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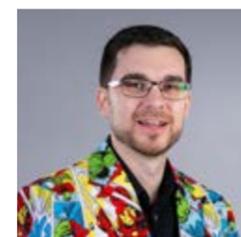
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It takes about 40 people, all of whom are volunteers, to collate and deliver The Marnhull Messenger to every home and business in the village. We are extremely grateful to this dedicated team, without whom the magazine simply would not flourish.

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.



**WELCOME TO YOUR
MARNHULL
MESSENGER**

CHRIS RYU
Messenger Editor

WELCOME TO YOUR NEW LOOK MESSENGER

Mixed feelings today as I send this to print. We've opened the superhero shop for the first time since lockdown began in March. It's exciting as we've hired some new starters during lockdown and I can't wait to see how they settle in to the "new normal", but at the same time, we're cautious and everything is different now.

There's been some movement on the high-street today, people are coming in and making purchases :-). It's quite strange for us as it's only during days like today that you notice the real difference between shopping local and shopping online. Obviously as a web agency, we're well versed in selling online and actively encourage it, but when someone buys a new gadget in the shop, or asks us to repair their computer we like to go above and beyond. It's only when you try to do this with social distancing that you realise how difficult it is!

A huge thank you to Adam from my team at Dorset Tech for helping put this issue together as there's no way I'd be able to do it without him.

NO ISSUE NEXT MONTH

A reminder not to be concerned when you don't receive a Marnhull Messenger next month, August is always a "month off". Thank you to the volunteers that are distributing this issue!

NEW EDITOR REQUIRED

Just a reminder that I have decided to step down from my role as Editor of the Messenger after 5 fun years and a replacement is being looked for. I'll be staying on as webmaster to do my bit for the village.

Naturally I'll still be on hand to help village causes and help the new Editor find their feet! Thank you all for your support in the last half-decade! If you'd like to become the new editor there are more details on page 20 ;-)

**SUBMIT YOUR EVENTS INTO
A LIVE CALENDAR**

On the messenger website and they'll be added to this diary in the next issue!

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FROM THE SURGERIES

As you can imagine, at the time of writing this, it's impossible to anticipate what the situation will be like in a few weeks' time. However, the Practice is monitoring the situation daily to ensure that both patients and staff are kept as safe as possible.

Some building work is being undertaken at Marnhull to section off part of the building so that they can continue to see, treat and examine patients displaying Covid 19 like symptoms but also, open up the rest of the building for more routine work. This should be finished by the end of June.

At present Sturminster will remain an administration centre only, but it's hoped with the changes at Marnhull, the Practice can start to offer more routine appointments safely to patients.

All patients will continue to be triaged before being offered a face to face appointment. This to ensure that the highest standards of infection prevention and control are maintained.

Managing Partner Jane Dawes added – "We would like to thank all of our patients for bearing with us during the pandemic. You have coped admirably with the myriad of changes that we have had to implement and we thank you for your patience and kindness during this time."

For the latest information about the current situation, please access the Practice website – <https://www.blackmorevalesurgery.co.uk/>

FACEMASKS AND PPE

On the 11th May the Government advised people to wear face coverings in enclosed spaces when social distancing, on public transport or in some shops.

Face coverings such as handmade masks and scarfs do not replace the need for social distancing or handwashing. Evidence suggests that wearing a covering does not protect you. However, if you are infected but have not yet developed symptoms, it may provide some protection for others you come into close contact with.

A face covering is not the same as personal protective equipment (PPE) or medical devices such as surgical masks or respirators used by healthcare and other workers. This equipment is heavily regulated, designed and manufactured to be worn for protection against one or more risks to that person's health or safety.

As a result of the current COVID-19 pandemic there has been a huge increase in demand for PPE products both commercially and by consumers. Unfortunately, this has led to a rise in the number of illegal PPE being sold. These products can often be dangerous and unsafe, or come from supply chains without traceability back to a manufacturer's technical file to show it complies with our law.

Trading Standards are responsible for the enforcement of PPE sold to consumers. As a minimum PPE masks should bear-

- a name, trademark or other means of identification of the manufacturer or supplier
- Product code
- a CE mark

- four digit Notified Body number
- bear the appropriate class (FFP1, FFP2 or FFP3) - please note only FFP3 can provide protection against Covid-19.
- reference to standard EN 149:2001+A1:2009
- state whether is single use (NR) or re-useable (R)
- accompanied by instructions in English

If anyone believes PPE or other goods are not safe or not as described report it to Dorset Council Trading Standards by calling the Citizens Advice Consumer Service at <https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/consumer> or by calling their new freephone number 0808 223 1133.

NEWS FROM THE NICK**COMBATING CRIME IN YOUR
NEIGHBOURHOOD**

Phil Sugrue PC 2146



There are no crimes to report for May and early June.

CRIME PREVENTION

Despite Covid-19 ROGUE TRADERS are out and about offering to tarmac your driveway, cut down trees – due to honey fungus etc, offer general gardening work, building maintenance and power washing drives to name a few. They will ask for payment in cash after completing substandard work for an extortionate amount of money and have been known to take the victim, who is often elderly, to the bank to obtain payment. If your property or garden needs maintenance visit www.buywithconfidence.gov.uk or call 0345 404 05 06 or ask family or friends who they would recommend. Please keep an eye out for elderly neighbours who often fall victim to these unscrupulous traders.

DO NOT BUY FROM DOORSTEP TRADERS!**MONTHLY SURGERY**

There is still no news on when we will be able to return to our monthly engagement at The Hub. When we are able to resume this will be advertised via social media, Dorset Alert and locally at The Hub. See what your local NPT have been up to by following our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/NorthDorsetRPT>

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PLEASE BE VIGILANT AND REPORT ANY SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY

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

If you need to contact your local NPT the email address is below this however is NOT for reporting crimes as it is not monitored 24/7.

If you need to report a crime the email 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 VILLAGE HELPLINE

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Email – MarnhullCovidHelp@gmail.com

The Helpline is still very much in action to offer support and help to those with needs in our community.

The line is open from 8am until 8pm every day and outside these times, you can leave a message on an answer phone. We also have an email address, should you prefer to contact us that way. A team of coordinators answer the 'phone, or respond to emails and offer the most appropriate help and we'll do our very best to match your needs with a local volunteer.

This completely free service has more than 70 villagers standing by to help with shopping, dog walking, delivering prescriptions, support and providing a friendly voice on the end of the 'phone, should you just want to chat. Loneliness, anxiety and stress are understandable at times like this and there is a wide range of support available - from a listening ear, in confidence through the Helpline, to many organisations who have specific skills and experience to help.

We list just a few

Anxiety UK Provides information, support and understanding via an extensive range of services, including 1:1 therapy. The charity is run by people with lived experience of anxiety, stress or anxiety-based depression.

Opening Hours: 9.30am to 5.30pm, Monday to Friday. 10am to 8pm Weekends. **Call: 03444 775 774, Text: 07537 416 905**

Connection 24/7 Phonenumber for Dorset A 24/7 phone helpline for people of all ages in Dorset who are experiencing mental health issues and need support.

Call: 111 and select 'mental health' or dial: **0300 1235440** to access support as part of the Dorset Crisis Response Service.

Domestic Abuse Helpline for Dorset (You First):
Call: 0800 032 5204

If you or someone else is in immediate danger please call 999 and ask for the police. Silent calls will work if you are not safe to speak – use the Silent Solution system and call 999 and then press 55 when prompted. If you can't use a voice phone, you can register with the police text service - text REGISTER to 999. You will get a text which tells you what to do next. Do this when it is safe so you can text when you are in danger.

Dorset Mind This is not a crisis service, but with so many people experiencing uncertain times, isolation, loss of income and contact with friends and family, they have a key role to play in helping them manage their mental health and wellbeing.
Email: befriending@dorsetmind.uk

CALM Campaign Against Living Miserably leads a movement against suicide, the single biggest killer of men under 45 in the UK and the cause of 18 deaths every day. Opening Hours: 5pm to Midnight, daily
Call: 0800 58 58 58

Mind Infoline. This phone line is a useful source of information for types of mental health problems, where to get help; medication and alternative treatments; and advocacy. Opening Hours: 9am to 6pm, Monday to Friday (except for bank holidays) **Call: 0300 123 3393, Text: 86463**

Papyrus This charity is dedicated to preventing young suicide.

Opening Hours: 10am to 10pm, Monday to Friday **Call: 0800 068 4141, Text: 07860 039967**

Samaritans. If you are desperate to talk to someone, the Samaritans can help – they offer emotional support and a listening ear 24 hours a day, 365 days a year **FREEPHONE Number 116 123** (24hr).

The Silver Line A FREE confidential helpline providing information, friendship and advice to older people, open 24 hours a day, every day of the year. Opening Hours: 4.30pm to 10.30pm, daily **Call: 0800 470 8090**

Young Minds A national charity specifically fighting for children and young people's mental health.

Opening Hours: 9.30am to 4pm, Monday to Friday **Text: 85258, Parents Helpline: 0808 802 5544**

NHS TEST AND TRACE

Public Health Dorset want to encourage people to use the service, comply with the stay at home guidance if they are identified as a contact, and be aware of potential scams.

What to do if you have symptoms

Anyone with symptoms of coronavirus - a new continuous cough OR a high fever OR a loss or change of taste or smell - should self-isolate immediately and not leave home. Other members of your household must also self-isolate. You should ask for a test as soon as you have any of these symptoms. You can ask for a test online or call 119 if you have no internet access.

NHS Test and Trace**The NHS test and trace service:**

ensures that anyone who develops symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) can quickly be tested to find out if they have the virus

helps trace close recent contacts of anyone who tests positive for coronavirus and, if necessary, notifies them that they must self-isolate at home to help stop the spread of the virus

How NHS Test and Trace will contact you

If you're identified as a close contact of a confirmed case, NHS Test and Trace will contact you by email, text or phone. Text messages will come from the NHS. Calls will come from 0300 0135000. Children under 18 will be contacted by phone wherever possible and asked for their parent or guardian's permission to continue the call.

You'll be asked to sign in to the NHS Test and Trace contact tracing website at <https://contact-tracing.phe.gov.uk>.

If you cannot use the contact tracing website, they will call you.

Be aware of scams

The NHS Test and Trace service will not:

- ask for bank details or payments
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MARNHULL GREEN TEAMS

Marnhull Green TEAMS - Taking the Environment Around Marnhull Seriously - want to make our local environment a little greener, in various ways. There's the shared village allotment, for example; and an exciting initiative to plant and maintain native trees, including fruit trees. We'd like to hear from you if you are interested in either project. Lockdown will not last forever! Please contact us at marnhullgreen@outlook.com, or by phoning (01258) 268714.

Marnhull Green TEAMS is also about sharing green ideas and experience. Until we are able to organise meetings and village hall events again we try to do this via our Facebook page - and here in the Marnhull Messenger. Here are some examples from Marnhull Green members.

'When we moved into our house in Marnhull seven years ago, we were intrigued by the four water-heating panels on the roof. These had been installed in 1996 and are essentially just 15mm copper pipes in black boxes; very basic technology which has the advantage of being uncomplicated and has worked now for nearly a quarter of a century. These panels provide background heating to the hot-water tank in the winter and, in the right conditions, all the hot water we can use in the summer.

'The south-east roof alignment is not ideal, but is close enough to south to achieve further energy savings. Needing to make roof repairs the year after we moved in, we took the opportunity, whilst the building was scaffolded, to have an array of photovoltaic electricity-generating panels put in place. These have generated a consistent average of four megawatts a year for the past six years. In the year that we lived in the house without the panels, our electricity usage was just under two megawatts. So our average export to the grid now is just over two megawatts a year. Six years on the installation is close to having paid for itself.'

And here's part of the story of restoring an old Marnhull paddock, seeking to replace some of the habitat and species lost in this part of Dorset in recent decades.

'In late 2008 we bought a field which had not been farmed for many years. The grass was coarse, with thick, dead and matted growth, and there were also piles of rubbish. With the help of family and friends we cleared the ground. There was much cutting and raking, by hand at first, and a number of bonfires to burn the rubbish. We then waited to see what grew. This consisted mainly of field buttercups and cuckoo flowers, as well as some hefty thistles and docks. The field was cut again in September and the bonfire areas were seeded with Environmental Meadow seed mix EM4.

'In March 2010 we started planting saplings and homegrown seedlings: hazel, willow, sycamore, lime, maple, chestnut, beech, oak, scots pine, hornbeam, alder, silver birch, rowan, maritime pine, walnut and holly. Results have been mixed. Deer polished off the holly, and fruit trees did not like the poorly drained soil. But the willow flourished!

'In June 2010 pyramidal orchids appeared, and that November we planted fritillaries and native bluebells too. In 2011 the first barn owl took up residence; ragged robin flowers appeared and, in June, meadow brown butterflies began to arrive in large numbers. Gatekeeper and common blue butterflies were also seen. Yellow rattle seed was sown in part of the field that autumn will be sown too, to further reduce the grass growth and so encourage an even more diverse range of plants to thrive.'



Leelin, St Mary's Catholic Primary School

Great stories, aren't they? The paddock we've been hearing about here is a hectare (2.5 acres) in size - but you don't need anything like that much ground for a meadow area of your own. And anything that can be done to harness the free power of the sun must be good...

If you have any questions about these or other projects, or if you have something to share - an idea, a suggestion, or your own experiences - please get in touch. Contact us at marnhullgreen@outlook.com or by phoning (01258) 268714.

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Of necessity it will be a short report this time as with no fund raising, no meetings and the club closed there is nothing to report.

Nothing confirmed as yet but the date being banded about for opening up of licensed premises is July 4th. As the deadline for this issue is June 14th and there is no issue in August we will have to rely on the Marnhull website to announce the date we will be going back into business and how it will work. The skittle season is still in limbo and that will be a major factor in deciding on the how and when, so watch the Marnhull website is all can tell you at the moment.

VJ Day on August 15th which marked the real end of WW11 will be the 75th anniversary and hopefully we can do something to commemorate it, again it is wait and see. Plus it would be nice to see a flag or two around the village to mark the occasion.

Although home visits by Branches are not permitted at the moment if you know of any ex-service people who need help please let me know and I will try to get them in touch will people who can help.

Keep safe Marnhull and we will hopefully be back in business later in the summer.

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DOGS ON THE RECREATION GROUND



Over the last few weeks there have been several complaints to the Parish Council from villagers of dogs running loose both in the Cemetery and on the Recreation Ground and an increase in dog fouling in both areas.

On behalf of the whole village, Marnhull Parish Council has a long-standing policy that all dogs should be kept on the lead in both areas and notices are displayed prominently to this effect. The Cemetery is a place of remembrance for many Parishioners and therefore should remain a tranquil and peaceful area which should always be treated with respect. It is certainly not the place where dogs should be allowed to run free and defecate.

On the Recreation Ground there has been an increase of dog fouling again due to a few irresponsible dog owners who allow their dogs to run free and do not clear up after them despite there being several bins available to deposit dog waste. Dog faeces may contain Toxocara which can have a serious effect on young children and adults. It can affect the eyes and cause breathing difficulties. The groundsmen that keep the Recreation Ground neat and tidy are also put at risk by this careless act.

Although there are stiff fines for allowing your dog to defecate in these public areas the Parish Council feels that education in these matters is a better solution.

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We ask responsible dog owners and members of the public, if they see dogs running free in these areas or defecating, to perhaps have a gentle word with the owners pointing out the notices and dog bins.

If there is no improvement in this matter the Parish Council may be obliged to look at other more stringent methods of stopping this antisocial behaviour including banning dogs from both areas.

Your help in this matter would be much appreciated as we want to keep these areas clean and tidy for the use of all Parish residents.

Remember **'Bag it and Bin it, most people in this area do**

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MARNHULL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING



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The next virtual Parish Council meeting will be held on 6th July 2020. Because it is not viable at the moment it has been decided not to have members of the public participating at this time. If you would like to ask a question then please email it to clerk@marnhull-pc.org.uk, ring on 01258-821231 or send a letter to the above address by no later than 1st July 2020. We will endeavour to cover your question at the meeting and will get back to you shortly afterwards with a response.

MARNHULL VILLAGE HALL



THE EXTENSION AND IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

In these uncertain times – and haven't they been peculiar – I really want to start with some Good News. So, in case you have not been up to the Recreation Ground in recent days or weeks - the building work at the Village Hall has begun in earnest.

There must have been a time when it seemed this might never happen, but then Government relaxed the rules sufficiently to allow Contractors to start work again and building suppliers re-stocked as best they could to help the process. Our thanks must go to all these valiant souls.

Social distancing – as I write this remains at 2 metres – must be observed and Calcott Construction's team are, as you would imagine, doing their absolute best to maintain their discipline whilst they work on the site. Two features have now appeared – sufficient groundworks to allow the creation of the 'floor' of the new extension at the West elevation and the building of the additional toilet space at the South.

These are the visible elements, but it is understood that the 'old' Gents toilets have been physically removed (to create a much needed additional storage area) and some internal work on the new (Ladies & Gents) toilets is underway.

This Good News has been slightly counter-balanced by some initially rather worrying issues relating to the condition of the roof of the existing building. It has been found that the current green metal covering was placed some 20-25 years ago over a board, felt and chipping felt roof, possibly dating back to 1971. It was first thought that this entire roof covering might now have to be replaced – at an estimated additional cost of circa £45,000 (£30k plus £15k contingency). This would have put the entire project 'on hold', messed up the contract already signed and delayed the entire project for an unknown period whilst fundraising for a new roof was completed – a daunting prospect for us all in these challenging times.

However, we are all relieved that, having taken proper professional advice from both architect and contractor, and with some maintenance and careful planning we can reasonably expect to extend the life of the current roof by some years. This entails designing a join that allows eventual replacement of the old roof without disturbing the new, and addressing some other minor technicalities at negligible cost.

We leave a legacy for the future, of course – one day the entire roof will need to be replaced, but that is the nature of all buildings. What we can do now is continue in the knowledge that in maybe 5 or 10 years funding for a new roof will be needed to be sought; to assist, we aim to leave behind a record of this building project which can be easily accessed by future generations. Hopefully, when the moment does arrive, trustees of the day will at least understand what decisions were made, and more importantly, why.

So we move on. The current Trustees are now starting to engage on work to prepare plans for the future use of our eventually completed Village Hall to allow re-opening (subject to Government advice) and return to some kind of 'normality'; no risks will be taken, without proper assessment. These eventual plans will be communicated to all User Organisations so that they too can work on how their activities in the Hall can be managed successfully and safely. Our aim is to help re-build confidence, knowing that this is absolutely 'key'.

It is hoped that you will take the opportunity to visit the Village Hall site in the coming weeks; access remains unavailable, of course, but at least we can all gain some idea of what all the fundraising is starting to produce.

Please Stay Safe and if you have any thoughts or comments, then do please email or call: Graham Renwick, Chairman of Trustees – Email: grahamrenwick@marnhullvillagehall.org.uk Tel: 07967 116658.



VILLAGE HALL HIRE CHARGES FOR WEDDINGS & PARTIES

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Daytime (09.00-18.00)	£15.00	£5.00
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We probably know that feeling we get in our stomach when we are going down the first drop of a roller coaster. It's the same feeling when we hear horrible news. Our stomach feels like it has just been kicked in or turned over. The New Testament has a Greek word for that feeling, it is 'Splagchna'. It literally means bowels or guts, but it is translated 'Compassion'. The only person that this word is associated with in the Bible is Jesus. It says that Jesus felt this when He encountered those who were ill, the blind, the demon possessed, those who had lost loved ones, the hungry, the lonely and the bewildered. Our word 'Compassion' comes from two Latin words (com and pati); literally means 'Suffering' with 'others'...

Not so long ago many charities and organisations were complaining about compassion fatigue... However, recently compassion has raised its profile. Significant work has gone on over the last few months by people exhibiting compassion - within our NHS, by those who advocate for the poor and forgotten, by those who have kept our schools going, and by those who have served the local communities by running foodbanks or delivering parcels to the household and much of that has been undertaken by those of little faith or none. Therefore, when we do not have the monopoly on compassion (and thank God we don't) there is a challenge to us as Christians to demonstrate what it means to show Christ's compassion...

The Christian writer Philip Yancey tells the story of Dr Paul Brand who has devoted his life to treating leprosy patients in India. In the course of one examination Brand laid his hand on the patient's shoulder and informed him through a translator of the treatment that lay ahead. To his surprise the man began to shake with muffled sobs. 'Have I said something wrong?' Brand asked the translator. She quizzed the patient and reported, 'No, doctor. He says he is crying because you put your hand around his shoulder. Until he came here no one had touched him for many years.' The lack of physical contact is one of the most devastating consequences of The coronavirus crisis. People have not been able to comfort loved ones by holding a hand or giving a hug. In the church physical blessing has not been possible. Our bodies were built to meet and greet, to connect, to touch. It has been an enormous deprivation not to be able to do what Jesus did. However, touch can be expressed in other ways as we feel for those around. Leprosy has been termed the disease of the unwanted. Many experience this in different ways too. Loneliness and the feeling of being unwanted is a most terrible poverty and we are called to feel that too. To empathise with those who have very little, who are trapped by situations not of their own making and who see no way out. Compassion for these people means reaching out to them too. The story is told of a young girl whose mother was very beautiful - all except her hands, which were shrivelled and scarred. One day the girl asked her mother about her hands. The mother told her how their house caught fire when the girl was a baby. The mother rushed upstairs to the room where the girl was sleeping, and with the help of God found the strength to carry the baby downstairs and outside without being harmed. But in doing so, the mother's hands were badly burned. This brought sobs to the child as she said 'O mother, you know I've always loved you - especially your face, your smile, your eyes. But better than all, now I love your hands.'

Hands that are wounded and scarred and full of compassion. Compassionate hands, just like our Lord's. As we come out of lockdown, and reconsider our mission as churches, let us see as Jesus saw, feel what Jesus felt, pray as Jesus prayed and do what Jesus did, offering our Christian hands of compassion to a needy world.

ST. GREGORY'S CHURCH



As from Weds 17th we will be opening the church for private prayer for an hour 10-11am and on Sundays 3-4pm.

Social distancing measures are in place and we hope you will find peace and rest in the quiet of our historic church.

We are having Facebook services at 10am every Sunday morning followed by coffee on Zoom at 10.30am.

For full details go to www.stgregorysmarnhull.org.uk

Please contact Revd Gaenor if you have a prayer request

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MARNHULL CHURCHES SUNDAY SERVICES

Anglican Church of St. Gregory the Great, New Street

8.00 - Holy Communion

10.00 - Parish Eucharist

Weekday services as advertised

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Catholic Church of Our Lady, Old Mill Lane

9.30 - Mass

6.00 - Mass

www.marnhullandgillinghamrc.org.uk

Marnhull Methodist Church, Burton Street

10.00 - Morning Service

Parish People

Cecilia Moore died on 26 May, Ronnie Bird died on 30 May, Eithne O'Sullivan died on 1 June, Bernard McRory died on 7 June. **May they rest in peace**

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THE METHODIST CHURCH

Zoom, Zoom Girls!

Our congregation continues to enjoy the service notes prepared each week by our superintendent minister, Rev. Paul Arnold, and distributed by email. However, simple email is a bit 'old hat' for the young ladies of the Girls' Brigade. Their Captain, Rachael Findlay, arranged for them to meet electronically through the video conferencing software, Zoom. In two sets of meetings for different ages, they have shared news, listened to and watched bible stories and even shared paper and pencil drawing games. Well done, girls and congratulations and thanks to Captain Rachael. The meetings have now stopped for the summer and, sadly, the usual summer camp has had to be cancelled. Along with all church members, they are praying that some kind of face to face meetings can be arranged for September.

John Wesley

On the 24th May 1738 during a service in Aldersgate Church, John Wesley felt a call to spread the gospel news throughout the country. The Methodist community remembers this anniversary each year and we did so again in our homes this year. It has been estimated that Wesley travelled about 4,000 miles a year on horseback and preached 40,000 sermons during his life. Just think what he could have done with Zoom! John Wesley was a great advocate for social reform founding and encouraging orphanages and schools and visiting prisoners. It is interesting that the first episode of the BBC programme 'A House Through Time' broadcast on 26th May following the history of a house built in Bristol in the early eighteenth century in an area made rich through the slave trade, described how John Wesley built a chapel in the same street in the 1790's where he preached passionately about the evils of the slave trade. Just a few years later the trade was banned. Current events demonstrate just how dark a shadow that trade still casts.

Youth Work

Girls' Brigade meets in the Church Hall on Wednesday evenings from 6:00 pm to 7:15 pm. New members (4years old and upwards) are always welcome. For more information, contact the Captain, Rachael Findlay on 07771 897262.

Hire the Hall.

Our church hall is a good place to hire for family parties and social or other events for individuals, clubs, societies, and classes. Rates are reasonable and bookings can be made by contacting Mrs. Marlene Plowman on 01258 820869.

OUR LADY'S CHURCH

NO PUBLIC MASSES during the Covid-19 lockdown

Significant dates in July

1 - Saint Oliver Plunket, Bishop & Martyr (Memorial) (1629-1681) Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland, he was hanged, drawn and quartered in London on 1 July 1681: the last Catholic martyr to suffer in England. His body is enshrined at Downside Abbey (Somerset)

2 - Dedication of Our Lady's, Marnhull (1832)

3 - Saint Thomas, Apostle (Feast) (1st Century) Doubted the resurrection, until he saw the Lord for himself.

11 - Saint Benedict, Abbot, Patron of Europe (Feast) (480-547) Founded the famous abbey at Montecassino, where he established the Benedictine Order, based on his Rule.

12 - Sea Sunday

For all who sail the seas to ensure our safety and comfort: and for families left behind, that they might know stability and peace.

22 - Saint Mary Magdalene (Feast)

St Mary Magdalene (1st c), originally from Magdala in Galilee, was one of the Lord's disciples. She remained with him during his agony on the cross. According to the Gospels of St Mark and St John, she was the first to see Christ after his resurrection.

23 - Saint Bridget, Religious, Patron of Europe (Feast)

Happily married, she brought up eight children including Saint Catherine of Sweden. As a widow, she founded a religious community (Brigettines).

25 - Saint James, Apostle (Feast)

With St Peter and St John he witnessed the Transfiguration of the Lord and the Agony in the Garden. He was beheaded in the year 44: the first of the Twelve to be martyred.

Significant dates in August

6 - Transfiguration of The Lord (Feast)

The Transfiguration of the Lord on Mount Tabor showed the disciples, and us, Christ's divinity and anticipates the glory of Heaven.

9 - Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Feast)

St Teresa Benedicta (1891-1942) was born Edith Stein. The eleventh child of a Jewish family in Poland, she was a popular lecturer and writer. Converting to Catholicism in 1922, she joined the Carmelites, but was arrested and gassed at Auschwitz on 9 August 1942.

10 - Saint Lawrence, Deacon & Martyr (Feast)

(+258) Roasted to death on a gridiron.

16 - The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Solemnity)

Commemorates Our Lady's passing, body and soul, into Heaven.

24 - Saint Bartholomew, Apostle (Feast)

St Bartholomew (1st Century) preached the Gospel after Pentecost in Arabia, India and Armenia, where he was flayed alive. He is the patron of tanners.

Spiritual Development

During Lockdown our Sacramental programmes have come to a halt. However, a good variety of resources are available via the Diocesan website at: www.plymouth-diocese.org.uk/spiritual-life/share-the-faith



St. Mary's Catholic
Primary School

We now have more children back in school and it has been lovely to see lots of smiling faces. The children have quickly got used to the new routines of one way systems and spaced out desks. We have also been really impressed with the continued engagement with home learning. The children are showing that they are enthusiastic and dedicated in week 12 as they were in week 1! Here are some of the things we have been up to!

News from Explorers

Our preschool children are enjoying the story 'Handa's Surprise'. They have discovered the animals that live in Africa and the fruits that grow there. They have decorated and played their own drums, beating out and copying rhythms. In addition to this they have been enjoying getting into the outdoor area, digging their own vegetable patch and creating small worlds from natural materials. Inside, our classroom is being transformed into an African jungle and the children have enjoyed creating and adding their own animals. The children in preschool have proved very adaptable to new arrangements. They have learned new routines, accessed their own resource stations and responded well to hand washing while singing their favourite nursery rhymes.



News from St Anthony's and St Mark's Class

Children at home and school are enjoying our new theme Africa. Our story 'Lila and the Secret of Rain' has taken us to a village in Kenya. The children have responded to the story through drawing, writing and discussions. They have delved into the emotions in the story and have learnt some new wow words to describe their feelings. In Geography we have travelled using Google Earth to the continent of Africa and have begun our study of Kenya.

At school the children have taken full advantage of our new outdoor classroom. They have enjoyed taking their learning outside. At times, this is a tranquil spot for quiet reading while listening to the wind chimes and at others a spot to run and let off steam. We have been delighted to find that all three of our school bird boxes are occupied! The baby sparrows in the outdoor classroom are super noisy and have interrupted our learning often. We have enjoyed watching the mummy bird busily flying to and fro to feed her babies. Children at home have also enjoyed investigating nature ranging from natural art to investigating moths!



News from St Francis

St Francis have been really busy both at home and at school. Our topic of Beauty and the Beast has led us to examining all the Living Things in our World for science and the beasts that are below our Earth - like volcanoes, earthquakes and tsunamis. We even tried to make our own tsunamis - which proved rather messy but tied in well with our Random act of Wildness for that day which was to squelch in the mud we had made! The 30 Days of Wildness Challenge for June run by the Wildlife Trust is proving a big hit as we try to tick off the challenge for each day. Our book, Charlotte's Web, for the last half of the term is almost finished and we have enjoyed many different literacy and art activities related to it. Fun Fridays which are mostly free of screen time have led to lots of different activities including making funfair games to making up and solving maths riddles and thinking of the silliest day ever!



News from Mrs Higgs:

During our first week's topic- 'From Farm to Fork'- we have had fun thinking about where our food comes from. This has included looking at our food at home and working out the food miles. We found avocados that were from Peru that had travelled 6000 miles and green beans from Egypt. With some of the children in school, we have also thought about where pasta comes from and made our very own pasta by mixing the raw ingredients and rolling it through a pasta machine. The children have designed and made their own cereal boxes and learnt about and played a fair-trade game. Children at home have been working really hard and have sent in some lovely photos of their work too!

We are looking forward to the day when all of our school family can be back together. Hope everyone in the village is keeping safe and well!



ART/SCIENCE ACTIVITY



Solar Painting

Create beautiful original paintings combining science and art. Placing objects onto a freshly painted piece of paper blocks out the sun and creates puddles under them. The paint under the objects takes longer to dry than the paint on the paper which is exposed to the sun. Each stage of evaporation leaves a tiny tide mark of paint. Eventually a beautiful detailed imprint is formed when all the water has evaporated and the paint is completely dry.

Before you begin prepare the items you would like to create your image with.



- Collect leaves, flowers, grasses, etc. Fine leaves, petals and fronds work very well, thick or shiny leaves less so. Place between sheets of kitchen paper and squash them flat under a few heavy books. They don't need to be dried and fully pressed, just flattened.
- Feathers are beautiful but can be tricky! the quill up the middle needs to make as much contact with the paper as possible and can be springy! So pressing your feather flat is very important, smaller finer feathers might be best.
- Cut out a design from thin card, as simple or intricate as you like.
- Collect small heavy items, coins, flat keys, wet string.

Prepare the paper and mix up the paint

- Any water based paint can be used, poster paints, gouache, watercolour gives especially good results as it has finely ground pigment.
- Place a sheet of watercolour paper in a baking tray, cover it with cold water, leave to soak for a few minutes then pour off the excess water leaving the wet paper in the tray.
- While your paper is soaking mix up your chosen paint colours with a little water to a liquid consistency. Use separate containers eg, jam jar lids.
- One, two or three colours are ideal, too many and it gets muddy. Primary colours work well as they blend to create other colours as they dry.
- You will need more of your lightest colour and just a little of any others.

Remember watercolours will be significantly paler when dry and although subtle is lovely, if they're too pale you will not see the effects clearly.

Pour on the paint

- Take your time, the paper is soaking wet so it will not dry out quickly.
- Start with the lightest colour and pour the paint on to the wet paper in the tray, tilt it to move it about to cover the whole surface, don't leave any white spaces.
- Add more colours, a few little drops at a time, do not tilt the tray this time, keep it flat and just let the colours merge on their own (wet in wet technique) a pipette is useful for this.
- Do this carefully and slowly watching what is happening and stop when you are happy with how the colours have started to mingle together.

Compose your painting and place in the sun

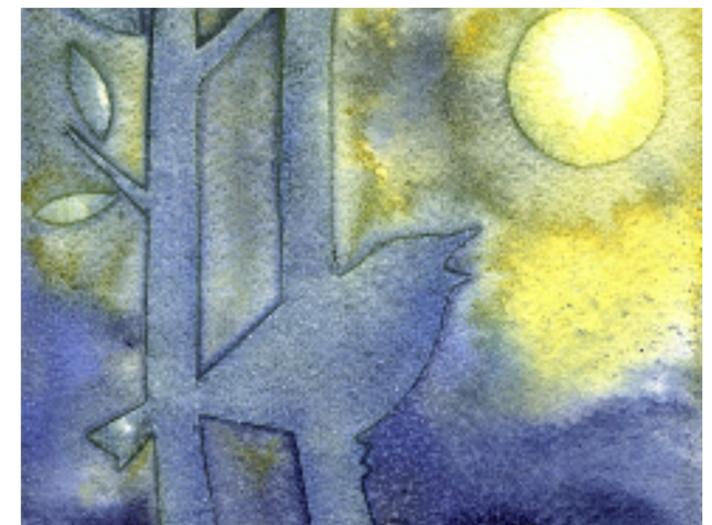
- Arrange your flattened leaves, flowers, feathers or other objects carefully on the wet painted surface. Try to get as much contact between the objects and the paper as possible.
- Place your tray in the sun to bake! Out of the wind, away from curious pets! A greenhouse or sunny window sill indoors is perfect, or just leave overnight in cooler conditions.

An important note on drying

- It could take several hours before your painting is completely dry under the objects. It all depends on how much sun it is exposed to or how warm it is, so be very very patient!

Reveal your solar painting

- When you are sure your painting is absolutely dry, peel off the leaves etc. to reveal their imprint. Hey Presto! Solar painting!
- Your results might be perfect just as they are or they can be enhanced with further drawing or painting as you wish.
- Try cropping any that haven't worked so well to make lovely hand made cards.



POPPIN CAFÉ

Oh gosh, here we are in July, many months since we first went into lockdown in March! Life is gradually feeling a little easier but I know that many of us are feeling very isolated and anxious about what the future holds. Without a doubt Marnhull has rallied and recognised how fortunate we all are to live in such a beautiful area and supportive village, so many positives have arisen out of a totally unprecedented world event.

Last month I promised to share the outcome of a Zoom Virtual POPPin Coffee and Catch up with committee members and some of our lovely volunteers. Well, it was fun, if a little chaotic- a bit like the POPPin actually! It was great to see everyone, lots of smiles and laughter and the event was themed loosely, around Japanese Crafts. Anne Dowsett made some beautiful ORIGAMI Cranes and shared her Flower Pounding – HAPAZOME skills with us. I had been given a KINTSUGI kit for Xmas – the Japanese art of repairing broken pottery by mending the areas of breakage with lacquer dusted or mixed with powdered gold, silver, or platinum and shared the outcome of my attempts with everyone. In all honesty I cannot say that it was a total success but fun to try and I just rode the rude comments anyway! We have another session planned for June themed around strawberries and cream, so that should be less taxing but will probably not be so good for the waistline, I will let you know how that one goes!

Our AGM is due in July and is likely to be a virtual event but we will share our annual report and accounts with all our volunteers by e-mail. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our wonderful volunteers and committee members as well as Robin Hill Stores for their support and donation of milk and newspapers each month and Ed Cudlip who completes the P.A.T (Portable Apparatus Testing) on our coffee makers and kettles at no charge each year. Thanks also to Roger Hills for auditing our accounts once again this year and confirming that despite the loss of revenue over the past months it remains remarkably healthy. Over the past year we have sponsored a table at the Flower Show, donated to Yeovil Freewheelers (many thanks to the Marnhull Men's Shed for their amazing model Hardley Davison motorbikes), Children in Need, Marnhull Girl's Brigade (many thanks to all the girls for their hard work and enthusiasm to make our Easter table decorations, which sadly we did not get to use as the event was cancelled), the Parish Council (towards restoration of the Burton Street Phone Box). We have also continued to pay our monthly rental to the Village Hall since it closed due to the coronavirus outbreak in March.

It's going to be a strange summer for us all but there is so much to enjoy and look forward to and the sun will return again soon, I am sure! Hopefully by the autumn things will be easier for us all and we will be able to meet up and socialise as a community a little more. We are constantly thinking of ways that we can safely re-introduce the POPPin back in to the community, whilst we are in no doubt it will be different we are all working hard to find a new safe version that will be just as inclusive and fun as it always has been. Until then we hope that you are all well and we look forward to the day that we can meet up with you all again at the POPPin in our lovely Village Hall in whatever format works safely for us all.

And finally thank you to anyone who we have inadvertently missed out and to you all for supporting the POPPin since we opened back in September 2016, who could have possibly known we would all have been stopped in our tracks by a pesky virus!

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

MARNHULL GARDEN CAFE

Several residents of Marnhull are offering their gardens as cafes during lockdown for small groups of up to five people, plus a host. All profits generated will be donated to fundraising for the Marnhull Village Hall Extension.

A variety of food and drink will be available depending on location and day, offering morning coffee, lunch, afternoon tea or dinner, available only by booking in advance.

Coffee or afternoon tea at £5.00 per person

Lunch at £10.00 per person (2 courses/set menu)

Dinner at £15.00 per person (2 courses/set menu)

Menus will be discussed at the time of booking.

Soft drinks, Water and hot drinks will be offered, other drinks will be on a BYO basis.

If you would like to make a booking or join in our fundraising events and open up your garden to small groups, please contact Helen Butler for further information on 01258 821767

or email helenandkeithbutler@btinternet.com.

Look out for posters and further information around the village.



MARNHULL GIRLS' BRIGADE

Here at 1st Marnhull Girls' Brigade we have had a fun filled year, with lots of painting, baking, crafts, chatting, learning and playing.

Although we are unable to meet physically at the moment, we are looking forwards to all being together again.

GB@Home is a valuable online resource for all to use during this difficult time, allowing our members to still engage with Girls' Brigade. This can be found on the Girls' Brigade website if anyone is interested.

During this time we have been meeting and having fun via Zoom which has become a valuable resource.

We are busy making plans for a big come back after all this is done, and looking at ways of keeping in touch and supporting each other.

We really miss seeing everyone each week and pray for the health and wellbeing of all our Brigade families and friends in the village.

As a team, we would like to thank you all so much for all the support we have had from the village and the Methodist Church.

We look forwards to being able to see you all soon.

If you would like to know more about Marnhull Girls' Brigade, please contact Rachael on 07771 897262.

Rachael, Lynn, Marlene, Rebecca

1st Marnhull Girls Brigade

TO ZOOM OR NOT TO ZOOM...



The use of Zoom as a tool to keep in touch for business, school and social reasons has skyrocketed since COVID-19 restrictions were introduced. We have been using Zoom within the village for various meetings, and to keep in touch with one another. Even the Prime Minister is reported to have been using it for Cabinet meetings. However, the product has come under strong criticism at the same time as its popularity has grown. You may be wondering what to make of it all, whether to take the risk of using it and how to stay safe online at this time.

The press have had a field day with 'Zoom-bombing', a practice where strangers burst into your Zoom meeting uninvited. A number of other flaws or vulnerabilities have been identified which came to prominence as the software became suddenly much more popular, much more quickly, than the designers could have anticipated. Besides zoom-bombing these vulnerabilities have included ones which are more serious than having your meeting interrupted.

Should you be worried?

The use of Zoom has grown globally from 10 million calls or meetings per day to over 200 million in the last few months. On that basis you would be unlucky to be the subject to a random zoom-bombing attack. Having said that, you should make sure that any meeting identity is available only to those who are specifically invited.

Software has flaws or vulnerabilities which are identified by either pro-active testing or by bad publicity. It is widely reported that Zoom have now employed a small number of specialist companies, including the one I work for, NCC Group, to conduct pro-active testing and to advise them. I am sure that the product will quickly become robust - although I am not close enough to the project to be able to offer any reassurance, other than 'we are on the case'.

What precautions can you take?

There are a number of other products that you could turn to which do the same job as Zoom and which are mature. We have been using Cisco's WebEx within Marnhull's Café Sci. I use Microsoft Teams for work purposes and Skype to connect with the family, others use Google Hangouts (recently refreshed as Google Meet with the same layout as Zoom and free until at least August). Another mature product that is used frequently is GoToMeeting. There will be others that I have not included but there is a choice of mature, robust products that are freely available if you choose to use them.

Dr Ian Levy, who was recently referred to in a newspaper as the UK's top spy, and who is Technical Director at the National Cyber Security Centre, will tell you that the biggest cause of data breaches is the exploitation of known vulnerabilities.



You should therefore install new software updates, which address such vulnerabilities, as soon as you reasonably can. Dr Levy's comment was made in regard to businesses but applies equally to the home. If you do use Zoom make sure you are using the most

up-to-date version. If you are not already doing so you should also have a reputable anti-virus product on your computer, phone or tablet. Despite the hype Apple products are just as susceptible to virus and ransomware attacks albeit in much smaller numbers than Android or Microsoft products and should be included for consideration. There are a number of anti-virus products to choose from. Many people use the free product AVG but I currently use MacAfee for both my computer and phone and have also successfully used Sophos in the past.

You should have a robust approach to passwords. You should not share the same password across systems and certainly not between social and financial web-sites. It's becoming common business practice to use four random words with a mix of characters and numbers for the password (paper-Car-One30-banana, for example). Help to manage passwords can be provided by the use of password management tools some of which are free.



You should also consider what is referred to as Multi-Factor Authentication where it is available. You may have come across this if you have interacted with government over the internet or indeed your work, Google or Facebook. It is where you are either sent a code as a text message or use an app on your phone to obtain a code which you then type into the screen to provide further authenticate.

All these tools can be researched through the internet. Finally, buy or download software from reputable sites. What looks like a free or cheap offer could end up itself affecting your system.

If you are prudent in your software choices, keep the software up-to-date, have anti-virus, good strength password and are alert to scams and phishing emails you will go a long way to reducing your risk.

If you would like help to set up one of these programmes on your computer, to enable you to stay in touch with family and friends, then contact the Helpline - 01305 490000. We have several experts on hand who will happily talk you through the process and get you up and running as well as discussing any concerns you may have.

MARNHULL LUNCH CLUB

We are sorry to report that Alan Thomas died peacefully at home on Friday 29th May.

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NEW EDITOR REQUIRED

As you know, Chris Ryu is stepping down as Editor of the Marnhull Messenger after five very fruitful years. We are pleased to say though, that he is continuing as our Webmaster.

We are therefore looking for a new Editor and would like to invite anyone with some computer skills and a lot of enthusiasm to take on the role, to ensure the continuation of this important part of Marnhull life.

I've asked Chris to outline the job specification and skills required –

"It takes around 10 hours a month to compile the Messenger. Most of this is over the course of 2 days as it approaches the copy deadline, but there is the potential to spread it out by putting into the document as you receive them. As you can imagine there's a bit of replying to emails, typing up handwritten submissions and a few phone calls dotted across the month, but this rarely takes more than 1-2 hours a month.

The new editor will use Adobe InDesign to edit the Messenger, so experience of that is advantageous, but not essential. A good level of IT literacy is important though as article submissions come various different formats. I can give a 1:1 training session and even a personalised training video to the individual to help them get their head around the process. Over the last 5 years I've used various task management systems to keep on top of the articles and ensure that items are rarely missed. The editor is free to use a system/method of their choice, but a task management system can be provided to help if required. All software required will be provided by the committee.

Much of the process is simply copy and pasting text into the messenger pages, with a little manual tweaking to ensure everything fits. Images are organised into folders and then inserted/resized to fit the area. Finally the Messenger is exported to a couple of different formats, both for the website and the printers."

So – how hard can that be! If you think you fit the bill, or at least are interested, please get in touch with Chris or me and we'd be glad to talk it through with you. Also we will both be around to support the new Editor as they pick up the ropes.

Ian Gall – Chairman, The Marnhull Messenger Steering Group

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Among the songs I have listened to frequently during lockdown, one has been especially sustaining. It's called On a Good Day, by Tim Keegan - a relatively unknown but gifted and perceptive songwriter. 'On a good day', he sings, 'I can see through the clouds', continuing: 'the search for truth and love that brought me to here, will carry on – I've nothing to fear... on a good day'. It's a deeply consoling tune and, like the best songs, a kind of advocate for how we might be feeling.

Each of us needs to know that our life is understood in its highs and lows - and that, ultimately, we are known, heard and loved. The deep assurance of our faith is that this is indeed the case: the Holy Spirit, scripture assures us, not only brings the word of God alive to us, but also carries our voice to God in groans beyond speech. Our life is hid with Christ, just as his life is hid with us.

These long weeks of confinement have brought you, I'm sure, a mixed bag of experiences: some good days along with the bad – days when we have known the sun on our face and the wind of God at our back, as the Celtic blessing puts it. As we embark upon the next season of this unforgettable year, may you know God's company and comfort - and a renewed hope that 'those who go out weeping, shall return with songs of joy'.

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Our wonderful volunteers who drive our van are also trying to offer a collection by appointment service for some donations, or perhaps make arrangements for you to donate directly to our warehouse at a mutually convenient time. If you would like to arrange this, then please do email us on dhc.friends.blandford@nhs.net letting us know where you are and what you have for us to collect along with your best contact details.

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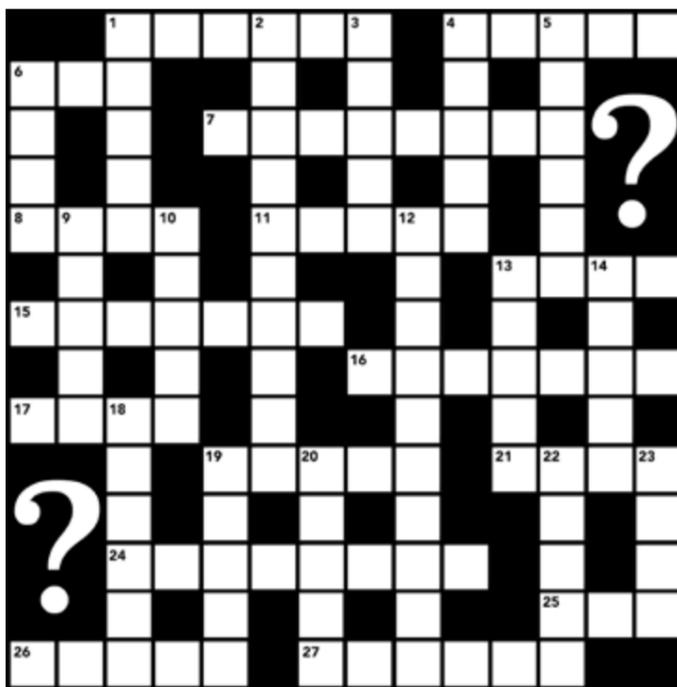
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- 4) Triangular upper part of a wall at the end of a ridged roof. (5)
- 6) Fish eggs used as food. (3)
- 7) This bird resident of most of Europe but no longer the UK is the largest of its species in the world. (5-3)
- 8) Unit of mass used as a radio code word. (4)
- 11) To be real. (5)
- 13) Self governing Palestinian territory on the eastern coast of the Mediterranean Sea. (4)
- 15) Card game resembling rummy. (7)
- 16) Thick triangular muscle covering the shoulder joint. (7)
- 17) Member of the Germanic people who played a large part in the collapse of the western Roman Empire. (4)
- 19) Regulation made by a local authority. (2-3)
- 21) Highest part of something. (4)
- 24) Underground cemetery. (8)
- 25) Supposed straight line connecting three or more ancient sites. (3)
- 26) Colloquial name for a division of the General Motors Company. (5)
- 27) In Australia a word meaning genuine. (6)

DOWN

- 1) Transparent pale green, blue or yellow mineral used as a gem stone. (5)
- 2) Path described by a flying object. (10)
- 3) The French Foreign Legion have a base in the citadel at this Corsican commune. (5)
- 4) Old English silver coin worth four old pence. (5)
- 5) Large sturgeon from which caviar is obtained. (6)
- 6) Ancient instrument of torture on which the victim is stretched. (4)
- 9) US state famous for potatoes. (5)
- 10) County town of County Tyrone in Northern Ireland. (5)
- 12) Lois Lane is the alter ego of this comic book character. (10)
- 13) German town whose name appeared in the name of the Royal house of the UK from 1901 to 1917. (5)
- 14) Former name of the Democratic Republic of the Congo. (5)
- 18) Word used in fencing to acknowledge a hit. (6)
- 19) In Scotland a small hut for farm labourers. (5)
- 20) Clear and easy to understand. (5)
- 22) A sacred song. (5)
- 23) Medical procedure invented by Wilhelm Roentgen. (4)

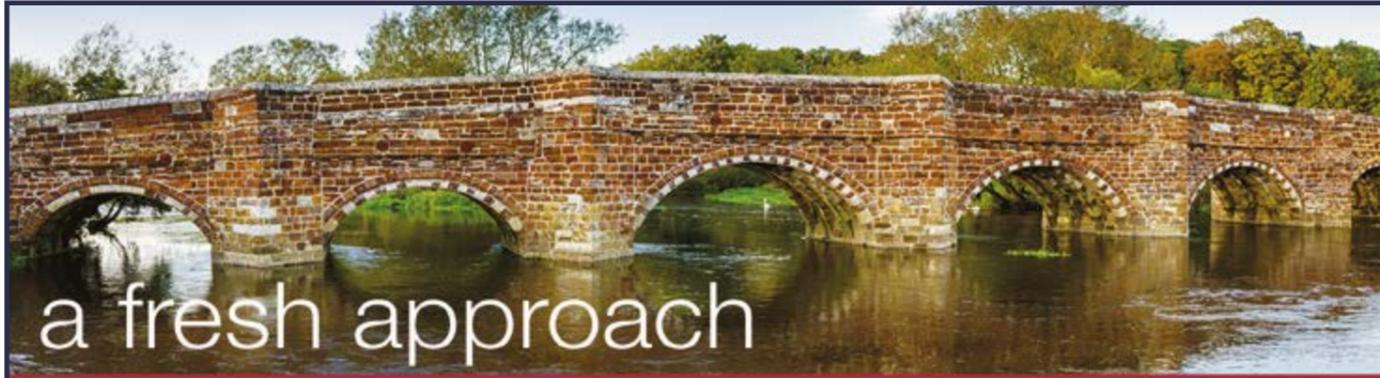




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