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Phew it's hot! I'm practically melting right now. Don't get me wrong, I'm not complaining and I could certainly get used to this, but it just feels so unexpected for our part of the world.

My sunglasses obviously felt the same was as they literally melted out of shape in the glovebox of the car.

New Advertisers

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

New Editor Still Required

This paragraph almost seems silly now, but we're still looking for a new Editor. No specific experience needed, just a good level of computer literacy.

DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE

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

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

Ian Gall – Chairman, The Marnhull Messenger Steering Group.

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ANNUAL DIARY 2023

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

JULY

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

3rd - Pound Fitness @9:30am British Legion

3rd - Table Tennis - Monday @14:00

4th - Bridge Club @14:00 Methodist Hall

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

5th - Table Tennis @14:00

5th - Community Choir @18:30

5th - Pound Fitness @19:00 British Legion

6th - Craft Club @10am Methodist Hall

7th - Marnhull Fest @10am

7th - Luncheon Club @12:00

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

8th - Marnhull Fest @12:00

8th - Marnhull Community Choir - A Musical Bouquet - A Summer Performance @19:30

10th - Pound Fitness @9:30am British Legion

10th - Table Tennis - Monday @14:00

10th - Lyn's Bingo @19:00 British Legion

10th - Women's Institute - Farming from the Soil Up (Open Meeting) @19:30

11th - Bridge Club @14:00 Methodist Hall

11th - Marnhull Garden Club @18:30

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

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

12th - Table Tennis @14:00

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

12th - Community Choir @18:30

12th - Pound Fitness @19:00 British Legion

14th - Blackmore Vale Art Group @10am

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

17th - Pound Fitness @9:30am British Legion

17th - Table Tennis - Monday @14:00

17th - Marnhull Music Society @19:15

18th - Bridge Club @14:00 Methodist Hall

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

19th - Table Tennis @14:00

19th - Community Choir @18:30

19th - Pound Fitness @19:00 British Legion

21st - Marnhull Community Café @10am

22nd - Marnhull Flower Show 2023 - All Day

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

24th - Pound Fitness @9:30am

24th - Table Tennis - Monday @14:00

25th - Bridge Club @14:00 Methodist Hall

25th - Moviola @19:00

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

26th - Table Tennis @14:00

26th - Community Choir @18:30

26th - Pound Fitness @19:00 British Legion

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

31st - Pound Fitness @9:30am British Legion

31st - Table Tennis - Monday @14:00

AUGUST

1st - Bridge Club @14:00 Methodist Hall

2nd - Fitsteps Dance & Exercise @11:15am

2nd - Table Tennis @14:00

2nd - Community Choir @18:30

2nd - Pound Fitness @19:00 British Legion

3rd - Craft Club @10am Methodist Hall

4th - Luncheon Club @12:00

4th - Heritage Theatre - of Alan Bennett's Talking Heads, "A Chip In The Sugar" and "Bed Among The Lentils" @19:00

5th - The Marnhull Hub and Repair Café @10am

5th - Heritage Theatre - of Alan Bennett's Talking Heads, "A Chip In The Sugar" and "Bed Among The Lentils" @19:00

6th - Heritage Theatre - of Alan Bennett's

Talking Heads, "A Chip In The Sugar" and "Bed Among The Lentils" @17:00

7th - Pound Fitness @9:30am British Legion

7th - Table Tennis - Monday @14:00

8th - Bridge Club @14:00 Methodist Hall

9th - Tea with Friends @12:00 Methodist Hall

9th - Fitsteps Dance & Exercise @11:15am

9th - Table Tennis @14:00

9th - Tea with Friends @14:30 Methodist Hall

9th - Community Choir @18:30

9th - Pound Fitness @19:00 British Legion

11th - Blackmore Vale Art Group @10am

12th - The Marnhull Hub and Repair Café @10am

14th - Pound Fitness @9:30am British Legion

14th - Table Tennis - Monday @14:00

14th - Women's Institute - 14th or 21st (weather dependent) - Picnic in the Rec @19:30

15th - Bridge Club @14:00 Methodist Hall

16th - Fitsteps Dance & Exercise @11:15am

16th - Table Tennis @14:00

16th - Community Choir @18:30

16th - Pound Fitness @19:00 British Legion

18th - Marnhull Community Café @10am

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STURMINSTER NEWTON MEDICAL CENTRE



Some Practice statistics

From January to mid May 2023 – 99.3% of available appointments were booked – a total of 23,964. Of those, 63% were face to face and 37% were telephone. However 3.4% - 384 patients failed to turn up for their appointment and 34 did not answer their 'phone. Amongst those, 254 were GP appointments and 131 were with Advance Care Practitioners. These are appointments that could have been used by other patients, however the cost of the time wasted when these patients didn't take up their appointment, comes to £4630.57.

If you are unable to keep an appointment, please cancel it as soon as possible, so that the time can be offered to another patient. If you have the facility, you should be able to cancel if you receive a text and on the NHS app. Otherwise, please telephone the Practice.

Klinik continues to reduce the number of telephone calls to the Practice. If you have online access, Klinik is easy to find on the Blackmore Vale Partnership website – click on 'Online Services' or scroll down to the Klinik tab. It is a quick and efficient way of accessing care and advice and receiving a prompt and appropriate response. To order repeat medication, then please use SystemOnline or the NHS app.

The Wellbeing Team

This is made up of social prescribers, mental health peer support workers, mental health nurse, health coach, with plans to employ a young person's social prescriber, psychological wellbeing practitioners and amazing patient volunteers. The team can be contacted on 01747 856786 or email bvpwellbeing@dorsetgp.nhs.uk

Carousel Clinic

The practice uses population health methodology to identify people at risk of falls, and reduced mobility alongside social factors such as isolation and increased vulnerability and invites them to this one stop clinic. It's a busy time with the opportunity to speak with a number of health professionals such as a pharmacist and an Occupational Therapy assistant as well as representatives from a number of voluntary groups inc Age UK.

Over 300 patients have been seen with outcomes including reduced numbers of medications, referrals for ECG's and mobility and home aid reviews, as well as significant numbers of social prescribing referrals, and support for carers and family members. The feedback is incredibly positive.

Falls Buddies

Volunteers are trained in balance and strengthening exercises and mindfulness and are matched with a person identified as a person at high risk of falls and goals are set by the person. Positive Movement Group People identified from the above work are offered the opportunity to engage in a group led by a yoga coach focusing on improving strength, balance and confidence. The practice has supported those who cannot financially afford the sessions through small personal health budgets. The first group of 22 have given remarkable feedback confirming improved confidence when moving around.

iPads from the Library

Would you, or someone you know benefit from being able to borrow an iPad for up to 6 weeks? If so, then you can borrow one through Dorset Libraries.

The scheme is designed for anyone over 18 and a full member of the Dorset Library Service, ideally looking for employment, including those who have little or no previous experience of using an iPad or tablet. These are available in several libraries, the closest to us, being Blandford. All iPads come with data, so you don't need to have internet access at home and they come with a combined keyboard case and a stereo headset. They are user friendly and have ready loaded links to websites with information about:

- employment, writing a CV and interview skills
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- computing skills

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MARNHULL TENNIS CLUB

An update on our floodlight project!

After a number of stakeholder, neighbour and village meetings looking at our early stage plans for floodlights, we have been overwhelmed by the positive feedback and support from both club members and villagers alike. We are excited to move forward to the next stages of development. For anyone interested in the floodlight plans, please see our presentation at www.marnhulltennisclub.net/floodlights

In other news!

- The Tombola Tournament is well underway with doubles matches happening throughout the summer!
- Club league matches are showing mixed results to date (mid-June) with the rest of the season still to play out.
- The new juniors weekly sessions every Tuesday have been a great success and are now supported by professional coaching on Fridays.

WHAT'S HAPPENING ON THE COURTS...

New junior championship

Tuesday 11th July 5pm

We are holding a junior club members mixed doubles tennis championship for our 10-16yr old children on Tuesday the 11th July. The mixed doubles tennis championship will start at 5pm and will finish with a short prize giving ceremony between 7.00-7.30pm. It promises to be a fun and rewarding event for all! Please do come and support our junior members on the 11th!

Fancy giving tennis a try?

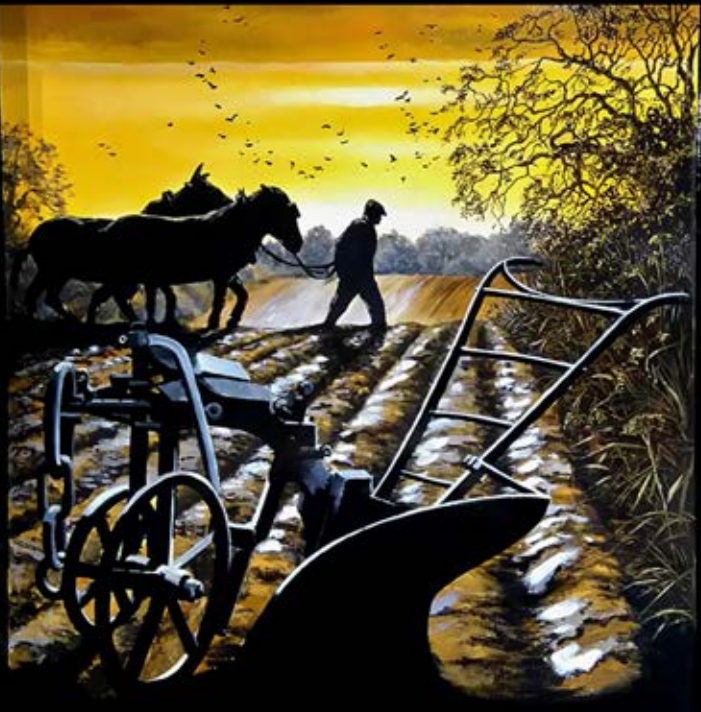
We run a friendly and welcoming beginner programme including regular sessions every Wednesday from 6pm – no previous experience needed! Balls will be supplied and rackets are available if needed. For more details please contact John Seear on 01258 269743 or johnseear@hotmail.com.

Weekly club sessions - No need to book, just turn up and play!

- Tuesdays 4.00pm-5.00pm Juniors 5-9 years – please contact Norma Amlot on dnamlot@icloud.com or 07879647559.
- Tuesdays 5.00pm-6.00pm Juniors 10-16 years – please contact Norma Amlot as above.
- Wednesday Evenings from 6.00pm - Rusty Rackets - perfect for beginners and those who haven't played for a while!
- Thursday Evenings from 6.00pm – Open sessions for all adult members and ideal for coming along to after work.
- Friday Mornings 9.30am – 11.30am - Open to all adult members of any ability.

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.



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Anyone for Lettuce?

Marnhull Green TEAMS continues to work on Green projects in and around the village and our activities are wide ranging.

We gave a new website to make it easier to find out what Marnhull Green Teams are up to! You can find us at www.marnhullgreenteams.com, many thanks to Chris Drake and Ros Eveleigh for setting this up. Is there anyone who would like to keep the site up to date? And, please if you have any information or photos suitable for the website, please send them to rseveleigh@icloud.com.

If you want to find out more about our projects, do come and visit the team at Marnhull Fest on 8th July and The Flower Show on 22nd July. You can try your hand at the recycling quiz and try out our very local apple juice.

We have organised a visit to Wyke Farms anaerobic digester on 26th July. This dairy enterprise is aiming to be carbon neutral using its own biogas and extensive roof-mounted solar panels. The visit will take in the farms conservation area. If you would like to see this technology in action - that also neutralises the smell of manure - contact rseveleigh@icloud.com.

On 2nd August there is a visit to Ryewater Farm near Sherborne. It is a nature reserve where you can see a fantastic range of butterflies, You can find out about it here, www.dorsetbutterflies.com/tag/ryewater-nursery/ and contact Julie on egilshut@googlemail.com if you would like to join the trip.

If you are thinking about buying an EV why not come along to our EV Show on 23rd September at 10am in the Crown car park? This is an opportunity to hear from local electric car, van and bike owners about their experiences, positive and negative of this technology.

We have been given news about the Bee Experience Days from North Dorset Beekeepers on 11th & 25th June and 9th & 23rd July at Shillingstone Church Centre. For more information, see the website www.northdorsetbeekeepers.org.uk. Bookings essential at: www.tickettailor.com/events/northdorsetbka

Marnhull Green TEAMS' organic gardening team has signed up to Garden Organic. This gives us access to a community of like-minded gardeners, with lots of advice and information available on growing organically and sustainably. Our membership supports research into organic growing methods via citizen science projects and, through Garden Organic's heritage seeds library, the preservation of genetic diversity in food plants. It also enables us to obtain free seeds, as well as discounts on courses and talks. See www.gardenorganic.org.uk for more information, and contact us if you would like to join the organic gardening team.

And the lettuce? If you would just like to dip your toe into allotmenting, there are a couple of rows on the Community Allotment in Sodom Lane that could be used for a row of lettuce or even radishes. Just contact tim.h.eveleigh@googlemail.com, or you can catch up with Tim at the Sodom Lane allotments on any Monday, Wednesday or Friday at 17.30.

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ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Lyn's bingo is attracting a solid 60 plus players every fortnight and this is because she works so hard getting great prizes. There is room for a few more people so if you are a lover of bingo please feel free to come down. Start time is 7pm but be sure to come a bit earlier to make sure of a seat. The bar is open if you are so inclined. All profits go to the Poppy Appeal so you will be supporting a good cause while you have fun. Tucked away among all the great music we have lined up over the next two months is my quiz on July 29th. Entry is free and you don't have to be a genius to play so pop down have a drink or two and have a fun night. Teams can be any size and if you don't have a team just turn up and we will fit you in somewhere. We do let the hall out so if you have an occasion to celebrate give Tony a ring on the number below and we will see if we can accommodate you. We have a fully equipped kitchen and will provide bar staff if required. If you don't ask you will never know. No messenger next month so here is the next two months entertainment. Ant and Dave's 70's night is optional fancy dress and is £5 on the door.

July Entertainment

Sat 1st – Outrage
Sat 8th - Ant and Dave Sensational 70's £5 on the door
Mon 10th – Bingo 7pm
Sat 15th – Reunion Duo
Sat 22nd – Tracy's Disco and Fun Night
Mon 24th – Bingo 7pm
Sat 29th – Jack's Quiz

August Entertainment

Sat 5th – Baz and Debs
Mon 7th – Bingo 7pm
Sat 12th – The Rebbels 5 piece band 60's/ 70's
Sat 19th – JB Disco
Mon 21st – Bingo 7pm
Sat 26th – Stage One

For Branch contact Jack on 01258 820800 or whiteheadjack51@gmail.com. For hire of the hall contact Tony on 01258 820397

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RECYCLE WITH TERRACYCLE

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

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

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

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

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- Printer ink cartridges
- Sweet packets *
- Toothbrushes & toothpaste tubes

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

MARNHULL LUNCH CLUB

The Marnhull Lunch Club was formed almost 20 years ago and meets on the first Friday of every month, except January, in the Village Hall. The club is open to residents of Marnhull and the surrounding areas and offers the opportunity to meet friends, and make new ones whilst enjoying a two-course lunch provided by Team Crown, with tea or coffee. Everyone is made very welcome in a happy and friendly atmosphere.

Lunch is served at 1pm but guests generally start arriving from 12 noon, which gives them the opportunity to chat before lunch is served. If you are not able to make your way independently, transport will be provided to and from the venue.

We are always looking for volunteers to help out at the club so if you would like to join our rota to help in the kitchen, setting up the tables and serving, or collecting the food from the Crown, we would love to hear from you. Although the club meets once a month you are not obliged to commit to every meeting, but if you can help in any way it would be much appreciated.

For more information about the Lunch Club, to reserve a place for lunch, or chat about volunteer roles, please contact:
Liz 01258 821378 or Dawn 01258 820642.

MARNHULL WOMENS' INSTITUTE

Andrew McElwee, a retired National Trust administrator, amused the WI with talk of his total (alleged) unpreparedness for this role, and his hapless adventures in it. He and his wife went from a 3 bedroom house in Canterbury to live in Polesden Lacey, a 1,600 acre estate in Surrey, the former home of an Edwardian hostess and friend of the late Queen Mother, who spent part of her honeymoon there. It had about 3,500 visitors per year.

He was in charge of all the staff, from volunteers to gardeners, curators, foresters among others, for which his former life as a surveyor had not given much guidance. He told, among other things, of having a bedroom the size of a football pitch, with bathroom adjoining but the toilet miles away down a long corridor (not helpful in the early hours!). And an enormous bath without a bathplug, instead he found there was an old Christmas pudding bowl, with ancient pudding still in, which fitted the hole exactly.

He spoke of tribulations with Animal Rights Protestors who planned to interrupt the London Mozart players concert in the grounds – because the finale had fireworks! The local police were most helpful, sending double their normal contingent i.e. 2 officers. As it happened, an enormous thunderstorm save the day but not anyone from getting soaked! The Lord works in mysterious ways.

He said that the one thing that the National Trust has, which no other organisation does, is an expert in everything, which was helpful when the house fire alarm system need to be upgraded; following which a large (protected species) of bat got loose and set every alarm off in the early hours. His most trying experience was when he asked, at the end of a staff meeting for any questions, and the one raised was "why no cake in the staff room?". We didn't hear the result of that.

It was obvious he enjoyed his time at the Trust, and his talk entertained us. The next meeting is "Farming from the Soil Upwards", and is an Open Meeting. Visitors are always welcome. July 10th. in the Village Hall.

THE WHITE FAMILY

I will be coming to Marnhull in late June and wondered if anyone could help me find what was known as Marnhull Shop.

I am trying to trace the White family who (according to the 1851, 61 and 71 Census) were ran/worked at/perhaps lived at Marnhull Shop. Samuel White (the father) is recorded as a draper and grocer. His wife was Mary Anne Talbot White.

They had 15 children and were my great, great grandparents.

fionadenny@yahoo.com

MARNHULL MEN'S SHED

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

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

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As a BHS Access Officer, I work to try to resolve issues, explore opportunities for new access and proactively educate all users on sharing routes responsibly. We want equestrians to enjoy and have access to safe places to ride and drive. Within my Access Officer role I can frequently meet some tough challenges and people and if things don't always go the way I would like - or as fast as I would like, then I just keep on doing the best I can. If you think you might know historically of a route that was ridden, then please get in touch. In the past our village was much smaller and many of the lanes we use now were actually only tracks or bridleways which is why the majority do not have pavements or were designed for motorised vehicles.

An Access Officer, can provide localised advice, support and assistance; resolve issues with existing access; launch new routes and public bridleways. Covering Marnhull, Hinton St Mary, Fifehead Magdalen, Todber, Stour Provost and the Orchards, I can also fundraise to defend endangered rights of way for riders and carriage drivers.

Trot on everyone and enjoy this glorious sunshine. Rosie Gall 07711 089403.



MAKE 2NDS COUNT

Charity Head Shave



A huge thank you to everyone who has already donated to "Make 2nds Count" secondary breast cancer charity in the run up to and following my charity head shave held at the RBL Marnhull in April. A total of £ 3917.00 has currently been raised, that combines cash collected on the night, the raffle,

sponsorship & the online Just Giving Page.

If you have any spare cash and would like to make a donation, please pop into The Curtain Man on Burton Street. I have access to the Make 2nds Count donation account where the funds will be used to help give hope to the women - and men - affected by secondary breast cancer.

Whilst my friend is continuing with her treatment I'll keep my head shaved so will be a constant reminder! And once again, a massive thank you for your support so far...

Anna



MARNHULL FLOWER SHOW

Marnhull Flower Show

Remember 2022 Flower Show, it was a great year and this year it is going to be even better!! The schedules are available from local collection points and we hope you are buzzing with excitement. Don't forget to get your entries in by TUESDAY 18TH JULY @ 5pm.

If you think you have something that is looking good as an entry - go for it - you never know, it could be a winner. Whatever your age or hobby - we have a class that will fit that - even for the ones that are work in progress. Photography is always a good and easy option too and we have lots of easy topics - water, sky and clouds, animals, a sign of Spring and the open class (you've taken it let's see it!).

Please come along and join in the fun on the day at the Recreation Ground. The Wessex Morris Men, Ukulele Band, Bar, tea and cakes, games and all sorts of lovely local stalls will be there as well as marquees filled with exciting entries. It is Open from 12 noon. Disabled parking is available near the hall.



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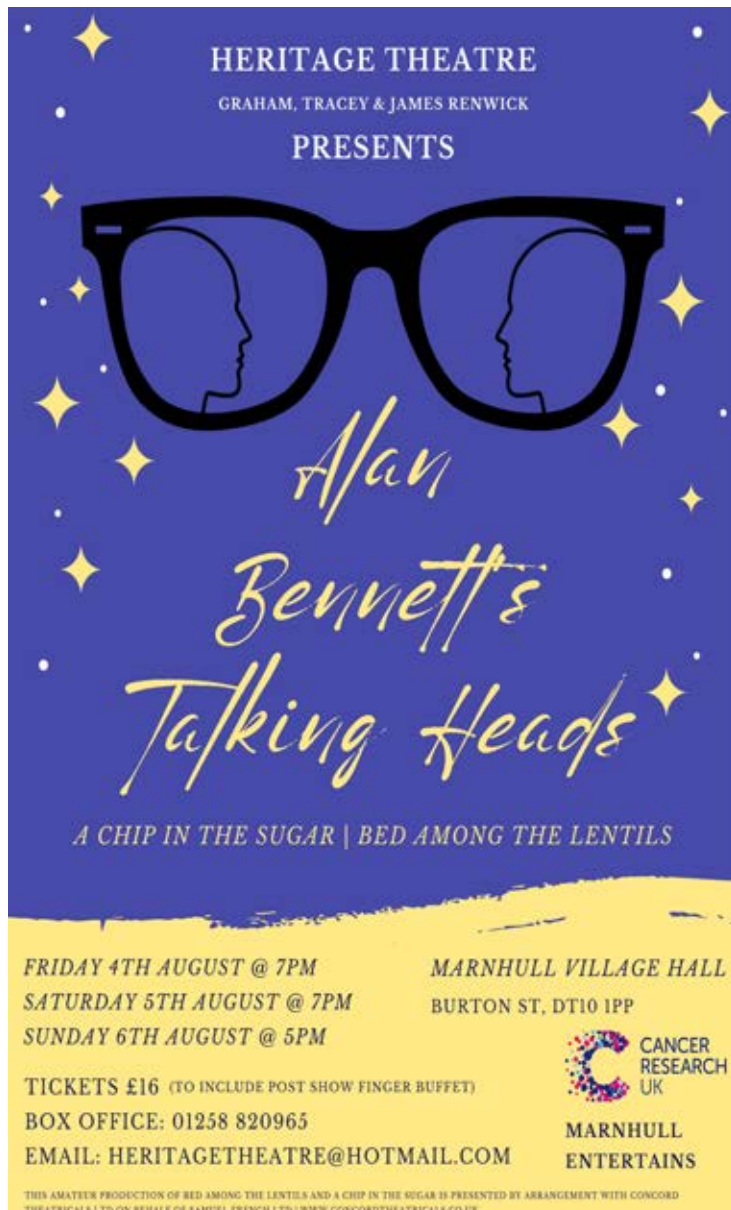
"Talking Heads" in the Village Hall

Box Office is now open for this summer production at Marnhull Village Hall (MVH), of two of Alan Bennett's "Talking Heads"; 'A Chip In The Sugar' originally performed by the playwright himself and, most recently, by Martin Freeman on BBC TV. The second piece 'Bed Among The Lentils' was performed originally by Dame Maggie Smith and most recently by Lesley Manville, again on the BBC. These two pieces are now to be played live in Marnhull by James and Tracey Renwick (directed by Graham Renwick); so, a family affair!

The three performances are to be presented on Friday 4th, Saturday 5th & Sunday 6th August and we look forward to welcoming you to MVH. Included in your ticket price of £16 is an After-Show Finger Buffet prepared by Sweetpea in Stur. There will be a 'Donation' Bar serving wine and soft drinks throughout the evening. Booking Form is enclosed with this issue of the Marnhull Messenger.

This production is supported by Cancer Research UK (CRUK, Marnhull) and MARNHULL ENTERTAINS to whom the profits, after expenses are settled, will be equally shared. Your generous support of this production will be greatly welcomed by us all.

A little bit of background - Heritage Theatre was set up for the many drama productions worked on during the twelve years we lived in North Cornwall. We presented and performed at various venues in such productions as Alan Ayckbourn's "Relatively Speaking", "84 Charing Cross Road" based on the book by Helene Hanff, Peter Shaffer's "Lettice and Lovage" and Shaun McKenna's stage adaptation of "Ladies in Lavender".



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The Marnhull Community Choir will be offering A Musical Bouquet at their summer performance on Saturday 8th July at St Gregory's Church, Marnhull. Performance starts at 7.30pm and your ticket price of £10.00 and £5.00 for under 16's, includes one free drink in the interval, with the option to buy a glass at the end of the performance. All profit to St Greg's Church. Tickets are available from Choir members and all the usual outlets - Robin Hill Stores and the SPAR stores. It may also be possible to buy them on the door on the night if it has not been a sell-out!!!

The choir will offer a range of beautiful, pollinator-friendly songs about summer flowers from the 20's, 40's and 50's era with simple and melodic catchy lyrics. They include Tulips from Amsterdam, Little Buttercup, Scarborough Fair, The Honeysuckle and the Bee, The Floral Dance, My Love is like a red, red rose and many more.

And if you have enjoyed the repertoire, there will be a selection sung at the Marnhull Flower Show on 22 July - a perfect environment for a vocal floral bouquet!

Marnhull Community Choir

A Musical Bouquet Summer performance



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MARNHULL PLAYERS PANTO

We had our script meeting which is where we found out that our director Bruno has been very busy and the meeting was a very productive one, a script has been chosen, cast is in the process, music is being worked on, scenery/ props and costume ideas are being discussed. There was so much to talk about and to get excited about. We have a meeting booked for July to go through and hopefully make some final decision once we have all had a chance to read the script to look at our own ideas and what we can do.

We are so pleased that we have a very strong team to keep the panto magic alive in Marnhull and we are all very excited about this upcoming panto and can't wait to share more details with you all.

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
An exciting year ahead.
Thanks
The committee and Cast

ST GREGORY'S CHURCH

Parish of St Gregory's Marnhull



Weekend in the life of St Gregs Church... Pictures of 10-11 June 2023 with hosting Lucy Moore, inspiring national church leader on Growing Faith with children and families, as part of the Archbishop's Mission Weekend in Salisbury Diocese in the afternoon.

And celebrating with Stephen Binnington, such a talented musician, who gave his

50th organ recital in St Gregs in the evening.

You are always welcome

Services & events in July 2023

Sun 2nd July

8am Holy Communion (traditional language)

10am Parish Communion

Weds 5th July

9am Morning Prayer- including praying for those in need

11am Holy Communion

2.45pm School Worship

Sat 8th July

7.30pm Marnhull Community Choir concert

Sun 9th July

8am Holy Communion (traditional language)

10am Parish Communion

12pm Bring and Share Lunch at the Rectory

Weds 12th July

9am Morning Prayer

2.30pm Tea with Friends @ Methodist Hall

Fri 14th July

12pm Village Prayer @ Our Lady's RC Church

Sunday 16th July

8am Holy Communion (traditional language)

10am All Age Worship

Weds 19th July

9am Morning Prayer

2pm School Leavers Service

Sunday 23rd July

8am Holy Communion (traditional language)

10am Parish Communion with Baptism of Harper Williams

Weds 26th July

9am Morning Prayer

Sun 30th July

8am Holy Communion (traditional language)

10am Service of the Word



BISHOP'S LETTER



I write this at the end of no mow May, and during a week when we are remembering to care for God's acre, so I am thinking about all those who serve in many ways tending our churchyards and enabling them to be places where God's creation and God's presence can be experienced. Thank you.

As Patron of the Dorset wildlife trust's living churchyard project, I recently toured a local churchyard which has been transformed into an oasis, with wild flowers, bench seating and even some bee hives, tended by a local bee keeper, in the corner. In another part of Dorset, I recently dedicated a village meadow, where there are plans to offer bees, birds and visitors a welcome amongst carefully planted shrubs, trees and flowers. I look forward seeing it in future years.

Community orchards and gardens are also transforming lives as produce grown is shared out and given away. The abundance of creation's riches on our doorstep is for all to enjoy.

Our task as God's stewards is to unlock the possibilities, and I encourage you to do that; to take a look at what is outside your church and see the potential; take time out to sit and pray; make the most of time away walking or sitting in a different environment; surprise someone by giving them some of your home grown produce. For as the psalmist experienced: 'The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing. He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, he refreshes my soul'.

Have a good summer.
Bishop Karen

THE METHODIST CHURCH

The 'What Does it Mean to be Human?' talk, organised by Marnhull Churches Together, aimed to stimulate thought and discussion about our experiences of life and why, as human beings, we may act as we do. I think I can safely say that it did achieve these objectives!

Mrs Jacintha Bowe, who has headed theology and philosophy departments at university, gave us a stimulating and very interesting hour or so from Plato through to Richard Dawkins, the evolutionary biologist. Obviously, in a talk with accompanying slides of only one hour, a broad brush had to be applied but, nonetheless, much to think about was gleaned and lots of discussion amongst attendees engendered.

If you didn't come you missed a treat! Many thanks were given to Mrs Bowe for sharing her knowledge in such an understandable and interesting manner.

The next talk by Mrs Bowe, titled 'Holy Beer – a Sacred Beverage', is provisionally planned for 9th November 2023, 7-9pm, at a local inn so that a tippie may be enjoyed whilst we learn about the evolution of beer.

All is fairly quiet on the Methodist Church front at the moment though changes to our Circuit administration are afoot. These should not adversely affect our worship in Marnhull though.

- We continue to worship at 10.00 every Sunday at the Methodist Church followed by coffee in the Hall and you can join us – be assured that a warm welcome awaits you.
- The Girls' Brigade meets every Wednesday evening at 6.15- 7.30 pm in term time at the Methodist Hall. All girls are welcome to join GB from age 4 plus. Information may be obtained from Team Leader Mrs Rachael Findlay on 07771 897262.
- The Church Hall is available for parties, small groups and meetings. Ring Marlene on 01258 820869 to book the hall for your event.
- Thought this may raise a smile: (sorry!)

Q: What did the grandma cat say to her grandson when she saw him slouching?

A: You need to pay more attention to your pawsture

Gillian

ST GREGORY'S C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL



JOKE OF THE MONTH... Last night my wife and I watched two films back-to-back. Luckily, I was the one facing the TV.

SPORTS UPDATE A contingent from

St Greg's attended the North Dorset Primary School Athletics competition in Yeovil. Every child represented the school with distinction, some even returning with medals. Conditions were very hot but did not spoil a memorable day out. Go Team St Greg's!



"HISTORY IS WHO WE ARE AND WHY WE ARE THE WAY WE ARE"

St Greg's has a history club and this last month we have been browsing through some donated old newspapers from 1943. One such paper from June 6th, 1943, had articles on Hitler visiting Italy, rations and our boats being sunk by the Germans. The club have also been exploring old aerial photographs of the school and surrounding area dating back to 1902. Everyone was taken aback by the level of development the area has seen in a century.

TIME FOR A DIP? The pool is once again up and running. Each class will be in the pool on multiple occasions each week as we look to cash in on this wonderful school asset. We are delighted that Wessex Internet have generously sponsored the pool this season. The pool has associated costs and so we are extremely grateful to Wessex Internet for making sure the pool continues to be financially viable.



SWIM FOR CAKE! Our very own Natalie Perrett and three other brave souls are taking on the enormous challenge of swimming the English Channel. Natalie and the team are swimming in aid of three different charities, each close to their hearts:



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PEOPLE WHO HELP US. Our topic has been focusing on two historical heroes; Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole. Both did their most famous work during the Crimean War. We discovered how Florence helped shape the way we find hospitals now with cleanliness, hygiene, and organisation.

Our outside play area (dedicated to Hedgehogs class) has witnessed some role play. We have created both a hospital and police station creating scenes from Eliot Jones the midnight superhero. Capes and masks are of course compulsory for most superheroes, and it is no different in Hedgehogs. The mud kitchen has also allowed us to brew a hearty soup to help our hospital patients recover and regain strength. We are pleased to report waiting times are minimal. Given the glorious weather we've enjoyed of late we have been out enjoying the school grounds, a highlight is racing around the playground on our trikes and bikes.



FAREWELL MARTHA. Regular readers will have enjoyed Martha's Messages. Martha has kept us up to date with what's been happening in Foxes class (Year 6). We are very proud of our eldest children. They have led by example and shown the school values, hope, faith & love. They have undertaken SATS with distinction and now as their time at St Greg's comes to an end, they can enjoy themselves before the rigours of High school in September. We wish them all the very best and we will miss

them. Special thanks go to Martha for sharing her thoughts with us on this her last year at St Greg's. We hope that she can look back fondly on her time at primary school with the help of the Marnhull Messenger. We have finished up with a Q&A with Martha as she reflects on her time at St Greg's.

FRIENDS OF ST GREGS. The school relies heavily on the goodwill of local businesses, some of these goodwill champions are showcased on our school website. We are extremely grateful for their support.

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INTERESTED IN JOINING ST GREG'S? We always welcome prospective families no matter the time of the year. Come and see firsthand what a wonderful place St Greg's is. Our website gives an insight into the school, but nothing compares to seeing and hearing our classes in action. <https://stgregorymarnhull.dorset.sch.uk/> Telephone- 01258 820206 Email - office@stgregorymarnhull.dorset.sch.uk

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SLIPPING THROUGH MY FINGERS (MY TIME AT ST GREG'S IS DRAWING TO AN END)

I'm a huge Abba fan and Slipping Through My Fingers sums up my 8 years at St Greg's school. My time has raced by with so many memories and proud moments. This piece will be my last for the Marnhull Messenger. Sadly, I am leaving the school to take up a new role setting up an SEN (Special Educational Needs) Primary school, something I am extremely passionate about.

St Gregory is the patron saint of several groups of people, musicians, singers and both students and teachers. I have no doubt that St Gregory has kept an eye on our village school and blessed us with the most wonderful children throughout my time and will no doubt continue to do so.

Throughout my 8 years at St Gregory's, I have been privileged to work alongside a superb team of staff, who are so committed to the children. Teaching is a work of heart, people become teachers for many reasons but chief amongst them is from the heart, it is a calling, a true vocation. The staff at St Greg's have, like many up and down the land endured tough times but also an abundance of good times, in fact each and every day. The children are responsible for so many of the high times.

When I first took up the role, my first headship, naturally I was slightly anxious, this quickly faded as I walked down the path on my first day. The smiles on the faces of the children - made every little bit of worry disappear and from there my journey began and what a journey it has been. The children are in many ways the pilots at the school, they take us all on the most incredible journeys, full of adventure, creating memories that I will take with me and that will last forever.

Each day I love coming to school, there is not a day that goes by where I do not witness the incredible skills, enthusiasm, personalities, and learning growth of our children. It is witnessing these children become independent, respectful, responsible young citizens, prepared for life outside of our small rural setting that has given me such pleasure. I am blessed to have been able to contribute to making this happen.

St Gregory's has become a second family to me and walking away is not something I do lightly, nor will it be easy - the children are an absolute joy and saying goodbye to them will be gut wrenching. For me, school is not just about traditional learning, it's about creating memories through experiences, shared and individual. From the magical trips to London, West End shows, PGL, our hall being turned into an ice rink with falling snow, Church performances, musical concerts..... I hope, I have helped create lasting memories for the children. Memories that they will hold on to forever. Things, that in years to come they can tell their children and grandchildren. My goal has always been to lead with our school values at the fore front of everything we do, LOVE, FAITH & HOPE.

I must take this opportunity to thank those that I have worked alongside during my time at St Greg's. I have been privileged to work with a superb team of staff, who are so committed to the children. I have also been consistently very well supported by a dedicated and professional Governing body. The wonderful community surrounding the school has been a wealth of knowledge, support and very much a part of the lives of our children.

To EVERYONE, who is or has been, a part of our school life, however small, I would like to say a HUGE THANK YOU - it has been a pleasure to be a part of something so special - St Gregory's Primary school and Church community.

And so, as time slips through my fingers, I will continue to capture every minute, to enjoy each and every day as much as the first. I will savour our pilots as they take us on new adventures. I will look back with pride at what we all have achieved for it takes a community to raise our young folk and Marnhull is the very best place to raise our young folk.

If you'll allow me to finish as I began with Abba:
I believe in angels. Something good in everything I see.
St Gregory has and will continue to bless our school, a place full of good, in everything.
Warmest Wishes
Debbie



Martha's Monthly Message



When did you start at St Greg's?
2018

When is your last day at St Greg's?
20th July 2023

How many of your teachers can you name?
All of them !

Favourite school trip?
Back to the future the musical

Memories of school lunches?
I didn't mind them but prefer packed lunch

Favourite subject?
P.E because it is fun

Favourite playground game?
Queeny game which we made up

Favourite animal at school?
Guinea pigs

What would you like to take with you from St Greg's?
All the memories I love St Greg's

Best advice you can give a new reception aged child starting at St Greg's
Always ask the teachers for help

What did you find toughest at primary school
Maths! It's hard

What did you find easiest at primary school
English because I like writing

Which sports did you enjoy the most at school
Definitely netball

Did you learn any musical instruments at school?
I played the piano for a little while

What are you most looking forward to in High School?
I'm not sure I'm a bit nervous but I know I will enjoy PE



July 2023

Martha



ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

The summer term continues to be eventful at St Mary's! Just before we broke up for the half term, we had our OFSTED inspection. It was heart-warming to hear from the Inspectors how courteous and respectful our children are – I am so very proud of each and every one of them. I look forward to being able to share our report soon.



MAY PROCESSION. We were blessed with beautiful weather, as the Growing In Faith (GIFT) Team and Fr Joseph led our May Procession Service. It was lovely to have parents and parishioners join us and the children were fantastic – including our youngest children – The Explorers! Thank you to Mrs Myatt and the GIFT Team for such a prayerful celebration of



of our Patron Saint. It was also a lovely opportunity to officially welcome Fr Joseph to our school family.

PETE THE POET.

We had a great day when Pete the Poet visited school. This day was only possible thanks to the generosity of the PTFA. Each class spent a session with Pete exploring equality and diversity through stories from around the world. They dressed up and played with musical instruments. The children thoroughly enjoyed the workshops.

Here are two of the joint poems the children wrote with him.

ST MARY'S EXPLORERS. With all the warm weather this term, the children have enjoyed getting into our outdoor space. Water play has been a huge hit and it has been lovely seeing the smiles on the children's faces as they play alongside their peers.



Last term, the children enjoyed a session with a visiting poet, Pete the Poet. They had fun dressing up, playing instruments, singing songs and helping to retell stories from around the world. They learnt all about being kind, friendly and welcoming to everyone.

At this time of year, we love reflecting on all the amazing progress the children have made. Through the year, they have developed many skills including playing cooperatively, taking turns, exchanging ideas and working together to solve problems. We are very proud of each and every one of them.

St Mary's Explorers is open from 8:45am – 3:15pm every weekday during term time and spaces are available for children aged 3 years +, with wrap around care from 8am – 6pm on request. The unit allows preschool and Reception children to work together on lots of key areas of learning. We still have places available for September. If you would like to come and visit the school to see what we can offer your child, contact the school office office@stmarymarnhull.dorset.sch.uk 01258 820417 or just pop in! (Early Education Funding vouchers accepted and 30hrs funding available).

ST ANTHONY'S. This term, the children are enjoying listening to traditional stories with a twist. A particular favourite has been, 'The True Story of the Three Little Pigs.' The children then enjoyed taking on the role of the not so Big and Bad wolf in their play.

In History this term, we are comparing farming today with farming in the past. The children have been particular interested in how animals were used to help farmers and the use of steam vehicles.

ST MARK'S. In History, the children have continued to find out about the impact of change between the Stone and Iron Age. They have been using their prior knowledge to explain that there was greater variation in the food eaten because they were using more advanced tools. In Science, the children have been learning about what living things have in common, having been introduced to MRS GREN. They have, so far, been successful in planting beans and sunflowers.

We are still enjoying reading the children's classic – 'Charlotte's Web' as

our class novel, which is supporting our learning about the life cycles of living things.

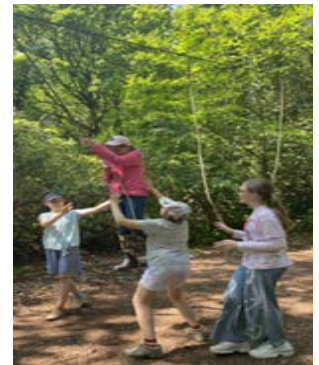
ST FRANCIS! WOW! St Francis have had a very exciting start to the second half of their summer term. On our return to school, the children along with St. Alban's attended Carey Camp. The children had an amazing time and were a credit to the school. They were enthusiastic, polite and adventurous. The children took part in various activities such as tunnelling, low ropes and fire lighting. They all slept very well and were wide awake with the birds at 5am! It was a wonderful experience and I am very grateful that I got to be part of their memory of Carey Camp.

This half term for computing, the children will be working on their programming skills using the website scratch. So far, we have only experienced with it but by the end of the term we look forward to having a full animation after developing them over the coming weeks. I look forward to seeing what the children create by the end of term. Our History topic for this term is Ancient Greece and the children are very intrigued to find out more.



ST ALBAN'S. The children of St Alban's class have recently enjoyed a residential trip to Carey Outdoor Education Centre. During their stay, the children put their teamwork, leadership and problem solving skills to the test with a variety of different activities such as; archery, low ropes, fire lighting and more. The children were all so wonderfully behaved, it was an absolute joy to take them and a fantastic time was had by all.

Back at school, we have been using our mathematical skills to represent different data as pie charts as well as link this with our observational skills in science where we are looking at the different insects which can be found in our local area. The children also saw their designs put into action recently when they built their own model-sized sustainable houses. They worked hard to plan the steps they would like, organise the materials needed and overcome hurdles they may face along the way.



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MARNHULL MUSIC SOCIETY

Glenda Frazer's first presentation was a jewel-box of beautiful things. She opened in rousing style with Mozart's 4th Horn Concert played by Dennis Brain in a recording for which she has scoured the archives. A contrast came with the husky voice of Edith Piaf singing her iconic "Non, je ne regrette rien."

Surely this must spark some private image in everyone's subconscious. We had Beethoven's "Archduke" and the compelling voice of Janet Baker singing "Le Spectre de la Rose" before settling down to listen to the 3rd movement of Schubert's quintet in C. Starting with its gentle melody punctuated by high-bird-like notes it later evolves into vigorous life before reverting to the original tune.

Then Glenda surprised us with a most attractive jangly little piece called "Babiko" which she heard in Prague in 1961 just as the Berlin Wall was going up. It was a plea for grandma to teach her grand-daughter to dance the Charleston and it had a charmingly honky-tonk air. Glenda ended the first half with a peerless recording of Itzhak Perlman playing the Beethoven violin concerto.

The second half began in stirring manner with Bach's ever-popular Toccata and Fugue and then there was another evocative taste of France with the seductive voice of Yves Montand singing "Fallen Leaves." The Koh-i-noor of this sparkling evening came next, for me at least. Glenda had chosen Jacqueline du Pré playing part of Elgar's cello concerto in the matchless recording with Sir John Barbirolli. This was a sublime moment and the audience was entranced.

Every jewel box contains a bit of bling and this was the next revelation. In an authentically scratchy recording we heard the great Caruso in florid voice singing that musical postcard of Venice: "O Sole Mio." Joyously extravagant stuff! In contrast the Bach Double Concerto featuring David and Igor Oistrach was compelling and gorgeous.

Bryn Terfel singing a Schubert song and the splendidly picturesque "Vltava" by Smetana, with the swirling currents and diamond glints of sunlight on the ripples ended a splendid evening of music.

Glenda's concert was a masterclass in balance and selection and we all hope she will be persuaded to compile another programme before too long. We have no meeting in July but members are reminded that we will have our annual garden party in August.

ROOFTOPS AND CAR PARKS CAN POWER THE COUNTRY

Majority of required solar capacity could be installed unobtrusively on existing buildings and car parks, with almost universal public support. Decarbonising the grid requires far less land than previously feared, after rooftop solar potential was analysed and quantified for a new report. Installing solar panels should be a requirement of planning permission – for all car parks, new buildings and major renovations.

Over half of the solar panels required to hit government net zero targets could be fitted on rooftops and car parks, a major new report for CPRE, the countryside charity, has found. The research, by the UCL Energy Institute, shows that decarbonising the grid requires far less land than previously feared.

The government is advised to set a national rooftop solar target of at least 40GW by 2035. Installing solar panels unobtrusively on existing buildings and car parks would enjoy near universal public support and help minimise objections to large solar farms in the countryside, the report says. The potential of urban brownfield sites to generate renewable energy is being dramatically underutilised at present.

A series of crises, including energy security, food security, climate change, nature recovery and housing, have placed the countryside under intense pressure. The report concludes that, in order to transition to renewable energy in the timeframe required, there is no alternative but to accept ground mounted solar projects will be necessary. However, it offers hope that valuable landscapes can be protected, the need for additional large greenfield schemes gradually removed, and contentious planning disputes avoided if rooftop solar is prioritised.

The government has set a national target of 70GW of solar energy generation by 2035. The independent review analysed and quantified the solar photovoltaic capacity of rooftops and car parks across England, providing an assessment of the total energy that could be generated.

The key findings are:

Installing solar panels on existing rooftops and other land such as car parks could provide at least 40-50GW in England by 2035; and

Longer term to 2050, and with further investment, there is potential for up to 117GW of low carbon electricity to be generated from roofs and other developed spaces.

CPRE is calling on the government to ensure all suitable new buildings have rooftop solar as standard. Regulations should be updated so that solar capacity is a requirement of planning permission for major refurbishments and new residential, commercial and industrial buildings.

Roger Mortlock, chief executive of CPRE, the countryside charity, said:

'We are missing a trick in failing to install more solar panels on roofs and car parks. Rooftop solar has almost universal public support. It's unobtrusive and largely out of the line of sight, which means less objections and a speedier passage through the planning system.'

'Given the urgency of the climate crisis, it's time that renewables are fitted as standard on all new development. Homeowners expect it on new homes and it's crazy to see massive new warehouses, with roofs the size of football pitches, waved through without any expectation they install rooftop solar.'

'The planning system is stuck in the fossil fuel age without a plan for net zero. The first step must be all new buildings and major renovations requiring solar panels as a condition of planning permission unless there are strong reasons not to.'

If the government fails to kickstart a rooftop solar revolution an area of countryside larger than the size of Greater London will be required for ground-mounted schemes. CPRE's view is that this land could be much better used for either nature recovery, public access or low impact food production; or a mixture of these.

With the right policies, rooftop solar could hand power back to the people. A decentralised future of renewable energy cooperatives sprouting up in communities across the country, supported by the government, is a realistic option in a net zero world.

The report's key recommendations to reach the government target of 70GW of solar energy by 2035 include:

A new rooftop solar target: at least 40GW by 2035 delivered through the lowest cost opportunities on new builds, commercial buildings and car parks; Land use framework: a national strategy to balance the competing needs for buildings, carbon sequestration, energy and infrastructure, food security and nature recovery on a finite amount of land;

'Roof first': local communities can audit solar potential on available south-facing roofs, following the example of Kendal Town Council in the Lake District, and then will be able to prioritise solar panels on suitable brownfield land and avoid best and most versatile agricultural land; and Grid capacity: work with Ofgem to require Distribution Network Operators across the country to invest in local grid capacity to better accommodate increased generation from solar and heat pumps.

Rupert Hardy, Chair North Dorset CPRE, said:

'We want our government to adopt a renewables strategy that prioritises rooftops, surface car parks and brownfield sites in a concerted effort to attract wide public support. Grid capacity issues need to be resolved too. If implemented quickly, the policy could reduce energy bills during the cost-of-living crisis and speed up the transition to net zero, while leaving as much countryside as possible available for farming and nature restoration. Much hinges on the promised government solar road map.'

Tea with Friends

A monthly chance for a meet up to chat and enjoy tea and cake. Second Wednesday of the month 2.30 to 4pm in Methodist Church Hall. Next dates July 12th & August 9th. ALL WELCOME

MARNHULL FEST



July 7th - 6pm - 10pm. July 8th - 12 - 5pm / 7pm - 1am

A little hello from Marnhull Fest!

Hello All,

Well as ever, we have been busy in the background planning this year's Fest, as with most of these events the planning starts, usually, almost as soon as the last one finishes! With the need especially, to get things booked before someone else does!

Checking our lists of to do's not just once or twice but many times throughout the year to ensure we've done what we need to do. And it's amazing where the time goes, an entire morning, or even a day can go by just searching for stalls, food vendors and entertainers, and then it's chasing up and following up that also takes up time, more often or not done over lunch or even breakfast! However, we do hope that this year you will be pleased with what we have all organised so far.

With last year's format, of the Friday night being a family night, working so well, we have decided to keep it again for this year. So with that said we are really looking forward to welcoming back Loose Connections who have played very successfully, at the Fest, many times in previous years. Of course the bar will be open and we have a new food vendor providing something appetising for us all. And to finish the evening we have the ever popular fireworks.

Saturday is of course a very busy day with entertainment galore, not only do we have the usual circus skills, inflatables, and archery we also would like to welcome for the first time to the Fest The Land Girls, come along and have a listen to them and why not savour a cream tea while you watch or maybe dance along to the songs, maybe not both at the same time!

Covent Garden performer Mr Bumbulum is a first for us too, bringing his popular show to our Dorset village to entertain the entire family. Bring your favourite pooch to take part in the dog show we are sure there will be a class for them. And of course not forgetting the lovely stalls and stall holders, with plenty of new faces bringing their hand made home wares and gifts, do come along and support our local craft makers, they will be happy to see you!

Saturday night is always a big night and this year won't disappoint!

Dorset based Matt and Amie will be opening for us with their band, who have entertained at many a festival and following them we also have another Dorset band the very popular Leggomen! It should be a great night!!

We all look forward to seeing you!

Lisa, Janet & The Fest Team

FAMILY RAISING MONEY FOR STARS APPEAL AT WALK FOR WARDS AFTER HOSPITAL SAVE BABY SON'S LIFE

A Fordingbridge family is taking part in the Stars Appeal's Walk for Wards after staff at Salisbury Hospital saved their baby's life. Shelley and Chris Perkins' two-week-old son Taylor was brought into Salisbury District Hospital in October 2022 after he suddenly became very ill.

When he arrived on the children's ward his condition soon worsened and the situation became critical as doctors had to resuscitate baby Taylor, who was later found to have a heart defect that was restricting the blood flow from his heart.

"It was terrifying," recalls mum Shelley, who says Taylor was so unwell when they arrived on Sarum Children's Ward.

"Within five or 10 minutes there were over a dozen people working on him. They saved his life."

Baby Taylor, who is now seven-months-old, had to go to Southampton for surgery but has since been admitted to the Sarum Ward at Salisbury Hospital several times when he was ill over winter and visits regularly for help with his feeding tube.

Shelley praised the "amazing" Salisbury Hospital staff who treated Taylor and continue to care for him and says that "each time we have been looked after so well and are so grateful to everyone on the ward".

Donations to the Stars Appeal fund enhancements to the furnishings, décor and artwork on the Sarum Ward along with multi-sensory toys and other play equipment, as well as diagnostic, treatment and rehabilitation equipment.

The charity also provides free accommodation for families which include a dedicated parents' flat and pull-down beds so parents can stay by their child's bedside in hospital.

Shelley added: "When we were there I was able to stay with him in the beds provided by the Stars Appeal. I don't know what I would have done without that."

Taylor is doing well but will have to have more operations in the future. Speaking about the hospital staff that saved her son's life, she added: "If they hadn't have done what they did we wouldn't be in the position to have Taylor with us anymore."

"We wanted to be able to do something to help other people that might be in our situation."

This will be the first time Shelley and Chris are taking part in Walk for Wards. They are going to be raising money for Sarum Children's Ward. To donate go to their JustGiving page <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/shelley-perkins1> Walk for Wards takes place on Sunday, July 9, at Wilton House. To sign up visit: <https://starsappeal.org/event/walk-for-wards>





Have you some time on your hands and would like to help villagers if so, now is your chance as Marnhull Village Care is recruiting villagers to its committee, particularly if you have IT, Finance or Charity information. Marnhull Village Care has looked after members of the village since 1974.

Alternatively, if you can give the odd hour or so we would be happy for you to join us. If you think you can help why not give me a call on the number below?

Trevor Vaughan. MBE
Chair
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MARNHULL VILLAGE CARE - VOLUNTEER DRIVERS

As part of the role of Transport Co-ordinator for Marnhull Village Care, I have to submit an annual report to the Public and Community Transport Officer, Dorset Council, listing the number of trips made by our volunteer drivers and the mileage driven. I thought you might be interested to hear the numbers.

Between 1st April 2022 and 31st March 2023 we completed 190 trips, covering more than 5,500 miles.

That's 190 trips to doctors, dentists, hospitals, opticians, banks, shops and even, on one occasion, to an end of term play!

In short, although we focus on healthcare and hospital visits - and they take priority - we will help out if we possibly can.

A huge shout out to the trusty band of 12 regular drivers who are unfailingly cheery and pleasant to me on the phone, even though I'm sure their hearts sink when they see my number come up! Your willingness to give up your time to help others is much appreciated, not just by me but most certainly by all the people you've had in your passenger seat!

Anyone interested in upping our number and joining The Twelve?! If you are, please drop me an email - ann@alisaconsulting.com - or give me a ring on 01258 820456 / 07769 962840. I'd love to hear from you!

THE RUDES ARE COMING!

Miss Poplewell's Garden - Recreation Ground, Child Okeford, Saturday July 22nd 2023.

The Rude Mechanical Theatre Company have been bringing their unique plays every year to the village for well over a decade and usually to a sell-out performance, showing their highly physical, colourful, musical and humorous style of acting, based on Commedia dell'Arte, and intriguing and poignant stories. For those who haven't yet given them a try, it is highly recommended!

Booking details for them:

All shows start at 7.30pm - with access from 6:00pm for picnics. Bring your own rugs or chairs.

Tickets - are £23 with concessions for seniors, families and children. We also have a special Group of 4 deal taking the price down to £20 a head and if you really want a good deal get a group of 10 together and it will only cost you £18 a head! Ring 01323 501260 for this. It can't be done online.

Where to buy - Buy online from our website: www.therudemechanicaltheatre.co.uk or if you don't like Paypal then ring 01323 501260 or email therudes1948@gmail.com.

HELP FOR HEROES PLANT SALE

A big thank you to all those, particularly the garden club, who supported the Help for Heroes plant sale on 20th May, by helping on the Day, providing plants or by coming, buying and making it such an enjoyable occasion.

We raised over £1500, which brings the total sent to Help for Heroes over the last eleven years to over £16,000. We could not have done this without your support: again, thank you, Marnhull.

Many of you will know that Flamingo Paperie has now ceased trading, and I can no longer sell cards to support this charity.

Diana and George Stephens



MARNHULL CRICKET TEAM

Match 1

Saturday, 27, May, 2023 - Dorset - England - Marnhull CC 1st XI versus Charlton Down CC 1st XI - County Division 2 - 2023

Marnhull went into this match as underdogs as they hadn't won a match this season and were playing league leaders Charlton Down CC 1st XI. Danny Harkin of Marnhull CC 1st XI scored 103 runs not out and Ashley Young scored 98 runs. Marnhull won the match by 61 runs. Final score was Marnhull 294 for 6 off 45 overs - Charlton Down CC 233 for 9 off 45 overs.

Match 2

Saturday, 10, June, 2023 - England - UK - Marnhull CC 1st XI v Sturminster & Hinton CC - County Division 2 - 2023

James Vitali scored 146 runs for Marnhull CC 1st XI against Sturminster & Hinton CC 1st XI. Ashley Young came close once again to scoring a century with 91 runs.

Marnhull won the match by 138 runs. Final score Marnhull 317 for 6 off 45 overs - Sturminster & Hinton CC all out for 179 off 37.4 overs.



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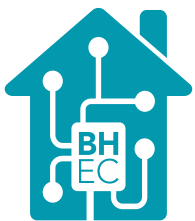


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Trevor Vaughan

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It doesn't stop there! Once a business joins 'Buy with Confidence' they are monitored by Trading Standards through customer feedback, complaint monitoring and re-audits.

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TODDLER BORN WITH CLEFT LIP AND PALATE INSPIRES FAMILY TO TAKE ON WALK FOR WARDS TO HELP OTHER CHILDREN AT SALISBURY HOSPITAL

Three-year-old Erin Goddard, who was born with a cleft lip and palate, has inspired her family to raise money for the Stars Appeal to support other children being treated at Salisbury District Hospital. The Goddard family are going to be supporting the Hospital's Spires Cleft Centre and Sarum Children's Ward at the Stars Appeal's Walk for Wards on Sunday, July 9 at Wilton House.

Erin was born with a bilateral cleft lip and palate and has been cared for at the Spires Cleft Centre at the Hospital. The centre is a specialist unit caring for children with cleft lip and/or palate, which is a gap or split in the upper lip and/or the roof of the mouth.

Her mum Amanda said: "Erin was diagnosed at our 20-week scan. It was a very scary and stressful time full of tests and lots of scans but immediately we were offered the opportunity to speak with a cleft nurse from the team and given much needed reassurance and support.

"Erin has so far had three operations, each lasting up to six hours and thankfully each was just an overnight stay. She's doing so well, her speech is a little delayed, but it's coming with the help of the speech therapists." After her operations Erin has stayed overnight with her mum on Sarum Children's Ward.

"The caring staff took time to make us feel important and not just another patient even throughout lockdowns and staff pressures," added Amanda, from Stalbridge in Dorset, who will be doing the 5k walk with her husband Matthew and their daughters Erin and 10-year-old Faye.

"We are so grateful for all of the support we have had and will continue to have in the future. We continue to have amazing support from all of the Cleft team and know that whenever we have any issues the support is there.

The Stars Appeal also fund new equipment, along with enhancements to the décor and furnishings at the Spires Cleft Centre and Sarum Children's Unit to ensure children are treated in a bright, welcoming and child-friendly environment.

It also provides accommodation and pull-down beds so parents can stay by their child's bedside. Amanda, who took part in Walk for Wards with her two daughters last year, said: "It is such a great day out and being amongst so many others that also wish to show their support for Salisbury District Hospital in a beautiful setting is quite emotional and humbling.

"It's a privilege to be able to show our support for both Spires Cleft Centre and Sarum Ward and feel like we're giving back and directly helping cleft babies in the future."

Walk for Wards is free to enter and includes lunch and entry to Wilton House gardens afterwards. Walkers can do either the 3k, 5k or 10k route and are encouraged to raise a minimum of £20 for their chosen ward or department.

Helena Sinclair, of the Stars Appeal, added: "This year marks the 75th anniversary of the NHS and Walk for Wards is a great way to say thank you to the staff here at the Hospital by raising money for the ward or department that cared for you or your loved ones."

To register visit: <https://starsappeal.org/event/walk-for-wards/> Amanda Goddard with her daughter Erin at Walk for Wards 2022. Picture by Simon Ward.



NEWS FROM SERO SUPPORTING JULIA'S HOUSE



Sero is a Latin word and one of its meanings is 'to join together'. In April 2004, a group of ladies decided that they would like to form a charity with the aim of raising money for local causes. Sero feel it is very important to support Dorset children and their families.

Our chosen charity has been Julia's House, the Dorset Children's Hospice <http://www.juliashouse.org> for which we have donated over £110,000 over the years. The aim of Julia's House is to maximise and enrich the quality of life for Dorset children and young people who are unlikely to live beyond the age of 18. They provide support from diagnosis to death and beyond for the whole family, offering multi-disciplinary end of life care in the hospice building or in the family home.

We hope you can come along and support us at our events this summer:

- On Saturday 1 July we will be hosting a stall at Child Okeford's Hey Day full of our usual goodies and gifts plus a few surprises and lots of bargains. Make sure you visit us between 12-4! There will of course be much more going on at Hey Day, a traditional village fete and a great day out for all the family.
- Child Okeford Art Trail Bank Holiday weekend – Friday 25 August – Monday 28 August, 11-4 - A variety of artists will be exhibiting in their homes, the community centre and the village hall. Free admission. Art trail leaflets will be available in local shops. SERO will be providing refreshments during the event, including light lunches, at the village hall (DT11 8EX).
- Cheese Festival, 9-10 September, Sturminster Newton 10-5 - SERO will be running the tea tent at the ever popular Cheese Festival. Home made cakes, fresh sandwiches, scones etc. All at reasonable prices for all the family. For more information, please see <https://www.cheesefestival.co.uk/>

We are always looking for donations of home made cakes. If you can help, or would like to get involved helping at our events, please get in touch with Kate Partridge – tel 07725245066 or Julie Little – tel 07749 486733 or email us at info@serocharity.org.uk <https://www.serocharity.org.uk> <https://www.facebook.com/sero.charity.7>

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Short walk (amble) approx 3 miles

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Contact Anne Dowsett - dowsetanne52@gmail.com

Longer walk (ramble) 5-7 miles

on last Thursday of the month

Contact Elaine Spencer-White - elainesw48@gmail.com

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Chairman: Mr David Bruce, bruce11@sky.com - 01258 820569 / 07867 553442

Secretary: Julie Reeves, marnhullgardenclub@gmail.com - 01258 820560

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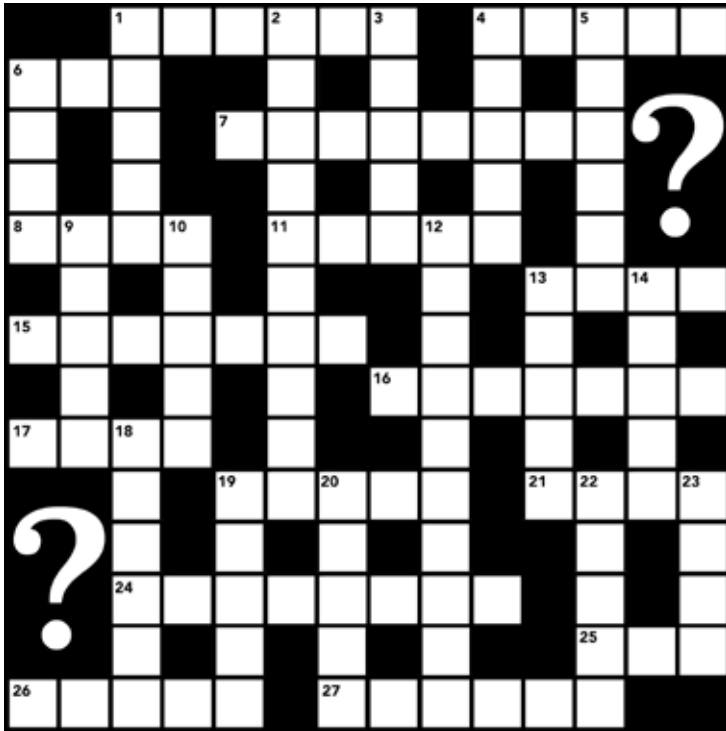
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- 1) The colourless fluid part of blood. (6)
- 4) Forename of the hotel owner in the TV comedy Fawlty Towers. (5)
- 6) Personification of the sun in ancient Rome. (3)
- 7) Habitual sleeplessness. (8)
- 8) Woodwind instrument. (4)
- 11) A book of maps or charts. (5)
- 13) Title given to a seaman above an ordinary seaman. (4)
- 15) Member of the Aboriginal people of the Kalahari Desert. (7)
- 16) City on the lower Euphrates that was the centre of two ancient empires. (7)
- 17) Diana, former lead singer with the Supremes now a chart topping solo artist. (4)
- 19) A kind of this in the title of a Queen album. (5)
- 21) Stadium in New York that famously hosted a Beatles concert in 1965. (4)
- 24) A state with an elected President and not a monarch. (8)
- 25) A tree with winged seeds. (3)
- 26) An ornamental stone banded in appearance. (5)
- 27) Hard glossy substance that covers the crown of a tooth. (6)

DOWN

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- 1) Downgraded planet in our solar system. (5)
- 2) The ship in which Christopher Columbus sailed to the Americas in 1492. (5-5)
- 3) Chain of islands formed of coral. (5)
- 4) A notice read out announcing an intended marriage. (5)
- 5) Dung beetle sacred in ancient Egypt. (6)
- 6) Starch obtained from a palm sometimes used to make a milk pudding. (4)
- 9) Frank, former British world heavyweight boxing champion. (5)
- 10). The characteristic spirit of a culture or community. (5)
- 12) The world's least populated continent. (10)
- 13) A very deep chasm. (5)
- 14) See 18D.
- 18) A West African country with it's capital at Freetown. (6-5)
- 19) Tree with a syrupy sap. (5)
- 20) The triangular upper part of a wall at the end of a ridged roof. (5)
- 22) Meat as prescribed by Muslim law. (5)
- 23) Ancient Egyptian symbol of life. (4)

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