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It doesn't really feel like March at the time of writing this. There's been a flurry of snow and de-icing the car seems to be more recurring than it was in December! Anyway, if the weather forecast is to be believed then at least it will have warmed up a bit by the time you read this.

I've just come home from 2 Foot Moose's final gig and WOW what a night. I'm not sure if the Legion has ever been so packed. I've only known the band for c. 6 years, but in that time I've seen them grow and I don't think they'll ever know what a positive impact they've had on the village. They are a truly talented bunch and some of the nicest people I've ever had the pleasure of meeting.

By the time this goes to print I'll probably have an article from the Legion with exact figures, but I believe over £2,000 was raised toward a defibrillator, so well done!

There's another update in this Messenger about the Wessex Internet installation. The team have organised an event where you can discuss it with them at the village hall. I'm told that they hope to have the first people connected in the Summer.

New Advertisers

There's a few spaces left, so if you'd like to advertise your club, business or group, please contact Rosie on the details to the right of this text.

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.

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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.

ANNUAL DIARY 2023

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

APRIL

1st - The Marnhull Hub and Repair Café @10am

1st - Jacks Quiz @19:00 British Legion

3rd - Table Tennis @14:00

3rd - Lyn's Bingo @19:00 British Legion

4th - Bridge Club @14:00 Methodist Hall

5th - Fitsteps Dance & Exercise @11:15am

5th - Table Tennis @14:00

5th - Community Choir @18:30

6th - Craft Club @10am Methodist Hall

7th - Luncheon Club @12:00

8th - The Marnhull Hub and Repair Café @10am

8th - Owen and Darren @20:00 British Legion

10th - Table Tennis @14:00

10th - Women's Institute - AGM Social with Cheese & Wine @19:30pm

11th - Bridge Club @14:00 Methodist Hall

11th - Marnhull Garden Club @19:00

12th - Fitsteps Dance & Exercise @11:15am

12th - Tea with Friends @14:30 Methodist Hall

12th - Table Tennis @14:00

12th - Community Choir @18:30

14th - Blackmore Vale Art Group @10am

15th - The Marnhull Hub and Repair Café @10am

15th - The Beagles @20:00 British Legion

16th - Marnhull 12k Run and Kids Fun Run @10:30am

17th - Table Tennis @14:00

17th - Lyn's Bingo @19:00 British Legion

17th - Marnhull Music Society @19:15pm

18th - Bridge Club @14:00 Methodist Hall

19th - Fitsteps Dance & Exercise @11:15am

19th - Table Tennis @14:00

19th - Community Choir @18:30

21st - Marnhull Community Café @10am

22nd - The Marnhull Hub and Repair Café @10am

22nd - Giveaway & Takeaway Day @12:00

22nd - Stage One @20:00 British Legion

24th - Table Tennis @14:00

25th - Bridge Club @14:00 Methodist Hall

25th - Moviola - Living @19:00

26th - Fitsteps Dance & Exercise @11:15am

26th - Table Tennis @14:00

26th - Community Choir @18:30

29th - The Marnhull Hub and Repair Café @10am

29th - Sapphire Duo @20:00 British Legion

MAY

1st - Table Tennis @14:00

1st - Lyn's Bingo @19:00 British Legion

2nd - Bridge Club @14:00 Methodist Church

3rd - Fitsteps Dance & Exercise @11:15am

3rd - Table Tennis @14:00

3rd - Community Choir @18:30

4th - Craft Club @10am Methodist Hall

5th - Luncheon Club @12:00

6th - The Marnhull Hub and Repair Café @10am

8th - Table Tennis @14:00

8th - Women's Institute - Resolutions & Beetle Drive @19:30

9th - Bridge Club @14:00 Methodist Hall

9th - Marnhull Garden Club @18:30

10th - Fitsteps Dance & Exercise @11:15am

10th - Tea with Friends @14:30 Methodist Hall

10th - Table Tennis @14:00

10th - Community Choir @18:30

12th - Blackmore Vale Art Group @10am Methodist Hall

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16th - Bridge Club @14:00 Methodist Hall

17th - Fitsteps Dance & Exercise @11:15am

17th - Table Tennis @14:00

17th - Community Choir @18:30

19th - Marnhull Community Café @10am

20th - The Marnhull Hub and Repair Café @10am

20th - Help for Heroes - Plant Sale and Coffee Morning @10am Recreation Ground

20th - Coronation Bingo - Jungle Hut Pre School @19:00

22nd - Table Tennis @14:00

23rd - Bridge Club @14:00 Methodist Hall

23rd - Moviola @19:00

24th - Fitsteps Dance & Exercise @11:15am

24th - Table Tennis @14:00

24th - Community Choir @18:30

27th - The Marnhull Hub and Repair Café @10am

29th - Table Tennis @14:00

29th - Lyn's Bingo @19:00 British Legion

31st - Fitsteps Dance & Exercise @11:15am

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KLINIK SURVEY

Many thanks if you took part in the recent survey about Klinik. We received lots of really useful feedback and suggestions. One of the main results was it's clear that many patients haven't heard of Klinik, what it's for, or how to use it.

These are some of the main issues raised in the survey and other comments and observations have been passed on to the developers, as important patient feedback to help them shape Klinik to be more intuitive and even more effective.

What is Klinik?

Klinik is a new software platform which is bringing improvements to both how patients can access care and the way staff can then assess your needs and find the most appropriate clinician or service for you. When you submit a Klinik request, it goes through an algorithm and to a clinician, to assess your clinical needs. Once this has happened the surgery can contact you to organise for your care requirements. This helps you receive the right care and helps the practice to ensure they use their resources in the best possible way.

When patients telephone or come into reception, their requests will be entered on the same system, providing a consistency of approach, to ensure that each patient is directed to the right care, in the right place, at the right time.

Is Klinik the only way to contact the practice?

Absolutely not. You can still 'phone or come into one of the surgeries to ask for advice or help. We appreciate Klinik may not be for everyone, but if you have computer access it is relatively simple to use and by doing so you help yourself and others.

Every Klinik submission means one fewer person telephoning, which makes access easier for those who don't have computers or choose not to use Klinik. Since its launch, telephone calls to the practice have reduced considerably.

Comments from the survey include. "

Fast response to urgent needs and generally efficient and accurate triage. As a family we are incredibly impressed."

"I think it's a great system, I hear back the same day and am happy with the outcome each time."

"It was brilliant! Each time I have used Klinik the response from the Surgery has been very fast and very efficient."

How do I access Klinik?

It's on the front page of the website - www.blackmorevallesurgery.co.uk simply click on there and start to answer the questions.

There is no need to register, or download an app. It isn't linked to the practice's SystemOne Online, which is used to view your patient records, order medication etc. To use this, you need to ask the surgery once, for your login details. For Klinik, just go to the website.

Can I access Klinik on my mobile/smartphone?

Yes you can use Klinik on your mobile phone, just go to the practice's website and click on the Klinik link.

Why can't I book an appointment or blood test etc, through Klinik?

The practice is working on the ability for you to directly book a blood test, smear test, etc and it's hoped to be able to start doing this in the near future. This will allow you to submit a Klinik request and you will be sent a link for you to directly book the appropriate appointment. Hopefully this will streamline the process for you and the surgery.

I've found it difficult ordering repeat medication on Klinik?

It is easier to order your repeat medication using SystemOne Online than Klinik, as it will show you the medication you are on and what you can order.

Klinik isn't linked to your clinical record directly and therefore you would need to remember and spell out all the medications that you require. If you are on a batch, you do not need to request this medication as it is usual for 12 monthly scripts to be sent automatically to your chosen pharmacy.

The pharmacy can then draw the scripts down and issue the medication against this. There may be a few medications for which it isn't possible to provide 12 monthly scripts and these are generally those which require more frequent monitoring, such as Methotrexate.

MARNHULL TENNIS CLUB

The season will be getting underway from the 1st April and we have lots happening at the courts, including junior coaching in the Easter holidays and brand new weekly junior sessions! If you're new to the area or fancy giving tennis a try in 2023 head to our website www.marnhulltennisclub.net for all the details on free intro sessions, membership, bookings, coaching and more!

COMING UP THIS SPRING...

Easter Holidays Junior Coaching

Monday 3rd, Tuesday 4th and Wednesday 5th April 2023

Join us for games, technique and fitness for 5 to 15 year olds. Experienced players and total beginners welcome. All sessions are run by our LTA qualified coach, Graham Howell. To book your spot or for further information please contact John Seear at johnseear@hotmail.com or call 01258 269743

NEW Weekly Junior Club Sessions

Every Tuesday from the 18th April

Ages 5-9: 4:00pm - 5:00pm

Ages 10-16: 5:00pm - 6:00pm

Starting on the 18th April, then every Tuesday throughout the season we will be running a brand new weekly sessions for tennis juniors. Annual junior membership is just £12 and that gives you access to these weekly sessions, court use plus reduced price coaching. Play tennis, have fun and meet new friends! All info is on the website or contact John Seear at johnseear@hotmail.com or call 01258 269743.

FREE Adult Beginner Introduction to Tennis

Every Wednesday in April from 5:00pm - 6:00pm

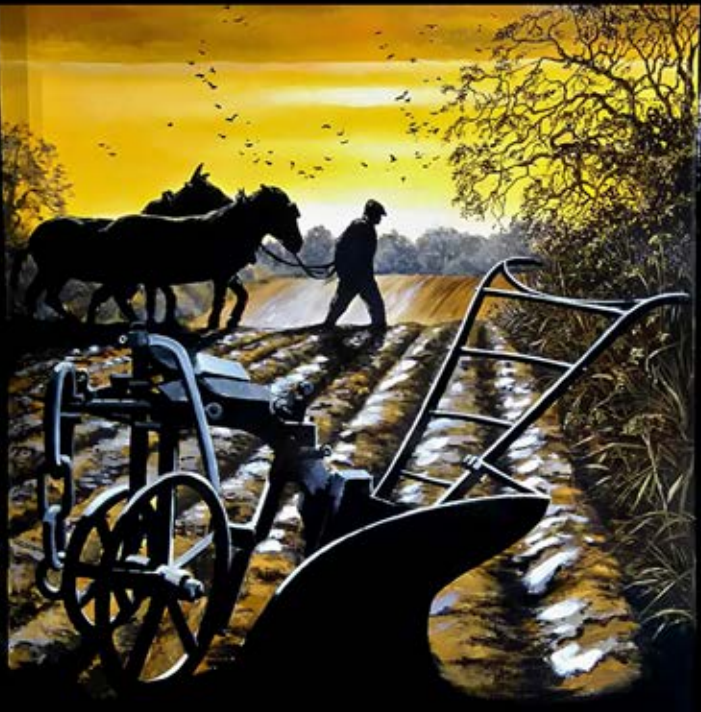
Join us for a fun and free introduction to tennis for beginners (or anyone who's a little rusty!) For full details please head to the website and to book your spot contact Jeremy Hamer on jeremyhamer7@gmail.com

Club Sessions - No Need to Book, Just Turn Up and Play!

- **Alternating Saturdays & Sundays at 2:30pm** - Friendly social tennis sessions that give everyone a chance to play. Check the website for a list of days.
- **Fridays 9:30am - 11:30am** - Continuing throughout the year, these are open to all members and any age and ability.
- **Wednesday & Thursday Evenings including sessions for beginners** - These will be starting up again in April - check the website for details.

Pay & Play

If you're not a member or are visiting the area, you can book the courts on a pay and play basis for just £3.50 per hour! To book, contact either John Seear on 012582 69743 or Chris Gregory on 01258 474646.



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MARNHULL GREEN TEAMS

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Taking the Environment Around Marnhull Seriously

Concerned about our rivers and streams? As we have been hearing in the news, we certainly should be.

Marnhull Green Teams are very pleased to announce a couple of free talks relating to this very important issue, on Tuesday 18 April at the Village Hall, 7 for 7.30pm.

We will be delighted to welcome Kim Creswell and Laura Palmer of the Queen Thorne Nature Watch Group, who will be providing an insight into their newly-formed organisation.

The Group's aims are:

- To protect and promote biodiversity in the Queen Thorne Area.
- To provide a research and monitoring facility which will help enable effective, environmentally considerate decision making.
- The group is underpinned with an ethos of kindness, to nature, to each other and especially to those with whom we disagree.

You can find out more at qtnaturewatch.co.uk

Kim & Laura's talk will include:

- The community and parish council response to the decline in biodiversity in the area.
- The structure of the group and the application and funding process for a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO).
- The approach being taken to water testing including the use of equipment to measure phosphates, ammonia and nitrates in the local streams.
- Networking to date, in particular work with Dorset Climate Action Network and The Yeovil Rivers Trust.

- Membership of the group and free training opportunity with the Riverfly Trust.
- An open forum session with the opportunity to ask questions.

The meeting will also hear from Liz Bonnell, who will be telling us about a project organised by Dorset Wildlife Trust and funded by Wessex Water to visually monitor the River Stout for signs of pollution. There are volunteers undertaking this important work along the length of the river: Liz is one.

These three presentations will be followed, after a refreshment break, by Marnhull Green Teams' Annual General Meeting. Everyone is very welcome to stay for and participate in the meeting (without any commitment!). We will be reviewing our past year's activities, electing our officers (nominations welcome!) and, most importantly of all, planning for the year ahead. There's a heat pump event planned in June, for example, following up on our successful 'Going Solar' project. More details of this, and other things, in the next Marnhull Messenger.

Want to be involved, one way or another, or just want to hear what we're up to? Then please come along on 18 April.

Elsewhere in this issue of the Messenger you will find further details of the second Marnhull Giveaway & Takeaway Day, to be held on Saturday 22nd April. This should be a great event again, organised by the indefatigable John Dowsett.

If you want to be a 'giver' - clearing out that loft, shed or garage - it's important that John hears from you, so that he can put you on the map. You can contact him via marnhullgreen@outlook.com or (01258) 268714.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION



Most of you now know that the local rock band 2 Foot Moose played their last ever gig on March 11th and we were thrilled that they wanted to do it at the Legion.

What a night it turned out to be.

We used the night for fundraising to buy a defibrillator and 220 people crammed into the Club at £5 a head to see the show raising £1100. On top of that there

was a raffle with prizes donated by too many people to mention here but you know who you are, so thank you. The raffle made £970 and with an auction of carvings by Bob Bullen plus donations bringing in another £425 we are nearly there.

The show itself was amazing with the band playing out of their skins and dozens of enthusiastic fans filling the floor. Loads of thank you's go firstly to the band for choosing us and for a great show, then to all who turned up and parted with their money and infally to the girls behind the bar who were in no particular order Tracy, Steph and Carol who performed heroics against a never ending stream of customers.

It doesn't end there though there is still money to come from Atul in the Post Office who is doing the Marnhull 12K and is donating all his sponsorship money to the appeal. What a night! One that we will talk about for a long time.

Look out in the next edition of the Marnhull Messenger for a leaflet from us listing all the things we can offer. It will also include our plans for Coronation Day on Saturday May 6th. Among the things on offer will be food, a children's entertainer, A children's fancy dress competition, the Belle Street Singers and a barbecue. Let's make this a day to celebrate the new King. The evening ends with another King - Elvis 56.

April Entertainment

Sat 1st - Jacks Quiz
Mon 3rd - Lyn's Bingo - 7pm
Sat 8th - Owen and Darren
Sat 15th - The Beagles
Mon 17th - Bingo 7pm
Sat 22nd - Stage One
Sat 29th - Sapphire Duo

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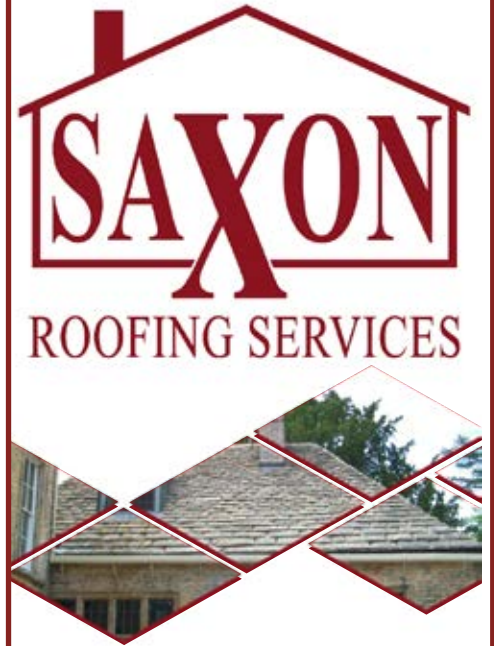
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RECYCLE AT THE HUB

Ever wondered what to do with the plastic that can't go in the council recycling bin? At the Hub and Repair Café we have 15 bins for a wide selection of waste - see the poster for what we can take.

The plastic is processed and manufactured into new objects. (Visit terracycle.com for more info.) Local charities & organisations benefit financially from the collection.

Come and have a look! The bins are open every Saturday morning from 10-12, along with the Hub and Repair Café, and every third Friday 10-12 with the Community Café.

Questions? Please email celiajardinesmith@gmail.com, or call 07427 645445.

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- Laundry and dishwashing packaging *
- Medicine blister packs
- Milk bottle tops
- Pens of all sorts
- Pringles tubes
- Printer ink cartridges
- Sweet packets *
- Toothbrushes & toothpaste tubes

* Also accepted at Tesco / Asda / Co-op soft plastic recycling bins

MARNHULL MEN'S SHED

The Marnhull Men's Shed meets weekly at our workshop, where members can work on their own projects or work together on Community projects. There is also the opportunity to learn new skills or pass on skills to others.

For those not project minded there is always the chance for a natter over tea and biscuits with friends old and new.

For more information, please contact Alan Loukes
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'CORONATION CONCERT'

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SATURDAY APRIL 29TH

6.30PM

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PLANNING IN MARNHULL

There was a recent area planning committee meeting at the Exchange in Sturminster on Tuesday 7th March 2023 about planning for a development on Musbury Lane in Marnhull.

The proposal was rejected, and it was picked up by the Dorset Echo, particularly the frustration of local opinion not counting for much in planning guidelines.

<https://www.dorsetecho.co.uk/news/23371856.local-opinion-ignored-new-developments-dorset/>

TEA WITH FRIENDS

Please come along and join us on the second Wednesday of each month. A chance for a cuppa, cake and a chat. Methodist Church Hall 2:30 to 4pm. April date is the Wednesday 12th. All welcome.

MARNHULL HORSE RIDERS



Spring update for Marnhull Horse Riders & Ramblers

It seems to have been a very long Winter and just when we'd turned the corner and could start getting our horses and ponies out again, another grey, cold snap arrived with high winds to boot! For many of us it's just a question of getting through it and keeping our heads down - sunny days will come. Behind the scenes, the Committee have been continuing to work on some of our projects.

The Toogoods Bridleway renovation work should be underway by the time this copy comes out. The surface inside the first two gates at the bottom end nearest the Farm is going to be improved to help reduce the amount of standing water. Also the gates are going to be rehung and equestrian gates erected. We are very grateful and have had some great support from Dorset Countryside Rangers in helping us with this project.

The Slow Down Horses signs are going up around the village. We hope they will benefit both horse riders and pedestrians at the points we have chosen. Not all are up, so please be patient with us.

The completion of the track/mini trailway at the end of Ham Lane is a priority for the Group. We still need to raise a lot of money to do this work and will be holding a talk evening and an equestrian tack sale to boost our funds. The trailway route is very much needed and will provide a safe, quiet and natural route away from the busy roads for everyone.

But finally, a big thank you to those who appealed against the development in Musbury Lane. This route is the only quiet lane we can ride on a regular basis and we are thrilled that this is now no longer under threat and we can continue to ride it safely.



MARNHULL PLAYERS PANTO

We are still receiving amazing feedback from our performances and being asked what the next one will be. All I can say at this point is that there will be another one, what it will be we still need to decide, we have a few ideas but nothing confirmed yet.

On the 10th March we had a lovely get together at the village hall and we watched the recording of the performance. As we all miss bits when we are back stage it was nice to see it from start to finish, no re-dos, in costume and not have to worry about getting into position for your next part. It was a lovely evening to relax and reflect with everyone with some lovely nibbles.

Our AGM will be at Marnhull Village Hall on Thursday 27th April at 7pm.

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 and Cast

STURMINSTER NEWTON HERITAGE TRUST

Welcome back to the mill after a long winter with several floods, at least 5! We opened on Saturday 25th March and will be open on Saturdays, Sundays, Mondays and Thursdays from 11am - 5pm, until the end of September.

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We have a wonderful display of information boards created by students at the High School, explaining our historical links with Newfoundland and Swanskin.

The museum has many new displays including Victorian Rural Clothing and the History of Sturminster from the Palaeolithic to the Present. They also have an amazing shop. Every few months they host Finds Day when anyone can bring items along to be identified. The latest included medieval and post medieval pottery, worked flint, fossil shells, medieval coins and buckles, and a Roman coin. The next event is on 25th May.

WINTERBORNE VALLEY CROQUET CLUB

Down in the depths of the Dorset countryside you can find a wonderful place to while away a day playing croquet. Winterborne Valley Croquet Club, based on the edge of Winterborne Stickland Village will be opening their lawns on the 3rd of April (Weather permitting) for the 2023 season. Now entering its 4th year the croquet club is keen to attract new members from the surrounding villages and hamlets. In collaboration with Winterborne Stickland Social Club they are having an open day on the 15th April where you can come and see what is on offer. Try a taster session with croquet coaches on hand to teach you the basics of the game and full information on how the club operates. For further information check out the website - wvcroquet.co.uk or email us at wvcroquet@gmail.com

MARNHULL VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE



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Following the visit of the BBC site engineer on February 20th, we are now preparing for Radio 4's Any Questions to be hosted by Marnhull Village Hall on Friday 12th May. Entry will be by free ticket and more information about how to obtain a ticket will be in the May edition of the Marnhull Messenger. The ticket has a tear-off section on which you can write a question to be put into a box in the lobby of the hall when you arrive open at 18.30 and close at 19.15 with the programme starting after the news at 20.00.

Outline Plans for the improvement of the Sports Pavillion were forwarded to the Parish Council and have been accepted as suitable for consideration for Section 106 money. We look forward to being able to take this project forward.

Jean McErlain
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MARNHULL FLOWER SHOW

Marnhull Flower Show

Saturday 22nd July

Last year one of the main highlights for us was to see the marquees filled with hundreds of children's entries, from self-portraits, decorated poems, pots of cress-heads, decorated biscuits, Pizzas and Jubilee crowns. Many thanks to the staff at St Greg's, St Mary's and the Jungle Hut who were fantastic in supporting our ideas and facilitating this within the school curriculum and timetable.

This year we look forward to seeing the children's entries in the "Portrait of a Pet" (if you don't have a pet yourself, maybe someone else's pet could sit in).

We hope to have some super entries and lots of fun with the Tallest Sunflower Plant (clearly getting that to the Flower Show won't be possible) so we would like you to submit a photo of the child standing, beside their entry and don't forget to include a tape measure to show the height. So, get planting and make sure you watch out for slugs and snails so that they don't eat the seeds you've sown!

There are lots of other children's classes - a Lego model (theme - House of the Future), vegetable creatures and Cakes and Bakes including Rocky Road, Tiffin, Fairy cakes and decorated biscuits.

Following its great success, the Great Marnhull Bake Off is also back, with the same format as before - Groups of 4-6 (e.g. ramblers group, choir, church, Hub, Men's Shed, Tennis Club, Garden Club...or just a group of friends or the family group). This year's challenge is to bake a Dorset Apple Cake - a favourite for most people. The judge will choose the best from within each group, the group winners then go head-to-head to find the overall class winner. We hope that once again we will have lots of entries for our judge to taste, and possibly auctioned in aid of this year's Charity - the local Mindful Memory Cafes in Gillingham and Stalbridge.

We hope that you have a very Happy Easter, and do keep your eyes peeled for the Marnhull Flower Show Schedules which are on their way and should be appearing soon in the Spar, Robin Hill Stores, Pubs, Hub and Village Hall.

Catherine Turner



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New to the Parish? We welcome visitors to join our community this Easter, also brand new parishioners or existing ones moving forward.

Easter Services:

Advance Notice:

Holy Week Services will be at Our Lady's Marnhull this year:

6th April Maundy Thursday 6.30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

7th April Good Friday 3pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion

8th April The Easter Vigil 9pm

8th April 11am Holy Saturday, Blessing of Food. In St. Benedict's Gillingham

Lent Prayer

Plant in us, Lord, seeds of solidarity,
so that, rejoicing in your gifts,
we may cherish your presence in each other and all creation.
Root us, Lord, in compassion and justice.
Pour your Spirit down like gentle rain,
softening our hearts,
washing away division and selfishness.
Cultivate in us, Lord, attentiveness to your call.
Give us hope to dream of a better world,
and strength to play our part to make it a reality.
Grow in us, Lord, your ways of peace and courage,
so that, in this time of Lent, we may bear witness to your love,
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I had thought, ignorantly as it turns out, that being a government minister would somehow necessitate demonstrating a degree of decorum but reading the WhatsApp messages about the decision making process of lock down has disavowed me of that notion!

I had probably been naive in imagining governments took action after serious and considered thought, that decisions were taken after due consideration of the facts and possible effects. I do appreciate that it cannot have been easy dealing with this unprecedented situation, especially at first when not much was known about the Covid virus and lock down was the option being used across much of the world. Even so, to see the language and manner in which discussions were held and the disrespect shown to some people is rather depressing and what's more I suspect the same thing would have occurred whichever party had happened to be in power.

Perhaps it is the speed and medium of modern communications, texting, WhatsApp etc, that encourages a sort of rude shorthand; perhaps it is surprising that more misunderstandings don't occur! Let's face it, immediate and speedy responses to messages don't encourage deeply thought out and considered responses.

Communicating in this way, I'm pretty sure, used by all political parties and across governments of every hue. I'm not being partisan, just wondering if 'messaging' has been a useful addition to government or become a hindrance to proper debate and I suspect it is the latter.

Mind you, despite being a fairly competent every day computer user, I'm still dubious when it comes to messaging - though I do send some via WhatsApp. The problem for me is overload of minutiae. I simply don't care to know what my nearest and dearest are doing every minute of the day - even though they are precious to me! But this is our world now and there are many huge advantages to modern communication systems, one being not having to rely on letters arriving on time!

Youngsters cannot imagine a world without electronic communication and I hope they don't have to as it is great in so many ways. I do just hope though that they give due thought before 'texting', and allow themselves generous amounts of time away from their phones to enjoy times of simple, quiet contemplation - and, dare I say it, even prayer?

Gillian

BISHOP'S LETTER



I wonder whether we can remember how we were feeling 3 years ago as we approached Easter? Lockdown feels a long time ago, however I was reminded through an article read recently that we have all experienced a major trauma in our lives which we have somehow lived through. Our thoughts remain with those suffering from loss and the effects of long Covid yet for the majority of us we have just got on with life, seldom perhaps thinking about the changes we were determined to make then, for the better now.

Easter too can be dulled by familiarity, cream eggs and hot crossed buns are no longer seasonal, yet as with Covid, entering into the annual desolation of Holy Week, and emerging joyfully on Easter Day changes us. Each year, I try to take some time, usually on Maundy Thursday evening, to look back prayerfully at my life with gratitude and ahead with hope.

The events of the first Easter changed the course of history, as death was defeated and life in all its fullness was made available for all of us, for all time. Christ promises to walk with us each day, as he did three years ago, into the darkness, into the unknown, and we are called to be transformed, to change as a result. We learn lessons too by looking back, perhaps we wouldn't do things now as we did then? Traumatic events draw us to our senses, yet when life gathers pace again, the bird song we heard, or the neighbour we visited, or the still small voice, all get lost.

Holy Week gives us a gift of drawing breath, of feeling God's healing touch of love once again. Let's allow ourselves to once more be turned upside down by Christ's passion, and to live life differently as a result.

+Karen

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An Easter Meditation.

He is not here. He goes before you. Hammer and nails cannot contain the Lord of all life. In his absence is his very presence. Intrigue us, dear Lord, by daily coming among us. May we know you when we see you.

He is not here. He goes before you. Flowers of the garden transform this instrument of torture as the garden of creation becomes the garden of resurrection. Be with you people, Lord, in their sufferings. May hope spring out of dark places - for the victimised and brutalised - so that where life is lost life may also be restored.

He is not here. He goes before you. Empty are the grave clothes as the Lord of all life mingles with his people. May we wear not the sackcloth of death but the garments of salvation. Turn your people's mourning into dancing as we come to celebrate each day of our lives in the light of the risen Lord.

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Weds 5th

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Maundy Thursday 6th

7pm Holy Communion with washing of feet

Good Friday 7th

10am Good Friday Holy Communion
2pm Waiting at the Cross- readings and music

Easter Eve Sat 8th

8pm Easter Fire and Vigil

Easter Day Sun 9th

8am Holy Communion
10am Family Communion- with eggs!

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JOKE OF THE MONTH

Due to the overwhelming demand of absolutely no one asking, here is the return of Joke of the month selected by Foxes class. What do you call a Frenchman in sandals?

Phillipe Floppe.

DOG BLOG

Our school dog Daisy has been busy studying for her Gold Dog Mentor award. We are delighted to announce that recently she secured their top award. Mrs Williams submitted evidence of the continuing work that Daisy undertakes with the children. She is now a very familiar face at St Greg's. The children encourage and welcome her as part of many daily activities:



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- Daisy works across all classes - she supports learning by being a physical presence.
- The daily mile is a great opportunity for her to have a run around with the children - a real highlight for all.
- We have a selective mute child at St Greg's who after many months is now speaking to Daisy and telling her stories.
- Daisy helps with intervention work and will sit beside children who need extra support.
- The hustle and bustle of lunchtimes can be overwhelming for some children. Such children are invited to take Daisy for a walk - this they find very calming and re-enter the school building far more ready for learning.
- Daisy can also help deal with conflict e.g. arguments between pupils, she is a calming and reassuring influence/distraction - often just stroking Daisy helps the situation.
- One of our children upon joining St Greg's initially struggled with friendships and staying in the classroom for learning. Through Daisy's help by attending class this child now accesses her learning in a positive manner - she has commented that Daisy is the best thing to happen to her.

ONCE YOU LEARN TO READ, YOU WILL FOREVER BE FREE

Reading has been a key focus for St Greg's over recent years and so World Book Day is greeted with extra enthusiasm and zeal. As usual dressing up as a book character was the order of the day and the teachers joined in which caused a great many giggles. This year for World Book Day we also set up reading café's in each classroom, from there children could sample a range of fiction, non-fiction and poetry as well as comics and magazines. By the end of the day the children had also visited the book swap and selected a new book to take home with them.



M12K

After much planning, April will see the M12K take place on the roads of Marnhull and Fifehead. Each year the race being a success results in runners returning the following year. We try and make sure each runner and spectator has a fun, enjoyable morning in the village. The school relies heavily upon the success of this race. There will be bacon sandwiches, tea, coffee, hot chocolate, and cake available for all on the school playground. Thanks in advance to St Greg's Church for helping with the catering. Runners in the main race will commence at 10:30 from near the Spar. Tom Hawtree will once again be our starter, he and the Marnhull Stores team are our main sponsors as they continue their support of St Greg's, for which we are extremely grateful. 10:45 will see the start of the bounceabout kids' races. Open to 4-12yr. olds they should be lots of fun and there is a bouncy castle for the children to enjoy after their efforts.

see the M12K take place



HEDGEHOGS - THE ENCHANTED WOODLANDS.

Hedgehogs have been out and about with a trip to Bonsley Woods, home of the "living classroom", a place to explore British woodland; what grows and lives there. A full day of exploring was had, there was leaf hunting, seeking out deciduous and coniferous trees, searching for mini beasts, listening for animal sounds, and looking for tracks and building dens. All that hard inquisitive work was rewarded with hot chocolate and biscuits around a fire pit. Our class read has been Little Red Riding Hood, we enjoyed a little role play on our outside stage. The children of course enjoyed dressing up, we even added in some wild animal vets to the cast. Poor Granny even received some get well soon cards from the children.

OWLS -SCRUMDIDDLEUMPTIOUS!

Owls class are in the process of setting up a pop-up scrumdiddleumptious smoothie café! We shall be using locally sourced fair-trade produce. To help us in our research we had a fact finding trip to Dikes Supermarket, here we learnt what makes a successful café and how food is prepared in their kitchen. Of particular interest is food provenance, what do we grow or manufacture in our own country and what we import from abroad. Dikes kindly allowed us to interview some of their staff (we were gentle) from several departments all of whom were extremely helpful and gave us some top tips for our own venture.

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Letters from Lily

BADGERS CLASS



Dear Readers

April 2023

This Month in Badgers class our topic is SCREAM MACHINE. The topic scream machine is all about Roller – Coasters. Also like in my last letter we are focusing on English but also Computers and Maths.

In English we have been writing poems and persuasive passages of writing. In computers this term we are making a recording for a made up ride from a theme park a bit like we are on the radio.

In maths we are focusing on GREATER and smaller ordering fractions, it's really fun I think every one is enjoying it too.

On the 3rd of March it was world book day. All the teachers that were in that day dressed up. I dressed up as PUSS IN BOOTS. We also did book tasting which is going and reading a bit of a book to see if you like it. Our class book is The Boy who Swam with PIRANHAS, who in the world would do that? Well if you are looking for anyone then its Stanley Potts. I love it and my friends Rosie and Daisy are enjoying it too.

Lily xx

Martha's Monthly Message



Hi All ,

In Foxes class this month we have been learning about the Tudors and King Henry VIII six wives. We learnt the phrase 'divorce, beheaded and died, divorced, beheaded survived' to explain what happened to each of his wives.

In art we have also been learning how only the wealthy Tudors had miniature pictures painted of them which we tried recreating. We are starting to explore how Henry VIII also split from the pope in Rome because he wanted to divorce Katherine of Aragon and Pope Leo X wouldn't let him, so he created the Church of England so he could marry Ann Boleyn. He also said that the miniature picture of Ann of Cleaves was so beautiful that he wanted to marry her. However, when he saw her in real life he said 'you look like a horse' which wasn't very nice.

In preparation for our SATS we now have SATS club every Tuesday. Mrs Brown and Miss Edwards are helping us to look at old papers to get a view of what they might be like which we are finding really helpful.

In English we are studying Macbeth and re writing 'double double toil and trouble, fire burn and cauldron bubble' in a recipe format. Some of our recipes have included body parts of different animals which is really yucky.

Our reading book is called Treason by Berlie Docherty which is about a boy whose father commits Treason.

That's all for this month and I will update you in May about what we have been doing. Bye bye for now



April 2023

Martha

ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING WEEK

The whole school community took part in this year's Place2be children's mental health week. The day started with a whole school assembly, which focused on the importance of connections. Staff were blown away by the thoughtful responses children made during the assembly. Comments such as - "When we are connected we feel loved." "If you connect with others you don't feel alone" Throughout the day, the children participated in a variety of activities to support their mental health and to enable them to connect with others. Every child had the opportunity to think about one person who they are connected to, whom they feel is good for their mental health - someone who makes them happy or cheers them up. During the Friday of the week, they spent time creating a portrait based on that person. The idea was that we had some extended time to be creative and to reflect on this person whether it was a family member or friend. The whole school slowed down for the day and made connections while being creative- drawing, chatting, listening to music and chilling out! By Reflecting on why these connections are important, the children have gained an understanding of how important it is for them to connect with others.



NSPCC NUMBER DAY

The school participated in the NSPCC Number Day. During the day, children took part in several different activities including Maths Trails around the playground, Kahoot quizzes in class, decorating biscuits with number bonds, games, songs and lots more all based on the theme of numbers! They even did some maths inspired art! In addition, children were able to wear their own clothes and, where possible, perhaps something even numerical or maths themed! They donated some money for the NSPCC and we raised £61.10!



SAFER INTERNET DAY

The children celebrated the importance of technology and reflected on the things we can learn from the internet. They also learnt that it is important to talk to people at home about their online lives. This included asking questions about the information they see online and sharing anything worrying that they have experienced online. They considered the importance of having trusted adults in our lives with whom we can share concerns. Our computing lead shared information with parents regarding the importance of having these conversations with out children. During the day, the children completed a questionnaire about their online activities and we will be addressing any concerns raised in our computing lessons.



TURKEY-SYRIA EARTHQUAKE

For Lent this year, our Growing In Faith Team (GIFT Team) has decided our school family will once again walk for charity. We have decided we will be donating the money raised to the CAFOD Syria and Turkey Earthquake Appeal. We want to raise awareness of those suffering from the earthquakes and to support those communities who have already been affected by conflict. All classes will walk daily after lunch for ten minutes. This began on Monday 27th February and will last until the end of term. Here is a link to our Just Giving page where you can donate: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/st-mary-s-primary-school-marnhull2023>

This is the link to CAFOD to see how they are supporting in Syria: <https://cafod.org.uk/give/donate-to-emergencies/syria-crisis-appeal>
We would be very grateful for donations and really want to help those in need. When you make a donation you can add words of encouragement for the whole school and we'd love to know who has donated.

ST ANTHONY'S

The children loved sharing the book 'The Lion Inside'. It's a story about a mouse who had to conquer his fears to feel a little less meek and a little more 'roarsome'. The lesson was that we all have a brave lion and a calm mouse inside of us. The children shared times they have felt brave and times when they need to be calm. In our Science lessons, the children were able to sort animals according to their diet or common features. The children loved learning new scientific vocabulary like carnivore, omnivore and herbivore. Soon the children will see first-hand what animals need to survive as we hatch and care for chicks.



EXPLORERS

Our explorers have had a busy half term so they were delighted to take part in the whole school mental health and wellbeing day. The children spent the afternoon thinking about how to relax this included listening to calm music, smelling essential oils and enjoying some spa treatments. We also all gave each other a gentle massage. Absolute bliss! The children loved following instructions to make pancakes on Shrove Tuesday. They listened to pancake themed stories and joined in with pancake rhymes; but the highlight of the day was the pancake flipping and tasting!



ST MARK'S

We finished our history topic for this term, which was The Great Fire of London. The children found this interesting and asked some super questions. They are now able to order the events of the Great Fire, explain how the fire was extinguished and understand the impact which we benefit from today! In science, the children have been investigating light and shadows, where they had some great fun with torches. They are now investigating what seeds need in order to grow into healthy plants. The children are becoming very adept at asking good inquiry questions to further their learning.

ST FRANCIS

Our history topic for this half term is Medieval Monarchs, which the children have found fascinating. They are really enjoying and shocked to hear about some of our past monarchs and their actions. The children have been doing lots of assessing and evaluating about which monarch they think was the best and the worst. The class has been comparing past monarchs to monarchs today and life in the past to life now. Our design and technology project is making stuffed toys. The children are making them from scratch. They have designed them and are currently in the process of making them. They will use lots of skills like cutting, blanket stitching, stuffing and decorating. I look forward to seeing the finished projects as the children have been putting a lot of time, effort and imagination into their designs.

ST ALBAN'S

In St Alban's, we have enjoyed finding out about some of the brave and inspirational women who helped influence a fairer and equal world for all. Following on from our History topic about the Shang Dynasty, we have also been comparing Marnhull and our physical geographical features to China and the impact humans have.

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NEWS FROM THE NICK

There are no crimes to report since the last edition.

Rogue Traders

Hopefully as I write this Spring is on its way! This is the time of year when **ROGUE TRADERS** are out and about offering to tarmac your drive, cut down trees, offer general gardening work, building maintenance and power washing drives to name a few. They will ask for payment in cash after completing substandard work for an extortionate amount of money and have been known to take the victim, who is often elderly and/or vulnerable, to the bank to obtain more funds. If your property or garden needs maintenance visit www.buywithconfidence.gov.uk or call 0345 404 05 06 or ask family or friends who they would recommend. Please keep an eye out for elderly neighbours who often fall victim to these unscrupulous traders.

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NEW FROM TRADING STANDARDS

Animal Health and Welfare

Most farmers care passionately about the welfare of their animals. Rural Dorset often brings to mind pictures of healthy animals grazing in sunny fields of grass. However, when it comes to winter, things can look very different, especially after long periods of rain.

Some farmers house their cattle in barns over the winter months. Others keep cattle out in the fields and give them supplementary food such as silage, because grass has stopped growing. The ground around the feeders can get muddy and cows with their shaggy winter coats can look a bit bedraggled when it is wet. As long as the cattle have an area in the field that is well drained for them to lie down, then their welfare can usually be met.

Sheep are often put on fields of stubble turnips to eat. They quickly eat off the green tops of the plants and it might therefore look to the untrained eye that they are in a muddy field with nothing to eat. The reality is that they might have a really good source of food to give them the energy to cope with the cold wet weather.

Farmers are usually happy to speak with people who have concerns about their livestock. If you are worried about welfare standards on a farm you can always call the Dorset Council animal health line on 01305 224475, or email tradingstandards@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk

Unfortunately, there are occasions when a farmer might let welfare standards slip. Trading Standards will try to help and support the farmer to turn things around. Where necessarily they work closely with charities such as the Farm Community Network, who can provide volunteers to give practical advice to the farmer.

On rare occasions if a farmer ignores the advice, and the welfare of their livestock is not improved, Trading Standards can take the farmer to court. For very serious welfare breaches the farmer can be banned from keeping livestock.

MARNHULL MUSIC SOCIETY

February's "Ladies' Choice" ranged from the reassuringly familiar to the frankly outlandish. It was a most entertaining evening as a result. We began with the sublime adagio from Bruch's violin concerto - surely one of the best loved pieces in the classical repertoire and played on this recording by Itzhak Perlman. The aria from Cavalleria Rusticana which came next was unfamiliar and featured the voice of Yvonne Fontaine. Fats Waller's laid-back style is the epitome of casual and insouciant, and it was a delight to be reminded of his "Ain't Misbehaving." The piano concerto by Cramer which followed was, in contrast, stately and measured with a sense of the mediaeval dance about it although Cramer was a contemporary of Beethoven. Crusell was a Finnish clarinettist and composer who also lived in the mid-eighteenth century. His Grand Concerto No.2 is a spectacular showcase for the whole range of the instrument. After the break we had the allegretto from Brahms' 1st symphony. I find this piece endlessly intriguing although it's hard to find the narrative. From a winsome woodwind opening it passes through numerous changes of mood and atmosphere. I'm sure a musicologist could explain it better. What followed was the piece I designated "outlandish". It was called "Time" and was played by a Polish band to the sound of a relentlessly ticking clock. Jewish rhythms and forms played on instruments I couldn't identify made it very strange to the ear, but I found it most appealing and almost hypnotic. It was a totally new sort of musical experience and I enjoyed it.

Another contrast was the William Boyce piece which followed. These tiny symphonies gleam like sprightly little Baroque jewels and illuminate any programme. We had another moment of sheer indulgence listening to Alfred Brendel playing part of Beethoven's "Pathetique" piano sonata and the evening ended with the band of the Royal Marines playing Ungar's "Ashoken Farewell."

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ARTWORK UNVEILED TO HONOUR THE LEGACY OF STARS APPEAL SUPPORTER MICHAEL BECK BEM

A dedicated supporter of the Stars Appeal who raised hundreds of thousands of pounds has been honoured with a special artwork.

Michael Beck Esq BEM, who passed away in November 2021, raised over £450,000 during 18 years of fundraising for The Stars Appeal, Salisbury District Hospital's Charity.

This was through his amazing efforts collecting at the Hospital and across the local community, and taking on dozens of sponsored walks, often accompanied by his wheelbarrow 'Wally' and supported by his many friends.

Michael's fundraising played a major role in funding many Stars Appeal projects including Salisbury's first dedicated Breast Unit, the Children's Unit, state-of-the-art scanners, recreational activities for Spinal Unit patients and cancer support programmes. He also inspired many others to donate and fundraise themselves.

Dave Cates, of the Stars Appeal, said: "Michael's legacy at the Hospital very much lives on. Every single day hundreds of people are benefitting from facilities that Michael helped fund. We simply wouldn't have them without fundraising like Michael's, which was just incredible.

"This artwork was unveiled on Thursday, March 2 by his friends and fellow Stars Appeal bucket collecting team members Keith Noble and Emma Fortescue in the presence of Michael's daughter Jane, Stars Appeal Ambassador Dr Anna Barton, who cared for Michael in hospital, and others who had fundraised alongside him.

The artwork can be viewed in the main corridor of Salisbury District Hospital, opposite the pharmacy.



MUM DIAGNOSED WITH BREAST CANCER SIGNS UP TO WALK FOR WARDS TO THANK AMAZING HOSPITAL STAFF

A mum who was diagnosed with breast cancer is taking part in her first Walk for Wards for the Stars Appeal to thank the "amazing" staff at Salisbury District Hospital who cared for her.

Claire Parker is raising money for the Stars Appeal funded Breast Unit and has chosen to do the 10k route at Walk for Wards on Sunday, July 9 at Wilton House with her partner Lee Taylor and friend Hayley Sandell.

The 44-year-old from Bourton, Dorset, who received her cancer diagnosis in September last year at the Breast Unit, said: "The staff there were just amazing and I can't thank them enough. They had me in quickly and went through everything step by step, I can't fault the care. I wanted to do the walk to raise money for the unit so they can get any new equipment they need or enhance the unit further so it can support more people."

The Breast Unit is the first-ever dedicated unit for breast patients at Salisbury District Hospital providing dedicated diagnostic equipment along with treatment and counselling rooms in a beautifully furnished and dignified environment.

It also means that diagnosis and follow-up care can be done in one place rather than patients having to go to different departments in the Hospital.

Recalling the day she received her diagnosis, Claire explains: "It was a huge shock. My first thought was my two boys who were 16 and 15 at the time. You think the worst when you hear that word. But the consultant told me they caught it as early as they could and it was very treatable."

She was able to get her diagnosis on the same day as having a mammogram. She says it made it easier having that in a dedicated unit.

"It is nice to have it all in one place rather than having to wander around the hospital," she explains.

She also praised the "lovely" breast nurses who were always at the end of the phone when she had any questions or was worried about anything.

"It makes a big difference. They tell you that you can ring them any time of the day for support. You get given lots of different information, which you don't always take in at the time, but they are just at the end of the phone. That support is great," adds Claire. "I couldn't have done it without them."

Claire has finished her radiotherapy treatment and is currently on medication.

She says she is "looking forward" to taking part in the Hospital Charity's flagship fundraising event this summer, which is free to enter. There are three distances to choose from - 3k, 5k and 10k - and walkers fundraise for their chosen ward or department.

Helena Sinclair, of the Stars Appeal, said: "We've had fantastic support for this year's Walk for Wards so far with nearly 250 people signed up already. We'd like to encourage everyone to get signed up and help us support patients like Claire by funding projects that make a real difference to patients, their families and staff at the Hospital."

To sign up or for more information about Walk for Wards visit starsappeal.org/event/walk-for-wards

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Contact: Robert Tulk - 01258 820728

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Ros Eveleigh on 821049.

MARNHULL MUSIC SOCIETY

Meets every 3rd Monday of the month (except July and August) at 7:15pm in the village hall.
 We listen to a varied programme of music (mainly but not exclusively classical) presented by one of our members and enjoy a social 'cuppa' during an interval.

For more information, please contact
 Alan Loukes on 01258 821629

MARNHULL AMBLERS & RAMBLERS

Short walk (amble) approx 3 miles
 on 2nd Thursday morning of the month
 Contact Anne Dowsett - dowsetanne52@gmail.com

Longer walk (ramble) 5-7 miles
 on last Thursday of the month

Contact Elaine Spencer-White - elainesw48@gmail.com

MARNHULL CRAFT CLUB

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.

More information from Allison Palmer - 07810464630

MARNHULL BRIDGE CLUB

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

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.

Chairman: Mr David Bruce, bruce11@sky.com - 01258 821607 / 07867 553442

Secretary: Mr Phil Silvester, marnhullgardenclub@gmail.com - 01258 820560 / 07921214591

Treasurer: Lesley Ruth, LesleyRuth4@AOL.com

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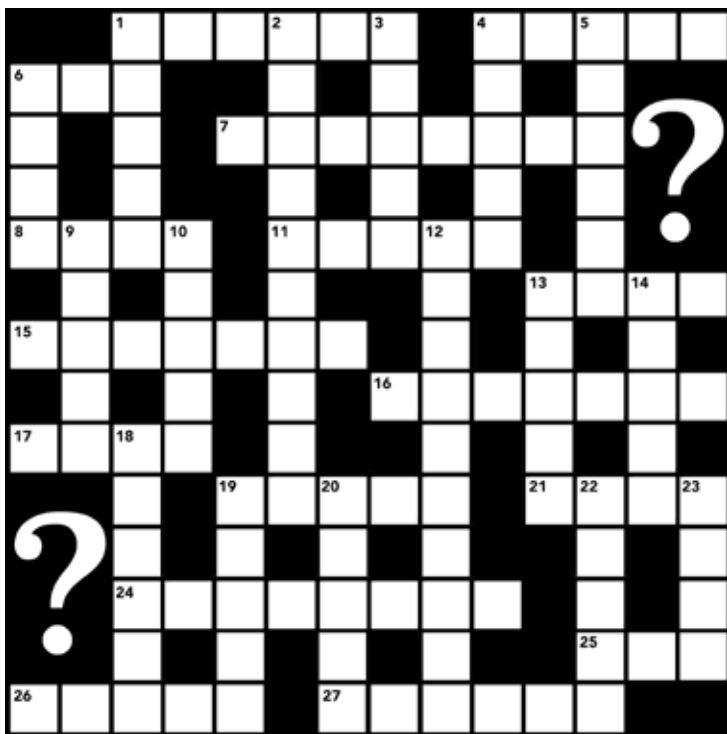
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ACROSS

- 1) In astronomy a unit of distance equal to 3.25 light years. (6)
- 4) Written defamation. (5)
- 6) Unit of pressure. (3)
- 7) Birds that typically nest in farm buildings. (4-4)
- 8) Another name for the sea eagle. (4)
- 11) Informal name for a key on a piano. (5)
- 13) Smallest particle of a chemical element. (4)
- 15) Technique for producing a picture by piecing together separate sections. (7)
- 16) Cycle race in which competitors start at different places on the track and then try to overtake each other. (7)
- 17) Maori war dance. (4)
- 19) Like the Home Exhibition at Olympia. (5)
- 21) Spun thread for knitting, sewing or weaving. (4)
- 24) In the Roman Empire the Governor of one of the four parts of a country. (8)
- 25) The seat of authority of a Bishop. (3)
- 26) Monetary unit of several countries in North Africa and the Middle East. (5)
- 27) The official language of Greenland. (6)

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DOWN

- 1) A type of marine crustacean. (5)
- 2) Scene of a prolonged siege in WWII. (10)
- 3) The second longest river in Africa. (5)
- 4) Artist best known for his industrial landscapes. (5)
- 5) Sturdy hunting dog with long body, short legs and long drooping ears. (6)
- 6) Nickname of baseball player George Ruth. (4)
- 9) Wine named after the place in Spain where it is produced. (5)
- 10) Person engaged to fill out a crowd scene in a film or play. (5)
- 12) Political party led by Abraham Lincoln. (10)
- 13) The testing of a metal for quality. (5)
- 14) Small willow with long flexible shoots used in basketwork. (5)
- 18) Long belted tunic worn in the Near East. (6)
- 19) To place a corpse in a grave. (5)
- 20) The largest of the antelopes. (5)
- 22) Strict US Mennonite sect. (5)
- 23) River of the East of England that runs from Northampton to the Wash. (4)

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 John Dowsett - john.dowsett@virgin.net

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Meets on the 2nd Monday in the month (except Aug)
 At 7.30pm in the Village Hall
 We look forward to seeing new and old members
 President: Nicola Denham - 01258 821343

BLACKMORE VALE ART GROUP

The group meets monthly on the second Friday at
 10:30am in the Village Hall.
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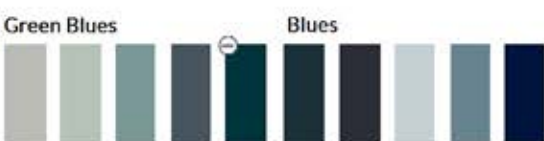
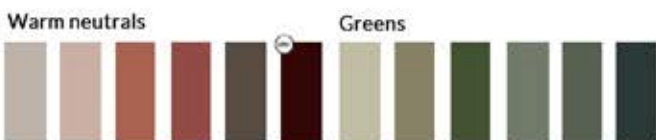




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