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**CHRIS RYU**  
Messenger Editor

### March 2022 - Issue 121

Welcome back to your Marnhull Messenger Magazine. As always, thanks for the great array of articles.

So the country is getting back to "normal" then..?

I'm really excited to see lots of events being advertised, especially around the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. The Marnhull Fest committee are even organising an "It's a knockout" challenge where teams of 10 are competing on giant inflatables to see who will be the champion - sounds like just as much fun to watch!

### MARNHULL EVENTS

I'm so pleased to see the village diary filling up again. Everything from quiz nights, live music, lunch club, movies and of course the Marnhull Fest! Don't forget to add your events on the Marnhull Messenger website

### 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. It takes around 10 hours a month to produce the Messenger, plus a little admin - do you have some time you could donate to the village? For the time-being you're stuck with me... 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

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

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

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

Ian Gall – Chairman, The Marnhull Messenger Steering Group.

# ANNUAL DIARY 2021/2022

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

## MARCH

1st - Pilates Classes @9:30am(Intermediate)  
11am (Over 55s) - Methodist Church

1st - Bridge Club @13:30 - Methodist Church

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

2nd - Table Tennis @14:00

2nd - Community Choir @19:00

2nd - Zumba @19:30

3rd - Craft Club @12:00 - Methodist Hall

3rd - Meditation and Wellbeing Circle @9:45am

3rd - Marnhull Baby & Toddlers Group @12:00

4th - Marnhull Lunch Club @12:00

4th - BritPop Live @19:30 - The Exchange

5th - Marnhull Green Teams - Scrap Exchange @10am

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

5th - 2Foot Moose Ft Seeking Benjamin @21:00 - British Legion Club

7th - Yoga @9:15am

7th - Table Tennis @14:00

8th - Pilates Classes @9:30am(Intermediate)  
11am (Over 55s) - Methodist Church

8th - Bridge Club @13:30 - Methodist Church

8th - Garden Club - Plants of New Zealand from Martin Young @19:30

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

9th - Table Tennis @14:00

9th - Community Choir @19:00

9th - Zumba @19:30

10th - Meditation & Wellbeing Circle @9:45am

10th - Marnhull Baby & Toddlers Group @12:00

11th - Blackmore Vale Art Group @10:30am

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

12th - Karen Melanie Kay @20:30 - British Legion

14th - Yoga @9:15am

14th - Table Tennis @14:00

14th - Women's Institute - A Cruise Along the Jurassic Coast - Steve Balasco, Marine Photographer @19:30

15th - Pilates Classes @9:30am(Intermediate)  
11am (Over 55s) - Methodist Church

15th - Bridge Club @13:30 - Methodist Church

15th - Marnhull Tennis Club 2022 AGM @17:00

15th - Marnhull Green Teams - Fascinating talks on green agriculture @19:30

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

16th - Table Tennis @14:00

16th - Community Choir @19:00

16th - Zumba @19:30

17th - Meditation & Wellbeing Circle @9:45am

17th - Marnhull Baby & Toddlers Group @12:00

19th - The Marnhull Hub & Repair Café @10am

19th - St Greg's Primary School - Marnhull Soul 70's Christmas Disco

19th - British Legion - Blues Brothers Tribute Night @20:00

21st - Yoga @9:15am

21st - Table Tennis @14:00

21st - Marnhull Music Society @19:15

22nd - Marnhull Music Society @19:15

22nd - Pilates Classes @9:30am(Intermediate)  
11am (Over 55s) - Methodist Church

22nd - Bridge Club @13:30 - Methodist Church

23rd - Fitsteps Dance Exercise Class @11:15am

23rd - Table Tennis @14:00

23rd - Community Choir @19:00

23rd - Zumba @19:30

24th - Meditation & Wellbeing Circle @9:45am

24th - Marnhull Baby & Toddlers Group @12:00

26th - The Marnhull Hub & Repair Café @10am

26th - The Originals @20:30 - British Legion

28th - Yoga @9:15am

28th - Table Tennis @14:00

29th - Pilates Classes @9:30am(Intermediate)  
11am (Over 55s) - Methodist Church

29th - Bridge Club @13:30 - Methodist Church

30th - Fitsteps Dance Exercise Class @11:15am

30th - Table Tennis @14:00

30th - Community Choir @19:00

30th - Zumba @19:30

31st - Meditation & Wellbeing Circle @9:45am

31st - Marnhull Baby & Toddlers Group @12:00

## APRIL

1st - Marnhull Lunch Club @12:00

2nd - The Marnhull Hub & Repair Café @10am

2nd - Mustang Sally @20:30 - British Legion

4th - Yoga @9:15am

4th - Table Tennis @14:00

5th - Pilates Class @9:30am (Intermediate)  
11am (Over 55s) - Methodist Church

5th - Bridge Club @13:30 - Methodist Church

6th - Fitsteps Dance Exercise Class @11:15am

6th - Table Tennis @14:00

6th - Community Choir @19:00

6th - Zumba @19:30

7th - Craft Club @12:00 - Methodist Hall

7th - Meditation and Wellbeing Circle @9:45am

7th - Marnhull Baby & Toddlers Group @12:00

8th - Blackmore Vale Art Group @10:30am

9th - The Marnhull Hub & Repair Café @10am

11th - Women's Institute - AGM - Social wirth cheese & wine @7:30am

11th - Yoga @9:15am

11th - Table Tennis @14:00

12th - Pilates Classes @9:30am(Intermediate)  
11am (Over 55s) - Methodist Church

12th - Bridge Club @13:30 - Methodist Church

12th - Garden Club - Sue Carter from Old Chapel Flowers @19:30

13th - Fitsteps Dance Exercise Class @11:15am

13th - Table Tennis @14:00

13th - Community Choir @19:00

13th - Zumba @19:30

14th - Meditation & Wellbeing Circle @9:45am

14th - Marnhull Baby & Toddlers Group @12:00

16th - The Marnhull Hub & Repair Café @10am

18th - Yoga @9:15am

18th - Table Tennis @14:00

18th - Marnhull Music Society @19:15

19th - Marnhull Music Society @19:15

19th - Pilates Classes @9:30am(Intermediate)  
11am (Over 55s) - Methodist Church

19th - Bridge Club @13:30 - Methodist Church

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## STURMINSTER NEWTON MEDICAL CENTRE



**Masks still need to be worn when visiting any of the Practice Surgeries as there are still people in the community who are contracting Covid.**

### Covid Vaccinations

We continue to provide a few small Covid clinics at Sturminster Newton Medical Centre to support patients requiring 1st, 2nd, 3rd vaccinations and/or boosters. The vaccine we are using is Comirnaty (Pfizer). We are not routinely providing vaccines to healthy children **under** 16 years as this is being provided by Dorset Healthcare through the School Nursing teams. We are working with Dorset CCG planning the 5-11 at high risk vaccine schedule.

We are currently reviewing the lists that have identified children who may be eligible and will be in contact with the parents to gauge interest in their children being vaccinated over the next few weeks.

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### Cardiac Rehab Classes

These classes are back at Abbey View Medical Centre in Shaftesbury. If you think you might benefit from attending these, please ask your clinician.

### Citizen's Advice Bureau

Every Monday at the Sturminster Newton Medical Centre, representatives from the CAB offer pre-booked appointments. To book a slot, contact Reception.

### Carer's Clinic

If you provide care for a relative or friend, the Practice can offer you support and advice. By registering as a carer, you will be offered regular health checks and support to ensure you have access to services designed especially for those in your situation.

### Memory Café at Stour Connect

This is a way of supporting those with memory loss or dementia and their carers. Contact Stour Connect for more information 01258 471359



**Help the NHS and care system under exceptional demand**

Dorset is experiencing exceptional demand and seasonal pressure on health and social care, with the impact of Covid-19 adding to the general pressures we

experience in winter. There is a very limited number of beds available in hospitals and care homes across Dorset and there are high numbers of staff who are off work, either with Covid-19 symptoms or isolating.

**We're asking for your support in the following ways:**

- **Support loved ones to leave hospital so that they can be more comfortable and recover more quickly at home.**
- **Use NHS services wisely** to get the right treatment, in the right place, at the right time. Our hospital emergency departments are under extreme pressure. If you're unwell and are unsure about where to go, visit [nhs.uk](http://nhs.uk) or call 111.
- **Contact your local pharmacist or GP practice** for ongoing or minor health issues.
- **Only ever call 999 in a medical emergency** - this is when someone is seriously ill or injured and their life is at risk.
- **Get your jabs to protect yourself from Covid-19.** For a full list of Covid-19 vaccine sites, visit [dorsetccg.nhs.uk](http://dorsetccg.nhs.uk).

## MARNHULL HORSE RIDERS



We are delighted at the recent news that from the 29th January, the highway code has been updated and vehicles must now pass horses at no more than 10mph with a minimum distance of 2 meters.

Following reports from the BHS of four horses killed on Britain's roads already this year. We can only see this as a positive change for horse

riders that will help to keep our horses, riders, horse handlers and carriage drivers safer on our UK roads.

The BHS have worked hard over the last three years, lobbying and collaborating with Cycling UK, DVSA, Living Streets and the Department for Transport (DfT) to suggest the much-needed Highway Code improvements and to represent equestrians in the review.

One of the main changes is a new hierarchy of road users, where horses are now alongside pedestrians and cyclists, as vulnerable road users. This new rule highlights that, irrespective of method of transport, those who can do the greatest harm have the greatest responsibility to reduce the danger or threat they may pose to others.



Please help to keep us safe. For more information on the new changes, visit the [gov.uk](http://gov.uk) website.



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## MARNHULL GREEN TEAMS

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A date for your diary!

Come along to the Village Hall on Tuesday 15 March, 7.30pm, to hear a couple of fascinating talks on green agriculture and to join in the discussion.

We're delighted to say that Alexandra Rawe, From Dorset Dairy down in the Vale, will be giving a presentation titled 'Greener Farming - an aspiration'. "Good land management and sustainability are core values at Crib House Farm," says Alexandra. "We manage our carbon footprint by being as energy efficient as possible, using modern solar energy technology alongside heat recovery systems."

Greener farming is indeed an aspiration we can all share. Come and hear from Alexandra how they do things at Crib House Farm.

'Bringing the Culture Back Into Agriculture' is the subject of the second presentation of the evening. Join us to find out how a small North Dorset village is reconnecting with farming, food and the land by creating a non-profit, community-owned Food Hub where they live in Chettle.

Project Manager Becky Burchell and project partner Alice Favre (owner of Chettle Estate) will talk about their plans to create a mixed agroecological farm, a new cafe and bakery and bigger premises for the much-loved village shop. "At the heart of this project," says Becky, "Is a desire to grow diverse, healthy food that will create resilience in the face of climate change, with the highest ethical and environmental standards. The aim of the Food Hub is to build a deeper connection, love and celebration of good, local food into the culture of this rural parish."

Sounds good? Don't miss it! Doors open at 7pm on 15 March, and we'll start at 7.30. Entry is free - although donations will be welcomed, of course - and there will be a bar.

Marnhull Green Teams are planning more events and outings as the year opens up. Keep an eye on the Messenger and the village Facebook page for further details. Or get ahead of the game with our monthly newsletter. We keep it short and snappy, and you'll hear it there first... to join the email distribution list, without any obligation, contact us at marnhullgreen@outlook.com, on (01258) 268714, or via Facebook.

Speaking of the year opening up, fancy growing something at Marnhull Green Teams' community allotment in Sodom Lane? It costs nothing to have a go. Get in touch if you'd like to give it a try.

The same applies if you would like to plant a tree or two. We've had another successful year of distributing saplings at low cost thanks to our bulk-buying capability. Of an initial total of over 370 young trees we have just 25 bird cherry and 14 ash left for sale.

Finally for now, our next monthly Scrap Exchange will be at the Village Hall on Saturday 5 March, 10-12am, in conjunction with the Marnhull Hub and Repair Café. Crafters please note!

## ROYAL BRITISH LEGION



The jumble sale on February 12th was a great success with a total of £350 being raised. As there has not been a jumble sale for a while due to covid restrictions there was a lot of stuff so a big thank you goes to all the helpers that turned out to put it out, do the selling and then clear up afterward. The next one will be on March 12th so start checking long forgotten cupboards and drawers for any unwanted items. One man's trash is another man's treasure.

Lyn Bartlett passed another £1,200 over to the Poppy Appeal Organiser from her bingo. An amazing effort on her part. Don't forget that the bingo starts again on Monday March 7th after a winter break. The bar is open before and after the bingo so there is no need to go thirsty.

The promised refurbishments have had to be put on hold as the carpet has been held up due to delivery delays and as far as we can make out the chairs are somewhere on the high seas. They are coming though.

As part of the celebrations for the Queen's platinum anniversary we thought we would do something for the more mature residents of Marnhull who remember the coronation. So on Thursday June 2nd we will be laying on an afternoon tea and then entertainment by Karen Melanie Kay who will take us on a trip down Memory Lane. More on this as the day approaches. On Saturday June 4th The Land Girls will be here to provide some old sing-a-long favourites.

A date for your diary is March 19th when we will have a Blues Brothers tribute night. Unfortunately we will have to charge a £5 entry fee for this one but it will be money well spent as it is always a great show whether or not you remember the film.

We have updated the bar with San Miguel replacing the Fosters and the guest ale is Ringwood's Razorback. Plus Carlsberg and Thatcher's Gold.

### **March Entertainment**

5th - Two Foot Moose

12th - Karen Melanie Kay

19th - Blues Brothers Tribute £5

26th - The Originals

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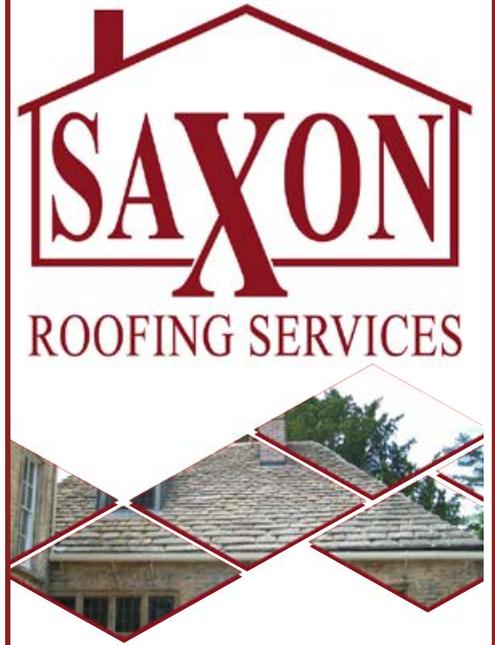
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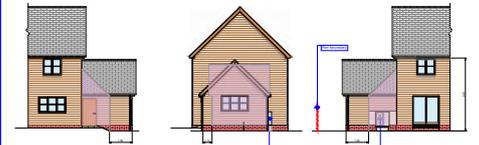
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## MARNHULL CHURCHES TOGETHER - LENT LUNCHEAS AND REFLECTIONS

Lent is the forty-day period beginning on Ash Wednesday (2nd March this year) leading up to Good Friday (15th April) when Christians traditionally take time to reflect on the meaning of Christianity and its relevance in the world today.

The three Christian Churches in Marnhull, Saint Gregory's Parish Church, Our Lady's Roman Catholic Church and Marnhull Methodist Church, are delighted to announce a return to our tradition of a series of Lent lunches preceded by a half hour reflection led by each of the churches in turn.

The reflections will be held each **Friday during Lent in the Methodist Church beginning at 12 noon** and will be **followed by a light lunch in the Methodist Church hall beginning at 12:30** (except when there is a village lunch in the village hall). Every one, whether a member of any of the churches or not, is warmly welcome to join us for either or both the reflection and lunch.

The theme of the reflections will be **Forgiveness and Compassion** as demonstrated by Jesus Christ as He approached His crucifixion and the leaders plan to include examples of how artists have incorporated these virtues in paintings.

The lunches, consisting of a simple meal of soup and bread, provide an opportunity for further consideration and discussion - and socializing! There will be a **free-will offering** the proceeds of which will be sent to **Christian Aid** who are working with the DEC (Disasters Emergency Committee) to relieve the suffering of the peoples of Afghanistan.

Assuming that Covid restrictions and recommendations remain as they are at the time of writing, we ask everyone to make a personal decision about wearing masks during the reflection in church and when moving around bearing in mind your own situation and any possible vulnerability of others. Tables will be placed in the hall for the lunch with reasonable social distancing in mind. If necessary, lunches will also be served in the church.

The dates and leaders are as follows:

4th March - Reflection of Forgiveness led by Our Lady's. (No lunch)

11th March - Reflection of Forgiveness led by Saint Gregory's

18th March - Reflection of Compassion led by Methodist Church

25th March - Reflection of Compassion led by Our Lady's

1st April - Reflection of Charity led by Saint Gregory's. (No lunch)

8th April - Reflection of The Crucifixion led by Methodist Church

It is a great joy to be able to return to this very popular village tradition and we look forward to seeing all of you.

### ST GREGORYS CHURCH

To keep up with St Gregory's Church updates, visit their website: [www.stgregorysmarnhull.org.uk](http://www.stgregorysmarnhull.org.uk)

Or follow them via their Facebook page: @stgregs



### BISHOP KAREN - FEBRUARY LETTER



It has recently been my privilege to welcome Dean Stephen to the diocese as his appointment as the new Bishop of Salisbury was announced. There will be plenty of time for the Diocese to get to know him and his family, and, of course, to some he needs no introduction as he is known from his time in Poole and Sherborne. We look forward to Dean Stephen's consecration after Easter and his enthronement later in the summer.

The day of announcement reflected the three priorities of the diocese at the current time. Taking place at the Diocesan Education Centre, our collaboration in all sorts of ways was highlighted. Young people from our schools, together with the Bishop's Staff, including the Deans of Jersey and Guernsey gathered around the bishop designate as a sign of our commitment to serving God now and in the future, with hope in Jesus Christ. The working together of Church and School will be significant as we continue to bring about community transformation, a second of our priorities.

The announcement day continued with a visit to two social action projects in Poole - the Genesis Centre for the homeless, and Poole foodbank, two great examples of where Christian vision and social action is making life better for everyone, particularly the most vulnerable. There was also a visit to Wiltshire to show how the rural church is vital to community life, through its prayer, its community links, and its ongoing worship. We were back in the Cathedral for evensong, so our third priority of Discipleship and Evangelism was highlighted throughout the day as we recommitted ourselves to be growing followers of Christ, giving everyone, we meet a generous welcome into that journey of spiritual transformation too.

Those same three priorities - Collaboration, Community Transformation and Discipleship and Evangelism should be marks of the local church too. It is with much joy that we await Dean Stephen's arrival, and it is with much joy that we continue to work together for God's glory.

## THE METHODIST CHURCH

### Covenant Service

Following a tradition initiated by John Wesley in 1755, Methodists hold an annual Covenant Service, at which we celebrate all that God has done for us, and affirm that we give our lives and choices to God. These beliefs and commitments are fundamental to all Christian traditions and, here in Marnhull, we have delighted tradition of inviting members of the other Christian Churches to join us for this service. This year, our service was held on 16th January and we were again thrilled to welcome our friends from Saint Gregory's Church to a joint service. It was a particular pleasure and honour that Rev. Gaenor Hockey joined our Superintendent Minister, Rev. Lin Francis to administer Holy Communion.

### Church Services

As the legal restrictions associated with Covid19 have eased in favour of personal responsibility and choice, we have asked our members and visitors to make their own decisions on wearing of face masks during services keeping in mind any personal vulnerabilities and the average age of our congregation. We do recommend maintaining sensible social distancing during and after services. Meeting for coffee in the hall after services is deeply appreciated by many of our members and we have begun to offer that again with the same reminders about consideration for others.

The Blackmore Vale Methodist Circuit, of which we are part, occasionally is unable to provide a preacher for our Sunday service and we are invited to meet for a more informal **Local Fellowship Service**. At such times, one or a small group of members take on the healthy challenge of organising a selection of hymns, readings and presentations usually around a theme of interest or concern to them. On 30th January, Sally Williams organised a service reminding us of the work of some of the missionary organisations which we have supported in various ways. It was, as always, amazing and humbling to hear reports from the daily work of these organisations throughout the world, especially how they have continued to support and help people in the third world where already difficult lives have been devastated by the Covid epidemic.

We are honoured to have been chosen by Churches Together to host a series of **Lent reflections** during March, on Fridays at 12noon beginning on 4th March. We are now confidently planning to follow most of these with a light lunch in the Church Hall (although not on 4th March). Please read the details of this exciting series of reflections in the separate announcement.

### Youth Work

Girls Brigade continue to meet at 6:15pm on Wednesdays in the church hall. New girls are always welcome. For further information please contact the Captain Rachael Findlay on 07771 897262.

### Craft Club

The enthusiastic members of the craft club continue to meet in the church hall on the first Thursday of each month. Everyone is welcome to come along and learn or demonstrate a skill in various types of craft. For more information on Craft Club, please contact Allison Palmer on 07810464630.

### Hire the Hall

For more information on hiring the hall, please contact Mrs. Marlene Plowman on 01258 820869.

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**Parish News:** Refreshments are available after 9:30am Sunday mass most weeks.

### **New to the Parish?**

You are most welcome to our community whether as brand new parishioners or existing ones drifting back to the fold after the imposed separations.

**Parish People** - John Francis Mary Harrow died on Wednesday 26th January.

**HMP Guys Marsh:** Chaplin: Deacon Michael Turnbull

Contact: [michael.turnbull@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:michael.turnbull@prcdtr.org.uk)

**Lent:** Ash Wednesday is on 02 March this year and is the beginning of Lent and ends on April 16, 2022. The beginning of Lent commences the 40 days of preparation for Easter. Lent is a time of prayer and penance. We aim to give up something special to us during this time but always best if we can do something more.

### **Secondhand book sale in aid of CAFOD (Walk Against Hunger Campaign)**

Friday and Saturday 11/12 March. 9:30am-4:30pm

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### **CAFOD**



On Friday 11 March 1960 the group of Catholic women asked everyone in the family to make an act of self-denial. They asked families to make just one main meal on the day and give the money to help the people of the Caribbean island of Dominica where children were starving. This remains at the heart of CAFOD Family Fast Days today.

As well as funding a new mother-and-baby clinic, the project also helped people to survive and make a living for themselves, including providing water and teaching people how to plant vegetable gardens.

Our Walk against Hunger Campaign this year is our challenge to help millions of starving communities around the World. You can support this campaign online at <https://cafod.org.uk/Fundraise/Walk-Against-Hunger>

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## THE LADIES OF ST GREG'S - BIKE4BOOKS

**Where to begin - How about this for a headline:  
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44 Ladies raised this astonishing amount by sacrificing their time, their derriere's & at least in the short term the ability to walk downstairs unaided. What they attained is pride, and in bucket loads, as full in fact as the fundraising buckets.

The target for the Ladies of St Greg's was books, not just any books but a defined series of high quality, inspiring and aspirational texts to encourage children of all ages at the school. This is not as a whim, but as defined by the government, the harsh reality being we now have school budgets that not only prohibit discretionary purchases but make it extremely hard to purchase the most fundamental of school teaching aids.

Conventional fundraising has been thwarted during the pandemic years and so the pressure on St Greg's PTFA to raise money is acute, we need not have worried. When you have over forty determined women and girls on your side most things are achievable.

The commission was to keep five bikes spinning for 24Hrs, in the process covering the distance between Marnhull & Rome. Not an easy undertaking by any stretch and we are not exactly awash with seasoned cyclists, what we are awash with is steely determination.

The concept of the challenge came from our headteacher Debbie Field (yes ladies, it is her fault) in the late summer of 2021, a target of £3,000 was set with a sneaky hope that we may fare better. Fundraising in the month of January is a challenge, many people keeping a tight purse post Christmas, little did we know we would double that and some.



The spinning commenced at 14:30 on Thursday January 20th with five of our Yr.6 girls taking the first session; Molly, Ella, Lily, Grace & Felicity and in the interest of symmetry that is how they finished, 24 hrs later in front of the whole

school, the same five girls spinning for those glorious, gratifying final 30 minutes.

What took place in between our Yr.6 girls pedalling was ladies from across the community uniting: our reverend, our doctor, our nurse, our financial advisor, our teachers, our midwife, our physio. Ladies who allow us to live our lives easier, ladies that despite their jobs, despite having families to care for, in one case despite being pregnant or undergoing chemotherapy still sacrificed their time and their comfort enabling the children of St Greg's to have the best possible chance to thrive.



An esprit de corps quickly formed as a shared physical pain was masked by a combined effort to not fail in the challenge, some stayed the whole 24 hrs, catching the odd wink on camp beds, others set alarms for the dead of night and headed to the school. The whole 24Hrs were captured on our YouTube channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCjiJG1v3Wavhc-knKFp9vEg> allowing supporters the chance to watch their heroes pedal on and on and on, whilst simultaneously seeing our JustGiving total rise, and rise and rise.

Despite the obvious discomfort of spending time on pernicious saddles, our Ladies will testify to having great fun, often giggling at one another's grimaced faces or comedy stride patterns. Cake and savoury bakes are something a PTFA specializes in, and our spinners had no shortage to keep the fuel topped up. Recipes have since been exchanged.

In summarising this incredible event our headteacher and architect of Bike4Books Debbie Field wanted to express that "when I first presented the idea £3000 seemed a huge amount to raise and now here we are £7500 later and words fail me at the support from everyone who sponsored us from the community, businesses, friends and family.

Thanks must go to James Risley and Frith Optometrists and Barry Shea for his work behind scenes in helping drive this amazing event. What can I say about the ladies of St Greg's; what a fantastic group of women, who pulled together through the 24 hours, supporting, encouraging and forming memories which will stay with us. It was a privilege to spin with them and be a part of something so epic for the children of our school."

This fundraiser has served not just the school but the whole community, forging a closeness that counters the pandemic and it's isolating effects. What better cause to unite a village than supporting its school? The goodwill has blown us away!

St Greg's is utterly determined to maximise the opportunities it offers children, we do not rest, even following a hugely successful fundraiser such as this. Next up we have a Bingo night followed by the M12k running race. Our school is vibrant, and we are extremely proud of it, and we welcome any newcomers with open arms.



In special thanks, we could not have completed the 24hrs without these significant contributors:

- James Risley and Frith Optometrists for being our primary sponsor.
- Ben Weldon, Cyril Hawes, and the housekeeping team at Bryanston school for loaning and delivering our five spin bikes.
- Simon Hoare for helping launch this endeavour.
- All our sponsors, you have made all the effort pay off.
- Claire Custard for helping with our T-shirt design.
- Finally, our forty-four spinners who showed what can be done and, in the process, displayed more than a little love for our school.



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The race starts from New Street at 10.30am, it then proceeds along New Street, across Mr Crocker's drive before crossing Church Hill. It will then follow Phillips Road, Ashley Road then Sodom Lane. Runners will then follow Nash Lane and Great Down Lane until they reach the B3092. They will then run from White Post to Fifehead Hill and back to Marnhull via Mill Lane, Musbury Lane and Hains Lane. Runners will then return along Nash Lane and pick up the outward route via Philips Road back to the school for the finish line.

Thanks in advance for your understanding and patience which in turn helps us raise valuable funds for school resources.



## ST GREGORY'S C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL



**DOG BLOG.** Daisy has continued with her training we are delighted to announce has successfully passed her assessment, she is now formally our school dog and will begin work. This will include helping the children with:

- Increase children's attention and concentration**
- Reduce anxiety**
- Provide an outlet for excessive energy**
- Provide a non-judgemental companion**
- Provide social interaction**
- Decrease stress**
- Offer a healthy distraction, through exercise**
- Increased empathy, learning to share**
- Building trust**

Thanks to Jenny Duckworth of Dog Mentor for training both Daisy and Mrs Field, now Daisy can start work and have a real positive impact on the children.



**THROUGH THE KEYHOLE!** We are extremely fortunate to have many gifted members of staff at St Greg's. One of our teaching assistants Mrs Andrews has a wonderful flair for art and has combined joy and colour to several locations within the school, most recently a reading area has had a makeover and I'm sure you'll agree it looks an inviting and cosy area to have a quick read during break time. Our whole school focus on reading and we try to facilitate reading for the children as much as possible.

thanks to Mrs Andrews and presumably an art teacher in her childhood that inspired her.



**HEALTHY BODY, HEALTHY MIND.** Since 2013 the Government has provided £millions per annum for primary school sport funding - the money goes directly into the school budget for Headteachers to spend on improving the quality of sport and PE for all the children.

St Greg's is always mindful of keeping our children active, a recent purchase with the sports premium funding is this PE wall equipment. The children have neem test climbing it recently, it is great to see the whole school enjoying these colourful shared resources.

Continuing the health theme; the whole school have recently been using trick box <https://trickbox.co.uk> during childrens mental health week. Activity based, trickbox seeks to improve the childrens wellbeing, giving them mellow moments & moving minutes.



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- Develop empathy and contribution
- Recognise and build on strengths in self and others to develop character
- Create long-term empowered thinking, autonomy and resilience



### Hedgehog Blog

**TIGER, TIGER!** Hedgehog class have been celebrating Chinese New Year - the year of the Tiger!

A veritable feast of Chinese food was enjoyed by class, a great opportunity to expand horizons of not just the mind but also the tummy. Well done to all of the children for sampling in many cases new cuisine.

Class also became creative with this fine dragon costume. Parents; can you spot your children by just their legs and shoes we wonder?



### Owls on the Prowl

**TEAMWORK MAKES THE DREAM WORK!** Owls class have been busy bunch, sports has been on the menu, specifically Basketball, not an easy game to master but great for hand-eye coordination and teamwork. Here Arlo exhibits that eye of the tiger, appropriate in the Chinese New Year of the Tiger!



Basketball is not the only teamwork on display in Owls class recently. Specific team building exercises have brought about much laughter and a few tangled limbs. Groups held hands in a circle and attempted to transfer a hoop around themselves without letting go of each other. There were moments where they resembled green spaghetti all tangled together.



**A STEP BACK IN TIME!** With the help of our school iPads, Owls class have been delving into the past to learn and report about historical figures. The children were excited to discover Grace Darling and her lighthouse exploits & staying on a nautical theme, Captain Blackbeard and his less heroic exploits.

Class enjoyed compiling the information then writing up reports on our two protagonists. Here Leon (left) & Alfie show off their finished report, well done chaps!



### Fox Vox

**HAKUNA MATATA!** Foxes class had a full, fun packed day in London, culminating in a



fantastic evening at the Lyceum Theatre to watch Disney's The Lion King. Their day began late morning with a coach trip, these are always fun (for the children at least). Upon arrival they visited Buckingham Palace, Horse Guards Parade, Trafalgar Square, Westminster and other famous sites in-between. The day was chilly but beautifully clear showing London off at its best with the skyline silhouetting beautifully against the dusk-sky. We at the school feel so very fortunate that we have been able to resume these sorts of trips which leave some long-lasting primary school memories. St Greg's will always strive to give our children the best experiences whilst in our care.

A late finish in London meant a late finish back at school, our parents having to collect the children at 01:30, but well worth it.



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## ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

What a busy half term we've had! Lots of new learning in all classes - as well as an opportunity for all the children of St Mary's to test out their martial arts skills, with a recent visit from Sensei Osborne, Shaftesbury Tae Kwon Do Club. Each

Class had the opportunity to put their fitness to the test, learn some self-defence techniques and find out more about where the martial art originated from.



### St Mary's Explorers

Explorers have continued to enjoy stories with a train theme. The latest book 'Oi Get off our Train.' has enabled them to explore a variety of animals and their varying habitats. They really loved retelling the story using our small world animals and recreating different habitats. They thought carefully about how the animals needed different things like water, snow or shady trees. The children have enjoyed learning about Chinese New Year. This year's Lunar New Year animal is the tiger and the children made some fantastic tiger masks. The home corner was transformed to explore the celebration and the children enjoyed practising with chop sticks. Explorers loved their Tae Kwon Do workshop and participated really enthusiastically. They listen well and followed the instructions, we were so impressed.



### St Anthony's

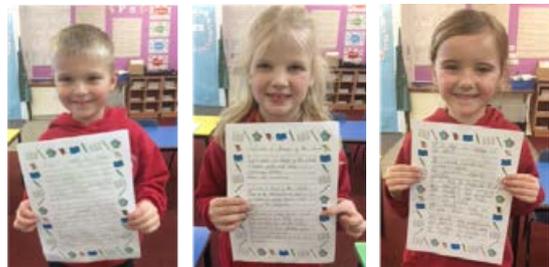


The whole school community took part in this year's Place2be children's mental health week. St Anthony's were reminded that we grow both emotionally and physically, as we get older we learn how to manage our different emotions. The children created their own 'Support Balloons' and considered the people in their lives who help them to grow. These were the people they turn to when things get tough or they need support. They included their parent, siblings, pets and teachers. In science the children have been learning about materials,

they are able to name different materials and talk about their properties. As a challenge they were tasked to create paper bridges seeing if paper could be strong. They discovered that folding paper in different ways could create a strong bridge. Some of our children are definitely engineers of the future!

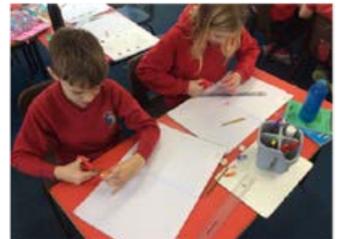
### St Mark's

The children in St Marks have been working super hard on their amazing poems - 'If I were in Charge of the World', inspired by 'If I were in Charge of the World' by Judith Viorst. The children have loved the opportunity to be imaginative in their ideas and scenarios, should they have complete control of our school. From cancelling grumpy children, grazed knees and vegetables at lunch time, to introducing spa sessions, ice cream for snack and teachers who do their homework! the poems are creative, imaginative and humorous. To highlight the importance of Mental Health Week, we have also been busy creating a class tree of growth. We have been reflecting and thinking about things that the children have achieved, found out or learnt about themselves or others. Once completed, these will be put together to create our own class 'growing together wall'.



### St Francis'

The children from St. Francis have all been working extremely hard this half-term and their enthusiasm and effort towards their school work has been exceptional. They have been super scientists looking at the formation of different types of rocks. The children used starburst to help them visually see each step to forming different rock types. They cut up the starbursts into sediments and then with the heat and pressure from their hands, they formed a sedimentary rock. Using heat they then boiled the starbursts to create metamorphic lava. The children thoroughly enjoyed the experiment allowed the children to get practical and learn from visually seeing the different steps taking place instead of learning from theory alone. This is one of many practical activities that the children enjoy in this class. They've also tested the durability, permeability and density of different rock types. The children were amazed by how some rock types could let water through (permeable) and also how the chalk was made very soft after submerged in water. We are hoping to get into the outdoors and discover some different rock types in the coming days. Fingers crossed we get some glorious spring weather to continue our exploring!



### St Alban's

From using our 6-figure grid reference skills in order to map out different Roman roads to exploring the rise and fall of Queen Boudicca, the children in St Alban's Class have enjoyed delving deep into the historical facts and myths of the Roman times. The children have also been busy getting their hands dirty whilst exploring different methods of separating a variety of materials such as; salt, sand, flour, water and raisins!



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## NEWS FROM NICK

Only one crime to report which is commercial burglary. We have also received a report from concerned residents regarding a muddy road in the Hains Lane area of the village.

### Muddy Roads

The village and surrounding area has many farms and the roads, at times, can get very muddy. The farmer/contractors are responsible for cleaning up mud dropped on public roads by their own vehicles. Warning signage should be placed and should be traffic sign regulation compliant. In extreme cases, when the roads are treacherous, the local authority may attend to clean up however this will come at a cost to the farmer responsible.

Mud can be a significant hazard to all motorists and when driving on muddy roads adjust your driving accordingly and slow down! You never know what might be around the corner.

### Scams

Please be aware that scams change, however there are still some old ones going around, but they are all after the same thing - your money! Please be on your guard. We have received reports regarding text messages being sent purporting to be a very close relative of the recipient, stating that they had changed their phone number, that they were unable to access their bank app and asking the recipient of the text realised this was a scam and no monies were lost. Another scam was a text received from someone purporting to be from Royal Mail asking for payment for labelling fortunately the recipient wasn't expecting any parcels and realised this was also a scam.

Do not engage with scammers or press any links adjoined to the texts. Most phone providers are part of a scheme that allows customers to report suspicious text messages for free by forwarding it to 7726. If you forward a text to 7726, your provider can investigate the origin of the text and arrange to block or ban the sender, if it's found to be malicious.

Report a scam text message - [NCSC.GOV.UK](https://www.ncsc.gov.uk)

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>

The next NPT surgery is provisionally booked for Saturday 9th April at The Hub @ The Village Hall from 10:30 - 11:00am.

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 web address is above, or you can phone 101. If a crime is occurring or a life is in danger phone 999.

Mandy Robinson PCSO 5352 Sturminster Newton Town and Rural NPT  
Email: [northdorsetruralnpt@dorset.pnn.police.uk](mailto:northdorsetruralnpt@dorset.pnn.police.uk)

## MARNHULL MUSIC SOCIETY

Pam Sheraton's post-Christmas programme was entitled "Music to Banish the January Blues" and it did just that. Pam's choices were often very personal, and all were harmonious and easy on the ear. The concert began with the drama and excitement of Mozart's overture to The Marriage of Figaro and then switched to the rich sound of Schubert's Litany for the Feast of All Souls, not familiar but of a sumptuous chocolate smoothness. Pam introduced a demo tape cut by her niece at the age of 13. Young

Georgia's voice had astonishing maturity in her rendition of Bob Dylan's "Make you feel my love." One hopes she takes this talent further. The Rondo from Weber's clarinet concerto was bubbling and bright and charmingly bird-like, and it must have delighted the clarinet lovers in the audience, of which there are several.

In each of our concerts there is usually one piece which stands out as really special, and Pam's next choice was the one for me and several others in the hall. She played an old recording of Verdi's "Bella Figlia dell'amore" from Rigoletto with Luciano Pavarotti and Joan Sutherland in the quartet. Such peerless singing and such a luscious tune made for an overwhelming experience and the sense that one couldn't absorb enough to be satisfied. It gave one (me at least) "greedy ears" - if that doesn't sound too bizarre. The finale from Dvorak's Cello Concerto with its driving rhythms was a forceful contrast and shook the dreamers awake.

The second half of the concert began with the ever-popular 4th movement from Beethoven's 7th symphony and continued with the sparkling Rondo Capriccioso by Saint Saens, all flamboyance and élan. Pam introduced a charming disc cut by her brother and friends in an ensemble called The Downfall Band. They played and sung a version of "Ruby Tuesday" penned by Mick Jagger and Keith Richard. Pam's is obviously a talented family.

The neat and precise extract from Haydn's symphony No. 68 satisfied, as always, a need for order and tidiness. Who can manage to live a sensible life without such steadying music on hand? The concert finished with the poignant and reflective Nimrod from Elgar's Enigma Variations.

So ended a most enjoyable programme delivered with grace and elegance.

In April Gentlemen's Choice will be presented by Colin Shiner.



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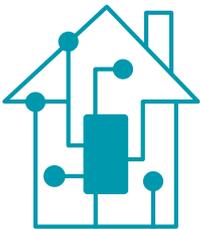
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## MARNHULL PLAYERS PANTO GROUP

It is so good to be back thinking about the next Panto. We are in the middle of choosing a script at the moment, hopefully by next issue I will be able to say which panto we will be doing.

We are so excited to crack on and get back up on stage, entertaining you all again. Ideas are already flying around, there is definitely more energy after a year off.

Would you like to be involved in this fun pantomime group? Even if you don't want to be on stage, there's plenty of roles to help out with - no experience needed, we would love to have you on board. Contact Emma at [marnhullplayers@gmail.com](mailto:marnhullplayers@gmail.com)

More info coming soon, so watch this space.

We look forward to seeing you all soon.

The Committee

## MARNHULL TENNIS CLUB - 2022 AGM

Wednesday 15th March at 5:00pm

The AGM of the Marnhull Tennis Club will be held at Quarry House, Stoneylawn, Marnhull DT10 1FX at 5pm on Wednesday 15th March 2022. If you are a member and plan to attend, please inform Chris Gregory on 01258 474646 or 07794081397.

For more information on the club and how to get involved visit:

[www.clubspark.lta.org.uk/MarnhullTennisClub](http://www.clubspark.lta.org.uk/MarnhullTennisClub)

## BLACKMORE VALE U3A AGM & OPEN MEETING MARCH 1ST 2022

We all worry to some degree about Climate Change and in our individual ways try to do our bit. Can Nick Ricketts, who had nearly 40 years working in the Met Office, calm your fears? Can he answer your questions on 'What causes global warming and what might be done about it?' To find out and pose your own questions come on Tuesday 1st March Henstridge Village Hall, Doors open 2:15pm for refreshments and after the AGM Nick will speak.

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## WALK FOR WARDS



### Walk for Wards

### The Stars Appeal Walk for Wards is BACK at Wilton House on Sunday 3rd July!

The Stars Appeal, Salisbury Hospital's Charity, is inviting people to take part in Walk for Wards to support their local hospital.

After a two year break due to Covid, the annual sponsored walk in aid of Salisbury District Hospital's charity, the Stars Appeal, returns to Wilton House on Sunday 3rd July. Walk for Wards is one of the region's biggest fundraising events, attracting up to 2,000 people. Since it began in 2007 it has raised over £1million.

The walk was officially launched at Wilton House by Stars Appeal President Lord Pembroke, Principal Sponsor Salisbury Reds, and walk marshals Wilton Rotary Club.

The walk, which is free to enter, offers 3k, 5k and 10k routes around the beautiful Wilton Estate and includes lunch and admission to the grounds of Wilton House. Walkers must sign up in advance and pledge to raise at least £20 sponsorship which they can choose to benefit the ward or department of their choice at Salisbury District Hospital. All participants wear special signs to show which ward they are supporting or to dedicate their efforts to a loved one.

Money raised by the walk will help the Stars Appeal towards the £1 million it aims to raise this year to fund additional equipment, care and facilities which help thousands of patients, families and the NHS staff who care for them.

Lord Pembroke, President of the Stars Appeal, who is hosting the walk said: "I'm so excited to have Walk for Wards back at Wilton House. It's been a very long wait but it means so much to me and everyone at the hospital. Your support will make a huge difference to the Stars Appeal so please come and join me on Sunday 3rd July for Walk for Wards."

To take part in Walk for Wards sign up at [www.starsappeal.org](http://www.starsappeal.org) or telephone 01722 429005 for an entry form. Entry is free but all participants must register in advance.



## MARNHULL PARISH COUNCIL

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### **Marnhull Parish Council**

#### **What is its purpose?**

Many people's concept of a Parish Council is a group of older people meeting in a draughty hall every now and again rather like the Vicar of Dibley. "No, no, no. Yes!"

So what is Marnhull Parish Council really about?

Marnhull Parish council is at its heart a group of (admittedly older) residents working to support and enhance village life and to safeguard the heritage and well-being of our unique village, its amenities, and its community. To achieve this, we need to engage in open dialogue with you, the residents to understand your concerns, needs and aspirations so we can get things done in a meaningful way that is best suited to the community and delivers value for money.

We are a statutory local authority established under the Local Governments Act 1972. We are financed through the precept, an amount of money calculated as an estimate for the coming financial year and collected as part of your Council Tax. This money is used to improve facilities and services for local people. Consequently we actively encourage input from Marnhull residents on what the community needs, so that we can budget for that activity. We are also very keen to encourage residents to attend our monthly Parish Council meetings and we are ultimately directly accountable to you, Marnhull's residents.

#### **What services do we provide?**

Through an extensive range of discretionary powers Marnhull Parish Council provides and maintains a wide variety of important and visible local services including the village allotments, cemetery, the car park in Burton Street, the Recreation Ground with the children's playground and its leisure and sports facilities, litter bins, and traffic calming measures, such as the current SIDs project.

#### **How do we participate in the planning process?**

Another important role the Parish Council has is as a statutory consultee in the planning process. During the last two years the UK has seen a seismic shift in working practices and a desire from many people to relocate to the countryside and this in turn has encouraged landowners and developers to submit planning applications some of which are speculative or significantly impactful on the Village. The Parish Council is very active as a consultee on planning matters and acutely aware of the need to balance the needs of our residents (for example for affordable housing) with preserving the character of our village by avoiding large out of character developments. Although we have no powers to approve or reject planning applications, we endeavour to provide constructive feedback based upon material planning considerations and the input we get from the residents. When necessary we also work with external experts to help us frame our responses. Again we are very keen to canvass widely for residents views on specific planning applications so that we can most accurately present the views of our community.

#### **How do we work with others?**

At a local level the Parish Council actively seeks to work with community organisations to help towards the wellbeing of our residents. We are particularly keen on supporting sustainability and have grant funding

available to assist local organisations with projects that benefit the wider community and enhance village life.

We also work closely with Dorset Council, the unitary authority, and our local councillor, Graham Carr-Jones. Dorset Council has primary responsibility for many services such as highways (drainage, flooding, footpaths and bridleways, ptholes etc), refuse collection, and planning that are particularly relevant to Marnhull residents. More information is readily available on [www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk) and the Parish Council is also happy to assist residents in contacting the right agencies to address issues in the village.

#### **Contact Details**

To contact the Marnhull Parish Council please use the following:

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#### **A Call to Arms**

We need your support to support you. We have vacancies for parish councillors and would love to recruit younger residents to join us who can promote the views of the families and younger people who are the future of the village and are vital to maintaining our community into the future. If you can spare some time to join us, please contact Sally Upshall. Otherwise please contribute by attending the occasional parish council meeting and sharing your views. We are accountable to you.



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## HELLO FROM THE HAPPY MEAT CO...

With Daffodils and Snowdrops bursting from the ground with great urgency, it really is starting to feel that Spring is finally in the air. We certainly cannot wait for longer days and warmer weather. The sun popped out last week and the warmth on the face felt like a game changer. Spring is an important part of the farming calendar for most. You may start to notice fields filling with ewes and their lambs. We have taken on 19 new lambs all around the age of 7 days old. They love nothing more than nibbling you hair, shoelaces, and trousers. Although these are on an Ad lib milk feeder, some still require bottle feeding which our mini farmers are more than happy to oblige with. Let's hope they don't escape and lop off all the newly sprung flower heads like they did last year.



We were very excited this month to take ownership of two Oxford Sandy and Black sows. This means we now keep 4 different types of rare breed pig. Both sows have since given birth to piglets. One of them having a whopping 15 whilst the other only having

3. Swings and roundabouts. This breed of pig is affectionately known as the 'plum pudding pig' because of the black dots on its body which resemble fruit in a pudding. They are one of the oldest British breed of pig and now definitely one of our favourites, due to their docile nature.

As well as knocking up a few farrowing pens, we have been busy building a new website to make our produce more accessible for customers to buy. Watch this space. We have also had an incredible amount of catering enquiries for our Hog Roast and BBQ food. It seems people are truly optimistic that we are over the worst of the Covid pandemic and are looking forward to celebrating Weddings, Anniversaries and Birthdays.

You can buy our produce via our Facebook page, Marnhull Spar & Robin Hill Stores.



## SNOWDROPS AT SPRINGHEAD

Snowdrops should be in full bloom for this event, which is run in association with the annual Shaftesbury Snowdrop Festival.

As well as enjoying the beautiful drifts of snowdrops, visitors will have the chance to wander round the formal and informal lakeside gardens at Springhead.

The gardens will be open Monday to Friday during February from 11am to 3pm, and also over the weekend of 12 to 13 February (when there will be a plant stall). Please check our website before attending in case of any changes.

Entry to the gardens will be free but donations would be appreciated.

Dogs on leads are welcome and there is assisted wheelchair access.

Unfortunately, due to the current Covid 19 situation we do not have the staff to run a refreshments cafe.

For more information email [info@springheadtrust.org.uk](mailto:info@springheadtrust.org.uk) or call us on 01747 811853.

Best wishes, Kate Partridge - Friends of Springhead

## NEWS FROM DORSET TRADING STANDARDS

### Keep safe, register your appliance

The UK trade association for the Manufacturers of Domestic Electrical Appliances (AMDEA) is asking people to register their household appliances to keep homes safe. Both new and already in use appliances can be registered through the scheme. Product Registration allows people to be contacted more quickly in the event of their appliance being subject to a safety recall.

Consumers are being encouraged to register new and in-use household appliances with the manufacturer, or through the website:

[registermyappliance.org.uk](http://registermyappliance.org.uk)

Consumer research into product safety found that 83% of people who registered a product were primarily motivated by getting or extending a warranty. The survey also found the reasons respondents did not register appliances was because they did not want to or did not believe it was necessary (46%), or because they did not know they could register it (17%).

The Office for Product Safety and Standards is working with AMDEA to increase the registration of household appliances by advising consumers it will help make their homes safer. They recommend:

Register all your appliances. Check that all your household appliances are registered so you will know if they have been recalled. Many manufacturers will allow you to register household appliances that are up to twelve years old. Most household products can also be registered through [registermyappliance.org.uk](http://registermyappliance.org.uk).

Check whether small appliances are registered. Faulty toasters and kettles can cause fires. Register with the manufacturer to get recall notices before it is too late. Landlords make sure your products are covered in properties you own. Check that all the household appliances are registered so that you are contacted quickly if they are recalled. Check that products are registered in rented accommodation. Check that the owner has registered the household appliances. If they have not you should register the products yourself.

If you are concerned about a product's safety contact Dorset Council Trading Standards by calling the Citizens Advice consumer helpline on 0808 223 1133.

## MARNHULL GARDEN CLUB

Reading back through last month's article, I can see that there was a good deal of enthusiasm to hold our AGM on February 8th in the village hall. Unfortunately it ended up on Zoom instead, for the 2nd year running.

We are very hopeful that we will return to the hall again for the March 8th meeting. Martin Young will be talking to us about unusual species of plants from New Zealand. We can also look forward to that long awaited celebratory 40th Anniversary cake, a glass of wine and a chance to see the pictorial collection of members gardens snapped throughout our Ruby Anniversary year.

There will also be the launch of the next years speaker programme, so watch this space.

At the April 12th meeting, we are pleased to host Sue Carter from Old Chapel Flowers at East Stour.

If you would like to know more about joining the Marnhull Garden Club, please email [bruce11@sky.com](mailto:bruce11@sky.com) for further information.

Thanks, Viv Bruce

Marnhull Garden Club

## STURMINSTER NEWTON HERITAGE TRUST AWARDED £14,000 GRANT

The Sturminster Newton Heritage Trust (SNHT) has been awarded £14,000 by the Association of Independent Museums (AIM) and National Lottery Heritage Fund to research and represent the Swanskin Seafarers of Sturminster.

The Swanskin Seafarers of Sturminster were people living in Sturminster from the 1600s to 1800s who left for the fishing grounds of the North Atlantic, especially to the coast of Newfoundland, Canada. Sturminster Newton mill supplied the seafarers with swanskin, a course white cloth favoured by those who worked the freezing Atlantic waters for its warmth and waterproof qualities. Records show that this was the main occupation of those who remained in Sturminster during this sustained period of long-term migration.

This News Stories, New Audiences grant from the AIM and the National Lottery Heritage Fund will enable the Sturminster Newton Heritage Trust to involve the local community in researching and telling the lesser-known stories of the local people who travelled thousands of miles in search of a better life.

Local students at Sturminster Newton High School will have the opportunity to become young co-curators, taking part in skills development workshops in historical research and helping to produce an exhibition and social media content for the museum themed around the Swanskin Seafarers. The SNHT will be partnering with Emerald Ant, a local arts company, to work with students to develop a story line for a shadow film inspired by the mechanics of the mill and historical sea shanties. This film will be projected at the Mill and Museum, making full use of the textures and wall spaces at the picturesque Mill to provide exciting spaces for small public projection events.

Emerald Ant will also help the Trust to establish a digital link with a school and community in Newfoundland with a strong Dorset heritage, to instigate a sharing of family stories. Young people will have the opportunity to explore these as part of their history curriculum, looking at how it felt to emigrate, why this was (and continues to be) a reality for many, and how local people from Sturminster settled in Newfoundland.

The Sturminster Newton Heritage Trust also hopes that this grant will be an opportunity to connect with families who have recently migrated to the area, especially from overseas. Through local community networks, and working with an oral history specialist in the County Archive (DHC), volunteers will record the stories of those who have migrated and settled in Dorset within the last ten years, to be integrated into the interpretation, and also for public access in the archive repositories.

Sylvia Denham, Curator of Sturminster Newton Museum says: "We are delighted to have received this generous grant from AIM and the National Lottery Heritage Fund to tell the stories of these determined local people from Sturminster Newton, and the swanskin manufacture established in the town. This is a fantastic opportunity to connect with young people in Sturminster Newton, as well as those who have migrated and settled in Dorset in pursuit of better opportunities, who may relate to the story of the Swanskin Seafarers."

The Sturminster Newton Heritage Trust is grateful to have received this generous funding, which will enable them to build on existing relationships with local schools and welcome new audiences to Sturminster Newton Mill and Museum.

## MARNHULL FLOWER SHOW

# Marnhull Flower Show

Save the Date - Saturday 16th July - Put it in your diary

Whether you have a few growing seasons under your belt or are one of COVID Lockdowns new to gardening hopefuls, the Flowers, Fruit and Vegetable classes at our show have been carefully designed to encourage all level of skills and abilities.

Generally, there seems to be an increased emphasis on wanting to know how and where our food is sourced and grown - so keeping it local and cutting down on our carbon footprints is more important than ever. Growing your own certainly ticks all those boxes.

March is a very good time to start planning and sowing. Most annual seeds can be easily started on a kitchen window sill. Then as the weather improves and the seedlings get going, they can be moved into bigger pots or planted straight outdoors. Some fruit and veg will probably need protection from beady eyed birds and even mice! This year we have 30 fruit and vegetable classes to choose from, including beans, lettuces, potatoes, tomatoes, soft fruit to stalks of rhubarb. Your entries don't all have to be perfect; there are Novice, "wonky" and "heaviest" classes too.

If growing fruit and vegetables just isn't your thing - try entering your best garden flowers. We have lots of lovely flower classes and options to suit all. Some to even be displayed in a teapot! As well as a vase of roses and a selection of dahlia classes, we have the traditional summer sweet peas and/or your favourite flowering pot plant. This year we will see the return of a village favourite "the most fragrant rose", to be judged by the public - there's a box of Cadbury's Roses in it for the winner!

If you're still not quite sure or have some questions why not come along to the Marnhull Garden Club meeting on 10th May when RHS Judge Gwynne Davies will be giving his top tips for showing your flowers, veg and fruit. Gwynne is one of our regular judges at the Marnhull Flower and has over 40 years of growing and showing experience behind him.

We are really looking forward to seeing your entries in the marquees in July.

Catherine Turner  
Marnhull Flower Show Committee



## THE FRIENDS OF BLANDFORD HOSPITAL

The Friends of Blandford Hospital Shop will be at their Warehouse at The Buildings in Hinton St. Mary on the first Saturday in the month from 10:00am till 12:00 midday to receive donations.

## LOCAL HISTORY

I am researching some local history. Can anyone help me identify the present location of the village houses previously numbered Nos 2,3,4 and 5 Burton Street and another called Deladement House.

Adrian Bailey would very much welcome hints on 01258 820441 or [adrianbailey471@gmail.com](mailto:adrianbailey471@gmail.com)

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## 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 since the onset of COVID things have been 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.

Names of all those in your household

Address

Contact telephone number.

Email address

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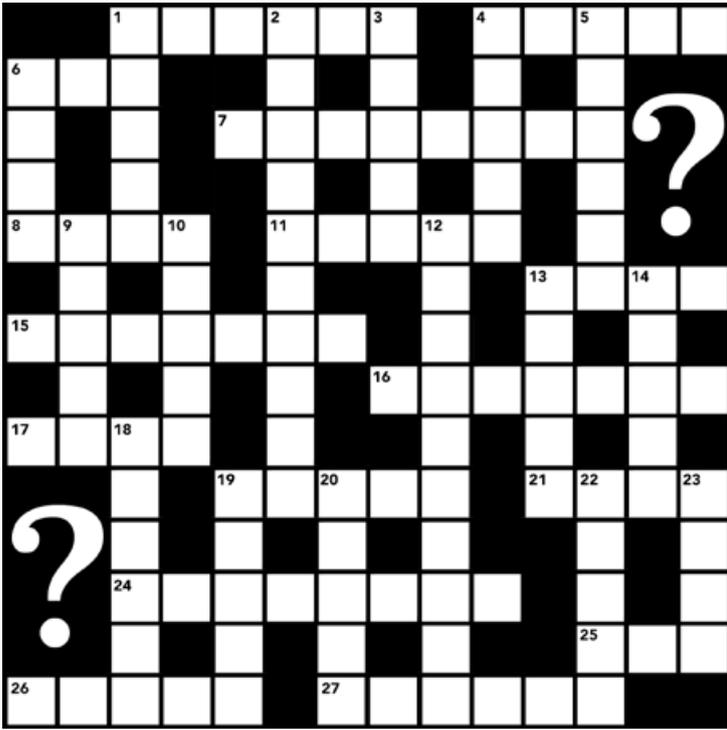
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## ACROSS

- 1) The convex shape of a road. (6)
- 4) Capital of Ghana. (5)
- 6) A person's sense of self-esteem. (3)
- 7) Kent town that gave its name to a type of food. (8)
- 8) An elderly debauched man. (4)
- 11) Period of time marked by particular events or characteristics. (5)
- 13) Relating to the ear. (4)
- 15) Music for a mass for the repose of the souls of the dead. (7)
- 16) Inhabitant of the largest US state. (7)
- 17) Outer coloured part of the peel of a citrus fruit used as flavouring. (4)
- 19) City traditionally considered the home of the pottery industry in England. (5)
- 21) Danish toast before drinking. (4)
- 24) Close combat between military aircraft. (8)
- 25) Originally called. (3)
- 26) Positively charged electrode. (5)
- 27) Triangular fried pastry containing spiced vegetables or meat. (6)

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## DOWN

- 1) Island where Prince Phillip was born. (5)
- 2) 1995 Best Film Oscar winning starring and directed by Mel Gibson. (5-5)
- 3) Contest of cowboy skills. (5)
- 4) Strict US Mennonite sect mainly in Pennsylvania and Ohio. (5)
- 5) Ancient Roman military unit equal to one tenth of a legion. (6)
- 6) Title of various Arab rulers. (4)
- 9) Type of daisy that has large white flowers with yellow centres. (2-3)
- 10) Of a volcano to forcefully eject lava. (5)
- 12) Gloucestershire town with a National Hunt racecourse. (10)
- 13) Fertile spot in a desert. (5)
- 14) US state that has the potato as its state vegetable. (5)
- 18) A motorised toboggan. (6)
- 19) In music and film to move from one song or scene to another without interruption. (5)
- 20) Residents of Oklahoma. (5)
- 22) Basic monetary unit of Sweden. (5)
- 23) Stringed instrument with a long neck and a round body. (4)

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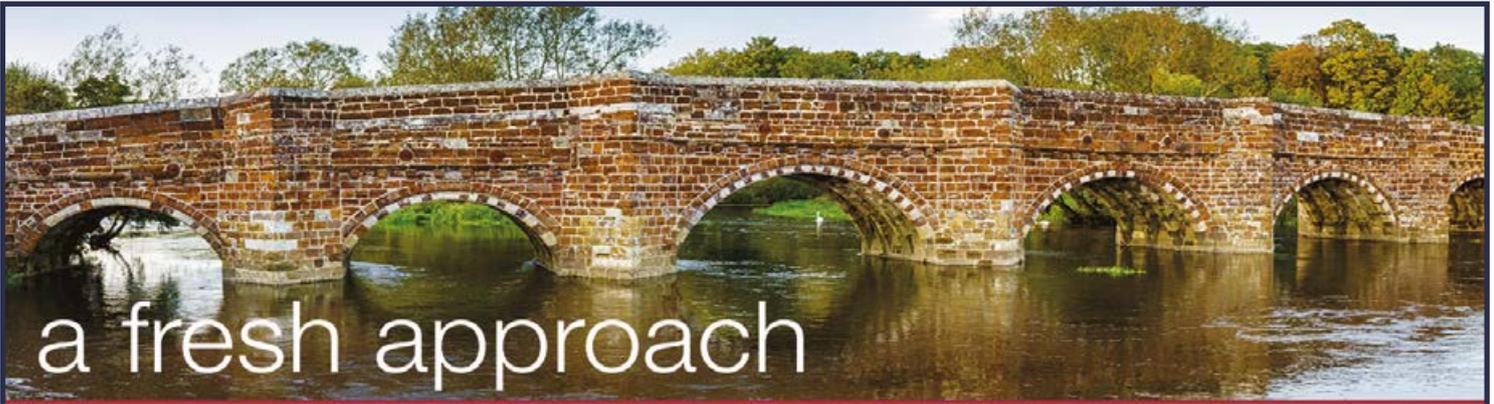
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