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We have our AGM tonight (via Zoom), so I'm looking forward to catching up with everyone and discussing your Messenger Grant applications!

Just when we thought the world was getting back to "normal"... Now we've a war and rocketing fuel/gas prices to contend with. It certainly feels like I picked the right time to get an electric car that's for sure!

It also feels like Covid is back stronger than ever too judging by the reduced numbers at the school gates.

It's so nice to see the first signs of spring, especially after the recent storms and this week's flooding. Our Cherry Blossom has started to bloom and that always helps boost the mood. Don't miss this issues updates from the Marnhull Fest and Flower Show Committees - it sounds like it's shaping up to be the best yet!

NEW EDITOR STILL REQUIRED

This paragraph almost seems silly now, but we're still looking for a new Editor. No specific experience needed, just a good level of computer literacy. It takes around 10 hours a month to produce the Messenger, plus a tiny bit of admin - do you have some time you could donate to the village? For the time-being you're stuck with me... just with the help of some of my lovely team at Dorset Tech. Get in touch!

Stay safe Marnhull - looking forward to seeing you all soon

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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.

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ANNUAL DIARY 2022

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

APRIL

1st - Marnhull Lunch Club @12:00
 2nd - The Marnhull Hub & Repair Café @10am
 2nd - Marnhull Community Choir Private Social Event @17:30
 2nd - Mustang Sally @20:30 - British Legion
 3rd - Marnhull 12K @10am - St Greg's Primary
 4th - Yoga @9:15am
 4th - Table Tennis @14:00
 5th - Pilates Class @9:30am (Intermediate) 11am (Over 55s) - Methodist Church
 5th - Bridge Club @13:30 - Methodist Church
 6th - Fitsteps Dance Exercise Class @11:15am
 6th - Table Tennis @14:00
 6th - Community Choir @19:00
 6th - Zumba @19:30
 7th - Craft Club @12:00 - Methodist Hall
 7th - Meditation and Wellbeing Circle @9:45am
 7th - Marnhull Baby & Toddlers Group @12:00
 8th - Blackmore Vale Art Group @10:30am
 9th - The Marnhull Hub & Repair Café @10am
 11th - Women's Institute - AGM - Social with cheese & wine @7:30am
 11th - Yoga @9:15am
 11th - Table Tennis @14:00
 12th - Pilates Classes @9:30am(Intermediate) 11am (Over 55s) - Methodist Church
 12th - Bridge Club @13:30 - Methodist Church
 12th - Garden Club - Sue Carter from Old Chapel Flowers @19:30
 13th - Fitsteps Dance Exercise Class @11:15am
 13th - Table Tennis @14:00
 13th - Tea with Friends meeting @14:30 - Methodist Hall
 13th - Community Choir @19:00
 13th - Zumba @19:30
 14th - Meditation & Wellbeing Circle @9:45am
 14th - Marnhull Amblers - Short Walk - approx 3 miles @10am
 14th - Marnhull Baby & Toddlers Group @12:00
 16th - The Marnhull Hub & Repair Café @10am
 18th - Yoga @9:15am
 18th - Table Tennis @14:00
 18th - Marnhull Music Society @19:15
 19th - Marnhull Music Society @19:15
 19th - Pilates Classes @9:30am(Intermediate) 11am (Over 55s) - Methodist Church
 19th - Bridge Club @13:30 - Methodist Church

20th - Fitsteps Dance Exercise Class @11:15am
 20th - Table Tennis @14:00
 20th - Zumba @19:30
 21st - Meditation & Wellbeing Circle @9:45am
 21st - Marnhull Baby & Toddlers Group @12:00
 23rd - The Marnhull Hub & Repair Café @10am
 25th - Yoga @9:15am
 25th - Table Tennis @14:00
 26th - Pilates Class @9:30am (Intermediate) 11am (Over 55s) - Methodist Church
 26th - Organ Music @12:00 - St Gregory's
 26th - Bridge Club @13:30 - Methodist Church
 27th - Fitsteps Dance Exercise Class @11:15am
 27th - Table Tennis @14:00
 27th - Community Choir Summer Term @19:00
 27th - Zumba @19:30
 28th - Meditation & Wellbeing Circle @9:45am
 28th - Marnhull Ramblers - Long Walk - approx 4-7 miles @10am
 28th - Marnhull Baby & Toddlers Group @12:00
 30th - The Marnhull Hub & Repair Café @10am

MAY

2nd - Yoga @9:15am
 2nd - Tea with Friends - Coffee Morning @10am - Methodist Hall
 2nd - Table Tennis @14:00
 3rd - Pilates Classes @9:30am(Intermediate) 11am (Over 55s) - Methodist Church
 3rd - Bridge Club @13:30 - Methodist Church
 4th - Fitsteps Dance Exercise Class @11:15am
 4th - Table Tennis @14:00
 4th - Community Choir Summer Term @19:00
 4th - Zumba @19:30
 5th - Meditation & Wellbeing Circle @9:45am
 5th - Marnhull Baby & Toddlers Group @12:00
 5th - Craft Club @12:00 - Methodist Hall
 6th - Marnhull Lunch Club @12:00
 7th - The Marnhull Hub & Repair Café @10am
 9th - Yoga @9:15am
 9th - Table Tennis @14:00
 9th - Women's Institute - Resolution & Beetle Drive @19:30
 10th - Pilates Classes @9:30am(Intermediate) 11am (Over 55s) - Methodist Church
 10th - Bridge Club @13:30 - Methodist Church
 10th - Marnhull Garden Club @19:30

10th - Marnhull Garden Club - Tips for the Marnhull Flower Show - from Judge Gwynne Davies @19:30
 11th - Fitsteps Dance Exercise Class @11:15am
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 19th - Marnhull Baby & Toddlers Group @12:00
 21st - Help for Heroes Plant Sale @10am
 21st - The Marnhull Hub & Repair Café @10am

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STURMINSTER NEWTON MEDICAL CENTRE



At the time of writing (Mid March), two GPs and other clinical and admin staff were off work, having tested positive for Covid. In fact, more Practice staff have been off with Covid over the past two months, than at any stage during the pandemic. So the message clearly is, it hasn't gone away. Some interesting statistics:

In the month of February alone there were:

- 5000 call backs to patients from a GP or Advanced Nurse Practitioner, which resulted in 2000 face to face appointments
- 742 online eConsult's were submitted, resulting in 100 face to face appointments
- 44 Patients failed to turn up for a GP or Advanced Nurse appointment
- 588 patients were referred into Secondary Care
- and of those, 125 were urgent cancer '2 week wait' referrals
- 8300 Prescriptions were issued
- And there were 1000 appointments with the Wellbeing team

The number of people wanting appointments and advice from the Practice is at an all time high. It's really important that if you have any health concerns that you have the right care, in the right place and at the right time. However, that doesn't always have to be with a GP or other clinician - there are other avenues, which might actually be much more appropriate and quicker for your needs.

1 in 4 GP appointments are taken up by non-clinical issues - social problems like loneliness and isolation, debt, housing, family troubles, work or unemployment - these are important issues that affect physical and mental health and social prescribing can help to solve or ease many of these.

The Practice Wellbeing Team, includes Social Prescribers, Health and Wellbeing Coaches, Mental Health Gateway workers and a Care Coordinator - all working together to provide the best service to the community. Phone the Practice or email bvpsocialprescribing@dorsetgp.nhs.uk

The Pharmacy. As qualified healthcare professionals, Pharmacists can offer clinical advice and over-the-counter medicines for a range of minor illnesses, such as coughs, colds, sore throats, tummy trouble and aches and pains.

If symptoms suggest it's something more serious, pharmacists have the right training to make sure you get the help you need. For example they will tell you if you need to see a GP, nurse or other healthcare professional.

All pharmacists train for 5 years in the use of medicines. They are also trained in managing minor illnesses and providing health and wellbeing advice.

Steps2Wellbeing can help people registered with a Dorset GP practice for a range of common mental health conditions...

Feeling low, anxious, sad or stressed? Research shows that you're not alone. More than one in four people in the UK will struggle at some point with their mental health. This can lead to feelings of hopelessness and despair. Poor mental health can also impact on your quality of life, affecting your work, relationships and physical health.

Steps2Wellbeing offer a range of evidence-based therapy services for common mental health problems, helping you to feel better. The website gives more information and you can contact them directly - you don't need to be referred by your GP. www.steps2wellbeing.co.uk or Tel - 0300 790 6828

Mental Health Connection is a round-the-clock helpline for people of all ages, anywhere in Dorset, who are experiencing mental health problems and need support. Call 0800 652 0190 or NHS 111 for free.

Citizens Advice are available every Monday at the Sturminster Newton Medical Centre, where representatives from the CAB offer pre-booked appointments. To book a slot, contact Reception.

NHS Waiting Times The NHS has launched a website to enable patients to see how long the average wait time for treatment is at hospitals across England. The Practice has no information or influence over this, therefore they have no idea where a patient might be on the waiting list. So the website is to help manage patient expectations when being referred for treatment.

www.myplannedcare.nhs.uk gives patients access to their hospital's waiting times. Log on, choose the hospital where you have been referred to and you can then view the average waiting times.

PPG - the Practice has a very active Patient Participation Group, a group of patients of the surgery who want to help it work as well as it can for patients, doctors and staff. The Steering Group meets every six weeks and is looking for a secretary - someone who could take minutes and send out newsletters by email. If you think you would like to be involved, please get in touch by email - bvpppg@gmail.com. Thank you!

MARNHULL, A LITTER FREE VILLAGE?

Walking round most would think so. But it's only thanks to our 30 plus volunteers in the village regularly clearing up their local area. We also have a small team of volunteers who every 3 months or so tackle the main roads around, in the last few weeks we have cleaned the B3092 up to East Stour filling some 30 sacks of rubbish plus a varied assortment of objects from discarded household items and garden ornaments to road works signs and numerous car parts. It is a task that is never ending, but so is the commitment of our volunteers! If you would like to join our litter pickers call John Seear on (01258) 269743





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Taking the Environment Around Marnhull Seriously

This month Marnhull Green Teams have been delighted to present a number of 'green' books to our two local schools, St Gregory's and St Mary's.

The books were selected by teaching staff, and join the two schools' libraries. They are:

- Greta and the Giants, by Zoe Tucker and Zoe Persico
- 100 Things to Know about Saving the Planet, various authors
- One World, by Michael Foreman
- Greta's Story: The School Girl Who Went On Strike To Save The Planet, by Valentina Camerini
- The Blue Giant, by Katie Cottle
- The Tindims and the Ten Green Bottles and The Tindims and the Turtle Tangle, both by Sally Gardner
- Fantastically Great Women Who Saved The Planet, by Kate Pankhurst; and
- Be The Change: Poems to Help You Save The World, by Liz Brownlee, Matt Goodfellow and Roger Stevens.



We wish our young friends happy reading!

The February storms - Eunice and her friends - caused tree damage across a wide swathe of the country. Well: Marnhull Green Teams are part of the repair effort. We have sold over 350 trees this year and have about 80 saplings left in stock; mostly oaks now. Bear us in mind if you fancy planting some! There's HM the Queen's Jubilee coming up, and you may have a jubilee of your own to celebrate. Planting a tree or two is a great way to do it.

By the way, if you have some really big plant pots that you don't need, please get in touch. We can use them to keep the remaining oaks, which have long roots, until they find permanent homes. You can contact us at marnhullgreen@outlook.com, on (01258) 268714, or via Facebook.

As the year opens up, so are our plans. Our Annual General Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 19 April: watch the village Facebook page for further details, or use the contacts above, and come along if you can. Then we have a guided walk at Bere Marsh Farm in the diary for 17 May: see www.countryside restoration trust.com/bere-marsh-farm and again look out for further details. There will be more talks, visits and green events as the year progresses.

And don't forget Marnhull Green Teams' community allotment in Sodom Lane. It costs nothing to have a go. Get in touch if you'd like to try a strip or two.

Finally, you can (nearly!) always find us at the Village Hall on Saturday mornings, 10-12am, running the recycling hub. Use the contacts above if you would like a free pdf copy of our Recycling Guide for the Marnhull Area. There's the Scrap Exchange at the Village Hall, too, on the first Saturday of each month, alongside the Marnhull Hub and Repair Café. There's lots going on and you're more than welcome to join in!



ROYAL BRITISH LEGION CLUB

To all people of retirement age living in Marnhull.

You are invited to a free afternoon tea and entertainment to celebrate her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee on Thursday 2nd June between 4 and 7pm.

Marnhull Village Care will kindly provide transport if you need it.

RSVP by May 19th latest to attend

Lyn Bartlett - 01258 820800

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION



There were changes at the top of the Branch Committee at the March meeting when Chairman Ian Kendall and Vice Chairman Mike Collis stood down after serving on the Branch Committee for nearly 120 years collectively. They have served on both Branch and Club Committees in every position except Treasurer and played an integral part in the building of the new Clubhouse. It is an end of an era and we wish them both well in whatever they do now and of course we hope they will still be around.

New Standard Bearer Robin Jackson agreed to step into the Chairman's position until the AGM in November but the Vice Chairman post will remain vacant. We are short-handed now so if anyone fancies helping out please let me know.

The March jumble sale raised £277 and the next one will be on June 18th so start sorting. I am always willing to collect.

The first bingo of the year on March 7th was well attended despite a mix up with the advert in the Blackmore Vale (again). All proceeds go to the Poppy Appeal so come down on every other Monday and have fun and help a good cause.

The new carpet and chairs should be in place sometime this month (fingers crossed) so pop in and have a look.

Elsewhere in this magazine there should be an advert for our afternoon tea and entertainment for those of you in the village who actually remember the Queen coming to the throne in 1952 after the death of George V1. Please let Lyn know if you want to come and of course the invitation includes a carer/helper if you wish.

April Entertainment

Sat. 2nd – Mustang Sally

Mon. 4th – Bingo 7pm

Sat. 9th – Outrage

Sat. 16th – Moonrush

Mon. 18th – Bingo 7pm

Sat. 23rd Jack's Quiz – 7.30 start

Sat. 30th – Frank E. Finn

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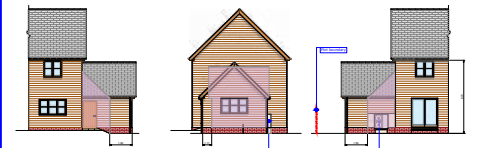
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MARNHULL CHURCHES TOGETHER - LENT LUNCHES AND REFLECTIONS

At the time of writing, we have enjoyed two powerfully presented and thought-provoking Lent Reflections on the theme of forgiveness and compassion. Mrs. Jacintha Bowe from Our Lady's reviewed a variety of ideas on forgiveness as presented by philosophers and theologians through the ages from ancient Greece to modern times. It was the unique insight of Jesus Christ, who is both human and divine, that forgiving is vital to the health of the forgiver that resulted in Him emphasizing its importance to His followers. It is interesting that this view is now being supported by modern psychiatric and neurological research! Rev. Gaenor Hockey of Saint Gregory's Parish Church looked at the forgiveness of God as demonstrated through Jewish history and explained by Jesus through the Parable of the Prodigal Son. She showed how the Dutch artist Rembrandt captured the essence of this teaching in his wonderful picture *The Return of The Prodigal*. Afterwards, it was a delight for friends from each of the churches to meet together for a simple lunch, provided by ladies from Saint Gregory's, to continue discussion and catch up on news after so long.

We look forward to further reflections and lunches during March and remind readers that you are all welcome to join us for the final two on **Fridays 1st and 8th April in the Methodist Church beginning at 12 noon** and, of course, in any of the Churches on **Easter Sunday, 17th April**, when we all celebrate the wonderful news of Christ's Resurrection from the dead.

The free-will offerings from all the reflections and lunches will be sent to Christian Aid who are with DEC (Disasters Emergency Committee) to relieve the suffering of the peoples of Afghanistan.

BISHOP ANDREW'S MONTHLY LETTER



Earlier this week I was asked by a group of Year 7 school pupils what church was 'for' and what it was 'like'. I responded that church was 'a rehearsal space for the kingdom of heaven' following this somewhat baffling description by explaining

how my favourite part of secondary school was the annual school play: the thrill of belonging to a cast and working together for a final production. The plays and musicals (Bugsy Malone being my first, I recall) were like a heightened version of everyday life and rehearsing them took much commitment, collaboration, and hilarity.

Church does seem to me almost like that: the place where we enact the drama of salvation, learning the words and ways that help us to know and play our part in the Christian story. The congregation isn't the audience but invited into the cast - just as Jesus called disciples not simply to watch and appreciate him, but to 'go and do likewise'.

Lent is offered as a time of intensive practice for Christ's coming Kingdom: a season for adopting, or deepening, the habits of faith and learning our role as Christians before a watching world. These weeks, culminating in the dramatic events of Passiontide and Easter, ask a great deal from us, but are eternally rewarding. See you at rehearsals!

With the assurance of my prayers,
+Andrew.

VILLAGE CHURCHES EASTER MESSAGE



My peace I leave with you...

As I write there are peace talks taking place between representatives of the Ukrainian and Russian governments following the further invasion of Ukraine on 24th February by Russian forces.

There was an impassioned plea from Pope Francis on Sunday 13th March. At the conclusion of the Sunday Angelus, Pope Francis recalled that the faithful had just prayed to the Virgin Mary, as the city that bears her name, Mariupol, has "*become a city of martyrs in the terrible war ravaging Ukraine*." The Pope expressed horror over the barbarity of the killing of children, innocents and unarmed civilians, and called for an end to the unacceptable armed aggression, before it reduces cities to cemeteries.

"In the name of God, let the cries of those who suffer be heard and let the bombings and attacks cease! Let there be a real and decisive focus on negotiation, and let the humanitarian corridors be effective and safe. In the name of God, I ask you: stop this massacre... God is only God of peace" he said.

In his earthly ministry Jesus Christ didn't mask the symptoms of a world in turmoil but sought to deal with the causes of turmoil. Furthermore Jesus was - and is - the one who promises a *new* world, a new heaven and a new earth, rather than simply trying to fix the old one. This is called the Kingdom of God for which we pray in the Lord's Prayer - *on earth as it is in heaven*.

The peace that Jesus speaks of in the Gospels is the Hebrew concept of peace as *wholeness*, of being "at one" with God and with our neighbours - and ourselves; of having not only an absence of war, but of having the causes of war - greed, hate, fear, and their children - injustice, intolerance, and prejudices - eliminated; of having not only an absence of pain and distress, but of having the disease that causes the pain and distress cured. And that is what Jesus was about when he walked among us, what drew massive crowds to see and hear him and what has motivated his followers, ordinary people to do extraordinary things for over 2000 years and what he is about through His presence today.

In the evening of the first Easter Day, the risen Jesus came among his grieving friends after they had witnessed him dying the most gruesome death and being buried in another's tomb, he greeted them with the words *Peace be with you*. John 20:19

He could have miraculously obliterated his wounds after he was raised from the tomb, but chose not to. He bore the marks of his wounds into the presence of his disciples. And Jesus speaks of peace into our deeply wounded world today.

The words of Jesus concerning his peace are not easy words and his peace is not always peace to receive, but it is a peace that lasts, a peace that triumphs, a peace that heals, and that is not something that the world can give us, it can only come to us from God.

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May you know the deep peace of the risen Christ this Easter.
 Revd Gaenor Hockey
 On behalf of the Churches Together in Marnhull.

A prayer for peace

Compassionate and loving Lord, you promised to leave us your peace, a peace unlike that which the world offers to us. Father, lead us all to that peace. Help us to trust in your living word and to do what you ask of us. Grant us a confident faith - one that looks to the light rather than at the darkness - one that stands within the turmoil of the world and knowing that you are making the world new.
 Help us, dear Father, to die with Christ,
 so that we might also live with him. Amen.

THE METHODIST CHURCH

Church Services

As the legal restrictions associated with Covid19 have eased in favour of personal responsibility and choice, we have asked our members and visitors to make their own decisions on wearing of face masks during services keeping in mind any personal vulnerabilities and the average age of our congregation. We do recommend maintaining sensible social distancing during and after services. Meeting for coffee in the hall after services is deeply appreciated by many of our members and we have begun to offer that again with the same reminders about consideration for others.

The Blackmore Vale Methodist Circuit, of which we are part, organises preachers for our services and we are very grateful to the people who travel, sometimes quite a distance on winter mornings, to lead, teach and challenge us. Occasionally no preacher is available and we are then invited to meet for a more informal **Local Fellowship Service**. At such times, one or a small group of members take on the healthy challenge of organising a selection of hymns, readings and presentations usually around a theme of interest or concern to them. This means that there is quite a variety in our services and it would be a great joy to welcome more visitors to all of them/ We are proud of our reputation as a welcoming church!

Our Hall

We are fortunate that, when our forefathers built our church over 120 years ago, they included a well-equipped hall which is available not only to our members but to other local churches and organisations. This has allowed us, for example, to host the exciting series of Lent reflections and lunches organised by Marnhull Churches Together mentioned in the separate announcement. We are also pleased to be beginning to welcome the return of a range of other activities, social, keep-fit and intellectual, as these groups begin to operate again as Covid19 restrictions ease.
 For information on hiring the hall, please contact Mrs. Marlene Plowman on 01258 820869.

Youth Work

Girls Brigade continue to meet at 6:15pm on Wednesdays in the church hall. New girls are always welcome. For further information please contact the Captain Rachael Findlay on 07771 897262.

Craft Club

The enthusiastic members of the craft club continue to meet in the church hall on the first Thursday of each month. Everyone is welcome to come along and learn or demonstrate a skill in various types of craft. For more information on Craft Club, please contact Allison Palmer on 07810464630.

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Weekday masses: check the website.

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Parish News: Refreshments are available after 9:30am Sunday mass most weeks.

New to the Parish?

You are most welcome to our community whether as brand new parishioners or existing ones drifting back to the fold after the imposed separations.

Christian faith is not primarily a set of principles or a philosophy to follow, it is a **way of life** - it is about seeing the world in the light of the gospel and trying to live my life in accord with that. No two people's lives are exactly the same; everyone lives their own life with all the ups and downs, all the disasters and successes that make it up. But everyone lives their own life guided by what is seen as important, what is seen as right, what is seen as life-giving.

For Christians that is the teaching of Jesus and the faith that the Church presents to us. We are all invited to live our own particular life guided in that way. Whether you are rich or poor, young or old, fit or ill, married or single, whatever background you come from, whatever personal strengths and weaknesses, Catholics believe your life can be fruitful and fulfilled when lived according to the teaching we are offered by Christ and his church.

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THE VERY REVD NICHOLAS PAPADOPULOS, DEAN OF SALISBURY



"We will all die".

Those were the words of a taxi driver who drove me from the airport into central Beirut in October last year. I had asked him what he thought the future held for the Lebanese people.

Perhaps I should have expected a blunt response. An uneasy peace has prevailed in Lebanon since the end of its bloody civil war in 1990. But this was put under immense pressure by the outward ripples of the financial crisis of 2008, and by the explosion in the port of Beirut which ripped the city apart in 2020. Its economy badly mismanaged; its politics corrupt and ineffective; swathes of its territory controlled by Hezbollah: it is difficult for the Lebanese people to be hopeful, and it is difficult to be hopeful for them.

I remembered my taxi driver's words when - still in the depths of this cruellest of all seasons of Lent - I began to think about writing this Easter letter. President Putin attacked Ukraine barely one week after Ash Wednesday, and many of us have found it impossible to think of anything but the suffering of the Ukrainians ever since. Their cities under siege; their neighbours forced to flee; their children taking up arms: it is difficult to be hopeful for them.

Of course, in both Lebanon and in Ukraine glimpses of hope are clearly visible. In Beirut the streets are full as people meet, drink the best coffee in the Levant, eat kebabs, converse, and go about their business. The graffiti is poignant: Martyr's Square contains portraits of the 200+ citizens who were killed in the 2020 blast, bearing the hashtag 'They Matter'. We hear similar stories from the cellars and trenches of Kyiv and from Ukraine's other cities, stories of great courage and great compassion. Faced with desperate odds men and women retain their humanity; they dig deep and discover the resilience that they need to help them survive.

But these are only glimpses. What about secure and lasting hope for Lebanon, for Ukraine, for South Sudan, for Syria? Contrary to my taxi driver's fatalistic resignation the Easter hope promises that *"We will not all die, but we will be changed"*. Where is that hope to be found in these acutely distressed corners of our world?

I have no answer. All I can do is read the Easter story again. All I can do is remember that on Palm Sunday the disciples of Jesus surely had no thought whatever of his imminent arrest and trial. All I can do is remember that on Good Friday they surely had no thought whatever of the future of their mission - no thought at all beyond the cold, solid certainties of his deadly wounds and the rock-hewn tomb. All I can do is remember that on the first Easter morning their earth-shattering realization that Jesus lived must have been beyond description - a new reality that none of them had imagine or foreseen.

I think that's what hope looks like - this Lent.

ST GREGORY'S CHURCH REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT

As well all know the last two years have been very tricky for everyone, not least the church and Covid has caused difficult of not, for some, heart breaking circumstances. Ably led by our vicar, the Reverend Gaenor Hockey, despite the disciplines required - masks, sanitizing, social distancing, no singing of hymns or chants - she has led the services with a modified format for Communion, and though services progressed satisfactorily, the thought of slowly back to a normal routine is encouraging.

New Church Wardens have been appointed, namely Pat Budden and Nick Lalor who have taken up their duties enthusiastically. Special thanks go to Stephen Sides and Eleanor Woodhouse, their predecessors. Stephen

retired, as required after a statutory period in post, having been a stalwart leader especially whilst also participating in the choir.

Sadly, during the Pandemic St Gregory's lost two people who were stalwarts of the Church's activities, they being the redoubtable Peter Colebrook and the entertaining Dave Treaby who provided regular cover for services during periods of Inter Regnum. He was also a terrific enthusiast for Bath Rugby Club, so thank goodness he did not live to witness their terrible collapse in form during the 2021/22 season!

In the meantime the restructuring (re-ordering) project is progressing. There is a display set up at the back of the Church, near the Font, outlining all the proposals with progress so far. The overall cost of the project will be in the region of £500,000 because some work that is needed is mandatory like re-wiring, an upgrade to kitchen space and a proper toilet suitable for fit and disabled people. The Church's uneven and, in parts, dangerous flooring requires major improvement (it is on several levels at the moment) when there might be the possibility of under floor heating. Brighter lighting is essential to a space that is aimed at creating a more user friendly environment for worship and socialising. The aim is to make St Gregory's into a Community friendly space both for worship and leisure activities hopefully also stimulating greater interest in joining the congregation of the Church that is Marnhull's iconic feature.

Some preparation has been done during the past 10 or so years, including the installation of a digital organ and keyboard, an already improved lighting system that still needs re-siting, the weather vane restored to the tower, the installation of a new Porch lantern, the exposure of historic wall paintings, a clear out of roof space to help rewiring, plus preparation of scale drawings and display panels. The fundamental need now is to find a project manager who will be somebody with construction experience and the time to organise the day to day work required for this ambitious project. In the meantime a fund raising programme is being prepared both locally and with organisations able to grant some substantial funds.

ST GREGORY'S CHURCH MARNHULL

Palm Sunday - Sunday 10th April 2022

8:00am - Holy Communion

9:45am - Procession of Palms

10:00am - Palm Sunday Eucharist including the Passion Reading

Monday 11th

7:30pm - Compline/Night Prayer

Tuesday 12th

7:30pm - Compline/Night Prayer

Wednesday 13th

7:30pm - Compline/Night Prayer

Maundy Thursday 14th

7:30 - The Liturgy including The Washing of Feet and the Watch

Good Friday 15th

10:00am - The Liturgy of Good Friday

2:00pm - Walking the Way of the Cross

Holy Saturday 16th

4:00pm - Easter Family Service

8:00pm - The Easter Vigil

Easter Day Sunday 17th

8:00am - Holy Communion

10:00am - Easter Day Family Eucharist

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*All services will have covid protective measures in place.



MARNHULL GARDEN CLUB

Over 70 members attended March's Marnhull Garden Club meeting, it was a busy but very enjoyable evening for our largest post pandemic attendance so far. Our speaker Martin Young was as normal, very entertaining and knowledgeable, this time on the Plants from New Zealand.

Past Chairs and long standing members of the club cut the celebratory cake. Then fine wine and a glorious selection of cakes were gratefully consumed while we finally celebrated 40 years of Marnhull Garden Club and enjoyed the wonderful slideshow collection of picture of Marnhull Garden Club members gardens in 2021.



TEA WITH FRIENDS

New opportunity for a friendly get together for tea, cake and a chat. Second Wednesday of each month in the Methodist Church Hall. 2:30pm to 4pm. All Welcome. Next date Wednesday April 13th.

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As plans for the Queen's Platinum Anniversary celebrations are progressing across the village and country, the Community Choir is excited to announce their special **ROYAL CELEBRATION CONCERT on Saturday 9th July**. The provisional programme includes a Family Afternoon Tea, with beautiful homemade sandwiches and cakes, followed by a musical

extravaganza and finishing with Royale Cocktails, wine and soft drinks. You can choose which combination appeals the most - afternoon tea and music, or music and cocktails or wine???

So keep your jubilee flags and hats and come along and join in our very British musical event on Saturday 9th July. More details in the May issue of the MM.

BT PHONE BOX

We would like to applaud the Marnhull Green Team or The Parish Council or perhaps both for removing the light from the BT Phone box in Burton Street. The bulb which has been burning throughout all dark hours may not use much energy but with growing concern about global warming and the Environment, every little saving helps as well as setting an example to others. There is the added benefit for Marnhull's night sky. So win, win really, well done.

Brian & Ann Skinner.

MARNHULL VILLAGE HALL



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We have been delighted to see all the Village clubs and societies return to the Hall with renewed enthusiasm. We have had a number of party bookings

from residents of the village and are looking forward to a summer of exciting events.

We have installed new entrance doors to the Hall, which comply fully with disabled access requirements.

Following the extended electricity outage after Storm Eunice, the Trustees opened the Village Hall for access to electricity for charging 'phones etc. and for use of the kitchen facilities. Although there was a limited uptake of the opening, we have decided that, in the event of any future extended electricity cuts in the village, the Hall will be open for specified times each day until such time as all the village has been reconnected, providing that the Hall itself is not without electricity. Notification of the times will be available on Facebook and the website. If you have any comments on this or any other information or concern about the Village Hall, please send these to Secretary@marnhullvillagehall.org.uk

Meetings of the Management Committee are now being held bi-monthly and the next meeting will be on the 12th May.

Jean McErlain

Chair and Secretary

MARNHULL WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

About two hundred and fifty million years ago during the Triassic geological period, a thick layer of reddish desert sand was laid down somewhere in Pangaea and compressed into rock. Over the next few million years climate change and tectonic shift translated that same spot into a humid swamp and a layer of clay and limestone covered the red sandstone. Move on a few more million years and the limestone became the bed of a shallow sea and was covered with the chalky remains of tiny shells.

A hundred million years ago, therefore, this spot on the earth's surface was a three-layer geological sandwich. At that point a tilting motion began and very gradually the eastern part of the area sank and the western part rose up wards. Wind and weather scoured the upper surface and eventually the three rocky layers lay exposed side by side like a Neopolitan ice cream. And that, in a nutshell, is what makes the Jurassic Coast of Dorset a World Heritage Site to which geologists from all over the world come in pilgrimage.

Steve Belasco is a free-lance photographer who has a mission to record the 96 miles of Jurassic Coast in all weathers and seasons. He recognises that to view the land from a boat at sea can be best way to capture the beauty and the structure of the coastal scenery and that it can give a perspective often missed by a spectator on the shore.

His photographs are often ravishingly beautiful, frequently surprising and always interesting. Steve's virtual cruise took us from the red sandstone cliffs in the West, past the scores of quarries extracting Portland stone to the white chalk pinnacles of Old Harry Rocks in the east.

He records wildlife including cormorants, seals and friendly dolphins, and he also records the human life of the coast, with sporting sailors, fishermen and holiday makers on the beaches and also the important bunkering operations around Portland and the presence in sheltered Weymouth Bay of huge cruise ships and tankers.

Steve reminded us that "in the maritime business, Dorset punches well above its weight."

On 11th April we have our A.G.M. with cheese and wine.

ST GREGORY'S C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL



M12K! Just as this edition dropping through letterboxes will be the time for the Marnhull 12K road race.

This is an important annual fundraiser for the school and serves to remind those around Dorset and beyond what a lovely area we live in. The event will take up most of the morning of 03/04/22 and part of the early afternoon.

We hope residents will support the 400 or so runners as they tackle the undulating course that we are so proud of.

There will of course be more cars around the village as a consequence but this will be short lived. The money raised for the school will make a huge difference to the children.

There is hot food available at the school care of The Happy Meat Company and also tea and cake with the help of St Greg's Church.

LENT; A SEASON OF HOPE, FAITH AND LOVE A welcome return as a whole school to Church since the last edition gave the opportunity for our worship ambassadors in Year 6 to resume their role of leading worship. The children tackled big questions about life and the Bible stories they dramatize.

Recently the school attended St Greg's church to celebrate Ash Wednesday. The children had an active part to play with ashes being used to mark their foreheads.



In the classroom children have learnt about why we participate in Shrove Tuesday and have pancakes.



OWLS ON THE PROWL Our new topic is 'Predator' with a science focus on what exactly food chain is and how plants and animals are part of them being either a producer or consumer. Further learning for the children will involve studying the features of a predator and how they are adapted to hunt their prey.

A predator familiar to everyone is the subject of our new class text; Fantastic Mr Fox by Roald Dahl, a firm favourite of many readers and no doubt the children.

In English we are focusing on explanation writing, what are its features and writing our own explanations about predators and their habitats. We have recently started to learn to play the glockenspiel learning musical notes and how to play parts such as duets with others.

The whole school celebrated world book day, a date firmly fixed in the dread category of parents as they seek to garb their children as a book character. Here you can see Owls class and their splendid efforts.



SCHOOL HALL FOR HIRE! If anyone wishes to let our school hall, this can be arranged - contact the school office on 01258 820206 for all enquiries. Anyone who has attended the Zumba classes on a Wednesday will be familiar with the hall.

ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



St. Mary's Catholic
Primary School

For Lent this year, our Growing in Faith Team have decided to raise money for the people in Ukraine who have recently been made refugees. Every school day since Monday 7th March, every child in the school has been walking a mile around the track. On our Day of Faith, Thursday 7th April, the children will all have the opportunity to take part in a whole school event where they take turns walking on the track so that someone is walking on the track for the whole day. We will be donating the money we collect to the CAFOD Ukraine humanitarian appeal. If you would like to donate please see this next link: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/st-mary-s-primary-school-marnhull1>



In addition to this, we joined one of our sister schools in Plymouth CAST with their virtual vigil on Friday 11th March 2022 to show support for the people of Ukraine. This was a special moment to come together as a community, united in our prayers for all in Ukraine.



St Mary's Explorers



Our explorers enjoyed some pancake related PE balancing their pancake and even flipping them high into the air. Our song of the week was 'Mix a Pancake' and the children enjoyed acting this out, especially tossing a pancake! They discovered which ingredients went into a pancake and enjoyed mixing up their own batter.



World book day was a fantastic opportunity to share our love of books with the children. They enjoyed reading books with their friends and with some of the older children in school.

For the next few weeks our story focus is Jack and the Beanstalk, the children have lots of opportunity to explore the story whether through role play or small world activities. They particularly enjoy taking on the role of the Giant bellowing - 'Fi, Fi, Fo, Fum!'

St Anthony's



The children have bounced back this half term full of enthusiasm for learning. It was a lovely start with some cooking on pancake day. The children did a great job following the recipe and everyone agreed they were delicious. In science we are learning all about plants. The children went on a plant hunt around the school grounds. They found a variety of plants noticing the different shaped leaves, the length and thickness of stems and the variety of flowers. They recorded what they found making

their own jottings trying to show these differences. In maths the children are really enjoying 'Calculation Fridays!' We have been really impressed with their independence and ability to choose their own methods when calculating.

St Mark's

We have been super scientists this week, learning all about humans and what keeps us healthy. We started by learning about skeletons and the difference between vertebrate and invertebrate. The children enjoyed their sorting activity and were surprised by some creatures



and animals that didn't have back bones. We have since moved onto learning all about the human skeleton, its function and naming some of the main bones including; the skull, spine, ribcage, pelvis and femur. The children have thoroughly enjoyed finding out fun facts, they have learnt that we each have 206 bones in our body and approximately 600 muscles.

Some fantastic science work going on in St Mark's class at the moment, well done everyone!

St Francis'

We had a fantastic week for World Book Day. We read The Barnabus Project which is all about how only the perfect pets get to be on show and the poor pets who failed the project were locked away downstairs hidden away.



The children had a very good discussion about what exactly makes something perfect and who defines what perfect is. We settled on the idea that we are all perfect in our own way. This led to an activity where the children got creative and created their own not so perfect pets. They first had to sketch out what they wanted them to look like and then write a profile on them. The year 4 children made some amazingly perfect pets who we all loved very much. The best part was that all of the pets were made from recycled materials that the children had found at home and around the school.

P.S I think they all did a great job at finding Wally!



St Alban's

The last couple of weeks have seen St Alban's class get hands on with their science as they investigate the most convenient ways to separate a variety of materials depending on their properties. They have also been practising and designing some new artistic techniques in the style of anime. The children will then be turning their designs into their own manga-style stories soon! The children have also loved reading Emma Carroll's 'Letters from the Lighthouse' and writing some fantastic pieces of work inspired by the book.

We also had a fantastic time on World Book Day, where we dressed up as some of our favourite book characters. We also had a visit from author Olivia Tuffin (kindly paid for by our wonderful PTFA).





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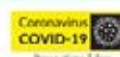
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Come and give tennis a go this Spring!

As the days get longer and lighter, we're heading back to the courts and there are lots of opportunities to give tennis a try...

FREE ADULT BEGINNER COACHING

Wednesday 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th April - 5pm - 6pm

A friendly session open to all adults, come along and give tennis a try! Rackets available if you don't have your own and all balls supplied. Just bring yourself and non-marking shoes with good grip. To book your spot call Jeremy Hamer on 07977 234614.

EASTER HOLIDAYS JUNIOR COACHING

**Monday 11th and Wednesday 13th April: 6-8years - 9:15am - 10:45am
OR 9-11years 10:50am - 12:20pm**

Friday 15th April: 6-8 years - 1:30pm - 3pm OR 9-11 years - 3:05pm - 4:35pm
Run by our LTA accredited coach Graham Howell, these sessions will give you a fun and energetic introduction to tennis with games, techniques and fitness all built in.

EASTER HOLIDAYS TASTER SESSION FOR 12-17 YEAR OLDS

20th April - 10am - 12pm

An open session for all levels from beginner to experienced. have a go with the ball machine, play some games with friends and develop your techniques and skills.

WIMBLEDON DRAW & SEASON OPENER

Sunday 24th April - 2pm onwards

Open to all members and abilities, play some fun games and find out if you've got those precious Wimbledon tickets! Bring along some sweet treats to enjoy with a cup of tea and your fellow members after the games. *In the event of bad weather, the Wimbledon draw and refreshments will still happen in the Pavilion at 4:30pm.*

Plus regular club sessions for all abilities including rusty rackets and beginners, leagues, tournaments and more. For full details and current membership fees head to marnhulltennisclub.net or call John Seear on 01258 269743.

GREAT MARNHULL BAKE OFF AT THE MARNHULL FLOWER SHOW

Enter the Great Marnhull Bake-Off with a chocolate sponge cake. Compete with your friends, others in your road or a social group to find the best cook within that group and then have that cake go head to head with other group winners.

Entries to be in named groups (examples below).

Each entry will be judged within that group, the best of each group entry to go forward to the second stage. All group winners will then be judged against each other and the winner of this becomes "best in show" and receives the title of Great Marnhull Bake-Off Winner.

The Marnhull Show will be held on the 16th July 2022.

Possible groups could include; Family groups, Friendship groups, Club groups, Choir voice groups, tennis club or any collection of (slightly competitive) budding cooks.

MARNHULL MUSIC SOCIETY

The Ladies' Choice programme, compiled and presented by Jo Loukes, produced some very interesting items, several of which were unfamiliar to the audience. It began in rousing style with the third movement of Sibelius' 5th symphony with its swirling menace and majesty. Pavarotti came next with "Che Gelida Manina" from Puccini's La Boheme – very much a favourite and always a joy to hear.

A Chopin Fantasy impromptu followed but – and here was the surprise – played on the clarinet. It was the familiar in an unfamiliar guise and the back row pundits agreed that it was very interesting if not wholly effective. We had the extraordinary voice of Ivan Rebroff singing "Somewhere my love", a Schubert string quintet featuring Pablo Casals, and the first half ended with Scott Joplin's "Maple Leaf Rag."

After the break we had Murray Perahia playing Beethoven's piano concerto No.3 with an effortless assurance that was inspiring followed by part of Bruch's Scottish Fantasy – not the movement we knew but an interesting suggestion of traditional Scottish tunes that appeared and vanished eerily throughout the piece.

The traditional "Li Novais Tens" and "Saltarello" were wholly unfamiliar but delightfully antique-sounding tunes played on the Gaelic harp and a medley of bells and drums. Mozart's "Don Giovanni", Elgar's "Serenade for Strings" and a warm helping of Ella Fitzgerald rounded off a most interesting and illuminating evening.

The concert on April 19th is Gentlemen's Choice and our gentlemen members are challenged to produce a programme as varied and melodic as the Ladies. Please give your selections to Colin.

NEWS FROM DORSET TRADING STANDARDS

Knowing more about what's in your food.

With the easing of Covid restrictions many people will now be eating meals out and will start to notice changes to the way that their food is described.

In the past, food and drink from places such as cafes, restaurants, pubs and takeaways were not required to display nutritional information. This made it difficult for consumers to make informed and healthier choices about the food they were buying.

From April 2022, new legislation will require large businesses with over 250 employees to display accurate calorie information at the point where a customer chooses their food. Information can be provided on physical menus, online menus, or labels.

The types of businesses covered can include:

Restaurants, fast food outlets, cafes, pubs and supermarkets.

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Cafes and takeaways within larger shops and venues, such as supermarkets, department stores, and entertainment venues such as cinemas.

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Contract catering for example for events and canteens.

Domestic transport businesses including planes, trains and ferries.

The changes are part of the Government's strategy to tackle obesity. Having access to accurate calorie information about food and drink ordered will make it easier for consumers to make healthier food choices for themselves and their families when eating out.

Dorset Council Trading Standards will be working with businesses to help them to better understand the changes needed. If you find something you feel is false or misleading please contact Trading Standards by calling the Citizens Advice Consumer Service on 0808 223 1133.

STURMINSTER CHORAL SOCIETY

Presents
Rossini - Petite Messe Solennelle

St Mary's Church Sturminster Newton 7th May - 7:30pm

Sturminster Choral Society will perform Rossini's Petite Messe Solennelle at St Mary's Church Sturminster Newton on Saturday 7th May at 7:30pm. The Choral Society are this year celebrating 60 years of singing in and around Sturminster Newton. It has also been two years since their last full concert due to Covid restrictions. They are delighted to present this most engaging and uplifting piece of music written by one of the giants of the music world.

Gioachino Antonio Rossini (1792 - 1868), born in Italy, began to compose by the age of 12. Apart from his many pieces of set music, he gained fame for his 39 operas, including The Barber of Seville and William Tell. He set new standards for both comic and serious opera before retiring from large-scale composition while still in his thirties and at the height of his popularity.

One of Rossini's few late works, intended to be given in public, was his Petite Messe Solennelle, composed in 1863 and first performed in the following year 1864.

For this performance the choir will be conducted by their musical director Annemarie Lees, accompanied by Caroline De'Cruz on piano and Tracy Kennington on harmonium, with soloists Anna Gregory (soprano), Charlotte Collier (alto), Kieran White (tenor) and Pauls Putnins (bass).

Tickets are £10 each and can be obtained in advance by calling 01258 820755 or, subject to availability, on the door.

MARNHULL PLAYERS PANTO

After a few months I can now confirm that the next Pantomime will be 'The Magical Tale of Snow White'. We now have the script and are starting to put plans in place for ready for starting rehearsals.

Would you like to be involved in this fun pantomime group? Even if you don't want to be on stage, there's plenty of roles to help out with - no experience needed, we would love to have you on board. Contact Emma at marnhullplayers@gmail.com.

Thanks,
The Committee

IAN KENDALL & MIKE COLLIS



Marnhull RBL President Lt. Cmdr. Julie Vitali RNR presents Ian Kendall and Mike Collis with plaques on their retirement after serving the Branch for a collective total of 108 years.

GREAT



NEWS

Preparations are underway to open a monthly café for the community in the Village Hall

It will be on the 3rd Friday of the month. Full details in next month's Messenger but put May 20th in your diary to come along. enjoy a drink with homemade cakes or biscuits and a have good chat.

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MARNHULL FLOWER SHOW

Marnhull Flower Show

For those of you with children and grandchildren around over the Easter holidays, you'll know that phrase "I'm bored!!!" So here are some simple ideas to keep mins occupied and create some fab items to enter in the Flower Show in July.

For the under 5 years. Decorate a stone with paint, glue, glitter, or whatever takes their fancy. For older children get designing and making a Crown or a Lego model of your own design (it must celebrate the Platinum Jubilee theme). For children of all ages we would love to see your self-portrait; it can be made from any medium; drawn, coloured, painted or even a collage of materials.



If cooking is one of their favourite things - get practicing - we have decorated biscuits, baking fairy cakes, making a mini pizza or Rocky Road cakes - any of these will keep them busy and always go down a treat!

Over the years we have seen some incredible Vegetable Creatures. Start the ideas and get the design and planning underway. Cocktail sticks with a bit of creativity can help to construct your creature.

For the keen gardeners, here is a preview of this year's classes.

Vegetables

- 1 - A chilli plant - any stage of growth
- 2 - French Beans climbing or dwarf - 4 pods
- 3 - Runner Beans - 4 pods
- 4 - Broad Beans - 4 pods
- 5 - Beetroot (any kind) - 3 of one variety
- 6 - Cabbages - 1 of any variety
- 7 - Carrots - 3 of one variety
- 8 - Cauliflower or Broccoli - single head
- 9 - Courgettes - 3 of one variety not exceeding 150mm length
- 10 - Cucumbers (any kind) - 2 of one variety
- 11 - Lettuce - any 1 (displayed with root in water)
- 12 - Salad leaves - growing in a container
- 13 - Marrows - 2 of one variety (length not exceeding 350mm)
- 14 - Onions - 3 of one variety
- 15 - Shallots - 6 of one variety
- 16 - Peas - 4 pods of one variety

- 17 - Potatoes (any kind) - 3 of one variety
- 18 - Tomatoes (small) - 3 not exceeding 35mm in diameter
- 19 - Tomatoes (medium) - 3 between 35mm - 75mm in diameter
- 20 - Tomatoes - 1 truss any stage of ripeness and colour
- 21 - Novice only. Any vegetable - one pair. The exhibitor must not have won 1st, 2nd or 3rd in any previous Marnhull Flower Show Vegetable Division.
- 22 - Pair of any other vegetables. Must be grown in the parish of Marnhull.
- 23 - Collection of 5 garden herbs in water.

Fruit

- 24 - Dish of 3 different kinds of fruit
- 25 - Bowl of one kind of soft fruit
- 26 - Three stalks of Rhubarb

Vegetable Oddities

- 27 - Heaviest marrow
- 28 - Heaviest Onion
- 29 - Longest runner bean
- 30 - Oddest shaped vegetable (as grown)

The Flower Show Committee are always looking for ways to make the show more interesting and are keen to encourage all ages to take part - this year is no exception, we want everyone to join in and have fun - we have a class for everyone and can't wait to see your creative talents shine through.

Catherine Turner
Marnhull Flower Show Committee

MARNHULL FEST



Dear residents in and around Marnhull Recreation Ground,

The Marnhull Fest committee are writing to make you aware of our up and coming fireworks display that we are holding in the village. It is on Friday 3rd June, at Withy Fields (Nash Lane).

We are holding a free event on the Friday from 5pm until 10pm that will include a children's fancy dress competition, family friendly disco, and live music from the Badger boys. The culmination of the afternoon will be a fireworks display at 10pm.

On the Saturday we are holding our usual event with stalls, food vendors and live music. This is due to run from midday until 1am. We anticipate an increased volume of traffic around the area of the recreation ground and possibly Marnhull as a whole, however we have informed all the relevant authorities and will endeavour to ensure that all roads remain clear. Traffic and car park attendants will be working and helping to keep everything running smoothly.

It has been several years since the Fest have been able to put on an event and we are really looking forward to giving our wonderful village and community something to come together for and celebrate.

As a resident we are conscious that this event may cause you some disruption with the numbers of people and the noise over the weekend and for that we apologise however we hope that you will be understanding and will join us in the jubilee celebrations.

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If you have any questions or concerns regarding the event, please feel free to contact the Fest committee directly.



Marnhull Fest



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MARNHULL HORSE RIDERS



Any horse lover knows the joy and benefit of spending time with these majestic creatures that we so love, and as former British Prime Minister Winston Churchill once said so eloquently. *"There is something about the outside of a horse that is good for the inside of a man."*

Never a truer word was spoken. So, what is it about horses that has such an impact on us? From the physical benefits, with horse riding working more muscles than you ever knew you had, to the emotive benefits of spending time in the stable after a really tough day.

I have recently started volunteering at the Bryanston RDA (Riding for the Disabled) so one morning a week we hold 30 minute sessions with about 15 riders in total. As an older, very experienced horsewoman, this has taken me to a place I have not yet experienced in my life.

I already feel an emotional connection with the horses - so very big, quiet and gentle. But now, this is combined with a strong desire to help as best I can the parents, carers and friends who come along with their children or patients, to have a ride. One older lady takes two buses and walks with her son to bring him from Shaftesbury.

Along with traditional psychotherapy, activities involving horses can help people suffering from a range of mental health conditions, including depression and ADHD. Being on horseback helps people by stimulating the body and mind (sensory and motor skills), which makes this form of therapy quite broad in what it can be helpful for.

It takes concentration to remain balanced on horseback, and the natural reflex of trying to stay balanced doesn't only help with muscle development, the level of concentration required boosts brain activity.

The same riders come most weeks to the RDA, they often laugh and pat their horse, some sit on top and can't keep their eyes open due to the movement of the horse. Several come in wheelchairs and are pushed up the ramp to the top of the mounting block.

Experienced volunteers carefully lift them onto the saddle, adjust their stirrups and check all is well before they move off. Everyone is different and some have extremely complicated disabilities. I feel very humbled to be involved and part of their lives whilst enjoying one of the passions I love.

This is Rosa, she was an experienced rider until she had an accident 6 years ago and now is in a wheelchair. Gorgeous Captain and the whole team definitely made her day a whole lot better. Thank you to Rosa for sharing her pictures.



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Second Thursday of the month a.m

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Longer walk (ramble) 4-7 miles

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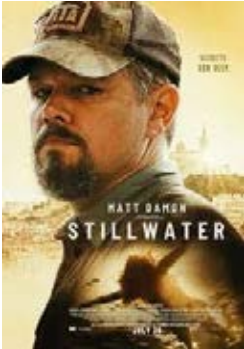
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For more information visit dorset.tech or call 01258 808577.

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More information from Allison Palmer - 07810464630

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New Players always welcome.

Call 01258 820036 for information

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

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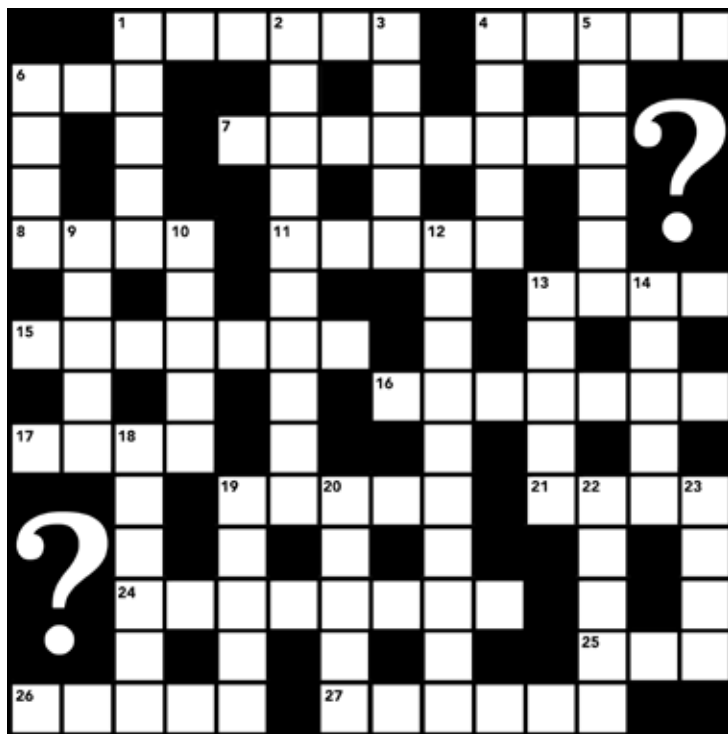
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- 1) Large male kangaroo. (6)
- 4) Eel like -predatory fish. (5)
- 6) Top fermented beer. (3)
- 7) Sporting event that combines cross country skiing and rifle shooting. (8)
- 8) Missile fired from a crossbow. (4)
- 11) Period of time marked by particular events or characteristics. (5)
- 13) Palindromic German name. (4)
- 15) Person on the staff of an Ambassador. (7)
- 16) Members of a native American tribe living chiefly in New Mexico and Arizona. (7)
- 17) Long accompanied song for a solo voice in an opera. (4)
- 19) US spelling of oedema. (5)
- 21) The hind part of a mammal. (4)
- 24) Trial of a vehicle on public thoroughfares. (4-4)
- 25) Juvenile newt. (3)
- 26) A beet of a variety with edible broad white leaf stalks and green blades. (5)
- 27) In computing a moving icon representing a person in cyberspace. (6)

DOWN

- 1) Transparent blue, green or yellow mineral sometimes used as a gemstone. (5)
- 2) Marker town combined with Windsor to form a royal borough. (10)
- 3) Quantitative relation between two amounts. (5)
- 4) Leaves, bark or compost spread around a plant for protection or to enrich the soil. (5)
- 5) Curdled milk from the stomach of an unweaned calf used in cheese making. (6)
- 6) Breed of horse. (4)
- 9) Semi aquatic mammal of the weasel family. (5)
- 10) Jewelled ornamental band worn on the front of a woman's hair. (5)
- 12) Largest inland body of water in the world. (7-3)
- 13) First name of the author of the poem 'The Ballad of Reading Gaol'. (5)
- 14) A unit of heat. (5)
- 18) Spain's national airline. (6)
- 19) The largest antelope. (5)
- 20) In cricket a run not scored off the bat. (5)
- 22) Open sore on the external or internal surface of the body. (5)
- 23) The left side of the ship when facing forward. (4)

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mikyon@aol.com

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