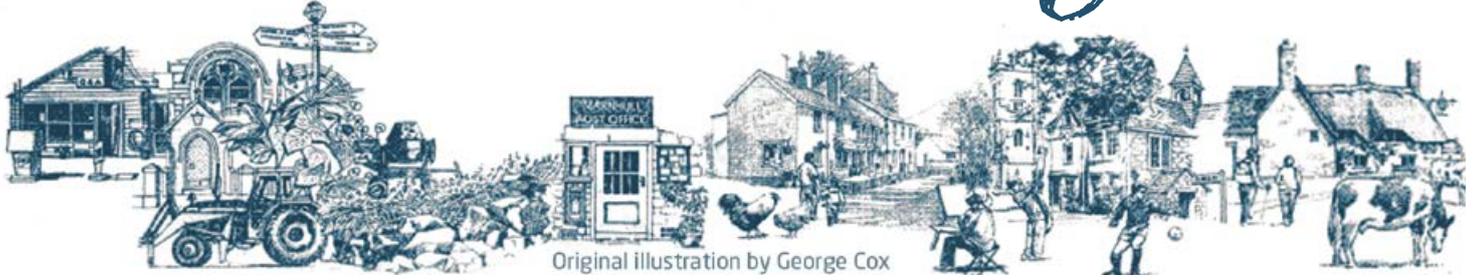


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Tea Dance

Village Hall

Sunday 20th August 2017

14:00 – 17:00

£4 adults / £2.50 children / £10 family

Price includes a cream tea

Tickets available from Robin Hill Stores and SPAR

Money raised to go towards the Marnhull Players Winter Pantomime;

Cinders

Thank God For Marnhull

Calling all those who appreciate the community in which we live!

What a village! Set in a beautiful part of the world, here is a vibrant community with something for everyone. Sports, hobbies, pastimes; caring and sharing, learning and growing, opportunities to stretch the body, mind and spirit: all are to be found in Marnhull.

We have invited all of our organisations to bring some materials to St Gregory's on July 8th, to be displayed over the weekend, and we wait to see what will be on display. Come in during the afternoon (2-6pm) and have a look. And if you want a different view of the village, there will be the possibility of going to the top of the tower.

On Sunday 9th we gather for a Thank God for Marnhull service from 10.00 – 10.45 am. An opportunity to say thank you for all that makes this village what it is, and thank you to all those who give their time, talents and energy in the service of the community.



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Welcome to your Marnhull Messenger

Chris Ryu - Messenger Editor

Well that's me done for the Summer - there's no issue in next month, so the next deadline is the 17th August.

By the time you read this, both the Fest and Flower Show committees will be in top-gear, doing final preparations for the biggest event of the year. Please support these brilliant village traditions.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the "Thank God for Marnhull" event (see front cover).

A huge thank you to those that supplied Fiona with updated details for the Annual Directory and of course to Fiona for giving up her time to collate to make my life a lot easier.

Another busy month at Atom Club and we're nearly ready to open the doors. For those that are interested to see what we do and tour the centre, please see our article on page 16.

Have a lovely Summer - See you on the 22nd July!

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Establishing The Conservation Areas Trees

The story of the establishing of the Marnhull Conservation Areas in 1969 goes on.....The North Area Planning Officer, Mr Pakenham appears to be most concerned with what should happen to the trees, which he sees as being an important element of the character of Marnhull and more importantly, its setting. He wonders whether the "depressing" Cyprus (sic), Monterey Cypress and other conifers should be replaced "with deciduous species to advantage. Does one recommend a Tree Preservation Order (TPO) in hopes that the owners will replant with more suitable kinds?" He states that the Dorset County PR & GP committee expressed the wish that TPOs should not be placed on Elms. He feels that such a policy would be "a disaster in Marnhull, where there are many reaching the time for felling". The County Planning Officer, Mr Abbott, replies that "he does not recollect" any such policy on Elm trees. He also states that "where trees are of prime importance to the village scene, the TPO will ensure their retention and replacement when they die or become dangerous". It would appear that this was never realised, as many fine trees have been felled in the village and no deciduous replacements appear to have been planted. One only has to look at the 1947 aerial photograph on Page 81 of The Marn'ill Book to see the shadows of the many "splendid elms that graced the hedgerows" around Marnhull and particularly: "with regard to magnificent Elms in the hedges of fields to the North of Love Lane," which forms the back drop that is "the setting for the jewel" that is the Burton St/Sackmore Lane Conservation Area.

Mr Pakenham produced a list of "Trees Suitable for Preservation" from a "Marnhull Conservation Map" running to 31 serials. Unfortunately, I do not have that map, so it is difficult to place a large number of trees he mentions, such as the 3 serials: "a. Two Copper Beeches. b. Sycamores. c. Elm groups forming back drop". However, examples such as; "Yew tree and Horse Chestnut in garden of Tapshays. Two Horse Chestnuts either side of Pilwell. Elm trees and large Cedar type trees in hedgerows around OS 139 and Elm trees surrounding OS 85", give a firm location of where these trees were. OS 139 was a 5.5 acre field, one of 3 old fields that made up the current big field stretching from Pilwell up to Sackmore Lane in the centre of the village. OS 139 ran from the whole frontage of The Grange down to the stream that eventually runs under Cooks Garage from Sackmore Lane. OS 85 is the 1.5 acre field that lies on the NW side of the current track/footpath that goes from Cross Tree Farm up to the old farm dairy site. It is immediately SW of the new Cross Tree Farm.

What is striking is the number of Elms listed in Marnhull by Mr Pakenham, whether they be "Elms (3 mentions), Elm Groups (3 mentions), Young Elms, Small Elm Groups, Elm Trees, One Row of Elms, 7 separate Elms, 13 other prominent Elms and Elm trees surrounding fields (2 mentions)". This indicates that the number of elm trees in and around the village probably ran to many hundreds. One wonders how many elm trees led to the hamlet of Walton Elm being thus named?

Dutch Elm disease came to this country in the late 1960s and by the mid 1970s, millions of elm trees had died. The effect on the character and setting of Marnhull must have been catastrophic by the 1980s, yet very little appears to have been done to mitigate this disaster. It seems strange to me that despite the development of a Dutch Elm Disease resistant Elm tree in the last 20 years, nothing has been done by those responsible for preserving our Conservation Areas to encourage the planting of such trees around Marnhull. The disease resistant Elm tree species is Ulmus New Horizon and it is available in commercial quantities and to trade buyers. Perhaps we should organise ourselves to do something about it now and leave something for future generations of villagers.

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Annual Diary 2017

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

July

- 3rd - Table Tennis Club @ 14:15
- 3rd - Parish Council Meeting @ 19:00
- 5th - Table Tennis Club @ 14:15
- 5th - Zumba Dance Fitness @ 19:30
- 6th - Baby and Toddler Group @ 09:30
- 7th - Lunch Club @ 12:00
- 10th - Table Tennis Club @ 14:15
- 10th - Women's Institute- 'Mystery of the Maya' Chris Shaw - Open meeting, all welcome. @ 19:30
- 11th - Garden Club " Herbs & their Medicinal Properties" - Luzia Barclay @ 19:30
- 12th - Table Tennis Club @ 14:15
- 12th - Mother's Union - Helen Butler @ 14:30 Methodist Church
- 12th - Zumba Dance Fitness @ 19:30
- 13th - Baby and Toddler Group @ 09:30
- 14th - The Blackmore Vale Art Group- A.G.M and Drawing and painting for rest of day. @ 10:30
- 17th - Table Tennis Club @ 14:15
- 19th - Table Tennis Club @ 14:15
- 19th - Zumba Dance Fitness @ 19:30
- 20th - Baby and Toddler Group @ 09:30
- 20th - Marnhull Yarners @ 13:30 Laburnum Cottage
- 22nd - Fest and Flower Show @ 12:00 Recreation Ground
- 24th - Table Tennis Club @ 14:15
- 25th - Moviola 'La La Land' @ 19:00
- 26th - Table Tennis Club @ 14:15
- 26th - Zumba Dance Fitness @ 19:30
- 28th - Marnhull POPPin Cafe @ 10:00
- 31st - Table Tennis Club @ 14:15

August

- 2nd - Table Tennis Club @ 14:15
- 2nd - Zumba Dance Fitness @ 19:30
- 4th - Lunch Club @ 12:00
- 7th - Table Tennis Club @ 14:15
- 7th - Parish Council Meeting @ 19:00
- 9th - Table Tennis Club @ 14:15
- 9th - Mother's Union - Members Coffee Morning @ 14:30 The Jenks
- 9th - Zumba Dance Fitness @ 19:30
- 10th - Baby and Toddler Group @ 09:30
- 11th - The Blackmore Vale Art Group - Drawing and Painting all day. @ 10:30
- 14th - Table Tennis Club @ 14:15
- 16th - Table Tennis Club @ 14:15
- 16th - Zumba Dance Fitness @ 19:30
- 17th - Marnhull Yarners @ 13:30 Laburnum Cottage
- 18th - Marnhull POPPin Cafe @ 10:00
- 20th - Tea Dance @ 14:00
- 21st - Table Tennis Club @ 14:15
- 23rd - Table Tennis Club @ 14:15
- 23rd - Zumba Dance Fitness @ 19:30
- 24th - Baby and Toddler Group @ 09:30
- 28th - Table Tennis Club @ 14:15
- 30th - Table Tennis Club @ 14:15
- 30th - Zumba Dance Fitness @ 19:30

September

- 1st - Lunch Club @ 12:00
- 4th - Table Tennis Club @ 14:15
- 4th - Parish Council Meeting @ 19:00
- 6th - Table Tennis Club @ 14:15
- 6th - Zumba Dance Fitness @ 19:30
- 7th - Baby and Toddler Group @ 09:30
- 8th - The Blackmore Vale Art Group- James Budden "Still Life" @ 10:30
- 8th - Quiet Half Hour Prayer @ 12:00 Methodist Church
- 9th - Jumble Sale @ 10:15 British Legion Club
- 11th - Table Tennis Club @ 14:15
- 12th - Garden Club " Trees & Tree planting" talk by Castle Gardens @ 19:30
- 13th - Mother's Union @ 00:00
- 13th - Table Tennis Club @ 14:15
- 13th - Zumba Dance Fitness @ 19:30
- 14th - Baby and Toddler Group @ 09:30
- 15th - Marnhull POPPin Cafe @ 10:00
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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 Messenger Grants

The Marnhull Messenger Steering Committee is delighted to announce that due to good management and careful stewardship of resources over the past decade, we have accumulated funds which we would like to offer to village organisations and societies.

The grants will take the form of donations for specific projects, events or items of equipment. Any Marnhull Organisation, Club or Society is invited to apply and will be expected to make a contribution to the same project.

Applications will close on August 31st 2017 and the successful grants will be announced by the end of September.

Your application should make a clear case for funding, the amount requested and your organisation's anticipated contribution to the project.

Send your application to Fiona Nelson, Marnhull Messenger Administrator – email administrator@marnhullmessenger.org.uk. Tel - 01258 821036
Ian Gall – Chairman, Marnhull Messenger Steering Committee

Royal British Legion



It's a quiet time of year so not much to report but we will be here through the summer doing what we do. The Branch will be raising money for the Poppy appeal and the Club will be laying on entertainment most Saturdays. The marquee is up and will remain up till September time so it is a nice place to sit during a warm summer evening if you fancy a drink.

The beer and cider festival should be on as you are receiving this on the 30th June and August 1st and that will be in the marquee. All beers and ciders will be £3 and there is music Friday night, Saturday night and Saturday evening. Get up out of that chair and walk down unless you have a dedicated driver handy

We hosted the village quiz which was compiled by the Music Club and with a picture round thrown in got the old grey matter working overtime.

The winners were The Swallows who triumphed over the Legion team by three points so they will have the pleasure of setting the questions, choosing a Marnhull cause and generally organising the quiz next year. This year's beneficiary was the Village Hall Refurbishment Fund and they were presented with £140 at the end of the evening.

As there is no magazine in August I will remind you again about the charity night for Marie Curie Nurses on October 28th with the fabulous Headland performing. With a prize draw included we are hoping to raise a lot of money for this good cause.

Not nice to think of it but by the time the next magazine is out summer will be gone and the nights will be drawing in and Remembrancetide will be looming.

We always lose a collector or two due to holidays or ill health or whatever so if you think you would like to help let me know and I will pass on your details to Poppy Appeal Organiser Val Eslick.

Lyn's bingo is every fortnight and in between a few of us play crib, you are quite welcome to attend either, bingo starts at 7pm and crib at 8.30pm.

Still on the search for skittles sticker ups, if you are interested or know anybody who might be ring me on the number below. Most teams pay £20 for about 2 hours work, give me a call.

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

Women's Institute



Dressed in Tudor costume, Anne Grey and Gareth Jones took their audience on a musical journey through the seasons of the mediaeval year in their talk called "Summer is Icumen in." The warm weather of June signalled a royal progress through the countryside to escape the stench and disease of London. With Queen Elizabeth's household baggage packed onto about 500 oxcarts, she made her way slowly through the villages and market towns, accompanied by the strident sound of shawms. These long post-horn type instruments can be heard for a long distance and originated during the Crusades. Their present day descendents are oboes and bassoons.

Once settled somewhere in the countryside Henry VIII loved to hunt and his men arranged for him to be woken before dawn by the pipe and tabor playing "Hunt's Up". The method was to play the simple pipe in one hand and bang the drum with the other. Anne demonstrated how it was done but it looked very tricky. Gareth added another dimension with the violin-like instrument called the rebek.

September was harvest time and there was suitable music to accompany the feasting and then in October the mediaeval church held wakes which were celebrations and had their own music. At the beginning of November was Hallowtide when animals that were not going to be kept and fed throughout the lean months of Winter were slaughtered. Anne and Gareth played a duet on gemshorns, pipes made from cow's horns. The sound was gentle and sweet and rather poignant.

December was the month for taking care of those animals which would provide the following year's farming stock, and that included bees which were given a winter feed of honey and water. And of course there was music for the Christmastide and the New Year.

January was the month to clean out rabbit warrens and let the animals breed, because rabbits were a useful food source. And so the year rolled round to Candlemas and Lent and Easter with more feasting and games, Maypoles and new clothes. Anne and Gareth's little concert thoroughly intrigued their audience and there were plenty of questions afterwards. All the instruments we saw were reproductions, but nevertheless the people with the arcane skills to make such things are very rare. Anne told us that she was on a waiting list for seven years before she got her sackbut.

Next month's speaker is an old friend of ours, Christine Shaw. Her talk is entitled "Mystery of the Maya" and this is an open meeting to which husbands, friends and significant others are invited. With Christine we can be certain of an entertaining and exciting evening.

YV

Marnhull Pantomime

Well things are getting very exciting as we get ready for the Fest and Flower show on 22nd July with our sensory game, I wonder who will guess correctly and win a prize.

We have had to change the date on our tea dance which will now be on Sunday 20th August, tickets will be on sale from Monday 17th July from Robin Hill Stores and Spar. prices are £4 Adults, £2.50 children and £10 family ticket (2 adults and 2 children). Please join us for a cream tea and a boogie.

We will also be having a bingo evening at the village hall on Friday 10th November and a Christmas Cinderella Ball on Saturday 9th December more information to follow shortly. There will be a read through of the script for all those interested in auditioning on Sunday 17th September at The Crown at 7pm. The auditions will be on Sunday 1st October venue and time to be confirmed.

Hope you can join us for some of our events.

Many thanks for all your support all the cast.



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From The Surgeries
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The consultation asked for feedback on site specific options for Dorset County, Poole and Royal Bournemouth hospitals, the configuration of maternity and paediatrics, changes to community services and the redistribution of community beds across the county.

18,713 questionnaires were submitted along with 245 written submissions. In addition over 1900 people attended drop-in events, 14 focus groups took place and 1005 people took part in telephone surveys.

These findings are not interpreted as final decisions. The report produced by ORS will inform the final business case, which will be presented to NHS Dorset CCG's Governing Body in late 2017 to assist them in making final decisions which will then be widely publicised. You can find the report at www.dorsetvision.nhs.uk.

The Blackmore Vale Partnership, which includes Marnhull, Sturminster Newton, Abbey View in Shaftesbury and Fontmell Magna has about 24,000 registered patients.

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- In total last year there were 630,000, patient contacts!

Blackmore Vale Inn Update

We have been reporting for some months that an announcement was due any week, about the future of the Blackmore Vale Inn, which closed in May 2016.

We put it to Hall & Woodhouse that at least one party, possibly two have withdrawn from negotiations at a fairly advanced stage, which might suggest that there were still some obstacles in the way. The more sceptical villagers feel that this might be because the sale of the pub as a free house, or to another brewery would be seen as competition to The Crown. Others however felt that Marnhull was large enough to support two hostleries.

Estates Manager for Hall & Woodhouse, the current owners of the Blackmore Vale Inn, Peter Kitching responded "We are hoping to get a sale through in the next month. The delay has not been through a lack of trying but the legal process seems to take forever with slow responses to local authority searches etc. I believe we are getting there."

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Treasure Hunt

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Tyre rolling competition - Craft stalls/raffle - BBQ
Beer - Wine - Soft Drinks - Tea - Coffee.

Prize for winner of treasure hunt
Prize for winner of tyre rolling competition.

All proceeds to Spinal Injury Association and the Poppy Appeal

An Evening Of Music

The Evening Of Music In Aid Of Chernobyl Children's Charity Lifeline

A big thank you to all of you who came along to support the evening and a huge thank you to the two local bands, 'Georgie Girl' who got the evening off to a fantastic start and 'Rip It Up' who gave us a brilliant finale. Sam on fiddle and her incredible Ceilidh Band who had us up dancing and how I wish I'd had a camera for the circle dance!! Thanks to all the musicians and singers, Megan on ukulele, Sheila on guitar, Colin, Clare and co, Sinead and Brendan, all of whom gave freely of their time and energy to make this a memorable evening.

To all the local shops and businesses who gave such generous donations for the raffle, to Robin Hill and Marnhull Stores for selling tickets and, of course, to my willing helpers for their support throughout the evening they deserve a huge thank you - Ian and Linda, David and Eleanor, Sue A and Michelle.

We raised the fantastic sum of £700!

Mary C

Marnhull POPPin Cafe



Summer is here and we are coming up to our 11th café session on FRIDAY 28TH JULY. We will be holding a short AGM (for committee and volunteers only) after the July café. The accounts and Co-Ordinator's Report will be made available to those attending the café on that date and we will be happy to answer any queries at that time.

Over the past months we have enjoyed theming each of the events for you all. During July and August our theme will definitely be summer and holidays, with summery cakes and bakes, cold elderflower cordial on offer, as well as our usual teas and filter coffee.

In May we introduced our FOODBANK COLLECTION basket for donations towards the Gillingham Foodbank (Trussell Trust). It would be great if you could spare an item out of your own shopping basket to share with this worthwhile charity.

Our monthly BOOK and MAGAZINE Sale/Swap is very popular and is helping to boost the café's monthly income. We have recently introduced our PLANT Sale/Swap and are extending this by inviting you to donate surplus FLOWERS, FRUIT, VEG etc. (small amounts please!) for us to Sell/Swap at the café.

Do pop in and have a nice cup of coffee/tea and a slice of homemade cake with us, for just £1.50, all baked by our wonderful team of Volunteer Home Bakers. Why not offer someone who is less mobile a lift so they can join us too. See you soon

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 Sat. July 29th - Reunion Sat. Aug. 5th - Jefferson Jon Mon. Aug. 7th - Bingo 7pm
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Marnhull Fest & Flower Show

Marnhull Fest 2017

22nd July – Recreation Ground

12noon - 5.00pm: Afternoon Stalls, Dog Show, Live Music and Family Entertainment

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Marnhull Fest

Rumour has it that last year was one of the best Fest & Flower Shows ever, well I'm not too sure about that as I've been to some pretty fantastic ones myself over the years and that's what keeps people coming back year after year. It is always a difficult task to follow any year but I hope this year we manage to live up to your expectations!

New for this year is our craft marquee, purchased by the Fest it is a separate marquee to the main, and Flower Show tents and is purely to house lots of goodies for you to browse through, including face painting and henna designs. (Marquee will also be available to hire after the Fest! More info coming soon!)

We are happy to announce that our family entertainment this year will be the fantastic Dorset Axemen and straight from Covent Garden Entertainers we have award winning international entertainer Groovy Guy! Of course we have all the regulars too, archery, circus skills, Fun Dog Show, over forty stalls (inside and out!) great food, music and of course not forgetting the bar and the Pimms, which went down very well last year it appears!!

The Fest's main objective every year is to give the people of Marnhull and surrounding areas a great day out, whilst doing this we are often in the position of being able to donate any extra monies raised to local causes. If you feel your group would like to be considered for a donation please do get in touch after the Fest.

So bring your pennies and your picnic blankets (and a brolly too!!) and we all hope you have a fantastic afternoon and not forgetting the evening too, we have a great line up to keep you dancing all night! To find out more find us online and on Facebook

Lisa Woodhouse(Chair) and the Fest Committee

The Marnhull Flower Show & Fest

Saturday 22nd July Looking forward to the Show & Fest?

Schedules available now with information on crafts, photography, art, flowers and vegetable classes. Look out for the details of all the children's classes.

All entry forms must be returned by 5pm on Tuesday 18th July
 Details of everything in the schedule.

See you there!
 There is even a class for novice vegetable gardeners!



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Thoughts from the Methodist Minister

There is no doubt, we live in an extremely busy world and there is so much to worry about. 24-hour news coverage and sensational newspaper headlines with worries of Brexit, the economy and terrorism, conspire to fill our minds with worldly noise. It is no surprise then, to realise that we are all becoming more tense, anxious and unsettled. So what can we do to keep our lives in balance?

Well, something we can do is to pray. In simple terms, prayer is the raising up of the mind and heart to God, and we can do it in a number of different ways such as adoration, petition, intercession, thanksgiving and praise. So far, so good, you say, but how do we make private prayer part of our busy lives?

Some turn to prayer in times of crisis, or worry; others when they feel disposed; whilst others pray passionately when they want something for themselves, or another. This is all very good, but what's lacking here is the frequency. Worldly news bombards our minds throughout the day, so the antidote (prayer) should become a habit of daily life too. Making time for daily prayer is central to the spiritual energy and commitment of a Christian life and has to be built into our daily routine. As breath is to the body, so prayer is to the soul. What would happen to our bodies if we decided to breath only on Sundays?

Prayerfulness shouldn't be measured by brevity or length; nor should it be overly concerned with methods, as there may be as many ways of praying as there are people who pray. The essence lies not in trying to bend God's will to ours, but ours to his.

As the late Cardinal Hume used to say, "Prayer is wasting time for God". We are invited to stop what we are doing, exclude what's going on in the world around us and simply sit in silence to speak privately to God - and perhaps more importantly, to listen.

Some people like to use words when they pray; others prefer silent reflection. As the habit of prayer grows stronger, the need for silence increases and the soul begins to relish quiet meditation. Self-discipline is required, of course. Whatever the prayer programme adopted, it should be adhered to rigorously. Staying power is essential. Just two minutes spent in regular prayer each morning and evening would be more beneficial than sudden, random bursts.

All you need to get going with prayer is to set aside some time, sit in a quiet room, in the garden, or on the beach; be still and just let it happen. It's easy and totally free!

God has no grandchildren; we are all his children and can respond to his gracious familiarity and kindness with childlike compliance and trust. So treat yourselves - make prayer a part of your daily life and start feeling the benefit.

As Saint Paul wrote to the Thessalonians: "Be happy at all times, pray constantly and for all things give thanks to God."

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

Catholic Church of Our Lady, Old Mill Lane

9.30 - Mass
6.00 - Mass
www.marnhullandgillinghamrc.org.uk

Marnhull Methodist Church, Burton Street

10.00 - Morning Service

St. Gregory's Church



Services & Events for July/August 2017

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

Sunday 2nd - Third Sunday after Trinity

8.00 - Holy Communion [said]
10.00 - Parish Eucharist

Wednesday 5th

09.00 - Children's Service led by St Gregory's Primary School (coffee served before and after service)
11.00 Holy Communion

Sunday 9th - Fourth Sunday after Trinity

08.00 - Holy Communion [said]
10.00 - THANK GOD FOR MARNHULL Service

Wednesday 12th

09.00 - Children's Service led by St Gregory's Primary (coffee served before and after service)

Sunday 16th - Fifth Sunday after Trinity

08.00 - Holy Communion [said]
10.00 - Parish Eucharist

Thursday 20th

1.45 pm - St Gregory's School: Leavers' Service

Sunday 23rd - Sixth Sunday after Trinity

08.00 - Holy Communion [said]
10.00 Sung Eucharist

Sunday 30th - Seventh Sunday after Trinity

08.00 - Holy Communion [said]
10.00 Sung Eucharist

Wednesday 2nd

11.00 Holy Communion

Sunday 6th - Eighth Sunday after Trinity

8.00 - Holy Communion [said]
10.00 - Parish Eucharist

Sunday 13th - Ninth Sunday after Trinity

08.00 - Holy Communion [said]
10.00 - Parish Eucharist

Sunday 20th - Tenth Sunday after Trinity

08.00 - Holy Communion [said]
10.00 - Parish Eucharist

Sunday 27th - Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

08.00 - Holy Communion [said]
10.00 Sung Eucharist

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From the St Gregory Registers

Marriage

Congratulations to Lucy Jayne Wood and Jonathon Andrew Baker who were married here on 2nd of June 2017 and we wish them every happiness for the future.

Our Lady's Church



Catholic Church of Our Lady, Marnhull & St. Benedict's, Gillingham -
www.marnhullandgillinghamrc.org.uk
Sunday Masses - 9.30am & 6pm (Marnhull) / 11am (Gillingham)

Significant dates in July

1 - Saint Oliver Plunket, Bishop & Martyr (Memorial) (1629-1681) Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland, he was hanged, drawn and quartered in London on 1 July 1681: the last Catholic martyr to suffer in England. His body is enshrined at Downside Abbey (Somerset)
3 - Saint Thomas, Apostle (Feast) (1st Century) Doubted the resurrection, until he saw the Lord for himself.
11 - Saint Benedict, Abbot, Patron of Europe (Feast) (480-547) Founded the famous abbey at Montecassino, where he established the Benedictine Order, based on his Rule.
22 - Saint Mary Magdalene (Memorial) St Mary Magdalene (1st c), originally from Magdala in Galilee, was one of the Lord's disciples. She remained with him during his agony on the cross. According to the Gospels of St Mark and St John, she was the first to see Christ after his resurrection.
23 - Saint Bridget, Religious, Patron of Europe (Feast) Happily married, she brought up eight children including Saint Catherine of Sweden. As a widow, she founded a religious community (Brigetines).
25 - Saint James, Apostle (Feast) With St Peter and St John he witnessed the Transfiguration of the Lord and the Agony in the Garden. He was beheaded in the year 44: the first of the Twelve to be martyred.

Significant dates in August

6 - Transfiguration of The Lord (Feast) The Transfiguration of the Lord on Mount Tabor showed the disciples, and us, Christ's divinity and anticipates the glory of Heaven.
9 - Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Feast) St Teresa Benedicta (1891-1942) was born Edith Stein. The eleventh child of a Jewish family in Poland, she was a popular lecturer and writer. Converting to Catholicism in 1922, she joined the Carmelites, but was arrested and gassed at Auschwitz on 9 August 1942.
10 - Saint Lawrence, Deacon & Martyr (Feast) (+258) Roasted to death on a gridiron.
14 - Vigil of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Solemnity)
15 - The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Solemnity) Commemorates Our Lady's passing, body and soul, into Heaven.
24 - Saint Bartholomew, Apostle (Feast) St Bartholomew (1st Century) preached the Gospel after Pentecost in Arabia, India and Armenia, where he was flayed alive. He is the patron of tanners.

Spiritual Development

The highly acclaimed series of talks (CDs) by Fr Dennis McBride, entitled 'Jesus and the Gospels' is currently running in the Chapelroom of Our Lady's Church on Tuesday evenings at 6.30pm. It's free and all are welcome. Each talk stands alone, so you can join in at any stage. Details are on the Parish Website (www.marnhullandgillinghamrc.org.uk)

'Quiet Garden' for prayer and meditation at Foxley House on 19 July, 4 August and 29 August. Maximum 8 places on each occasion - ring 820815 for info

Parish People

Dawid Ostrowski was baptised on 20 May and Jan Wierzbicki was baptised on 10 June.

The funeral of Alphonsa Augusta Suzanna Courtney de Gheselle was held on 11 May. The funeral of Michael Garvey was on 15 May.

Social

The Parish Outing to Downside Abbey & Tyntesfield House on 16 June was a great success and enjoyed by all!

Parish Film Night (The Song of Bernadette) at Our Lady's on 28 June (6.30pm for 7pm). Free admission - tea & coffee available, please bring refreshments of your choice!

The Saint Benedict's Day Lunch will take place at The Copplridge Inn, Motcombe, at midday on 11 July (Parishioners please sign-up on the lists in our church porches)

The Parish Garden Party takes place at Our Lady's on Saturday 8 July, at 2pm.

The Methodist Church



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Churches Together

Social

The Churches Together Social Evening was held at the Crown Hotel in Marnhull, on Wednesday 21 June and all had a great time!

The village Harvest Festival supper will be an evening of 'Pies, Peas and Poetry' in the Village Hall on Thursday 28 September. Details to follow.

World Peace Prayers

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

14 Jul	Methodist Church	Rev Paul Arnold
11 Aug	St Gregory's Church	Canon Tony Wilds
8 Sep	Our Lady's Church	Fr Martin Budge

Interfaith Calendar

1 August - Tisha B'Av. This is a fast day commemorating the destruction of both the first (516 BC) and second (70 AD) Temples in Jerusalem, as well as the expulsion of the Jews from Spain in 1492 (Jewish)

Committee

The next Churches Together Committee meeting will be held at Tapshays Barn on 7 September, at 2.30pm.

Marnhull Garden Club



Martin Young of My Plants in Weymouth made a return visit to the Club, this time to tell us about Echinacea and Rudbeckia, both prairie plants and both better known as Cone Flowers – see photos.

They are beloved of insects because they are full of nectar – indeed, lots of his slides had happy drunken bees/butterflies on the flowers. They are only found in North America, mainly in the Great Plains area and what we call the badlands.

The native peoples were well aware of their medicinal properties, and until the invention of anti-biotics in early 20th century, were standard in most pharmacopaeas.

The whole plant is used medicinally. They are still cultivated in quantity for the health food market – indeed, Martin himself swears by their health-giving properties.



To grow them successfully in the garden, you need space, sunlight and a neutral, fertile soil and good drainage. They thrive in massed plantings with grasses and verbena bonarienses, but can be grown as individuals. They do not like wet feet, especially in winter.

Each honey-scented floret holds nectar, only a small amount, so the visiting insect has to work across the whole cone before stumbling off in a happy drunken haze to the next one. In autumn, the gold-finch in particular love the seeds and whole families work over a plant.

The next meeting is on 11 July and is on Herbs and their medicinal properties. Before then there is the visit to Mottisfont Abbey on 28th June and a few seats are available on the coach.

Would members coming on 11th July please bring plastic bags for use on the Plant Stall at the Fest – and let Ian Pentland know what plants/item they can bring for the stall as well. The Garden Party is on 29th July – and Malcolm would like to have names of those planning to attend.

SB

Atom Club - Science & Coding Club

IT Suite

The first stage of our computer suite is now finished. We are planning a large range of sessions, from children's coding clubs, to adult computer lessons. A local photographer is interested in teaching Photoshop there, so I'd love to hear if you're interested.

Dinosaur and Space Zone

The landlord of the warehouse has done a great job of the improvements and so we've starting to put exhibits in place this week. Luke has been building an interactive sand-pit - sounds odd, but you'll be amazed when you see it!

I now have the parts for our Mars Rover exhibit, so have begun writing the software and we're hoping to secure a sponsor to cover the exhibit's staging.

Atom Club App

Our greenscreen can finally be set back up now too and I'm exciting to start filming videos again. The Atom Club App has been finished for a while now, but we needed to re-record our video intro.

New Products

We have a new supplier which has allowed us to expand some of our lines. We now have a great range of mineral jewellery at pocket money prices. They have also sourced us some large fossils and beautiful minerals.

New Website

We decided that if waited until we were totally finished with the site, it would never go live, so we decided to launch the site, coupled with the homepage rocket. Feedback on the design has been great!

Open Evening - 13th July

With the IT suite and shop now ready, we've decided to arrange an open evening. On Thursday 13th July from 6pm, we'll be giving tours of the centre and showing you our plans for the future. More details will be on our website shortly.

Marnhull Fest and Flower Show

Atom Club will have a stand at the Fest, so we hope to see you all there. We'll have a selection of Fossils, Meteorites, Minerals and educational toys for sale. We're planning a few fun activities to do at the event, so keep an eye on our stand!

Volunteers/Trustees Needed

We made it! It's been hard work, but we're ready to open our new education centre. Do you want to be a part of this exciting project? Join us as we start transitioning into charity status. Could you give up time to teach a lesson, make an exhibit, help us with marketing, or admin? We need all the help we can get! Call Chris on 01258 808577 if you're interested in being part of Atom Club.



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

This half term started with Mrs Chapman sharing her holiday experiences on the Isle of Mull, discussing how islanders make a living and surviving without mains electricity and this led into the launch of our new theme 'Never Never Land' where children will be learning to build a community by developing a shared culture, economic well being and recognisable identity.



Rabbits class are excited to start their new topic of 'Never Never Land' by learning pirate songs and poems in Literacy and creating their own pirate descriptions. They are looking forward to learning about different islands around the world and designing their own. In R.E. they have been learning about different religions exploring what it is like to be a Jewish boy or girl and celebrate Shabbat, their special day of rest and family celebration. The children have learnt how important it is to Jewish people and the special food and artefacts they use. This half term they have started their Forest School sessions exploring nature around them and they are looking forward to toasting marshmallows on our fire pit as a treat at the end.



Children in Squirrels class are busy planning, designing and naming their own island. They thought about which buildings would be on their island and after designing them, made them out of clay. They are also designing a flag for their island as well as writing a national anthem.

Years 5 and 6 spent three days fencing, climbing, canoeing, mountain biking and disco dancing at the PGL Activity Centre in Torquay. The children impressed everyone with their 'can do' attitude to challenging activities and their stamina! Quotes from the children 'fun-filled, exciting, exotic, best time of my life, risk-taking, fabulous and lots of chips!!'

A note from the Governors of St Gregory's School:

It has come to our attention that a person/persons have been placing inappropriate notices on a number of areas in the village. This is not something we feel is proper or are happy with. If anyone has seen or knows any information on who has been doing this could you contact the headteacher.

A number of parents/members of the community have been asking about the Jungle Hut. We would like to clarify our situation and inform you that we have not terminated the lease to the Jungle Hut pre-school, which is situated on our site. It is not something that we have even considered at the present time. We are actively trying to encourage a working relationship with them which we consider extremely beneficial to the children. The decision to request planning permission is solely due to a decision made by their manager and the trustees.

St. Mary's Catholic School



We have had a busy month which ended with inspectors from Plymouth Diocese spending two days critically analysing the pastoral care, effectiveness, management and learning outcomes for students during our Diocesan inspection. The team awarded an 'outstanding' judgement following with the inspection report stating that the school is "a warm and welcoming environment" and that "the pastoral care is a priority and as a result every child is nurtured and cared for in such a way they grow to become the very best that they can be". Parents also told inspectors that the school was "the most wonderful school I could ever wish for" and "I wouldn't send my child anywhere else".



Our year 5/6 children had an amazing time on this year's residential trip to Brenscombe. The children had the opportunity to experience a wide range of activities such as abseiling, kayaking and shooting. Many of the children were very much out of their comfort zone during these activities but gave them a shot and loved every minute. They even coped well when the kayak took a tumble throwing them all into the water!

We have had a new play trail built in the grounds. The children now have plenty to climb over, crawl through and swing across! The equipment has been built on all weather surfacing so the children can use it come rain or shine! This has been a huge hit in the last term of the year!

The children have been very engaged in the political climate following recent events and we even held our very own St Mary's election. The children created parties, elected leaders, wrote their own manifesto and were even brave enough to face each other in a leader's debate! Following a landslide victory for one of the parties, some of their pledges will now be put into practice in the coming weeks.

Charlotte Targett
Headteacher

St. Mary's Explorers

The Explorers have had a dazzling time diving under the sea to discover the delights of the ocean. They've loved using our ocean tough tray and creating their own imaginative stories about life under the sea. We have been looking closely at sea creatures and learning new words to describe them like 'tentacles', 'gills' and 'fins'. We learnt a song called, 'There's a Hole in the Bottom of the Sea' which describes a food chain in the ocean. Then we used our cutting skills to make sharks with spikey teeth!



The children have enjoyed lots of sensory activities in our outdoor area. We used water beads in our water tray and the children were fascinated to see how they transformed when we added water! This play activity provided a great opportunity to talk about capacity and the children enjoyed scooping and pouring.



We have enjoyed sharing poetry using the book 'Commotion in the Ocean!' The children have enjoyed experimenting with the rhyme and rhythm in this book. Some of them have even learnt some of the poems to share with their peers.



We've also been doing lots of mark making both indoors and out. We've made marks in coloured sand, with chalks on the patio and with water on the chalk board.

We are planning to follow the children's interest next week! So it will be 'All Hands on Deck', 'Avast ye!' and 'Ahoy matey!' as we take on a pirate theme. By taking into account the children's interests we understand that the children will be even further engaged in their learning.

St Mary's Explorers is open 8.45 – 3.15 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 look around, or come and stay for a taster session, please call 01258 820417 to make an appointment. (Sessions: £4 per hour/£24 for a full day. Early years funding 15/30hrs accepted)

Jungle Hut Pre-School

On Tuesday the 23rd of May after lots of anticipation we finally had 3 baby quails hatch they were so cute and so so tiny they are now 3-week-old and have matured much quicker than a bantam or chicken so the next milestone is the laying process which we believe takes place at around 6 weeks will keep you informed on quails development in next messenger.

We now have our caterpillars in residence for the children to observe they are growing very quickly and are nearing the chrysalis stage so hopefully in the few weeks we will have some painted lady butterflies to release in to our garden area.

We have picked some very delicious strawberries from our garden enjoying eating at snack time our plants and vegetables are growing well with our apple tree laden with fruit. Our tadpoles who have now turned into several frogs have now been released in to a local pond.

Topics this term have included all about me, exploring materials and media this has included lots of baking activities where the children have observed changes when some ingredients change when mixed together the children have also been busy making Father's Day card and presents.

We are nearing the end of the school year so are preparing to say goodbye to children who are moving on to their chosen schools we are planning lots of special events and activities during the second part of the term hopefully providing many special memories of the children's time here at the Jungle hut.

We take children from 2 years – 5years accepting 2year old and 3/4year -old Nursery Grant. At the beginning of April, we were really pleased that we now have in place facilities to accept the 30 hours a week free childcare. To find out more about what we get up to the Jungle Hut please visit our website at junglehutl.com or have a look at our up to date Facebook pages

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Sue.

Marnhull Baby & Toddlers



On the 8th of June we couldn't use the village hall due to voting, so we went to Coolplay for a morning of fun. It was great to see all the children running round and having fun and the mums all sitting and relaxing.

We had another lovely visit from Gill with Usborne books on the 15th June we raised £33 for the group to spend on books. We had a raffle that our lovely mummy Liv won, it was a lovely morning and we always look forward to having her in.

Unfortunately we had to cancel our pre-loved sale due to lack of stalls, we will be doing another one in September so hopefully there will be more interest for that.

Next week 22nd June we have Diana with her Pheonix cards which we always look forward to. A good time to stock up on cards for the next few months.

Then we have our summer party on the 13th July where will have inflatables and lots of fun outside hopefully the weather will be kind.

We are also having extra sessions in the summer holidays which will be on Thursday 10th August and Thursday 24th August.

Emma and Dee



Garden Reflections for the month of... ..July



A Year in a Day – Part 1:

The Morning – a reflection on the day so far:

Following the previous night's Xmas parties and the cold night that followed, our day started slowly in the 'hour' of January. But slowly, ever so slowly, as the 'hour' of February limped along, so the new day drew nearer with just a little peak of the early snowdrops as they tortuously forced their way through the frosts. Soon they were followed by others giving a cheery hint of what was to follow: A wake up call to the other, still dozing, spring bulbs.

The snowdrops, in full bloom, called out the start of the new day. The dark of winter continues to hang over the morning but the determination of those white pin-holes of brightness is now clear evidence that the darkness will lighten and the longer, warmer days will soon return. Encouraged by this leadership, the daffodils boldly showed off their greenery but were nervous about revealing their bright yellow flowers. Not so the crocuses who beat them to it with their colourful displays, as the momentum to brighten the winter's gloom gathered pace.

Soon the 'hour' of March arrived and daybreak was fully upon us. A sudden burst of mild weather gave hope for an early summer and caused the plants to clamour into flower, shouting out the dawn of the new day with a mass of colour; from snowdrops, crocuses, daffodils, primroses, anemones and many others. The trees were not to be left out of this party, with their blossom bursting forth and joining the spring flowers in a cacophony of colour! However, the mildness was peppered with a few stormy and cold reminders of the long night just passed.

The waking trees started to quench their massive thirsts quickly drying out the ground sufficient for the first grass cut of the year. Midway through the 'hour' and daybreak was consolidated. The rush to work was matched by nature's rush to produce blossom and flowers of all manner of colours but the mid-spring weather challenged the show with further, unwelcomed, cold spells, rain, wind, hail and – at one point – just a touch of snow!

The 'hour' of April has arrived: the day is now fully woken and the sun has a new warmth maintaining a reasonable mean temperature but leaving a pleasant freshness to the air. The clocks sprung their magic a few days ago giving us the prospect of long days to come. The morning rush hour is in full swing with so many birds rushing hither and thither amongst the trees and bushes in order to get their work done. Mrs Blackbird has already made her nest behind our shed and filled it with eggs. She objected most volubly when I tried to exercise my right also, to venture around the back of the shed.

"Morning has broken like the first morning Blackbird has spoken like the first bird..."

The fields suddenly became green and lush or, in some cases, became yellow as the oilseed rape bloomed. Herbaceous borders flexed their muscles. The 'hour' of shower was here but the rain had stopped; only a few days ago, so no-one really noticed when. Although the 'hour' started warm, it soon became sunny and cold and northerly breezes returning to start the day with a nasty bite. By the end of the 'hour' there were freezing overnight temperatures causing havoc with tender plants, new shoots, uncovered seedlings and some blossom. The trees continued to quench their thirst – but still it didn't rain - and now the ground started to dry out, especially the shallow loose soil!

It's now mid-morning and the 'hour' when we should, "Ne'er cast a clout till May be out". No chance of that as the cold north wind continued to blow but still it had not rained and some plants were starting to struggle. Whatever happened to that sudden burst of mildness which gave us such hope of an early summer? Halfway through the 'hour' it's almost midday

and finally it rained, after over 6 weeks of dry weather. The worry now is whether it will ever stop! And that worry gets worse as the next few days produce very heavy rain. But then suddenly the sun came out, the wind dropped to a breeze, turned to a southerly and the plants responded rapidly to their long awaited drink and some warm weather. The days grew warmer and sunnier, the evenings longer, lighter, calmer and milder. How wonderful it is to sit out until almost enveloped by darkness but still be warm. The hopes of a whole summer like this are now high again. "Oh to be in England now that summer's here..."

The Bank Holiday weekend starts with an almighty thunder storm! The half-term holidays and the 'month' of midday arrives with more wet days, soon followed by cold weather, storms and then another election!

With the return of terror to our cities we should be grateful for where we live. We should allow our gardens to provide places of peaceful tranquillity and calm contemplation punctuated by little more than the sounds of nature. We should enjoy our own little 'corner of England that is for ever Marnhull'.

Manhull Garden Club

Marnhull Music Society

Alan Thomas's presentation "A Musical Miscellany" was a beautifully balanced concert of contrasting shades and colours. After a breezy opening with Ron Goodwin's march "Aces High" he continued with the light and bright 4th movement of Schubert's 3rd symphony with its attractive four-note running theme.

Mahler seldom features in our concerts, for some reason, but Alan introduced a section of "das Lied von der Erde". Not being familiar with the music I was unprepared for the abrupt changes of mood from lyrical to dark and abrasive. Bach's Brandenburg concerto No. 3 which followed restored the equilibrium with its soothing orderliness.

Later in the programme Alan played "Valse des Fleures" from the Nutcracker. From the gentle beginning on the harp, to the muted brass and clarinet and building to the full-bodied, technicolour climax, this familiar piece is true Tchaikovski drama and glitz. It is hard to resist its excitement and it was one of the highlights of the evening.

The first half ended with a truly delightful recording from the 1920's. The Savoy Orpheans were one of the best known bands of that time and here they played the syncopated old favourite, "Fascinating Rhythm."

After coffee we had a big entrance with the "Pomp & Circumstance March No 4" by Elgar. The inner eye could see the glittering brass and waving flags, bright uniforms and shining buttons. The Mozart clarinet quintet which followed was silvery and serene by contrast. A little later Alan introduced another change of mood with a 1927 recording of Louis Armstrong and his ensemble playing "Willie the Weeper." For trad jazz fans this was a special treat: the Hot Five was one of the foremost bands of the time with a line-up including Kid Ory and Johnny Dodds.

Immediately following this incandescent experience the musical temperature cooled again with a moving rendition of Verdi's Chorus of the Hebrew Slaves by a Japanese company. Alan rounded off this most enjoyable concert with Keith Alford's march "Colonel Bogey" played by arguably the best military band in the business, the Royal Marines.

But as usual I choose a favourite piece and this evening it was Scott Joplin's delicate and introspective little "Gladiolus Rag" played with incredible sensitivity by Joshua Rifkin.

In August we have our Garden Party at Kings Mill Court and hope that as many members as possible will be able to join the fun and games.

YV



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PARISH MUTTERINGS

The top topics being discussed this month:

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

The Council is considering possible locations for more Dog waste bins.

Refurbishment of the Children's play area.

The proposed telephone mast in Sackmore Lane was discussed at a recent Parish Council Meeting. Members of the Village aired their concerns and it was proposed that the Parish Council write reflecting these to Gillan Consulting.

Garden Cemetery – the new Cemetery regulations were adopted at the last Parish Council Meeting and will be Standing Order no 5.

Another defibrillator could not be provided at this time due to cost but will be kept under review.

A review of Standing Orders is continuing

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

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 821231 or email mpclerk@sallyupshall.f2s.com

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

Closure of St Gregory's Churchyard

The Parish Council have agreed to take over the Churchyard because it is the resting place of parishioners of any denomination or none. An application has been made to discontinue burials. Provision would be made for the following exceptions:-

a. in any vault or walled grave in the churchyard, burial may be allowed but every coffin in such vault or grave must be separately enclosed by stonework or brick work properly cemented;

b. in any existing earthen grave in the churchyard, the burial may be allowed of the body of any member of the family of the person or persons previously buried in that grave, but no part of the coffin containing the body shall be less than one metre below the level of the surface of the ground adjoining the grave; and

c. in any grave space in which no interment has previously taken place, the burial may be allowed of any person for whom, or any member of the family for which that grave space has been reserved and appropriated, with the exclusive right of burial there, but no part of the coffin containing the body shall be less than one metre below the level of the surface of the ground adjoining the grave.

Joy Matthews
 Sec of PCC St Gregorys Church Marnhull

Summer events at Springhead

Sunday 16 July, open garden, 10-5 stalls & café serving refreshments and light lunches, £3.50, U16 free, dogs on leads welcome. Wheelchair assisted access. Edward Parker will also talk about his book 'Ancient Trees of the National Trust'.

Thursday 3 August, 7.30, Artsreach presents Flann O'Brien's 'The Third Policeman', open air theatre. Bring a picnic, gardens open from 6. £12 adult, £10 Friend of Springhead, under 18 £8 & family £32.

Mobile Phone Mast Application

A planning application has been submitted to N Dorset D Council for a 50 ft mast plus ancillary dishes at the telephone exchange on Sackmore Lane. This is directly opposite us and all our front windows overlook the site. We have measured the distance, to the best of our ability, from the test boreholes that has been dug to our front door and it is approximately 65 - 70 yards. Vodafone are applying initially. However, I gather that they can sublet space to all the other providers and, should they be successful, we could end up with a plethora of dishes and all the ensuing structure.

There could be enormous health issues due to emission from these masts which will only come to light in the future. After all, it was once deemed safe to live in the shadow of electric pylons and I believe, not one but two prime ministers told us that diesel vehicles were best for us and the environment!!

Yes, of course it is in our interest to oppose it. My husband was diagnosed with lung cancer last October. After a course of chemo which made him very ill we were devastated to hear that it did not work and the tumour was growing. Ian was so ill and we had nowhere to go - quite frankly we feared the worst. I then read about an auto immune drug and we thought about selling our home to try to fund this treatment which might buy us some time. In the end we were contacted by the consultant to say he had managed to obtain funding for a period for one of these new drugs which is helping enormously. We are not sure for how long and we take one day at a time and thank our lucky stars for the NHS and Yeovil Hospital who have literally saved Ian's life. This current situation is not helping of course.

This company wrote to us some weeks ago for our views on the mast and, of course, we kept hoping it would go away. It was such a shock we decided that we has better try and sell the house sooner rather than later so we could release funds should the need arise to fund Ian's treatment - we are not sure what is worse - the threat or the actual. It was extremely interesting watching enthusiasm dwindle when producing the mast details at the end of a meeting with estate agents. In a nutshell we are pensioners with very little other than the state pension and it seems grossly unfair that we have to pay for this company's enhanced profits and obscene pay. Our home is our only asset and came at a price! The site is the lowest point in the village and, if they have a poor signal or whatever they require, once planning permission is granted, they could request a higher mast. Yes, there are trees but they are deciduous and only in leaf for about 6 months and they could die and the proposed sites are between the trees. I would like to invite you to our home so that you can see for yourself how it will impact on us.

We are also considering having an Open Day so that anyone who wishes to can come and see for themselves what we are talking about and make their own minds up. Having no interest in mobile phones, etc., I do not know if it is causing problems for companies and thereby losing business and yes, I know they have to go somewhere. I believe there were other sites identified but one was discounted because "they could not contact the owner of the land". Call themselves a communications company! The person whom we are dealing with lives in Scotland. Did he visit the site?

Mary and Ian Tansell

Village Hall Supporters Club

13th June 2017

Draw held at Garden Club meeting

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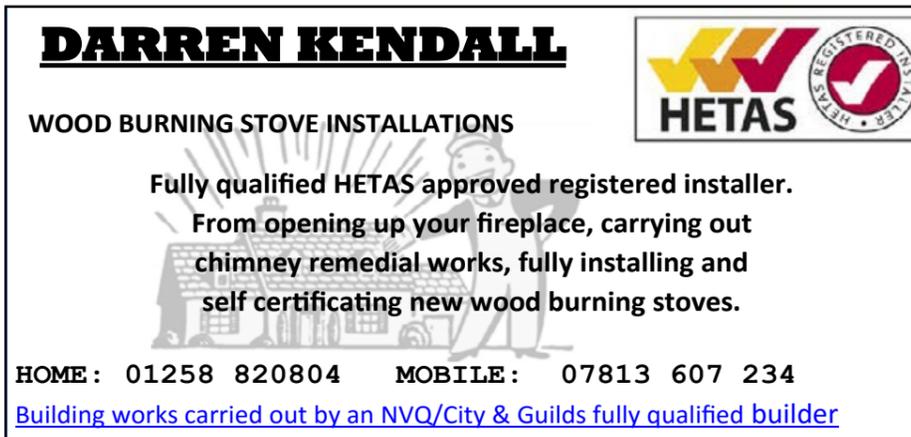
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Sturminster Carnival

Saturday 2nd September

Children's judging will take place at 6pm .

Carnival will start At 7pm from Bridge street.

Events for the week so far:

Pet show Saturday 26th August, also judging of decorated shop windows, this years theme is Funfair. We will also be judging the best small window.

Wednesday 30th August, fish and chip quiz.

Thursday 31st The walk

Friday 1st September Bingo

Sturminster Show, we will be choosing our royalty:

2pm. Queen 15 +

2.30pm. Princess 8 - 14 years old

Prince. 8 - 14 years old

Attendants 5 - 13 years old,

You must live in an 8 mile radius of Sturminster Newton.

Sturminster carnival committee

Help For Heroes Coffee Morning



Many thanks to all who attended , to those who helped and particularly to Gill and Michael Espley for providing such a lovely setting for The Help for Heroes coffee morning on 19th May.

The rain held off until the very end, and a total of £815 was raised.

Diana and George Stephens.

Marnhull Maidens Cricket Festival 2017



The Ladies cricket Festival at Marnhull recreation ground has been and gone, if you missed it then that's a shame as yet again the Ladies have proven what a force they can be when it comes to cricket. This year's Festival was sadly let down by teams entering having to pull out at the last minute leaving the organisers with a huge task in finding sufficient sides to compete, we did in the end have four teams albeit 3 from Marnhull and one from Sway in the New Forest. The event was full of great action and some splendid cricket, the only downside of the whole day was a brief spell of showers late in the afternoon. All teams had 3 games each and the final was a match played by Martha's Maidens versus Marnhull Misfits, the Misfits coming out eventual winners. Prizes were awarded to all in the shape of everyone received a medal and the trophy stays in Marnhull for a second year.

Special thanks to Stephen and Irena who kindly answered a call for helpers and spent all day making tea, serving cakes and on the BBQ, they are both new to the Village and are both already very much part of the community. We would also like to mention and a huge thank you for Monty and Jemma of the Crown Marnhull who have chosen the Ladies cricket as there "good cause" for 2017 and made a very generous donation of £500 towards the continued build of a Ladies team in the Village, again thank you very much.

Anyone interested in getting involved with the Maidens, either as a player, scorer, umpire or just a general helper, please contact Les Elsworth 01258 820432 or the Captain Jemma Sullivan on 07496355084, we would love to hear from you.

Piddle Valley Player Fundraising Talent Night

The Piddle Valley Players are holding a fundraising Talent Night evening on 15th July at Buckland Newton Village Hall, towards their next show in February 2018: South Pacific

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Anyone can become a scam victim, if it has happened to you contact the Citizens Advice consumer helpline on 03454 04 05 06 who will take this situation seriously. This helpline is the first point of contact for consumers seeking advice or wishing to report a problem to trading standards.

Would you like to understand scams better and help people around you spot and stop scams? Become a 'Friend Against Scams' at www.friendsagainstsams.org.uk

Marnhull Celebration Cricket Pictures



Zac Caunt

Ed Ralph

27th May 2017 - Marnhull 1st VX versus Shillingstone CC 1st XV.

Marnhull batted first and were bowled out for 117 runs - doom and gloom!

However, Marnhull's captain, Ed Ralph, took 6 wickets and Zac Caunt three wickets, to win an exciting match.

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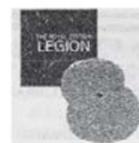
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Dorset Wildlife Trust

Summer Walks and Events 2017

Thursday 20th July: Mindfulness Naturally – run by Briony Baxter, DWT's Community Conservation Officer. Meet at 2.30pm at the Community Orchard, New Road, Broad Oak, Sturminster Newton.

Booking is essential and there are only a few places remaining. Please telephone Roy Davies on 01258 880 699.

Sturminster Newton Floral Group

Sturminster Newton Floral Group has their annual club lunch at Durllesdon Castle in August. Their next evening to be held at the Exchange is on Wednesday 13th September in the Stour Hall at 7.30pm.

This is our main open evening and features a demonstration by Pam Lewis entitled "Autumn Opulence" Pam is a National Demonstrator and the evening promises to be great fun.

There will also be a chance to win one of her lovely arrangements in the raffle. There will be refreshments and all visitors will be welcome at a cost of £10. Members will be charged £5. We would love to see everyone as last year was such a fantastic evening with Nick Grounds.

University of the Third Age

Richards talk title of Perfect Perfect was a reference to his first job of working in an old fashioned department store.

Having decided from an early age that he did not want to follow his father in to gardening, he was successful in getting a job in a shop. Richard recounted how in years gone by shops and department stores had proper counters with proper assistants and a chair at the counter for the customer to sit on whilst being served, (a far cry from the modern shops). When people paid with real money and not credit cards and when these shops had proper cashiers desks to receive the payments (often sent to them via an overhead conveyor line). How things have changed now!!

Richard then recounted in great detail how his mother took him to buy his first suit, shoes etc ready to start work in a large (for the time) Department Store where he was to start in the Soft Furnishings department.

Richard then proceeded to tell us about all of the other employees there – it sounded just like an insight into the television series "Are you being served" with a "real life" Mrs Slocombe, Mr Rumbold etc.

The wages when he started were £4 5s 0d a week with tax of 7/6d and then bus fares and money to his mother, he had very little left at the end of the week. But he survived and he and his friends had a good time.

Richard finished off by telling us some of the many funny stories concerning customers in the store and one in particular where a pregnant lady suddenly produced her baby whilst in the bed department. A most entertaining talk.

Our next meeting at 10am on the 6th July, at the Father's House, Shaftesbury, will feature, Lynda Thompson and the Tatanka Chante Unity Ride.

Details of all SGU3A groups and activities can be found at sgu3a.org.uk

Scam Warnings

Action Fraud has received the first reports of Tech-Support scammers claiming to be from Microsoft who are taking advantage of the global WannaCry ransomware attack.

One victim fell for the scam after calling a "help" number advertised on a pop up window. The window which wouldn't close said the victim had been affected by WannaCry Ransomware.

The victim granted the fraudsters remote access to their PC after being convinced there wasn't sufficient anti-virus protection. The fraudsters then installed Windows Malicious Software Removal Tool, which is actually free and took £320 as payment. It is important to remember that Microsoft's error and warning messages on your PC will never include a phone number.

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Child Okeford Flower Arranging Club

Our next meeting will be on the 18th July at 2:15pm in Child Okeford Village Hall when we shall welcome wedding and event florist, Emma Whicher, of Martha and the Meadow. Emma will show us how to create one of her sumptuous table arrangements using a theme of floating flowers.

The afternoon will conclude with a convivial cream tea. You would be most welcome to join us as a member or simply come along as a guest for the afternoon.

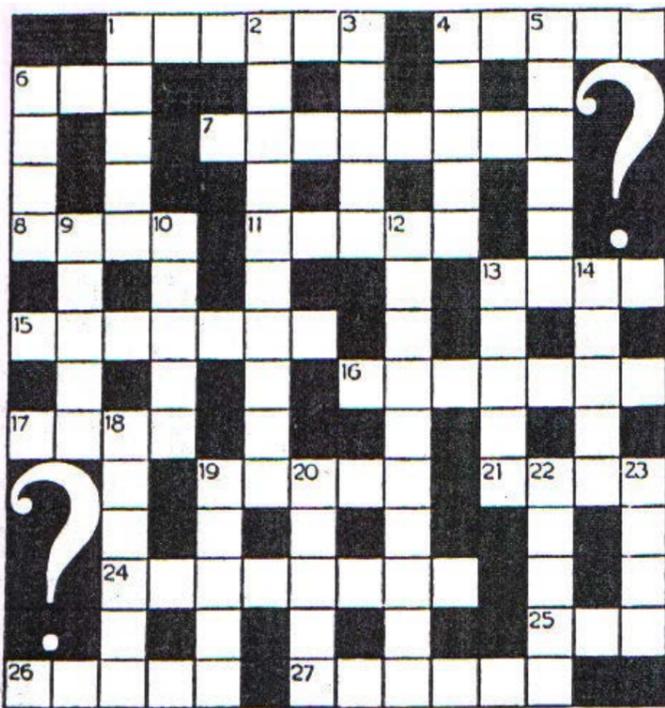
Further details are available from Sue Brown on 01258 863775.

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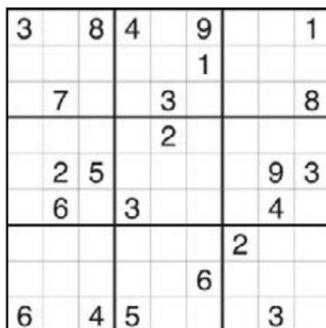
- 1) To carve to represent something in wood or stone or any other material. (6)
- 4) Pastoral people of Kenya and Tanzania. (5)
- 6) and 3D) Leader of the Peasants Revolt in 1381. (3-5)
- 7) Type of headgear such as the Jewish yamulke. (8)
- 8) Neck ornament of twisted metal. (4)
- 11) The state police of the Irish republic. (4)
- 13) Arab country on the South-Eastern coast of the Arabian peninsula. (4)
- 15) Short tailed thickset Arctic rodent. (7)
- 16) Large hairy apelike creature supposedly found in NW America. (7)
- 17) The Warsaw one was a treaty of friendship between Russia and seven satellite states in eastern Europe. (4)
- 19) In Greek mythology the home of the dead. (5)
- 21) The main body or stalk of a plant. (4)
- 24) A sailing ship with two or more masts. (8)
- 25) Biblical vessel. (3)
- 26) A snooker players turn at the table. (5)
- 27) A speech that praises someone highly. (6)

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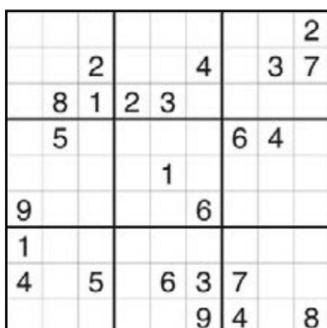
- 1) Name of two rivers painted by John Constable. (5)
- 2) Body of water shared between France and Switzerland. (4-6)
- 3) See 6A).
- 4) A Haji is a Muslim who has been on a pilgrimage to here. (5)
- 5) The partition of the nose for instance. (6)
- 6) The SI unit of power. (4)
- 9) The last letter of the Greek alphabet. (5)
- 10) The world's first jet airliner. (5)
- 12) Leader of the British Liberal party from 1976 to 1988. (5-5)
- 13) Dyke on the England-Wales border named after an 8th century king of Mercia. (5)
- 14) Clay used to make sun dried bricks. (5)
- 18) Syrupy blackcurrant liqueur. (6)
- 19) A pair of foot operated cymbals forming part of a drum kit. (5)
- 20) Lorna the titular heroine of an R. D. Blackmore novel. (5)
- 22) Sweet aromatic wine of Hungary. (5)
- 23) Type of deer that secretes a strong smelling substance used in perfumery. (4)



Hard Difficulty



Medium Difficulty



All puzzle answers on page 28

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