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BACK TO NORMAL?

Welcome back to your Marnhull Messenger Magazine.

With lockdown restrictions easing further it finally feels like we're getting the first glimpses of normality. I was so pleased to see events and club meetings announced in this issue. Masks aren't going anywhere anytime soon but with social distancing and awareness we may get some of our lives back.

There wasn't enough events submitted to fill up the diary section this month, but I'm hoping it can return soon.

There's some amazing events being organised over the next few months, many of which in the new and improved village hall - I look forward to catching up with many of you at these.

A huge thank you for all the villagers that have popped into our stores in Gillingham to wish us well and show their support - it's really appreciated.

NEW EDITOR STILL REQUIRED

A new Editor is still being looked for, but for the time-being I'm delighted to continue... just with the help of some of my lovely team at Dorset Tech.

Stay safe Marnhull - looking forward to seeing you all soon

SUBMIT YOUR EVENTS INTO A LIVE CALENDAR

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

www.marnhullmessenger.org.uk

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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.

STURMINSTER NEWTON MEDICAL CENTRE



General Appointments

It's really important for patients to contact the Practice if they have any clinical needs. If you are worried about any symptoms or health conditions then you should get in touch, ideally by the online system - eConsult, for non-urgent issues, through the Practice website.

<https://www.blackmorevalesurgery.co.uk/>

It's very easy to use and you will get a response within 24 hours - often much quicker than that. If it's urgent, then telephone in the usual way. You will then be advised by telephone in the first instance and if necessary, an appointment will be made for a face to face consultation.

It's not possible to book an online appointment on the website at the moment, due to the current situation and please don't just turn up at the surgery without an appointment.

The message is, the Practice is very much open for business, albeit working in a different way.

Covid Vaccines

The Practice continues to hold vaccination clinics when supplies are available. About 75% of eligible patients, over 18, have received their 1st dose. At the time of writing, mid May, about 40% of those have received their 2nd vaccinations and this number is rising as they work through the age groups.

Vaccines are the best way to protect ourselves and our loved ones from COVID-19, therefore everyone should get their vaccination when asked. So, are you eligible for a vaccine? Have you accepted the offer of one? Have you kept to your second dose appointment? Maybe you have missed the offer because you were unwell when called?

The offer of a vaccine remains on the table for those eligible, so if you are in these groups and haven't taken it up yet, there is still time and teams are waiting to vaccinate you and get you protected. Now we have the chance to return to the people and places we love, let's get our lives back again and the COVID-19 vaccination is the best protection against COVID-19.

To check that you are eligible and to book an appointment, go to nhs.uk/covid-vaccination or call 119. If you are eligible but are not able to book through the national booking service, you can speak to the Practice.

If you know a loved one, friend or colleague who is eligible, but has yet to accept the offer of a vaccine, please can we ask for your help in sharing this message with them today.

And make sure you come back for your second dose. A second vaccine is needed to boost immunity to the level needed for best protection against COVID-19.

Please remember, whether you have had your vaccine or not, please continue to follow all the guidance in place to control the virus and save lives.

Your Coronavirus Vaccine Status

This is now available on the NHS app. Please note, the Surgery cannot give you a letter of proof that you have had the vaccine. You will need to call 119 and you must have had your vaccine at least 5 days prior to your letter request.

The NHS App

Owned and run by the NHS, the NHS App is a simple and secure way to access a range of NHS services, if you have a smartphone or tablet. It can be used, amongst other things to -

- Get advice about coronavirus
- Order repeat prescriptions
- View your medical record
- Get health advice
- Register your organ donation decision
- View your NHS number
- And as above, provide proof of your Coronavirus vaccine status.

Mental Health in North Dorset

One of the Blackmore Vale Patients, Amanda Sadler has developed a website www.mentalhealthnd.org and the Mental Health North Dorset Help and Peer Support Association has been formed.

The website provides a wealth of resources from urgent help, to information about local support groups and national organisations. Amanda has been running the Shaftesbury Peer Support Group for 3 years and it's now possible to subscribe to the website. You will receive a newsletter approximately once a month and will be able to vote at the AGM. It is free to subscribe and you can unsubscribe at any time.

Signposting patients to urgent dental care

Urgent dental appointments are available with High Street dentists prioritising patients with the most need. Patients should contact their usual dental practice by phone or email. The dental practice will then access them and offer them an appointment if appropriate. Those who do not have a usual dentist can call NHS 111 or find details of local practices on the NHS website.



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

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Chairman

MARNHULL PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER



Dear Villagers,

Safer Streets in Marnhull

Traffic surveys are taking place in a number of locations around the village, results will be shared with you when published.

Dogs on leads inside the Recreation Ground

Dogs not on leads if caught expect £100 fine

Allotments

The parish council manage the allotments as a community asset for the benefit of the Village by the time rent and water are paid for what's left from the plot rental is negligible.

Parish Council Meetings

Delivering Covid-19 Secure Council Meetings

Local councils including parish, town councils and parish meetings must return to holding physical meetings from May 7th 2021. The recent High Court ruling means that the facility to meet and make decisions using virtual meeting arrangements is no longer lawful.

At the time of compiling this newsletter Marnhull Parish Council has in place a system of the clerk having delegated powers to act on behalf of the Council until a face-to-face meeting takes place. So, all communications etc should be sent or will be forwarded to the clerk for recording and or action. Check on - <https://marnhull-pc.org.uk>

Alternatively ring the clerk - 01258 821636 for updates

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TRUSTEES OF MARNHULL VILLAGE HALL

The end is nigh!.....as far as the Build Project and, hopefully, the Pandemic are concerned. May 17 - the third step on the Government Roadmap is now with us and June 21 - the fourth and final step to 'freedom' is at last in view.

So, it seems to the Trustees, that now is a good time to reflect on all that has occurred since that wonderful EGM in February 2020 when so many were able to witness that Marnhull Village Hall had sufficient Grants and Donations to proceed with the Extension Option and leave the Stage intact.

Contracts were signed with the chosen Contractor - Calcott Construction - and we were 'off', that is until COVID-19 appeared over the horizon. And how our World changed - everything familiar in our lives stalled and the future became uncertain.

In May 2020, the Trustees formally closed the Hall until at least the end of September to allow the Contractor full access. Led by the indomitable John Dowsett and his Build Project Group, the construction began in earnest and we were in excellent hands - a solid Contractor, an alert

Trustee Project team and the invaluable input of MVH Hon.Treasurer - to ensure we have remained solvent.

The main build is now complete, and it has been cleaned and sanitised to within an inch of its life (quite right too). Once all monies for the building project costs have been settled, we will be publishing final accounts, which will be available on the website. With the efforts of the Management Committee, the Fundraising Group and many supporters, funds have continued to come in during these difficult 14 months to help fulfil the Wish List of some of the more modestly priced items to complete the refurbishment of the Hall.

The Hall was hired for the local elections in early May, and this will possibly have been your first visit made to the Hall since the Build Project was completed. There you will have seen that the Hall has:

- Increased in size by some 40% (excl. the Stage area)
- New toilet facilities for both Ladies and Gentlemen, and a disabled facility that meets legal requirements
- A new floor
- Solar panels on the South-facing roof of the building
- LED lights throughout for economy
- Been redecorated throughout much of the space
- New storage facilities
- New curtaining (with new Front of House Stage Curtains imminent)
- A new West facing wall of glass with double doors leading too....
- ...The promised Terrace.

Way back in early 2019, it was recognised that the Hall's governance needed to be addressed - we were out of step with our 1970 Deed and in conversations with firstly, and importantly, Ian Pentland and then the Charity Commission there was a realisation that much could be gained - improved representation, an increase in the number of Trustees (both high on the list) and a sense that, with the major building project looming, we needed to exercise careful and precise control of the budget - by starting a process to bring us back in line.

This proved to be quite a challenge, as Ian and other will recall, but we now have 10 excellent trustees and many of the Village Clubs and Societies have representation on the Trustee Management Committee, bringing much expertise, thought and consideration to the tasks that face such an organisation. The Trustees learn something new every week; the knowledge may be hard won, but it is shared and that sharing gives us confidence in our decision-making on behalf of the Village. Discussions amongst Trustees continue about how best to conserve Government funds - both local and central - received over recent weeks and months to help with the ongoing expenses of maintaining the premises in good working order. We will need to test the water to help assess villager's confidence about returning in numbers and until sufficient time has passed this is not a moment to take risks with hard won financial support. Despite the closure of the Hall for long periods, the ongoing maintenance and insurance requirements, etc. continue apace, all of which require funding.

We, the Trustees of Marnhull Village Hall, really look forward to seeing you, the many Clubs, Societies and other Hirers get back to making good use of the facilities available. In the longer term, the Hall will continue to need refitting and repairing as the months and years go on, so 'the end is not really nigh' at all but just another era in the life of Marnhull Village Hall.

We thank you for your continued support, whether financial or in spirit or both and wish you well for the 'new' future.

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MARNHULL GREEN TEAMS - TAKING THE ENVIRONMENT AROUND MARNHULL SERIOUSLY

Reach for your diaries, everyone! We are happy to say that, despite all the troubles we have all been going through, the **Village Eco Trail** will go ahead, on **Saturday 12 June**. We can't be sure how the pandemic restrictions will change between now and then, but we will run the event as best we can. Watch for further details, and pass the word around. It should be fun.

The idea behind the Eco Trail is that people will be able to walk or cycle to various locations around the village, to chat with neighbours about a whole range of 'green' subjects. We have volunteer hosts ready to share their experience of ground source heating, solar panels, batteries, electric cars, e-bikes, meadows & wilding or rewilding, insulation, eco-dying & printing, wildlife gardening, composting, apple juicing, tree-planting, glass recycling, and recycling in general. There'll be a nature trail too; and refreshments...

If you too would like to host a venue on the Trail, or have any other ideas for it, please let us know. Contact details below.

In the meantime, Marnhull Green Teams continue to do what we can in lockdown. If you'd like to join our monthly Zoom meetings, to listen to a speaker and have a chat, please get in touch and we'll send you the joining details. You can also receive our monthly one-page newsletter if you wish: it's all free!

In the world beyond the internet, six traditional apple trees have now been planted in one of our plots at the Sodom Lane allotments. Two pear trees are ready to join them: we hope that the village school children who will benefit from them in years to come will be able to help with this.



Speaking of apple trees, we still have bottles of 2020 vintage Marnhull apple juice available, as proof that something good came out of that dreadful year! Get in touch if you would like some.

Finally, the Terracycle recycling centre at the Marnhull Hub is open from time to time. See the village Facebook page or the Hub window for days & times. Paper copies of our Recycling Guide for the Marnhull area are available from the village shops, or we can email you an electronic copy. Used medical blister packs are among the items that can now be accepted.

Want to get in touch? Please email marnhullgreen@outlook.com or telephone (01258) 268714.

Stay safe, everyone - and, like the spring, let's get greener!



ROYAL BRITISH LEGION



The 2020 Club AGM will be held in the Clubhouse at 7:30pm on 17 June 2021

Better late than never we will be holding the 2020 Club AGM on the 17th June. We are finding ourselves spread rather thin now so if you would like to get involved please come down.

Don't forget the charity night on the 26th June with local band 2 Foot Moose providing the entertainment. It's all in aid of Marie Curie so well worth your support so please come down. there will be a raffle as well so even if you do not want to come (and why not?) you can still buy a ticket or two for the raffle, just let me or Tony know.

I will be having one of my light hearted quizzes the night before that being Friday 25th June, no entry fee and no prizes just a pleasant evening. Hurling abuse at the quizmaster is obligatory but remember rule number one, the quizmaster is always right and if he is wrong rule one applies. The chip van will be there as usual so why not take advantage? Get your chips come into the club to eat them and then stay for the quiz. Sounds like fun to me.

We are looking to hold a summer four's skittles; we already have some teams of varying abilities so if you are interested let me know on the number below. It is not all of Olympic standards and you do not have to be a member. Not sure what the situation will be regarding the leagues but we are anxiously waiting for an announcement so we know what is happening through the winter.

Saturday July 3rd will be the start date for our Saturday night music and we are kicking off with everybody's favourite, Bertie. His mixture of country, soul and ballads means that there is something for everybody. Non-members will be asked for a modest £2 so why not join and save some money.

Our first jumble sales for a long time will be in August, watch out for the date in the Messenger or the Blackmore Vale magazine.

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Taking the Long View



I love it that probably the oldest known image of Christ anywhere in the world is from the Diocese of Salisbury and the floor of a Roman villa at Hinton St Mary in Dorset and is now in the British Museum. The saints of Saxon Wessex are remembered around the Diocese in the names of places like St Aldhelm's Head as well as in some of our ancient churches.

On the ordination retreat at the end of June the candidates go in alternate years on a little pilgrimage to Old Sarum, the site of the Norman cathedral, and to the little church at Bemerton where George Herbert was briefly Rector for three years until his death in 1633. It helps to see the long view of this wonderful and ancient Diocese especially when times are tough, as they are now. We can be confident in God's faithful and providential care. We do not lose heart. We believe in the resurrection.

We do not yet know how we will come out of the pandemic. There are opportunities as well as challenges to do things different. To help us face the future as a Diocese, we have agreed a Mission and Pastoral Plan and are taking steps to manage the finances in relation to ministry and mission over the next four years. How this works out will depend on the success of the Generous Giving campaign which is planned for September.

The pandemic has shown us the importance of Church. If we believe Church matters enough the finance will follow our faith. Those of us who can, will want to give because we believe the Gospel of Jesus Christ, all the more so in a difficult time such as this.

By the time I finish as Bishop of Salisbury at Cathedral Evensong on 3rd July I hope we will be free from the restrictions that have limited us for so long. With the rising concern about new variants, that cannot be guaranteed. We will have to see how the Government's 'road map' unfolds.

What we can be sure of is that God's small miracle of the Diocese of Salisbury will continue to be a lively Christian witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. There is much to give thanks for and much to pray for.

As the 78th Bishop of Salisbury it has been a privilege to serve with you for what in the long view of the Diocese is a relatively brief ten years. Thank you for the shared ministry of our life in Christ. In that lovely simple prayer of Dag Hammarskjöld: 'For all that has been, Thanks. To all that will be, Yes.' Amen, Amen, Amen.

ST GREGORY'S CHURCH



Regular Services & Events in June See also: [Facebook@stgregschurch](https://www.facebook.com/stgregschurch)

Sun 6th June - Trinity 1

8am - Holy Communion (BCP)
10am - Parish Communion
11:30am - Zoom coffee
2-4pm - Church open for private prayer
4pm - Family Tea Service

Weds 9th

9am - Morning Prayer
9-11am - Church open for private prayer
11am - Monthly Holy Communion

Friday 11th

12 pm - Churches Together in Marnhull @ Our Lady's

Saturday 12th

Village Eco Trail including churchyard

Sunday 13th - Trinity 2

8am - Holy Communion (BCP)
10am - Parish Communion
11:30am - Zoom coffee
2-4pm - Church open for private prayer

Weds 16th

9am - Morning prayer
9-11am - Church open for private prayer

Friday 18th

9:30am - New 'Tea, Cake & Company' group begins

Sunday 20th - Trinity 3

8am - Holy Communion (BCP)
10am - Parish Communion
11:30am - Zoom coffee
2-4pm - Church open for private prayer

Weds 23rd

9am - Morning prayer
9-11am - Church open for private prayer

Sunday 27th - Trinity 4

8am - Holy Communion
10am - Parish Communion
11:30am - Zoom coffee
2-4pm - Church open for private prayer

Weds 30th

9am - Morning prayer
9-11am - Church open for private prayer

For more information please go to www.stgregorysmarnhull.org.uk
Contact Revd Gaenor Hockey, Associate Priest (part-time) 01258 821605
or gaenor@protonmail.com

THE METHODIST CHURCH

Hayden Williams

With shock, sadness and concern, we learned that our Treasurer and Organist, Hayden Williams, suffered a severe stroke during the night of 28th April. After initial treatment at Southampton hospital, Hayden is now being cared for in the Intensive Care Unit of Dorchester hospital where he remains seriously ill.

Hayden is admired, respected and loved by the members of our congregation and widely throughout the local area by all those who have enjoyed hearing him play in church and for local pantomimes in Stalbridge and Shaftesbury as well as singing with local groups. He is known throughout Dorset for playing and, latterly, umpiring cricket.

After a special prayer vigil led by our Superintendent Minister, Rev. Paul Arnold, held in the Church on the evening of Sunday 2nd May, we continue to hold Hayden in all our thoughts and prayers together with his parents, Ron, Sally and the rest of his family, and the nurses, doctors and others who are caring for him in Dorchester hospital. May they all receive God's grace and strength at this time.

Church Services

During June we shall continue to hold services in Church on the second and fourth Sundays of the month, so on the 13th and 27th June. Both these services will be led by our Superintendent Minister, Rev. Paul Arnold. These services will, of course, continue to follow Covid safety rules and guidelines as recommended by the Government at the time including, sadly, no congregational hymn singing.

Hymn singing has held an important place in the hearts of Methodists since Charles Wesley wrote hymns, so many still loved today, to support his brother John's preaching in their travels throughout the country in the 18th Century and has been greatly missed over the past year. However, we have continued to read the words as poems silently or together while listening to the tunes played by our team of musicians and it has helped us to appreciate anew the full depth of meaning in the words.

We are beginning to develop plans for services in the post-Covid world which we are all at last beginning to see emerging during the second half of this year and, as I write, we expect to be able to hold services every Sunday in July, although these will remain restricted by any government advice at the time.

Youth Work

The Girls Brigade are thrilled to have begun meeting in the Church hall again weekly from 6:15pm on Wednesday (under appropriate restrictions) since schools returned after the Easter break in mid-April. For more information, contact the Captain, Rachael Findlay on 07771 897262.

Hire the Hall

The latest easing of Covid safety measures allows the church hall to be used by groups of limited numbers who can guarantee to follow all Covid-19 government regulations in force at the time and we are looking forward to welcoming many old friends in the coming months. For more information, contact Mrs. Marlene Plowman on 01258 820869

OUR LADY'S CHURCH



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

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

Significant dates in June

5 - Saint Boniface, Patron of the Diocese of Plymouth (Solemnity) St Boniface (c.673-c.754) was born in Devon and joined the Benedictine abbey at Nursling, near Southampton. A teacher and preacher, he went to Germany in 718 to take the gospel to the heathen tribes. He was created Bishop of Mainz, worked to reform the Frankish church and then set out to evangelise Friesland where he was murdered, on 5 June 754. He is buried at the monastery he founded in Fulda (Germany).

6-The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) (Solemnity) Celebrates the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist.

11 - The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus (Solemnity) Devotion to the Sacred Heart is a devotion to Jesus in his human nature, referring to the heart as the seat of the emotions.

20 - Day for Life Prayers for all who care for and nurture human life from its very beginnings and growth to its final years; and also for those in authority, that they may protect the rights of each human life.

22 - Saint John Fisher and Saint Thomas More, Martyrs (Feast) Saint John Fisher (1469-1535) and Saint Thomas More (1477-1535) were martyred for refusing to recognise the validity of Henry VIII's marriage to Anne Boleyn and for denying the king's supreme headship of the church.

23 - Saint Edward, King and Martyr (Memorial) St Edward was the eldest son of King Edgar and succeeded him as monarch of all England in 975. He was assassinated by his stepmother, near Corfe Castle in 979. As his murder was attributed to 'irreligious' opponents and he himself was considered a good Christian king, he was canonised as Edward the Martyr in 1001. The Catholic church in Shaftesbury is dedicated to him.

24 - Nativity of Saint John the Baptist (Solemnity)

29 - Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles - Saint Peter, brother of St Andrew and a fisherman, became a disciple of Jesus and despite his obvious human weaknesses, was chosen as the leader of the Twelve, the 'rock' on which the church was built. He was crucified in Rome under Nero in AD 64 and buried at the Vatican. Saint Paul, (originally Saul of Tarsus) a tent maker, Pharisee and Roman citizen, persecuted Christians until his conversion on the road to Damascus. Known as the 'Apostle to the Gentiles', he was beheaded in Rome c AD 64/67 and is buried on the site where the basilica bearing his name now stands.

Parish People

Monica Goode died on the 21st April and her funeral was at St Benedict's on the 12th May. May she rest in peace.

DIGITAL CHAMPIONS RETURN FACE-TO-FACE ADVICE SESSIONS



Dorset residents can once again get face to face advice on any digital queries such as setting up and using devices including phones, tablets and PCs.

Digital champions have started to return to Dorset libraries to help people who are struggling to get

online. Meanwhile the Digital Hotline will keep running to help people who can't get to the face-to-face sessions.

Digital champions ran sessions in Dorset's libraries and community venues until the start of last year, covering enquiries ranging from how to switch on a computer and use it for the first time through to specific technical queries.

However, when the Covid pandemic struck these sessions had to stop and since then Digital champions have been helping people with their digital queries through the telephone hotline.

Mike Watson is one of the volunteer digital champions. He said "In face-to-face support sessions the digital champion can see the exact issue and suggest a range of actions. If the first doesn't work, we can immediately try something else.

"An informal relationship develops between the Digital Champion and the user, and as the user starts to make progress dealing with the technology, genuine learning happens."

The sessions will be spaced apart to allow full cleaning and other Covid secure requirements will be in place. Perspex screens will separate the user and the digital champion or two computer screens will be available to maintain distance between them.

Slots are currently limited to Dorchester on Thursday afternoons and Gillingham on Saturday mornings, with Weymouth, Littlemoor and Ferndown planned to follow soon. Anyone who can't access these can still use the Digital Hotline (01305 221048 - 10:00-12:00 Mon-Fri).

Councillor Peter Wharf, deputy leader for Dorset Council, said: "It's great to see that our volunteer digital champions are able to start supporting people again in this way as face-to-face sessions are the best way to help people who struggle with technology to develop their personal skills.

"Part of our digital vision for Dorset is to enable it to be a digital place. We want to help residents learn new digital skills which will make their lives easier.

"Businesses will have access to people with the digital skills they need and together we will be able to use technology to make a real difference to people's lives."

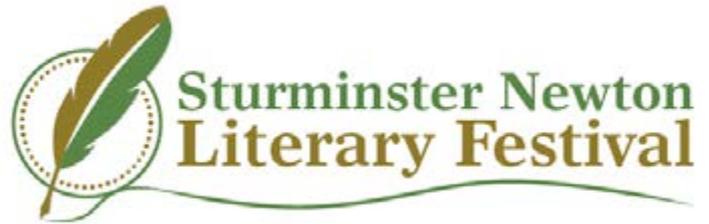
Face to face slots with digital champions must be pre-booked to ensure they are Covid secure. If you, or someone you know, would like some help from a digital champion with a digital query, just call the Digital Hotline.

Two other community venues have also re-opened their digital help sessions, so you can also book slots at:

Sturminster Newton Community Learning Centre (within The Exchange) on Monday and Wednesday mornings by calling David on 01258 860905 or emailing snclc@btconnect.com.

Yarn Barton Centre, Fleet Street, Beaminster on Wednesday mornings by calling 01308 805060.

STURMINSTER NEWTON LITERARY FESTIVAL



Two top authors with Dorset connections will give online talks about their latest books at the 2021 Sturminster Newton Literary Festival. Libby Page and Lucy Clarke will be heading up the programme which has had to adapt due to pandemic regulations. The festival will run from 14-20 June 2021 and feature online talks, literary walks, and a video celebrating local literature connections.

Libby Page is the Sunday Times bestselling author of *The Lido*, *The 24-Hour Café* and *The Island* (out June 2021). Libby was educated at Gillingham School (where she was head girl) and went on to graduate from The London College of Fashion with a BA in Fashion Journalism before working at *The Guardian* and in marketing. She is now a full-time writer, as well as a passionate outdoor swimmer. Libby will be in conversation with Dorset Libraries about her writing and reading habits and her latest book, with occasional forays into wild swimming on 17 June at 7pm.

Lucy Clarke is the bestselling author of six psychological thrillers. Her debut novel was a Richard and Judy Book Club pick, and her books have been sold in over 20 territories. She is a passionate traveller, beach hut dweller, and fresh air enthusiast! Lucy will be talking about her writing and reading from her latest novel *The Castaways* on 14 June at 7pm.

Festival organiser Michaela Knowles said: "We are delighted Libby and Lucy will be taking part in the 2021 festival programme and thank our partners, Dorset Libraries and the Friends of Sturminster Newton Library, for their support. Both these authors have many loyal fans - Libby for her uplifting, feel-good stories and Lucy for her engrossing psychological thrillers - and we are looking forward to hear more about their new books."

MARNHULL HUB & REPAIR CAFE



In line with the latest Government guidance, the Marnhull Repair Café & Recycling Hub is pleased to announce it will re-open on Saturday May 22, from 10am until noon. The Hub has moved from their previous premises and will now operate from the Marnhull Village Hall, Burton Street, Marnhull DT10 1PS.

Sioban, who set up The Hub two years ago, said "The facilities at the Village Hall are superb, and will be ideal for our needs. Tea, coffee, cakes and biscuits will be available as before. We are hoping for fine weather so we can make use of the new patio at the Marnhull Village Hall.

We hope that from 21 June that The Hub will be back to normal functioning. Let's keep our fingers crossed.

We already have volunteers who can repair furniture, upholstery, clock, bicycles, miscellaneous mechanical items and soft or wooden toys but unfortunately not main-powered electrical items. If anyone would like to volunteer their services to help out in that respect, we'd be delighted to hear from them!"

Up-to-date information is available on their Facebook page (search for "Marnhull Hub and Repair Café") or webpage www.marnhullhub.org.uk.

Do also come along and see if you would like to volunteer on a Saturday morning. We would love to see you. Talk to anyone or email -

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Recycling

Recycling will now be on Saturdays from 10-12 but remains at **The Hub Burton Street**.

We are moving the bins to the Village Hall after gaining support of the Marnhull Village Hall Committee and agreement from the Parish Council to site the bins at the back of the Hall. Thank you to both. Watch this space as we hope to transfer the Recycling to the Village Hall by the end of May.

Remember that we can take things that the Council can't:

- Crisp packets, including multipack wrappers
- Pringles tubes (but only this brand, please)
- Confectionery wrappers (sweets, chocolate, etc)
- Snack packets
- Peanut, pretzel & popcorn packaging
- Biscuit, cracker & cake bar wrappers
- Bread bags (stretchy plastic only)
- Toothpaste tubes, toothbrushes & plastic packaging
- Baby food pouches & baby snack packaging
- Pet food pouches (CLEAN AND DRY, PLEASE) and dry pet food & treat packaging
- Dishwasher tablet & salt packaging, and dishwasher cleaner & freshener outer packaging
- Cleaning wipe packaging (but not baby wipes - sorry)
- Laundry tablet packaging & tinted fabric conditioner bottles
- Plastic air freshener containers & cartridge caps
- Writing instruments
- Tassimo and L'OR coffee packaging; and
- Some personal care and beauty packaging

Keep an eye on The Hub website, www.marnhullhub.org.uk, the Hub's Facebook page and The Hub noticeboard and window for updates.

Twenty Lime Trees and a Fence

Many thanks to all who have purchased their copy and for the wonderful comments that you have made on this delightful record of a year in the life in Ashley Farm Lane. This has been so popular it is being reprinted.

The booklet costs £5, with all proceeds very generously donated to The Hub. You can get your copy at the Post Office or Marnhull Stores or buy via Paypal: <https://www.stephenboycepoetry.com/other-writing>

JULIA'S HOUSE NEEDS YOU!



Do you like to keep busy? Do you have a few hours to spare? Julia's House, the Dorset and Wiltshire Children's Hospice charity is seeking volunteers to help out at its friendly high street shops in Bransgore, Christchurch, Poole, Shaftesbury, Weymouth and Wimborne, which have recently re-opened following the lockdown.

The charity's chain of shops relies on volunteers throughout the week. Currently it is looking for till operatives to serve customers and keep

them informed about the charity's work, and people to help with sorting and steaming donations to the shops, all within the COVID-safe environment.

Volunteering has lots of benefits from building confidence to reducing stress and is a great way to make friends and have fun.

Liz Thompson, Volunteer Co-ordinator for Julia's House, said "You don't have to have experience to be a volunteer at Julia's House as we provide all the training you will require. You just need to be friendly, reliable and have the confidence to talk to our customers and make them feel welcome. It's a great feeling to be supporting your local community and will make all the difference to the children and families we care for locally. We would love to hear from anyone who has a few hours to spare."

Julia's House is a local charity dedicated to supporting the families of children with life-limiting or life-threatening conditions. It relies on public donations, fundraising and legacies for 95 per cent of the money needed to run its vital service. The charity has two hospices - one in Corfe Mullen, and one in Devizes, in Wiltshire.

Anyone interested in volunteering should contact volunteer@juliashouse.org or pop into their local shop for more information.

(ORIGINAL) VILLAGE HALL SUPPORTERS' CLUB

On 15 February 2021 the fund-raising subcommittee of the Village Hall contacted the Organiser of the original Village Hall Supporters' Club, asking for the list of subscribers with the intention of contacting them for donations in support of the subcommittee's decision to revise the running of the Club.

They also stated that in future the ticket price would be £10 with the aim of selling 500 tickets; the number of prizes would be reduced to 5 and the percentage of income returned as prize money to 40%.

The Organiser sent the list but stressed total objection to any change to the way the Club was run. This was ignored. And what followed was, effectively a hostile take-over, resulting in the Organiser having no choice but to resign.

The fund-raising sub-committee's "reason" for the take-over was given as a need to raise more funds. However, no mention was made of £10000 received from the Government Hospitality Fund, nor the £10000 Gift Aid rebate.

The Village Hall Chairman has confirmed, in writing, that when the fund-raising subcommittee contacted the Organiser on 15 February 2021 they did not have authority from the Management Committee to do so. The Treasurer had already sent the Organiser the list of standing orders for 2021 - showing that he was not aware of any changes.

So far this year, the benefits of this take-over by the fund raising subcommittee are not impressive; they have sold 247 tickets (as noted in the Marnhull Messenger) and pledged £1600 in prize money. Thus, this year, the Hall will have a shortfall of over £400 compared with 2020 (Covid year) and £600 compared with 2019.

MARNHULL LUNCH CLUB

I am so sorry to have to tell you that our lovely Eve died on the 30th April, just 10 days short of her 104th birthday, after a very short illness.

We are still hoping to restart the club in September, but will have to wait and see what restrictions are still in place, but we will let you know nearer the date.

I hope that you are all keeping well.

Norval



ST GREGORY'S C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL



JOKE OF THE MONTH selected by Badgers class.

Q. What is a cow without a map?

A. Udderly lost!

WHOLE SCHOOL EASTER WEEK THEME: SALVATION AND ITS MEANING.

During Holy week the whole school embarked on a special Easter focus week on the topic of Salvation and what it means for Christians and us today even after 2000 years since Jesus' death.



In EYFS and Key stage 1 we learnt about the events of the Easter story, the significance of the Last Super (represented in the photo) and Jesus coming back to life. In Key stage 2 the children learnt about the symbolism of the bread and wine and the significance of Jesus' sacrifice for our sins. To kick

start the week we used two powerful images of Christchurch cathedral in New Zealand in the aftermath of the 2011 earthquake. Through these we explored the idea of hope and renewal, particularly poignant in the present climate. The children enjoyed a week of recreating, designing and reflecting.

Our week culminated in a Zoom Easter service led by Rev Gaenor with contributions by all classes and the Easter story narrated by the Worship Ambassadors. The Easter gardens designed by each class were taken



and displayed at St Gregory's church during the Easter weekend.

THINK OUTSIDE, NO BOX REQUIRED! We are very fortunate that our school is located in such a rural setting, each day we are surrounded by nature be it through birdsong or our green spaces, the many farms around us are a reminder of us where our food comes from and how, without nature our lives could simply not

exist. St Greg's has recently had the good fortune to access two hours of Forest School a week for each class. As a school we recognise the importance of investing in our children's well-being and what better way than being outside, learning and interacting with friends.

The school is working with Forest School Outdoor Education Learning, with Mrs Harding delivering our sessions. Already the children have enjoyed many exciting outdoor opportunities, discovering and identifying the plants, trees and flowers within the site, as well as building bug hotels, creating a seating area, preparing beds for planting and making clay creations. The site is being developed and beginning to take shape and we'd love some help, specifically any gardening/outdoor donations would be really appreciated (we are currently looking for any gardening equipment/tools vegetable plants, seeds, bulbs,



tarpaulins, large sticks/logs, bamboo canes). You will see from our classroom updates below that each class has been fully immersed in the great outdoors, the summer term is now in full swing and we look forward to much more fun learning outside, no box required.



Hedgehog Blog

OF ALL THE PATHS YOU TAKE IN LIFE, MAKE SURE A FEW OF THEM ARE DIRT!



Hedgehogs class have embraced the outdoors and the image shows Lila, Rosie and Ripley moulding clay for their sticky spined hedgehogs.

The class has also made wooden trees learning how to bind twigs together with a clove hitch and sheer lashing. Not an easy

challenge for some of our youngest children but much determination and resilience was shown, the Swiss family Robinson would have been proud.



Owls on the Prowl

LET NATURE BE OUR TEACHER! Owls class have been

enjoying Forest School and a trip outside of the classroom is always a welcome one. It brings with it an empathy for the neutral world around us. There's been plenty of creativity; digging, constructing bug hotels, building a swing, making musical instruments, knot tying and much more besides.



IT'S ALL GREEK TO ME! During the second half of the Spring Term we had a busy and exciting time with our theme 'Gods and Mortals' investigating the Greek Gods and Goddesses through myths including creating our own mythical creatures some of which were quite scary! It was fantastic to have the classes old and new. We learnt about the lives of Greek children in Sparta and Athens comparing their lifestyles and daily routines. Learning outside took on a whole new meaning when we measured how much space the Greek Parthenon would take up using our school grounds. Amazingly after using our measuring equipment we discovered it would have taken up most of the outside space it was that big!

HOWZAT! Towards the end of term we were lucky to have a cricket coach come to give each class a cricket taster which enthused the class to want to learn more of these skills so during this half term our focus in P.E. is cricket. We are developing some fast bowlers amongst the class.



Badger Jibber-Jabber

"HE WHO PLANTS A GARDEN PLANTS HAPPINESS" Spring has sprung and Badgers class have had a lovely trip off campus to the allotments on Sodom Lane. Special thanks to Tim

Everleigh for sparing time to give a talk to the children and engaging in a vibrant Q&A session. An interesting discovery was that 2 of the plots are in fact community plots where families or anybody from the community can request space to plant their own things, help and advice is always at hand given the wealth of experience Marnhulls growers have. It wouldn't have been a full allotment visit had we not planted something ourselves. James, Molly & Jude had the privilege of helping Tim plant a pear tree, we will watch with interest how it grows. The trip has inspired the class



to plant back at the school and this ties in very well with our Forest School sessions.

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A STEP BACK IN TIME! The school is very privileged to have in its possession some historical logbooks that record the comings and goings of St Greg's going way back. Should this writer be able to accurately read these accounts, it is our aim to give a snapshot from various eras as to what went on within the school. We step back this time to 16th June 1976.

"We are in a spell of very hot weather temperatures of 37C have been recorded in the shade. It is very hot in the school even in the morning. It is the hottest since records were kept and the children find it very difficult to work."



ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

What a busy term it has been! We finished last term reaching our target of raising £750 for CAFOD as part of their 'Walk for Water' campaign. A big thank you to all who contributed towards it. We also started the term in style with a 'Wonderful World' topic launch day. It was not possible to take children on school visits to see local animals so we brought animals

to the school. We had a real menagerie including insects, guinea pigs, lambs, calves, a pony, chickens and ducks.



We were very lucky with the sunny weather and all children were able to carry out bug hunts, catch animals including newts in the pond and find out all about the birds that were around on the day. They all happened in the school paddock in the morning.

During the afternoon the children had time exploring all the animals. They were able to ask questions and hear stories and learn about the animals they were seeing. We were very grateful to everyone who gave their time and made the day a great success.

We also a great day when author Gillian Cross who wrote the 'Demon Headmaster' books came to visit for the day. Look out for more details below. We finished our third week raising money for the NSPCC Number Day. The children all came dressed with numbers or patterns on to help this good cause.



The highlight of week four was our traditional May procession. Although the weather forecast was not great, the sun came out for us in the afternoon. Deacon Mike led the procession around the field before we congregated (in our bubbles)



at the statue, sang, listened to Father Martin and crowned the statue of Mary. It was a joyful and moving act of worship. Thank you for all the beautiful flowers the children brought in.



With only two weeks to go until the end of term we are busy planning the second half of the Summer Term. One event we are really looking forward to is how we can mark the 175th anniversary of the school.

If you have any memories of the school you would like to share we would be grateful if you could email the school office at office@stmarymarnull.dorset.sch.uk

St Albans Class

St Albans Class have recently been writing explanation texts to link with our 'wonderful world' topic. The children have been exploring how rivers are formed, how to survive natural disasters as well as how different inventions and contraptions work. We have also been creating art in the style of Eric Lowry by incorporating iconic landmarks and futuristic robots!

St Francis' Class

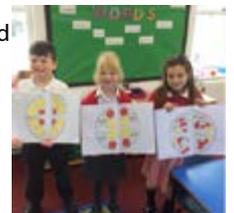
The best part of the term so far for St Francis Class was a visit from local author Gillian Cross who inspired them to write amazing stories after her workshop on creating characters for stories. She also toured our refurbished library which is full of books the children love reading. Many of the children across the school are now working their way towards being Gold Rocky Readers and 3 children are even Centurion readers and are able to choose a free book as a result. "I had a lovely day. Thank you for inviting me. I was very impressed by the children's enthusiasm and creativity - and by your fantastic library, of course. It was good to be in a school that so obviously recognises the importance of reading for pleasure."



St Mark's Class

St Mark's class have been learning all about fractions in maths with a real focus on the terminology and vocabulary used. The children have been finding a fraction of a number, object and quantity using a range of practical resources to support their understanding. One of their favourite activities was to design their own pizza, using toppings as a way to ensure each part was equal.

Within our literacy sessions, the children took part in a class discussion and debate, relating to our new literacy book. This was a fantastic opportunity for children to share their own opinions and ideas verbally, whilst listening to a range of contrasting ideas, explored by others. We have also combined music and ICT this week as we explored rhythm within pieces of music. The children had the opportunity to create their own rhythmic patterns and could translate symbolic representation played as music, using the computers. They then challenged themselves further by adding additional instruments and enjoyed listening to the different rhythm patterns that they had each created. Another wonderful and exciting week of learning, well done St Mark's!



Explorers Pre-School

We have been celebrating all things food and farming this month. The children have enjoyed small world play based on farms, their imagination really has run wild. It's amazing what the animals get up to! It has been great to share some lovely stories with a farm and growing theme. The children loved the book 'Oliver's Vegetables' and excitedly told each other what their favourite vegetables were. They have explored vegetables using all their senses experiencing different textures as they were incorporated into their water and creative play. The children enjoyed participating in the school's NSPCC number day. They learnt about the special number that tells people how old they are and they all made their own number representations hat. This term the older pre-schoolers are working on school readiness skills, this includes some phonics learning which they are thoroughly enjoying, we are all very proud of them.



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NEWS FROM TRADING STANDARDS - HELPING YOU TO RECOGNISE A SCAM

Scams affect us all, but certain types of scams are more likely to target people by age. If you recognise your age group, then you may recognise a scam.

'Young people' aged 18 to 24 don't represent the largest group of people falling victim to scams, but numbers of scam victims in this group is rising. In particular, young people are a growing proportion of victims of online and identity fraud. Having grown up with technology they are often confident in their ability when using the internet. This can lead to them feeling that they are unlikely to fall for internet scams, making them complacent and increasingly vulnerable. Research shows that over half of young people are unlikely to report scams.

'Life established' people in their 40s to 60s are the group most affected by scams. Part of this is due to the fact that they are most likely to report scams, but also because certain demographics within this group are targeted due to their circumstances. For example, this group tends to be more settled and has access to financial assets. This makes them more likely to be targets of scams, such as pension scams, dating scams and property scams.

'Older people', over 70s, are often targeted by scammers. Research has found that 75 is the average age of reported scam victims and those over 70 suffer the highest detriment. Older people tend to fall victim most to phone and mail scams. Figures from National Trading Standards show that older people are deliberately targeted more than other demographics. This group also sees the largest proportion of people who are recurring victims of scams.

If you have fallen for a scam and you want advice on what to do then call the Citizens Advice consumer helpline freephone - 0800 223 1133 or visit their website at Citizens Advice Consumer Service
Why not become a 'Friend Against Scams'? Over 2300 people in Dorset already have. visit www.friendsagainstscams.org.uk

NEWS FROM NICK

There is one crime to report which occurred in March - 7 catalytic converters were stolen from a yard.

Catalytic Converter Thefts

Vehicles are currently being targeted throughout the Country as well as nationally. Catalytic converters, otherwise known as cats, contain the following precious metals; platinum, rhodium and palladium. Older vehicles tend to be targeted due to the catalytic converter being easier to access. More modern vehicles cats tend to be encapsulated into the engine bay.

Try to reduce the risk of your car's cat being stolen by garaging your car whenever possible (if you have one), park in busy well-lit areas where possible and look out for people working under cars. Any suspicious activity should be reported to the Police, at the time, by dialling 999.

See what your local NPT have been up to by following our Facebook page - <https://www.facebook.com/NorthDorsetPolice>

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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GUIDE DOG STORY - LUCKY

"We will not have him put down. Lucky is basically a damn good guide-dog", Ernst Gerber, a dog trainer from Wuppertal told reporters. "He just needs a little brush-up on some elementary skills, that's all." Gerber admitted to the press conference that Lucky, a German Shepherd guide-dog for the blind, had so far been responsible for the deaths of all four of his previous owners. "I admit it's not an impressive record on paper. He led his first owner in front of a moving bus, and the second off the end of the pier. He actually pushed his third owner off a railway platform just as the Cologne to Frankfurt express was approaching, and he walked his fourth owner into heavy traffic before abandoning him and running away to safety. But, apart from the epileptic fits, he has a lovely temperament, And guide-dogs are difficult to train these days". Asked if Lucky's fifth owner would be told about his previous record, Gerber replied: "No. It would make them nervous, and that would make Lucy nervous. And when Lucky gets nervous, he's liable to do something silly."

(Europa Times, October 1993)

COME JOIN OUR TENNIS REVIVAL

Some great things are happening at the Recreation Ground and not only the cricket!

Two newly tarmacked and painted courts are hosting a tennis revival with the club enjoying an increase in membership which we are matching with a range of activities.

New joiners this year range from some excellent experienced players to complete beginners and 'rusty returners.' These novices and 'rusties' (ranging from young mums to retirees) are given some free coaching and have their own dedicated club night, with a key focus on having fun! The age range of our members spans an incredible 75 years from a buoyant junior section starting at 6 year olds through to members in their 70s and 80s.

Many of our members just enjoy arranging play with family or friends. Others take full advantage of the activities we provide including professional coaching, club sessions for all levels, league team play against local clubs and our own club tournament and social sessions. The season only started 6 weeks ago and our all weather courts enable play right through the winter, so join us now and you will have missed very little.

Membership prices are very competitive with a number of categories including:
Child/Student - £12; Adult - £45 (over 60 - £40); Family - £95
Interesting in joining the revival? Full details on our website: marnhulltennisclub.net or call John Seear on 01258 269743



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POPPIN CAFE TO CLOSE



It is difficult to believe that the POPPin has actually been running for almost 5 years now, opening in September 2016. I have been the Co-ordinator for the POPPin since it first opened and with the support of all volunteers, a wonderful committee and an exceptionally supportive husband I have thoroughly enjoyed heading up what has become a bit of a village institution!

We understand that it will come as a big disappointment to many of you but with COVID in mind and a change in personal circumstances for some of the committee members, we have decided that now is the time for a POPPin to close.

The cafe opened with the aid of an initial grant from POPP (Dorset Project for Older People) and the support of Rosie Gall who worked with them at that stage. I will always be grateful to Rosie for having the vision to create a monthly community cafe in Marnhull and for persuading me to co-ordinate it, she has continued to support it ever since.



The original aim of the POPPin was to help reduce feelings of isolation, especially, amongst those over 55 in the community. The cafe was set up as a not-for-profit project and has been self-sustaining since opening. Not only were we able to keep the cost of refreshments to £1.50 pp, we were also able to regularly donate money to various local causes and national charities and never had to source any additional funding in order to continue.

We would like to thank YOU all for the wonderful support that you've given us from the outset. We will remember the opening day when we were very nervous - ready for maybe a maximum of 20 people, 30 if we were lucky and over 100 villagers turned up! We look back at the photos now of the village hall packed with people every month, prior to the COVID pandemic changing everything!

We would also like to say a special thank you to Robin Hill Stores for donating newspapers and milk every month, Hook Electrics for donating their time, free of charge to PAT test our coffee makers every year, Roger Hills for volunteering to audit our accounts each year, Diana and George Stephens for selling their Phoenix cards at the cafe each month to raise funds for Help for Heroes and Judy Fyfe, known affectionately as Judy Fudge on account of the delicious homemade fudge that she made to raise funds for the Village Hall. We were all totally convinced it was low calorie Judy!



I would also personally like to thank all of my committee who over the years have allowed me to share my infamous 'ideas' and then patiently worked with me to achieve them. We had a lot of fun and thoroughly enjoyed our glue gun crafting afternoons creating table decorations and frequently discussed the topic of toast!!

There were also two very special committee members namely Dora Stockley and Joy Rothery. Thank you both so much for all that you contributed to the POPPin, especially when we were in the planning stages of getting the POPPin off the ground.

None of this could have happened without our volunteers! Thank you to all the volunteer home bakers for the endless supply of the most incredible, delicious cakes and bakes over the years! Thank you to all the volunteers who figured out how to keep an endless supply of filter coffee and teas flowing. To all the volunteers who set tables, washed up, packed away, put out tables and chairs, put up bunting and mopped floors at the end of the morning! If we have missed anyone out, well thank you too - you always went that extra mile for the POPPin.



We hope that the 'spirit' of POPPin will continue and that we see you all soon out and about again in this lovely village of ours.

Best wishes to you all and thank you once again for the tremendous support you have given us; we all have very fond memories and have loved every minute!

Linda & the Committee - Jill, Sue, Anne, Audrey, Rosie and Lynda



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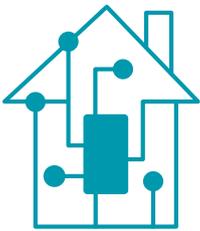
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MR MIKE TEWKESBURY OF MARNHULL

A memorial service to celebrate Mike's life will be held on Friday 25th June at Marnhull Methodist Church at 4:30pm and afterwards there will be a cricket match and barbecue at the Recreation ground nearby.

We hope we are able to welcome any of his friends who would like to join us and remember him, if Covid-19 restrictions allow.

Donations if wished to National Rheumatoid Arthritis Society (NRAS) or The Salvation Army UK c/o Grassby and Close Funeral Service, 4 Innes Court, Sturminster Newton, Dorset, DT10 1BB.

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THE CROWN ROAD C1955

Photograph kindly supplied by James Roger & Hazel Holker. If you have any old snippets of Marnhull history or photographs you'd like to share, please ring 820484



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We meet in the Village Hall at 10am on the second Friday of every month. We plan to have six workshops every year, and on the other sessions we work at a still life arrangement or on our own projects. We range widely in both skill and in choice of medium and subject matter.

Ring Yvonne on 820247 for further information.

MARNHULL MUSIC SOCIETY

We meet in the Village Hall at 7.30pm on the third Monday of every month except July & August. We will hold our AGM on **Monday 21st June** followed by a concert compiled by Mike Wilkins.

We will be operating in accordance with the Covid regulations, On **Monday 9th August** we plan to hold our annual Garden Party at Kings Mill Court.

We hope to welcome all our old members to these events and would be delighted to greet visitors.

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MARNHULL TABLE TENNIS NEWSFLASH

Great news - after fifteen months of abstinence we have started playing again in the Village Hall on Monday and Wednesday afternoons! This followed the partial Covid easing on 17th May, and playing is strictly within the current restrictions. If you are interested, please contact us first - Boyd Sofield on 820964 or John Dowsett at john.dowsett@virgin.net

MARNHULL SOUL



Saturday August 21st is the date for your diary if you want to shrug off those lockdown blues and dust off your dancing shoes to some Northern Soul and Motown Magic.

Bill Shannon's MARNHULL SOUL Revue will be coming to Marnhull's British Legion on that night in a fund-raising effort to help get the venue back on its feet again.

As Bill explains 'The Legion, like most venues, has suffered terribly over the past year and they have kindly donated the place to us for free that night. All proceeds will be going to the venue to help secure its future.'

The evening will run from 8-12 with pizza and a full bar and, most importantly, a beautiful dance floor to boogaloo your bags away! Tickets at just £3 (£4 on the night) available from Robin Hill Stores, the Spa Shop and the Legion itself.

Bill is a stalwart of the Soul scene, having caught the bug when growing up in Manchester in the sixties. He was a regular at the city's 'Twisted Wheel' Club, considered to be the 'cradle' of Northern Soul, and then later at the now legendary Wigan Casino All-Nighters. He's since gone on to be a music entrepreneur, running his own Distribution business, Record label, Online Sales platform called simply 'Tunes' as well as DJ-ing at Weekenders, and Soul events up and down the country.

He also hosted his own radio shows during the nineties and noughties.

Bill will be playing music exclusively on good old vinyl, mainly 45s. He continues: 'The music is so joyous and uplifting, it's impossible not to feel exhilarated when you hear it. We want the good people of Marnhull to come out and have a great time. There's no need for anyone to feel inhibited. If you've never been to a Soul night before I guarantee you'll recognise many of the tunes and probably love the ones you don't!'



HAVE YOU MOVED HERE SINCE OCTOBER 2019?

If so, we need to hear from you?

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

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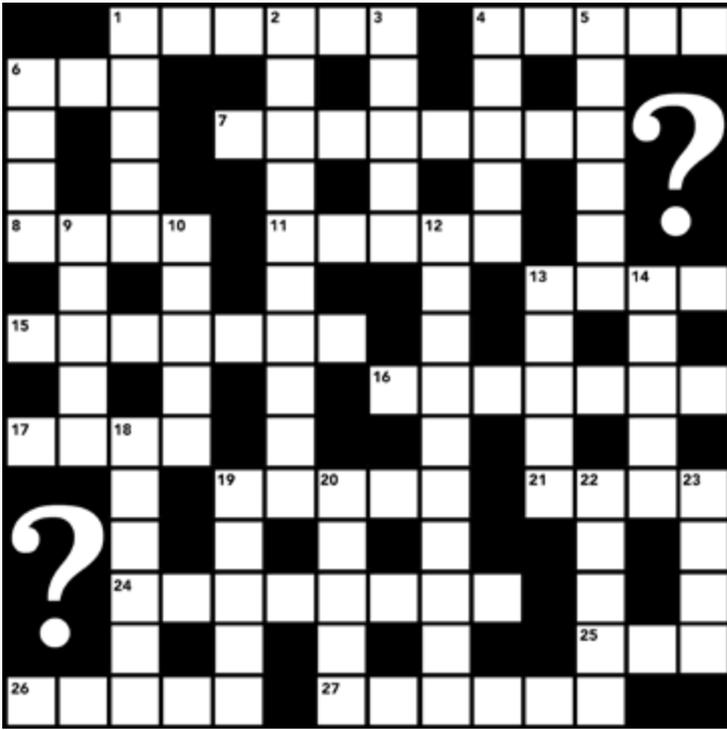
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ACROSS

- 1) Type of South African zebra. (6)
- 4) Set of instrumental compositions to be played in succession.(5)
- 6) Large flightless Australian bird. (3)
- 7) Mythical South American city of gold.(2-6)
- 8) Highest adult male singing voice.(4)
- 11) Name adopted by pop star Gordon Sumner. (5)
- 13) Soft mild creamy cheese named after a region in Northern France. (4)
- 15) Type of sheep named for the large outgrowth of bone on their heads. (7)
- 16) and 23D) The highest mountain in England. (7-4)
- 17) Eric, member of the Monty Python comedy troupe. (4)
- 19) Code name for one of the five sectors of the Allied Invasion of occupied France in 1944. (5)
- 21) Poetic word meaning on the summit of. (4)
- 24) Ballet by Tchaikovsky. (4-4)
- 25) The sheltered side away from the wind. (3)
- 26) Unit of radioactivity named after French husband and wife physicists. (5)
- 27) Member of a Jamaican gang of criminals. (6)

DOWN

- 1) Unit of liquid capacity equal to two pints.(5)
- 2) Warm Atlantic Ocean current that originates near Mexico. (4-6)
- 3) Sauce made with mayonnaise seasoned with garlic. (5)
- 4) Informal language usually restricted to a particular group. (5)
- 5) Line on a map connecting points of the same atmospheric pressure. (6)
- 6) Volcano on the east coast of Sicily. (4)
- 9) Owner of a large estate in Scotland. (5)
- 10) Earthy pigment containing ferric oxide. (5)
- 12) Ballet by Tchaikovsky. (10)
- 13) UK charity that gives annual awards to members of the cinema, theatre and TV. (Acronym). (5)
- 14) Traditional Eskimo dwelling. (5).
- 18) The smaller group of islands in the Antilles. (6)
- 19) Airport in Chicago. (5)
- 20) Long narrow area where skittles is played. (5)
- 22) Mountain overlooking Cape Town in South Africa. (5)
- 23) See 16A)

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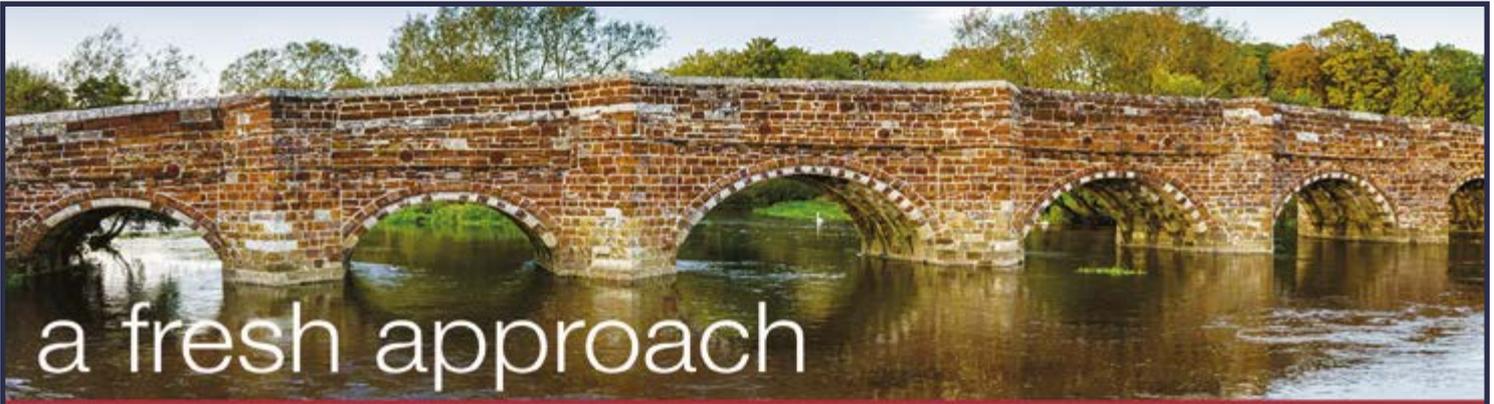
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