



THE MARNHULL MESSENGER



Original illustration by George Cox



PAGE 11

PAGE 11

MARNHULL HORSE RIDERS

THANK YOU FROM MARNHULL PLAYERS PANTO!

PAGE 5

MARNHULL FLOWER SHOW



PAGE 5

THE SURGERIES

What's new from our local doctors surgeries



PAGE 16

IN OUR CHURCHES

All the latest news from the churches



PAGE 17

OUR SCHOOLS

See what the schools are up to

SUPER HERO TECH SOLUTIONS



WEBSITES

**NEW
TECH REPAIRS**

APPS

SEO

3D PRINTING

MARKETING



Dorset Tech
Part of **Honest** Tech Group

GILLINGHAM HIGH STREET
WWW.DORSET.TECH



WELCOME TO YOUR MARNHULL MESSENGER

CHRIS RYU
Messenger Editor

March 2023 - Issue 132

Hello? Are you there? I hope you're all well and enjoying village life.

I didn't get any response to this column last month, so not really sure if anyone reads this bit anymore. Gone are the days when I'd have floods of emails or hand-written letters through the door pointing out a typo.

I really enjoyed helping at the Marnhull Players Pantomime this month. There was such a good turnout at each performance, and it was lovely to see so many familiar faces. There were some faces I hadn't seen since 2019! How time flies when a pandemic hits!

The atmosphere during those panto performances was a clear sign that all that effort the village made to save the stage was worth it. A huge thank you once again for your support of that mission. I have yet to hear how well they did financially, but I really hope that they get enough funds and volunteers to perform again next year.

I have very good news for those of you struggling with poor internet. Wessex Internet has got the ball rolling on the fibre connection. More details are in their new advert on page 14. I've personally signed up already.

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.

SUBMIT YOUR EVENTS INTO A LIVE CALENDAR

On the messenger website and they'll be added to the printed automatically:
www.marnhullmessenger.org.uk

VILLAGE HELP

NORCAT - Bookings 10am - 3pm - 01258 472164
Dial-a-Ride - Major & Immediate Emergencies Only - 07900 261182
Marnhull Village Care Car Service:
Ann Davis-Penson - tel: 07434 638485 or 01258 820456.
This is offered for door to door transport for the elderly, disabled and unemployed for essential trips with a set scale of modest donations.

Disclaimer

The opinions expressed in the articles and on the pages of the Marnhull Messenger are not necessarily those of the Marnhull Messenger. All the dates and details are as supplied by the contributing organisations. The Marnhull Messenger is not responsible for errors or omissions, accuracy of the content, nor the failure of any published event to go ahead. The letters and articles published in this magazine are accepted in good faith and the views expressed therein are not necessarily the views of the Messenger Steering Committee, whose decisions on publication are delegated to the Editor and are final.

This publication is provided for your use "as is" without warranty of any kind, either expressed or implied; inclusion of an advertisement for an event or service does not imply that they are endorsed by the Marnhull Messenger. The Marnhull Messenger will take all reasonable precautions to ensure that the content is socially and morally acceptable.

Privacy Policy

The Marnhull Messenger respects the privacy of organisations and persons who submit information for publication. Personal details, including photographs, will only be published if approved and submitted by organisations or individuals. No personal details will be given out or sold to any third parties, whether individuals, organisations or companies.

DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE

MID-DAY 14th March

E-mail all texts, announcements and other requests to:
editor@marnhullmessenger.org.uk

MARNHULL MESSENGER CONTACT DETAILS

EDITOR:

Chris Ryu - editor@marnhullmessenger.org.uk
01258 808577 (option 4)

WEBMASTER:

Chris Ryu - as above

ADVERTISING:

Rosie Gall - rosiegall1@gmail.com

TREASURER:

Bill Shannon - treasurer@marnhullmessenger.org.uk
01258 820890

CIRCULATION:

Catherine & Mark Turner - circulation@marnhullmessenger.org.uk

CHAIRMAN:

Ian Gall - chairman@marnhullmessenger.org.uk
01258 820484

ADMINISTRATOR:

Fiona Nelson - administrator@marnhullmessenger.org.uk
01258 821036

These contact details are to be used in relation to the publication of the Marnhull Messenger ONLY

MARNHULL MESSENGER WEBSITE

WHO DO I CONTACT?

Any amendments or proposals for new pages in the messenger web site should be made to:

Chris Ryu Email: editor@marnhullmessenger.org.uk

MARNHULL MESSENGER DELIVERIES

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 2023

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

MARCH

1st - Fitsteps Dance & Exercise @11:15am

1st - Table Tennis @14:00

1st - Community Choir @18:30

2nd - Craft Club @10am Methodist Hall

3rd - Luncheon Club @12:00

3rd - Churches Together Lent Talk & Lent Lunch @12:00 Methodist Hall

4th - The Marnhull Hub & Repair Café @10am

6th - Lyn's Bingo @19:00 British Legion

7th - Bridge Club @14:00 Methodist Hall

8th - Fitsteps Dance & Exercise @11:15am

8th - Tea with Friends @14:00 Methodist Hall

8th - Table Tennis @14:00

8th - Community Choir @18:30

10th - Blackmore Vale Art Group @10am

10th - Churches Together Lent Talk & Lent Lunch @12:00 Methodist Hall

11th - The Marnhull Hub & Repair Café @10am

11th - St Gregory's School Quiz and Curry Night @19:00

11th - 2 Foot Moose Farewell Performance @20:00 British Legion

13th - Table Tennis @14:00

13th - Women's Institute - My Life on the Fairground - Kay Townsend

14th - Organ Music @12:00 St Gregory's

14th - Bridge Club @14:00 Methodist Hall

14th - Marnhull Garden Club @19:00

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

15th - Table Tennis @14:00

15th - Community Choir @18:30

17th - Marnhull Community Café @10am

17th - Churches Together Lent Talk & Lent Lunch @12:00 Methodist Hall

18th - The Marnhull Hub & Repair Café @10am

18th - TOTOG (Rock, Pop & Motown) @20:00 British Legion

20th - Table Tennis @14:00

20th - Lyn's Bingo @19:00 British Legion

20th - Marnhull Music Society @19:15pm

21st - Bridge Club @14:00 Methodist Hall

22nd - Fitsteps Dance & Exercise @11:15am

22nd - Table Tennis @14:00

22nd - Community Choir @18:30

24th - Churches Together Lent Talk & Lent Lunch @12:00 Methodist Hall

24th - The Neil Maya Quartet - Cartoon Jazz - Artsreach @19:30

25th - The Marnhull Hub & Repair Café @10am

25th - Outrage @20:00 British Legion

27th - Table Tennis @14:00

28th - Bridge Club @14:00 Methodist Hall

28th - Moviola @19:00

29th - Fitsteps Dance & Exercise @11:15am

29th - Table Tennis @14:00

29th - Community Choir @18:30

31st - Churches Together Lent Talk & Lent Lunch @12:00 Methodist Hall

APRIL

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

1st - Jacks Quiz @19:00 British Legion

3rd - Table Tennis @14:00

3rd - Lyn's Bingo @19:00 British Legion

4th - Bridge Club @14:00 Methodist Hall

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

5th - Table Tennis @14:00

5th - Community Choir @18:30

6th - Craft Club @10am Methodist Hall

7th - Luncheon Club @12:00

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

10th - Table Tennis @14:00

10th - Women's Institute - AGM Social with

Cheese & Wine @19:30pm

11th - Bridge Club @14:00 Methodist Hall

11th - Marnhull Garden Club @19:00

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

12th - Tea with Friends @14:00 Methodist Hall

12th - Table Tennis @14:00

12th - Community Choir @18:30

14th - Blackmore Vale Art Group @10am

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

16th - Marnhull 12k Run and Kids Fun Run @10:30am

17th - Table Tennis @14:00

17th - Lyn's Bingo @19:00 British Legion

17th - Marnhull Music Society @19:15pm

18th - Bridge Club @14:00 Methodist Hall

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

19th - Table Tennis @14:00

19th - Community Choir @18:30

21st - Marnhull Community Café @10am

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

24th - Table Tennis @14:00

25th - Bridge Club @14:00 Methodist Hall

25th - Moviola @19:00

FOR VILLAGE HALL BOOKINGS

Email: bookings@marnhullvillagehall.org.uk
 Phone: 07376 911878 (between 9 and 5 weekdays)

SUBMIT YOUR EVENTS INTO A LIVE CALENDAR

On the messenger website and they'll be added to this diary in the next issue!
www.marnhullmessenger.org.uk

STURMINSTER NEWTON MEDICAL CENTRE



Social Prescribing Day

Social Prescribing Day is happening on Thursday 9th March, it's an annual celebration of social prescribing and recognises those who work to support people's health and wellbeing whether it be link workers, community groups or organisations. The purpose of Social Prescribing Day is to join together, to raise awareness of what Social Prescribing is, how it can work and how it can change lives.

We know that many things can affect a person's general health and wellbeing and whilst there may be physical symptoms, often the root cause is a social issue such as loneliness, poor housing, social isolation, financial difficulties, caring responsibilities and much more! Our Social Prescribers find ways of connecting people to the non-clinical support services that can address their unmet needs and provide support to enable them to address what matters most to them. At The Blackmore Vale Partnership we are particularly lucky to not just have a team of Social Prescribers, but a whole Wellbeing Team which extends to Health Coaching, Mental Health Support, Care Coordination and more, who are all available to help support and address these needs.

To celebrate Social Prescribing Day, The Blackmore Vale Wellbeing Team will take part in an online conference to share experiences of Social Prescribing best practice including past projects, success stories and exciting things to come in the future! We will be sharing these with you throughout the week via the surgery website and Social Media so keep an eye out!

We will also be holding two drop-in sessions at Sturminster & Shaftesbury libraries during the week and we would love you to come and have a cuppa with us, pick up information about what's going on locally or talk with us about how we can help, tell us what you would like to see within the community, areas of support you think we could help with and celebrate Social Prescribing with us!

For more information and details, 01747 856786 - or alternatively, you can email us at BVPwellbeing@dorsetgp.nhs.uk. We look forward to seeing you!

MARNHULL GREEN TEAMS

MARNHULL GREEN TEAMS

Taking the Environment Around Marnhull Seriously

As winter begins to turn to spring, are you thinking of having a bit of a spring clear-out? If so, don't forget Marnhull Green Teams' second Giveaway & Takeaway Day, on Saturday 22 April.

This follows up on last autumn's successful event, which encouraged the Re-use part of the Reduce, Re-use, Recycle approach to the environmental emergency.

The idea of the Giveaway & Takeaway Day is to contribute to waste avoidance by bringing unwanted goods already here in Marnhull into new ownership and good use. There will be more opportunities this time for 'givers' to combine their goods and to encourage use of venues which are convenient for 'takers'. It's all about being a village event and to build on this we are hoping to dot refreshment points around the village too. The basic principle that no money changes hands remains. However, there will be an opportunity for those who wish to donate to two charities. More details in the April issue of the Messenger!

You can offer almost anything to give away. DIY or gardening equipment & materials, for example, or plants, toys, household goods, furniture, serviceable electrical equipment, or clothing. But no sharps and no foodstuffs, please!

If you are thinking of cruising the venues in search of something you can put to good use, please plan to do so on foot or by cycle if you can. Parking will be limited at some venues - and it's greener! We've put in a bid for good weather... Please note too that all items will be offered in 'as-seen' condition.

For more information and/or to register your interest please contact John Dowsett on (01258) 821534 or 07825 057543, or at dowsettjohn48@gmail.com.

If you would like to know more about Marnhull Green Teams, or join our newsletter distribution list (for free, and without obligation!) please contact us at marnhullgreen@outlook.com or on (01258) 268714. And/or come along to our Annual General Meeting, on Tuesday 18 April. We would very much like to see you and hear your comments and ideas. Details of the meeting will be in next month's Messenger.



MARNHULL FLOWER SHOW

Marnhull Flower Show

The Show this year is going to be held on Saturday 22nd July - put it in your diary and come along.

If you are relatively new to home growing - it does take time - but always worth it in the end! You may have experienced that sinking feeling when your fruit or veg don't resemble the shop bought ones let alone the image on the front of the seed packet!! But don't despair, apart from the fact that it happens to all of us, we've included classes at the show that you can enter your less than perfect produce.

With that in mind we have created a new class "At least I tried" in the vegetable category. So this is the one for you. Also this year we will be looking for the heaviest overlooked courgette (the one at the back you missed before), the curliest bean, the classic longest runner bean or the oddest shaped vegetable (but only as grown, not re-modelled!!).

If you grow Roses, Sweetpeas, Lupins, Fuschias, Calendulas (the English Marigold variety, not the French ones!) or pot plants (flowering or not) there are classes to enter. We always look forward to seeing the beautiful displays of flowers in vases and this year we are also including displays in a wellington boot!! Any boot size - so go for it!

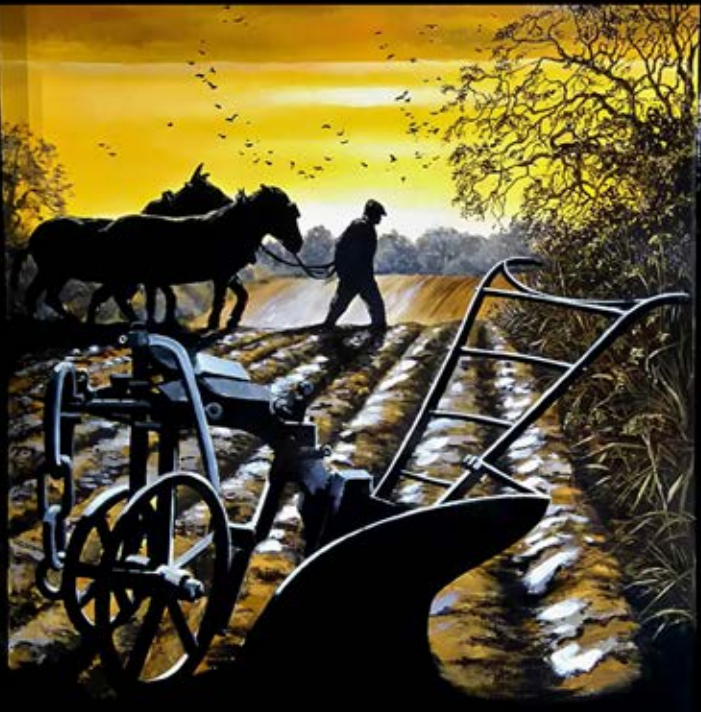
This year our chosen Charity Class is supporting people and families living with Dementia. People with dementia often have restless hands and like to have something to keep their hands occupied. So we want you to join in and create a Fiddle Muff - it can be made from fabric or wool and should include items that feel tactile and they should be attached both inside and out, e.g. textured ribbons, buttons, bells, beads, etc. Should you wish to donate your entry it will be passed on to the Old Rectory Care Home at Stalbridge.

We are very excited about this year's show and can't wait to welcome you there.



CONTINUED PAGE RIGHT

>>



THE PLOUGH
MANSTON.DORSET

THE PLOUGH FREEHOUSE

A beautiful 350 year old stone built country pub offering superb fresh homecooked food, excellent wines and great beers. After a two year renovation project Peter and Karlene have created a super cosy snug bar and a light and airy conservatory/dining area.

Great traditional pub grub & specials menu.

Dietary Needs catered for.

Family & Dog friendly. Easy Access. Large Car Park.

Large Garden.

The Plough Inn, Shaftesbury Road, Manston, Sturminster

Newton, Dorset, DT10 1HB.

Phone 07783 009402.

Website: ploughmanston.com

EXPECT *Far* MORE



At Farnfields Solicitors you can always expect a warm welcome combined with dedicated expertise and transparent straightforward pricing. All in all, when choosing us you can expect far more peace of mind.




 e-mail: info@farnfields.com or visit www.farnfields.com



GILLINGHAM 01747 825432 | SHAFTESBURY 01747 854344 | WARMINSTER 01935 214661

No Gimmicks Quality Products



PITMAN WINDOWS
Windows - Doors - Conservatories

Combining a personal service with competitive prices using quality products

**Windows Doors Conservatories
Replacement roofs Fascia Soffits**

Tel 01747 840885 or 0800 0833623
Website: pitmanwindows.com





MARNHULL TENNIS CLUB

The season will be getting underway from the 1st April and we have lots happening at the courts, including junior coaching in the Easter holidays and brand new weekly junior sessions! 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 free intro sessions, membership, bookings, coaching and more!

COMING UP THIS SPRING...

Easter Holidays Junior Coaching

Monday 3rd, Tuesday 4th and Wednesday 5th April 2023

Join us for games, technique and fitness for 5 to 15 year olds. Experienced players and total beginners welcome. All sessions are run by our LTA qualified coach, Graham Howell. To book your spot or for further information please contact John Seear at johnseear@hotmail.com or call 01258 269743

NEW Weekly Junior Club Sessions

Every Tuesday from the 18th April

Ages 5-9: 4:00pm - 5:00pm

Ages 10-16: 5:00pm - 6:00pm

Starting on the 18th April, then every Tuesday throughout the season we will be running a brand new weekly sessions for tennis juniors. Annual junior membership is just £12 and that gives you access to these weekly sessions, court use plus reduced price coaching. Play tennis, have fun and meet new friends! All info is on the website or contact John Seear at johnseear@hotmail.com or call 01258 269743.

FREE Adult Beginner Introduction to Tennis

Every Wednesday in April from 5:00pm - 6:00pm

Join us for a fun and free introduction to tennis for beginners (or anyone who's a little rusty!) For full details please head to the website and to book your spot contact Jeremy Hamer on jeremyhamer7@gmail.com

Club Sessions - No Need to Book, Just Turn Up and Play!

- **Alternating Saturdays & Sundays at 2:30pm** - Friendly social tennis sessions that give everyone a chance to play. Check the website for a list of days.
- **Fridays 9:30am - 11:30am** - Continuing throughout the year, these are open to all members and any age and ability.
- **Wednesday & Thursday Evenings including sessions for beginners** - These will be starting up again in April - check the website for details.

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 012582 69743 or Chris Gregory on 01258 474646.

CALLING ALL WALKERS!!

For those who appreciate the countryside, exercise, company, and fresh air.

Each monthly (usually!) there is a walk (a short) of about 3 miles and a longer walk (Ramblers) of 5-7 miles. The Short is on the second Thursday of the month, and the longer Ramble is on the last Thursday which may be the 4th or 5th Thursday depending on the month. Both groups meet before the walk at a café or pub where walkers can pre-order lunch if they wish, to enjoy on their return.

The Shorts meet at 10:30 or 11am departure, and Ramblers meet at 9:30 for 10am departure. Car sharing is encouraged.

Dogs are welcome if the walk leader agrees but they must be kept under control and in accordance with the Countryside Code.

Details of each month's walk appear on Marnhull Village Website/Facebook and via email for those on the mailing list.

All in Marnhull and the surrounding villages are welcome to join us.
No constitution, no formalities, no fees - why not give us a try!

For further information and/or to be added to the mailing list if you are a regular walker please contact:

Rambles - Elaine Spencer-White 01258 821631 (evenings only) or elainesw48@gmail.com

Shorts - Anne Dowsett 01258 821534 - 07946 797332
dowsettanne52@gmail.com

MARNHULL MUSIC SOCIETY

Meets every 3rd Monday of the month (except July and August) at 7:15pm in the village hall.

We listen to a varied programme of music (mainly but not exclusively classical) presented by one of our members and enjoy a social 'cuppa' during an interval.

For more information, please contact

Alan Loukes on 01258 821629

MARNHULL AMBLERS & RAMBLERS

Short walk (amble) approx 3 miles

on 2nd Thursday morning of the month

Contact Anne Dowsett - dowsettanne52@gmail.com

Longer walk (ramble) 5-7 miles

on last Thursday of the month

Contact Elaine Spencer-White - elainesw48@gmail.com

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION



As most readers of this column will know by now on March 11th local band 2 Foot Moose will be giving their last ever performance at the Legion. So we are expecting a large turnout to see the boys give their farewell show. For this reason we have made it a charity night in the hopes of raising enough money to purchase a defibrillator for the hall. There will be a £5 charge on the door and Tony

will be plundering the local businesses for donations for the raffle. Even if you are not a fan (and why not) this will not stop you buying a raffle ticket as they will be on sale behind the bar leading up to the event. The jumble sale on February 11th raised just over £300 and a vote of thanks goes to all who donated or helped on the day. It is a lot of hard work setting all up then it has to be cleared to get ready for the evenings entertainment so we really do appreciate everybody's efforts. The next one will be on April 15th so if you are having a clear out I am quite prepared to come and collect or you can drop it in the porch down the Club.

Did you know we have five keep fit classes in the Club? On Mondays at 9:30 there is a B' Active for over fifties at 9:30am, then for the more energetic there is Rock With Us at 7pm on Wednesdays. For more information on these ring Hayley on 07786553889. If Pilates is more your thing there are sessions on Tuesday at 11am and 6:30pm and then again on Fridays at 9:30am.

The coronation of King Charles III (still sounds strange doesn't it?) is on Saturday May 6th. There will be more on this in the next month's issue.

February Entertainment

Sat 4th - Tracy's in house Disco

Mon 6th - Lyn's Bingo - 7pm

Sat 11th - 2 Foot Moose

Sat 18th - TOTOG (Rock, Pop and Motown)

Mon 20th - Bingo 7pm

Sat 25th - Outrage

Sat April 1st - Jack's Quiz

For Branch business contact Jack Whitehead on 01258 820800

or whiteheadjack51@gmail.com

For Club business ring Tony on 01258 820397

CHARITY NIGHT

ON MARCH 11th

FEATURING 2 FOOT MOOSE

IN AID OF

PURCHASING A DEFIBRILLATOR

£5 ENTRY AND RAFFLE



3 Newbury, Gillingham
SP8 4QX (Opposite Lidl)

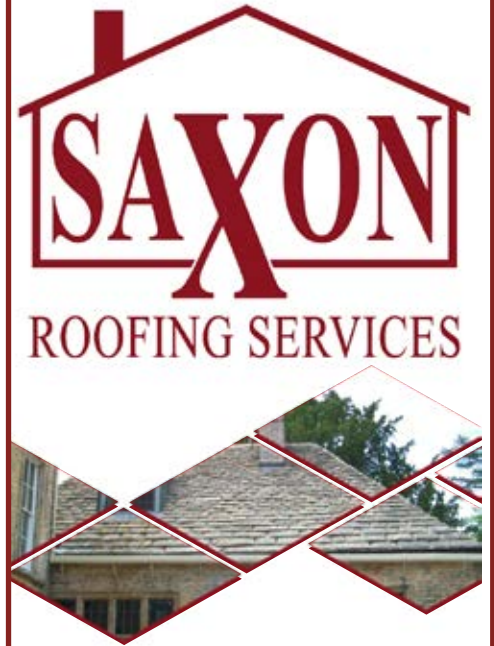
Te. 01747 821010

www.norddisorset.org.uk

Reg. Charity No. 1110328

We can provide the following:

- New & used equipment
- Hire equipment
- Disposable items
- NHS hearing aid batteries
- Information & advice
- Volunteer opportunities
- Call us for information
- Open 10am to 4pm Tues, Thur & Fri
- 10am to 1pm Sat.



6 New Street, Marnhull DT10 1PY

Tiling, Slating, Leadwork, Timberwork
New & re-roofing work undertaken

Nick Upshall
Tel: 01258 821231
Mobile: 07801 851079
www.camelotbuilders.co.uk

Paul Woodrow
Home and Garden Services



Fully insured garden maintenance and handyman service across the Blackmore Vale

07392727584

office@woodrowhomeandgarden.co.uk

[@woodrowhomeandgarden](https://www.facebook.com/woodrowhomeandgarden)

www.woodrowhomeandgarden.co.uk

TAXI – CAR



Courteous Lady Driver

Tel: 01258 820526

Mobile: 07929 983095

**PARTNERSHIP
FIRE AND SECURITY**

Contact

Tel: 01747 858888

enquiries@partnershipsecurity.co.uk



S.P. STOCKLEY
Plasterers

Mobile: 07867 931562

- Plastering
- Rendering
- Tacking
- Dry Lining
- Dot & Dab

**The Old Bank
Bed & Breakfast**

*Comfortable, friendly,
Family Home
In the centre of the village*

The Old Bank,
Burton Street, Marnhull
01258 821019

enquiry@theoldbank-marnhull.co.uk



Lavenders
Green

Complementary Therapies
Yoga, Reiki, Reflexology, Massage, Aromatherapy
Human Givens Psychotherapy/Counselling &
Radionic Treatment

**Tanya Green ITEC
Traditional Yoga Association**

T: 01258 820410
M: 07729 301387
E: tanya@lavenders-green.com

Online Yoga classes available at
www.lavenders-green.com

Contact details for Your Dorset Councillor
Graham Carr-Jones

☎ 01963 364005

✉ Clrgraham.carr-jones@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk

Graham Carr-Jones
Stalbridge & Marnhull

Cabinet Member for
Housing, Community Safety
& Emergency Planning



ENGINE EVOLUTION.com



**DIAGNOSTICS - REMAPPING - REPAIRS - AIR CON
WHEEL ALIGNMENT - SERVICING FOR ALL VEHICLE MAKES**

FREE COLLECTION AND DELIVERY OF YOUR VEHICLE

07504 511730 01935 362811



**CLASSIC RACE RALLY & ROAD CARS CATERED FOR
UNIT 11 / 12
GIBBS MARSH INDUSTRIAL EST - DT10 2RY
CONTACT NIGEL MARSH**

WWW.ENGINEEVOLUTION.COM

Marnhull Computers

Specialists in the setup and repair of all makes of computers, laptops, tablets and mobile phones



- New computers
- Upgrades & Repairs
- Speed up slow computers
- Software rebuilds
- Virus/Malware removal
- Screen Replacement

Do you have an old or broken computer and would like to safely recover treasured documents or pictures?

Based in the village with over 35 years experience and supplier to The Crown Inn

**Call Mark on 01258 821686
or email
mark@marnhullcomputers.com**



- Quick Books & Sage Expertise
- Accounts Management
- Personal & Corporate Taxation
- Book-Keeping

01258 820709

Email: info@accountancyplusdorset.co.uk
Contact: Mr Kim Harden, FCA, FCCA
4 New Street, Marnhull DT10 1PY

Happy Pets and Home Service

House Sitting

Pet Care

Garden Care

Painting and Decorating

Call Juliet: 07773 566425

ADVERTISING SPACE AVAILABLE HERE

Please contact Rosie Gall if you would like to be an advertiser in the Messenger.
rosiegall1@gmail.com



Hawtree & Sons

RIVERSIDE GARAGE, A30 WEST STOUR, GILLINGHAM,
DORSET SP8 5RJ

MONDAY TO SATURDAY: 7am - 10pm • SUNDAY: 8am - 10pm

MARNHULL STORES, NEW STREET, MARNHULL, DORSET DT10 1PX

MONDAY TO SATURDAY: 7am - 8pm • SUNDAY: 8am - 1pm

Serving the Blackmore Vale for over 30 years *Local...Convenient...There for you!*

MARNHULL

STORES

ALL DAY SUNDAY

**NOW
OPEN**

8am - 8pm

Boilerwise Ltd **Specialist Boiler Engineers**

Repair, Service, Maintenance and Replacement of OIL and GAS Boilers.
Heating System Fault Diagnosis and Repair. Landlord Certificates,
Systems Surveying and Power Flushing.

01258 474605

24hr Gas Safe and Oftec Registered Engineers



572546



C6413

©LW

OXFORD Building & Carpentry Ltd

- Complete House Renovations • Staircases Remodelled
- Kitchen And Bathroom Installations • 1st And 2nd Fix
- Cut And Truss Roofing • Replacement Doors

Contact Pete Oxford T: 01258 820850
M: 07970 156735 oxfordp@yahoo.co.uk
Chippets, Chappel Lane, Marnhull DT10 1NN

Williams Florist
floristry & gardening

Do you have something special to say?

Full florist service available
Local delivers & Eflorist relay members

Say it with flowers...

Station Road, Stalbridge
Dorset, DT10 2RQ
Tel: 01963 362355
Email: williamsflorists@live.co.uk
www.williams-florist.co.uk

LITTER BLITZ!

The Marnhull Litter Pickers have not been idle this February!

As well as some 30 volunteers continually keeping all the village roads clear a dozen plus volunteers went out over 2 weekends and cleared the verges along the B3092 from East Stour to Hinton St Mary. About 50 bags of rubbish were collected plus an assortment of dumped larger items including car tyres, bumper parts and bits of discarded furniture. Peter Wade also organised a clean up the length of Landshire Lane and filled a trailer with an assortment of rubbish.

Unfortunately the chuckers don't stop and more rubbish soon reappears, no respite for our happy band of pickers!

If you would like to join the litter picking team phone John Seear on 01258 269743.



TEA WITH FRIENDS

Tea with Friends offers the chance of a cuppa, cake and a chat. On the second Wednesday of each month 2:30 to 4pm at the Methodist Church Hall.

All Welcome - Next date March 8th

MARNHULL HORSE RIDERS



As the number of vehicles continues to increase resulting in busier roads, this means these routes are becoming much more dangerous to use, especially for vulnerable road users like horse riders and carriage drivers. In and around Marnhull we have very few quiet routes where we can relax and enjoy some time without the hassle of the traffic.

The BHS and the Marnhull Horse Riders aim is to reduce the number of incidents involving horses and riders on the road by educating all road users and campaigning to make drivers aware of what to do if they encounter a horse on the road. The BHS collates statistics each year to understand the rate of incidents involving horses and riders on UK roads. *All statistics shown below are from 01.01.2022 - 31.12.2022 which are:*

- 3,552 road incidents involving horses have been reported to The British Horse Society
- 68 horses have died and 125 have been injured
- 139 people have been injured because of road incidents
- 26% of riders were victims to road rage or abuse

Reporting your incidents helps them to better understand the rate of equine-related incidents across the UK. It is vital each incident is recorded in order to be added to the national statistics.

The BHS horse incidents reporting app, Horse i, allows you to quickly and easily submit details of any incident you encounter directly to the BHS via your mobile or tablet device. No one wants to be a statistic so please if you are out there on the roads, think safety first.



MARNHULL PLAYERS PANTO

Thank you to everyone that came and watched our performances of The Magical Tale of Snow White. We hope you all enjoyed the show as much as we did performing it.

Thank you to all that helped us out back stage, on the door and on refreshments we really appreciate all of you.

We have already started getting ideas ready for next year.

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.

Thanks
The Committee and Cast



MARNHULL VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE



MARNHULL VILLAGE HALL
Your Village ~ Your Hall

With the thought that we might be eligible for Section 106 monies following development in the village, the Management Committee are looking to implement a major improvement of the Pavilion and surrounding area in the Hall. To this end, we are in the process of having outline plans drawn up to submit to the Parish Council to be forwarded to Dorset Council. Further details will be forthcoming in the future.

An exciting event which, it is hoped, will take place in early May is the recording of a Radio 4 'Any Questions' programme. Meetings with the BBC and a visit by their site engineer are taking place in February with a view to finalising the date and requirements for the programme. We will be giving further information on the Village Hall website, on our Facebook page and in future issues of the Marnhull Messenger, once we have the final details.

The Committee would like to thank all the clubs and societies who are taking advantage of the newly-extended Hall and would like to encourage anyone planning an event of any kind to consider hiring the hall.

Jean McErlain
Secretary

PESTWRIGHT **THE COUNTY MOLE** **CATCHER**

Complete pest control services
Friendly, reliable service
BPCA qualified,
Insured
Call Jim on
01963 362292



- All aspects of tree surgery
- Dismantling and felling
- Pruning
- Tree disorders and solutions
- Tree pest and disease analysis

Telephone 01747 850 253

e-mail info@hawesarborists.co.uk

We are very proud to have received Arb Approved contractor status and are covered by the Government accredited Trust Mark scheme.

NPTC Certified • Tech.Arbor.A Qualified
All work carried out to BS3998 Standards



Peter Jackson Funeral Services *Independent Family Funeral Directors*

Henstidge
01963 362570
Gillingham
01747 833757

office@peterjacksonfuneralservices.co.uk



Foot Care in the Comfort of Your Home.

Corns, calluses, problem nails etc.
Friendly, female practitioners

www.bmvfootcare.co.uk

01258 820203 | gillian@bmvfootcare.co.uk

R&S

LEWIS JOINERY

Purpose made fitted wardrobes
bookcases, cupboards,
hardwood windows,
doors & gates.
lewisjoinery@hotmail.com
01258 820467
Workshop 01963 363862

GRASSBY & CLOSE FUNERAL SERVICE

4 Innes Court,
Sturminster Newton,
Dorset DT10 1BB

01258 471024

www.grassbyclose-funeral.co.uk



MARNHULL TENNIS CLUB



Regular Club Sessions
LTA Accredited Adult and Junior Coaching
Seasonal Social Events and Tournaments
2 beautiful courts behind the Village Hall

For up to date news visit
www.marnhulltennisclub.net

James Colmer Hair & Beauty LTD

The Beauty Room by Jane Colmer

Simply struggle to cut your toe nails?

Come see Jane and get those toe nails seen too,
A simple service with a caring touch!

Men and ladies' feet are very welcome!

30 mins service.....Just £14

Burton Street, Marnhull
01258 820033

Many more treatments available



CLASSES IN BROADSTONE, WINCANTON, MARNHULL,
MOTCOMBE, OKEFORD FITZPAINE

**CONTACT: HAYLEY SANDELL,
POUND PRO**

07786 553889

HAYLEY.SANDELL@OUTLOOK.COM



AJS Plumbing & Heating

Plumbing & Heating Engineer

Tel: 01963 400503 or 07814 038852
 Email: office@ajs-plumbingandheating.co.uk
 Website: www.ajs-plumbingandheating.co.uk



Boiler Servicing & Maintenance
 Air Source Heat Pumps/Ground Source Heat Pumps
 Bathroom Installation Underfloor Heating
 General Plumbing
 Landlord Certificates & Power Flushing



Yenstone Walling Ltd



Dry Stone Walling and Landscaping
 All types of stone walling undertaken

Patrick Houchen 01963 371123
 DSWA member 07791 588141
 CIS registered www.yenstonewalling.co.uk



BRAMALL GARDENS LTD

DESIGN—LANDSCAPING—MAINTENANCE

EXPERIENCED IN ALL ASPECTS OF GARDENING

FAST AND EFFICIENT
 ALL RUBBISH REMOVED



☎ : 01258 820394 MOBILE : 07971 793 872

Vale Electrics

- New Installations
- Rewires
- Replacement Consumer units
- Condition Reports
- Fault Finding

Tel: 01258 821420 Mob: 07740403033
 Email: valeelectrics@hotmail.co.uk
 8 Plowman Close, Marnhull, DT10 1LB



Dorset Forge & Fabrication

Chris Hannam

01935 50 82 81 - 07950 33 75 76

Elm Yard, Three Elms Inn, North Wootton
 Sherborne DT9 5JW

- Traditional and Contemporary Forge Work
- Design Service
- Gates and Railings
- Garden Architecture
- Balconies and Handrails
- Restoration
- Cast Iron Repair
- On-site Welding and Fabrication Service
- Shot Blasting and Painting Service
- Brick, Stone and Flintwork

chris@dorsetforgeandfabrication.co.uk
www.dorsetforgeandfabrication.co.uk

Remedial
& Recovery
Massage

In the
Comfort of
your own
Home

Highly
Experienced
and Fully
Insured

Elements
MOBILE MUSCLE RECOVERY MASSAGE

Mobile Massage in Marnhull

Elements is a local, convenient & comforting mobile massage service dedicated to delivering clients a professional and enjoyable mobile experience at home, in the office, or in your holiday let.

A dedicated service to help relieve your aches & pains.

www.elementsmobile.co.uk

☎ 01258 269789 ☎ 07902 999136





Join the journey to

brilliant broadband

Say hello to a connection you can depend on
with ultrafast full fibre broadband.



Up to 900Mbps

Up to 11x faster than the UK average broadband speed.



From £29 a month

Packages from just £29 per month with free installation.*



Local friendly support

If you need us, speak to our friendly support team based in Dorset.

Order now at
wessexinternet.com

*Free installation. Subject to survey. We may apply for a government funded voucher on your behalf.

www.sjcltd.co.uk 01258 471669 enquiries@sjcltd.co.uk

Simon John Christopher Ltd
Chartered Accountant & Tax Consultants



Accounts Preparation

Self Assessment Tax Returns

Tax Consultancy



Drapers House, Market Place,
Sturminster Newton, DT10 1AS



The
Curtain
Man

Curtains ~ Blinds

Carpets ~ Vinyls

Tracks ~ Poles

Fabrics ~ Cushions

Measuring & Fitting Service

Burton Street, Marnhull, Sturminster Newton,
Dorset. DT10 1PH

T: 01258 821117

E: thecurtainmanshop@gmail.com



CHAFFERS
ESTATE AGENTS

Incorporating



ROY BARRETT
ESTATE AGENTS

Experts in local knowledge

SALES, LETTINGS, COMMERCIAL, SURVEYS

More Properties Urgently Required!

Gillingham * Shaftesbury * Sturminster Newton * Wincanton

Tel: 01258 473900

HOOK

ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS

Domestic Commercial Ecclesiastical

All Aspects of Design, Installation, Inspections & Repair works

Contact Ed Cudlip on 01258 820161 or 07956281644
Email: hookelectrical@gmail.com








OAK DIGITAL SOLUTIONS

HELP WITH ALL YOUR HOME TECHNOLOGY

- Help with Software and Applications
- Wi-Fi Connections and Printers
- Friendly Patient Personal Training at Home
- Website Design & Hosting

Computers, Mobile Phones, Tablets, Laptops
Printers, Wi-Fi, Smart TVs, e-books & more



Call Chris: **07758 032062**
oakdigitalsolutions@gmail.com
www.oakdigitalsolutions.co.uk



Revsol Property Management Ltd

Revsol Property Management Ltd.
offer a complete service covering :

- ✓ Management of Property lets both short and long term
- ✓ Holiday Letts
- ✓ Keyholder service
- ✓ Property security
- ✓ Regular and one-off cleaning service
- ✓ Property maintenance



For further information call Duncan on
Main line: 01258 820870 mobile: 07966 016686
or email revsolpropertymanagement@outlook.com

**TREAT
YOUR FEET!**

Julie Anne Smith
DpodM MRCPod
PODIATRIST

01258 821297

Burton Street,
Marnhull, DT10 1PS
stedmundspodiatry@gmail.com





OUR LADY'S CHURCH



Catholic Church of Our Lady, Marnhull & St. Benedict's, Gillingham

(www.marnhullandgillinghamrc.org.uk)

Tel. 01258 820388

Parish Priest: Fr. Francis Straw OSB

Sunday Masses - 9:30am and 6pm (Marnhull) / 11am (Gillingham)
For weekly newsletter details see our website.

New to the Parish? You are most welcome to our community whether as brand new parishioners or existing ones moving forward.



CAFOD'S North Dorset Big Lent Walk from Sturminster Newton to Shillingstone Station on Saturday 25 March.

Join us...We're excited to invite you to take part. **We meet at Sturminster Newton at 11am at the entrance to the railway.** Our local walk will be along the North Dorset Trailway to Shillingstone Station. We are holding a one-day event with local walks in Dorset on Saturday 25 March. Shillingstone Station which has a café and toilets takes about an hour. We will meet up with a group coming up the trailway from **Blandford**. After a 30-45min break we will walk back to our start point. This is a sponsored walk to help people overcome poverty around the world. This Lent CAFOD is supporting families with the skills and tools they've asked for to fight the **climate crisis**. In Bangladesh, Dristy and her mum Rupali are building seed beds and planting trees to protect their crops from saltwater flooding and cyclones. The money you raise will help people as they overcome poverty.
<https://cafod.enthuse.com/pf/north-dorset-big-lent-walk>
Every step you take is a step closer to a fairer world.
We ask the wider community in Marnhull and Sturminster Newton to support us as sponsors or join us on the walk.

Lent Prayer

Plant in us, Lord, seeds of solidarity,
so that, rejoicing in your gifts,
we may cherish your presence in each other and all creation.
Root us, Lord, in compassion and justice.
Pour your Spirit down like gentle rain,
softening our hearts,
washing away division and selfishness.
Cultivate in us, Lord, attentiveness to your call.
Give us hope to dream of a better world,
and strength to play our part to make it a reality.
Grow in us, Lord, your ways of peace and courage,
so that, in this time of Lent, we may bear witness to your love,
revealed to us in Jesus. Amen.

PACT, The Prison Advice and Care Trust, is the Catholic charity that supports prisoners, people with convictions, and their children and families. We provide caring and life changing services at every stage of the criminal justice process: in court, in prison, on release, and in the community.

Discover more about the work of PACT here: <https://www.prisonadvice.org.uk>

HMP Guys Marsh: Chaplin: Deacon Michael Turnbull

Contact: michael.turnbull@prcdtr.org.uk

THE METHODIST CHURCH

All seems to be fairly quiet on the Methodist front at the moment. Unfortunately, our minister, Rev Lin Francis, has been unwell but hopes to be back before long so we wish her well and look forward to seeing her soon.

The main event at the chapel over the next few weeks is the Lent Programme of talks and lunches, the details of which are below.

Churches Together Lent Talks and Lunches

Every year, all the churches in Marnhull come together once a week during Lent to pray, hear talks and share a plain meal.

This year's theme for the talks is 'Pilgrimage'. They will be given each Friday during Lent at 12 midday at the Methodist Church and they will be followed by light lunch in the hall. Contributions made at the lunch will be given to a charity supporting the citizens of war torn Ukraine. **The first talk is on Friday 24th of February 12md in the Methodist Chapel, Pilwell, Marnhull (opposite the garage).**

Talks will then be held at the same time and place on: **Friday 3rd March, Friday 10th, Friday 17th, Friday 24th and finally, Friday 31st March** *NB There will be no lunch on 3rd March.

Everyone is very welcome, just turn up for the talk and lunch, or just the lunch.

So what is a pilgrim? -

I had always assumed the word 'pilgrim' had religious connotations, 'a person who journeys to a sacred place for religious reasons'. But, checking the current state of play, a Google Search came up with 'a person travelling to a place of particular personal interest e.g. "thousands of pilgrims converged in Memphis for the 16th anniversary of Presley's death", so there you go. Shows how out of date I am! Although I expect that Elvis' pilgrims were perhaps hoping for a spiritual connection with their hero.

I hadn't come across this poem before but, to me, the extract below conjures up the determination and hope that pilgrims surely must need:

"We are the Pilgrims, master; we shall go
Always a little further, it may be
Beyond that last blue mountain barred with snow
Across that angry or that glimmering sea,

White on a throne or guarded in a cave
There lies a prophet who can understand
Why men were born: but surely we are brave,
Who take the Golden Road to Samarkand."

(From 'Hassan of Baghdad and how he came to make the journey to Samarkand' by James Elroy Flecker 1884 - 1915)

Gillian

LENTEN LUNCHES - WHAT IS IT ALL ABOUT?



Every year, all over the country, churches come together in Lent to share a simple meal together, to pray for the marginalised and the needy and to discuss common perspectives on a chosen theme. Standing together in solidarity, they provide an active witness to the Gospel message of love of neighbour.

This year's theme is 'Pilgrimage'. Talks on this fascinating subject will be given each Friday during Lent at 12 midday followed by a communal light lunch, the proceeds of which will go to supporting those affected by the war in Ukraine.

The first talk begins on Friday 24th of February 12mn in the Methodist Chapel, Pilwell, Marnhull (opposite the garage). These interesting talks and lunch will then be held at the same time and place for the following five Fridays.

All are welcome so please do come along.

(NB There will be no lunch on 3rd March.)

ST GREGORY'S C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL



"Do you know what my favourite part of the game is? The opportunity to play" St Greg's this last half term has been a smorgasbord of aerobic activity, be it sports or dance we have been busy bees. The importance of physical exercise for our young folk cannot be underestimated. Regular exercise helps concentration levels in class, it aids consistent, quality sleep which is crucial for brain development. A variety of sports will also teach the children the merits of teamwork which of course makes the teamwork. Motor skills also benefit from regular exercise, hand-eye coordination for instance will come on leaps and bounds with racket sports. At St Greg's we devote time in every busy week for sports and dance, in early February we engaged in a super-charged week of exercise some of which you can read about this further down.



M12K IS BACK. Our big annual fundraiser will take place on 16th April and we are expecting runners from across the county to enjoy our undulating roads. Our kids races are now a regular feature of the M12k. We have a 1/2 mile and a full mile course with each runner deservedly earning a milkshake and medal. Entries are on the day and we would love to see as many local 4-12 year olds as possible. Further details can be found on the school website: <https://stgregorymarnhull.dorset.sch.uk/m12k/>

KIN BALL is a team sport that you may

not have heard of but the children at St Greg's certainly have, and what a fun-time they have had. Created in Quebec, Canada in 1986 by Mario Demers, a physical education professor, the main distinctive characteristic is the big size of the ball (1.22 meters in diameter). There are rules to this team sport but for the time being the children simply enjoyed the fun of playing with ball. More skills will follow as this is not the last time we will see the Kin-Ball bouncing around at St Greg's.



SKIP, SKIP AWAY. St Greg's were delighted to welcome Skippy John into the school. Energy levels went through the roof as John taught the children how to bounce with your feet and how to hold the rope correctly, enabling everyone to become a successful skipper. Skipping is great for coordination as well as the obvious benefits to cardio fitness. The children and some brave parents showed great endeavour and spirit, special thanks to John for his vibrant coaching and for adding plenty of humour into the sessions. Following on from the success of John's visit the school will now host a skipping club two mornings per week.

TAE KWON DO. St Greg's has been fortunate to welcome Gemma Osborne from Shaftesbury TAGB Taekwondo into the school. Some very excited children learnt some basic skills. Gemma happily was able to reminisce about both her time as a pupil at St Greg's and that of several generations in her family before her, Gemma even adorns our school honours board. Gemma has also generously offered free trial sessions for St Greg's pupils, for which we are very thankful.

ON A MERRY DANCE. Competing against several other primary schools a contingent from St Greg's attended a dance competition at Mere primary school. Girls from our key stage 2 classes performed a rehearsed routine. This is not the first time St Greg's have attended what is a very fun event and a great opportunity for the children to represent St Greg's and show what a brave talented bunch we are.



HEDGEHOGS - IT'S ABOUT BEING GOOD TO YOURSELF. Timed to coincide with children's mental health week our youngest children took part in an online Yoga class. Yoga bugs (as they are known) aptly partook in a space themed session that tied in nicely with their topic of "space". You may well have heard bumps in the nights as an alien spaceship crash-landed in our forest school area at school. Hedgehogs have been busy investigating the debris and even found blue goo! If you have any information or if you've even sighted these extra-terrestrial creatures, then please get in touch with the school.

BADGERS - LETTER FROM LILY. Badgers class are full of talent & so we are delighted to have Lily Oxford commence reporting on life inside and outside the classroom. Like Martha's message, Lily will use her own words to further lift the lid on life inside our vibrant school.



Dear Readers

Letters from Lily



BADGERS CLASS

March 2023

This half term in Badgers our topic has been Traders and Raiders and we have been learning about Anglo-Saxon and Viking life. We have been focusing on History, Art and English.

In art we have been drawing learning how to draw Viking knots and ropes and we created our own piece of artwork inspired by this.

We have learnt lots of great facts - here are some facts I have learnt. The Vikings never actually had horned helmets and that people have been drawing biased pictures about them. They only ever used the horns for drinking out of! Also they believed if they die in battle they go to Valhalla - a hall in Asgard - but if the Vikings died anywhere else they would go to Viking hell and have to drink goat urine.

In English we have enjoyed reading the story of Beowulf and written a story called Grendel's story. We were writing from his point of view because we wanted to show that he was actually just misunderstood.

Once a fortnight we do pound and forest school as part of our PE sessions. In pound this week we worked as part of a team to make a routine / concert. Pound uses drum sticks and you drum on the floor or one drum stick to another.

At forest school we toasted bread on the camp fire - it was delicious.

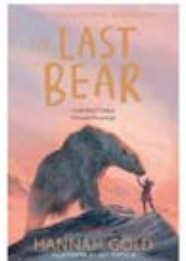
Also in maths we have been doing fractions and it's really fun. Before we start doing fractions we do a flash back four, it gives us five questions like 3543 - 2531 to help us practise our key Maths skills.

This week it has been sports week and we have had great fun taking part in American Football, Lacrosse, Kinball and Skipping.

Lily xx

MARTHA'S MONTHLY MESSAGE.

Happy New Year everyone! We all came back to school after Christmas and started a new topic. Our topic this term has been 'Our Changing World' where we have thought about how we could make sculptures out of recycled materials. We all had lots of ideas including making a tree out of toilet roll tubes and egg cartons, a penguin made from a bottle and crisp packets and I did a fishing rod from an old bamboo garden stick with a bag as the net and lots of different coloured bottle tops to represent the fish. We also really enjoyed our sports week which included lots of fun activities including skipping, Kin-ball (which is a huge ball which we had to try and stop from hitting the ground) and we tried La Crosse, American football and Handball. We have just finished our book 'The Last Bear' by Hannah Gold which was about a girl and a bear who found each other. It was a really good book. At the end of the term, we also attended a dance festival held at Mere Primary School which was fun and also we had our Valentine's Disco in the school hall. Hope you all have a good month, and I will write again soon.



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 anyway 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>
Telephone - 01258 820206
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.

CONTINUED PAGE RIGHT



NEWS FROM THE NICK

No crimes to report this time.

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 of scam calls from the 01258 dialling code, this does not necessarily mean that this is a local caller and may have been spoofed by the scammer to encourage the recipient of the call to pick up. General rule of thumb is if you don't know who is calling don't pick up. You can help protect yourself from scam callers by contacting your call provider and asking about call guardian or call blocker. You can also purchase phones with integrated call blocker with answering service included.

The next drop-in surgery at The Hub at The Village is on Saturday 18th March from 10:30-11:30am. This will be my last surgery as I will be retiring from my role as PCSO, on the 31st March, after 16 years of service working in the Sturminster Newton Town and Rural area.

PLEASE BE VIGILANT AND REPORT ANY SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY.

Report suspicious activity either to **101** or via the police website <https://www.dorset.police.uk/contact>

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 and Rural NPT
Email: northdorsetruralnpt@dorset.pnn.police.uk

NEW FROM TRADING STANDARDS

Some important facts about e-cigarettes

Vaping, which involves inhaling vapourised nicotine using a device known as an e-cigarette or vape, has become increasingly popular in recent years. According to the NHS and Public Health England, vaping is a lot less harmful than smoking cigarettes. They're great for people trying to stop smoking, but are not recommended for non-smokers.

However, as with most consumer goods, when a product is popular there is more demand for it and a gap in the market can open for illegal supplies. Illegal products may be unsafe for people to use and there may be no control over the age of people they are sold to.

Trading Standards view shops selling illegal vapes and vaping products to children as one of the top threats on the UK's high streets. Hundreds of thousands of illegal vapes have already been seized. The concern is that cheap and brightly coloured vapes are ending up in the hands of children, who are then likely to become addicted to nicotine.

The Association of Convenience Stores has updated its advice on selling vapes, helping retailers to tackle the huge rise in illegal products. Some of the key areas highlighted include:

Disposable devices must have no more than 600 puffs.

Warnings must cover 30% of the front and back of the pack.

There is only one phrase that's allowed on pack warnings in the UK, 'This product contains nicotine which is a highly addictive substance.'

Any vape not following the points above is not allowed onto the UK market.

Retailers are also encouraged to challenge anyone trying to buy vapes, or vaping products, who look younger than 25, as legally you must be 18 years old to buy them.

You can report illegal sales to Trading Standards by simply calling Citizens Advice consumer helpline on 0808 2231133.

STARS APPEAL BOOKSHOP AND BUCKET COLLECTIONS AT HOSPITAL RAISE NEARLY £60,000

Nearly £60,000 has been raised for the Stars Appeal, Salisbury District Hospital's Charity, at its Bookshop and through bucket collections at the

Hospital. The amounts, which were raised during 2022, were revealed during a special cheque and certificate presentation attended by some of the bookshop and bucket collection volunteers alongside Stars Appeal's Hospital Ambassadors. Last year, the Bookshop raised £36,481.30, which brings its all-time total since it first opened in 2003 to £597,258.58. Meanwhile, the Stars Appeal bucket collectors in the Hospital collected £20,752.27 last year from generous supporters. Dave Cates, of the Stars Appeal, said: "We want to say a big thank you to all of our bookshop and bucket collecting volunteers for their incredible efforts which make such a difference, not just through the funds that they raise, but also the support they give to patients and their families who come to Hospital, often facing difficult times.

"Thank you to everyone who donates to our bucket collectors and supports our bookshop. The funds raised are a vital step towards the £1 million we are aiming to raise this year to fund projects supporting patients and staff here at the hospital."

Projects the Stars Appeal are looking to fund for this include a £142,000 echocardiogram machine for the Cardiac Investigation Unit to reduce waiting times for patients awaiting diagnosis, £55,000 for new scalp cooling machines to help reduce hair loss for cancer patients undergoing chemotherapy on the Pembroke Unit, a £20,000 brain function monitor for babies on the Neonatal Unit, and a £15,000 mechanical CPR machine. These are in addition to the ongoing projects the Stars Appeal fund including support for cancer patients, a 24/7 chaplaincy service, a staff counsellor, and free Wi-Fi.

MARNHULL VILLAGE CARE



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.

Ashley Road (start), Flanders Close

Ashley Road (even 4-18, 26-46, odds 43-49), Carent Close

Burton Street (Love Lane to Orchard House)

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 email; hilaryjparker85a@gmail.com;

Or Trevor Vaughan on 01258 821636, email; trevor.mvc@gmail.com

Trevor Vaughan

Trevor Vaughan. MBE

Chairman Marnhull Village Care



**ADVERTISING SPACE
AVAILABLE HERE**

Please contact Rosie Gall if you would like to be an advertiser in the Messenger.
rosiegall1@gmail.com

Jill Cook

Counsellor
BACP Senior Accredited
www.jillcook.co.uk

I offer support for issues including anxiety, depression, relationship difficulties & bereavement

For more information please contact me
07944 669416
Marnhull

**BEAUTY & MASSAGE
THERAPY**

SARAH JAMES

B.A.B.T.A.C | I.T.E.C | C.I.B.T.A.C

Remedial massage and Aromatherapy.
Bespoke Facials including LED therapy.
Electrolysis, Waxing, Lash and Brow treatments.
Manicures and Pedicures including Shellac.

BLAKES COTTAGE, CARRAWAY LANE,
MARNHULL, DORSET, DT10 1NJ



TEL: 01258 268936
MOB: 0787 0983 172

Ben Hannam Electrical Contractor



- Installations
- Alterations and additions
- Consumer unit upgrades
- Fault finding and repairs
- Condition reports
- Heating controls and systems



Tel: **07914 760 295** • Email: benhannamelectrical@gmail.com

PLUMBWOOD

For all domestic plumbing repairs: taps, toilets, radiators, showers etc – no job too small.

Woodwork projects also undertaken

Call Tim and Helen Cronin
01258 820520/07780 673053

R.M. MOGRIDGE CONTRACTING LTD

For All Your Construction Needs

- Commercial • Domestic • Agricultural • Equestrian
- Excavation • Ground Clearance • Spoils Disposal • Foundations
- Drainage • Septic Tanks • Concreting • Tarmacing • Paving
- Oversites • Driveways • Kerbing • Ponds • Lakes • Synthetic Lining

For Advice & Free Quotations

Tel. 01963 363208 or 07836 747895

E.mail: rmmogridgecontractingltd@btconnect.com

LITTERPICKERS

Help us keeping Marnhull village and surrounding roads litter free.

Join our band of volunteers,
contact John Seear on 01258 269743



- ◆ Buying and Selling Your Home
- ◆ Wills
- ◆ Powers of Attorney
- ◆ Probate and Estates
- ◆ Equity Release

- ◆ Commercial Property
- ◆ Agricultural and Rural Business
- ◆ Employment
- ◆ Property and Land Disputes
- ◆ Court of Protection



Shaftesbury: 01747 440448
 Sherborne: 01935 817736
 Gillingham: 01747 822103

www.maclachlansolicitors.co.uk

PITMANS®



- Removals & Containerised Storage
- Partloads / Small Moves (Starting at £300+VAT)
- Shipping - Worldwide
- Local & Nationwide

01258 858564 www.pitmansremovals.co.uk



'Rustic Farm Shop on our farm in Marnhull'

Great variety of tasty local products.
 Wide selection of local meat and game including our own meat, and personalised meat orders.
 Takeaway bacon rolls, hot drinks and cream teas.
 Good selection of big bag dog foods.
 Local Cider and beer.
 Individualised Hampers and treat bundles for any celebrations or Birthdays.
 Gift Vouchers



Why not pop in? Open 10am to 3pm.
 Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri & Sat
 DT10 1QG

Or ring/text 07866 984323 | Email mariarobinson40@yahoo.co.uk



CLOCK HOUSE Bed & Breakfast

Burton Street, Marnhull

Charming, peaceful, tucked away B&B in the centre of the village. Clock House offers four ground floor, ensuite bedrooms with terrace and garden access and a guest living room with woodburning stove. Dog friendly.

Discounted rate for Marnhull villagers booking direct.



Telephone: 01258 820645
info@clockhouse-marnhull.com
www.clockhouse-marnhull.com



All aspects of building work undertaken including:

- Extensions
- New Builds
- Roofing
- Renovations
- Loft Conversions

Camelot Builders Ltd
 Farm Office
 East Lawn Farm
 Lawn Crossroads
 Gillingham
 Dorset SP8 5QN
www.camelotbuilders.co.uk

Tel: 01747 835422
 email: info@camelotbuilders.co.uk



www.Back2Market.com

REMOVALS - PACKING - STORAGE - CLEARANCE



Contact us for your free, no obligation quote

Phone: 01963 400352
 Freephone: 0800 2425012
 Mobile: 07853 275379
 Email: enquiries@back2market.com
 Website: www.back2market.com

**BARTLETT
CONTRACTORS LTD**

AGRICULTURAL CONTRACTORS
COMPLETE AGRICULTURAL CONTRACTING SERVICE

CIVIL ENGINEERS: HEAVY AND RURAL
OPERATED PLANT HIRE, HAULAGE, LANDSCAPING, FENCING,
LAND DRAINAGE, HEDGE TRIMMING,
LAKE AND POND CONSTRUCTION

TRACK REGENERATION
POTHLES TAKEN OUT IN ONE PASS,
QUARTER THE PRICE OF RESTONING THE SURFACE. CEMENT
CAN BE INCORPORATED



SUPPLIERS OF OOLITIC LIMESTONE, TURF, TOPSOIL,
SAND, GRAVEL, SCALPINGS AND MORE

01258 472419

Web: www.bartlettcontractors.co.uk

For more information please visit:
www.marnhullstone.co.uk



SUPPLIERS OF NATURAL AND CUT STONE:

*RANDOM DRESSED
SAWN SPLIT
CHISEL FACED ASHLAR
WINDOW SURROUNDS
DECORATIVE WALLS*



FIREPLACES



ASHLAR



FLOORING

Dean Harris (Quarry Manager): 07771 684647
Office: 01258 472419
Whiteway Quarry, Whiteway Lane, Marnhull,
Dorset, DT10 1NQ

**TONY WILLIAMS
ACCIDENT REPAIRS**



MIRACLE PULL - DENT REPAIRS

APPROVED BY:



LOCATED BETWEEN MARNHULL & STALBRIDGE
01963 365733

**OFFERING THE HIGHEST QUALITY REPAIRS USING THE BEST QUALITY
MATERIALS & EQUIPMENT**





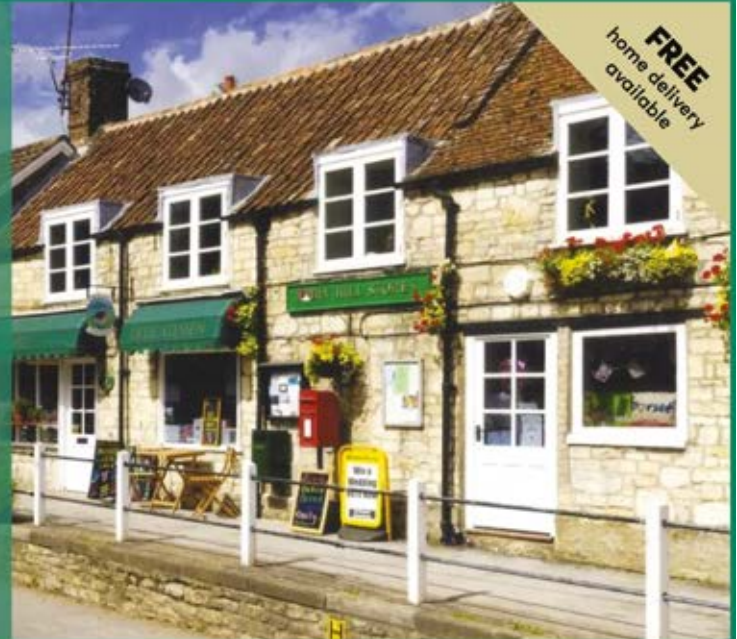
ROBIN HILL STORES

POST OFFICE & CONVENIENCE STORE



- Beautiful Fresh Fruit & Veg
- Locally sourced hand carved ham & cheeses
- Fresh snacks & sandwiches
- Locally baked speciality breads & cakes
- Newspapers & Magazines
- Cards, Stationery
- Wines, Beers & Spirits
- A big range of household essentials

Full Post Office service including cheques & cash,
car tax, electricity, gas & mobile top up.
National Lottery, Foreign currency & Dry Cleaning



FREE
home delivery
available

01258 820959 | robinhillstores@gmail.com | www.robinhillstores.co.uk
Mon – Saturday 7.30 til 8 Sunday 7.30 til 12



Love your Local Shop,

THINK BIG, SHOP SMALL



ROYAL BRITISH LEGION MARNHULL BRANCH AND CLUB

LEGION HALL, SODOM LANE, MARNHULL
TELEPHONE: 01258 820613

Clubhouse open hours
Tues-Thur 8-11:30pm, Fri 4.30-11pm, Sat 12-3pm, 7-11.30pm

SKITTLES (LEAGUE and FRIENDLY) -
DARTS POOL
LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

BRANCH AND CLUB MEMBERSHIP
NOW AVAILABLE

FAMILIES MOST WELCOME
Come along and see what we can offer you

Website: www.marnhullrbl.co.uk
Email: whiteheadjack51@gmail.com

Alternate Mondays
(from March 6th to Dec 11th)

PRIZE BINGO

Starts at 7pm -10pm

Open to everyone



Royal British Legion Marnhull



BADMINTON FOR BEGINNERS

Monday club social night: 8–10pm (except bank holidays)
 £25 Joining Fee
 Adults £4.50
 Family £7.00 (up to 2 adults & 2 children)
 Juniors £3.00

ALL COACHING FREE (Badminton England Coach)
 Loads of fun for children and families

BADMINTON CLUB NIGHT

Tuesday club night: 7.00–10.00pm
 First night free to new members

ALL COACHING FREE (Badminton England Coach)
 Intermediate level players always welcome

BADMINTON SENIOR NIGHT

Thursday senior league night: 8.15-10.15pm
 The club is interested in players who wish to play at a league level.

The club participates in the salisbury district league – div2 mens and div2 mixed and div3 mixed

Contact: Robert Tulk - 01258 820728

Meet at Riversmeet on Mondays, Tuesdays & Thursdays

FRENCH & SPANISH CONVERSATION

Want to get those little grey cells working? Then come along to French or

Spanish conversation! This can complement your work with Duolingo or refresh your memories of your O level days. For more information contact

Ros Eveleigh on 821049.

FIX DON'T THROW

The team at Dorset Tech have been training with specialist micro-soldering techniques and will soon be able to do levels of tech repairs that are not offered in the area.

This large investment in high-end microscopes, hot air stations and Apple accreditation will allow us to save even more devices from becoming e-waste. We're encouraging residents of Marnhull to "Fix don't throw". Something as simple as a battery replacement can make an old phone feel like a new one.

Currently our repairs are carried out at our high street branch in Gillingham, but we're investigating having pop-up tech help sessions in the village. We'd love to have your feedback on this.

For more information visit dorset.tech or call 01258 808577.

MARNHULL CRAFT CLUB

Meets at 10:00am on the first Thursday of every month (except August) in

The Methodist Church Hall

Relax, meet new and old friends for coffee and chat. Use your skills and learn something new, in a friendly and relaxed atmosphere.

More information from Allison Palmer - 07810464630

MARNHULL BRIDGE CLUB

Marnhull Bridge Club meets in the Methodist Hall every Tuesday at 2pm to play Chicago.

New Players always welcome.

Call 01258 820036 for information

MARNHULL GARDEN CLUB

The Garden Club meets at 7.30pm on the 2nd Tuesday of the most months, in Marnhull Village Hall.

Come and join us for refreshments and a chat. We usually have a guest speaker and learn some new gardening tips.

For further details contact Dave Bruce (Chair) on

Bruce11@sky.com

New Messenger Deadline: 14th March

E-mail all texts, announcements and other requests to: editor@marnhullmessenger.org.uk

CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS

8	7	1	2	4	9	5	6	3	8	2	1	6	3	7	5	4	9
4	3	6	9	1	5	2	7	8	9	7	5	4	2	8	6	1	3
9	6	4	5	7	3	8	2	1	6	3	8	7	9	2	1	5	4
1	4	9	6	3	5	2	8	7	5	6	4	3	9	1	8	2	7
6	3	8	7	9	2	1	5	4	7	8	2	5	6	4	9	3	1
5	2	7	8	1	4	3	9	6	4	8	6	9	2	1	7	3	5
3	9	2	4	5	7	6	1	8	2	9	3	1	4	6	7	8	5
7	1	5	3	6	8	9	4	2	6	5	8	2	7	3	1	9	4

Hard

Medium

ACROSS 1. Drawls 4. Plaid 6. Eve 7. Esquires 8. Manx 11. Idaho 13. Bloc 15. Tonnage 16. Brassie 17. Fawn 19. Unpeg 21. Noel 24. Bullseye 25. Elf 26. Baton 27. Ashlar
DOWN 1. Devon 2. Washington 3. Sauna 4. Porto 5. Absell 6. Edam 9. Aloha 10. Xenon 12. Heiroglyph 13. Bison 14. Ovine 18. Wombat 19. Uhlan 20. Pasta 22. Otter 23. Leaf



From Design to Reality



Products range from **conservatories, extensions, loft conversions, alterations, new properties, natural stone** etc. Based in Sturminster Newton, between Shaftesbury and Blandford, we cover Dorset, Wiltshire, Somerset, Hampshire and beyond.

Calcott Construction is a building contractor who has been established since 1984 and handles all types of home improvements from conservatories to new dwellings. We provide a personal hands on service on all projects large and small. We always have a regular team of friendly and experienced tradespeople to complete all projects to the highest standard.

We are able to assist you in the design process right through to the reality of a completed project with the aid of an architect.

Conservatories Extensions Loft Conversions Alterations New Properties Natural Stone Dry Stone Walling

T: 01258 475 046
www.calcottconstruction.co.uk



**COMPTON
SMITH**
INTERIORS

www.comptonsmith.co.uk

FULL INTERIOR DESIGN SERVICE

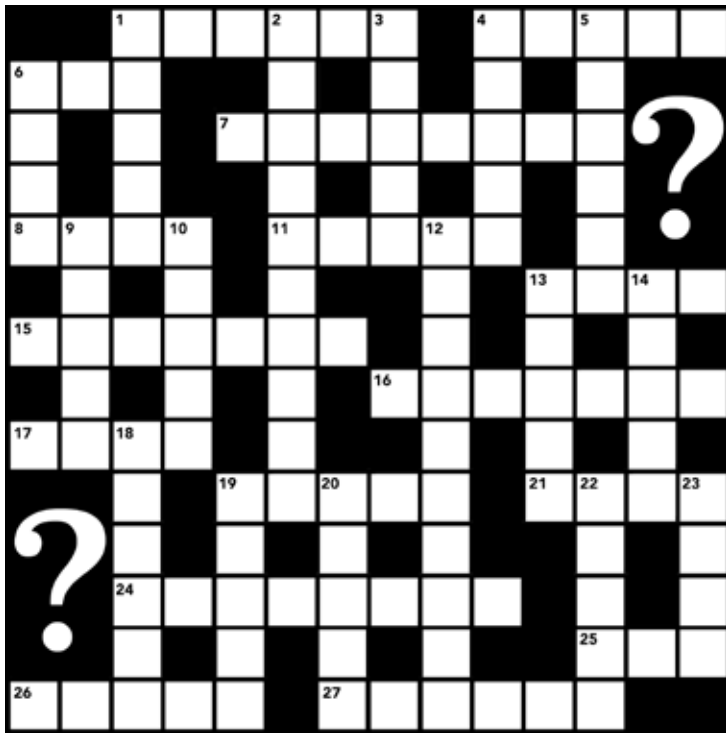
- Interior decorating consultancy.
- Bespoke curtains, blinds and upholstery.
- Suppliers of well-known specialist paints, wallpapers & fabrics:
Farrow & Ball, Little Greene, Pierre Frey, Colefax & Fowler, Lewis and Wood, Sanderson Design Group and many more designers.

Monday to Friday: 8.30am - 5.30pm

Saturday: 9.30am - 1.00pm

10d Wincombe Business Park,
Shaftesbury, Dorset SP7 9QJ

Tel: +44 (0)1747 850150



ACROSS

- 1) Speaks in a slow lazy way with prolonged vowel sounds. (6)
- 4) Tartan twilled cloth. (5)
- 6) The day before an event. (3)
- 7) Young noblemen who in training for knighthoods act as attendants to knights. (8)
- 8) Celtic language formerly spoken on the Isle of Man. (4)
- 11) In the US it is called the potato state. (5)
- 13) A group of countries that have formed an alliance. (4)
- 15) The carrying capacity of a ship. (7)
- 16) In golf, a number two wood. (7)
- 17) A young deer in its first year. (4)
- 19) Cease to maintain a relationship between one currency and another. (5)
- 21) Christmas as in a refrain in carols. (4)
- 24) The centre of an archery target. (8)
- 25) Mythical small helper of Father Christmas. (3)
- 26) Thin stick used by a conductor. (5)
- 27) Masonry made of large square cut stone used as facing material. (6)

				5	
3	6	9		2	7
7				6	
3				2	
			9		7
8	2	6	4		3
9		4		7	5
6		2	7		9

		2		9	5
	5	3			4
9					
6				1	4
			3	2	8
5		8		3	9
4			2		
3	2	4	5		6
				8	

DOWN

- 1) County that contains Dartmoor National Park. (5)
- 2) The most westerly US mainland state. (10)
- 3) Finnish word for a steam room. (5)
- 4) Second largest city in Portugal. (5)
- 5) Descend a near vertical surface using a doubled rope running through a friction device. (6)
- 6) Pale yellow Dutch cheese. (4)
- 9) Hawaiian word meaning hello or goodbye. (5)
- 10) Noble gas with the atomic number 54. (5)
- 12) In ancient Egypt a stylised picture of an object representing a word. (10)
- 13) A hump backed shaggy wild ox. (5)
- 14) Relating to sheep. (5)
- 18) Burrowing plant eating Australian marsupial. (6)
- 19) In some European armies a cavalryman armed with a lance. (5)
- 20) Dough extruded or stamped into various shapes for cooking in boiling water. (5)
- 22) Semiaquatic fish eating mammal of the weasel family. (5)
- 23) Single thickness of paper especially in a book. (4)

MARNHULL TABLE TENNIS

Monday & Wednesday afternoons
Now playing within Covid restrictions
Come and try us!!
Contact: Boyd Sofield - 01258 820964 or
John Dowsett - john.dowsett@virgin.net

MARNHULL WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Meets on the 2nd Monday in the month (except Aug)
At 7.30pm in the Village Hall
We look forward to seeing new and old members
President: Nicola Denham - 01258 821343

BLACKMORE VALE ART GROUP

The group meets monthly on the second Friday at
10:30am in the Village Hall.
All styles and levels of experience are welcomed.
For further information contact Yvonne 820247 or
mikyon@aol.com

**All PUZZLE ANSWERS ON
PAGE 24**



TOWNSENDTIMBER

Dorset's Carpenter Builders

Established for over 33 years we are a family run business based in the heart of Dorset.

We offer carpenter-build services in oak frame and timber construction, plus timber gates, fencing, hardwood doors, windows & timber supplies to all. We tailor our build services around you, by using our in-house team of surveyors, designers, carpenters & construction crews. A wealth of experience is here to support your project.

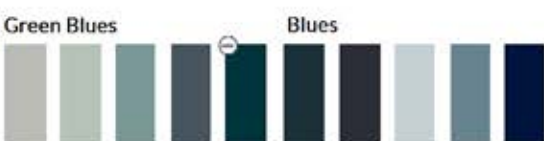
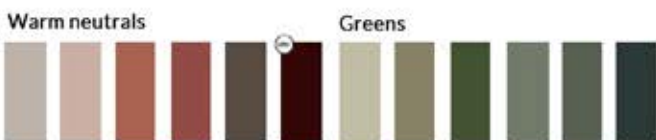




*What style kitchen
do you want
in 2023?*



UNSURE WHAT COLOUR YOU WANT?



NOT FOUND ONE YOU LIKE?
WE WILL MATCH ANY COLOUR FOR YOUR NEW KITCHEN!

*If you like piña coladas
And gettin' caught
in the rain_____*

