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CHRIS RYU
Messenger Editor

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Welcome back to your Marnhull Messenger Magazine. A huge thank you for all your great articles as usual. I hope you all enjoyed the break!

So sorry to hear of the delays in everyone receiving the Messenger in December. The trial of the new local printer didn't go quite as smoothly as we hoped. A courier was used to transport the boxes from Blandford to Marnhull and somehow they lost boxes... Fingers crossed for this issue.

NEW ADVERTISERS

Thank you to our new and renewing advertisers. Some great new designs - check out the beautiful image on the top of the Crown Inn advert. As always a huge thank you to Rosie for her hard work organising adverts, Bill for handling all those payments and Bekka from the Dorset Tech team for helping me find homes for all the adverts in the magazine.

MARNHULL EVENTS

I'm so pleased to see the village diary filling up again. Everything from quiz nights, live music, lunch club, movies and of course the Marnhull Fest! Don't forget to add your events on the Marnhull Messenger website

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 little 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.

Stay safe Marnhull - looking forward to seeing you all soon

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

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

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

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

Ian Gall – Chairman, The Marnhull Messenger Steering Group.

ANNUAL DIARY 2021/2022

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

FEBRUARY

1st - Pilates Classes @9:30am (Intermediate)
11am (Over 55s) - Methodist Church

2nd - Fitsteps Dance Exercise Class @11:15am
2nd - Table Tennis @14:00

2nd - Community Choir @19:00
2nd - Zumba @19:00

3rd - Craft Club @12:00 - Methodist Hall
3rd - Meditation & Wellbeing Circle @9:45am
3rd - Marnhull Baby & Toddlers Group @12:00

4th - Marnhull Lunch Club @12:00

5th - Jack's Quiz @12:00 British Legion Club
5th - The Marnhull Hub & Repair Café @10am

7th - Yoga @9:15am
7th - Table Tennis @14:00

8th - Pilates Classes @9:30am (Intermediate)
11am (Over 55s) - Methodist Church

9th - Fitsteps Dance Exercise Class @11:15am
9th - Table Tennis @14:00
9th - Community Choir @19:00
9th - Zumba @19:30

10th - Meditation & Wellbeing Circle @9:45am
10th - Marnhull Baby & Toddlers Group @12:00

11th - Blackmore Vale Art Group @10:30am
12th - The Marnhull Hub & Repair Café @10am
12th - Moonrush @20:30 - British Legion Club

14th - Yoga @9:15am
14th - Table Tennis @14:00

14th - Women's Institute - Julia's House with Amanda Valentine @19:30

15th - Pilates Classes @9:30am (Intermediate)
11am (Over 55s) - Methodist Church

16th - Fitsteps Dance Exercise Class @11:15am
16th - Table Tennis @14:00
16th - Community Choir @19:00
16th - Zumba @19:30

17th - Meditation & Wellbeing Circle @9:45am
17th - Marnhull Baby & Toddlers Group @12:00

18th - 'Done to Death, by Jove' @19:30

19th - The Marnhull Hub & Repair Café @10am
19th - Sapphire Duo @19:30 - British Legion Club

21st - Yoga @9:15am
21st - Table Tennis @14:00

21st - Marnhull Music Society @19:15
22nd - Marnhull Music Society @19:15
22nd - Pilates Classes @9:30am (Intermediate)

11am (Over 55s) - Methodist Church
23rd - Fitsteps Dance Exercise Class @11:15am
23rd - Table Tennis @14:00
23rd - Community Choir @19:00
23rd - Zumba @19:30
24th - Mediation & Wellbeing Circle @9:45am
24th - Marnhull Baby & Toddlers Group @12:00
26th - The Marnhull Hub & Repair Café @10am
28th - Yoga @9:15am
28th - Table Tennis @14:00

MARCH

1st - Pilates Classes @9:30am (Intermediate)
11am (Over 55s) - Methodist Church

2nd - Fitsteps Dance Exercise Class @11:15am
2nd - Table Tennis @14:00
2nd - Community Choir @19:00
2nd - Zumba @19:30

3rd - Craft Club @12:00 - Methodist Hall
3rd - Meditation and Wellbeing Circle @9:45am
3rd - Marnhull Baby & Toddlers Group @12:00

4th - Marnhull Lunch Club @12:00
4th - BritPop Live @19:30 - The Exchange

5th - The Marnhull Hub and Repair Café @10am
5th - 2Foot Moose Ft Seeking Benjamin @21:00 - British Legion Club

7th - Yoga @9:15am
7th - Table Tennis @14:00

8th - Garden Club - Plants of New Zealand from Martin Young @19:30
8th - Pilates Classes @9:30am (Intermediate)
11am (Over 55s) - Methodist Church

9th - Fitsteps Dance Exercise Class @11:15am
9th - Table Tennis @14:00
9th - Community Choir @19:00
9th - Zumba @19:30

10th - Meditation & Wellbeing Circle @9:45am
10th - Marnhull Baby & Toddlers Group @12:00

11th - Blackmore Vale Art Group @10:30am
12th - The Marnhull Hub & Repair Café @10am
14th - Yoga @9:15am
14th - Table Tennis @14:00

14th - Women's Institute - A Cruise Along the Jurassic Coast - Steve Balasco, Marine Photographer @19:30

15th - Pilates Classes @9:30am (Intermediate)
11am (Over 55s) - Methodist Church
16th - Fitsteps Dance Exercise Class @11:15am

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17th - Meditation & Wellbeing Circle @9:45am
17th - Marnhull Baby & Toddlers Group @12:00
19th - The Marnhull Hub & Repair Café @10am
19th - St Greg's Primary School - Marnhull Soul 70's Christmas Disco
19th - British Legion - Blues Brothers Tribute Night @20:00

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This could change at short notice so please check at the Government website www.gov.uk



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MARNHULL WELCOMES NEWCOMERS



On Thursday 16th December at Marnhull Village Hall saw the tradition of Marnhull Village Care welcoming those families that had moved into the north area of the village since 2019.

They were updated on the many facilities the village has to offer and it was also a chance of meeting close neighbours who had also arrived in the village.

Trevor Vaughan MBE Chairman of Marnhull Village Care spoke about how he was delighted to see so many newcomers and explained that the function was an annual one but, because of Covid had not been held since 2018 which of course meant that some of those present were not so new but hoped they got the idea behind their invitation. He also explained that normally the three local churches would be represented but for a number of reasons it was not possible this time. He did however mention on behalf of the Parish Church St Gregory's of their plans for the future and hoped those present would give them their support. He also thanked Dike and Son for their assistance, the villager who had made a donation towards the cost, Mike Wilkins and Hillary Parker and by the photograph it would seem all had an enjoyable evening.

Marnhull Village Care

Information: We are an organisation of volunteers which was set up in 1974 by the members of the Churches of Marnhull, to welcome all newcomers to the village and to offer help and support where possible to anyone of any age who may need it in the village including trips to hospital, doctors, etc plus a network of Road contacts covering the whole village.

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SNOWDROPS AT SPRINGHEAD



As part of the Shaftesbury Snowdrop Festival, Springhead will be opening its gardens to the public every weekday in February between 11am and 3pm so people can come and enjoy the fabulous displays of snowdrops in the lakeside gardens. The gardens will also be open on the weekend of

12th and 13th between 11am and 3pm.

Entry is free (although donations will be welcome). Dogs on leads are permitted. Unfortunately, due to the current situation regarding Covid we do not have the staff to run a refreshments café.

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Taking the Environment Around Marnhull Seriously

On yer bike...?

Marnhull Green Teams are considering installing cycle racks at key points around the village. There's often the temptation to jump in a car to go to the shops or the Rec, say, but that's not good for the environment, and it's not the healthy option either. If you can bike, that's great - but you do need somewhere safe to park your trusty cycle. And without purpose-built racks the risk is that bikes are secured to railings or benches etc and get in other people's way.

By coincidence a benefactor is liaising with Marnhull Parish Council about providing a set of racks at the Village Hall. This is an obvious location, and the Green Teams fully support this initiative and will learn from it when and if we are able to install racks elsewhere.

The number of racks at each location will vary. Shoppers, for example, are not likely to need to park their bikes for very long, but visitors to the Rec, the Hall, the Legion, the churches or the pubs may stay longer. So, while one rack may suffice at the shops, more would be good at longer-stay locations.

The Green Teams are currently looking at possible sites and will be liaising with leaseholders and landowners as well as the local authorities. So far the idea has been met with enthusiasm, although practical considerations present some difficulties. We will also have to raise the necessary funds, of course.

But now is the time to have your say! Where do you think would be good places for bike racks in Marnhull? All suggestions will be welcome. You can contact us at marnhullgreen@outlook.com, on (01258) 268714, or via Facebook.

Get in touch too if you would like one or more bird cherry, hornbeam, sweet chestnut, oak or ash whips and saplings. We are able to offer these at very low prices.

And/or would you like a pdf copy of our revised Recycling Guide for the Marnhull Area? If so, again please use the contact above.

The village recycling centre continues to draw crowds. It's usually open on Saturday mornings 10-12, at the same time as the Hub Repair Café, and can be found at the back of the Village Hall. We can take many materials that the Council can't, supported by the Terracycle network. Reduce, Re-use, Recycle continues to be the motto, so a new trial initiative is a Scrap Table. Crafters, please note!

Finally, please contact us if you would like to know more about the shared community vegetable allotment at Sodom Lane. This is a shared resource, cultivated on a strip basis. You can have as little or (within reason!) as much land as you'd like, and expert advice is available if you're new to 'allotting'. After all, Spring is just around the corner...!

MARNHULL VILLAGE QUIZ

Marnhull Men's Shed are pleased to give advanced notice of the next Marnhull Village Quiz on:

Tuesday 14th June 2022

The Mens Shed having won the Trophy back in 2019 have the more dubious task of organising and running the next Village Quiz which is to be held in Marnhull's Royal British Legion.

Further and full details will be given in a later edition of the Messenger.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION



New Poppy Appeal Organiser Eileen Woodward had to hit the ground running when she took over the job in 2021. With no house to house collection she came up with a very respectable total for the appeal period of £3,035. She reported that she found the experience quite interesting and is looking forward to the next one with hopefully a team of collectors out in the streets to boost the total.

Lyn Bartlett has announced the start date for her bingo after the winter break will be the 7th March. Her tireless work has raised well in excess of £20,00 for the Poppy Appeal. People come from all over North Dorset to enjoy a friendly evening and some fabulous prizes. Eyes down at 7pm.

There are some refurbishments planned in the Club during the next couple of months. New carpets and new chairs are being purchased to brighten the place up. Come down and have a look for yourselves.

The early opening on Fridays to tie in with the chip van is proving very popular. Instead of driving home and letting your dinner get cold why not come in and have it while its hot and enjoy a drink at the same time.

The jumble sale that was due to be held on the 15th January had to be delayed due to several of the helpers isolating due to Covid. The new date is February 12th hopefully. Plenty of bargains to be had plus tea or coffee and homemade cake so come down and support your Royal British Legion.

On January 22nd we had the return of DJ Bill Shannon's Northern Soul Disco. It proved a raging success first time so let's hope that this one was equally as well attended.

February Entertainment

5th - Jack's Quiz

12th - Moonrush

19th - Sapphire Duo

26th - Dale Fender Band

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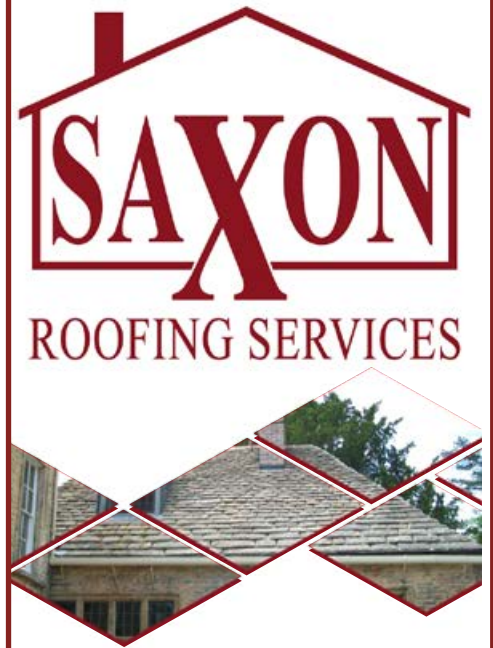
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MARNHULL CHURCHES TOGETHER - LENT LUNCHEAS AND REFLECTIONS

Lent is the forty-day period beginning on Ash Wednesday (2nd March this year) leading up to Good Friday (15th April) when Christians traditionally take time to reflect on the meaning of Christianity and its relevance in the world today. The three Christian Churches in Marnhull, Saint Gregory's Parish Church, Our Lady's Roman Catholic Church and Marnhull Methodist Church, are delighted to announce a return to our tradition of a series of Lent lunches preceded by a half hour reflection led by each of the churches in turn.

The reflections will be held each Friday during Lent in the Methodist Church beginning at 12 noon and will be followed by a light lunch in the Methodist Church hall beginning at 12:30 (except when there is a village lunch in the village hall). Every one, whether a member of any of the churches or not, is warmly welcome to join us for either or both the reflection and lunch. The theme of the reflections will be Forgiveness and Compassion as demonstrated by Jesus Christ as He approached His crucifixion and the leaders plan to include examples of how artists have incorporated these virtues in paintings.

The lunches, consisting of a simple meal of soup and bread, provide an opportunity for further consideration and discussion - and socializing! There will be a free-will offering the proceeds of which will be sent to Christian Aid who are working with the DEC (Disasters Emergency Committee) to relieve the suffering of the peoples of Afghanistan.

Assuming that Covid restrictions and recommendations remain as they are at the time of writing, masks will be worn during the reflection in church and when moving around and tables will be placed according to social distancing in the hall for lunch. If necessary, lunches will also be served in the church.

The dates and leaders are as follows:

- 4th March - Our Lady's (No lunch)
- 11th March - Saint Gregory's
- 18th March - Methodist Church
- 25th March - Our Lady's
- 1st April - Saint Gregory's
- 8th April - Methodist Church (No lunch)

It is a great joy to be able to return to this very popular village tradition and we look forward to seeing all of you.

ST GREGORY'S CHURCH MARNHULL: SERVICES AND EVENTS FEBRUARY 2022

- Weds 2nd - 9am - Morning Prayer for the Parish
- 11am - Holy Communion
- 2:45pm - School Service KS@
- Thurs 3rd - 10am - Coffee Cake and Company
- Sun 6th - 8am - Holy Communion - 4th before Lent
- 10am - Parish Communion
4pm - Family Tea Service
- Mon 7th - 7:30pm - Faith Study Group
- Weds 9th - 9am - Morning Prayer for the Parish
2:45pm - School Service KS1
- Thurs 10th - 10am - Coffee Cake and Company
- Fri 11th - 12pm - Village Churches Together Prayer at Our Lady's RC Church
- Sun 13th - 8am - Holy Communion - 3rd before Lent
10am - Parish Communion
- Mon 14th - 7:30pm - Faith Study Group

- Weds 17th - 9am - Morning Prayer for the Parish
- 2:45pm - School Service on Zoom
- Thurs 18th - 10am - Coffee Cake and Company
- Sun 20th - 8am - Holy Communion - 2nd before Lent
- 10am - Parish Communion
- Thurs 24th - 10am - Coffee Cake and Company
- Sun 27th - 8am - Holy Communion - Sunday before Lent
- 10am - Parish Communion

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COFFEE, CAKE AND COMPANY AT ST GREGORY'S CHURCH

You are invited to "Coffee, Cake and Company", at St Gregory's Church, Marnhull, every Thursday morning from 10:00am to 11:30am re-starting on 20th January 2022.

Everyone is welcome, so why not come along and join us for delicious home-made cake, great coffee and a selection of teas. No charge!

Coffee, Cake and Company started last year in response to the pandemic and has proved to be an enjoyable social opportunity. The change from Fridays to Thursdays mean we can start a bit later in the morning and we look forward to seeing you there.

BISHOP ANDREW'S MONTHLY LETTER



Our days are filled with calls upon our time and attention. Among the least welcome are the cold sales calls that intersperse our day - those anonymous, brief exchanges with callers who address us by the name of a long-forgotten tenant of our home, and with whom no kind of even fleeting relationship is possible. Several

times a week, we might rush from the bathtub, meal table or meeting to pick up the phone, only to be asked whether we are the householder - and feel our heart sink and blood pressure begin to rise.

The poor fools who work in call centres have my pity - only because I was one of them for a while. I was selling advertising for a local newspaper. I found making cold calls so impossibly awkward, I even tended to depart from the usual script and began my sales pitch with 'I'm so sorry for bothering you', 'you probably won't want this', and 'you must feel free to say no, but I have to call you...' Just occasionally, this grovelling approach actually worked, and one could have a proper conversation. I lasted but five months on the job.

Then there are other calls: calls which are so surprising, so welcome, that life seems to open up with their appearance. These little epiphanies can come through the phone - in the good news of a job offer or an unexpected invitation. But, equally, they come in other ways: someone in need, form of a sudden revelation - like a film or piece of music, perhaps, which might fill us with a sense of expectancy, or expresses our yearning so deeply that we are renewed. These kinds of encounters not only inspire us, but they also ask something of us and call us forward into a different way of life.

'Behold', says the risen Christ in the Bible: 'I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice, and opens the door, I will come in, and will eat with him, and he with me.' Scripture invites us to imagine Christ as an unexpected caller: one who will not barge in, but patiently waits for our response. He does not want a minute of our time, or have an unrepeatable special offer, but comes to meet us so that we might follow where he will lead. The Lord's arrival in our midst is the wonder of this season: bearing the light of the world, he calls us forth. As with gladness so many have done before, may we also follow.

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THE METHODIST CHURCH

Church Services

Our Candle-lit Carol Service on Thursday 16th December at 5:00pm was a wonderful occasion enjoyed by many guests from other churches and from around the village. We thank everyone who joined us in this traditional beginning to the Christmas season. We especially thank Stephen Binnington who led our singing so beautifully from the organ. We certainly showed that we can 'make a glorious noise in praise of God' even when wearing face masks!

At present we continue to hold our regular Sunday services beginning at 10am, where we also demonstrate that having to wear face masks can not prevent Methodists singing hymns! Sadly, we have decided that getting together informally for coffee in the hall afterwards is not advisable although, weather permitting, chatting outside on the grass area still allows some socialising.

As explained elsewhere in this issue, we are honoured to have been chosen by Churches Together to host a series of Lent reflections next month. We are hoping very much that it will be feasible to follow these with a light lunch.

Youth Work

For Girls Brigade, the new term started on 5th January and they 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.

Hire the Hall

For more information on hiring the hall, please contact Mrs. Marlene Plowman on 01258 820869.

OUR LADY'S CHURCH



Catholic Church of Our Lady, Marnhull & St. Benedict's, Gillingham
(www.marnhullandgillinghamrc.org.uk) Tel. 01258 820388

Parish Priest: Fr. Francis Straw OSB

Sunday Masses - 9:30am and 6pm (Marnhull) / 11am (Gillingham)

Weekday masses: check the website.

Parish News: Christmas 2021 - The Nativity Scene at Our Lady's Church.



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.

Parish People - Patricia Edward-Jones of Stalbridge died on the 13th December 2021. May she rest in peace.

HMP Guys Marsh: Chaplin: Deacon Michael Turnbull

Contact: michael.turnbull@prcdtr.org.uk

Synod Process - Plymouth Diocese has provided a way for Everyone to take part in the Synod Process by responding to a short online survey. If you would like to give your views directly to the Diocese, just copy and paste this link into your internet browser:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/9MVCQ7M>

Please pass this link on to anyone you think may be willing to do the survey. The diocesan team have produced a second newsletter about engagement with the process throughout the diocese. It will be available on the parish website.

Features: Answers to questions: What does "Synodal" mean? How are we reaching out to the young? How is our journey going? What are we hearing and what will happen next? "A synodal Church, in announcing the Gospel, 'Journey together!' How is this 'journeying together' happening in your local church?"

Welcome the Stranger - An Online Event on Tuesday 8 February from 5-6pm to reflect on the challenges facing migrants and refugees. All are invited to join Caritas Plymouth for an hour of prayer, reflection and discussion.

This free online event will discuss the issues facing refugees, migrants and those affected by modern slavery. We look forward to welcoming guest speakers from the Jesuit Refugee Service and Brigid McEleney-Smith from Companions, Sidmouth who will highlight the amazing opportunities that can be achieved through community sponsorship. The event will take place on Zoom and you can register to attend via the link:

<https://forms.office.com/r/K3uz5LLY2X> or emailing caritas@prcdtr.org.uk.

"In the family we learn to love, to forgive, to be generous and open, not closed and selfish. We learn to move beyond our needs, to encounter others and share our lives with them. That is why families are so important in God's plan." Pope Francis

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MARNHULL COMMUNITY CHOIR

Marnhull Community Choir

Following the Community Choir's successful Christmas concert - Lollipops at Christmas - our members are looking

forward to a new term, which will have started by the time you receive this copy of MM. BUT it's not too late to join if you fancy coming along and giving it a go. Why not let me know so you can come along to a Taster Session, which takes place on the first and second rehearsal of each term. You will be placed next to a more experienced singer who will help you during the rehearsal and share music. If you decide to join at the end of the rehearsal you will be asked to complete a membership form and make a payment for the full term. Enrol ONLINE <https://www.marnhullcommunitychoir.com>

Dates for their Spring Term are Wednesday 19th January to 30th March with the Half Term break on 23rd February at the Marnhull Village Hall from 7pm-9pm. The Summer Term dates are 27th April-6th July with Half Term break on 1st June. There will be no concert at the end of the Spring term, instead we will have a social event on Saturday 2nd April. Our Summer concert, the MCC Queen's Jubilee Garden Party, will offer a medley of British music and one of the best tea parties in Dorset will be held on Saturday 9th July!

The music will be singing includes Phantom of the Opera (SATB), Circle of Life (SABT) (The Lion King), Sing (SATB), Skye Boat Song (SAB), What Shall we Do With The Drunken Sailor (SABT), The Wellerman (unacc. men), Consider Yourself (Oliver), Oom-Pah-Pah! (Oliver), Hail! Poetry (Pirates of Penzance), When I'm 64 (Beatles) and more! It will be a fabulous music programme aimed at entertaining our audience with an opportunity to sing along if they feel so inclined.

COVID precautions As we are all still living with Covid and the risk of infection is still quite high, it is important that we all take adequate precautions to ensure we remain safe. All members and professional staff attending rehearsals must demonstrate that they are fully vaccinated, have tested negative for COVID-19 in the previous 48 hours by taking a lateral flow test, or are exempt from these requirements, before you attend a rehearsal. You will be asked to do this each week until further notice. We will ensure there is plenty of ventilation, that there is adequate spacing between singers and that hand sanitisers are available at the entrance to the Hall. Please do not attend if you have any Covid symptoms, or you do not feel well.

Chris Drake
Marnhull Community Choir
chris@christine-drake.com



MARNHULL AMBLERS AND RAMBLERS

For all who appreciate the countryside, exercise, company, and fresh air. Each month (usually!) there is a Short Walk (Amblers) of about 3 miles and a longer walk (Ramblers) of 4-7 miles. The Short is on the second Thursday of the month, and the longer Ramble is on the last Thursday which may be the 4th or 5th Thursday depending on the month.

Both groups meet at a café or pub where walkers can pre-order lunch if they wish. Amblers meet at 10:30 for 11am departure, and Ramblers meet at 9:30 for 10am departure. Car sharing is encouraged.

Dogs are welcome if the walk leader agrees but they must be kept under control and in accordance with the Countryside Code.

Details of each month's walk appear on the Marnhull Village Website/

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Facebook and via email for those on the mailing list.

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For further information and/or to be added to the mailing list please contact:

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MARNHULL VILLAGE HALL



MARNHULL VILLAGE HALL
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The Management Committee were pleased to see the village clubs and societies returning to the Village Hall following the completion of the building project and the

lifting of restrictions due to Covid-19. We hope you are all enjoying the new facilities in a safe environment.

We would like to thank all those who took part in the chair ballot, which is now progressing following the addition of a chair borrowed from Okeford Fitzpaine Village Hall. Once the final results are available, we will be purchasing the new chairs.

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 10th March.

Jean McErlain
Chair and Secretary

MARNHULL LUNCH CLUB



On Friday 3rd December the guests and volunteers at the Marnhull Lunch Club met for Christmas Lunch. This was the first time the Club had met to celebrate Christmas for two years due to the pandemic.

A big thank you to Gemma and Monty and Team Crown who always produce the meals for the Club, provided us with an excellent traditional Christmas Lunch enjoyed by all. We would also like to thank Atul at Robin Hill Stores for donating the 'crackers' and Peter Newsom-Smith who played the organ and entertained the guests with Christmas Carols.

For those who might be new to the village, the club is open to residents of Marnhull and the surrounding areas and offers the opportunity to meet friends, and make new ones whilst enjoying a two-course lunch with tea or coffee. Lunch is served at 1pm but guests generally start arriving from 12 noon, which gives them an opportunity to chat before lunch is served. If you are not able to make your way independently, transport can be provided to and from the venue.

For more information about the MLC or to reserve a place for lunch please contact: Norval Faro 01258 820058,



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Marnhull Village Care have run a New Comers Party every year up until 2019 and because of Covid have not been able to run one since so this year the need to probably run two (one in late October the other in November) has arisen but will require extra funding so are you willing to help as follows?

We are looking for a limited number sponsors for a small fee who would not only be invited to attend the event but would be given sponsorship credit in any press article so, if you are interested why not give me a call for further details?

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STURMINSTER NEWTON COMMUNITY FRIDGE IN THE EMPORIUM



In December 2020, in the depths of COVID, the North Dorset Community Fridge opened in Sturminster Newton.

It was the first in North Dorset and its opening was inspired by Cllr Millie Earl who had opened four in the Bournemouth/Poole area.

The fridge complements The Pantry, but it is as much about preventing food waste as it is to help people to stretch their household budget. Food that is passing its Best By date is donated by Tesco's, the food is safe, it just doesn't reach Tesco's quality standards any more. The food is collected from the Blandford and Shaftesbury stores before they close and delivered to The Emporium the following morning. As the food is donated, is it free for anyone to take regardless of financial circumstances. As The Emporium is open Monday to Saturday, the food can be picked up on any day. It is fantastic that local allotment holders and gardeners have added to the range of items that are free to take. Flowers and plants are also collected from time to time.

There are now Community Fridges in Shaftesbury and Blandford, so it is brilliant to see that the idea is spreading. The fridge runs, not only with the support of Tesco's through FareShare GO, but also a team of volunteers who collect the donations from the stores and keep the fridge clean and meeting the appropriate food standards.

As usual, any initiative like this is always looking for volunteers. If you are able to collect donations once a month from Shaftesbury or Blandford Tesco on Sunday afternoon, to drop off at The Emporium on Monday morning, or collect from Shaftesbury Tesco on Thursday evening at about 8:30 to deliver on the Friday Morning, please contact Ros Eveleigh on 821049. It is amazing what is donated and it 'all goes', a sure sign of success!

MARNHULL MESSENGER GRANTS - DEADLINE EXTENDED

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

The grants will take the form of donations for specific projects, events or items of equipment. Any Marnhull Organisation, Club or Society is invited to apply and will be expected to make a contribution to the same project. Applications will close on February 28th 2022 and the successful grants will be announced by the end of March.

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

Send your application to Fiona Nelson, Marnhull Messenger Administrator
- email: administrator@marnhullmessenger.org.uk
- tel: 01258 821036

Ian Gall - Chairman, Marnhull Messenger Steering Committee.

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BIKE FOR BOOKS! Just after this edition went to print Ladies of St Greg's will have undertaken their epic journey of 2000 miles in 24hrs to raise funds for our School. It's not too late to donate, we promise a better post ride article for the next edition.

Thanks to all those that have kindly sponsored already. Donations gratefully received at:

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/ladiesofstgregsbike4books>



FESTIVE FUN. It now seems a distant memory, but we wanted to share some of our festive fun with you all. Despite Covid restrictions the school still managed to jingle some bells, sing some carols and pass on some festive cheer to local residents throughout December.

The children made their own Christmas cards for the community, the feedback from recipients has been heartfelt and highlights to us all the importance of connecting at Christmas.



Our annual Santa walk was also able to take place with some singing outside of the SPAR. The whole school along with some parents enjoyed the mild weather and an opportunity to stroll around the village.



Our Christmas celebrations culminated in a lovely heart-warming carol concert outside the school. Many parents attended and were treated to numerous festive favourites and even joined in with a few of them. Special thanks to Jane for her yummy mince pies and Roger for his warming mulled wine, their efforts and parents' generosity helped raise a few £ for the PTFA.

DOG BLOG. We have a new starter at St Greg's - her name is Daisy and she is in training to be our official school dog. Once trained Daisy will assist our children in a whole host of ways, some are listed below:



- Increase children's attention and concentration performance
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- Provide social interaction
- Decrease stress
- Offer a healthy distraction, through exercise
- Increased empathy, learning to share
- Building trust

Daisy will be keeping us all up to date on the school website with a blog very soon, in the meantime here is her tinder profile:

- Daisy is a yellow Labrador
- Born May 2021
- Lives with our headteacher Debbie Field
- Shares her home with Alfie her best friend - 11-year-old chocolate Labrador, horses and pigs
- She loves walks, playing, chasing pheasants, bringing in all sorts of wood/plants/bricks from outside/ most of all sitting on her snuggle chair having cuddles and her tummy tickled.

The children have been enjoying her at school whilst she undertakes her training, she has been out walking and of course has been cuddled.



Hedgehog Blog



LITTLE LITTER PICKERS! Hedgehog class have been out in force collecting litter from our village, New St specifically. This tied in with the whole school topic of Reuse, Reduce, Recycle. As you can see from the photo below rather a lot was collected, they are soon to head to other parts of the village. We are very proud of our children and throughout this topic have been advising their parents on the best way to use the 3R's.

Our new theme this term is Winter Wonderland, we have undertaken a snow dance hoping for the white stuff to fall and enable us to investigate snowflakes and ice. Winter can bring some stunning images and we hope to draw and print winter trees. For Geography we shall be looking at the contrasting environments from around the globe, exploring the South Pole and Antarctica.

In a packed term for Hedgehogs we will also be learning of Chinese New Year and once again the great outdoors beckons with some bird twitching.





Owls on the Prowl

Owls class took great pleasure in filling a whopping 24 Christmas shoe boxes, they are delivered to families in Eastern Europe who perhaps struggle at Christmas time. Thank you for the generous donations.



"EVERY GREAT DESIGN BEGINS WITH A GREAT STORY!"



Our school theme of reuse, reduce, recycle inspired some wonderful designs by Owls class, here they were tasked to use old materials and to fashion them into something new. Here Izzy (left) & Isabella show their finished designs.

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

It was great to welcome back the school community on Tuesday 4th January. The children came into school joyously, glad to see their friends and catch up on their Christmas holidays. Thankfully the wet weather hadn't dampened their spirits! On Thursday the 6th, we celebrated the Feast of the Epiphany and

thought about our hopes for the world this coming year.

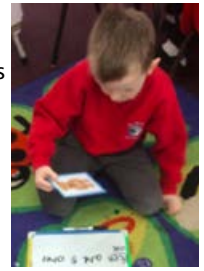
St Mary's Explorers

Explorer's Preschool
We've started the New Year in fine form at Explorers; the children have swung back into action recalling the wonderful Christmas they have had with their families. We are thrilled with the confidence the children are demonstrating. They have a wonderful opportunity to develop their speaking and listening skills as they participate in our daily story time sessions and with their peers in role play activities. This term we will be exploring the world of great railways and trains. The children will be enjoying some classic train stories and re-enacting them with our small world trains. They have already jumped on board the train in our train station role play area. We look forward to hearing more shouts of "All aboard!" as the children immerse themselves in this play.



St Anthony's

The children in St Anthony's have bounced back from their Christmas break with positive attitudes to learning. They have really impressed us with their independent learning, in particular their writing. In English, after reading the story 'The Train Ride', the children collected interesting nouns and adjectives related to what they may see on a train journey. It was great fun exploring language together from the 'tall, towering buildings' to the 'soft, fluffy sheep'. The children are continuing to enjoy the mastery approach to maths, growing in confidence using lots of practical resources. We are looking forward to delving deeper into our 'Trains' topic: in history we will be investigating trains through time; in science we will be discovering how steam was used to power trains and in DT we will be making moving train pictures.



St Mark's

It has been wonderful welcoming the children back to school after their well-deserved Christmas break!

We have been using lots of practical resources within our maths sessions to secure our understanding of addition and subtraction calculations, alongside using a bar model. On Friday, the children were particularly excited as they had the opportunity to use pieces of chocolate to represent the numbers! This practical activity helped them to recognise and understand the relationship between the numbers and the written calculations.



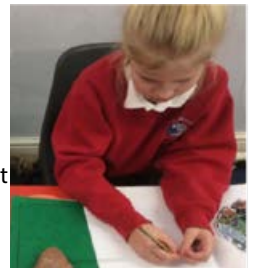
the children have also enjoyed being super scientists this week and have been learning all about magnets, investigation which magnets attract and which repel. The children made predictions as to whether they thought a material was magnetic or not and carried out their own investigations in small groups to find out if there were predictions were correct or not.



Lots of fantastic learning going on in St Mark's class - well done everyone!

St Francis'

Starting off this term, we have been looking at rocks and fossils as part of our new topic "Peering into the Past". This has included different types of rocks and how they are made. The children were very intrigued by the different rocks that they were supplied with during the lessons and how they were all made. We carried the topic of rocks over into our art session. The children were challenged to choose a rock to draw through continuous line drawing. Year 4 were very challenged by this activity, but they all made me very proud with their determination, hard work and optimism towards the activity. The artwork which they provided at the end of the lesson made me very proud to be their teacher and was amazing.



St Alban's

The children, in St Alban's Class, have settled brilliantly back into the school routine as we begin our new topic exploring what made the roman empire so successful. We have also started investigating different materials which has involved: layering liquids, separating substances and making our own bath bombs! We have also enjoyed getting creative with our art - we have been creating our own cubism portraits inspired by Pablo Picasso!



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DORSET'S GREEN FIELDS UNDER THREAT FROM DEVELOPERS



Some 56% of Dorset is designated as Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB), more than any other county in England. Much of the housing proposed in the draft Dorset Local Plan will be built either in or very close to AONB land, changing forever the county's unique landscape and rich biodiversity.

Research carried out by CPRE, the Countryside Charity, reveals that housing that has been approved by AONBs nationally, since 2017/18, is overwhelmingly large executive homes, with only 16% affordable housing. Dorset Council is one of the main authorities regularly surrendering green fields as opposed to brownfield sites.

Natural England and a number of neighbouring authorities are critical of the Dorset Plan. For example, "Natural England considers there is limited scope for major new development within the Dorset AONB above that already allocated." With reference to development at Blandford Forum, they state that "The scale and location of the development will inevitably result in residual adverse impacts on the Cranborne Chase AONB."

By contrast, numerous developers' submissions propose reducing the current protection of AONBs. Wyatt Homes suggests "these sites should not be excluded simply because the village is within the AONB." Persimmon Grainger admit that part of the proposed Dorchester development would have an impact on the setting of the AONB, but promise to minimize any "specific, evidenced reports" by tree planting. Wates Construction request acceptance of "limited" adverse impacts to land and seascape, rather than none.

Rupert Hardy, Chair of North Dorset CPRE, commented:

Dorset Council admits that the public interest test used to justify the release of AONB for major development is necessary to meet its excess housing target and Cllr David Walsh concedes it is 'likely' that protected areas will be affected by development. This means that town and parish councils who believe themselves protected from development are enjoying a false sense of security.

Town and parish councils who responded to the daft Dorset Local Plan, represent 287,000 voters. Of these, 88% do not agree with the plan, which proposes just over 4,500 homes in or within 250m of an AONB.

Dorset CPRE now calls for Dorset Council to acknowledge the overwhelming public opposition to the Local Plan and to accept that its findings put at risk the special areas of Dorset's countryside. Accordingly, we believe it is now timely to revisit the whole Plan, especially in the light of recent statements by Michael Gove, who clearly signalled a shift towards greater recognition of AONBs as meriting special consideration in future development plans.

CONTACT: Rupert Hardy, Chair of North Dorset CPRE Group,
0780 390 7711

NEWS FROM NICK

There are 3 incidents to report since my last article. There was a theft of a number plate from a vehicle that was parked on a driveway, break to the cricket club outbuilding and theft of petrol driven gardening equipment including a mower and 2 strimmers. There was also a report of intruders on a farm - 3 males and a lurcher were seen fortunately nothing was stolen.

Winter Driving

Driving in the winter has its own challenges with the wet weather, fog, snow and ice that can lead to hazardous driving conditions. Use the tips below to help keep you safe.

You can keep yourself and others safe, by:

- Slowing down and driving to the conditions of the road. Is it wet, icy or muddy?
- Keeping a greater distance between yourself and the vehicle in front, (increase the 2 second rule to 4 seconds or even more)
- Setting aside extra time to complete your journey
- Keep your mobile fully charged
- On colder days be particularly careful on tree lined roads - the trees prevent the sun's warmth from reaching the road, which may still be icy when all around has thawed
- Demist and clear frosty/snow covered windscreens. Demist and clear mirrors too!
- Use headlights when foggy and in poor light. Do NOT use fog lights unless it is foggy
- Do not drive through road closures they are there for a reason!

The Highway Code has the following advice when driving in icy conditions. Rule 231 - Drive extremely carefully when the roads are icy. Avoid sudden actions as these could cause loss of control. You should:

- Drive at a slow speed in as high a gear as possible; accelerate and brake very gently
- Drive particularly slowly on bends where loss of control is more likely. Brake progressively on the straight before you reach a bend. Having slowed down, steer smoothly round the bend, avoiding sudden actions
- Check your grip on the road surface when there is snow or ice by choosing a safe place to brake gently. If the steering feels unresponsive this may indicate ice and your vehicle losing its grip on the road. When travelling on ice, tyres make virtually no noise.

Report suspicious activity either to 101 or via the police website <https://www.dorset.police.uk/do-it-online#report>

If you need to report a crime, the web address is above, or you can phone 101. If a crime is occurring or a life is in danger phone 999.

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MARNHULL FEST

Calling all local clubs and societies.

Stall bookings are now being taken for this years fest. Saturday June 4th.

Please email janetdimmack@hotmail.com for a booking form.

And remember all village charities and societies get a pitch for free. So a perfect opportunity to advertise yourselves and even fund raise.

THE FRIENDS OF BLANDFORD HOSPITAL

The Friends of Blandford Hospital will have their warehouse in The Old Builders Yard in Hinton St. Mary open to receive donations between 10:00am and 12 noon on Saturday 8th January and the first Sunday in the month thereafter until further notice.

PIPPA'S GUARDIANS - LOOKING FOR LOCAL HOST FAMILIES FOR OUR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Pippa's Guardians has been providing high quality Guardianship services to international students for over 20 years and understand the value of a good home and how a host family can positively impact on a student's wellbeing.

This year has been very tough for students as some haven't seen their families since they started school in September. Therefore finding good host families is very important to Pippa's Guardians. If you would like to find out more about being a host family please visit: <https://www.pippasguardians.co.uk/host-families/become-a-host-family/>

BLACKMORE VALE ART GROUP

We meet in the Village Hall on the second Friday of every month from 10:30am to 3:30pm.

All standards and levels of experience are welcomed and members work in all mediums.

We plan to hold several workshops each year. For further information call Yvonne on 820247 or email mikyon@aol.com

THE COMMUNITY WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP

Christmas spirit was well & truly alive in Marnhull, as demonstrated recently when local firm AJN Steelstock Ltd of Gibbs Marsh Trading Estate, Henstridge & The Crown Inn, Crown Road, Marnhull joined forces to provide Christmas meals for residents of Ivers House Residential Care Home.

AJN Steelstock Ltd had planned their Henstridge site's Christmas party at The Crown Inn for Saturday 18th December, but regrettably needed to postpone the event at short notice.

However, to ensure that some good could come out of a disappointing situation, AJN Steelstock Ltd together with the team at The Crown Inn adapted the planned event's catering arrangements so as to provide festive meals to Ivers House residents. In all, over 60 turkey & beef roast dinners followed by Christmas pudding were donated to Ivers House residents across the weekend of the 18th-19th December.

Feedback from the team at Ivers House expressed how much the meals were appreciated & enjoyed by all.

Compliments of the season to all concerned & a big 'thank you' for making this super gesture happen.

NEWS FROM THE SPRINGHEAD TRUST

As some of you have not been able to visit Springhead recently, we thought you might be interested in knowing what we have been doing. We were delighted to welcome schools back with over 400 children visiting. Some chose to come for day trips rather than residential visits due to concerns over Covid, but with long days often ending around campfire, children still had the full Springhead experience. Schools tell us that one of the main reasons they choose Springhead is that it helps them achieve curriculum-related learning outcomes, through activities ranging from creative writing to arts and crafts and forest school activities.

Visitors to open gardens and other events, volunteers, and community groups are among those who have been able to enjoy the gardens. 2021 saw the launch of an exciting new archaeology project, which has involved local people and amateur archaeologists in digging test pits and processing finds including Mesolithic flint blades and iron age pottery. New members have joined our regular Wednesday 'Garden Gang', which looks after the ornamental gardens, and we have started a new 'Winter Wednesdays' group that is focusing on the North orchard. Fresh produce grown at Springhead has helped to supply a Shaftesbury food charity and community scheme.



One of our key objectives is to conserve and enhance our buildings and 15 acres of grounds. Alongside the regular maintenance and improvement works, one of this year's challenges has been to deal with urgent repairs needed to the mill building, the hub of our activities. With grants from funders, and generous support from the local community, Springhead's tiled roof has now been replaced and associated works carried out to loft windows, gutters and drainage.



The Springhead Trust was set up by a pioneer ecologist, and Springhead has grown and developed as a centre for sustainability. With fewer visitors, there have been more opportunities to address environmental improvements.

- A range of biodiversity surveys have been carried out to find out about the species at Springhead, such as the Privet Hawk-moth, and help us manage the environment appropriately.
- A survey of birds, carried out by a local ornithologist, revealed nearly 70 species which benefit from the varied habitats.
- Our Productive Gardens Co-ordinator has developed sustainable gardening techniques such as gathering weed from the lake and turning it into compost for the gardens.

We do hope to be able to welcome visitors back to Springhead soon. If you would like to join our mailing list please email me at: friends@springheadtrust.org.uk
Kate Partridge, Friends of Springhead



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UK'S BIGGEST EVER EQUESTRIAN ROAD SAFETY STUDY REVEALS HIGH LEVELS OF RISK AND STRESS



Equestrians and their horses are being subjected to alarming levels of stress and risk according to a new study that was funded by the Department for Transport (DfT) and commissioned by The British Horse Society (BHS).

This is believed to be the biggest ever equestrian safety survey involving over 7,000 participants - with ages ranging from 18 to 97

and with an average of 35 years' equine experience!

Only 3% of equestrians said they never felt stressed/anxious when using roads while 43% did so more than half the time. By far, the main contributors to this stress/anxiety were considered to be the behaviour of other road users (93%) and the characteristics of the road (62%).

Riding, carriage driving and in-hand activities on roads were considered higher risk in relation to all other activities; including eventing or cross-country jumping which was considered more of a moderate rather than high-risk activity.

The study was conducted by Dr Dee Pollard and involved four elements of research: a review of existing published DfT and BHS data, a survey among 6,000 equestrians from October 2020 looking at how frequently equestrians used roads and off-road routes with their horses and what influenced their ability to do so. Also qualitative work-focus groups and interviews, which in turn informed a second quantitative survey focusing on road safety in the summer of 2021 which generated 7,124 responses. What was encouraging is that 98% of equestrians reported using safety measures such as wearing high visibility clothing when using the roads, though only 22% reported using a camera.

Seriously though, 78% of equestrians said they had experienced an incident while using roads with their horse (the majority experiencing more than 10). These were not officially reported at the time. However, in terms of actions, The BHS has launched the Horse i app which equestrians can use to easily report an incident and to help build up an accurate picture of the dangers faced by riders and their horses on UK roads. If you experience an event, no matter how small, then report it please. It will increase our profile within the village and create a database of incidents in and around our area. You can easily download the app. "Horse i" incident reporting. It is very simple to use. Take care everyone and here's to a good 2022.

MARNHULL PLAYERS PANTO GROUP

It is so good to be back thinking about the next Panto. We are in the middle of choosing a script at the moment, hopefully by next issue I will be able to say which panto we will be doing.

We are so excited to crack on and get back up on stage, entertaining you all again. Ideas are already flying around, there is definitely more energy after a year off.

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

More info coming soon, so watch this space.

We look forward to seeing you all soon.

The Committee

MARNHULL MUSIC SOCIETY

Our presenter, John Borthwick, treated us to a very full and varied programme in November. He opened with a rendition of "Apres toi" by the Luxembourgoise Eurovision winner Vicky Leandros, and followed this with the hectic Grand Gallop by Liszt played at breakneck speed by Llang Llang.

A soothing recording of Smetena's "Ystava" followed - rippling, refreshing and crystal clear. A short while later we had another sense of what one can only classify as "purity" with the gin-clear voice of Haley Westrenra singing the Maori song "Pokarekare Ana."

John's programme offered interesting contrasts between vocal styles. Following Haley we heard The London Welsh Male Voice Choir lustily singing "Working Man" and immediately afterwards the more delicate Cambridge Singers with the intricately woven polyphony of a piece by Thomas Tallis. Then, in yet another contrast, we heard The London Gospel Choir with the traditional slave song "Down in the river today."

John hadn't finished with the vocal assembly because the next recording was of Andrea Bocelli singing "Amazing Grace." I found this gallery of voices fascinating and it showcased the enormous variety of sound and colour that is achieved without any other instrument.

After the break John turned his attention to dance, and there followed another intriguing series of recordings all associated with terpsichore. First was Horner's film music "My Heart will go on". John described a video he had seen of Anre Rieu playing in the centre of a huge ice rink while a pair of skaters swirled around him. Next came Tchaikovsky with "The Dance of Cygnets" from Swan Lake, and then the thrilling drive of Ronan Hardiman's "Lord of the Dance" The last piece in this ensemble was "Rock and Roll Kids" by Brendan Graham.

The silky-smooth "Swan" from Saint-Saens Carnival of the Animals was played by Sheku Kanneh-Mason and then came the ever-popular Largo from Dvorak's New World Symphony and a strange transcription of Telemann's trumpet concerto for the pan-pipes. I deduced, from the bemused look on the faces I could see around me, that the jury is out on that one.

John had compiled a very interesting and thoughtful concert, and he imparted a lot of relevant information to his audience.

MARNHULL GARDEN CLUB

Well what a year 2021 proved to be for Marnhull Garden Club. After months of Zoom meetings we finally got back to meetings in the village hall in August when we had an extra meeting with a fascinating talk on Fuchsias! At the September meeting we were enlightened by an officer from the Dorset Waste Management Team. In October we learnt all about Winter herbs from the very enthusiastic Carrie Pakenham and in November we discovered all about The National Garden Scheme.

December arrived and we still had one eye on Covid but we had a wonderful Cheese and Wine evening. It was almost easier when the rules were set in stone and we had to do what we were told!

At the time of writing our January meeting will welcome Chris Francis from Thorngrove. Then we will turn our attention to our AGM in February. This will mark the end of our 40th year which, thanks to Covid, had a distinct lack of celebrations. If all goes according to plan we will all have a glass of wine and piece of celebratory cake to mark this milestone.

Oh and there will be the launch of the next years speaker programme, so watch this space. If you would like to know more about joining the Marnhull Garden Club, please email Bruce11@sky.com for further information.

Thanks, Viv Bruce

Marnhull Garden Club

MARNHULL ENTERTAINS PRESENTS...

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A cast of six set about bringing a group of suspects and sleuths together to discover whodunnit, and how... except four of the actors are stuck in the van by the side of the motorway, and only those two knights of the Theatre, Sir Gavin and Sir Nicholas, have managed to get to the venue; but 'the show must go on!'

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MARNHULL PARISH COUNCIL



January 2022 Newsletter

Dear Villagers,

Your Parish Council hopes that 2022 will be a better year for Marnhull Village as we hopefully finally put Covid-19 behind us.

Village Hall Car Park

It seems we have a few vehicles permanently parked in the car park which sadly is making it difficult for others who are attending functions in the Hall. Please be reminded that the car park is exclusively for Village Hall and Recreation Ground users and is not intended for overnight or long-term parking. Would the owners of these vehicles please remove them to save us looking at closing the gates?

Safer Streets

This project continues but, your ideas to help walkers, cyclists, disabled in wheelchairs, and horse riders, would be appreciated as we work to minimise the impact of inconsiderate car drivers.

We recently agreed with Dorset Highways department two locations in the village for a Speed Indicator Device to be installed. Hopefully you will start to see work commencing on their installation within the month.

Planning

We continue to be active in representing the village through commenting on planning applications, of which there have been plenty in recent months, with the expectation of plenty more to come! At our last meeting

on the 12th January, we agreed an objection to the Butts Close application detailing 7 material planning considerations.

Council Tax Charges

Marnhull Parish Council is acutely aware of the inflationary pressures being experienced by our parishioners. The press is full of doom and gloom about energy prices, supply chain pressures increasing the costs for food and basic essentials and above inflation increases in council taxes.

An element of the Council Tax you pay to Dorset Council is the Parish precept which is used by Marnhull Parish Council to maintain village amenities and ensure our village retains its unique character. We are pleased to let you know that the Parish Council recently unanimously voted not to increase the precept for the forthcoming year.

For a typical band D property, the precept equates to 80.5p per week. To put that into perspective, about a third of a cup of coffee or a fifth of a pint at the pub. The Parish Council's overriding objective is to use this money wisely and deliver value to you as a council tax payers. So, what do we do with the precept money?

The major items within the budget are:

- We maintain the grounds at St Gregory's, at the Recreation Ground and the Village Cemetery, including where necessary maintaining the trees to ensure these are community resources, we can be proud of.
- We provide and maintain playground equipment at our fantastic children's playground.
- We contract to ensure the litter bins are regularly emptied.
- We maintain the car park near the post office.
- We provide the allotments for villagers to rent at very attractive rates.
- We work with Dorset Council on projects such as the provision of Speed Indicator Devices to address speeding on our roads which will be funded by the Parish in 2022.
- We make Community Grants to help local organisations undertake projects that are to the village's benefit.
- We contract expert planning advice to help us challenge planning applications that you, our parishioners, feel are not appropriate to maintain the look and feel of our village.

We hope you will agree that this is value for money for 80.5p per week. We would also like to remind you that you are also very welcome to attend Parish Council meetings that take place monthly in the Village Hall to see local democracy in action, but also to raise local issues that concern you or to raise other areas where we might want to utilise our limited funding to improve village life.

We are looking for villagers up to the age of eighteen who would like a voice to have amenities suitable for them in the village please call our clerk below for details?

THIS IS YOUR VILLAGE WHICH NEEDS YOUR HELP FOR THE FUTURE

The next Parish council meeting is on the 7th February 7pm Village Hall.

Wish to volunteer, make a donation towards safer streets or have any comments / views on the above, if so, ring us on 01258 821231 or go to <https://marnull-pc.org.uk>

HELLO FROM THE HAPPY MEAT CO...



Hello and Happy New Year everyone. We are Dan & Bethan and we started The Happy Meat Co. last year, along with the help of Dan's dad Ken and our 2 mini farmers aged 6yrs and 3yrs. We rear and sell Free range pork, along with grass fed Beef and Lamb, in Fontmell Magna. We live in Marnhull and you can also catch us at School & Village events as we are members of

St Greg's PTFA.

After renting and having to move several times, we finally found land to purchase that would allow us to fulfil some of our farming ambitions. Flat pasture surrounded by wild rose and blackberry bushes, an unmistakable Oak tree, and a glorious sunset. We have wasted no time in making it home for our rare breed pigs, our sheep, and cattle. We never know what excitement or drama will unfold from arriving to find our Sow Ginger and her piglets trotting around outside of their pen merrily helping themselves to the apple stash, to being slapped around the face with a large muddy ear belonging to our sow Gloria. We have so many funny stories and just as many disastrous ones, but we are just so grateful to be outside, with animals of such distinct characters, doing something we love.

After an impossibly tough few years, this New Year brings opportunity hope and excitement for us. The incredibly gruelling dark winter months will soon fade & we will start to see bulbs bursting from the ground & welcome new life to our little farm. Tigger & Coco, our 9 week old kittens are causing havoc already and will hopefully make themselves very useful soon. Our chickens are getting fed up with laying eggs for the naughty rats to enjoy.

An exciting experiment this year will be Rewilding. We will be lending parts of our land to this. We will let you know how it all goes. We will also be erecting a 50ft polytunnel to grow fruit, vegetables and cut flowers for our customers to purchase, something we are very excited about. We are so grateful to our customers for their support and we hope that along with expanding our customer base and giving people the opportunity to taste our produce, we have many other exciting projects for the year ahead.



MARNHULL MUSIC SOCIETY

The Music Society finished it's year with a programme of sacred and secular music accompanied by mulled wine and mince pies. The playlist was compiled by the committee and presented by Alan Loukes. It began with the rumbustious 'In praise of champagne' from Strauss' Die Fledermaus and continued with the ethereal tranquility of the Adagio from Beethoven's 5th piano concerto.

There were popular tunes such as The Little Drummer Boy, sublime Handel with 'Unto us a child is born' from The Messiah, the delicate Concerto Grosso by Corelli, Christmas favourites with the Coventry Carol, more excitement with Queen's 'Don't stop me now,' and sheer lunacy with Stilgoe & Skellern's 'Mrs Beamish.'

After coffee, a quiz and a dip in the brantub for all our members and their guests, we retired for the season full of good seasonal cheer.

We welcome new members to this small but very friendly club and hope to see some new faces when we meet again.

FINDING A LOCAL TRADING STANDARDS APPROVED TRADER

Are you worried about rip-offs and rogue traders? If so then Dorset Council Trading Standards can help identify reliable workers for the job you need doing.

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'Buy with Confidence' covers all kinds of work from plumbing and decorating, to car servicing and gardening, from local business all over the County and beyond.

Our members have been visited in person and audited by Trading Standards officers to make sure they comply with consumer protection laws and more recently with modern day slavery requirements for the added confidence that vulnerable workers are not being hired to undertake work for you.

We take customer references and make sure complaint procedures are in place if needed. In addition, criminal records checks are undertaken for staff who work in or around your home.

It doesn't stop there! Once a business joins 'Buy with Confidence' they are monitored by Trading Standards through customer feedback, complaint monitoring and every three years are re-visited for another audit.

We would always encourage you to choose a Dorset based trader. However, as the 'Buy with Confidence' scheme is also run by all our neighbouring local authorities, then the pool of Trading Standards approved traders is much greater than just those who are Dorset Council approved.

Other trader approval schemes are available but remember, only 'Buy with Confidence' has this level of Trading Standards approval and access to a nationwide database of complaints made by consumers so we can truly vet them.

To find a Trading Standards approved 'Buy with Confidence' trader. Visit the national 'Buy with Confidence' website at:

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where you can search for local traders around your postcode. Alternatively call the Citizens Advice consumer helpline who can search for you on 0808 2281133.



MARNHULL WOMENS INSTITUTE

The Marnhull WI members are a competitive lot. In December it was a quiz and in January it was Kurling. For those who are unfamiliar with this WI favourite Kurling is similar to bowls but is played inside. Participants slide 'stones' from one end of the court (or village hall in our case) to the other towards a circular target. Points are given for how close the stones are to the centre of the target. Four teams were organised, members took their places on the spectators' rows of socially distanced chairs and battle commenced. Varying degrees of skill and competitiveness were demonstrated with efforts to knock opponents' stones away from the centre of the target. With encouragement and laughter from the spectators it was a fun evening amid the covid gloom. The WI meets on the second Monday of the month at 7:30 in the village hall. The next meeting will be on Monday 14th February and include a talk on Julia's House. Visitors and new members are always welcome.

CALLING ALL 17-21 YEAR OLDS



The Marnhull Hub is a not-for-profit social enterprise entirely run by volunteers. Now based at the Village Hall we provide a much-needed focal point for meeting friends with our weekly drop-in coffee morning, recycling point and repair café.

Since moving to the Village Hall the Hub has gone from strength to strength and has provided the opportunity for villagers to socialise safely during these difficult times.

The Hub team also recognises that our efforts to date have not reached all the community. We are acutely aware that the Covid pandemic has particularly impacted young adults. Lockdowns, travel restrictions and online learning have reduced social interaction and impacted a very important period in the young people's lives and development. For many of us the opportunity for us to our older children to travel, experience different cultures or to support community projects in the developing world were something we took for granted and were important learning opportunities that simply have not been an option over the last two years.

So we thought what could the Marnhull Hub do to support the younger adults that are the future of our village to gain valuable life experience as the world opens up again during 2022?

We are very pleased to announce the Marnhull Hub Travel Bursary!

The idea of the Bursary is to provide impactful financial support for one or two young adults aged between 17 and 21 who have lived within the Marnhull Parish boundaries for at least two years to enable them to participate in a volunteering project overseas during 2022. There are several organisations specialising in offering volunteering opportunities covering a wide range of countries and scope, such as supporting community projects (building schools, clean water, literacy, etc), or ecological projects. Proposed volunteering projects will be culturally immersive and provide an opportunity for personal development.

The recipient would be expected to fund a similar amount to the Bursary award from other means (their own funds, fundraising events, or sponsorship) to meet the full costs of the trip. If you are interested in applying for the Bursary please register your interest by sending an email to: sioban@marnhullhub.org.uk and we will send you details of the application process.

In the meantime, the Marnhull Hub, Recycling Point and Repair Café is open for business every Saturday from 10am to 12 noon. Please come along, meet your friends, recycle and repair to reduce landfill, and support us to help our not-for-profit organisation fund community initiatives.

MARNHULL ENTERTAINS

Marnhull Entertains is a group of residents who arrange Moviola film shows most months and occasional Artsreach drama or music events in the Village Hall.

Our treasurer is retiring and we are seeking her replacement. It is not an onerous job and takes about half a day each month. In addition, he/she would attend the odd committee meeting.

For a newcomer to the village it would be a good opportunity to get involved in Marnhull social life. For more information ring Morag on 01258 821186 or Pat on 01258 820458.

MARNHULL FLOWER SHOW

Marnhull Flower Show

The Flower Show committee wishes you all a very safe and healthy 2022 - how are those resolutions going so far? If, like many, you are already flagging, it's not too late to start something new. A new skill is good for the mind and good for the body so put yourself up for a challenge and think ahead. We have a mix of old and new classes in the Hobbies & Handicrafts section that we hope will inspire you to enter.

Were you given a "make your own" kit for Christmas? Or if you love Airfix models, cross stitch, bead jewellery, modelling clay or even soft toys - have a go at creating it and either enter into the completed **"Item made from a prepared kit in either soft or resistant materials"** or this year we even have a **"work in progress"** class - for the ones you don't manage to finish! Don't be shy, you never know, that prize could be yours.

New this year we have included an **"Item made in resistant materials"** - this is working with wood, metal, pottery or glass. If you use these materials then it is the class for you - show us your creations, large or small, we'd like to see them.

Upcycling as we commonly know it or now frequently called re-purposed - has become very popular. This is not a new approach, for generations folk have been 'make do and mend' - be it empty food tins into plant pots, wooden pallets into useful furniture, sheets or duvets into clothes or cushion covers. If you are keen to do your bit for the environment - you can join in with this class - **"Item made using any re-purposed materials"**. To help us judge this though - Just before you start, take a photo to show the original material.

And finally, we also have a welcome return for the **"decorated welly"** and **"handmade card"** classes as well as the old regulars like sewing, knitting, lace making, cross stitch, embroidery, crochet, macrame, applique? We want you all to feel included and that there is a class for you - there is even a **"novice"** class. If your family and friends enjoy what you've made, there is a very good chance that we will too!



We are really looking forward to seeing all your entries in July.

Catherine Turner
Flower Show Committee

Marnhull Village Care

A warm welcome to the Village & Support in our Community



Are you a person struggling either practically or emotionally with everyday life? Do you know someone who is vulnerable and in need of some assistance with shopping, getting to hospital, Dentist or Doctor?

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HAVE YOU MOVED HERE SINCE OCTOBER 2019?

If so, we need to hear from you?

For a number of years Marnhull Village Care has welcomed new people to the village by holding a Social Evening in October. Sadly, as we are all aware since the onset of COVID things have been a bit different however there will be a time when we can again hold social events and with that in mind, we would like you to contact us with the following information.

Names of all those in your household

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Contact telephone number.

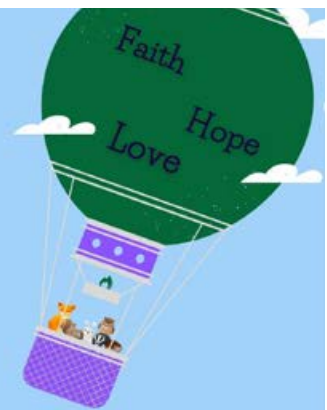
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The Garden Club meets at 7.30pm on the 2nd Tuesday of the most months, in Marnhull Village Hall.
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For further details contact Dave Bruce (Chair) on Bruce11@sky.com

New Messenger Deadline: 14th February

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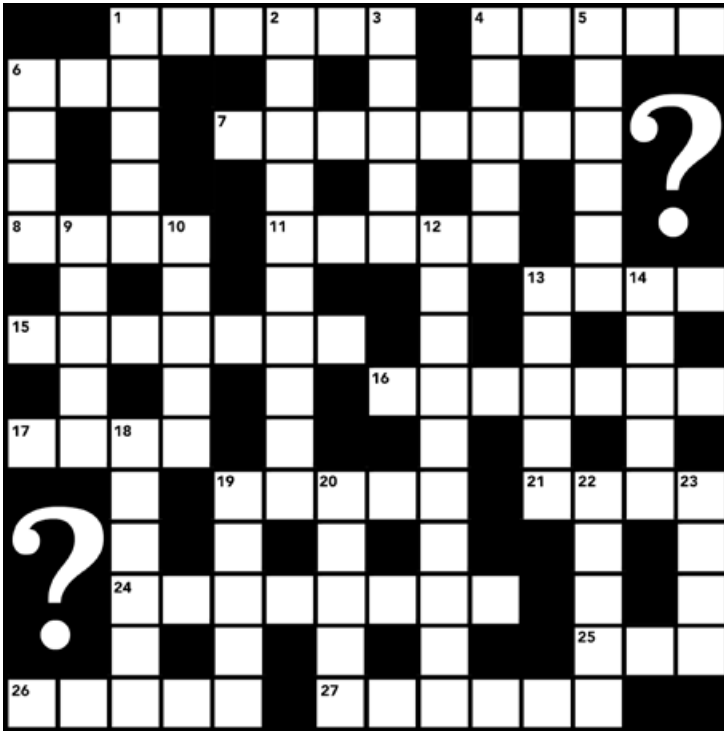
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ACROSS

- 1) The alter ego of comic book character Bruce Wayne. (6)
- 4) French form of bowls played with metal balls. (5)
- 6) Unit of intensity of sound. (3)
- 7) Engraved design the opposite of cameo. (8)
- 8) Playing card with three spots. (4)
- 11) Bacterium found in the intestines of humans and other animals. (1-4)
- 13) Perpetrator of a Biblical fratricide. (4)
- 15) Cheese named after a Somerset village. (7)
- 16) Sea that is the largest inland body of water in the world. (7)
- 17) First name of Indian leg spin bowler Kumble. (4)
- 19) See 21A.
- 21) Canadian singer songwriter former member of the group Buffalo Springfield. (4-5)
- 24) Breed of terrier that originated in a valley in West Yorkshire. (8)
- 25) Unit of electrical resistance. (3)
- 26) Bear like Australian arboreal marsupial. (5)
- 27) Variety of dessert apple with a rough greenish brown skin. (6)

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DOWN

- 1) White stripe down the face of a horse. (5)
- 2) Mediterranean resort whose name means Mount Charles. (5-5)
- 3) First name of crime writer MARsh who was named after a New Zealand tree. (5)
- 4) Type of Pakistani cuisine that is cooked in small two handed pan called a karahi. (5)
- 5) The name for a perfect place derived from the title of a book by Sir Thomas Moore in 1516. (6)
- 6) Monetary unit of Thailand. (4)
- 9) Title given to some MP's. (Abbreviation). (2-3)
- 10) Form of singing marked by rapid alternation between normal and falsetto voice. (5)
- 12) US city nicknamed the city of angels. (3-7)
- 13) Castrated domestic cock. (5)
- 14) Form of Arabic spoken in Baghdad. (5)
- 18) Lizard with a spiny crest along its back. (6)
- 19) Bitter infusion made from the leaves of a South American shrub high in caffeine. (5)
- 20) Mammary gland of female cattle. (5)
- 22) Fungal disease of some cereals. (5)
- 23) Apparatus for making fabric by weaving yarn or thread. (4)

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