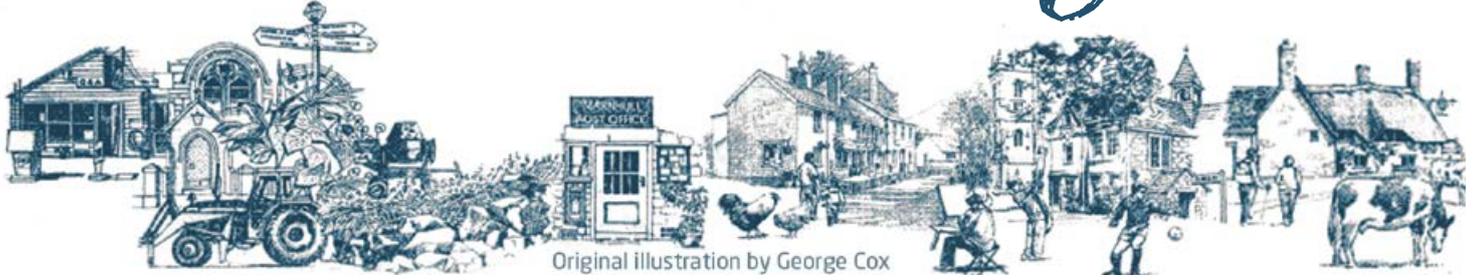


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Blackmore Vale Inn September Update

We can confirm that the Pub, which has been closed since May 2016 has now been sold by Hall & Woodhouse. However, at the time of publication we have been unable to find out from the new owners, their plans for the premises. Once again – watch this space!

Two Organ Concerts at St. Gregory's Church

The 2017 concert season resumes at 12.15 on Tuesday 12th September with a 30-minute programme of organ music played by Stephen Binnington. There's music by Bach, Pachelbel and Gigout.

At 7.00pm on Saturday 16th September, Stephen will play a very varied and attractive programme of music from England, Germany and France, ending with a dazzling Toccata by Augustin Barié.

Programmes are £5 at the door in aid of both the flower and choir fund.



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Welcome to your Marnhull Messenger

Chris Ryu - Messenger Editor

Welcome back! Well I thought the Fest and Flower Show were great despite the weather!

Another highlight of the month had to be the "Thank God for Marnhull" event at St Gregory's Church - such a good idea and lovely to see so many clubs/groups/organisations represented.

Due to a technical issue at our printers the annual directory didn't make it out with the last issue, so you should receive it with this one - sorry for any inconvenience caused.

Meet Astronaut Tim Peake

The first parts of Atom Club are now open, so to celebrate, we're offering 2 free tickets to come and see our stand at New Scientist Live. This London Exhibit in September offers and opportunity to ask astronaut Tim Peake a question and learn all about various fields of science.

Check out the competition on page 16!

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Establishing The Conservation Areas A Decision?

The story of the establishing of the Marnhull Conservation Areas goes on..... On 19 August 1969, The North Area Planning Officer, Mr Pakenham submitted his "Explanatory Memorandum", together with two maps (I do not have copies of these maps) to the County Planning Officer. Some of the key topics in his Explanatory Memorandum were covered in my previous 3 articles.

In his covering letter he states: "I append two maps, the first giving basic information for your consideration together with a list of trees and an explanation covering the suggestions. The size and loose formation of Marnhull in itself poses several problems, the principle one being how much to include. This I have tried to meet by dividing the village into two old ribbon developments.....firmly keeping an open area in the middle without which the village character of the separate sections would disappear".

There is then a 2 month gap in the correspondence. It is presumed that in this period various planning staffs submitted their views on Mr Pakenham's proposal. In a Memorandum to the County Planning Officer, dated 30 October 1969, Mr Pakenham states: "I append two copies of a brief statement covering the above (The Marnhull Conservation Area) which has been reduced to the minimum as instructed by Mr Kenyon (not sure where he sits, thought to be on the County Council Planning Staff?).

The Surveyor to the Sturminster RDC has agreed that this is acceptable as a beginning, although he thinks that Conservation should eventually cover all the original area suggested". It would appear that Mr Kenyon is the final arbiter in the County Council.

The "brief statement" next appears on 5 December 1969, where it is submitted to the Dorset County Council Planning Reference and General Purposes (PR&GP) Sub Committee for approval. The introduction to this document is recorded below. The outline description of the two proposed Conservation Areas, which make up the rest of the document will be included in next month's issue.

"The village of Marnhull lies on an undulating plateau on the east side of the Stour valley and is very scattered. The principal centres of development are in the form of two ribbons centred on the Church of St George and St Gregory at the southern end and upon Burton Street at the northern end of the village. In recent years, modern estate development has linked the two ribbons at their eastern end forming a third centre. There are also isolated groups of buildings, some quite attractive, separated from the main groups by as much as half a mile in distance. The attraction of Marnhull lies partly in its position and surroundings: Splendid views, mellow local stone and a tree lined parkland setting which carries an air of spaciousness".

I think that the eloquent way that Mr Pakenham, Mr Abbott and their colleagues captured the essence of Marnhull in these last two sentences is quite perfect. It is a great pity that in June 2014, North Dorset District Council acted in total ignorance of the effort, vision and perception of Mr Pakenham, Mr Abbott, Mr Kenyon, Mr Frith and others in the County Planning and County Surveyor's offices in the 1970s and granted outline planning approval for a suburban development of 13 dwellings, on the 1.7 acre field, in the middle of the northern Marnhull Conservation Area.

We await a further decision by NDDC on the scale and appearance of this development, leading to detailed planning permission and with that, the loss of a significant open space in the Conservation Area. Perhaps we should be doing more to protect our valuable heritage assets for future generations. On the evidence of the last 45 years and particularly now, we appear to be failing badly.

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Annual Diary 2017

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

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
- 11th - Women's Institute - Regency Weymouth - Rachel Knowles @ 19:30
- 12th - Garden Club "Trees & Tree planting" talk by Castle Gardens @ 19:30
- 13th - Table Tennis Club @ 14:15
- 13th - Mother's Union- Talk on Salisbury Women's Refuge @ 14:30
- 13th - Zumba Dance Fitness @ 19:30
- 14th - Baby and Toddler Group @ 09:30
- 15th - Marnhull POPPin Cafe @ 10:00
- 18th - Table Tennis Club @ 14:15
- 20th - Table Tennis Club @ 14:15
- 20th - Zumba Dance Fitness @ 19:30
- 21st - Baby and Toddler Group @ 09:30
- 21st - The Marnhull Yarners @ 14:00 Location TBC
- 25th - Table Tennis Club @ 14:15
- 26th - Moviola - Viceroy's House @ 19:30
- 27th - Table Tennis Club @ 14:15
- 27th - Zumba Dance Fitness @ 19:30
- 28th - Baby and Toddler Group @ 09:30

October

- 1st - Harvest Festival and Auction of Produce @ 18:00 British Legion Club
- 2nd - Table Tennis Club @ 14:15
- 2nd - Parish Council Meeting @ 19:00
- 4th - Table Tennis Club @ 14:15
- 4th - Zumba Dance Fitness @ 19:30
- 5th - Baby and Toddler Group @ 09:30
- 6th - Lunch Club @ 12:00
- 9th - Table Tennis Club @ 14:15
- 9th - Women's Institute - Don't Put Your Daughter On The Stage- Dr Francis Burrows @ 19:30
- 10th - Garden Club "The Lady Gardener" - Ruth Jenkins @ 19:30
- 11th - Table Tennis Club @ 14:15
- 11th - Mother's Union - Talk By Tony Wilds @ 14:30
- 11th - Zumba Dance Fitness @ 19:30
- 12th - Baby and Toddler Group @ 09:30
- 13th - The Blackmore Vale Art Group- Drawing/ Painting all day. @ 10:30
- 16th - Table Tennis Club @ 14:15
- 18th - Table Tennis Club @ 14:15
- 18th - Zumba Dance Fitness @ 19:30
- 19th - Baby and Toddler Group @ 09:30
- 19th - The Marnhull Yarners @ 14:00 Location TBC
- 23rd - Table Tennis Club @ 14:15
- 24th - Moviola - Their Finest @ 19:30
- 25th - Table Tennis Club @ 14:15
- 25th - Zumba Dance Fitness @ 19:30
- 26th - Baby and Toddler Group @ 09:30
- 30th - Table Tennis Club @ 14:15

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November

- 1st - Table Tennis Club @ 14:15
- 1st - Zumba Dance Fitness @ 19:30
- 2nd - Baby and Toddler Group @ 09:30
- 3rd - Lunch Club @ 12:00
- 6th - Table Tennis Club @ 14:15
- 6th - Parish Council Meeting @ 19:00
- 8th - Mother's Union - Members Lunch @ 12:00
- 8th - Table Tennis Club @ 14:15
- 8th - Zumba Dance Fitness @ 19:30
- 9th - Baby and Toddler Group @ 09:30
- 10th - The Blackmore Vale Art Group - Deborah Chisman "A wintry scene" atmospheric effects. @ 10:30
- 10th - The New Marnhull Players- Bingo Evening @ 19:00
- 13th - Table Tennis Club @ 14:15
- 13th - Women's Institute- fun Kurling Evening @ 19:30
- 14th - Garden Club "Air Ambulance" - Dorset & Somerset Air Ambulance @ 19:30
- 15th - Table Tennis Club @ 14:15
- 15th - Zumba Dance Fitness @ 19:30
- 16th - Baby and Toddler Group @ 09:30
- 16th - The Marnhull Yarners @ 14:00 Location TBC
- 20th - Table Tennis Club @ 14:15
- 22nd - Table Tennis Club @ 14:15
- 22nd - Zumba Dance Fitness @ 19:30
- 23rd - Baby and Toddler Group @ 09:30
- 27th - Table Tennis Club @ 14:15
- 28th - Moviola - Churchill @ 19:30
- 29th - Table Tennis Club @ 14:15
- 29th - Zumba Dance Fitness @ 19:30
- 30th - 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!

Marriage: a cause for celebration

A young woman was trying to persuade her partner that the time had come for them to get married. After dropping many a hint, she said one day: "Don't you think marriage is a wonderful institution?" "Yes", he replied, "but I don't want to live in an Institution!"

Marriage, of course, is not that kind of Institution – and it is one that we should surely all be thankful for. Many of us give thanks for our own marriage, or that of our parents, or our children. All of us can be grateful that it provides the basic building block of our society, the foundation for community and national life.

We are hosting a Celebration of Marriage at St Gregory's on Saturday September 23rd, at 12.30. We shall give thanks for marriage, and pray for married people and those preparing for marriage. Those present who are married will be invited to renew their vows. Anyone and everyone is invited to join in the celebration.

Just as weddings are usually followed by a shared meal, we are invited to go from the church to the village hall for a 'reception' – a buffet lunch – at about 1.30 pm.

There is no need to tell us you are coming to the service: just turn up. But we need to know for catering purposes how many will come on to the reception. Please drop in at St Gregory's and put your name on the list (by September 10th) if you are able to join us there.

Tony Wilds

Royal British Legion



The Beer and Cider Festival was marginally a financial success mainly due to the kind help of our local sponsors but at the July Committee meeting it was decided that the effort outweighed the rewards and it is unlikely that we will continue the experiment next year. Thanks to those who did support us but perhaps we will try a music festival next time, if you have any suggestions we would be pleased to hear them.

Keep in mind our 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. Headland have kindly donated their time and talent for the past two years and each has been an unqualified success, let's make this year even more successful.

On October 1st at 6 for 6.30pm we will be holding our Harvest Festival service which will be followed by an auction of produce. All proceeds go to the Poppy Appeal as usual so if you have anything from a bag of potatoes to a pot of jam we would be happy to have it. We can collect if you wish just give me a call or E-mail.

The next jumble sale is on September 9th at 10.15am and as we have had a bit of a clear out we are in need of donations. We accept almost anything so give me a call and we will come and pick it up or bring it to the hall and leave it in the porch, or we will accept offerings on the morning. Tea and coffee and cakes are available on the day so even if you have nothing to give just drop in.

November is just around the corner and as Armistice Day falls on a Saturday this year it will be a busy weekend. At 11 o'clock on Saturday 11th there will be a short service and two minutes silence at the memorial. Then in the evening there will be the fish 'n' chip quiz in aid of the Poppy Appeal. The next day being Remembrance Day there is the usual parade to St Gregory's, followed by a service then the laying of wreaths and back to the Club for a buffet. We would be very pleased to see you at any or all of these events.

Lyn's bingo is every fortnight and has a loyal following so why not come down and join in, all monies go to the Poppy Appeal. Look out for the dates in the Club ad on another page of this magazine.

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Women's Institute



It was no surprise to find a full house for the July meeting. Chris Shaw is a perennial favourite of the Marnhull WI, exciting both the adventurous as well as the armchair travellers. This year Chris had been tracing the Mayas in the Yucatan peninsula in Mexico as well as neighbouring areas of Guatemala and Belize.

The Mayan civilisation began about 2000 BC and grew in power and influence throughout the area until its mysterious collapse in the 9th century AD. No-one has offered a wholly satisfactory explanation of the sudden demise of this dominant and sophisticated culture. Wealthy Mayan cities were quickly abandoned and the rule of law faded away until little remained of its influence by the time of the Spanish Conquest. Theories suggest that the Mayans felled so many trees during the building of their great cities that they effected a climate change and induced widespread drought. Other ideas maintain that they became so involved in wars to repel envious neighbours that their population was decimated. But whatever the reasons, apart from a very few isolated groups the mighty Maya have vanished from the planet.

Chris first took us in imagination to the Temple of Inspiration on the top of the huge pyramid in Palenque. There, a hundred or so feet above the ground, a stone slab covers the entrance to a stairway which descends through the depth of the structure to a tomb containing a gigantic stone sarcophagus. Within lay the mummy of a Mayan king dressed in ceremonial robes and wearing a jade mask though he has now been removed elsewhere for safekeeping.

Next she travelled north to the beautiful apricot-coloured temple of Uxmal with its richly carved cloisters and its round-edged Pyramid of the Magician. We travelled there a few years ago and I vividly remember the shrieking of hundreds of swifts as they skimmed through the open portals.

Chichen Itza is one of the must-see sites in the Yucatan and Chris was wise to arrive early and get a little peace before the tour buses of Americans arrived. More interesting than the well-known pyramid itself is the ball court where possibly bloodthirsty contests were fought out with teams trying to get a hard rubber ball through a stone hoop set high on the wall. Some experts believe that the captain of the winning team may have been sacrificed after the game – a singular honour in the Mayan code but perhaps likely to cause some ambivalence on the part of the player himself.

There was much more of interest and Chris accompanied her talk with some splendid slides. We look forward, as ever, to hearing about her next adventure.

The Autumn season begins on 11th September with Rachel Knowles talking about "Regency Weymouth."

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From The Surgeries

Practice Update

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- Four more GPs
- Pharmacy Staff to support improvements for the prescription process and patient access to advice on medication
- A Paramedic to conduct home visits for patients and to work alongside the duty doctors each day to provide improved appointment access
- Two more Nurse Practitioners
- 4 clinical personal assistants to work alongside the GPs to assist with the non clinical workload
- Five more receptionists/administrators

We have also provided extensive telephone handling and customer service training to our staff, and are now at full capacity with both clinical and administrative staff.

We would like to reassure patients that significant improvements have been carried out and while we recognise that there is still work to be done in certain areas, we were encouraged that the latest set of results for May, June and July from the Friends and Family Test – a short patient survey – had very positive comments about services at the practice, with 89% of people saying they would recommend us to their friends and family.

Staff

This month we welcome another GP to the Practice. Dr Elise Bevan, will be working three days a week.

Flu Clinics

Following a recent survey of patient views, the Marnhull Flu Clinics will be spread over several dates as follows:

- Wednesday October 4th 9:30-12:30
- Friday October 6th 2:00- 4:30
- Thursday October 17th 9:00-11:30
- Friday October 20th 2:00-4:30
- Thursday October 26th 9:00-11:30

There are also Saturday Flu Clinics on 7th October at Abbey View, Shaftesbury 9.00-12.30, and October 14th at Sturminster Newton. 9.00-12.30. Other, weekday morning, afternoon and late appointments spread across the sites will also be available.

If you are attending the practice for an appointment from the beginning of October and you are eligible for a vaccination please ask the clinician who is seeing you and they will be happy to administer the vaccine.

Carers' Clinic

The Patient Participation Group (PPG) have recently started to work with the Carers Leads at the Surgery and Dorset County Council in order to promote a Carers Clinic at the Sturminster Newton and Marnhull surgeries. We are currently working through the details and there is some way to go, but we are hopeful that this will be an opportunity for people who care for a wife, husband, child, parents, other relative or friends to come and talk in confidence about any concerns they might have. Please look out for further information on the Carers Noticeboards at the surgeries and through the website.



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Crime Prevention

There have been a series of outbuilding breaks in the NORTH DORSET area where sheds, garages, barns, workshops and containers have been accessed and power tools and garden equipment have been stolen. Do you have adequate security on your shed/outbuildings?

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See what your local NPT have been up to by following our Facebook page <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 11.30-11.45am and at The Spar from 12noon-12.15pm.

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Planting of Trees

I was interested to read Tim Eveleigh's account (Messenger 76) of the loss of elm trees in Marnhull, and especially cheered by his suggestion that we should organise the planting of trees in the village. 2017 is the ideal time to make this commitment on behalf of future generations as this year The Woodland Trust is leading more than 70 organisations to promote The Charter for Trees, Woods and People in celebration of the 800th anniversary of the Charter of the Forest.

The campaign is designed to re-connect us with trees through awareness, tree-planting and community events. Readers can visit treecharter.uk http://treecharter.uk to find out more about the campaign and to sign the charter – for everyone who signs The Woodland Trust will plant another tree.

As current inhabitants of Marnhull we are its temporary stewards and should expect to hand the village on to those who come after us in as least as good condition as we found it. For many of us that will include preserving the green character of the village and its surrounding area. This is our opportunity to signal the importance of trees to the village, to our lives and to future generations.

Stephen Boyce

Royal Air Forces Association

Apart from providing friendship, help and support for the 100 odd members of our local Branch, another function is to raise monies to provide welfare needs, not available from government sources, for the serving RAF, its veterans and their dependents. September is a very special month for us.

For two weeks we celebrate the stunning victory in the skies above Britain in September 1940 and commemorate the sacrifices made by so many during that Battle. It also coincides with the final push of our fund raising activities of the year. Happily, the Sturminster Newton Cheese Festival coincides with these weeks and we look forward to meeting you there. We also hope that you will be kind to us as we call on you, house to house, in the area.

Marnhull POPPin Cafe



We have had some lovely POPPin dates with you all over the summer and are really looking forward to meeting up once again in September on Friday 15th from 10am – 12 mid-day. It will be just a year since we opened, so will be a special day for us all.

If you have never had the POPPin experience, which is quite noisy with all the chatting and laughing that goes on, then we would love to see you! If you have been before we would love to see you again! Maybe bring along a friend or arrange to meet up with some friends at the café, the more the merrier. Everyone is welcome!

Don't forget to bring along any books, magazines, flowers from your garden or surplus garden produce (small amounts please!) or even plants. We have had some lovely plants, fresh runner beans and stunning dahlias donated over the summer. Everything is sold for a donation or you can just bring along something and swap. We also provide a drop off base for donations to Gillingham Food Bank, so if you can spare an item from your weekly shop to donate to this worthwhile cause, that would be wonderful.

We held our first AGM back in July and having had our accounts audited are thrilled to confirm that the café is running a self-sustaining community venture, just as we hoped. Despite keeping our cost to you at just £1.50 for a mug of coffee or tea and a chunky slice of home-made cake, we are able to put approximately 50p from each charge towards charitable donations during the year.

We look forward to seeing you all in September and are pleased to welcome a new member to our Committee, Sue White, who some of you may already have met at the café. I am sure she will have as much fun with you all as we do!

Linda, Jill, Audrey, Sue and Joy

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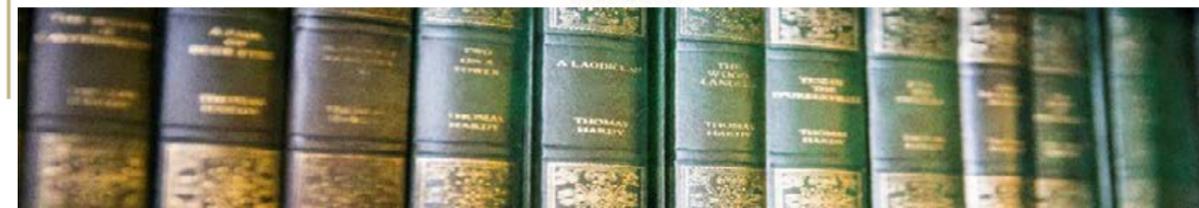
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Sat Sept 23rd - Alto Sat Sept 30th - Cat and Mouse Sun Oct 1st - Harvest Festival 6pm
Mon Oct 2nd - Bingo 7pm

Entry free to members others £2 on entertainment evenings
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To arrange viewing, check availability, discuss your requirements or apply for membership contact Tony on 820397 or E-mail whiteheadjack51@gmail.com

Marnhull Flower Show

On behalf of the committee, (Jean, Joy, Jo Merle and Anthony) I would like to express sincere thanks to all those who helped to make this year's Flower Show the success it was. To mention a few these include all who advertised in the schedule, family and friends who helped set up and on the day. The stewards and judges, Robin Hill Stores, Marnhull Stores, The Crown, the Fest committee and all the visitors.

Despite the awful weather leading up to and on the day, the quality of entries was excellent. Sadly there were not as many as last year, especially in the children's sections. If you have any ideas that might encourage more entrants then please let us know.

I must apologise to those who came later to the show tent to find prize cards and exhibits already removed. For some it had been a long cold wet day and going home was the right decision. In future we will present the trophies at 3.30pm before anything is removed.

Next year the show will probably be on July 14th but this is yet to be confirmed. I'll be there- will you?

Hilary Smith – Committee Chairman

Lost Property found when clearing up

Blue plastic water jug. Small brown teddy bear. Vase/bottle for single ose. Small blue felt bird? Handicraft. Tea towel - kitchen equipment design.

Please ring – 01258 821305

Cup Presentation Notes

NORTHOVER CUP	Hilary Smith
RHS BANKSIAN MEDAL	Wendy Hamilton-Maclaren
HELLINS CUP	Stephen Fricker
ERIC GUY CUP	Stephen Fricker
MARNHULL GARDEN CLUB SHIELD	Hilary Smith
ELLIOT CUP	Hilary Smith
BEAUSIRE CUP	Hilary Smith
HAMBLEDON DAIRY BOWL	Richard Harvey
COMMITTEE CUP	Hilary Smith
FORBES CUP	Mary Palmer
WELLS BOWL	Anne Dowsett
BULFORD CUP	Victoria Dyer
THE LUCY SMITH CUP	John Jeanes
ROSS CUP	P & J McErlain
COMMITTEE CUP – Best Hanging Basket	Robert Mogridge
COMMITTEE CUP – Best Planted Container	Atul Odedra
TREVOR VAUGHAN SHIELD	James Risley
SWEETEST SMELLING ROSE	Dave Bruce
CHARITY CLASS	Elaine Hall

Children's Classes

ROBIN HILL STORES' SHIELD - Cookery	Hilary Smith
CHILDREN'S CUP	Wendy Hamilton-Maclaren
WATHEN CUP	Stephen Fricker
ROBIN HILL STORES' SHIELD - Gardening	Stephen Fricker
BURTON CUP	Hilary Smith
GUY CUP	Hilary Smith
ROBINHILL STORES' SHIELD - Art & Skills	Hilary Smith
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ISABEL WOOD MUG	Hilary Smith

Marnhull Village Care - Newcomers Party

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The new residents of Marnhull are invited to attend our annual Newcomers Party 7pm on 29th September at the Village Hall, Burton Street, Marnhull.

You should have had contact from one of our 'road contacts'. If so, let that person know if you can come or not. If by chance you have not yet been contacted then please contact our Secretary via the contact information given below.

We are always looking for volunteers to help, either for driving or for general assistance. If you have spare time and would like to be part of this community service, please contact the Secretary, Hilary Parker on 01258 821667, 07802 166655 or hilaryjparker85a@gmail.com. You can also find out more about MVC and other Marnhull activities on 29th September.

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

Trevor Vaughan.MBE - Chairman MVC

Village Hall Improvement and Extension

As we approach our AGM it seems a good time to celebrate the tremendous financial support the Hall has enjoyed from the Village since launching its fund raising campaign, including a stunning £17000 approx in the last 12 months. Here is a summary of all that has been received specifically for the building project so far. In addition the proceeds of gift aid will add a useful amount.

Source	£
Anonomous local donation	1000
Bingo evening 2015/16	569
Gardening club	150
Parish Council	2500
Table tennis club	100
Tennis club	200
Music Hall & org social even	418
Marnhull Entertains	10000
Anonymous local donation	40
Personal donation	100
Fish & chip quiz	254
Marnhull Messenger	500
Pitt Rivers Charitable Trust	250
Tennis club	1000
Winter Warmer Lunch net	138
Marathon run	1823
Table tennis club	1092
Art for Everone	73
Blackmore Vale Art Group	230
Music Society	124
Bingo evening 2016/17 net	579
Table top sale net of exp	353
Burns Night net of exp	1040
Easy Giving	51
Flower Show 2017	100
TOTAL	22684

Some of the Parker legacy which predated this project was used on the vital rewiring of the building and other work. With the remainder of the Parker legacy, the £22,684 in the table and the use of some reserves we are now not far off £70,000 towards the Fund, and applications to external funders are well under way. In the meantime please keep up the good work everyone, and thank you for all your efforts. We are always pleased to hear about fundraising ideas and proposals and have some further ideas up our sleeves.

We will be reporting fully on the project at our AGM, scheduled for early October.

John Dowsett - Secretary Marnhull Village Hall

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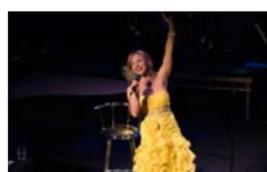
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Churches Together

Harvest Festival Supper

The Churches Together Village Harvest Supper is a 'Pies, Peas and Poetry' evening at the Village Hall on Thursday 28 September, 6.30 for 7pm. Tickets (with full details on the back) cost £7 and are available from all three churches and the Post Office/Robin Hill Stores. All are welcome, but numbers are limited, so please make sure you get your tickets early!

World Peace Prayers

Churches Together in Marnhull continue to pray for world peace. The next gatherings will take place at midday on Friday, as follows:

8 Sep	- Our Lady's Church	- Rev Fr Martin Budge
13 Oct	- Methodist Church	- Rev Paul Arnold
10 Nov	- St Gregory's Church	- Canon Tony Wilds
8 Dec	- Our Lady's Church	- Rev Fr Martin Budge

Churches Together in Dorset – Quiet Day

Saturday 30 September 10am-3.30pm at The Pavilion, Holton Lee, Poole BH16 6JN

Clare Downing (Moderator of the United Reformed Church Wessex Synod) suggests how God might be calling us as individuals, as members of churches and as part of our local community.

There will be a quiet time for personal reflection. Set in 350 acres of beautiful and tranquil Dorset countryside with a range of peaceful habitats. The event is free with coffee and tea provided. Please bring a packed lunch.

To register interest, please contact Katja Babej, County Ecumenical Officer, Churches Together in Dorset Tel: 07789952472 email: katjactd@gmail.com www.ctdorset.org.uk

Quiet Garden

'Quiet Garden' for prayer and meditation at Foxley House on 29 August and 26 September. Maximum 8 places on each occasion – ring 820815 for info.

Interfaith Calendar

1-4 Sep – Eid ul Adha – observance during Hajj when pilgrims pray for forgiveness and mercy, honouring divine acceptance of Prophet Ibrahim to sacrifice his son Ishmael (Islam)

29-30 Sep – Yom Kippur – The Day of Atonement and day of reconciliation with other people. This holiest day of the year is observed with strict fasting and ceremonial repentance (Jewish)

Committee

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

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

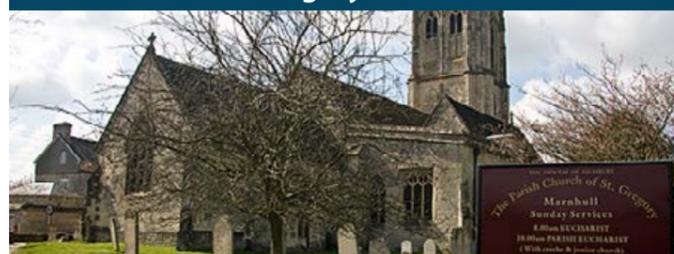
Catholic Church of Our Lady, Old Mill Lane

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 September 2017

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

Sunday 3rd - St Gregory's Day: Patronal Festival
08.00 – Holy Communion [said]
10.00 – Parish Eucharist

Wednesday 6th
09.00 – Children's Service led by St Gregory's Primary School
Coffee served before and after service)
11.00 – Eucharist [said]

Sunday 10th - Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity
08.00 – Holy Communion [said]
10.00 – Parish Eucharist

Wednesday 13th
09.00 – Children's Service led by St Gregory's Primary School
Coffee served before and after service)

Sunday 17th - Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity
08.00 – Holy Communion [said]
10.00 – Parish Eucharist

Wednesday 20th
09.00 – Children's Service led by St Gregory's Primary School
Coffee served before and after service)

Saturday 23rd
12.30 A celebration of Marriage

Sunday 24th
Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity
08.00 – Holy Communion [said]
10.00 – Parish Eucharist

Wednesday 27th
09.00 – Children's Service led by St Gregory's Primary School
Coffee served before and after service)

www.stgregorysmarnhull.org.uk

From the St Gregory Registers

Marriage

Congratulations to Jennifer Laura Woodward and Nicholas James Thomson who were married here on 29th of July 2017 and we wish them every happiness for the future.

Looking back to 'Thank God for Marnhull'

What a splendid weekend we had at St Gregory's during the July weekend of 'Thank God for Marnhull'. Twenty groups and organisations made displays around the church on the Saturday, to show visitors what they get up to, and what a great village we have. Those who went up to the top of the tower were rewarded with wonderful views over the village and the Blackmore Vale on a beautifully clear day. (As a bonus, we could hear the sound of leather on willow, and see the cricketers in full flow on the recreation ground.) Then, on Sunday morning, representatives of the organisations led the procession, and we gave thanks for all those who give their time and talents in service to others and the community. Many thanks to all who made this a special occasion and a memorable weekend.

Tony Wilds

Our Lady's Church



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

8 – Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Feast)
Our Lady's birth is celebrated because it announced to the world the coming of Jesus, the beginning of the New Covenant.

14 – Exultation of the Holy Cross (Feast)
The Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross commemorates the rescue of the relic of the True Cross by Emperor Heraclius in 629, after its capture by the Persians. It also marks the original dedication of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in 335.

21 – Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist (Feast)
St Matthew, also called Levi, was the son of Alphaeus. He was a tax collector for the Romans when Jesus Christ called him as an Apostle. After the Ascension, he is thought to have travelled to Persia and Ethiopia where he was martyred. St Matthew's Gospel is the first in the New Testament and his name appears with the other Apostles in the Roman Canon.

22 – Dedication of the Cathedral (Solemnity)
Marks the dedication of our Diocesan Cathedral in Plymouth in 1880.

29 – Saints Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels (Feast)
St Michael (meaning 'Who is like God') is venerated as captain of the heavenly army, protector of the Church and helper of the sick and dying.

St Gabriel (meaning 'Strength of God') announced both the birth of St John the Baptist (to Zechariah) and of Jesus Christ (to the Blessed Virgin Mary).

St Raphael (meaning 'God heals') is patron of the blind, travellers and physicians & nurses.

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 29 August and 26 September. Maximum 8 places on each occasion – ring 820815 for info.

Village Prayers for Peace will be held at Our Lady's on 8 September at midday.

Parish People

Maksymilian Koniuszaniec was baptised on 30 July at St Benedict's.

The funerals of Yolande Genevieve MacBain (14 July) and Margaretta Rowland Roe (20 July) took place at Our Lady's.

Dorset Historic Churches Trust

"Ride and Stride" (cycle or walk) takes place this year on 9 September, visiting churches in our area. Get sponsored and help the Trust, which provides grants to help with church repairs. Our Lady's has benefitted in the past - so it is a good thing to support. See www.rideandstrideuk.org for information, or speak to David Minto.

The Methodist Church



Sunday Service

Everyone is welcome to join our service at 10:00am every Sunday and for tea or coffee in the hall afterwards.

We thank God for the continuing recovery of our superintendent minister, Rev. Paul Arnold, from his accident last winter. He is now able to take up nearly all his normal duties.

It was a privilege to take part in the Thank God for Marnhull weekend in Saint Gregory's on July 8th. Thank you to our Christian brothers and sisters for welcoming us and inviting us to take part in the service on Sunday July 9th.

It was a delight to have a wedding in our church on 5th August. We wish God's Blessing on Kirsty and Jonathon and all happiness in the future.

On 8th September we invite you to join us in teams of four for a fun quiz evening in our church hall. Tickets are £6 per person and can be requested from church members.

We look forward to joining in the fun of the village Harvest Festival Pies, Peas and Poetry evening organised by Churches Together in the village hall on 28th September.

We shall continue our harvest celebrations with a Thanksgiving service in church on the following Sunday, 1st October. Please note, on this day only the service will start at 11:00am. The service will be led by Rev. Denise Binks and will be followed by lunch in our hall.

Hire the Hall

Our church hall is a good place to hire for family parties and social or other events for individuals, clubs, societies, and classes. Rates are reasonable and bookings can be made by contacting Mrs. Marlene Plowman on 01258 820869.

QUIET HALF HOUR PRAYER
8th September at Methodist Church
12.00 - 12.30pm - ALL WELCOME

Marnhull Garden Club



Luzia Barclay gave a fascinating and informative talk about Herbs and their Medicinal properties. All are garden plants, most of which we grow not necessarily for culinary purposes, but they are also good for our insides.

Briefly: Allium (leeks, garlic, chives) – pre-biotic. Parsley – ditto. Mint, fennel, basil – soothe stomach and aid digestion. Dill – stomach, and for colic in babies. Lovage – antiseptic (v. strong flavour) and for cystitis. Sweet cicely, aniseed taste and very sweet, goes well with rhubarb. Angelica – calming digestive. Sage (edible rather than ornamental, the one with purple leaves) – inflammation and infection esp. for mouth ulcers. Milk thistle – good for the liver. Artichoke – liver and gall bladder. Lemon balm – central nervous system. St John's Wort – depression, anti-bacterial and anti-viral. Chamomile – sedative. Thyme – antiseptic and anti-oxidant. Verbascum – for the respiratory system. Rosemary – circulation and the brain. Ginkgo biloba – vertigo, memory and anti-pollution. Motherwort – heart. Comfrey – also known as knit-bone (wonderful for compost-making if you can stand the stink!). Borage for stress. Golden rod – kidney and bladder. Mare's tail (horrible plant) – kidney, liver, incontinence, hair, nails, teeth, osteoporosis and cystitis; knew it had to be good for something. Horseradish – urinary infections; Echinacea – infections, helps white blood cells; Marigold (calendula) – for the skin.

Our ancestors knew all of these and with the food they ate, probably contaminated with who-knows-what, the conditions in which they lived and the daily dangers of infection etc. definitely needed help to keep healthy. Now we rely on chemicals – but many of these are plant based, and more and more are being discovered in the world's forests.

It is not suggested that one grazes in the garden, but many herbs can be made into tinctures or teas, but do get proper advice first. And of course the health food shops sell all these in one form or another. We all learned a lot, and were impressed by her knowledge.

The Garden Club stall at the Fest raised a very respectable sum for the Village Hall Improvement Fund, and the Garden Party at Stourmead, though damp, was successful.

The Gold Club event was the Illyria performance of Pride & Prejudice at Castle Gardens, and was great fun even though, again, we got a bit damp.

"The glass is falling hour by hour, the glass will fall forever, But if you break the bloody glass you won't hold up the weather." McNeice – a Scot.

The next meeting is 12th September, Trees & Tree Planting by Castle Gardens. Visitors are always welcome.

SB

COMPETITION: Win Tickets to see Astronaut Tim Peake and Heston Blumenthal at New Scientist Live!

Marnhull founded Atom Club, has managed to source 2 tickets to give away for the largest science based exhibition in the UK. Running from 28th September to 1st October at the London Excel centre, the event offers a chance to ask Tim Peake questions, meet the European Space Agency and even hear a food talk by Heston Blumenthal!

To enter, all you have to do is email editor@marnhullmessenger.org.uk with the answer to this question:

Q: What colour is the Amethyst that we sell on our website and in the shop?

The answer can be found at www.atom.club
Entries must be received by 15th September.

Atom Club - Science & Coding Club

Open Evening

I'm pleased to say that our open evening went well and we secured a new sponsor, VOIP Unlimited. With their help we've finished off the IT suite and started work on the new planetarium. We hope to have this complete in the next few months.

Mission to Mars

We've started building a great new exhibit that we can take with us to events. Children and people of all ages can choose what they would load onto their rocket to Mars to sustain a crew for a 2 year mission. Based on their choices the mission will either be a success (of varying degrees), or perhaps won't even make it off the launch pad! We can't wait to show you all at the next village event.

Parties

We've now had our first children's party at the centre. 10 thirteen year old girls (and token boy) spent an afternoon with Emma and Chris, making bathbombs, shower jellies and much more. They filmed their own video on the green screen and Chris edited it to make it into a pop-video!

Volunteers/Trustees Needed

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.

Theft of fishing tackle - Hinton St Mary

At approx 11.30am today fishing tackle was stolen from the rear of a vehicle parked at CUTT MILL, The fishermen left their vehicle for approx 5 mins and on their return found rods, reels, nets, hooks and lines stolen along with a green JACK WOLFSKIN jacket, a red DALESWEAR Gortex jacket and a rucksack. A small silver vehicle was seen in the area,

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



What a busy half term for everyone at St Gregory's.

We have welcomed our new Reception intake into school at various times over the last few weeks and their last visit was spent carrying out lots of activities in our Forest School. We look forward to them joining us in September.

A travelling theatre group came and entertained everyone with their swashbuckling performance of Treasure Island and to make it more special children came to school dressed as pirates.

There have been many sporting activities this term and the weather has been kind to us. Sports Day was supported by families and friends. We have also held a 'Sporting Activity' week with everyone taking part in lots of different sports including golf, dance, archery, team games and we had our swimming gala which was won by the yellow team. Children in Reception and Year 1 proudly showed parents their swimming skills. We were delighted to have a visit from Peter Wilson the Olympic Shooting Gold Medallist at the Rio games who gave an inspirational talk to all of the children and he then spent time in all of the classes letting them all have the opportunity to wear his medal.

Several of our Year 4 and Year 5 children went to the Gillingham Cluster schools swimming gala at Gillingham and put in some great performances with many personal best times recorded. Our Year 5's joined in with the Sturminster Cluster schools for a sporting challenge.

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children had a great morning at the 'Mini Olympics' with children from Stour Provost and St Mary's School organised by the Sports Leaders from Gillingham School.

Our Year 6 children showed off their theatrical talent in their two performances of the musical 'Matilda'. Once again the production was choreographed by Alice Field, a musical theatre student.

Year 4 children joined in with other schools from the Sturminster area in a step up challenge at the High School.

The whole school was closed for the day when everyone went with buckets and spades to the beach at Sandbanks. A great time was had by all.

Our results for EYFS, Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2, reflected all round achievements and the incredible hard work from staff and especially the children in reaching these goals.

Our PTFA organised the annual 'Summer Sizzler' a great fun event which was well attended by families and members of the community.

Our leavers' service was held in St Gregory's Church and this gave us the opportunity to send our best wishes to all of our children as they move on to their new schools in September. Afterwards the Year 6's entertained their parents with maypole dancing and tea and cakes.

We would like to thank everyone who has supported us over the last year. Best wishes from all of us at St Gregory's.

St. Mary's Catholic School



The whole school and preschool had a 'whale' of a time when we rounded off our 'Under the Sea' topic with a whole school trip to the Sea Life centre in Weymouth at the end of July. The children were thrilled to see all the wonderful creatures including sea-horses, rays and their firm favourite – the penguins. A really fun day was had by all.

We welcomed children from St. Gregs and Stower Provost at the end of the summer term to join with us in our Annual Mini Olympics, run by Rosie Thompson and her fantastic bunch of Year 9 Sports Leaders. The children were split into different groups, each being given a country. They took part in many different activities led by the Gillingham students including, relay races, hurdles and throwing as well as coming up with their own jazzy team rap! The children had a fantastic morning and were all awarded with a certificate for their hard work.

To fit in with our final topic of the year, Under the Sea, the school's summer production was Pirates of the Curry Bean. Every child from Reception to Year 6 took part and the audience declared it 'the best yet!'

We were lucky with the weather for Sports day this year. The children took part in running, obstacle and sack races. The parents even got involved in their own obstacle race. A great day was had by all, finished off with a picnic and ice creams!

We entered the County Competitions in kwik-cricket and competed at Sherborne Terraces in the Year 6 competition. There were 12 teams entered and our team of children from Year 4 – 6 won their section (beating 4 other teams) and lost to Bourton St Georges, making them runners up overall. This was a huge achievement for our small school and a special thanks goes to Tim Horn who coached on the day and to Marnhull Cricket club for all the weekly coaching of many of our children. A group of children from Year 2 – 4 entered the all day kwik-cricket coaching at Bryanston and Year 3/4 competition. This was a lovely event in sunshine with the Year 10 children from Gillingham School coaching groups of children in a variety of cricket skills. These were put to good use in a match after lunch.



We also entered Gillingham Family Swimming gala at the end of July which involved Year 4 and 5 children. Although we ended up with only two Year 5 children (illness and holidays) competing, the children came away with two trophies for relay wins and numerous medals for first places. This year included doggy-paddle races and floats relays to make this more inclusive.

As we start a new academic year, we hope to continue with the success of last year. With our 'good' Ofsted and 'outstanding' Diocesan grade, plans are in place for the coming year. We look forward to making it as exciting as ever for our children!

St. Mary's Explorers

St Mary's Explorers

We were spoilt with all the summer sunshine last term and the children really made the most of it! The outdoor area was buzzing with mud pie making, water fights and lots of physical activity. It's a joy to see them laying and exploring happily as young children should be!



The children enjoyed participating in our annual sports day. They each took turns in traditional sports day races, egg and spoon, sack and straight running races. It was great to see even the youngest children having a go! They impressed parents, staff and older children with their sporting skills. Thank you to all the family members that came to watch and cheer the children on, it made it really special. The children really did spectacularly well, though of course many went off in different directions, which only added to the fun and joy of watching.



At the end of last term we all enjoyed our pirate theme. The children learnt to talk like pirates shouting 'Argh me hearties!' in response to our morning greetings. We found lots of buried treasure in our tuff spot and learnt that pirates always share their jewels. So in true pirate style we shared the booty between our pirate crews!



We were delighted that so many children chose to complete our mark making activity making their own treasure maps. Not forgetting to mark the treasure with an X! In the creative area we made hats, eye patches, telescopes and our own parrot friends. The children really enjoyed the funny story 'Pirates Love Underpants' and decorated their own pants.

We still have places available in preschool. If you would like to come and look around, please call us on 01258 820417 to make an appointment or just pop over!

Marnhull Baby & Toddlers

I hope you are enjoying the holidays.

Summer Holidays

We had our first summer toddlers on Thursday 10th August, we played with gloop and added chalk to change the colour the kids were fascinated. We also had out our happy land village which the children love to play with to make up their own stories.

We have our next summer toddlers on Thursday 24th August and then we will be back weekly from Thursday 7th September. Anyone is welcome to come along 9:30am till 11:30am every Thursday in term time at Marnhull village hall. Any questions please call Emma 01258 821654.

Christmas Party

We are already arranging our Christmas party which is on Thursday 14th December.

Emma and Dee

Garden Reflections for the month of...
...September

The title of this piece is particularly apt for September, the month of planning and preparation. That is not to say 2017 should be ignored, but everything you do should be done with an eye to the forthcoming year.

I suspect that most people look forward to trying something new each year- new layouts, combinations of plants, or new varieties of old favourites. So visiting other gardens can be inspiring: If you can pick up a couple of good ideas in each garden it is well worth the visit.

There are glorious days in September when the garden can be at its best, but is also the season of equinoctial gales, it is advisable to check fence posts and panels, and ensure that any trees or plants that require staking have adequate support. Ponds should be tended by removal of any dead or dying plant matter as this can lower the oxygen content and harbour diseases. A net over the pond to catch falling leaves may help. Clean out cold frames and greenhouses so that they are ready for use in the autumn.

Give your lawn a bit of autumn maintenance: after killing any moss and before applying an autumn lawn feed rake out or scarify the thatch, aerate well-trodden areas by spiking with a garden fork, and re-seed bare patches. Clip a conifer hedge too late and the immature new shoots will be damaged by frost. So, if not done already, get hedges in shape in early September. Cover leafy vegetable crops with bird-proof netting: dig up the last potatoes before slug damage spoils them: sow hardy greens, such as kale, land cress, pak choi, mizuna, lamb's lettuce and mustard, for winter pickings.

In the fruit garden, harvest autumn raspberries: pick fruit from early ripening apple varieties as soon as they are sweet enough to eat as they don't keep. Try to avoid wasp damage to early fruiting apples by hanging wasp traps in the branches of the trees. In the flower garden, when blooms have faded a last deadheading of roses can be done, and taller stems shortened to reduce windrock.

Decide which of your perennials to retain, split & replant these, remembering that growth on the outside of a clump will prosper better than retaining the old harder centre. Collect and sow seed from perennials and hardy annuals, such as cerinthes, ammi, scabiosa and cornflowers, for flowers early next summer. Remove summer bedding, plant spring flowering plants such as daisy, pansy, polyanthus, primrose and wallflowers. Enjoy the catalogues, but for the widest choice and best quality, buy spring-flowering bulbs as soon as possible. Don't delay planting, but tulips should not be planted until October/November: they only start putting roots down then and the cold temperatures help to wipe out viral and fungal diseases.

Plant prepared Hyacinth bulbs for indoor flowering at Christmas. This is not an exhaustive list, I rarely accomplish all of them, and there's always October! Enjoy your gardening.

Marnhull Players - Pantomime Group

We have been busy getting ready for our tea dance on Sunday 20th August and we will have to let you know how that goes in the next messenger. Hope to see a lot of you there.

We will be taking part in the Stur Carnival procession we will be dressed in our costumes from last year's Pantomime. So pop down and watch it you are about.

We are running a workshop on Sunday 17th September at 2pm in the village hall for people who are interested in performing in our next Pantomime 'Cinders'. This will be a time to meet everyone, have some fun and have a look to see what part you would like. This workshop is for the adults and the children's workshop will be on Sunday 8th October at 2pm at Marnhull village hall.

There is also our bingo evening on Friday 10th November at Marnhull village hall eyes down at 7pm. Then we have our Christmas Cinderella Ball on Saturday 9th December.

All the cast

Marnhull Music Society

On one of the hottest evenings of the year a small but faithful band of members met for the Society's AGM. We are a very peaceable group and there was little in the business of the evening to excite or to worry. As usual we lamented the difficulty of recruiting new members; could it be that folk think we are too serious and high-brow? If anyone out there is toying with the idea of coming along to one of our evening concerts, think "Classic FM without the adverts." We would love to see you just as a visitor.

After the business of the meeting was completed it seemed appropriate to relax with a chilled glass of Pimms and listen to a light-hearted programme of film music compiled and presented by Michael Vintiner. As he commented, in the sixteenth century most music was composed at the behest of the Church. By Mozart's era the paymasters were often rich noblemen who required specially written music for their masques and entertainments. Nowadays a major commissioner for bespoke music is the film industry.

"Hooray for Hollywood" contained many familiar and evocative pieces and it was instructive to listen to them in a concert-like environment. The "Superman" theme opened the programme with its insistent aggressive tones. Afterwards "The Mission" by Ennio Morricone contrasted with a very sweet and gentle oboe.

Everyone is familiar with the theme from Dr Zhivago but as I listened more closely than usual I was struck by the flavour of France with barrel-organs and zither episodes incorporated into the lilting waltz tune.

If one is inclined to dismiss film music as trivial I suggest a close listen to Hans Zimmer's score for "Pirates of the Caribbean". It is actually very impressive. Here is a full orchestral work, multi-layered and with variety of depth and tone. It manages to capture the wild clashing of sabres as well as the swelling and rolling of the ocean.

The concert continued with the poignant Serenade for Strings by Samuel Barber, borrowed for the film "Platoon", John William's charming and gentle score for "Schindler's List" and ended with the rumbustious granddaddy of all film themes, Elmer Bernstein's score for "The Magnificent Seven."

In August we had our Garden Party at Kings Mill Court and then the Autumn season starts again in September.

YV

Fingerpost Restoration



Local residents, walkers, dogs, horseriders, joggers, cyclists and motorists will all hopefully appreciate and enjoy the return of a minor rural landmark to one of the Marnhull fringes.

On a recent sunny Sunday evening the 'Friends of the Fingerpost' celebrated in style its unveiling by Trevor Vaughan, Parish Council Chairman. Standing at the Nash Lane / Hains Lane junction it had gradually deteriorated, with the passage of time and ultimately an accident taking their toll.

Restoration to its former glory took more than a year to arrange, and was made possible by a grant from the Parish Council (thank you very much), some hard graft, and donations from local residents, the majority of whom are pictured above. Many thanks to all who made this possible. John Dowsett (for more information 821534)

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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.

Group Parish Councils re various problems

We are hoping to join forces with at least seven other Parish Councils in an attempt to get a response in connection with problems that affect our Parishes as a united front which will hopefully gain a response.

Dumping of white goods

The Recreation Ground is a public facility used by hundreds of members of the Marnhull community and surrounding villages. It is well looked after and should be respected by everyone at all times.

The dumping of white goods or anything for that matter is totally unacceptable.... should anyone be party to seeing something like this occur again it should be reported to the Clerk immediately.

Use of weed killer

It has again been reported that weed killer is being sprayed on private land without the owner's knowledge or consent.

The Parish Council reminds everyone that the use of weed killer on private land to the detriment of wildlife, flora and putting the food chain at risk by anyone without the owner's consent is not acceptable.

Elm tree planting

An initiative is being launched to plant Elm Trees around the village more info to follow.

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 mpcclerk@sallyupshall.f2s.com

Recruiting Councillors are you interested? Contact The Clerk Sally Upshall on 821231 or email mpcclerk@sallyupshall.f2s.com

Sturquest

Is there a point to the SturQuest Office? Well, there's several, actually...
- Drop in Point
- Age Concern North Dorset – every Tuesday morning (10-11am).
- North Dorset Citizen Advice - First Friday of each month (10am-12noon).
- Call in to book an appointment.
- Police - 1st & 3rd Tuesday mornings from 10am.
- Meeting Point
- Sturminster Newton Allotment Association, Sturminster Newton Mill & Museum and Open Spaces use the office for meetings.
- Collection Point
- Replacement recycling bins & bus timetables
- Information Point
- Tourist information & use of public computers

Want to make your own point? Contact the SturQuest Community Office by telephone on 01258 471456 or email team@sturquest.org.uk or visit the SturQuest website at www.sturquest.org.uk

Jacqui Wragg - Community Resource Worker

Mothers' Union

It was a beautiful sunny afternoon for the June meeting which was a garden party, complete with cream tea, kindly hosted by George & Diana. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon.

We were delighted to have 10 guests at our July meeting when Helen Butler spoke to us about voluntary dentistry in Cambodia. Helen went to Cambodia last year with the charity Dentaaid.

Dentaaid's aim is "to improve access to safe, sustainable and affordable dental care both in the UK and overseas." They send donated reconditioned dental equipment and portable dental surgeries to many areas of the world. The DentaaidBox is equipment for an entire dental surgery, including a chair, that fits in a wheelie bin. This makes transportation much easier. Dentaaid is supported by many charities including Blackmore Vale Lions.

Cambodia lost almost a quarter of its population in the four years of the Khmer Rouge regime and no health system was left in place and there were very few dentists. There are now dental schools and things have improved but there are a high number of patients per dentist and many people live in remote areas.

On Helen's trip Dentaaid were working with another charity called One2One. The first week involved working at a prison where a lot of extractions were needed, many prisoners had not received any dental care for twelve years. The second week was working at a school with the young children.

A large percentage of 5 year olds have never brushed their teeth. The team were able to treat the children's permanent teeth with a cement like substance for protection against decay. There was also a chance for health promotion and encouragement with the teeth brushing. The working conditions were basic and difficult and from the slides we could see the volunteers were very adaptable.

Unfortunately it was a wet and miserable day in August when we held our coffee morning at Mary & Barrie's so we were unable to sit outside. Undaunted, 14 of us enjoyed lively chats and laughter with our coffee and biscuits and were able to appreciate our lovely surrounding out of the windows.

The next meeting is on September 13th 2.30 in the Methodist Hall and visitors are very welcome. The talk will be about Salisbury Women's Refuge.

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:

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Prince. 8 - 14 years old

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Art For Everyone

It was great to see so many visitors at our Summer exhibition in June this year despite the soaring temperatures, phew! Fran's delicious rocky road became a rocky river! but the ice cold white wine was flowing and all the paintings looked great.

Congratulations to all our very talented artists, it is always gratifying to see the fruits of our artistic labours on display each year. A big thank you to our visitors for all your lovely complimentary and encouraging comments.

As always the "vote for your favourite painting" competition sparked lots of lively discussion as there was such a wide variety of paintings in lots of different media incorporating many subjects and styles.

From dynamic colourful abstracts, experimental tea and Indian ink tree compositions to delicate watercolour flowers. Choosing just one was indeed a tricky task.

The artist who received the most votes was David Aslett, his "City Street" composition was an intriguing mixed media piece combining paint, collage materials and pen drawing. An impressive sense of scale, perspective and attention to detail certainly caught the eye, even if the painting was bending in the heat! Congratulations David.

Anne Dowsett's technically impressive and atmospheric "Night sky" and the very lively "Two elephants" a painting of great character, by David Brice shared the runner up award with exactly the same number of votes. Well done to both.

The Autumn term is about to begin and we are starting off this September with some pencil drawing and traditional watercolour painting.

One of the subjects we will be exploring is winter landscapes and mountains. Techniques such as laying a flat wash, watercolour skies and mixing landscape colours without muddying will all feature this term alongside other projects including ideas for original hand painted Christmas cards (glitter optional!)

Visitors to the classes are very welcome, pop along and have a look at what we are up to anytime. If you are feeling inspired and would like to join our group there are a couple places available, beginners very welcome.

The Autumn term begins on Tuesday 19 September and runs for ten weeks with a two week half term break at the end of October.

Happy painting!
Deborah Chisman
01258 820349
deb_chisman@hotmail.com

Art for Everyone classes are held at Marnhull, Durweston and Shaftesbury.

Bank Closures in Sturminster Newton

The last permanent bank - Lloyds - in Sturminster will close on 26th September 2017. Lloyds will be offering a mobile service -three times a week, NatWest already visit once a week. However, if you do not already do any on-line banking, now may be the time to consider if its for you.

The Learning Centre in the Exchange will be offering courses and seminars over the next few months to help you decide if you want to use it. The Learning Centre has computers, tablets and broadband for your use, volunteers to help and is open as a drop-in on Monday mornings and all day on Wednesdays.

To Contact us & book seminars call 01258 475272 (when open) or Email sncl@btconnect.com sncl@btconnect.com or drop-in / leave a message at The Exchange. Our website sncl.org.uk has up to date information.

On-Line Courses

We have three money related courses that you can do at your own pace on line:
- Online and mobile banking
- Keeping your personal information secure online
- Make money work

You can come into the centre to do these courses any time we are open; they take up to 45 min each. A volunteer will help register you and if you get stuck.

Or you can try them at home by going to www.learnmyway.com, register with a few details - please use our centre code -6071, and note your ID and password (you can start a course and come back to it another day). You will find the three courses above in the Subjects Tab then the Managing Your Money On-Line section.

Introductory Demonstrations

To help you decide whether to use on-line banking or not you are invited to a seminar where the banking facilities of four different banks will be demonstrated including checking statements, credit card use, making payments and transferring money.

Your tutor will be Allan Peters who regularly uses on-line accounts with several different banks.

During this seminar you need only watch the demonstrations though there will be opportunities for questions as we go along and afterwards.

You can also stay afterwards to try one of the on-line courses - see left. Dates currently arranged are:

Monday 4th September 10am
Monday 9th September 10am

Please book in advance for these seminars, we will try, but cannot guarantee spare places if you just drop-in. More dates will be added if needed. (see contact points above)

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Britain is known as a nation of animal lovers but our love of dogs has seen an increase in illegally imported puppies from Eastern Europe.

There is a growing demand for certain breeds (pugs, French bulldogs and daschunds to name a few), and illegally imported dogs are being trafficked by criminals as part of a lucrative illegal industry thought to involve many thousands of dogs each year.

Illegal importers tend to advertise on the internet or in small newspaper adverts. The puppies are frequently supplied with incomplete, false or forged documents. They are often reared in poor conditions and are more likely to suffer from disease and behaviour problems.

Strict rules on animal imports are in place to protect the UK from Rabies. This means dogs coming from Europe have to be vaccinated against rabies at a minimum age of 12 weeks and wait a further 21 days before they can enter the UK without the need for quarantine. They must also have a PET Passport which records their microchip number and vaccinations.

If a puppy is illegally imported, the new owner could face additional vet fees, quarantine costs as well as enduring the ordeal of having their dog taken away from them.

So how can you avoid buying an illegal dog?

- Get as much information about where the puppy has come from
- Look for Kennel Club Assured breeders and be prepared to be put on a waiting list
- If you are unable to see the puppy with its mother and litter mates, be suspicious
- Watch out for breeders selling several varieties of breeds
- Imported puppies must be at least 15 weeks old and have a valid PET Passport
- Never buy a puppy from a car park or service station

If you would like advice about your consumer rights then please contact the Citizens Advice consumer helpline on 03454 040506.

Meet the Artist at the Dorset County Museum

Under the Surface: Paintings and Carvings by David West

Meet the Artist and Tours of Exhibitions

Private Tour of the Exhibition — 'Under the Surface' Paintings and Carvings by David West

- Tuesday 22 August 2017 - 9am to 10am
- Friday 29 September 2017 - 9am to 10am

Join artist David West for a private tour of this multi-media exhibition and hear the stories behind the objects. Don't miss this opportunity to see behind the scenes look at this fascinating exhibition.

Tickets are available from the Museum shop £10 per person (includes light refreshments and admission to the Museum). Tel: 01305 756827 or alternatively shop@dorsetcountymuseum.org

Meet the Artist David West

- Wednesday 13 September – 11am to 3pm
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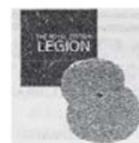
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Sturminster Newton Floral Group

Sturminster Newton Floral Group are now beginning their Winter programme.

You would be most welcome to our next two events. Our October meeting is to be held in the Chivrick room at the Exchange. It will be a workshop with Margaret Brown entitled "Tones of Autumn".

Our November meeting is a demonstration by Martina Coleman entitled "Christmas - it's a Wonderful High". This will take place in the Stour Hall. Both events are open to visitors at a cost of £5 to include light refreshments and a raffle.

Contact number 01258 472473

University of the Third Age

Colin Van Geffen's talk about Lawrence of Arabia was a captivating account with many fascinating slides of Lawrence's life outside of his desert exploits. After his Arabian adventures Lawrence initially went to Oxford to finish writing his wartime memoirs "Seven Pillars Of Wisdom", (still in print 100 years later), He was a great scholar, having studied architecture and archaeology, he later translated Homer's Odyssey into English. But his passion was the RAF. Outside of the desert he wanted to have a normal career in the services and went to considerable lengths to remain anonymous, adopting various pseudonyms. He enlisted in the RAF as J.M. Ross. Unfortunately, because of his fame he was often recognised by new colleagues, or the press managed to track him down for interviews. However, he did have friends in high places and usually managed to get his own way to follow the career he wanted, later joining the Royal Tank Corps as Pvt. T E Shaw. He died in a motorcycle accident in 1935 quite close to his home at Cloud Hill, near to the Bovington Camp in Dorset where he was stationed.

Winston Churchill said of him, "I deem him one of the greatest beings alive in our time. I do not see his like elsewhere. I fear whatever our need we shall never see his like again".

Our next meeting at 10am on the 7th September, at the Father's House, Shaftesbury, will feature, Denise Edwards, More Stunt Tales.

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

Weatherbury Singers

Our local community choir based in Puddletown rounded off the summer session on another lovely sunny Saturday evening at Buckland Newton Village Hall on 17th June with a delightful concert "Take a Chance on me!" featuring some well-known songs from the 60s & 70s, among others and medleys from Abba, Sound of Music and Lion King & included some lively audience participation. Our audience was so enthusiastic that our Musical Director, James Crawshaw, was sandwiched between a wall of sound from both sides – something he said he has never experienced before!

The choir would like to thank everyone who came and shared the evening with us and helped make it so enjoyable – we had a ball! Date for your diaries: Our Christmas Concert will take place at Puddletown Village Hall on Saturday, 9th December 2017 at 7.30 pm.

New Members Evening on Tuesday, 19th September at St Mary's Church Room, Puddletown from 7:30 till 9:30 pm. We welcome anyone who is interested in joining our friendly community choir at our first rehearsal of the autumn session. Our rehearsals are in three 10 week blocks in the autumn, spring and early summer, and we perform 2-3 concerts during which we actively encourage our audiences to have some fun and sing along with us. Our members come, not only from Puddletown, but also from a number of villages from the locality. If you would like to join us on our New Members evening or at any time, and/or would like more information, please let us know by calling Brenda on 01305 251499 or email weatherburysingers@gmail.com



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Child Okeford Flower Arranging Club

We are planning an afternoon visit to Compton Acres gardens on Tuesday 19th September.

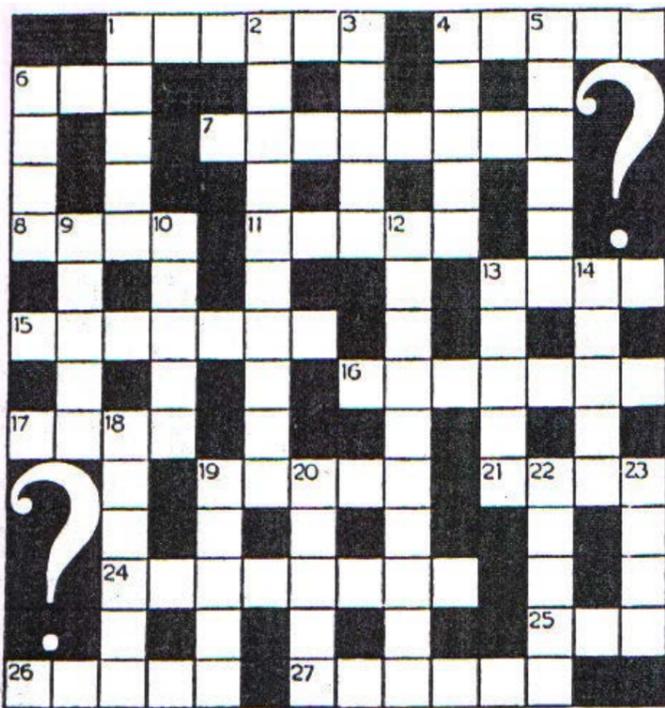
If you'd like to join us then please contact Sue Brown on 01258 863775. for further details.

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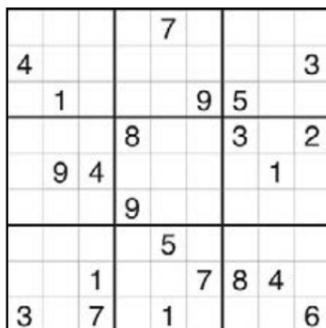
- 1) Downy, hanging wind pollinated flowering spike on trees such as willow or hazel. (6)
- 4) White stripe down the face of a horse. (5)
- 6) Unit of pressure. (3)
- 7) Palestinian uprising against Israeli occupation of the West Bank and Gaza. (8)
- 8) Official language of Pakistan. (4)
- 11) River that rises in Tibet and runs through Pakistan and into the Persian Gulf. (5)
- 13) Colloquially a vasectomy. (4)
- 15) Bony frame enclosing the thoracic cavity. (7)
- 16) Roofed platform around the outside of a house. (7)
- 17) Eponymous piglet in a 1995 Australian film. (4)
- 19) Extreme boredom. (5)
- 21) See 2D.
- 24) Skiing away from prepared ski runs. (3-5)
- 25) Indian state formerly a Portuguese colony. (3)
- 26) Semi synthetic fibre made from cellulose. (5)
- 27) Papal Ambassador to a foreign government. (6)

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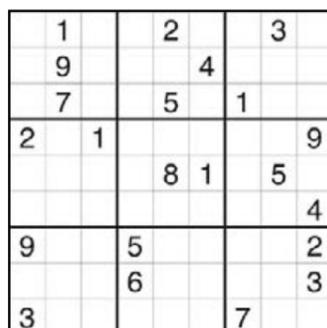
- 1) Proverbially what three is. (5)
- 2) & 21A) The venue of the first FA Cup Final played 1872 (10 - 4)
- 3) Aquatic larva of a dragonfly. (5)
- 4) Alloy of copper and zinc. (5)
- 5) Second longest river in the world. (6)
- 6) The capital of Azerbaijan. (4)
- 9) First name of the wife of the former Russian leader Mikhail Gorbachev. (5)
- 10) Slang term for a pawnbroker. (5)
- 12) Secular republic of central Asia with its capital at Tashkent. (10)
- 13) Cylindrical military hat with a peak & a pompom or plume. (5)
- 14) World's largest democracy. (5)
- 18) Large ground dwelling omnivorous monkey. (6)
- 19) Resembling a supernatural creature of small human appearance with large ears. (5)
- 20) Market town and fishing port 16 miles east of Inverness. (5)
- 22) Second largest constellation in the zodiac. (5)
- 23) Monetary unit of Italy prior to the adoption of the Euro. (4)



Hard Difficulty



Medium Difficulty



All puzzle answers on page 28

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