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CHRIS RYU
Messenger Editor

SPRING IS HERE!

Welcome back to your Messenger Magazine. I hope you all enjoyed the return of the Messenger and the new printer.

As I write this, I'm feeling rather positive at what the next few months will bring. The village daffodils are in bloom, the Marnhull Flower Show is confirmed and there's at least an end to lockdown in sight. Personally I'm very excited to re-open our offices and get back to village events. I can't wait until we can visit the village pubs and village hall and enjoy some live music.

A huge thank you to those that generously donated old laptops and tablets for Revd Gaenor's campaign. Even the broken ones have been helpful as we've been able to salvage parts to upgrade some of the borderline ones. Our team has been very busy getting through them all and I've lost track of how many, but if there's still some more out there, we're more than happy to keep going.

MARNHULL DIRECTORY

Members of the committee made countless calls and enquiries to those listed in the Directory to try and get it as up to date as possible, but we've already had messages of outdated information. Please send these and any further updates, especially with AGM season upon us, to editor@marnhullmessenger.org.uk and they will be included in the next Directory.

NEW EDITOR STILL REQUIRED

A new Editor is still being looked for, but for the time-being I'm delighted to continue... just with the help of some of my lovely team at Dorset Tech.

Stay safe Marnhull - looking forward to seeing you all soon

SUBMIT YOUR EVENTS INTO A LIVE CALENDAR

On the messenger website and they'll be added to the printed one when it returns in the near future

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It takes about 40 people, all of whom are volunteers, to collate and deliver The Marnhull Messenger to every home and business in the village. We are extremely grateful to this dedicated team, without whom the magazine simply would not flourish.

Whilst we always aim to deliver the magazine by the 1st of the month, from time to time illness, family commitments and a myriad of other personal issues can sometimes get in the way, resulting in the occasional late delivery. Recently, there have been a few complaints from villagers, because they felt their copy of The Marnhull Messenger was delivered late.

It might be worth pointing out that if it is essential to you to receive the Marnhull Messenger by a particular date and it hasn't arrived, then the Church, the two pubs and all the businesses in the village have spare copies available.

Ian Gall – Chairman, The Marnhull Messenger Steering Group.

STURMINSTER NEWTON MEDICAL CENTRE



Covid Vaccine

The following statistics relate to the population covered by our Practice who have received the first dose of the vaccine by mid-March -

- 10,313 39% of our Practice population
- 99.4% of all care home patients - (this changes, as residents change)
- 99.1% of Health & Social care workers 73.5% of those at risk in the 16-64 group
- 95% over 70 years

The vaccination clinics continue in the Exchange in Sturminster Newton, but again the message is please don't phone the Practice regarding Covid vaccines. They only get a few days warning when they are going to receive supplies of the vaccine, they then contact people on their list, to book an appointment. If you receive a letter from the National Booking Service, you can book on-line for one of the Mass Vaccinations Centres. If you've also had an invitation from the Practice, please choose whichever is more convenient to you.

If you have a mobile and don't already receive messages from the Practice, if you'd like this service, then email these details to the blackmore.vale@nhs.net address so they can update the records.

2nd doses will start to come through towards the end of March and those that are due, will be contacted. As mentioned earlier, as they don't know more than a few days ahead when the vaccines will arrive, it's not possible to arrange appointments much in advance. This is frustrating for everyone, but it can't be changed at this stage.

Also, it's not possible to arrange 2nd doses earlier than the 11-12 week Government protocol. This is totally out of the Practice's hands, so please don't phone to have this debate!!!

The first six groups of people have been offered the vaccine - that's those who are -

1. Residents in a care home for older adults and their carers
2. 80 years of age and over and frontline health and social care workers
3. 75 years of age and over
4. 70 years of age and over and clinically extremely vulnerable individuals
5. 65 years of age and over
6. 16 to 64 years of age with underlying health conditions which put them at higher risk of serious disease and mortality.

If by any chance, you fall into one of these categories and haven't been invited to have a vaccination, the easiest way to arrange one is through the national booking service which can be accessed at www.nhs.uk/covid-vaccination. Here you can choose a time slot and

location that suits you. If you would prefer to telephone, then call 119 free charge, anytime between 7am and 11pm seven days a week. Or you can contact the Practice.

Access to the Surgery

It's really important for patients to contact them if they have any clinical needs. If you are worried about any symptoms or health conditions then you should get in touch, ideally by the online system - eConsult, for non urgent issues, through the Practice website.

<https://www.blackmorevalesurgery.co.uk/> It's very easy to use and you will get a response within 24 hours - often much quicker than that.

If it's urgent, then telephone in the usual way. You will then be advised by telephone and if necessary, an appointment will be made for a face to face consultation. It's not possible to book an online appointment on the website at the moment, due to the current situation and please don't just turn up at the surgery without an appointment.

The message is, the Practice is very much open for business, albeit working in a different way.

And Finally....

'Life as normal' is slowly creeping up on us! to help keep this road map on track, remember to follow Government rules accordingly. It's important to remember that having the COVID-19 Vaccination does not make you immune, you can still catch Coronavirus and pass it on to others.

20'S PLENTY FOR MARNHULL

I see reported in the Blackmore Vale Magazine that Okeford Fitzpaine are aiming to get a 20mph speed limit for the village. Part of their reasoning is that the default speed limit should be 20 in all areas where pedestrians / motorcyclists and cyclists merge especially when there are no pavements for safety. As one who has tried to go for more walks during lockdown I must say that traffic conditions make those walks extremely difficult and you feel very vulnerable if you are approached by vehicles slows down quickly enough not to hit you or require you to leap into a hedge to protect yourself. Fortunately I don't have to push a pram or look after a dog on a lead as well.

Our main village roads were built hundreds of years ago. They are not designed for modern commercial and farm vehicles and the majority of modern cars are also bigger. One of the main problems being that drivers drive with their windows closed and therefore being in a sealed unit become far less aware of traffic conditions and drive too fast for the conditions. Also in the winter our field footpaths are too wet for a pleasant walk so we are forced on to the roads to walk dogs and exercise horses.

Marnhull has a very good case for this lower limit to be applied - these roads in particular from Sodom Lane along Salisbury Street/Crown Road into Schoolhouse Lane and on to Walton Elm. Sodom Lane into Pilwell and up Church Hill. The bottom half, and up to the shops along Burton Street with a few pinch points, are all tricky for all road users. Sackmore Lane is very busy and has no pavements at all. It is similar for Nash Lane, Love Lane, Gt Down Lane, Old Mill Lane and Haines Lane. New Street has no pavement at the Church and that only starts at the school (where limits should be low anyway). After Marnhull Stores the road to Kings Mill has no pavements either.

The speed reduction in Marnhull has been discussed for years but nothing has happened to improve it. Marnhull I believe, should become a 20mph village and Dorset Council Highways and the Parish Council should be pressed to implement it as soon as possible.

MARNHULL PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

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A Message from the Chairman Trevor Vaughan MBE

Dear Villagers,

Like other organisations, our progress in the world of virtual event technology has been fast tracked. We have worked together to make each webinar a positive experience and to bring as many of you that wished to take part as possible on that journey with us. A virtual event can't match all our live engagements but, I am so pleased that so many have joined us online, you can view the minutes on the Parish Council website at marnhull-pc.org.uk I hope to see many more of you if not online then hopefully in a couple of months when it seems likely that a relaxation of rules will mean a return to public meetings.

The council is actively moving ahead with a mix of business planning for the remainder of 2021. We are exploring a number of known issues concerning our village as follows, traffic calming initiatives to cut speeding, signage to cut large vehicles using inappropriate roads, signage to make drivers aware of the dangers to pedestrians and horse riders, planning applications including what the village may look like in ten/ twenty years' time Community Governance Review (CGR) by Dorset Council and the Annual Parish Meeting all of which the Council would like your thoughts and participation in meetings etc.

May I record my personal thanks and that of my fellows Councillors to all the volunteers in our village who have made such a difference to those villagers needing help over the past year. I also add my colleague Councillors many of which have had to get used to a new way of conducting Council business through our virtual meetings I look forward to seeing you all very soon.

With all best wishes,
Trevor

Cllr Trevor Vaughan. MBE
Contact us at clerk@marnhull-pc.org.uk

LITTER BUSTING BOOST

The ongoing battle against litter has been given a boost with a grant from the Marnhull Messenger of £350 to purchase further kit enabling our regulars to be fully equipped with pickers, hoops and hi-vis jackets.

A volunteer group of some 30 plus, the Marnhull Pickers not only keep the village streets clean but also, when Covid allows, regularly form teams to tackle the main roads around and out of the village. Regrettably lockdown has seen an increase in the amount of litter, much of it coming out of car and van windows, 'Covid takeaways' seen as a main culprit, together with drink cans and bottles!

Our team are committed to keeping the village clear. More volunteers always welcome, call our organiser John Seear on (01258) 269743.

Every rural community should be entitled to the protection limit they desire. Having accepted that these heavy vehicles cannot be kept off the road, we must improve the safety & quality of life for local people by promoting more considerate driving. I think the Parish Council should make every effort possible to change the way drivers think when they come in to the village and in doing so inform them that these are the limits we have set for the safety of everyone.

Jeremy Watson, Marnhull Resident

OUR DORSET



Recent years and the past year in particular, have seen a remarkable change in the ways we shop, teach and work. Similarly, the way we attend hospital and GP appointments has also changed, with many of our health and wellbeing services moving to consultations by

phone, video and online.

The NHS in Dorset has been developing and embedding new digital applications to support services in many different ways and we believe it is vital for our patients, carers and the wider public to have the opportunity to provide their views and feedback on what we are planning now, and how these online services will be provided in the future.

For this reason, a new Digital Public Engagement Group is being formed, we are looking for a range of ages, locations and experience as well as members who may have one or more existing long term conditions, so they truly have an insight into how these technologies might affect them and help to manage or monitor their condition to enable them to live well.

To find out more and / or register your interest - please go to <https://ourdorset.nhs.uk/dpeg/>



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MARNHULL GREEN TEAMS - TAKING THE ENVIRONMENT AROUND MARNHULL SERIOUSLY

Reach for your diaries, everyone! We are happy to say that, despite all the troubles we have all been going through, the Village Eco Trail will go ahead, on Saturday 12th June. We can't be sure how the pandemic restrictions will change between now and then, but we will run the event as best we can. Watch for further details, and pass the word around. It should be fun.

The idea behind the Eco Trail is that people will be able to walk or cycle to various locations around the village, to chat with neighbours about a whole range of 'green' subjects. We have volunteer hosts ready to share their experience of ground source heating, solar panels, batteries, electric cars, e-bikes, meadows and wilding or rewilding, insulation, eco-dyeing & printing, wildlife gardening, composting, apple juicing, tree-planting, glass recycling, and recycling in general. There'll be a nature trail too; and refreshments...

If you would like to host a venue on the Trail, or have any other ideas for it, please let us know. Contact details are below.

In the meantime, Marnhull Green Teams continue to do what we can in lockdown. If you'd like to join in our monthly Zoom meetings, to listen to a speaker and have a chat, please get in touch and we'll send you the joining details. You can also receive our monthly one-page newsletter if you wish: it's all free!

In the world beyond the internet, six traditional apple trees have now been planted in one of our plots at the Sodom Lane allotments. Two pear trees are ready to join them: we hope that the village school children who will benefit from them in years to come will be able to help with this.



Speaking of apple trees, we still have bottles of the 2020 vintage Marnhull apple juice available, as proof that something good came out of that dreadful year! Get in touch if you would like some.

Finally, the Terracycle recycling centre at the Marnhull Hub is open from time to time. See the village Facebook Page or the Hub window for days & times. Paper copies of our Recycling Guide for the Marnhull area are available from the village shops, or we can email you an electronic copy. Used medical blister packs are among the items that can now be accepted.

Want to get in touch? Please email marnhullgreen@outlook.com or telephone (01258) 268714.

Stay safe, everyone - and, as the spring approaches, let's get greener!

THANK YOU

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who supported the fundraiser for the Poppy Appeal last year. £236 was raised with the sale of face coverings. Thank you to Marnhull Stores, Robin Hill Stores and Cook's Garage for selling the face coverings and to all those who purchased or donated. With restrictions on the Poppy Appeal collections due to COVID-19 the efforts and generosity of the Marnhull Community are much appreciated.

President, Royal British Legion, Marnhull Branch.



ROYAL BRITISH LEGION



Difficult to find something to say as there is virtually no Branch or Club activity to report. Although the building is closed bills keep rolling in and the future looks a bit bleak if we do not get some income

shortly.

We are still hopeful of putting on some kind of event to mark the centenary of the Branch to which all will be invited. We hope you will pop in and we will have some exhibits from the past to show and some refreshments.

Every time we thought we saw the light at the end of the tunnel it turned out to be someone with a torch bringing us another set of restrictions. It is not something we can argue with as health is the most important thing and we are all of an age when we are vulnerable but maybe, just maybe there is a chance of getting back to normal. At the moment the date we are looking at is June 26th and we intend to open with a charity event of some kind. Tony Junge is looking into getting a well-known local band in and come worthwhile charity to support. After that we will settle into our usual Saturday night music then hopefully skittles will be back and who knows this will all be just a memory.

We will probably be looking for sticker-ups for the skittles so if you have a youngster who would like to earn £20 for two hours work give me a ring on the number below and I will see how we are fixed and give you a ring back nearer the time.

Also, hopefully if the Poppy Appeal runs in November, Organiser Val Eslick will need some collectors, if you fancy it give me a call or ring Val on 820619

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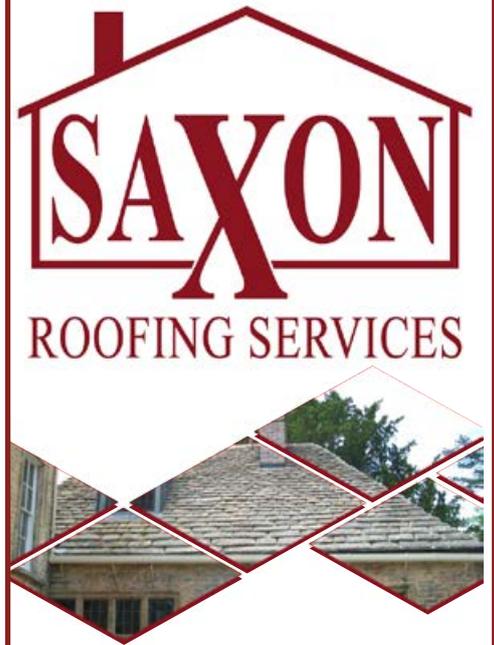
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FROM THE CHURCHES TOGETHER IN MARNHULL

From Our Lady's R.C Church, Marnhull

What a difference a year makes - or not! Twelve months ago I, along with many other people were half-way through the season of Lent, half-way through the Lent discussion groups.

Groups which never came to a satisfactory conclusion. The mind was focused on the preparation for the Joy of the Easter celebrations when the world went into the first of our three lockdowns.

The feeling of desolation and loneliness on those first days of 'social isolation' seems a long time ago today, but I am sure we have all got our memories of those days - the struggles to get food deliveries organised, the long, isolated walks - the closed churches and other places of worship. We faced a Holy Week with no Palm Sunday. Our lives became topsy-turvy as we swapped our Church Services for internet worship.

Twelve months on our churches are open and slowly we are preparing to celebrate the Easter Liturgies in our Churches, albeit with some changes dictated by those rules we have become so familiar with Hands, Face, Space - we receive our communion under one species, the priest gels his hand before distributing communion, the congregation leave the Church directly after receiving communion.

And still we are not happy that things are returning to normality. We have a large number of people for whom taking part in Church services has now become a matter of watching on the internet. Will they be drawn back into a physical church in due course?

Let me share with you a very different scenario for Easter celebrations. One year ago, along with the rest of the country, the Chapel in all of the country's prisons closed to corporate worship for every faith. In July, when the churches in the community opened their doors, the Chapels in prisons stayed close to worship, and have remained so. For many prisoners the opportunity to worship - of whatever faith, offers an opportunity to turn lives around. The pain of not being able to worship together goes on amongst the prisoners in our country's prisons, and may continue for some time as Boris Johnson's time line proceeds.

Deacon Michael Turnbull

Our Lady's R.C., Marnhull
R.C. Chaplain HMP Guys Marsh

SHORT STORY

Published in the Bournemouth Advertiser 1/2/95

"At the time, it seemed like a miracle," Brenda Murphy told the vicar of St John with St Michael, Bournemouth. "Two weeks ago, I was having a picnic on the lawn and my little daughter said she wanted a cat. I told her to ask Jesus for one, so she started to pray. Barely ten seconds later, this pussy suddenly came hurtling through the air, screeching very loudly, and landed inside our wicker hamper. It's stayed with us ever since. What was I to think?"

While reclaiming his cat, the vicar was able to offer a more prosaic explanation of events to astonished parishioners. "Two weeks ago, Horace became stuck in a tree. I couldn't get him down, so I climbed up as far as I could, tied one end of a rope round the trunk of the tree, and the other end to my car bumper. Then I drove slowly forward, bending the bough nearer to the ground. Unfortunately, my foot slipped on the accelerator, the car shot forward, the rope broke, and Horace was catapulted into space and clean out of sight.

There was no sight of him at all. If I hadn't seen Brenda buying cat food in Tesco's, when I knew she didn't have a cat, Horace's whereabouts would still be a puzzle. The Lord moves in mysterious ways indeed. Praise Him."

THE METHODIST CHURCH



HE IS RISEN!

We pray that the Easter message of joy and hope brings comfort to everyone at this difficult time.

Easter Worship

At the time of writing, we are hoping to hold an Easter service in church (under full Covid regulations of distancing and face covering) on Easter Sunday, 4th April, at 10:00am. Sadly, we shall not be able to join together in singing those wonderful Easter hymns but our organist, Hayden Williams, has promised that he will play a good selection of them for us to listen to.

We shall, of course, also listen to the story of the history-changing discovery of the empty tomb recorded in the Bible. If this date is not possible, we expect to be able to have a slightly delayed Easter service the following week, 11th April. The final decision will be announced on the notice board by the Methodist Church.

Church Services

Assuming that the gradual lifting of restrictions continues to progress according to the government 'Road Map', we plan to return to holding services in church on the second and fourth Sundays of each month, beginning on April 25th. These will, of course, continue to follow full Covid distancing and face covering regulations as recommended by government at the time.

We invite you to keep an eye on the notice board by the Methodist Church where any changes will be announced. On the other Sundays, our Superintendent Minister, Rev. Paul Arnold, and our Deacon, Rebekah-Joy Spinks, will continue to provide service notes for each Sunday by email so that we are able to follow the readings, prayers and their reflections in our homes and know that we are all sharing in them at ten o'clock.

They also suggest suitable hymns to read and, where available, a link to a performance on YouTube which is particularly welcome to Methodists deprived of communal hymn singing! Hard copies of the service notes will continue to be printed and distributed to people not on email. Similar service notes will be available on the Sundays when a service is held for those who are unable, or feel unwilling, to attend the church.

Youth Work

The 'withit' young ladies of the Girls Brigade have continued to meet weekly from 6pm on Wednesdays via Zoom. They plan to be able to start meeting in the church hall again (under appropriate restrictions) when schools return after the Easter break in mid-April. For more information, contact the Captain, Rachael Findlay on 07771 897262, to whom we are extremely grateful for her hard work which has allowed this important work to continue over the past year.

Hire the Hall

It may be possible to allow our church hall to be used by arrangement with groups or organisations who can guarantee to follow all Covid-19 government regulations. For information, contact Mrs. Marlene Plowman on 01258 820869

ST GREGORY'S CHURCH



Sun 28th March

Palm Sunday - beginning of Holy Week

8am - Holy Communion (traditional service)
 9:45am - Meet outside to walk into church
 10am - Palm Sunday Service (live)
 10am - Facebook service
 2-4pm - Church open for prayer

Monday 29th

8pm - Night Prayer via Zoom

Tuesday 30th

8pm - Night prayer via Zoom

Wednesday 31st

9-11am - Church open for prayer
 2pm - Lent Course (final session)
 8pm - Night prayer via Zoom

Maundy Thursday

7pm - Holy communion (live)

Good Friday

10am - Family service
 12-2pm - Church open for prayer
 2pm - At the foot of the cross - readings & prayers

Easter Eve

4pm - Family Easter Service - with Easter gardens
 8pm - A service of fire and light outside

Easter Day

8am - Holy Communion (traditional)
 10am - Easter Communion (live)
 10am - Facebook service
 2-4pm - Church open for prayer
 6pm - Easter readings and music (live)

All church services will have covid measures in place.

Please contact Revd Gaenor gaenor@protonmail.com or 01258 821605 for Zoom access.

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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)

The Sacred Paschal Triduum

1 April - Maundy Thursday

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

2 April - Good Friday (Day of Fast and Abstinence)

Our Lady's - 11am - Stations of the Cross
 St Benedict's - 3pm - Celebration of the Lord's Passion

3 April - Holy Saturday

St Benedict's - 8pm - The Easter Vigil

4 April - Easter Sunday

Our Lady's - 9:30am - Mass of the Resurrection
 St Benedict's - 3pm - Celebration of the Lord's Passion

Booking is essential under Covid restrictions. Please email your request to: Steve Carrivick (carrivick79@gmail.com) or Tony Moore (mandtmoore@btinternet.com), giving your name / contact telephone number / services you wish to attend / total number in your group, or bubble. We will email confirmation by return. If you are unable to email, please ring Steve on 07887988123.

Feast Days in April

21 - Saint Anselm, Bishop Doctor of the Church (Opt Mem)

St Anselm (1033 - 1109) was born in Aosta (Italy) and joined the Benedictine monastery at Bec in Normandy. He became Abbot and then, in 1093, Archbishop of Canterbury. He endured periods of exile due to his opposition to William II and Henry I, both of whom threatened the Church's liberty. St Anselm is best remembered as an important theologian and the 'Father of Scholasticism'. He was declared Doctor of the Church in 1720.

23 - Saint George - Patron of England (Solemnity)

St George (+c.303) was martyred in Palestine during the persecution of Diocletian at Diospolis (Lydda, now Lod, near Tel Aviv, Israel), where his tomb of good over evil. He is patron saint of several countries and regions, including England.

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

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

Parish People

Bernard de Salis died on 14th February
 Mary Extance died on 5th March
 May they rest in peace

MARNHULL FLOWER SHOW - SATURDAY 17TH JULY 2021

Hello Marnhull,

After the long and difficult time that we have had the Flower Show committee have decided that we should go ahead with the 2021 Flower Show. At a time when it is difficult to plan much in the future we feel it should be possible to plan and hold a Flower Show; a community event, one that we can all look forward to, enjoy and participate in.

We will follow whatever rules there may be and current best practice at the time to make the event Covid safe which will bring some changes in format and procedure from previous years. In the meantime, we thought you might like to start considering your entries for the Show and the following list should give you some inspiration. The Vegetables, Fruit and Flower classes will be very similar to previous shows.

Handicrafts

- 61 - An item of cross stitch or tapestry, including counted-thread work
- 62 - An item in soft materials using any technique or combination of techniques e.g. crochet, knitting, macrame (you may enter two items using different techniques)
- 63 - An item in hard (resistant) materials, e.g. wood, metal, pottery, glass
- 64 - A bag
- 65 - A picture, not painted, e.g. collage, applique, embroidery, paper, suitable for hanging
- 66 - An item of patchwork, e.g. quilting, cushion cover
- 69 - An item of lace
- 70 - A Christmas decoration
- 71 - An item of clothing using up-cycled materials to include details of up-cycling
- 72 - Any other item
- 73 - A work in progress, any item

Art

- 74 - Landscape
- 75 - Still Life
- 76 - Figures / animals including life drawing
- 77 - Flora
- 78 - Abstract
- 79 - A miniature (size of artwork to be no more than 10cm by 10cm (4"x4"), may be in a larger frame)

Photography

- 80 - Chimney(s)
- 81 - Close-up - Pollinating insect on a flower
- 82 - Work or craft
- 83 - Black and white - Winter
- 84 - 'Out in the mid-day sun'
- 85 - A digital photograph - any subject. Exhibit to consist of the original photograph and a copy that has been digitally enhanced. To be mounted as a pair, mounting not to exceed 30cm x 45cm
- 86 - Open Class

Charity Class

92 - The charity this year will be Marnhull Green Teams and we would like to see family entries of a scarecrow, to be judged by the public.

Children's Classes - Under 5 - Cookery classes to come

Gardening

- 102 - Something I have grown from seed(s)
- 103 - A jam jar of flowers

Art & Skills

- 104 - A person made from fruit, vegetables and/or pasta
- 105 - A drawing or painting of a rainbow

5-8 Years

Gardening

- 109 - A cress creature
- 110 - A monster made from fruit, vegetables and/or pasta
- 111 - Something edible I have grown from seed(s)

Art & Skills

- 112 - A self portrait
- 113 - A collage of a rainbow made from recycled materials
- 114 - A freelance Lego model

9-12 Years

Gardening

- 118 - A miniature garden in a seed tray
- 119 - 4 different wildflowers that I have identified
- 120 - A monster made from fruit, vegetables and/or pasta

Art & Skills

- 121 - A selfie photo
- 122 - A painting of my favourite pet or toy
- 123 - A freelance Lego model
- 124 - Digital photograph - any subject

12-16 Years

Gardening

- 127 - A fruit or vegetable plant that I have grown
- 128 - A bowl of salad from plants that I have grown from seed(s)
- 129 - A Jam jar of flowers - theme a rainbow
- 130 - Five different tree leaves and identify them

Art & Skills

- 130 - 3 digital photos of different tree trunks (bark), identified
- 131 - A decorated face mask
- 132 - A climate change poster

JULIA'S HOUSE JOINS GOVERNMENT KICKSTART PROGRAMME



- Julia's House recruiting for 30 Kickstart placements
- Work will be in their 12 high street shops and retail operation across Dorset & Wiltshire
- Training in charity retail to help job seekers gain experience
- Six month placements for people on Universal Credit who are aged between 16 and 24
- Shops re-open on 12th April

Local children's hospice charity, Julia's House, is taking part in the Government's Kickstart employment scheme, to help young people at risk of long term unemployment gain valuable skills. They are recruiting for 30 vacancies in their high street shops across Dorset & Wiltshire as well as other areas of Julia's House Retail, where the Kickstart placements will join a training programme to help them gain experience and knowledge in different aspects of the charity retail sector. The shops will re-open on Monday 12th April.

"The local community gives us such great support, it's nice to be able to give something back," says Tracy Stanley, Julia's House Retail Manager.

"We're really pleased to be able to offer placements to local young people and are looking forward to helping them get on their feet by providing retail training that we hope will prove valuable to them in their future careers. We know employment is challenging for young people at the moment and it's been a difficult time for them, so we really wanted to contribute something that would make a difference locally. You never know, we could discover our Julia's House shop managers of the future!"

As part of the Kickstart scheme, Julia's House is offering 30 six month placements for young people on Universal Credit aged between 16 - 24. Applicants will be required to work 25 hours a week on a rota basis and regular weekend working will be expected. Salaries will be paid by the Government and Julia's House will be providing the training and experience.

Starting 2021 in lockdown heralded another challenging year ahead for the charity. Its shops lose £150,000 a month while they're closed and fundraising will take some months to return to normal as social distancing restrictions are slowly lifted by the Government. Tracy adds "We've had amazing support from the local community over the last few months and we really need this to continue. As we all come out of lockdown, the critical needs of the seriously ill children we support don't change. We want to be right by their side providing a lifeline of care, now and in the future."

The vacancies are only eligible to young people aged 16-24 currently claiming Universal Credit and will be advertised through local job centres. If you think you are eligible and would like more information on how to apply, please contact Tracy Stanley (tracy.stanley@juliashouse.org / 07867801898) or Erin Hobbs (erin.hobbs@juliashouse.org / 07384817041)

MARNHULL CAFÉ SCI



As with all organisations in the village, the Café Sci programme has been curtailed during the various lockdowns we are experiencing. However, things didn't stop, we moved from meeting at The Blackmore Vale pub to Zooming online and replaced our regular monthly meetings with ad hoc presentations on various scientific and technical themes. So regular attendees have found out about how card payments are processed from Chris Hilder, London's Tideway Tunnel from Gary Jackson and from Anthony Wilkinson who talked about Rinderpest in the Yemen (but not Salmon Fishing).

We have a further talk planned for our May 4th meeting, this one is for the chemists among us, with Derick White giving insights into the production of nitrile latex, a topical subject for 2020/21 as it is the main constituent of the synthetic rubber gloves in so much demand just at the moment. This meeting will be online, starting at 8pm, email me on rseveleigh@icloud.com if you would like the link. With everyone else, we hope to go back to face to face meetings in the autumn.

THE HUB



The Hub window celebrating the Garden Club's 40th Anniversary.

20'S PLENTY FOR DORSET - 20MPH SPEED LIMIT CAMPAIGN - JOIN US!

The recently formed branch of "20's Plenty for Us" is concerned about inappropriate traffic speed across Dorset. We lobby for 20mph as normal where people live or mix with motor traffic. We ask for most 30mph roads to go to 20mph through signage and public engagement, not humps or engineering.



21 million people in the UK (1 in 3 of population) live where 20mph is agreed as normal. We want this for Dorset's roads. With Covid highlighting the greater risks of physically inactivity, we've seen people wanting to walk and cycle but traffic speed scares them. 20mph is safer, healthier and more sustainable than 30mph, with 20% fewer road casualties as a direct result. Noise is almost halved. It brings back life to our streets. It's popular with over 70% of people who say they want 20mph for their patch!

Dorset Council is responsible for speed limit schemes and its officers are currently drawing up recommendations for a review of its speed management policy. I encourage everyone to write NOW to their county councillor to express support for an area wide 20 limit. This overall limit (as opposed to 20mph zones which cover a few streets at a time) has advantages of not requiring costly traffic calming engineering, less confusing for road users than frequent limit changes and costs a fraction of doing it village by village, town by town.

"20's plenty for Dorset" already has support from many parish councils across the county, is engaging with others to provide them with information about the benefits, costs and design of 20mph schemes and has recently met with Dorset councillors to seek their support.

You're welcome to join "20's plenty for Dorset" team to make 20mph happen where you are. For information about us, email Dorset@20splentyforus.org.uk. Also look at www.20splenty.org

To join "20's plenty for us" national campaign (free) contact Anna Semlyen - 07572 120439 email - Anna.s@20splenty.org



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ST GREGORY'S C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL



JOKE OF THE MONTH selected by Hedgehogs class.

Q. What do you call a fairy that does not shower?
A. Stinkerbell!

ST GREG'S REUNITED - As I write this, we have completed our first week with the whole school reunited, no more home-schooling, children are now where they should be. Our classrooms are once again a buzz with creativity and fun, no more wondering what friends are up to, the playground is fizzing with activity and the promise of spring weather fills us all with excitement, the next few months are always a special time of year at school. We look forward to making up for lost time both in the children's education and the fun and activity that is so essential to their happiness.

WORLD BOOK DAY - As well as some of the children making their own books, each child was treated to a hot chocolate with marshmallows, the weather supported the need for a hot drink, being wet and windy.

MOTHERS DAY - Special thanks to Rev. Gaenor and her helpers for kindly gifting each child with posies to take home for Mothering Sunday. Much work went into them and they are sure to bring happiness to all recipients.

Hedgehog Blog

SMILEY HAPPY PEOPLE - You can always rely on our youngest children to bring a smile to your face, it has been lovely to welcome them all back and members of the community kindly donated some smiley face badges for each child.

The next few weeks bring farming to the school, we are very excited to be welcoming some farm animals to the school, more on that to follow.



Badger Jibber-Jabber

**YUMMY, YUMMY
I'VE GOT LOTS IN MY
TUMMY** 

The end of the last ½ term class explored the digestive system, the highlight was undoubtedly the creation of their digestive system t-shirts

as sported by Felicity. The class also sharpened their culinary skills by building some healthy sandwiches, the aim being for the children to understand about different food groups.



This half term has already been mightily busy. Our topic is 'Scream Machine', and class are reading 'The Boy Who Swam with Piranhas' by David Almond. It tells the story of a boy who falls in love with fairgrounds, joins a travelling fair and eventually ends up performing to audiences by swimming with piranhas!! So far this term they have written some fantastic rollercoaster poems and have enjoyed learning all about the life and achievements of Walt Disney. Badgers have certainly been busy, busy, busy, busy.

Fox Vox

HERMES THE MESSENGER GOD BRINGS NEWS FROM FOXES

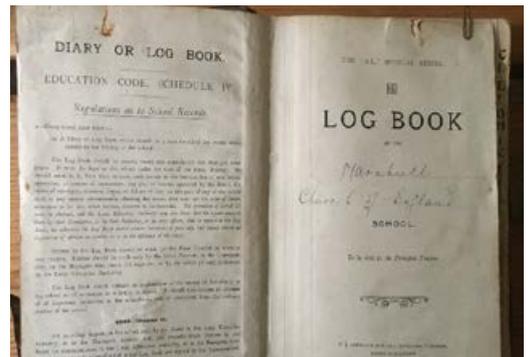
As you can see class have been busy making the sculptures this half term, specifically of the Greek gods, with such vibrant colours and detailed features the class can be immensely proud. Our topic Ancient Greece continues with our reading of 'Who Let the Gods Out?' by Maz Evans, the children are enjoying it immensely, it is very humorous and has an interesting modern & historical feel to it. Mya has said she can really picture the events within the book. We would recommend it as a good read.



A STEP BACK IN TIME!

The school is very privileged to have in its possession some historical logbooks that record the comings and goings of St Greg's going way back.

It is 28th October 1970; Today the paraffin heater in the timber? classroom caught fire and we were unable to control it. The Headmaster put the stove out using the fire extinguisher in the classroom. The fire service was called just in case the fire was not out and the firemen arrived and checked. Two policemen also came and checked for damage. Kings of Sherborne have come, and they are going to clean out the stove.



ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



St. Mary's Catholic
Primary School

It has been wonderful to see all the children return to school. We have missed them and they have really enjoyed seeing all their friends once again. A big thank you to the people from the village who provided badges on the first day back and posies on Friday. They went down very well with the children and their parents.

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We are still taking part in CAFOD's 'Walk for Water' and the children and staff are seeing how many miles they can walk during Lent. We have raised over £300 almost half way towards our target. We have a link to our Just Giving Page on the school website if anyone would like to support our efforts or see how many miles we are managing to do.

St Anthony's

It has been so lovely welcoming our children back to class, they have bounced back full of smiles and chatter. They were all so happy to see their friends and were eager to get back to their learning. Our local habitats topic has been super for taking our learning outdoors and we have enjoyed the sunshine between the showers. This learning included exploring signs of spring, the children were able to name some spring flowers and enjoyed tapping catkins and watching them release a cloud of pollen. In class the children made a strange discovery finding a rather yucky Troll sandwich. This along with a letter from Trolly encouraged the children to write their own disgusting swandwich recipes. It was lots of fun trying to describe our revolting ingredients including some slimy, squishy, wriggly worms!



St Mark's Class

We had a wonderful first day back at school! The children had a lovely day catching up with friends and settling back in. It was a day filled with lots of beautiful smiles and laughter!

It's amazing to all be back together again. In Science we have been studying habitats. We all went hunting for microhabitats within our school grounds, looking for creatures that live there and the conditions they live in.



St Francis' Class

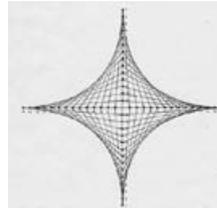
St Francis class has been busy at home and at school over the past month - thinking about the importance of preserving our environment as part of our topic of Habitat Helpers and building on this on our return to school by getting our school garden ready for planting. Signs of spring could be seen on our walk in The Paddock as we used this area for inspiration for our story writing being authors during Book Week. The whole school enjoyed a variety of fun activities during Book Week cooking book characters out of fruit, laying a path of books around the house and school. Throughout the week the children were so creative with their Book in a Bag activity which they then loved sharing with their friends on our return to school. Children's Mental Health week was also a focus with the opportunity for all children to Dress to Express.



Our new track around the playing fields has also come into its own during our Walk for Water which is raising money for CAFOD during Lent. The children are really clocking up the miles!

St Alban's Class

We have been linking our Maths with Art by using parabolic lines to create illusion images.



Linked to our Great Britain topic, we virtually visited the Houses of Parliament where we learned about how bills are turned into laws before holding our debate about whether more houses for the homeless should be built. We discussed impacts new houses would have on the village, environmental issues and how everyone deserves a second chance.

Explorer's Preschool

It's been bugtastic in preschool! The children have enjoyed sharing books with a bug theme and have made up their own minibeast stories in our 'it's a bug's life' small world area. Our fiddly finger activities have included wrapping wool around cardboard worms and using tweezers to catch noodle worms. In our outdoor area the children have loved exploring our new water wall. Open ended water play like this, where the children engage in filling, scooping and pouring is great for developing fine motor skills as well as encouraging understanding of mathematical concepts such as



less and more. These tasks help children coordinate their hand movements with what they are seeing and feeling.

An exciting preschool led by a fully qualified teacher

St Mary's Explorers is open from 8:45am - 3:15pm every weekday during term time and spaces are available for children aged 3+ years, with wrap around care from 8am-6pm on request. The unit allows preschool and Reception children to work together on lots of key areas of learning, something OfSTED agree allows younger children to make greater progress. If you would like to have a look around, or come and stay for a taster session, please call 01258 820417 to make an appointment. (Sessions: £4 per hour/ £24 for full day, Early Education Funding vouchers accepted and 30hrs funding available).



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MARNHULL GARDEN CLUB'S 40TH ANNIVERSARY



In 2021 Marnhull Garden Club will celebrate the 40th Anniversary of the formation of the club. Looking back through the records, I can see that there have been many splendid garden parties, celebrations and other fabulous events over the years. In keeping with this, we had planned to continue these celebrations to mark this special anniversary but at the time of writing this is likely to be restricted by whatever COVID-19 restrictions we will be living under. If we can celebrate, then we will!

Our Club was formed on 16th February 1981. I was about 5 months pregnant then and my son also turns 40 this year so the calculations must be right! Also celebrating their 40th birthdays are Brittany Spears, Chris Evans and Megan Markle! In 1981 Ronald Regan became the 40th President of the United States of America. The Humber Bridge was opened by Queen Elizabeth II and, in Coronation Street, Ken Barlow married Diedre! So what were the original Marnhull Garden Club members up to? The first Garden Club was formed at a meeting held in the Blackmore Vale Inn. Its name was the Burgess Close Gardeners Club, with an annual subscription of 50p per residence.

By July of 1981, Mr G Davidson was elected as the first Chairman, the membership was limited to 50 and opened up to residents beyond Burgess Close. The name became The Meadows Garden Club, the membership rose to 38 and the name was officially changed to Marnhull Garden Club, with club meetings being held on the first Thursday of the month, Subscriptions were £1 per year. A Christmas skittles social evening, was first arranged in this year. In 1982, regular monthly meetings were held and more garden parties arranged. By 1984-1985 membership had reached 67, and a Garden Club shop was being run from the Blackmore Vale Inn and later from Dr Watts surgery.

A great time was had in 2006 when the club held a Silver Jubilee party at a member's garden. Everyone wore something silver and I have seen some stunning outfits evidenced in the photo library. Many photos were taken over the years. Since then all our snaps are stored on phones etc with little need to print. The old photographs have now been scanned to be kept safely for all time. And so it has continued Garden Parties, Flower Shows, Skittles Evenings, monthly meetings and outings to some great venues all making Marnhull Garden Club the wonderful group it is today. Marnhull Garden Club has contributed and donated to bulb planting, 'Kissing gates' on Marnhull's Footpaths, St Gregory's weather vane restoration fund, The Village Hall Extension Project, The Air Ambulance and lots more charities.

There have been around 20 Chairs of Marnhull Garden Club, a few more than the 13 Doctor Who's!... the latest serving Mrs Yvonne Vintiner, John Couzens, Mrs Shirley Blackford, David Andrews and Ian Pentland. Bill Miller took the club into the 21st Century in 2000 and the current chair is Mr David Bruce who as we speak will have served his first year without actually chairing a single physical meeting. Many more have served on the Committee over the years.

Many thanks to several members who shared their memories of Marnhull Garden Club with me.

John Couzens wrote "For several years i was outings organiser for Marnhull Garden Club. I started off very inexperienced and naive. One of my first outings was to RHS Rosemoor in Devon on a very hot summer's day. Trying to keep the costs down I booked the cheapest coach could find. It had over 100,000 miles on the clock and no aircon. The driver had obviously not been to Rosemoor before and we took forever to get there with the lanes getting narrower and narrower. However, it eventually proved to be a good day out." **Some things never change! (Viv)**

"We had an outing to Longstock, on the river Test, near Stockbridge. Again the weather was perfect, the gardens lovely and everyone enjoyed a very jolly communal picnic." **How come the sun always shone on those outings? (Viv)** "Another memorable outing was to the Abbey Gardens at Malmesbury, where owners' claim to fame was that they were 'naked gardeners' due to their habit of working in the near nude. I still vividly remember seeing one of our elderly lady members having an in depth conversation about gardening with the owner who was dressed in just a thong." **I have seen this photo! (Viv)**

Jill and John Neal wrote

"Jill and I have lived in Marnhull for 12 years. On our second day of becoming residents we had a knock on our door from our neighbour 'Bill Miller' who persuaded us to attend our first Garden Club meeting and have remained interested ever since. We have many memories of the plant fairs in the Village Hall and, of course, the Marnhull Flower Show. As you may recall, Jill acted as speaker finder for more than 8 years and, in that time, certainly helped to grow membership numbers." **I have a few more 'Speaker Finder' years to do to beat that record! (Viv)**

So, here's to the next decade for Marnhull Garden Club and may we all be able to join in a toast to its continued success as soon as we are able to do so.

Viv Bruce



CHRIS'S RECIPE CORNER - ROASTED CAULIFLOWER WITH RAISIN, WALKNUT AND CHILLI



This is a really versatile and adaptable recipe. The cauliflower can be replaced with broccoli and the recipe can also be used as a salad, or paired with sea bass fillets or, the dressing alone can be used on other vegetables, such as roasted squash or potatoes.

Ingredients (Serves 2-3 as a side dish)

1 small cauliflower
20g golden raisins
30g walnuts, roughly chopped
½ red chilli finely sliced
2 sundried tomatoes finely chopped
1 clove garlic crushed
Approx 1tbs each of chopped parsley, coriander and mint
Pinch of ground cinnamon
1 tsp maple syrup
½ tbs orange or lemon zest
1tbs sherry vinegar
Up to 50ml rapeseed or olive oil
Salt & pepper to taste

Method

1. Preheat the oven to 200°C (180°C fan)
2. Prepare the ingredients, starting with the cauliflower. Break the cauliflower into small florets and put in a bowl.
3. Chop the walnuts and roast for 3-4 minutes on a baking sheet to release the flavour and natural oils.
4. Soak the raisins in warm water and then drain. Finely dice the chilli, chop the sundried tomatoes, crush the garlic and chop the herbs.
5. Mix approx. 2tbs of the oil through the cauliflower, transfer to a roasting tin, if it looks like it could do with more drizzle, use the remaining oil over the cauliflower before it goes in the oven.
6. Combine the remaining ingredients, using half the herbs, saving the rest to garnish.
7. Remove the cauliflower from the oven and stir through the dressing whilst it is still hot and serve with remaining chopped herbs.

POPPIN CAFE



TEA TIPS FOR THE PERFECT BREW:

So, how often have you had this debate with yourselves or your other half during lockdown? To stew or not to stew, everyone seems to have differing opinions on how to produce the perfect cuppa but one of the leading tea retailers has a clear opinion as how best to achieve this (using tea bags!)

So here goes but I am already betting not everyone will agree and many of you I know will have opinions about using tea bags versus loose tea!

Boil fresh water from the tap, as boiling water more than once reduces the oxygen level. You want more oxygen in the water as this helps flavour!

Top tip!

Pour the hot water over the tea bag

Give it a few minutes! Patiently wait for the tea leaves to infuse their flavour - we'd recommend 2-3 minutes, if you can wait that long!

Squeeze the bag. This releases that extra bit of flavour if you like a stronger brew.

Make it your own. Add milk, perhaps some sugar or try it black with honey or lemon.

I wonder how many cups of tea have been consumed during the pandemic, a cuppa always seems to sort everything out albeit for a short while. Here's to getting to a stage that we all feel confident enough to meet up in the Village Hall and enjoy sharing cuppas together once again, hopefully not too long now.

Best Wishes to you all, enjoy your cuppas however you choose brew!

Linda, Sue, Rosie, Audrey, Lynda, Anne and Jill



Marnhull WI



Marnhull WI will celebrate their 95th Birthday the 24th February 2021, the Committee are looking forward to celebrating with members when it is safe to do so. Please take a moment to look at the telephone box in Burton Street, which has been kindly decorated by Linda and Mary C using Green Hearts made by WI members past and present to remind us all of Climate Change.

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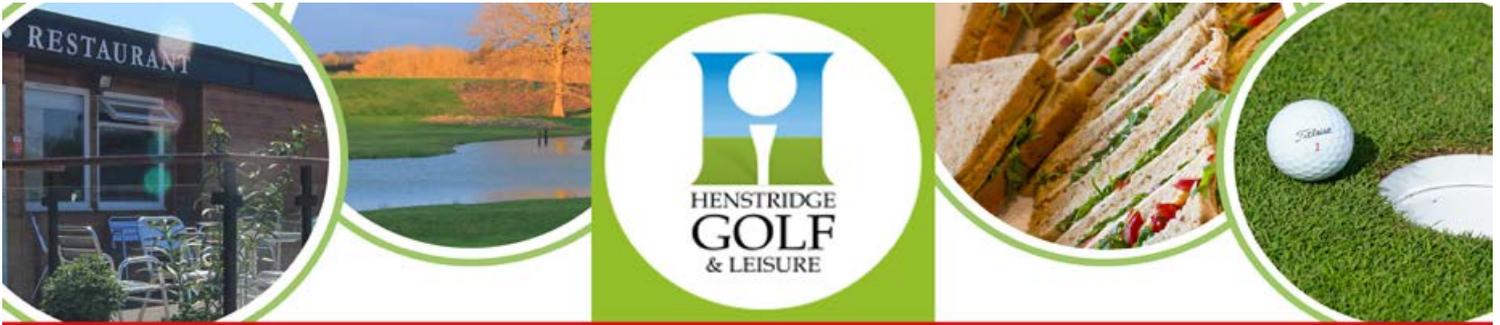


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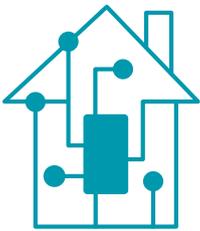
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FROM THE HORSES MOUTH...



It's been a funny old 12 months I've found. This time last year there was no traffic on the roads - all was quiet - no lorries, cars, praents dropping their children off to school. Businesses stopped - the non-essential workers stayed at home. So for the first time in about 10 years in Marnhull, going out for a ride with my buddie on top was great, it became a joy. We could poodle along listening to the birds singing, not having to worry about what was coming around the next corner too fast or if we could hear a large lorry looming behind us that would wait impatiently for a slot to slip past us.

What a great village I live in but I am one of the nervous horses on the road. As soon as I go out of the gate I experience a whole different world. I can cope with the normal stuff, prams, umbrellas, dustbins, lawnmowers but drivers think they can squeeze through a narrow gap past me and I'll be fine - I don't think so! They come up behind me and wait too closely, frequently revving their engines to hurry us along. Frankly it is all so scary out there now that I fear for my buddie on top and my own four legs should I step or jump to one side or heaven help us slip to the ground.

My equine friends have told me that during 2020 there were reported 1,037 incidents on the roads in the UK involving horses. 80 horses were killed and 136 seriously injured. One person died and 137 were injured.

The village roads are our only place to ride - we don't have the luxury of using 103 footpaths that dogs can go on. We have tarmac, sometimes slippy and stoney and large drain covers to avoid too! I do my best to be visible and my buddie dresses us both up in crazy coloured fluourescent clothing, glowing green, pink and orange trim across our tack and the rather ridiculous hi-vis 'ears'!

But seriously, have a care when you see us out and about... Think horse and be patient - think.



We live somewhere amazing and not a day goes by that I am not thankful that we are here in Marnhull and not in some hugely built up area with frantic traffic, city bustle and all the associated noise and pollution!

That being said, however gloriously green and patchworked with footpaths our local area is, there is very little off-road provision for horses, with only two very short and often very boggy bridledways across the whole of Marnhull and so for many of us, this means that we do our best while riding round the village to help other road users to see us - that many of our horses wear. However, despite our best efforts, horses can be unpredictable and even the most sensible of them will now and again find scary shadows, birds or horse eating, crocagator infested puddles - this can lead to unpredictable behaviour, 'dancing' across the road at totally impractical and ill-advised moments!

We would like to thank all of the amazing car drivers and cyclists who slow down for us, passing carefully and quietly - you are making our village a much safer place for us all to ride and drive around and if we don't always manage to say 'thank you', it might be because we have our hands full saving our horse from a fire-breathing dragon! There are however those who do not take quite so much care, are in a rush, running late or perhaps just don't realise that half a tonne of horse can be easily scared by loud noises, revving engines and fast moving traffic. If you get stuck behind us, we will know you are there and will be looking for the closest place to safely pull in to allow you to pass - we want to arrive home safely and in one piece and are not deliberately holding you up!

The Highway Code Rule 215 says for drivers to be **'particularly careful of horse riders and horse-drawn vehicles especially when overtaking. Always pass wide and slowly. Horse riders are often children, so take extra care and remember riders may ride in double file when escorting a young or inexperienced horse or rider. Look out for horse riders' and horse drivers' signals and heed a request to slow down or stop. Take great care and treat all horses as a potential hazard; they can be unpredictable, despite the efforts of their rider / driver.'**

LOCKDOWN ARTIST, SOMETIMES DRAUGHTSMAN



2020 was a weird one for us all and impacted in so many ways across our village - feelings of social isolation, frustration, fear, uncertainty or a sense of increased irritation at those under house arrest with us being far from 'normal' than we perhaps realised at the time. To fill this new normal and in an attempt to stay sane, many of us turned to new or past skills to help us find a way through lockdown and all the restrictions. Rediscovered knitting skills, a rekindled joy for gardening, repeated failed attempts at sourdough...the list across our wonderful village must be a long one! Ian Osman, a self-employed draughtsman of almost 30 years, found that lockdown not only impacted on his morning round of golf but more worryingly, his ability to work and with no plans coming in to be drawn

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up, he turned away from the computer and picked up his long forgotten watercolours.

Chased around the house by an irritated wife and three home schooling teenagers, Ian set himself a daily challenge to walk and draw a local landmark or a small sign of joy from around our beautiful village, capturing recognisable locations through his attention for detail and eye for spotting the exceptional in the ordinary. Sharing his daily sketch on the village Facebook page became a regular thing and it was a real joy to see his paintings inspire others to rediscover forgotten walks, recognise a local landmark or to pick up paints themselves and to share their artwork too. Perhaps we should find a way to record all the creativity, positivity and joy that lockdown has inspired in our village as a real record of how we adapted here in Marnhull.

Ian's lockdown sketches are available as cards and postcards either directly from him or from Marnhull Post Office and if you need any plans drawn up for your extension or conversion, he's rather good at that too!

Ian Osman - Artist & Draughtsman - @ianosmandcad - 07746 539943 - ido3d2d@gmail.com



HURRAH - SPRING IS ON ITS WAY

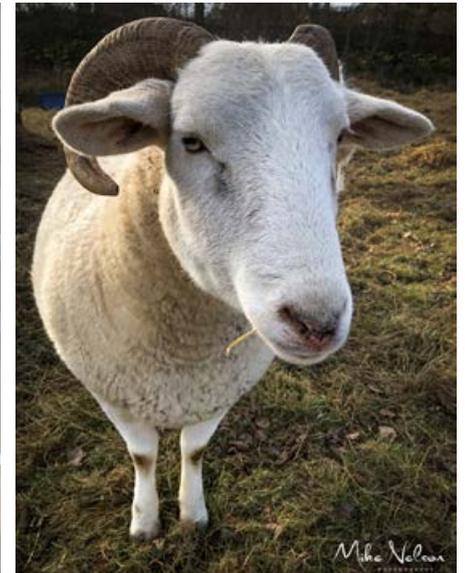


Finally we seem to be moving from the grey days and long nights to a brighter start to the days. There is feverish activity in the garden, birds actively gathering materials for their nests, feeding their young and lots of bird song around.

With everything that is happening around us, there are now lovely pockets of bright yellow colour around at this time of year. Yellow is a good colour, it's said to lift the heart and mind. A small bunch of daffodils on the table or side board can help to improve your mood. So give it a go - think Spring, think yellow!

ANIMAL ANTICS

As a large majority of people who live in the village have animals, we thought it would be a good chance to showcase some pictures - so send in photos of what your pretty pooch gets up to, a photo of your quirky horses habits - if you have a pet - cats, dogs, lamas, sheep - fluffy or scaly. Send to rosiegall1@gmail.com.





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NEWS FROM TRADING STANDARDS

Bird Flu at Christmas as told by an Animal Health Officer

After a very busy year dealing with the various challenges covid had thrown up running the Dorset Council Trading Standards Animal Health Team I was looking forward to a nice break over Christmas. In an attempt to be organised for once I had booked the week running up to Christmas off so I would have plenty of time for Christmas shopping. Unfortunately one phone call from the Government Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA) ruined these plans. An outbreak of bird flu had been found in a small backyard flock of ducks and chicken near Gillingham. Bird flu is brought into the country by migratory birds and if it infects domestic birds it can have a devastating effect with very high mortality rates. It was reported that 5 of the 6 chicken in the effected flock died within 24 hours of becoming sick.

As soon as a case of bird flu is confirmed a 3km protection zone is put around the infected premise and it is Dorset Council's job to support APHA to visit as many properties as possible in that zone to see if the household are keeping poultry in their back gardens. In this outbreak the zone took in most of Gillingham which meant over 5000 properties. I was very lucky as most of my colleagues in Trading Standards stepped forward to help out and so on the first day of foot patrols 13 of us were knocking on doors, maintaining a Covid social distance, in the area and 3 days later we had finished, just in time for a hectic Christmas Eve shopping spree.

As a result of various outbreaks around the country all poultry must be kept in housing and not allowed to free range. Further details of the rules can be found on the gov website.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/avian-influenza-bird-flu/>

SMILEY BADGES

Smiley badges from the Poppin Café team taken by Revd Gaenor were really well received by St Greg's and St Mary's schools recently as all the children were welcomed back to school again after the recent lockdown.



Mrs Field receiving refurbished local laptops from Revd Gaenor and the team at Dorset Tech for local families for homeschooling.



THE MARNHULL HUB

The Future of The Marnhull Hub

We have been in discussions with the Village Hall Committee and have decided that our best option is open there once the Village Hall reopens. This has many benefits for the The Hub and the Village Hall but the down size is that there will no longer be a small space like the current space in the village. The other problem is that we were going to act as the window for community groups, as the Garden Club did for the 70th Birthday celebrations. This will no longer be possible.

But we are really looking forward to developing our role in the village in the Village Hall. As it is so large now and we are only a small group, if there is anyone out there who would like to join us on Saturday mornings 10-12.

That's all for this month watch out for more news in May!
Sioban Boyce

A GIFT OF HOPE



The Rev'd Gaenor Hockey she asked if a few of us would help her organise a very special community event for the village on Mothering Sunday, March 14th.

In previous years the Mother's Union have made posies for distribution at the service and last year Gaenor also made some for people to pick up from the church porch. However this year, she wanted to widen this gesture of hope to the village. To see if it might be possible to make enough posies so that all the children from both the village primary schools would have flowers to take home for their mothers as well as offering posies to villagers.

Quickly rallying more help and in just 10 days around 30 people came forward with offers to make posies, mostly using flowers from their own gardens. We were therefore able to make 350 posies - enough for every child at our schools and plenty to be distributed to the four collection points around the village, for the people to pick up as they walked around - a little something to brighten their day.

This was a brilliant example of a random act of kindness, which affected so many in the village. Some of the school Mums posed their thanks on the village Facebook page -

"My children were very proud to present me with these at school pick-up today. A really lovely gesture."

"It's made my day and my daughter's face giving them to me was amazing - beaming ear to ear!"

"Thank you so much. I adored receiving these from my 5 year old, who was so excited to give them to me. Really made my day."

"Awesome! Thank you! What a wonderful thing to do for all mums."

From the team who put this together, thank you to everyone who was involved and made such a difference to so many.

The Rev'd Gaenor Hockey, Ros Eveleigh, Viv Bruce, Rosie Gall.

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Monday club social night: 8–10pm (except bank holidays)
 £25 Joining Fee
 Adults £4.50
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 Juniors £3.00

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BADMINTON CLUB NIGHT

Tuesday club night: 7.00–10.00pm
 First night free to new members

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BADMINTON SENIOR NIGHT

Thursday senior league night: 8.15-10.15pm
 The club is interested in players who wish to play at a league level.
 The club participates in the salisbury district league – div2 mens and div2 mixed and div3 mixed
 Contact: Robert Tulk - 01258 820728

Meet at Riversmeet on Mondays, Tuesdays & Thursdays

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Ros Eveleigh on 821049.

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Meets at 10:00am on the first Thursday of every month (except August) in

The Methodist Church Hall

Relax, meet new and old friends for coffee and chat. Use your skills and learn something new, in a friendly and relaxed atmosphere.

Sadly, we cannot meet at present. Watch out for news of our return!

More information from Mary Palmer, 01258 820232

MARNHULL BRIDGE CLUB

Marnhull Bridge Club meets in the Methodist Hall every Tuesday at 2 pm to play Chicago.

New Players always welcome.

MARNHULL GARDEN CLUB

The Garden Club meets at 7.30pm on the 2nd Tuesday of the most months, in Marnhull Village Hall.

Come and join us for refreshments and a chat. We usually have a guest speaker and learn some new gardening tips.

For further details contact Dave Bruce (Chair) on

Bruce11@sky.com

New Messenger Deadline: 14th APRIL

E-mail all texts, announcements and other requests to: editor@marnhullmessenger.org.uk

CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS

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DOWN 1. Brace 2. Bluebottle 3. Alien 4. Munro 5. Needle 6. Tack 9. Email 10. Pixie 12. Jersey Boys 13. Paris 14. Lucan 18. Old Boy 19. Kraal 20. Rt. Hon 22. Ivory 23. Gamp

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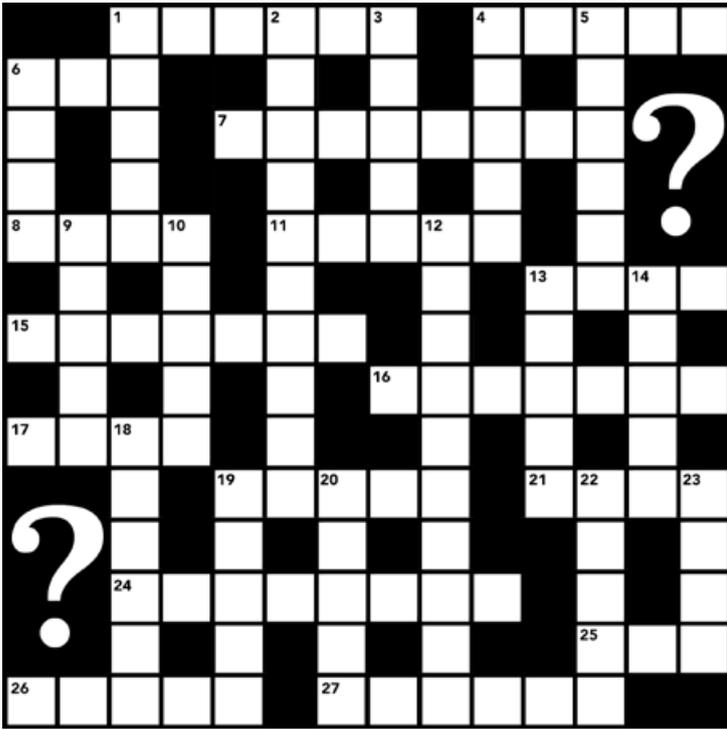
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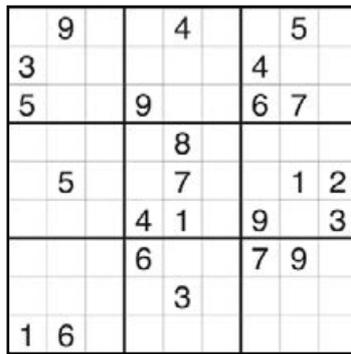
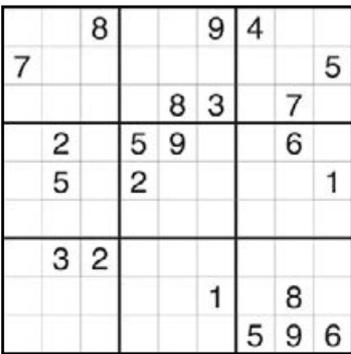
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ACROSS

- 1) Surname of Rocky the main character in a series of Arnold Schwarzenegger films. (6)
- 4) Strait between the mainland and Anglesey. (5)
- 6) Hill or rocky peak. (3)
- 7) Portion of food cut into short thin strips. (8)
- 8) Strong central tower of a castle. (4)
- 11) Stringed instrument of the guitar family (5)
- 13) Famous Brazillian footballer. (4)
- 15) Chief ore of aluminium. (7)
- 16) Largest living bird on earth. (7)
- 17) Fruit of the blackthorn. (4)
- 19) Breed of dairy cattle named after a country in Ireland. (5)
- 21) Word repeated twice in the name of a New York prison. (4)
- 24) Sporting event incorporating cross country skiing and rifle shooting. (8)
- 25) Type of black American music in which words are recited rapidly and rhythmically. (3)
- 26) Relating to the status of a king or queen. (5)
- 27) Battle of the English Civil War. (6)



DOWN

- 1) A pair of things killed in hunting. (5)
- 2) A common blowfly. (10)
- 3) 1979 science fiction film starring Sigourney Weaver. (5)
- 4) Scottish mountain of at least 3.000ft. (5)
- 5) One of the three stacks of chalk off the western extremity of the Isle of Wight. (6)
- 6) Equipment used in horse riding. (4)
- 9) The system of sending a message by electronic means from one computer to another. (9)
- 10) Small supernatural being in folklore in human form with pointed ears. (5)
- 12) Musical show featuring the songs of the Four Seasons. (7-3)
- 13) In Greek mythology the abductor of Helen. (5)
- 14) Lord who disappeared in 1974. (5).
- 18) A former male pupil of a school. (6)
- 19) Traditional African village of huts enclosed by a fence. (5)
- 20) Abbreviation of a title given to government ministers. (5)
- 22) Hard creamy white substance composing the main part of tusks of an elephant. (5)
- 23) Name for an umbrella taken from the name of a Dickens' character. (4-5)

MARNHULL WOMEN'S INSTUTE

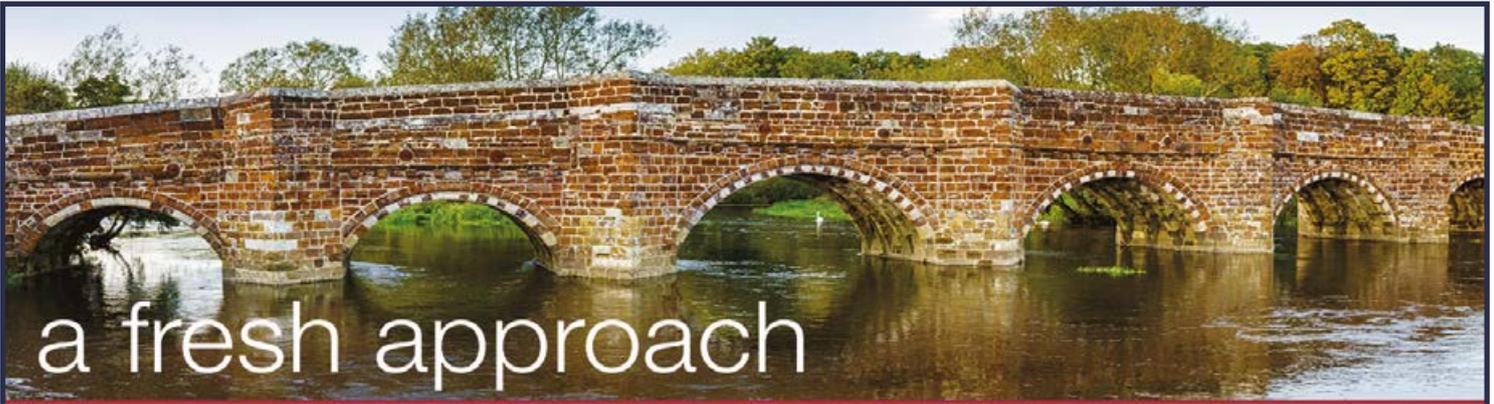
Meets on the 2nd Monday in the month (except Aug)

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