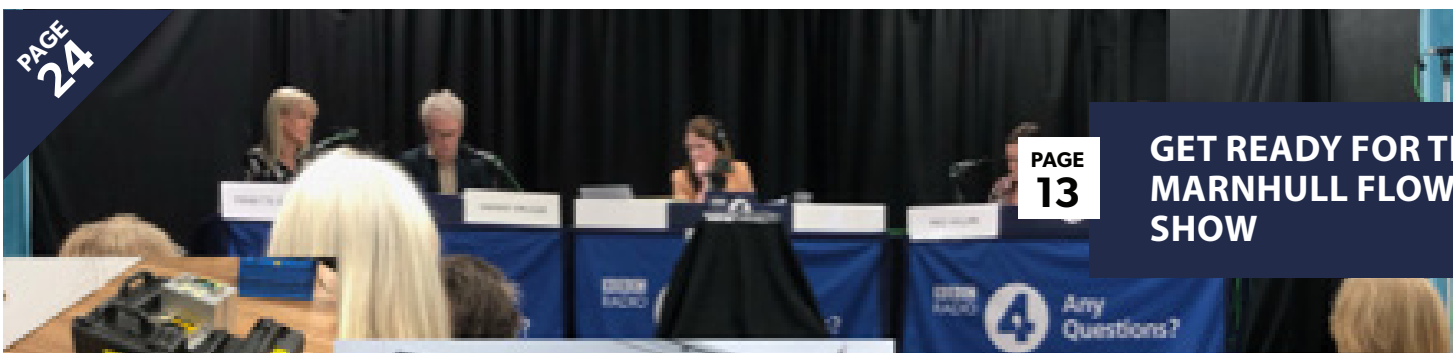




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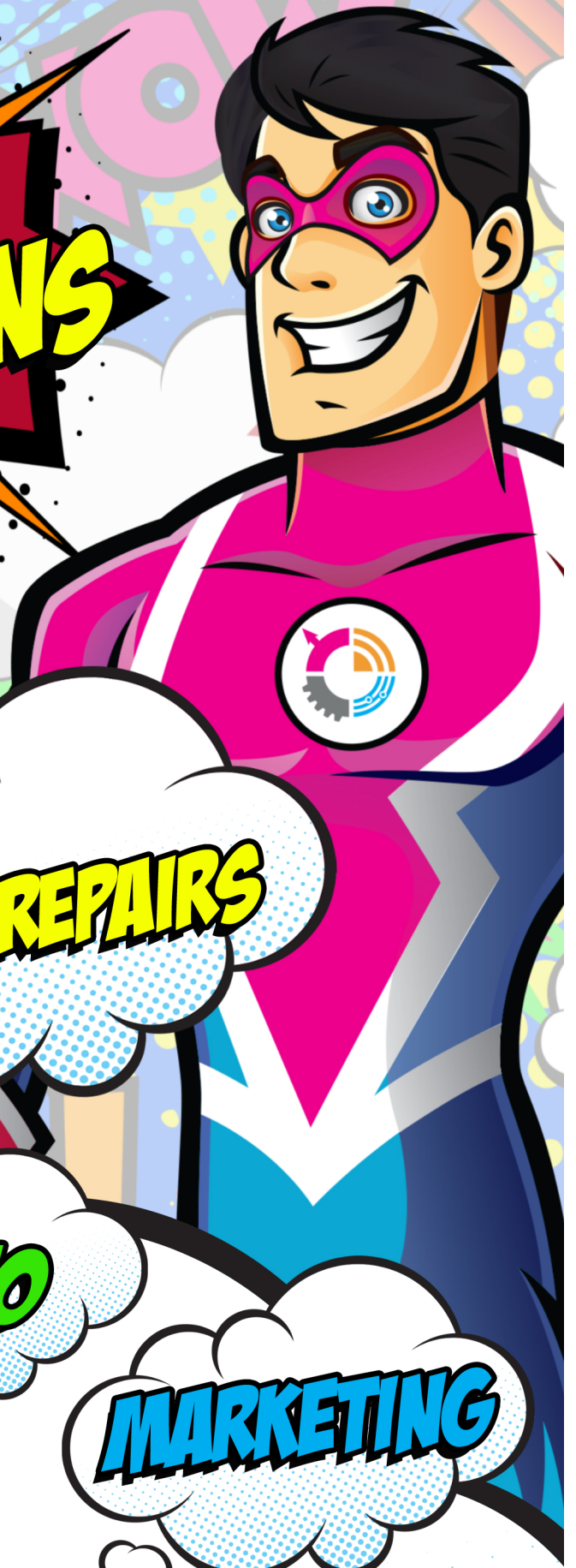


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Nothing like a visit from the BBC to spark some excitement in the village!

Can you feel it? That whisper of warmth in the air, the vibrant colors blooming all around, and the promise of lazy summer days just waiting to be savored. Ah, June, you're a charmer!

As we bid farewell to May showers, it's time to embrace the sunshine with open arms and a skip in our step. This is the month where everything comes alive in our little corner of the world. From the chirping of birds to the gentle rustling of leaves, nature seems to orchestrate a symphony of joy that reaches the depths of our souls.

Now, I must admit, June has a way of bringing out the mischievous side of me. It's the month when I secretly indulge in an extra scoop of ice cream (or two!) without a trace of guilt. But June isn't just about ice cream, oh no! It's a time for village gatherings and merriment that would make even the most solemn villager crack a smile. Our community knows how to celebrate, and we've got a calendar filled to the brim with exciting events.

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.

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

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

Ian Gall – Chairman, The Marnhull Messenger Steering Group.

ANNUAL DIARY 2023

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

JUNE

1st - Craft Club @10am Methodist Hall

2nd - Luncheon Club @12:00

3rd - The Marnhull Hub and Repair Café @10am

5th - Pound Fitness @9:30am British Legion

5th - Table Tennis - Monday @14:00

6th - Bridge Club @14:00 Methodist Hall

7th - Fitsteps Dance & Exercise @11:15am

7th - Table Tennis @14:00

7th - Community Choir @18:30

7th - Pound Fitness @19:00 British Legion

9th - Blackmore Vale Art Group @10am

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

10th - Organ Recital @19:00

10th - Dale Fender Band @20:00 British Legion

12th - Pound Fitness @9:30am British Legion

12th - Table Tennis - Monday @14:00

12th - Lyn's Bingo @19:00 British Legion

12th - Women's Institute - Scenes with the National Trust - Andrew McElwee @19:30

13th - Bridge Club @14:00 Methodist Church

13th - Marnhull Garden Club @18:30

14th - Fitsteps Dance & Exercise @11:15am

14th - Table Tennis @14:00

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

14th - Community Choir @18:30

14th - Pound Fitness @19:00 British Legion

16th - Marnhull Community Café @10am

17th - The Marnhull Hub and Repair Café @10am

19th - Pound Fitness @9:30am British Legion

19th - Table Tennis - Monday @14:00

19th - Marnhull Music Society @19:15

20th Bridge Club @14:00 Methodist Hall

21st - Fitsteps Dance & Exercise @11:15am

21st - Table Tennis @14:00

21st - Community Choir @18:30

21st - Pound Fitness @19:00 British Legion

24th - The Marnhull Hub and Repair Café @10am

24th - Bill Shannon's Soul Disco @19:00 British Legion

26th - Pound Fitness @9:30am British Legion

26th - Table Tennis - Monday @14:00

26th - Lyn's Bingo @19:00 British Legion

27th - Bridge Club @14:00 Methodist Hall

27th - Moviola - The Empire of Light @19:00

28th - Fitsteps Dance & Exercise @11:15am

28th - Table Tennis @14:00

28th - Community Choir @18:30

28th - Pound Fitness @19:00 British Legion

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

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 @14:00 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

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STURMINSTER NEWTON MEDICAL CENTRE



Community Clinic

The Blackmore Vale Partnership provides a fortnightly Community Clinic offering advice and support for healthy, independent living into older age.

These clinics are held at Father's House Community Church in Shaftesbury and at Stour Connect Community Centre in Sturminster Newton every 2 weeks on a Tuesday morning between 10:30am and 1pm.

Anyone is welcome to drop in for a chat with staff who can advise on a wide range of topics relating to staying well and remaining independent such as, benefit entitlements, sourcing care and support for you if you are caring for someone, technology & equipment, mobility issues & falls prevention, home safety & security and more.

For more details contact the Blackmore Vale Partnership Wellbeing Team on 01747 856786 or email bvpwellbeing@dorsetgp.nhs.uk.

Ecotherapy

Eco in Mind, an ecotherapy group support is expanding to 3 NEW SITES in Dorset.

- Shaftesbury - Abbey View Medical Centre
- Shillingstone - The Big Yellow Bus Project
- Ferndown - Longham Allotments

All sessions are for adults - different groups operate at different sites with dedicated groups for carers and relatives of people living with Dementia and NHS and Blue Light Workers. In Shaftesbury however, this support is for patients of the Blackmore Vale Partnership.

Further details of how to access support, head to the Eco in Mind website: <https://bit.ly/DMEcolnMind> or speak to our wellbeing team if you would like to know more about this. 01747 856786.

Home Management of Conditions

If you have Asthma, COPD, or Diabetes, then the Practice is working with MyMHealth to help patients manage their conditions at home, online and for free.

You can now self refer for this service by contacting the Digital Care Co-Ordinator at the Practice. If you would like more information about this opportunity, please email BVP.Digital@dorsetgp.nhs.uk

North Dorset Prostate Cancer Support

If you've been affected by Prostate Cancer and would like to share experiences, or hear from others and make the journey less worrying, then there's a new group meeting at Gillingham Methodist Church on the last Friday of the month at 19:30. For more information contact John Montgomery - northdorsetpcs@gmail.com. Tel - 07790 242099.

Stalbridge Cancer and Recovery Support (SCARS)

SCARS are an informal group who encourage open discussion in a safe and confidential environment and ultimately we want all of our visitors to feel safe, confident and well supported and welcome at all times. As the meeting is open to and available for everyone to enjoy a chat over a drink and cake should anyone wish to speak to Tracy White confidentially and/or alone then this can be arranged at the meeting in a quiet area.

SCARS Group supports Everyone - adults, carers, patients, relatives, young adults affected by cancer, young adults with cancer, parents of children or young adults with cancer, men, women.

June 26 - 14:00 - Stalbridge Village Hall.
<https://www.stalbridgecancerandrecoverysupport.co.uk>
Tel - 07961 027089

Food Access

Are you struggling to make ends meet and feed yourself and your family? Times are tough for many people, but it's really important that you don't skip meals. If you need help to access food, then read on.

Food access points are an essential resource for many so if you can spare something for others, you can donate at most supermarkets or contact a food bank or pantry directly and see what they need.

We are lucky to have The Vale Pantry in Sturminster Newton, as well as Sturminster Newton Community Fridge-Blandford Forum Food Bank, Gillingham Food Bank, Blandford Community Fridge, Fontmell Community Support Hub Fontmell Magna Village Hall, Stalbridge Larder Club, Guggleton Farm Arts, Open Fridge at Father's House Shaftesbury and Sherborne Food Bank and there may well be others too!

So please, if you need help, do seek support from these places. The Practice Wellbeing Team can help you with this if necessary - just ask at the surgery or fill in a Klinik form and let us know!

MARNHULL TENNIS CLUB

The courts are looking lovely in this late Spring weather and with the long days there's plenty of time to fit in a game or two! If you're new to the area or fancy giving tennis a try in 2023 head to our website www.marnhulltennisclub.net for all the details on membership, bookings, coaching and more!

WHAT'S ON...

FLOODLIGHTS MEETING

Thursday 8th June 7:30pm
Marnhull Village Hall

This is an open meeting for anyone interested in our floodlight project. Come and see the plans, share any questions and find out more about this exciting planned development for the club and Marnhull. **Everyone is welcome.**

NEW SUNDAY CLUB SESSIONS

Please note that our weekend sessions are now every Sunday at 2.30pm - 4.00pm and are open to all adult club members! No need to book, come along for friendly social games.

NEW JUNIOR WEEKLY CLUB SESSIONS

Every Tuesday Afternoon
Ages 5-9: 4.00pm - 5.00pm
Ages 10-16: 5.00pm - 6.00pm


These have gotten off to a wonderful start with lots of junior players joining every week. Sessions are free to all junior members, and if you're not a member yet you can come along to your first 2 sessions for **FREE!** For more information please contact Norma Amlot on dnamlot@icloud.com or 07879647559.

WEEKLY CLUB SESSIONS - NO NEED TO BOOK, JUST TURN UP AND PLAY!

- **Sundays 2.30pm - 4pm** - Friendly social tennis sessions for all.
- **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 & 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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MARNHULL GREEN TEAMS

MARNHULL GREEN T.E.A.M.S

Taking the Environment Around Marnhull Seriously

It's been a busy few weeks for the Marnhull Green Teams. If you came along to the 'Our Rivers and Streams' event in the Village Hall you will have heard Kim Creswell speak about the work of Queen Thorne Nature Watch, who are collecting evidence on the lack of wildlife in local streams and the contribution of agro-chemicals to that loss; while Liz Bonnell and Julie Hillier explained the River Stour water guardian project organised by Wessex Water and Dorset Wildlife Trust.

According to the Parliamentary Environmental Audit Committee, only 14% of English rivers have good ecological status, with pollution from agriculture, sewage, roads and single-use plastics contributing to a dangerous 'chemical cocktail' coursing through our waterways. Not a single river in England has received a clean bill of health for chemical contamination.

If you wish to contribute to the Queen Thorne project, enabling them to buy more testing equipment (which can be deployed outside their own area) please visit www.qtnaturewatch.co.uk. For more information on the Water Guardians Project, go to www.dorsetwildlifetrust.org.uk/things-to-do/volunteering/water-guardians.

The second Marnhull Giveaway & Takeaway Day was also a considerable success. Very many thanks to all who made it work - John Dowsett the coordinator in particular!

Our G&T Days seek to encourage the Re-use part of the Reduce, Re-use, Recycle response to the ongoing environmental crisis. The idea is to contribute to waste avoidance by bringing unwanted goods into new ownership. This time we had 21 Giveaway venues around the village and - although donations were entirely voluntary - we raised £235 for the Dorset Wildlife Trust. There will be another G&T Day at about the same time next year.

Chris Hilder led a fine Dawn Chorus Walk in early May. The early risers who accompanied him heard 26 different species of bird and saw around 140 individuals - plus three mammals: a fox, a rabbit, and a roe deer. Thank you, Chris!

Now: Marnhull Green Teams' next big event will be 'Let's Get Pumping', at the Village Hall on Tuesday 20 June, starting at 7:30pm. No - it's not some sort of keep fit class.. Following on from our successful 'Going Solar' events last year, which began with villagers sharing their experience of solar panels, 'Let's Get Pumping' will be all about heat pumps. Neighbours who have installed various types of heat pump will be there to talk about them and answer questions - but please remember that this is an experience-sharing evening: our speakers are not heat pump engineers, and this is not a sales event.

Subjects we hope to include will be:

- An introduction to Heat Pumps
- An air-to-air heat pump in a small home
- A domestic air-source heat pump in a modern-build house
- The ground-source heat pump installation at St Gregory's Primary School; and
- A domestic ground-source heat pump in an older house
- A Q&A session

Entry is free and refreshments will be available.

In other news, Marnhull Green Teams have joined Garden Organic. This gives us access to a community of like-minded organic gardeners via the members-only area on their website, with lots of advice and information on growing organically and sustainably. We will also be supporting research into organic growing methods via citizen science projects and, via Garden Organic's heritage seeds library, the preservation of genetic diversity in food plants. We will be able to obtain free seeds, and discounts on courses and talks. See www.gardenorganic.org.uk for more information, and if you would like to benefit from our membership, contact us, via Facebook; at marnhullgreen@outlook.com; or on (01258) 268714.

Finally, we are looking for some engineering expertise, please. Some of our members would like to investigate domestic-scale wind power and are looking for a way of acquiring accurate records of wind strength around the village over time. The problem is that measuring devices commercially available are all too complex and too expensive for the intended purpose. Would you be interested in helping design/and or build a prototype? Please get in touch if so!

MARNHULL GREEN T.E.A.M.S

Taking the Environment Around Marnhull Seriously

LET'S GET PUMPING



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Coronation Day was a great success. Sadly the weather wasn't great and all the events had to be in the hall but everything went well in the end and it is fair to say a good time was had by everyone. The Pumpkin Face face painting was enjoyed by children of all ages from kids in single figures to kids in double figures (like me 77). The Twiglet Timechildren's entertainer kept all the young ones amused while he

performed (according to him) the most dangerous trick in Europe. Then the harmony duo Belle Street Singers took us down memory lane with some old favourites with an amusing style that had a calming effect on the day. Food was provided by Mr Chips who was kept busy and Arctic Cow provided their special kind of rolled ice cream for dessert. In the evening the hall remained packed for Elvis 56 giving us his rendition of another King's hits. A special shout out goes to Tracy, Steph and Carol who performed wonders behind the bar all day.

In yet another example of my computer inadequacy I have put in the diary that the jumble sale is on May 17th when it is on June 17th. Donation are required so leave them at the hall or give me a ring.

We have the return of Bill Shannon's soul disco on June 24th. It has proved very successful in the past so hopefully will again so spread the word.

Here's something you don't hear very often. Our prices went down, we are keeping a close watch on the takings in May and we hope to hold the prices at the new level but as the saying goes 'use it or lose it'.

June Entertainment

- Sat 3rd - Private party
- Sat 10th - Dale Fender Band
- Mon 12th - Bingo 7pm
- Sat 17th - The Beagles
- Sat 24th - Bill Shannon's Soul Disco
- Mon 26th - Bingo 7pm

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RECYCLE AT THE HUB

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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- Crisp packets *
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- Milk bottle tops
- Pens of all sorts
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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

It was pouring with rain outside but in the village hall 22 ladies sat at a table decked in red, white and blue for one of the justly famous W.I. buffets. We were celebrating the Coronation in style and enjoying the company of friends. There were party games of the dignified variety and a Coronation quiz. This was organised by our very lively and imaginative committee and the resulting occasion was enjoyed by all.

Our speaker at the June meeting is Andrew McElwee and his talk is entitled "Scenes with the National Trust."

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MARNHULL MEN'S SHED

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

For more information, please contact Alan Loukes

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MARNHULL FLOWER SHOW

Marnhull Flower Show

Saturday 22nd July

The Show Schedules are OUT for this year's Flower Show!

So pop along and collect one from either one of the local shops or pubs as well as a few local points nearby.

It's time to dust off your favourite pot plant and practice your Dorset Apple cake recipe - the show is nearly here!! There is still time to sow the veg and a few salad leaves to enter too!

We have a super list of classes - some classic and some a bit more fun - and this year we are delighted to say the afternoon will be accompanied by the wonderful Wessex Morris Men, backed by popular demand, by the local Ukulele Band.

This year's Charity Class will focus on Dementia - something we hear so much about these days. So create something special - a Fiddlemuff - to raise funds and support this cause. If you wish, your entry can be gifted to the residents at the Old Rectory Care Home in Stalbridge. All funds raised will be donated to the wonderful Mindful Memory Café in Gillingham. Dementia is a devastating illness; watching a vibrant loving soul become a mere shadow of its former self is devastating for all concerned. We hope to offer a little practical and financial support to local families.

If you're not crafty - we also have classes that focus on your gardens; best Wildlife friendly, best Front Garden (traditional or cottage style), best hanging basket, best planted container. There is even a best veg patch, allotment or vegetable garden. All you need to do is fill in the form and the judges will visit to view and judge your entry (in situ) during the morning of the Flower Show.

We are all snapping photos most days on our phones, so if you don't have green fingers why not enter a photograph class instead. Subjects include - reflections in water, or sky and clouds, children and animals, signs of Spring. But we always love the Open Class where you can show us your favourite photo. Open means it is open to everyone - so don't be shy!! (Photographic entries need to be in on the Friday evening before the Show.)

We look forward to seeing you on the 22nd July.
Catherine Turner





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MARNHULL ON NATIONAL RADIO MAY 2023



BBC Radio 4 Question Time Comes to Marnhull

It started with Elaine Spencer White seeing a request for village halls that had just had a makeover, to celebrate the upgrade, by hosting BBC Radio 4's current affairs programme, Question Time. She asked Jean and Peter McErlain, who said "Well, could you please apply." After getting a positive response from the BBC, Elaine handed it back to Jean and Peter, who with the rest of the Village Hall Committee, organized the packed-out event on Friday 12 May.

"Please arrive from 6:30pm and take your seat by 7:15pm" was the first instruction on the tickets. By 6:15pm,

the hall was half full! At 6:30pm, a man from BBC Radio Solent came out to "Warm Up" the audience. His first question was: "How many of you here listen to Radio Solent every day?"

A deafening silence followed, so he tried again; "How many of you have listened to Radio Solent ever." He explained the history of Question Time and covered some "rules". These included no booing, or heckling. We then practiced clapping. We went from Grade 1. Yes, we agree, good response (Polite clapping) to Grade 5. Brilliant answer, that we all fully agree with (Loud clapping, cheers and whoops encouraged).

Fifteen minutes to broadcast time and the producer came out to introduce her team and explain the programme format. The people whose questions had been selected were announced. They were moved to the front row of seats in order of play. This included the Warm Up question from Ann Davis-Penson. Ten minutes to broadcast and Alex Forsyth, the Question Time presenter and chair led the panel from the Green Room (the Village Hall kitchen) around the outside of the Hall and in through the pavilion to take their seats on the stage.

Alex introduced everyone and then asked Ann to read out her question about superpowers and how you would use them. The panel answered to test sound levels and we were all ready to go as the pips sounded and we listened to the Radio 4 Eight O'Clock News on the sound system speaker. Alex Forsyth then took her cue and we were live on national radio.

I strongly suggest that you go on to BBC Sounds and listen to the programme and form your own opinion of the debate. The panel consisted of Minette Batters NFU President, Dame Meg Hillier MP for Hackney South and Shoreditch (Lab) Chair Public Accounts Committee, Danny Kruger MP (Con) MP for Devise Wilts and Danny Sriskandarajah, Chief Executive of Oxfam UK.

Questions included Heather Crocker on access to NHS GP face-to-face appointments, Geoffrey Horton our Community Choir leader, on how to solve the refugee crisis (with an accommodation barge in Portland?) and of course Ann's "Warm Up" question. The question that gained the most reaction from the Marnhull audience was Sue Bailey's. How do you encourage farmers to use farmland for productive use, rather than selling for development?

My lasting impression was the outstanding professionalism and expertise of the Chair, Alex Forsyth. She flawlessly guided the audience and the panel through this live recording (no retakes or rehearsals) with total confidence. She challenged panel members with astute follow up questions and observations. She explained acronyms and had relevant up-to-date facts and statistics on the subjects raised. She directed proceedings with hand and arm gestures that produced a seamless performance from her production team, the panel, questioners and audience.

HERITAGE THEATRE

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For these performances, Heritage Theatre is working closely with CANCER RESEARCH UK (CRUK) in Marnhull and MARNHULL ENTERTAINS. When production expenses have all been settled, the remaining 'profit' will be shared equally between these two organisations.

We look forward to welcoming you all to this Village event!

MARNHULL PLAYERS PANTO

On Thursday 27th April we had our AGM, which saw some new committee members: -

Chair - Anita Tacon
Secretary - Emma Ryu
Director - Bruno Rodrigues

There has already be some great ideas that we started to discuss and looking forward to discussing further.

We have a meeting to discuss script for the next pantomime which we will start rehearsals in September, once we have more information on this we will let you know.

We are also going to be giving the stage some tlc, as we have been meaning to do this for a while now so we have a sub team that will be looking into what is best to do, so hopefully by the next performance it should have some improvements made.

We are also looking into a few social events so keep a look out and hopefully we will see you there.

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.

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An exciting year ahead.

Thanks,
The Committee and Cast

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Our parish recently welcomed our new parish priest Fr Joseph Nwiboko. He is settling in well and getting to know his parishioners. He is yet to explore our countryside around but you may spot him on electric bicycle which has been gifted to him. The community recently came together to celebrate his birthday. A great opportunity to welcome Fr. Joseph.

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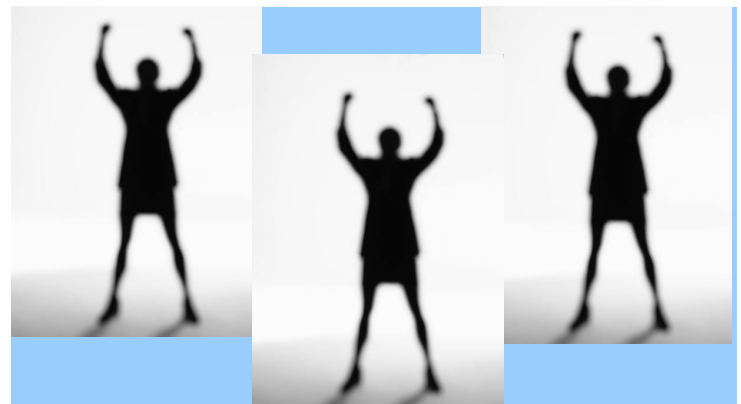
Everyone is invited to this free short talk, followed by open discussion, by Jacintha Bowe RGN, BA Hons, PGCE, CCRS on **Thursday 8th June starting at 10:30 in the Methodist Hall**. There will be refreshments provided and the morning is expected to finish about 12:30. I'm sure there will be an interesting and perhaps challenging debate around this fascinating subject, **so please do come along, have a cuppa, put your five-penneth in and enjoy the morning!**

The talk, organised by Marnhull Churches Together, aims to stimulate thought and discussion about our experiences of life and why, as human beings, we may act as we do. Quite a bit to be going on with then...

- 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.
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Weds 7th June

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11am Holy Communion

2.45pm School Worship

Friday 9th June

12pm Churches Together Prayer here

Sat 10th June

12pm - 4pm Children and Families Event with Lucy Moore, national speaker

7pm Stephen Binnington's 50th organ recital followed by refreshments

Sun 11th June

8am Holy Communion (traditional language)

10am Parish Communion with Bible Society speaker Revd Sandra Tebbutt

3pm Archbishop of Canterbury in Salisbury Cathedral

Weds 14th June

9am Morning Prayer

2.30pm Tea with Friends at the Methodist Hall

2.45pm School Worship

Sunday 18th June

8am Holy Communion (tradition language)

10am All Age Worship for Father's Day

Weds 21st June

9am Morning Prayer

2.45pm School Worship

Sun 25th June

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10am Parish Communion

Weds 28th June

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50TH CELEBRATION!



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Refreshments following the recital with donations greatly appreciated for church funds.

BISHOP'S LETTER



One year ago, I became your bishop with that great service in the cathedral. It has been the fastest year in many ways, with changes coming at us all with a post-pandemic pace that has somewhat stunned us all. Changing prime ministers and monarchs, the cost-of-living challenges and international events moving faster than ever - just at the point when we ought to be reflecting on all that has happened to us. It's been an 'interesting' time to become a diocesan bishop!

I'm often asked if I'm enjoying it. There is no doubting the pace and the pace of change, but the answer is a certain yes - but - mostly because this is the Diocese of Salisbury. I have visited as many places as possible and what is clear is that the church is all about the local, and the bishop (and those assisting in this co-ordinating ministry) are there to hold more than one locality together. We are truly blessed here with our rural/urban mix, with coast and countryside, with Islands and 'thin' places.

In being blessed, it is how we respond that makes the difference. We have a chance to show this when the Archbishop of Canterbury comes to us this month. Much of my time, with the contribution of so many in the diocese, has been the preparation of our new Diocesan Vision and Strategy - our plan for that co-ordination of our common life under God as disciples. All the detail to come, will live under the title *Making Jesus Known*. For all our differences in each locality, if we are not to be about Making Jesus Known, then I'm not sure what we are about. If we are all doing that, then yes, I'm really enjoying it!

+Stephen Sarum

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CORONATION CELEBRATIONS.

The whole school celebrated the coronation with cakes and scones galore. Much fun was had by all as parents came to join the fun enjoying our youngest and eldest children (Hedgehogs & Foxes) dancing around the maypole; the children are becoming quite rehearsed at this following the Jubilee celebrations last year. The whole school also sang a very special Coronation song, and this was accompanied by another song by Owls and Badgers.

SCHOOL GARDENING PROJECT.

With the generous support of Wessex Internet, the school is soon to undertake a green fingered project.



We plan to develop our forest school area and create a growing space for the children to explore horticulture. More details and photographs will follow in due course. This project will run very nicely alongside the continuing fabulous work of Marnhull Gardening Club. More on their work at the school soon.

M12K RAISES £7,839!!

On Sunday 16th April St Greg's Primary school supported by The Dorset Doodlers once again hosted the M12K. The course offers a challenge to all comers as it undulates through Marnhull to Fifehead Magdalen and then back to Marnhull concluding on the school field.



A record 266 runners graced Marnhull's roads in what proved to be perfect running conditions; a little chilly, overcast and very little wind. So perfect in fact that both the men's and ladies course records were bettered by Chris Peck of Egdon Health Harriers with a time of 40:29 and Vicki Ingham of Poole Runners finishing in 44:29. Huge congratulations to both.

Chris & Vicki received a jacket care of our course record sponsors; Somerset County Cars of Yeovil to whom we are extremely grateful for their support.



Further successes for Egdon Heath Harriers saw them take home both the male and female team prizes in what was a very impressive display from one of Dorset's strongest teams.

Our quickest Dorset Doodler was Gary Blaber finishing in 15th place in a time of 45:24. Prizes are also on offer to our quickest Marnhull residents so congratulations to both



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The day really was a family affair, refreshments were provided by the school and St Greg's Church, thanks to all that donated their brakes. We would like to thank all our volunteers, marshals, and participants for making it such a successful event. We will be back in 2024!

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. If you feel your business or you personally can help the school in any way please do get in touch.

INTERESTED IN JOINING ST GREG'S?

We always welcome prospective families no matter the time of the year. Come and see first-hand 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/>

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Email: office@stgregorymarnhull.dorset.sch.uk

SCHOOL HALL FOR HIRE!

If anyone wishes to let our school hall, this can be arranged - contact the school office on 01258 820206 for all enquiries.

Martha's Monthly Message



Hi Everyone!

It's a really busy time for Foxes Class at the moment with SATs, SATs and more SATs! We've done lots of work for them and now we are finally there. We have papers in spelling and grammar (SPAG) reading and maths to complete. Some of us feel a bit nervous but the early morning breakfast together as a class is helping us to feel focused. The bacon sandwiches are yummy!

Once we finish our SATs we will be starting to think about the end of year play which we will all have a part in and should be lots of fun.

We also have a residential to look forward to at Carey Camp. That's all for now, see you soon! Martha



June 2023

Martha

ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



St. Mary's Catholic
Primary School

We are now well into the summer term but you wouldn't believe it with the cold and damp weather we've been having!

Nevertheless, the weather didn't dampen our spirits the other week when we celebrated the coronation of King Charles III. The children came dressed as royalty or in red, white and blue and

had a great time learning about what the coronation would entail. The day culminated in a Royal Tea Party organised by our amazing PTFA and the children had an opportunity to join in the parade around the field (to let off some energy and sugar!) It was lovely to be joined by parents and grandparents.



Dressing to Impress



A Royal Tea Party

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

ST MARY'S EXPLORERS

Explorers preschool loved participating in the whole school coronation celebrations. They also transformed their role-play area

to reflect the historic events, setting up their own tea party and celebrating together with dancing.

The children in preschool love to share a story. Recently they shared the story 'Jaspers Beanstalk'. They then went on to plant their very own beanstalks and are enjoying watching them grow. In our fiddly fingers session the children have threaded leaves to create some magical beanstalks.

Explorers are lucky enough to have been donated eggs again this year.

The eggs were incubated and in just 21 days, the first of our chicks came out to say hello! The children had a fantastic time learning about change by watching how the chicks grew over a matter of weeks - changing from tiny fluff balls to feathery friends!

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

Our Science this half term is focusing on plants and growth. The children have grown many plants from seed and are beginning to plant them out into our veggie patch. The topic began with a seed dissection; the children were delighted to discover a tiny baby plant inside each seed. They are enjoying watching their plants grow and we look forward to harvesting later in the Summer Term.

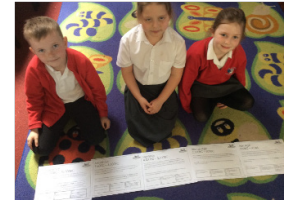
Recently we shared the book 'Secret Sky Garden' with the children. This story describes how a girl creates a garden in a disused car park. The book sparked lots of discussion about caring for our environment and the effect we can have on our world. The children decided to create some persuasive posters to remind the children to look after our school grounds and the wildlife in it.

ST MARKS

In History the children have been finding out about pre-history and learning some very tricky history terms to describe Prehistoric Britain - Stone Age (Palaeolithic, Mesolithic, Neolithic), Bronze Age, and Iron Age. The children have been applying their historical knowledge to asking super questions!

In Science, this term, the children have been learning about Habitats. They have researched different habitats found around the world so that they have information to include in their non-chronological reports.

It was great fun exploring the school grounds for microhabitats - they found lots of mini-beasts!



We are currently enjoying reading the children's classic - 'Charlotte's Web' as our class novel.

ST FRANCIS'

In St Francis, the children have been studying the topic of life cycles in Science. We have been looking at reproduction in animals as well as plants. The children are thoroughly enjoying this topic and were quite shocked to discover that some animal groups don't care for their young! They have asked some super questions and are able to tell you about the reproduction in mammals, fish, amphibians, birds, reptiles and plants.

We also completed a piece of reading on King Charles III which the children found fascinating as we were celebrating the coronation. When asked if they would like to be King or Queen, the majority of the class answered no as it is too much responsibility.

Our class novel is 'Escape to the River Sea' and the class are working hard making links between this novel and a previous novel we read called 'The Explorers'; both are set in the Amazon Rainforest.

ST ALBAN'S

Recently, our Year 6 children have been working hard to prepare for and complete their SATs tests, which they have all tried their best with. At St Mary's we are all so proud of their efforts, positivity and attitude towards tackling each test. A big well done to them all.

We have also been working hard in science which involved sorting and classifying a variety of sweets by identify their properties and features! Our class novel, this term, is 'Kensuke's Kingdom'. This has led to some wonderful letter writing and artwork inspired by Michael's adventures.

ECO-CLUB

The children in our eco club are keen to increase the amount of recycling in school. We were lucky enough to receive the support of the Marnhull Hub and Repair Café who donated some fantastic new bins for the playground. The children were all very excited to find the snazzy recycling bins on the playground. This increased focus on recycling supports the children in thinking about how they can make small changes, which will help care for the world. This is one of the actions we have taken to achieve the CAFOD Live Simply Award, which the school is working towards.



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MARNHULL MUSIC SOCIETY

The April concert consisted of pieces chosen by our gentlemen members and it was compiled and presented by Mike Wilkins. We back-row critics awarded it a resounding five stars for variety, melody and general enjoyment. It began with the superbly evocative "Great Gates of Kiev" from Mussorgsky's *Pictures at an Exhibition* with the clamorous crowds of hawkers and jostling animals all seen through a haze of dust as they push into the city. Surely there can be few better examples of picturesque composing.

The noise and bustle of Kiev was followed by the tender love song called "Myfanwy" sung by Bryn Terfel, and then by a jaunty little piece which is native to Cameroon called "O Bia" and played by John Williams on the Spanish guitar.

There was a stirring episode from Bach's "St Matthew Passion" sung in English, which is most unusual and a bit of pure romance with the 3rd movement of Tchaikovsky's 5th symphony. The first half ended with the hugely popular 3rd movement of Beethoven's violin concerto.

After the break we had the catering rhythm of the 2nd movement of Mahlers 1st symphony with its suggestion of hunting horns. Perhaps this rural scene is not what the composer intended to portray but it is certainly what springs to my mind. Later came the measured opening to Dvorak's Slavonic Dance which gradually develops into a whirl of high energy and colour.

Gershwin's "Bess, you is my woman now" introduced a quite different tone into the programme and it was followed by another mesmerising favourite in a movement of Mendelssohn's violin concerto with certainly send most of the audience into a trance of delight. A quite novel piano concerto which followed was the work of Czerny and unfamiliar to most of us and which everyone seemed to enjoy.

The evening ended appropriately with the droll, contemplative "Sunset Poem of Eli Jenkins" from *Under Milk Wood* and sung with great feeling by Bryn Terfel.

Our June programme will be presented by Colin Shiner.



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STARS APPEAL BENSON SUITE MARKS 10 YEARS OF SUPPORTING BEREAVED PARENTS

A dedicated hospital suite funded by the Stars Appeal has marked 10 years of supporting bereaved parents who tragically experience the loss of their baby.

The Benson Suite at Salisbury District Hospital was opened in 2013 and has supported hundreds of families. It provides a dedicated, private space where bereaved families who lose a baby shortly before or after birth can spend time with their babies and grieve away from the Labour Ward.

The Suite was named in recognition of Sir Christopher and Lady Benson after they donated the funds required to create the Suite by redeveloping part of the Hospital's Maternity Department. Lady Benson sadly passed away last year.

Sir Christopher visited the Suite to mark its 10th anniversary and met with staff and some of the parents who have been supported there.

Thanks to funds raised by families who have been helped by the Benson Suite over the last 10 years, the Stars Appeal also funds a specialist bereavement midwife who is there to support families before, during, and after their time on the Benson Suite and during subsequent pregnancies.

Tamar Vellacott and her partner Cameron Pratt from Salisbury sadly experienced the loss of their baby son Albie in February 2022. They were supported at the Benson Suite and by bereavement midwife Steph Thompson.

Tamar said: "The use of the Benson Suite meant the world to us as we were able to celebrate and grieve the birth and loss of our baby away from the labour ward where new parents were having the best day of their life as we battled through our worst.

The privacy and dignity that the Benson Suite offers is second to none. For a place where so many hearts have broken, we walked out of there feeling supported, loved and that our baby had been born and died surrounded by so many people who cared which is all you could ever want."

While at the Benson Suite they were able to spend time with Albie in a specialist cot in one of the family rooms.

Tamar said: "To be able to tuck him into bed and lie next to him rather than abruptly having him taken away is something I can't explain. I am so grateful to have been given the time we needed to prepare ourselves to say goodbye."

"If we had to deliver Albie on the labour ward I would have felt ten times worse than I did. To hear babies cry when the silence in your room is deafening would have been even more heart-breaking," explains Tamar, who praised the reassuring support from Steph the bereavement midwife and adds: "Her knowledge and empathy will stay with us forever."

Tamar says that "the one thing we can bring from his loss was the love and support surrounding his birth. His birth was beautiful and despite the sheer heartbreak of losing him, there is not a single part of our experience at the Benson Suite that I would ever want to change."

Donations enable the Stars Appeal to continue funding their dedicated bereavement midwife, to maintain and enhance the Benson Suite environment, and provide equipment, visits from Hospital chaplains, photographs and other keepsakes.

Sir Christopher Benson said: "What a privilege, for 10 years, to be associated with the world of care, compassion, of love and understanding at a time of most need. God bless those who work here and those who they support in this place of peace, reflection, and hope."

Bereavement midwife Steph Thompson added: "We are so proud to have our Benson Suite here at Salisbury Hospital and available to those families who sadly have call to need it. It is my privilege to care for them but none of this would be possible without those who so kindly support our Stars Appeal Benson Suite Fund and I would like to express our sincere thanks to Sir Christopher and all of our generous supporters."



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 years 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 years 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

MUM JOINS STARS APPEAL'S WALK FOR WARDS AFTER BABY SPENT OVER TWO MONTHS IN SALISBURY'S NEONATAL UNIT

A mum whose taking part in Walk for Wards after her baby spent over two months in the Neonatal Unit at Salisbury Hospital has shared her experience about what it was like and how the Stars Appeal helped her and her family.

Hayley Howell's son Fletcher was born 11 weeks early in October last year. While Fletcher was in hospital Hayley and her partner David Hart were able to stay close by in the Stars Appeal's accommodation for parents.

She said: "We spent just over two months on the Neonatal Unit and stayed in the parents' accommodation. We kept saying we completely understand if we need to go but there was never any question about us having to go."

"It was comforting for me having David there," adds Hayley, who later moved into one of the Stars Appeal's mum and baby rooms after Fletcher's condition improved where she says it was "nice to be by your baby's side the whole time".

The mum and baby rooms provide a private space where they can stay together. The Stars Appeal recently funded the construction of two more of these rooms. There are now six mother and baby rooms in total which is in addition to the four larger en suite 'family' rooms. This means there is now room for every mum to stay.

Hayley is taking part in Walk for Wards with her family and will be part of a group of 15. She wanted to do something to "be able to give back" for all the support they received during Fletcher's time in hospital.

She says Fletcher is doing "perfectly" now but admits going into the Neonatal Unit was "scary at first" but staff made her feel comfortable and were "really comforting and helpful".

"I got to the point where I thought 'I don't think I can do this anymore' but they helped me keep going. The nurses and everybody on the unit were fantastic," admits Hayley, 34, who is from Amesbury.

"We nearly lost Fletcher a couple of weeks after he was born. He got a common cold and where he was so little it stopped him breathing. I was there on my own and remember the staff comforting me. They were so caring about us as parents as well as looking after our baby."

Hayley also praised the support for parents provided by the Stars Appeal, Salisbury District Hospital's Charity, to ease the stress of having a child in the Neonatal Unit, including free aromatherapy sessions which she says were a "God send" and the Stars Appeal Live musicians who play lullabies to the babies.

"These activities do the world of good for mums on the unit. It is something good to look forward to. The little extras are amazing," explains Hayley.

"Fletcher is my miracle baby. To lose him was unthinkable as it took us so long to conceive him. He is my world," she added.

"That Neonatal Unit is absolutely amazing."

Walk for Wards is on Sunday, July 9 at Wilton House. To find out more and to register go to starsappeal.org/event/walk-for-wards



Marnhull Village Care
A warm welcome to the Village & Support in our Community



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
Email - trevorvaughan.mpc@gmail.com Tel - 01258 821636



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 Popplewell'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.

MARNHULL GARDEN CLUB

Marnhull Garden Club were very pleased to be asked by St Gregory's Church to plant a tree for the Coronation of King Charles III.

In keeping with the King's love of nature, a Weeping Crab Apple Tree was chosen, a Malus Sun Rival. This is a charming semi weeping tree with flower trusses of delicate pink buds opening to white followed by stunning bright red fruits. The tree has a final height and spread of 3m x 3m after 10 years.



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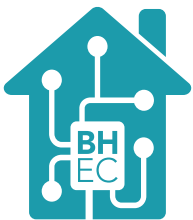


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For more info check out our website
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Marnhull Village Care
A warm welcome to the Village & Support in our Community



Help your neighbour is a saying very often used so here is a chance to put it into practice as Marnhull Village Care need some help from someone living in the roads listed below.

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- Burton Street (Tapshays House to Cooks garage)
- Burton Street (Mill Lane to Blackmore Vale Inn, including Burges Close)
- Hardy Close
- Musbury Lane, Musbury Close
- New Street (St. Gregs to Sackmore Lane)
- Phillips Road
- Plowmans Close
- Sackmore Lane (Midway to New Street)

so, if you would like the chance of helping your neighbour, and to find out more about being a road contact why not have a word with either.

- Hilary Parker on 01258 821667 emails; hilaryjparker85a@gmail.com;
- Or Trevor Vaughan on 01258 821636, email; trevorv.mvc@gmail.com.
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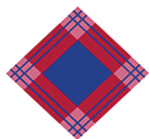


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NEWS FROM TRADING STANDARDS

Protected Food Names

What do Champagne, Parma Ham and Scotch Whiskey all have in common? They are protected food names. Dorset and the South West are also home to some fantastic traditional foods that carry the same legal protection as some of these well-known foods, such as watercress!

Dorset and the surrounding counties are home to the watercress industry, with several of the largest growers based here. Between them they supply the majority of all watercress sold in the UK supermarkets. Watercress using 'Nasturtium Officinale seeds' has been grown in flowing water to a traditional production method used for over 200 years. Recently this industry came under threat from cheaper imports of 'Landcress' being passed off as Watercress. Other cresses may look similar but are not produced in the same way, and do not have the same characteristic 'peppery' taste or contain the same levels of nutrients. To counter this the industry came together and successfully applied for the name 'watercress' to be protected and it was awarded the status of 'Traditional Speciality Guaranteed'.

Other foods produced in Dorset that are protected include Dorset Blue Cheese, West Country Farmhouse Cheddar Cheese, West Country Beef and Lamb, and the newly registered 'New Forest Pannage Ham' made from pigs that are fattened up on acorns whilst roaming the New Forest! Looking more widely across the region there is also the famous Cornish Pasty, Exmoor Blue Cheese, Wiltshire Cured Ham, Fal Oysters from Cornwall, Cornish Clotted Cream and Cornish Sardines.

There are three different types of protection. These are Protected Geographical Indication (PGI), Protected Designation of Origin (PDO) and 'Traditional Speciality Guaranteed' (TSG). You can recognise protected food as it must carry an appropriate logo.

Anyone wishing to produce a food that carries a protected food name must be audited against a published specification before they start to sell the food. Trading Standards typically carry out these audits to help both protect food names and the interests of local food producers.

Light pollution affects the vast majority of the population, with three-quarters of people in the UK finding their view of the night sky obscured, new data has shown. The results of Star Count 2023, released by CPRE, the countryside charity, find only five percent of people can enjoy the wonder of a truly dark starry sky. Almost 4,000 people took part in this year's Star Count, the country's biggest annual citizen science project of its kind, from 17-24 February. Participants were asked to report the number of stars they could see with the naked eye in the Orion constellation. The results show that, for just over half the population, their view of the night sky remains obscured by severe light pollution. The proportion experiencing 'truly dark skies' and 'very severe light pollution' - the best and worst categories - both increased by two percent. In evidence presented this month to the House of Lords Science and Technology Committee, CPRE recommended that local authorities should have legal powers to control light pollution through planning regulations. Outdoor advertisements are already managed in a similar way. Further to that, key changes to national and local planning policy were identified that, if implemented, should lead to a step-change in reducing light pollution, including policies to protect dark skies and intrinsically dark landscapes.

Tom Fyans, interim CEO of CPRE, the countryside charity, said:

'The night sky is becoming increasingly obscured by artificial light. Sadly, this means most people in the UK can't see many stars at all, especially if they live near a big town or city. Yet, it's a form of pollution that has been allowed to grow for years without any significant effort being made to control the damage it's causing to people, nature and the environment.'

'Local authorities could potentially save hundreds of thousands of pounds each year by not wasting energy on unnecessary lighting. It's an opportunity begging to be taken. All councils are looking for ways to save money and reduce carbon emissions - by cutting light pollution they'd improve people's sleep and mood at the same time.'

'As anyone who has landed at an airport at night can attest, housing and roads cause the most light pollution. Local authorities and highways authorities are therefore responsible. They can take action by investing in well-designed lighting, that shines where and when needed. Dimming technology; switching off street lights, if and when they're unnecessary, in the dead of night; or better designed directional lighting would make a massive difference!'

There is increasing awareness of the effect that light pollution has on people's health and wellbeing. In a previous survey, CPRE found half of respondents said their sleep had been disrupted by light shining in through their bedroom window. More than one in ten people (14%) have slept in a different room to avoid light pollution and 3% have moved house to get away from light pollution. Artificial light is known to cause confusion to migrating birds, often with fatal outcomes. It interrupts natural rhythms, including the reproduction, feeding and sleeping patterns of pollinating insects, bats and nocturnal animals. In humans, studies show that exposure to light at night interrupts sleep and can disrupt the body's protection of melatonin, a brain hormone best known for its daily role in resetting the body's biological clock.

Emma Marrington, landscape enhancement lead at CPRE, the countryside charity, said:

'It's great that so many people took part in Star Count this year. What is clear is that light pollution, by ensuring local planning and street lighting policies protect dark skies and intrinsically dark landscapes in their areas. We're also calling for minimum standards to be introduced nationally for the management of external lighting to cut light pollution. This would be a hugely important step towards strengthened planning to ensure we get well-designed lighting that is only used when and where it is needed, protecting our existing dark skies for the benefit of current and future generations.'

CPRE is calling for stronger local and national planning policy to combat light pollution. The National Planning Policy Framework, where these policies are decided, is currently under review. Now is the time for the government to act.

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LIGHT POLLUTION MEANS VAST MAJORITY OF US CAN'T ENJOY WONDER OF A PROPERLY DARK SKY, CPRE'S STAR COUNT SHOWS

- 75% of people are in areas with the worst three categories of light pollution.
- Campaigners, including Chris Packham, call for action to 'rewild the night sky' to improve the health of people and wildlife.
- Giving evidence to the House of Lords, CPRE identified key changes to national and local planning policy that, if implemented, could save councils hundreds of thousands of pounds in energy bills while improving the worst light polluted skies.

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For more information, please contact
 Alan Loukes on 01258 821629

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Short walk (amble) approx 3 miles
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 Contact Anne Dowsett - dowsettanne52@gmail.com

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The Garden Club meets at 7.30pm on the 2nd Tuesday of the most months, in Marnhull Village Hall.
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Chairman: Mr David Bruce, bruce11@sky.com - 01258 820569 / 07867 553442

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

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New Messenger Deadline: 14th June

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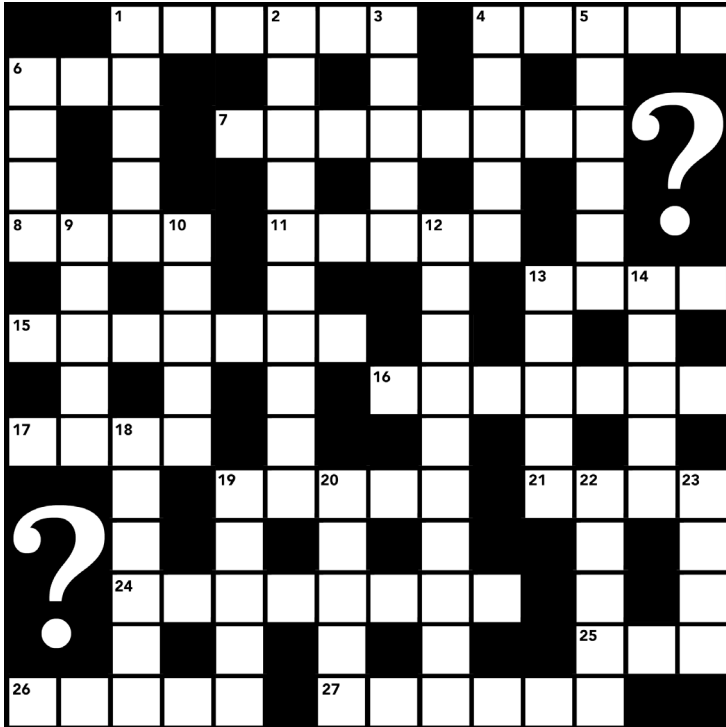
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ACROSS

- 1) Another name for the dugong. (3-3)
- 4) Triangular stretch of sediment deposited at the mouth of a river. (5)
- 6) The only true flying mammal. (3)
- 7) Name for an American football field. (8)
- 8) Plant cultivated for human and animal food or processing into sugar. (4)
- 11) City in the Mountains of Mourne in Northern Ireland. (5)
- 13) Punk band formed in 1978 in Crawley. (4)
- 15) Person who works in a coffee shop. (7)
- 16) In Scotland an attendant on a hunting or fishing trip. (7)
- 17) Printing instruction meaning 'let it stand'. (4)
- 19) Look back in this in the title of a John Osborne play. (5)
- 21) Newfoundland dog who was a nurse to the children in Peter Pan. (4)
- 24) Sea between the Balkans and Italy. (8)
- 25) The fifth sign of the Zodiac. (3)
- 26) Large venomous African snake. (5)
- 27) Pattern on knitted garments consisted of coloured diamonds. (6)

DOWN

- 1) The sum of money gambled in a wager. (5)
- 2) The official inauguration ceremony of a new monarch. (10)
- 3) A woman whose husband has died. (5)
- 4) A sports match between two local rivers. (5)
- 5) Four wheeled enclosed horse drawn carriage. (6)
- 6) A sharp projection on a fish hook that makes it hard to extract. (4)
- 9) Accurate in all details. (5)
- 10) Contaminate. (5)
- 12) Fish that is proverbially a misleading clue. (3-7)
- 13) The main part of the large intestine. (5)
- 14) To rule as a monarch. (5)
- 18) To preserve a corpse from decay. (6)
- 19) The main artery of the body. (5)
- 20) A tropical American fruit. (5)
- 22) Member of an ancient Germanic people that came to England in the 5th Century AD. (5)
- 23) In Australia the afternoon. (4)

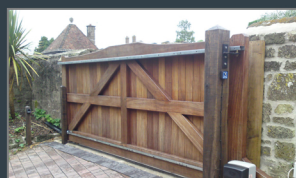
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