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新年好

As we don't have a January issue, I don't really get an opportunity to say "Happy New Year" to you all, but as this goes to print I'm preparing to celebrate Chinese New Year, so I'm using that as an excuse! So I'd like to say "Xīnnián hǎo" (Good New Year) and wish you all the very best of success in 2023, year of the rabbit.

Did you make any New Year's resolutions? If you did, why not send them in to me, or post a comment on Village Facebook group so that we can do an article checking in on them at the end of the year.

I have a few resolutions, mainly work related, but on a personal level I plan on learning Japanese this year. I've been studying Mandarin Chinese for 18 months and enjoying its complexity, but as Mikey (my son) is learning Japanese, I thought I'd also try and pick up a bit of it as a bonding opportunity. **Are there other people in the village studying Japanese?** It'd be great to form a group on Facebook, Discord, etc. You can also add me on Duolingo and learn together even if you're studying a different language.

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

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

Ian Gall – Chairman, The Marnhull Messenger Steering Group.

ANNUAL DIARY 2023

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

FEBRUARY

2nd - Craft Club @10am Methodist Hall

3rd - Luncheon Club @12:00

3rd - The Marnhull Players Panto - The Magical tale of Snow White @19:00

4th - The Marnhull Hub & Repair Café @10am

4th - The Marnhull Players Panto - The Magical tale of Snow White @14:00

4th - The Marnhull Players Panto - The Magical tale of Snow White @19:00

5th - The Marnhull Players Panto - The Magical tale of Snow White @14:00

5th - Blackmore Vale Art Group @10am

7th - Blackmore Vale Art Group @10am

7th - Bridge Club @14:00 Methodist Hall

8th - Tea with Friends @14:00 Methodist Hall

11th - The Marnhull Hub & Repair Café @10am

11th - Jumble Sale @10:15am British Legion

11th - Cat & Mouse @20:00 British Legion

12th - Blackmore Vale Art Group @10am

12th - Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra - Spring Serenade @15:00

13th - Women's Institute - The Work of the Charity Medical Detection Dogs - Joanna Gardiner @19:30

14th - Blackmore Vale Art Group @10am

14th - Bridge Club @14:00 Methodist Hall

17th - Marnhull Community Café @10am

18th - The Marnhull Hub & Repair Café @10am

18th - The Originals @20:00 British Legion

19th - Blackmore Vale Art Group @10am

20th - Marnhull Music Society @19:15pm

21st - Blackmore Vale Art Group @10am

21st - Bridge Club @14:00 Methodist Hall

25th - The Marnhull Hub & Repair Café @10am

25th - The Dale Fender Band @20:00 British Legion

26th - Blackmore Vale Art Group @10am

28th - Blackmore Vale Art Group @10am

28th - Bridge Club @14:00 Methodist Hall

28th - Moviola @19:00

MARCH

2nd - Craft Club @10am Methodist Hall

3rd - Luncheon Club @12:00

4th - The Marnhull Hub & Repair Café @10am

5th - Blackmore Vale Art Group @10am

6th - Lyn's Bingo @19:00 British Legion

7th - Blackmore Vale Art Group @10am

7th - Bridge Club @14:00 Methodist Hall

8th - Tea with Friends @14:00 Methodist Hall

11th - The Marnhull Hub & Repair Café @10am

11th - 2 Foot Moose Farewell Performance @20:00 British Legion

12th - Blackmore Vale Art Group @10am

13th - Women's Institute - My Life on the Fairground - Kay Townsend

14th - Blackmore Vale Art Group @10am

14th - Bridge Club @14:00 Methodist Hall

14th - Marnhull Garden Club @19:00

17th - Marnhull Community Café @10am

18th - The Marnhull Hub & Repair Café @10am

19th - Blackmore Vale Art Group @10am

20th - Lyn's Bingo @19:00 British Legion

20th - Marnhull Music Society @19:15pm

21st - Blackmore Vale Art Group @10am

21st - Bridge Club @14:00 Methodist Hall

25th - The Marnhull Hub & Repair Café @10am

26th - Blackmore Vale Art Group @10am

28th - Blackmore Vale Art Group @10am

28th - Bridge Club @14:00 Methodist Hall

28th - Moviola @19:00

APRIL

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

2nd - Blackmore Vale Art Group @10am

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

4th - Blackmore Vale Art Group @10am

4th - Bridge Club @14:00 Methodist Hall

7th - Luncheon Club @12:00

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

9th - Blackmore Vale Art Group @10am

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

11th - Blackmore Vale Art Group @10am

11th - Bridge Club @14:00 Methodist Hall

11th - Marnhull Garden Club @19:00

12th - Tea with Friends @14:00 Methodist Hall

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

16th - Blackmore Vale Art Group @10am

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

17th - Marnhull Music Society @19:15pm

18th - Blackmore Vale Art Group @10am

18th - Bridge Club @14:00 Methodist Hall

21st - Marnhull Community Café @10am

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

23rd - Blackmore Vale Art Group @10am

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STURMINSTER NEWTON MEDICAL CENTRE



Patient Access

The Blackmore Vale Partnership is now using Klinik as a new way of improving access for patients, which replaces the E-consult service. When the Practice is open, registered patients can submit requests for appointments, medical needs and sick notes, repeated prescriptions, prescription enquiries, nursing appointments, wellbeing support and administration enquires through this system.

From this online enquiry you will get support / services from the right person at the right time, usually the same day. The Klinik system and the clinical triage team together will direct the enquiry to the right team and arrange appropriate appointments. If you do not have access to a computer, the patient care co-ordinator team will support patients through the service by telephone, or via computer screens within the surgery.

Patients and the Practice have already seen considerable improvements in the few months Klinik has been in operation. There has been an increase in response times to patient requests and a reduction in the time that patients experience holding on the telephone. For example, before the introduction of Klinik, on average on a Monday, there were 750 telephone calls, now that has been reduced to 350, as more patients are using the online system. Please use Klinik as your port of call, if you have online access as this frees up the telephone lines, for those that don't.

Over the next few weeks, you may receive a text asking you to take part in a very short survey which will help the Practice to understand how Klinik is working for patients and how it can be improved. We would be most grateful if you could spare two minutes to take part, whether or not you have used Klinik, as we want to understand some of the reasons that people have not used it, as well as their experience of the application. Thank you.

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- £108.10 for 12 months

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Parkinson's Dance

Sessions, led by dance specialists, Carrie Madgwick and Darcy working with people with Parkinson's are taking place at Stour Connect, in Sturminster Newton. These are "fun, and the music really lifts our mood" For more details, telephone 01258 471359 or email sue@eisw.org.uk

Menopause Support



Support Meetings

Abbey View Medical Centre, Shaftesbury

Every 2nd Friday of the month
Between 5pm & 6:30pm

Guggleton Farm Arts, Stalbridge

Every 3rd Wednesday of the month
Between 5:30pm & 7pm



Sturminster Newton Medical Centre

Every 4th Friday of the month
Between 5pm—6:30pm

Any enquiries please email: menopausehelp.dorset@outlook.com

MARNHULL GREEN TEAMS



A new year, and more news from Marnhull Green Teams!

We had a pretty active and - we like to think - successful 2022. Remember the Marnhull Giveaway and Takeaway, Marnhull Talks

Energy, our two Going Solar events, and the Electric Vehicle Show? We supported the sowing of wildflowers, the planting of trees and the installation of cycle racks. 'Green' books were given to the schools and the Jungle Hut. There were talks and walks and visits, and our ongoing projects thrived: the allotment, the orchard, the recycling centre, and the craft, veg & book tables at the Hub Repair Café.

Now we are planning for 2023. Here's a rough plan. Keep an eye of Facebook and future Messenger articles for further details.

- March - an Eco Home event
- 22 April - a second Giveaway & Takeaway (see below)
- April - June - a dawn chorus walk, a wildflower walk, a rewilding farm walk, and a bat walk
- July - we hope to have stalls at the Fest and the Flower Show
- September - another electric vehicle event

There'll be more, of course. Do YOU have a good idea, to add to the list? Let us know if so! You can contact us on (01258) 268714, at marnhullgreen@outlook.com, or via Facebook.

As noted above, we are planning a second Marnhull Giveaway & Takeaway Day, following up on last autumn's successful event. This will be on Saturday 22 April. Once again the event will contribute to waste avoidance and bring unwanted goods already here in Marnhull into new ownership and good use. There will be more opportunities this time for 'givers' to combine their goods and to encourage use of venues which are well located and convenient for 'takers'. It's all about being a village event and to build on this we are hoping to dot refreshment points around the village. The basic principle that no money changes hands remains. However, there will be an opportunity for those who wish to donate to two charities, to be named in due course.

For more information and/or to register your interest please contact John Dowsett on (01258) 821534 or 07825 057543, or at dowsettjohn@gmail.com.

Finally, we are meeting up at the Crown on Tuesday 7 February, for a drink and a chat. You would be very welcome. For pre-dinner drinks come along between 5 & 7pm. If you would like to have the dinner too, after 7, please book that with the Crown direct. Hope to see you there!

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Despite the winter months there's still plenty happening at the courts. We invite all members along to our AGM in March, and there are regular club sessions if you're looking for some fun social play before the season starts in April.

AGM - Tuesday 7th March 6pm at the Village Hall

All members are welcome to attend. This is a great opportunity to hear about plans for the future of the club and the coming season, and to meet your fellow members and committee.

The **New Year Social** held on a gloriously sunny 2nd January was a great success with over 20 members turning up for play on the courts and tea and cake in the Pavilion. A good time was had by all!

Pay and 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 01258 269743 or Chris Gregory on 01258 474646.

Coming up in February

Weekend Club Sessions

Friendly social tennis sessions are held on alternating Saturdays and Sundays giving everyone a chance to play. Check the website for up to date days and times. No need to book, just turn up and play!

Friday Morning Club Sessions

Fridays 9.30am - 11.30am

Continuing throughout the year, these are open to all members and any age and ability. For further information contact Chris Gregory on 01258 474646 or c.j.gregory@outlook.com.

Coaching

Private and group coaching is available from our LTA registered coach Graham Howell.

Contact Graham on 01747 837839 or 07931 584778 for individual lessons.

To keep up to date with all events and news, head to our website.

www.marnhulltennisclub.net

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(from 2009 until 2021)

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Monies raised for the Hall by new management

2021/2022 **£1736**

Figures given at AGM, and available on website.

GILL AND HUGH WHITCOMB

I am looking for Gill and Hugh Whitcomb who previously lived in Sturminster. I believe they have moved to Marnhull. I am told that they live in a house opposite the shop, behind a wall.

I have an aged family member, Jeanette, in Sydney Australia who is wanting to get back in touch with Gill and Hugh. Jeanette did not hear from them this year for Christmas and she is concerned.

If you can help me in this search please contact me at: katbh1@gmail.com

Thank you,
Katriona

TEA WITH FRIENDS

Tea with Friends in 2023 continues to offer the chance of a cuppa, cake and chat on the second Wednesday of each month 2.30 to 4pm at the Methodist Church Hall. **ALL WELCOME.** Next date - February 8th.

LILLIE / LILY TREW

Is anyone in the village able to help me find Lillie / Lily Trew who married John Archer in 1915 please? They lived in Mill Lane in 1919.

email - lynne.fish@hotmail.co.uk
Thank you

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

Second Thursday of the month a.m

Contact for details: Elaine Spencer-White - elainesw48@gmail.com

Longer walk (ramble) 4-7 miles

Last Thursday of the month a.m

Contact for details: Anne Dowsett - dowsettanne52@gmail.com

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION



Our next jumble sale will be on February 11th and we are a little low on donations so if you have something give me a call and I will be happy to come and collect it. You could also leave it in the porch down the Club if you would rather do it that way. The doors will open at 10.15 so feel free to come down and grab a bargain.

On Saturday 11th March we will be hosting 2 Foot Moose's farewell performance as the band is folding up. They have performed at the Legion many times and we are sorry to see them go but proud that they chose us for their swan song. We hope many of you will come and hear them one last time and we have made it a charity night to raise funds to buy a defibrillator to install in the Club. Hopefully it will never be used but be prepared as I was told when I was told when I was in the Scouts many years ago.

Eileen Woodward did a fine job as our Poppy Appeal Organiser back in November. The publishing deadline made it impossible to give details before now but now I can reveal that over the Remembrance fortnight we raised £3,694 and over the whole of 2022 £8,654 was sent to the Poppy Appeal. This year also saw the return of our door to door collectors. We had lost a few but Eileen managed to recruit six new ones, we are still a few short so if you fancy helping out next November give me a call and I will pass your details on.

On Thursday March 25th St Mary's School will be taking over the Club to run a Fund raising quiz. It will no doubt appear in the Marnhull Messenger so look out for details of time and who to contact. Please note though that the bar will be open so do not bring your own drinks.

The 26th June will see the return of Bill Shannon and his soul and Motown disco. It was extremely popular last time so get here early if you want a seat.

February Entertainment

4th Feb - Private Party
11th Feb - Cat and Mouse
18th Feb - The Originals
25th Feb - The Dale Fender Band

6th March - Lyn's Bingo is back

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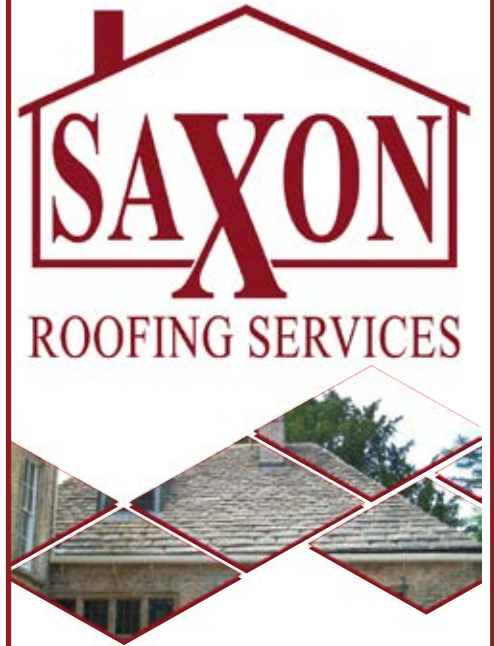
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MARNHULL PLAYERS PANTO

The Magical Tale of Snow White Showtime is here!

Rehearsals are going really well and we are all perfecting our lines, performance and dances. We are all getting very excited ready to perform for you all.

We have some very creative people in our group and they have done such a fabulous job on the scenery and props. We can't wait to show them off.

If you haven't got your tickets then go get them now!

Tickets are on sale **Now**, From Marnhull Spar and Robin Hill store.

The performance dates are:

Friday 3rd February 2023 at 7pm
Saturday 4th February 2023 at 2pm and 7pm
Sunday 5th February at 2pm

Prices:

Adult - £6
Children under 16 - £4

Come along and watch a local pantomime, fun for all the family, there will be a raffle and refreshments available.

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.

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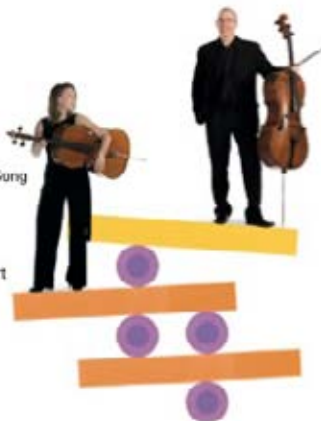
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MARNHULL MUSIC SOCIETY - NOVEMBER/ DECEMBER

The November programme was presented by Bridget Brown, a newcomer to the Society. She began with two pieces by Bernstein, the first a rendition of one of his Chichester Psalms, a rousing choral piece not previously played. By complete contrast, this was followed by a West Side Story soundtrack 'Gee Officer Krupke'. A well known march by Mozart followed and then the beautiful voice of Emma Kirby singing Mozart's 'Exultate Jubilate', a joy to listen to. We were then treated to Rutter's interpretation of Shakespeare's 'Blow, blow the Winter Wind', very apt on the wet and windy night we were experiencing! Next came a lively jazz piece, Gershwin's 'Lady be Good' performed by Django Reinhardt and Stephane Grapelli. This had all our feet tapping! Ending the first half was Rimsky Korsakov's 'Capricio Espanol', a dramatic Spanish flavoured piece with its change of pace interspersed with castanets and loud brass.

After welcome coffee, the second half commenced with MacCunn's 'The Land of the Mountain and Flood', a slow beginning ending in a swirling crescendo, a lovely piece of many moods. By contrast we were treated to Ella Fitzgerald singing Cole Porter's 'I Get a Kick out of You', a nostalgic piece that everyone enjoyed. Mendelssohn followed with his Scherzo, mainly consisting of strings, cello and bass - reputedly written when he was just sixteen!

For those in the audience who thought no programme is complete without Beethoven, there was a real treat listening to the Rondo from his Piano Concerto No.4 played by Vladimir Ashkenazy. A lively ballet extract from 'Les Biches' by Poulenc followed. Grieg came next, a symphonic dance, a calm lilting melody varying in mood and tempo. The evening concluded with Shostakovich's 'Tahiti Trot; Tea for Two;', and everyone went home happy.

Congratulations to Bridget for a very varied and enjoyable first programme, we look forward to her next!

The December meeting is the Christmas Party and a choice of music by the Committee.

MARNHULL HORSE RIDERS



2022 was a changeable year for the equestrian world as we celebrated Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee in June, only to mourn her death later in the year. Her Majesty was the British Horse Society Patron since 1952 and a constant source of pride for the equestrian world.

Undoubtedly, 2023 will present its own challenges and opportunities for horse owners and for all those that love horses and the countryside. We need to continue to be there for each other through the good and the bad times - the rubbish winter weather - the wet, cold, frozen water pipes and the wading through mud times, whether on foot or on horseback. We hope that everyone can achieve the very best outcomes for this year.

This year the Marnhull Horse Riders will be continuing our challenge to raise funds to improve existing routes and open up new routes around the village.

As an equestrian community we thank you for your continued support with what we are trying to achieve in Marnhull and locally, we believe these new routes will benefit the whole community and without you we would not be able to make that difference.



MARNHULL COMMUNITY CAFÉ



We are offering a lovely warm, community space where everyone can relax and enjoy some company.

We have a team of friendly volunteers to welcome you and it's a great chance to meet old and new friends, share interests, eat good cake and chat!

It's been a busy time for us all over the last few weeks and now the dust has settled after Christmas, we are delighted to be re-opening the Community Café doors again in 2023 on the 3rd Friday of each month between 10-12.

We also welcome the Marnhull Green Teams to our café this year. The bins will be open between 10-12 only (while the café is open). Recycling is one small way we can all reduce waste, reuse and recycle items in our day to day lives. If you are not sure about some items, advice will be available to help you.

As many of you may know our Community Café is supported by the Blackmore Vale Partnership Wellbeing Team. This friendly team are on hand at the café to offer a holistic approach to health and wellbeing. They are always happy to chat and advise you on local support groups and services should you need them. Any conversation you have with them is completely confidential.

There is no charge for visiting the café but if you would like to make a small donation that would be most welcome. Please do try to come along. For new comers to the village pop in and say hello - it is a great way to meet new people during the winter months. If you would like to attend but are struggling with getting there, we may be able to help, so please telephone 01258 820484.

We look forward to seeing you on February 17th between 10-12.



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TRAVEL BURSARY PROGRAMME 2023



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

Following on from the success of our Travel Bursary programme in 2022 that helped three local young people participate in very worthwhile projects in Kenya and Croatia we are pleased to invite applications for bursaries for 2023.

The Bursary's aim is to provide impactful financial support for young adults aged between 17 and 21 who have lived within Marnhull for at least two years to enable them to participate in a volunteering project overseas during 2023.

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 a travel 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 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 in Marnhull.

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS - SO COME AND JOIN US!

Now is a great time to join the Friends of Salisbury Cathedral! The Friends' charity, which was founded in 1930 and gives grants for projects at Salisbury Cathedral, has a great deal to be proud of. In the last financial year, the Friends finished paying for the Little Paradise development of toilets, boiler room and storage facilities, and they provided the money for the new level-access entrance to the cathedral. Now they are embarking on the funding of a project to replace the cathedral's exterior and interior lighting with LED units, which will greatly reduce the building's energy consumption and save thousands of pounds. During the pandemic, the Friends funded live streaming equipment, enabling services to be broadcast live to those isolating at home. With a New Year upon us, now is a good time to join the Friends so that the charity can continue to fund projects for years to come. Subscriptions are £25 for a single membership and £40 for joint membership. Members receive free entry to the cathedral*, our newsletters and annual report Spire, and invitations to our programme of events. And the Friends have a gift membership scheme, so if you are stuck for an idea for a present, Friends' membership could fit the bill. Please join us, so we can help to preserve our cathedral for generations to come.

*Excluding cathedral ticketed events, concerts or parking.

MARNHULL ENTERTAINS - SPRING PROGRAMME

We have an exciting and varied programme of events for the Spring Season. Please look out for posters and flyers around the village for details. Tickets will be available at Robin Hill Stores and Spar, Marnhull as well as online and from Pat Budden for the Artsreach events.

- Sunday, 12th February - Artsreach - B.S.O. Ensemble "Spring Serenade" Marnhull Village Hall at 3.00pm
- Tuesday, 21st February - Moviola Marnhull Village Hall 7.30pm
- Tuesday, 21st March - Moviola Marnhull Village Hall at 7.30pm
- Friday, 24th March - Artsreach - Neil Maya Quartet "Cartoon Jazz" Marnhull Village Hall at 7.30pm
- Tuesday, 18th April - Moviola Marnhull Village Hall at 7.30pm

MARNHULL FLOWER SHOW

Marnhull Flower Show The Flower Show is on Saturday 22nd July.

While writing this month's article, the rain is pelting down, so it is the perfect time to be indoors and if you are lucky to have a quiet moment, to be "making things". Last summer the visitors and our Hobbies & Handicrafts Judge were overwhelmed with the quality and variety of your beautiful entries, so with just a few tweaks to the classes we are hoping to again amaze them with your entries at this year's show on Saturday 22nd July 2023.

Marnhull has lots of very talented crafty folk, some making it their living, most just for pleasure, and some just thinking of trying or learning a new skill. With Art classes, Men's Shed, Craft Clubs and Knit & Natter groups, we know that there are lots of wonderful items made and hope that you will share your creations with us at the show.

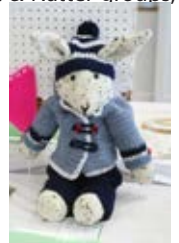
There will be separate classes for you to enter items of, cross stitch or tapestry (including counted thread work), knitted, crochet, macrame and embroidery. If needles, thread or wool aren't your thing, maybe enter a handmade card, or a picture (not painted, those are entered in the Art section) but using other techniques (e.g. collage, applique, paper crafting) entries will need to be hung for display. If that sounds too daunting, maybe the smaller jam pot cover. We look forward to lots of entries in the soft toy class.

If none of those are your bag, there is also a class for something made in resistant materials (e.g. pottery, wood, metal...)

We have also introduced a class for a machine-made article, for example made on a lathe, sewing or knitting machine.

Finally, if you have recently moved to the village, Welcome! Please don't be shy! We have a novice class for those entering for the first time and another for those projects that didn't quite get finished in time (we all have those "work in progress"!

We are really looking forward to seeing what you have made this year.





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THE METHODIST CHURCH

As 2023 begins with strikes, war and rotal revelations I still wish you a very Happy New Year! Another twelve months gone and already the new year seems to be gathering pace at an alarming rate - is that part of growing old I wonder, time whizzing by?

However, 'LOOK BACK & THANK GOD - LOOK FORWARD & TRUST GOD' As well as trying to trust in general, I'm trusting and looking forward to seeing the daffodils and tulip bulbs I planted start to push through and flower as long as the slugs haven't had a feast. Don't go there, I'm sure they will appear in all their finery to cheer us along.

Let us all hope and pray that 2023 will be good. Let's pray especially that the war in Ukraine reaches an end with Ukraine re-united and Russia back behind its pre-war borders. We have troubles in this country, as other countries do, but they pale to a shadow compared to what the Ukrainians, and the Russian fighting soldiers, are living through which should, perhaps, give us pause for thought.

Wishes For A New Year

Brush away old heartaches.
Learn from your mistakes.
Another year is finally over.
A new dawn awakes.
Make your New Year wishes
As simple as you can.
Pray for peace and love.
Pray for health and happiness.
Pray for your fellow man.
Pray for all the ones you love.
And for those who've lost their way.
Leave the old and embrace the new..
And may God's love stay with you.

The Candle Lit Carol Service - was held before Christmas, was well attended. The collection was donated to the Salvation Army who so such good work, so thank you for your support.

Our Covenant Service - was held on January 8th with the congregation from St Gregory's Church joining us for the service and refreshments afterwards. It was lovely to welcome everyone and to catch up with friends, some of whom we hadn't seen for a while.

CHURCHES TOGETHER LENT TALKS AND LUNCHES - these will all be held in the Methodist Church and the Methodist Church Hall starting at 12md on the following Fridays:
24th Feb, 3rd March (no lunch), 10th March, 17th March, 24th March and 31st March.

Everyone is very welcome to come along to any or all of them.

Gillian

LENTEN LUNCHES - WHAT IS IT ALL ABOUT?



Every year, all over the country, churches come together in Lent to share a simple meal together, to pray for the marginalised and the needy and to discuss common perspectives on a chosen theme. Standing together in solidarity, they provide an active witness to the Gospel message of love of neighbour.

This year's theme is 'Pilgrimage'. Talks on this fascinating subject will be given each Friday during Lent at 12 midday followed by a communal light lunch, the proceeds of which will go to supporting those affected by the war in Ukraine.

The first talk begins on Friday 24th of February 12mn in the Methodist Chapel, Pilwell, Marnhull (opposite the garage). These interesting talks and lunch will then be held at the same time and place for the following five Fridays.

All are welcome so please do come along.

(NB There will be no lunch on 3rd March.)

FROM REVD ANGUS MAYHEW, ST GREGORY'S CHURCH

For the first time in my life, I've been asked to teach - at Gillingham school. I'll teach four GCSE lessons on how Christians live out their faith in the community.

It is a precious opportunity to engage with these young people. What would you want to teach them? And what would you tell them about how you live out your faith? Well, I'm really excited to spend time with these people. Young people are always inquisitive and pushing boundaries. Whilst this can be a cause for concern around anti-social behaviour, the reality is these people are serious about their environment and caring for each other. We mustn't forget the age group who bravely try new skateboard tricks and who enjoying partying together on our city streets are the same people who flew Spitfires in the Battle of Britain. We needed their energy then and should treasure it now. However, I think this particular generation of young people are a unique generation from whom we can learn even more. Children and young people today are the first people ever to have access to information without control. They literally have the information of our species and world in the palm of their hand via mobile phones and internet search engines. Gone are the methods of controlling information through education, churches, and those in authority. This generation is liberated from all that control and editing. And because they are inquisitive, I think we should expect some uncomfortable challenges from them about the decisions we have made for ourselves and our community. For me, the most important benefit of listening to our young people is to see what God is doing in their lives. Our faith says that God is with us all. 'And remember, I will be with you always, to the end of the age.' (Matthew 28:20)

Christians accept this continual presence from God and it comes with its own beautiful theology: *missio Dei* - the mission of God. Put simply this is God's interaction with the world. In Christian mission we are asked to find out where God is working in the world and to join in. This is not a polite platitude, a gentle nose-gay of our faith. It is a radical point of meeting our living God among us and recognising that God is active in our world and deeply interested in it. Therefore, we are not believers in a dying faith and an absent God. We are journeying with a radical, present God who may ask us difficult questions and challenge our routines and practices. It is our joy to follow him into the unknown with the single-minded delight of his love for us. Christ made clear his views on children: 'whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me'. (Matthew 18:5) I can't wait to learn from them!

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BISHOP'S LETTER FOR FEBRUARY



Time for God

I write this on an early wet dark evening in January. Candlemas marks the end of the Epiphany season and lights are once again lit reminding us to rekindle our faith as we enter the season of Lent. There are many challenges we face, as individuals, as churches and as a nation at this period in our history and it often feels like the light we are called to be is diminishing as we frantically try to fan the flame and remain forever hopeful.

Emmanuel, God with us, that we celebrated at Christmas however continues to walk with us, to bear our burdens and lighten our path. It is that companionship that keeps us going as the days lengthen and springtime appears. Jesus, our friend and companion is a powerful image - sharing life together with a friend involves vulnerability, conversation and time. That is what God longs for us. The Christian promise is that we never face hardships alone, and there are plenty of reminders of God's faithfulness around us. Our Church buildings reflect centuries of prayer and worship, our beautiful landscape reflects a glorious creator, and our Christian witness can reflect good news.

This month set aside time for God, spend time in church or taking a walk with a new awareness that Christ is alongside you, and is interested in you, share your concerns in prayer and listen. As a diocese we are currently listening and praying for a hope filled vision to take us into the future and we want everyone to be a part of that. Share together what you think God is saying about the challenges, and share it with us bishops too (drop us an email). Together we prepare to walk a Lenten journey, a journey in which we hope to discover new things and actively rekindle that friendship with Jesus we so often take for granted.

Bishop Karen

ST GREGORY'S C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL



BACK TO IT.

The Spring term is now in full swing and with it comes a sense of optimism for the brighter, warmer times ahead. Within the school however brightness and warmth are a constant. The children impress and inspire us every day with their ever-growing abilities and enthusiasm. Teaching and nurturing these bright young things are truly a privilege.



M12K IS BACK.

Our big annual fundraiser is back and once again we are expecting a large number of runners to pound the lanes from Marnhull to Fifehead and back again. 16th April is race day and we will once again have some kids races as well as hot food and more besides. Further details can be found on the school website: <https://stgregorymarnhull.dorset.sch.uk/m12k/>



SCHOOL TRIPS.

At St Greg's we try and enable as many school trips as possible. Often transport costs are the barrier but thanks to our PTFA funding the whole school visited Salisbury Cathedral, we found it resplendent in Christmas décor.

The sun was shining brightly and set the scene for a wonderful experience to share with friends.

We discovered the meaning of wreaths, evergreen and everlasting and made some wreaths of our own.

PANTO.

Christmas would not be the same without a trip to the pantomime. This year we were fortunate to see Sleeping Beauty in Weymouth, the trip was in no small part thanks to the generosity of Dikes of Stalbridge and their generosity in partly subsidising the trip. Parents, children and staff are hugely grateful for this support.



YULETIDE.

Christmas is already a distant memory for most of us however it is worth reflecting on what a busy vibrant time it is at the school. Our annual Santa walk is a treat for everyone, especially on a crisp sunny day like we enjoyed. Santa led us on a tour of parts of the village with Daisy (our School Dog) perhaps playing the role of Dancer. The staff at the village pharmacy lent us their ears as they listened to our rendition of the 12 days of Christmas. Adding to the fun we were delighted to have Jungle Hut join us for our jollies.



A SING-SONG AT THE HUB.

A thank you to the Hub for inviting us down to perform some of our Christmas hits. Mrs Williams led Parker, Harriette, Lily, Martha, Neri, Eve & Amy with some parents helping out. A packed-out village hall enjoyed the festivities and with the smell of mulled wine and mince pies adding to a lovely morning.

IT'S WINDY AND WET; MUST BE TIME FOR CROSS COUNTRY!

Our children use the cinder track at St Greg's each day, we view exercise as crucial in the development of our young folk. Perhaps it is no surprise then that our girls team came first at a recent inter-school cross-country competition. Leila, Daisy, Rosie & Parker showed the opposition a "clean" pair of heels in the relay event. We are extremely proud of the team, and we hope to see more runners develop.



HEDGEHOGS YEAR 6 BUDDY READING!

We are aware of how the younger children such as Hedgehogs class look up to the eldest (Foxes) children in the school. Year 6 lead by example in all that they

do at St Greg's. Each fortnight Foxes children team up with Hedgehogs to help them with their reading. There has in recent years been a real focus on reading at St Greg's and this buddy system will help safeguard all of that hard work.

BANGING THE DRUMS!

Pound is an exercise class that is growing in popularity fast. It consists of music, drumming, cardio and strength training, throw in a bit of Yoga and Pilates and you get some idea of how fun and beneficial it can be. Not all children take to exercise with enthusiasm, so we are always striving to make things more interesting and dynamic, pound fits the bill perfectly.



TO INFINITY AND BEYOND!

Our new topic is Moon Zoom which has really caught the children's imagination. As you can see, we have our own space rocket and space station (take note Messrs Musk & Branson).

Our setting would not be complete without moon dust and rocks. We took part in moon bouncing and the collection and examination of lunar rocks. Our intrepid space travellers eventually returned to Earth in time for snacks, astronauts do need to keep their energy levels up didn't you know!



OWLS

SPOT THE LOCAL ATTRACTION.

Owls class have been street detectives last term and they have now put their forensic skills to excellent use in creating these fabulous local buildings.



BADGERS

SHOOTING STARS.

Back in December class enjoyed a field trip to Winchester Science Museum. A fun action-packed day followed as first up we explored the Planetarium learning about the planets and constellations of our solar system. Following lunch, we explored the space themed exhibits; this was a very hands-on experience and lots of fun. Our day concluded with a space-themed science workshop led by a member of staff from the Science Centre. This was a trip that really captured the imagination and is exactly the reason we try so hard to pay for field trips as they are the events that often have the most impact.



MARTHA'S MONTHLY MESSAGE.

Hi everyone, Happy New Year! December was such a busy month with lots of interesting things for us to do and learn about. We've done a lot of work about World War 1 which included learning about the Archduke Franz Ferdinand of Austria (pictured) who was assassinated by Gavrilo Princip, we've read Private Peaceful by Michael Morpurgo which was a really sad book about what it was like living in the trenches during World War 1. We also had the chance to visit Bovington Tank Museum to experience the 'Tommy in the trenches' exhibit and we saw the tank which was used in the film War Horse. In the build up to Christmas we had lots of fun activities and events at school including a family quiz night, family movie night where we watched 'A Boy Called Christmas' which is a really good film. Mulled wine was served for the adults along with mince pies and of course popcorn! Our whole school Christmas performance was called Hosanna Rocks which we performed to the community and parents at St Gregory's Church with Rev. Gaynor and Rev. Angus. Some of us also performed a few songs at the Community Hub on the Saturday after school finished. We were lucky to receive some chocolate Santa's afterwards. This year's pantomime trip was to Weymouth Pavilion to see Sleeping Beauty. The 2-week Christmas break has been amazing, and we have all enjoyed having some time out of school. Hope you're all beating the January blues and I will update again on what we've done next month, Martha :)



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16/04/23



M12K IS BACK

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JOIN THE FUN
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ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



The children at St Mary's continue to work hard this Spring Term. As you can see from their teachers' comments below, they are enjoying their new learning and are developing a deepening understanding of the world we live in, both past and present.

St Mary's Explorers

Explorer's have been doing a bit of globetrotting this term. They have visited both poles and learnt about the animals that live there. The children have really enjoyed exploring books with a penguin or polar bear theme. They were surprised to learn that even though we often see penguins and polar bears together in books they will never meet. It has been a great opportunity to get the globes out and see how far apart they live.

Our children continue to enjoy daily number activities, this term we have been learning to subitise up to 5. This is the ability to recognise a number of objects without counting them. It supports the children's ability to see numbers within numbers and will support their calculating skills later. It's so lovely to see the children enjoying and feeling confident when manipulating numbers.

St Anthony's

In Science the children have been observing seasonal change. They are paying particular attention to the trees and can confidently identify evergreen and deciduous trees. They have learnt and are using the correct vocabulary to describe the different parts of a tree.



In Geography the children have been exploring globes and Atlases. They have learnt to name the seven continents and will now be focusing on the polar regions. A great opportunity to share one of our favourite books, 'Lost and Found'. The story of a lonely penguin from the South Pole and his friendship with a small boy. The children have had fun retelling the story in their small world area.

St Mark's

In History, this term, the children have been learning about The Great Fire of London. They have compared what life was like in London during 1666 with present day London and enjoyed finding out about how smelly it would have been as there was no indoor plumbing then! It was interesting to find out how close the houses were then - a contributing factor for why the fire spread so quickly.



In English, the children have been applying their historical knowledge to writing their own diary recount of the events of the great fire. Their language choices have been brilliant!

St Francis'

For music, this term, the children of St Francis' are very lucky to take part in a ten week music technology programme by Dorset Music Service. The children had their first session with Shawn Keys on Tuesday and thoroughly enjoyed it. They will be learning how to use different tools to create their own compositions as well as exploring various aspects of music theory. This will be done through different games and activities. By engaging with this programme, the children will have lots of opportunities to develop their musical skills through technology. Along with all of the amazing benefits, it is LOTS of fun.



I look forward to seeing the children progress over the next ten weeks and listening to their compositions at the end of the programme.

St Alban's

The children have been exploring and investigating different materials and the different methods we can use to separate them depending on their properties. The children have worked hard to predict, plan and carry out their own investigations.

Our topic, for this term, is The Ancient Shang Dynasty which the children have enjoyed comparing to other known empires. They have also been reading 'The Firework Maker's Daughter' which has inspired them to write some brilliant diary entries and descriptive writing.

NEWS FROM THE NICK

There are no incidents to report since my last article.

Scams

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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 that 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/contact>

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. Mandy ROBINSON PCSO 5352 Sturminster Newton and Rural NPT Email: northdorsetruralnpt@dorset.pnn.police.uk

NEW FROM TRADING STANDARDS: BUY SAFE

A survey by the Chartered Trading Standard's Institute found that many people did not understand what to look out for to make sure that the goods they bought online were safe.

Counterfeit perfumes have been found to contain dangerous levels of methanol, which can cause irritation to the skin, eyes and damage the nervous system. Counterfeit toys have been found to contain illegal levels of phthalates, a plastic-softening chemical that can cause cancer, asthma and fertility problems.

Toys and other electrical items which are operated by lithium-ion button or coin-cell batteries are also a particular concern; by law they must have lockable battery compartments, because if a button battery is swallowed by a child it can cause serious internal injuries.

Products such as electronic scooters that use lithium batteries also pose a risk to safety, and there have been several recent cases of these devices catching fire while charging. Poor-quality chargers have also been known to cause electrical shorts, which can lead to house fires.

Consumers are urged to:

- Only shop at reputable retailers, as not only does this increase the likelihood that the product will be safe, but it also means that you will be entitled to a refund if there is a fault.
- Don't always trust online reviews, these can easily be faked.
- Look for the UKCA mark on products such as toys, electrical goods and cosmetics. This ensures that the product has been tested to comply with safety standards.
- Make sure toys and other goods are suitable for children by checking the age range of the item, and never leave a child unattended with a toy that contains small parts.
- Ensure that any item that uses button batteries has a lockable battery compartment.
- Do not buy fakes or counterfeits, it funds criminality, can be poor value for money and is a serious potential safety risk.

If you have seen or have bought something that you think is unsafe, then report it to Trading Standards, by calling the Citizens Advice consumer helpline on 0808 2231133.

MARNHULL WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Our Christmas party was a convivial gathering with eats, drinks and a short entertainment programme by the Drama Group. In February our speaker is Joanna Gardiner and her talk is entitled "The work of the charity Medical Detection Dogs."

MARNHULL MUSIC SOCIETY

The Music Society finished off the year with our traditional Christmas party. We had mulled wine, mince pies, a quiz or two, a bran tub and a programme of seasonal music presented by Mike Wilkins. As usual, the committee had chose sacred pieces for the first half of the concert and secular party pieces for the later stages. In January we have a programme compiled by David Goddard, and we welcome any newcomers to the village who enjoy an evening of mainly (but not exclusively) serious music.



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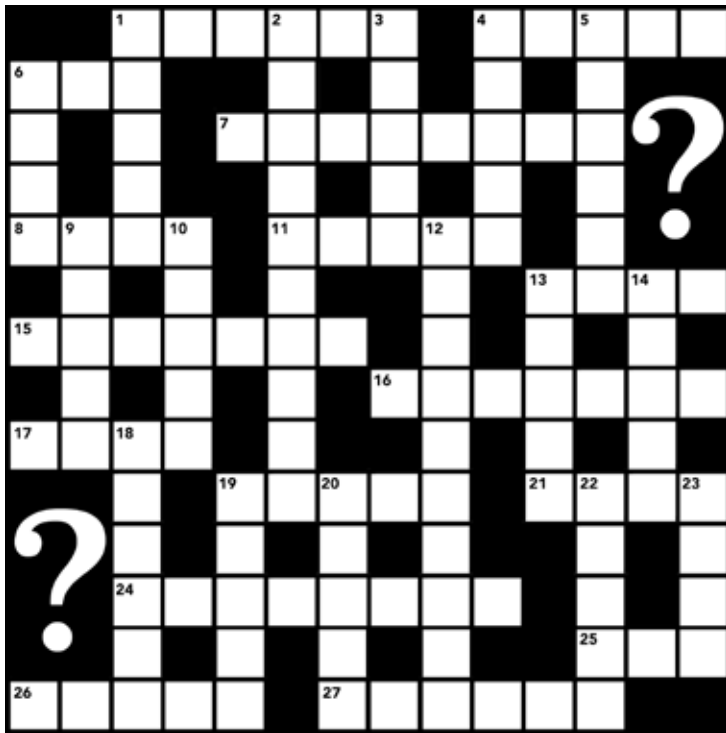
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ACROSS

- 1) Small South African antelope. (6)
- 4) Island country whose capital is Valletta. (5)
- 6) Former French coin. (3)
- 7) Capital of the Canadian province of Alberta. (8)
- 8) Highest hereditary title in Britain. (4)
- 11) Final and fully developed stage of an insect. (5)
- 13) In Greek mythology a river between earth and the underworld. (4)
- 15) Damaging immune response by the body to substance. (7) 16) Most senior commander of a fleet. (7)
- 17) Short billed northern sandpiper. (4)
- 19) Edible bulb used as a vegetable. (5)
- 21) Stake put up by a player in poker. (4)
- 24) Ornamental climbing plant of the buttercup family. (8)
- 25) Electrically charged atom or molecule. (3)
- 26) First name of Miss Thunberg the Icelandic climate change activist. (5)
- 27) The dark blue dye obtained from a plant of this name. (6)

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DOWN

- 1) Hungarian inventor of a famous puzzle. (5)
- 2) Terrier that is named after a town in Northumberland. (10)
- 3) Basic monetary unit of Sweden. (5)
- 4) Underground railway system of Paris. (5)
- 5) Mainly brown and grey finch. (6)
- 6) Establishment where animals are kept for breeding. (4)
- 9) Cavalryman armed with a lance. (5)
- 10) Winner of 18 Ladies Grand Slam titles in the 1970's. (5)
- 12) Ship in which Francis Drake circumnavigated the world between 1577 and 1580. (6-4)
- 13) One of the three main gods in Hinduism. (5)
- 14) Single celled fungus that converts sugar into alcohol. (5)
- 18) Person given the gift of prophesy by the gods. (6)
- 19) Last letter of the Greek alphabet. (5)
- 20) Citizen of Baghdad. (5)
- 22) New Zealand crime writer whose first name is also the name of a New Zealand bush. (5)
- 23) Poetic name for Ireland. (4)

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