

This piece had a frustratingly elusive quality: just as one began to recognise a tune it slipped away and was replaced by another, also vaguely familiar.

The first part of the concert ended with a blast from the past: the wicked voice of Eartha Kitt singing Old Fashioned Girl.

The second half opened with a pocket-symphony by William Boyce. Why don't these perfect little jewels get more air time? They are as refreshing as a mountain spring and guaranteed to cheer at any time.

The Mozart Ave Verum recording by a German choir was as smooth as silk and deeply moving, and later Joan Sutherland's superlative voice in an aria from Rigoletto was enough to make one's heart stand still. This delightful evening concert ended with a Celtic Prayer by Karl Jenkins – a haunting choral work with pipes and drums.

In April John Borthwick presents "Gentlemen's Choice" and members are reminded that the Society's Annual Dinner will be held on Thursday 11th May at Udders Restaurant. Don't miss it!

YV

**News From Sturquest**

Local jobseekers can now receive help and support from Mary-Louise every Monday (10am-12noon). New local jobs are also updated and displayed every Friday.

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## Marnhull 12K Returns For 2nd Year Running

Sunday 9th April 2017 sees the return of the Marnhull 12K road race. The race which made a comeback last April after a 15 year break, raised over £1500 for St Gregory's School in Marnhull. The event was organised by the school's PTFA and attracted well over 100 adult runners from across the county.

In addition, 74 children took part in the mile or half-mile fun runs on the farmed field next to the school. Hundreds turned up to watch the race and it is hoped this year will be even bigger and better.

The race will start again at 10.30am from the centre of the village and runners will follow the same route as before through Todber, Fifehead Magdalen, returning into Marnhull.

Weather permitting, refreshments will be provided at the finishing post including homemade cakes and biscuits and a BBQ. Some fantastic prizes are being awarded across a variety of categories including prizes for residents of Marnhull.

In addition to the main run, fun runs will take place around the mile-long field again, adjacent to school. The fun runs will be either a mile or a half mile and we have four separate age categories 5 and under, 6-8, 9-11 and 12-14. Every child will receive a medal a chocolate bar and there will be certificates for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in each category.

## Marnhull Lunch Club

On a rather wet and miserable Saturday afternoon in February 60 members of Marnhull Lunch Club met in the village hall for a cream tea and entertainment arranged instead of an outing by the committee.

They were treated to a lovely cream tea with homemade scones and cakes all made by and served by the lunch club helpers and entertained by the lovely Sarah who came along with her accordion and played many familiar tunes to sing along with and to listen to.

After tea the floor was cleared for dancing and a few galliant souls attempted various ballroom and square dances including the hokey cokey, to the amusement of the audience!

Everyone went home feeling a lot better for a very good afternoon out.

## Sponsored Walk



Since Gordon Beningfield's passing in 1998, The Countryside Restoration Trust has been dedicated to finding a farm situated in Gordon's beloved Dorset.

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The search for the Gordon Beningfield Farm has been quite a journey so far and we have gained a huge amount of support along the way from Friends and Supporters, including that of Dame Judi Dench, who came on board as Patron of the appeal in 2015.

As a Friend of the CRT, Elaine Spencer-White, building on the success of two previous walks - the Thames Path in 2015 and the Wessex Ridgeway last year, will be walking 102 miles from Chipping Camden to Bath along the Cotswold Way at the end of April. It will again be a sponsored walk, to make a further contribution to the funds for the purchase of the farm.

Your support can be added by donating on line:

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or contact Elaine directly on 01258 821631

The CRT is currently working with experts and specialist in Dorset to look at the natural and historic significance of the potential farm that will help secure a grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund. Up dates on progress will be published on the charity's website [www.crtuk.org](http://www.crtuk.org).

## Mothers' Union

Nineteen members attended our March meeting in the Methodist Hall.

Unfortunately our intended speaker had forgotten all about it!

Fortunately Kathie, one of our members, stepped in and gave a very interesting talk about custody visiting in the Dorset Police Authority area.

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At our April meeting we have Joanne Woodd, a Mothers' Union trustee, talking about the Salisbury Law Courts café.

## Sunday Table Tennis

The Table Tennis Club is providing a free session to any adult who would like to renew or start an interest in Table Tennis. All equipment provided just turn up with suitable footwear. We normally meet on Monday and Wednesday afternoons (new players welcome) but offering this session on Sunday, 14th May (10am to 1pm) in the Village Hall.

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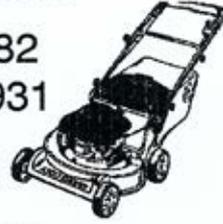
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Do you live here?: Yes

How old are you? 68

Do you like running? No

Is it wise at your age? No

Why do you keep doing it? Practising for the marathon on 30th April

Not the London Marathon? No

Which one then? The North Dorset Villages Marathon

Where does that go?: From Stur, Marnhull, Stalbridge, Marnhull, Todber, Stour Row, Margaret Marsh, Child Oakford, Stur

How far's that? 26 miles

Will you make it? Doubtful

No running or sporting history? None

Anything going in your favour at all? Thin

Why on earth are you doing it: To raise money for the Village Hall

How will this do it? Donations in sympathy, sponsorships, anything

Details to sponsor?: Posters on village notice boards early April

Can we watch you on the day?: If you must. Same posters for route and times

Would you do it again?: Never. Hardest thing I've ever done.

Final comment? No more questions. You've made me out of breath

**Village Hall Supporters Club**

**The March Draw was held at the Garden Club on 14th March 2017.**

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£25	177	A & R Rowden
£25	147	Marnhull Music Society
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£10	17	C J Collard

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**Good Friday 14th April**  
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 Entrance for adults 50p, children are free  
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All takings from the gates, table hire and refreshments will go towards St Gregory's School  
 What you make on your stall is yours, however if you would like to make a further contribution from this towards the school we'd be most grateful!

**Marnhull Fest Stall Bookings**

Do you run a business, take part in an activity, or have a craft? There's still some space for stalls at the Marnhull Fest and Flower Show. Represent your business, or village group at the village's biggest event of the year!

The event is on Saturday 22nd July at the recreation ground and stalls will be open from 12-6pm.

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Never respond to an unsolicited phone call from someone claiming that they can stop unwanted calls, or saying that your computer has a virus. If you receive a call like this, hang up straight away, and do not give or confirm to the caller any information at all, not even your name or address and report it to Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040.

If you have given any personal information in response to calls like this, contact the Police and also your bank as promptly as possible.

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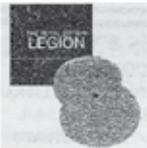
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**Dorset Wildlife Trust**

Brownsea Island is home to a myriad of wildlife species and has a variety of important habitats including reedbeds, lagoons, pine woods and flooded woodland.

The Dorset Wildlife Trust leases 101 hectares of the island from the National Trust. This nature reserve offers over wintering for many species, including avocets and godwits (black and bar tailed), and in summer you'll hear the sounds of chiffchaff and willow warblers and see an abundance of butterflies. Autumn is the best time for spotting our native red squirrels.

DWT's Brownsea Island manager, Chris Thain, is giving an illustrated talk on the wildlife of Brownsea Island on Wednesday, 19th April, at 7.30pm in Fontmell Magna Village Hall (SP7 0PF). A small charge of £2 is requested to help cover costs and refreshments (tea/coffee & biscuits) are included. There is no cost for children under 16.

Dates for your diary:

Dawn Chorus Walks on Saturday 13th and 20th May. Meet at Bere Marsh Farm near Child Okeford at 4.45am for a 5 am start. The cost is £12 and includes a full Farmhouse Breakfast afterwards. Numbers are strictly limited so booking is essential. Please contact Anna Aubrey on 07970903679.

**University of the Third Age**

We were very pleased to welcome the return of Richard Edwards to tell us more amusing accounts of his exploits in over 30 years as a Film and TV Cameraman especially when accompanying the herpetologist Mark OShea. Mark is known as the Presenter of the Animal Planet/Discovery Channel series OSheas Big Adventure.

Richard Edwards has accompanied OShea as photographer on many expeditions and to many countries which often involved travelling to very remote places, often in the jungle.

One such expedition was to a remote uninhabited island 20 miles off the coast of Brazil where the only means of transport was by boat. OShea wished to search for the Golden Cobra Snake one of the most deadly.

They had to be mindful that if they were stranded on the island for some reason and bitten by one of these snakes they would require the anti-venom within one hour and so Richard needed to obtain as much film as possible of this snake whilst they were on the island. Thank goodness he did achieve this and they did make it back to the mainland. OShea would always if possible take samples of venom from new snakes so that an anti-venom could be developed for future use.

Richard then went on to tell us of the confrontation they had with an Anaconda in the Amazon jungle of South America. This one was only about 13ft long and they are very difficult for scientists to study or even find as they are really quiet and leave no trail spending a lot of their time in the dark waters of their habitat.

Another assignment which Richard made was to the Falkland Islands where he was filming Sea lions with Chris Packham and Michaela Strachan for a TV programme.

He told us how they were suddenly confronted by a big bull Sea Lion but fortunately the animal was distracted by a female Sea Lion which he found more interesting than them thus allowing them to make a quick get-away.

Richard has certainly had most interesting and at times dangerous experiences whilst filming wild life which he told us in a humorous way.

Our next meeting at 10am on the 6th April, at the Father's House, Shaftesbury, will feature Kathy McNally; Spying the Great Game.

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

**Sturminster Newton Floral Group**

Sturminster Newton Floral Group has a workshop with Carol Norman on April 12th in the Chivrick room at the Exchange. The title is "With Easter in Mind". As usual the evening commences at 7.30 pm. All enquiries please telephone 01258 472473. Visitors will be welcome at a cost of £5.

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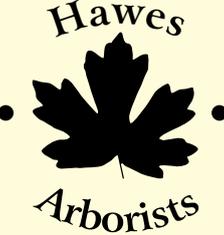
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- ACROSS**
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  - 17. Cain 19. Edify 21. Alias 24. Anderson 25. Red 26. Adair 27. Shrive
- DOWN**
- 1. Stein 2. Ribblehead 3. Yalta 4. Mynah 5. Gascon 6. Lame 9. Rioja 10. Eisan 12. Twenty-four
  - 13. Accra 14. Korra 18. Iguala 19. Elder 20. Idris 22. Litre 23. Stud



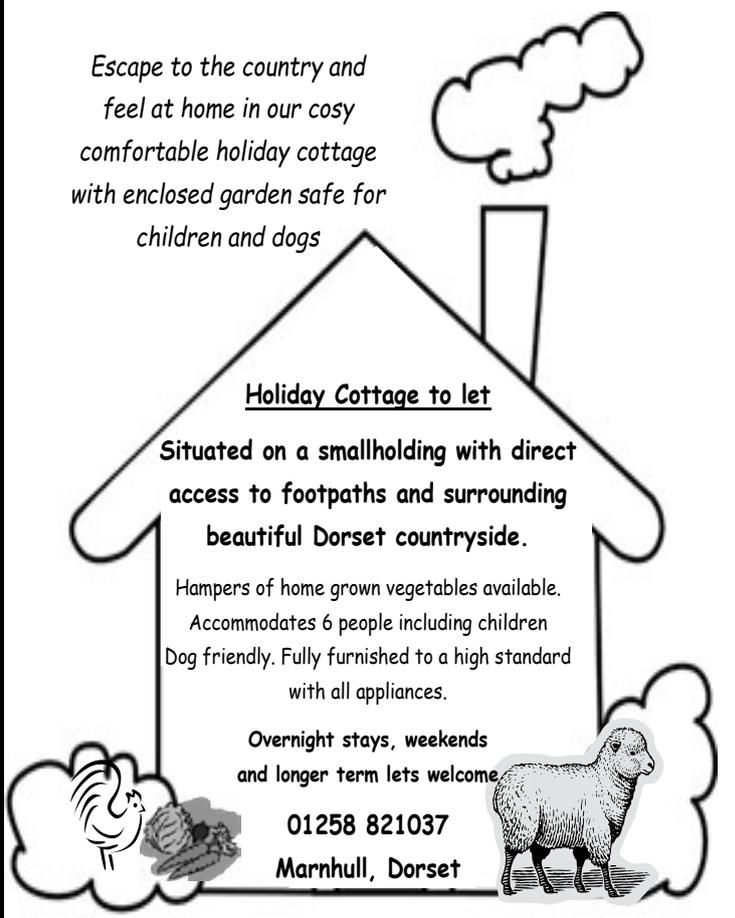
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**Child Okeford Film Night**

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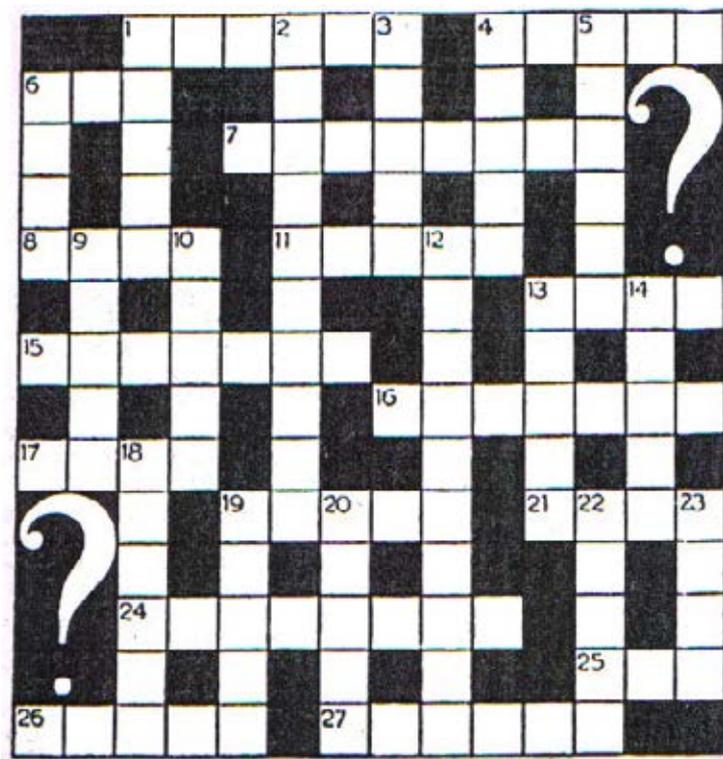
Tickets £5 at the door or in advance on 01258 860518.

**ACROSS**

- 1) Disease caused by a deficiency of vitamin C. (6)
- 4) Hot fluid material within the earth's crust from which lava and igneous rock is formed when cool. (5)
- 6) Biblical character whose wife was turned to salt. (3)
- 7) Edible molluscs with a shallow ear shaped shells lined with mother-of-pearl. (8)
- 8) The sea eagle. (4)
- 11) Adjective meaning reluctant. (5)
- 13) Symbol of life in ancient Egypt like a cross but with a loop instead of the top arm. (4)
- 15) Russian beetroot soup. (7)
- 16) Mythical beast that is a heraldic symbol of the United Kingdom. (7)
- 17) Supposedly the first person to commit fratricide. (4)
- 19) To build up morally or intellectually. (5)
- 21) Word that precedes "poor Yorick" in a speech by Hamlet. (4)
- 24) WW11 air raid shelter named after the minister who was responsible for it. (8)
- 25) and 26A) Famous fire-fighter who went to Iraq to put out oil well fires started on Saddam Hussein's orders. (3-5)
- 26) See 25A)
- 27) Hear confession, assign penance and absolve. (6)

**DOWN**

- 1) Large earthenware beer mug. (5)
- 2) Famous viaduct across Mossy Bank on the Settle to Carlisle line. (10)
- 3) Where the allied leaders met together in the Crimea in 1945. (5)
- 4) Asian starling famous for its mimicry. (5)
- 5) Native of a region of SW France. (6)
- 6) Fabric interwoven with gold or silver. (4)
- 9) Wine region of Northern Spain. (5)
- 10) Trade name synonymous with transportable chemical toilets. (5)
- 12) Number of arches in 2D). (6-4)
- 13) Capital of Ghana. (5)
- 14) Mild Indian curry of meat or fish marinated in yoghurt. (5)
- 18) Large lizard of tropical America. (6)
- 19) Small tree or shrub with white flowers and red or blue/black berries. (5)
- 20) First name of English actor Elba. (5)
- 22) Metric unit equalling about 1.75 pints. (5)
- 23) Where horses are kept for breeding. (4)



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