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LOCKDOWN IS LIFTING!

Welcome back to your Marnhull Messenger Magazine.

As restrictions start to lift, it feels like there's finally light at the end of the tunnel. We ventured out last weekend for the first time (other than work) in what feels like an eternity and it was refreshing, but felt slightly odd!

I'm starting to receive articles about events in the village over the coming months, so all being well, I'm hoping to show off the return of the village diary in the next issue. Add your events to the Marnhull Messenger website and when the time comes they'll be included automatically.

On a personal note, last week saw the re-opening of the high-street and the support we received from fellow Marnhull villagers was amazing, so thank you!

Our team took the opportunity to show our support for the #ShopLocal mission and have launched a project called "Back to the High Street". The free site allows local businesses, charities and events to list for free and even sell online. The first site is for Gillingham (gillinghamhub.co.uk), but Marnhull businesses are close enough to register. The next town will be Sturminster Newton in June.

NEW EDITOR STILL REQUIRED

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

Stay safe Marnhull - looking forward to seeing you all soon

SUBMIT YOUR EVENTS INTO A LIVE CALENDAR

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

www.marnhullmessenger.org.uk

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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.

STURMINSTER NEWTON MEDICAL CENTRE



2nd Dose COVID Vaccine Clinics

The programme for the 2nd dose vaccines has been running since early April. The lack of certainty of supply has meant that some of these appointments had to be moved. The Practice is only notified about a week before the delivery date of the vaccines, which makes planning a little tricky. However, they are contacting patients as soon as the vaccines are available and if you had your 1st dose of Astra Zeneca on the 13th Feb or after, then the appointments given at the first clinic should still stand.

Staff

Two Physicians Associates, in the second year of training are working with the Practice and will return after the summer for 3 months. These are new roles in Primary Care, similar to a Nurse Practitioner but they are trained in a similar way to Doctors for specific long term conditions.

The Practice has also just recruited 3 further Social Prescribers plus a Care Coordinator, who will be the link between the Social Prescribing team and clinicians. Social Prescribers give people time, focusing on 'what matters to me' and taking a holistic approach to people's health and wellbeing. They connect people to community groups and statutory services for practical and emotional support.

The Vale Pantry

The Pantry in Sturminster Newton is going from strength to strength, feeding over 600 people a week. It is now open all day Thursday from 9am to 7pm and Saturday from 9am to 12 noon. They provide free sanitary wear, toilet rolls, nappies plus fruit and veg, in addition to the 12 standard items and the 4 high value items - all for £4.50! Financial donations and food donations are always welcome.

Veterans Mental Health and Wellbeing

There are many serving and ex military personnel in this area and the Practice is becoming a Veteran Friendly Practice. They plan to have a support group up and running in the very near future. The NHS has launched Op COURAGE: The Veterans Mental Health and Wellbeing Service, the new overarching name for the three NHS veteran's mental health services (Veterans Mental Health Transition, Intervention and Liaison Service (TILS), Veterans Mental Health Complex Treatment Service (CTS) and Veterans Mental Health High Intensity Service (HIS)). The new name has been developed by veterans and their families and is intended to make the services easier to find and access. Veterans can self-refer or be referred by their GP, a charity or family or friends to access specialist care through this single route. Further details are available on the NHS website:

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You can also phone 0300 365 200, or email gateway@berkshire.nhs.uk. More than 13,000 veterans have benefitted from specialist care for problems such as anxiety and depression and almost 2,000 have received help for more complex problems such as PTSD. The NHS Veterans Mental Health High Intensity Service (HIS) for veterans needing urgent help who are in mental health crisis has been trialled in some regions since October 2020. As part of the wider Op COURAGE service offer, it is now being rolled out across the country, with those needing urgent help receiving a same day referral. Contact details are as above. If you are still serving you can contact the Military Mental Health Helpline on 0800 323 4444.

AN OPEN LETTER FROM YOUR LOCAL NHS

We'd like to thank you for your continued support for your local NHS.



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Clinical Commissioning Group

From the very beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, the NHS has been working flat out to treat patients as they become seriously unwell with the new illness, whilst keeping other services running.

Through your efforts COVID-19 case rates and hospital admissions have reduced significantly in recent weeks. Yet health services are still under huge pressure.

The roadmap out of lockdown will see restrictions start to lift and the government's four-step roadmap offers a route back to a more normal life. For this to have the best chance of happening in the time proposed it is vital for us all not to be complacent - undoing all your personal sacrifices and collective hard work, so PLEASE stay vigilant and continue to follow the rules.

Five ways you can help:

- Get tested. Asymptomatic community testing is available to anyone who has to go out to work or who works from home but is within a school household, support bubble or works within the wider school community.
- If you have coronavirus symptoms: a high temperature, a new continuous cough or loss or change to your sense of smell or taste, don't delay, book a PCR test immediately.
- Your NHS is here for you. NHS services are open and safe to use. Speak to your GP if you have a health worry;
- Think NHS 111 first. If you need urgent care, think NHS 111 first. We'll help you be seen quickly and safely by a suitable service;
- Accept the offer of a COVID-19 vaccine. When it is offered to you to help support and protect yourself and loved ones.

Meanwhile, we know that one of the biggest impacts of the pandemic has been on people whose operations and other procedures have been postponed because of the pressure on hospitals. We are now looking once more to catch up on the waiting-list backlog. This will take time, whilst strict infection-control measures limit capacity.

There have been real developments throughout the year in treatment. People have also begun to get used to new ways of accessing their GP or out-patient care, using phone and video links to avoid face-to-face appointments and the attendant risk.

Finally, we are so grateful to all those who are helping the incredible COVID-19 vaccine roll-out across the county. This has been an incredible and historic effort.

Thank you.



HAVE YOU MOVED HERE SINCE OCTOBER 2019?

If so, we need to hear from you?

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

Names of all those in your household

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Contact telephone number.

Email address

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Email: <hilaryjparker85a@gmail.com>

Trevor Vaughan

Chairman



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

If the answer is yes to any of the above then we need you to tell us as follows:

Transport Ann Davis- Penson 07434-638485 or 01258 820456

General help: Hilary Parker 01258 821667.

Trevor Vaughan 01258 821636

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MARNHULL PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER



Dear Villagers,

Safer Streets for Marnhull

Road Traffic Surveys are going to be done to determine the location of Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs) within the Village. The Surveys will cost in the region of £900-00 we already have one donation but would be grateful of more.

Dogs on leads

Still reports of unsocial behaviour with dogs not on leads if caught expect £100-00 fine.

Neighbourhood Planning status in Marnhull

Basically, it is currently dead in the water. The individual that led the initial push for it has since left the village and there have been no takers since, although the initiative was effectively put on hold due to COVID. Apart from a couple of Councillors, there were only ever at the most four other individuals involved or had expressed an interest. The only part of the plan that has come to fruition is the designation of the Neighbourhood Plan area, which is lodged with Dorset Council. This defines the area that the plan will encompass and it was decided that this would be the Parish Council area in totality. If there are any volunteers to pick it up. If we do, we would need to ensure that only really dedicated people are 'hired', as this would be an onerous and long-term project.

THIS IS YOUR VILLAGE WHICH NEEDS YOUR HELP FOR THE FUTURE

Wish to volunteer, make a donation or have you any comments / views on the above if so contact me

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Trevor

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MARNHULL GREEN INITIATIVE GETS OFF TO A FLYING START

Marnhull Green TEAMS - Taking the Environment Around Marnhull Seriously - held its first AGM on 23rd March, by Zoom of course. Despite much of our first year being spent in lockdown, a lot has been achieved. Nearly 250 saplings have been planted, a recycling booklet published, over 200 bottles of apple juice pressed, a community allotment started and community fruit trees planted, and an organic gardening group has been established.

Marnhull Green TEAMS members have been meeting monthly - again mostly by Zoom - and have heard some very interesting talks by invited speakers.

The fundraising was successful during the year too, and the group ended the year with over £600 in the bank. The funds will allow the group to initiate more projects during 2021/22.

We plan to promote more apple pressing, tree planting and we are organising an Eco Trail for Marnhull on 12th June where villagers can showcase their own green projects - from PV panels and batteries to electric cars and wildlife meadows - at their homes.

Like and follow Marnhull Green TEAMS on Facebook, you can contact us at marnhullgreen@outlook.com or (01258) 268714.



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MARNHULL VILLAGE HALL SUPPORTERS CLUB

Please may I express my sincere gratitude for the sterling work that Shirley and her late husband Cliff gave to the Marnhull Village Hall Supporters Club over many years they are unsung heroes. May I also express my disgust at the rude and callous way in which she appears to have been dismissed -- Surely Marnhull can treat its fellow residents MUCH better than this?

Yours faithfully
Valerie Eslick

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Entry fee will be £5 and there will be a raffle to raise as much as we can on the evening. Please spread the word for this deserving cause and get as many people as possible to attend.

There will be a quiz on Friday 25th and the chip van will be in attendance as usual so if you wish get your food and eat it in comfort in the Club and stay for the quiz or if you prefer come down about 7:30pm. No entry fee, no prizes, just a relaxed evening and a chance to exercise your little grey cells.

Then we will be back into our Saturday night entertainment routines with, who else but the ever popular Bertie opening up the music nights on July 3rd and then all of your favourites and the odd quiz thrown in to vary things up. There is music for all tastes at a modest fee of £2 for non-members.

We have something new to Marnhull (and me) on August 21st, a Northern Soul night. DJ Bill Shannon will be presenting the best in Northern Soul and Motown and hopefully the dance floor will be full to bursting. If you are not a dancer it should still be something to see. If you don't know about Northern Soul look at Youtube.

We are still planning on putting on some kind of event to mark the centenary of the Branch to which all will be invited. We hope you will pop in and we will have some exhibits from the past to show and some refreshments.

Sticker up's will be needed when the season starts hopefully in September so if you know of somebody who wants to earn £20 for two hours work please let me know.

Also hopefully if the Poppy Appeal runs in November Organiser Val Eslick will need some collectors, if you fancy it, give me a call or ring Val on 820619

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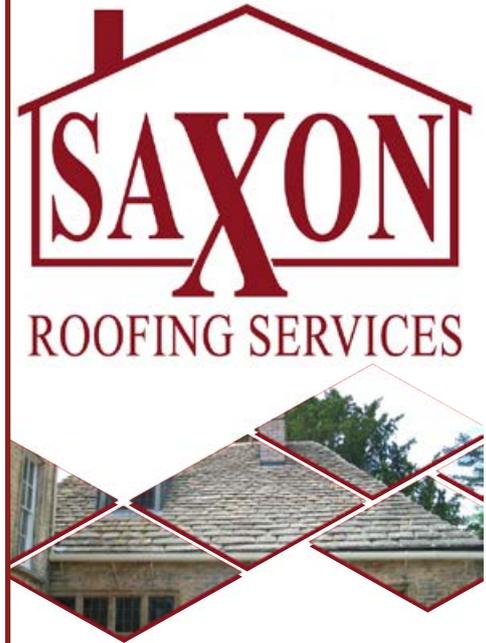
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PENTECOST, 23rd May

"What seemed like tongues of fire came to rest on the Apostles and they were filled with the Holy Spirit"

We shall celebrate this "*birthday of the Church*" on 23rd May with a service in Church led by Deacon Rebekah-Joy Spinks (under full Covid regulations of distancing and face covering) at 10:00am.

Church Services

We are delighted to have begun to hold services in Church on the second and fourth Sundays of each month so, as well as the Pentecost service on 23rd May, we shall be meeting on 9th May. These services will, of course, continue to follow full Covid distancing and face covering regulations as recommended by government at the time. We invite you to keep an eye on the notice board by the Methodist Church where any changes will be announced. On the other Sundays, our Superintendent Minister, Rev. Paul Arnold, and our Deacon, Rebekah-Joy Spinks, will continue to provide service notes for each Sunday by email so that we are able to follow the readings, prayers and reflections in our homes and know that we are all sharing in them at ten o'clock. They also suggest suitable hymns to read and, where available, a link to a performance on YouTube which is particularly welcome to Methodists deprived of communal hymn singing! Hard copies of the service notes will continue to be printed and distributed to people not on email. Similar service notes will be available on the Sundays when a service is held for those who are unable to attend the church.

Youth Work

The Girls Brigade are thrilled to be able to begin meeting in the church hall again weekly from 6:15pm on Wednesday (under appropriate restrictions) when schools return after the Easter break in mid-April. For more information, contact the Captain, Rachael Findlay on 07771 897262.

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For more details,, contact the Friends' office on 01722 555190 or visit our website: www.salisburycathedralfriends.co.uk

FROM BISHOP NICHOLAS - THIS JOYFUL EASTERTIDE



What a long journey it has been to Easter! It has felt like the longest Lent ever, not 40 days but over a year since the first lockdown. In that time a lot of our worship has been online. Where we have been able to worship together in person we have got used to

being socially distanced. Coming out of lockdown, still distanced and Covid-safe, worship doesn't feel so familiar or so easy. Someone told me that they cried when they received the sacrament for the first time in months.

The Church of England has tried to do its best through the pandemic but there have been murmurings, as there were about Moses among the people of Israel in the wilderness on the journey from slavery in Egypt to the freedom of the promised land. The pandemic has been really hard work. Some of what the churches have been doing has been outstanding - worship online, community care, seeking out those most in need, schools open for the most vulnerable and the children of key workers and so on. Some of it has been less good - and you can make your own list here - but I'll own up for myself that I have been less than perfect. Most people know their inadequacies and we also know the relief as we begin to see new life emerging. The Easter Gospel stories include John's epilogue of chapter 21, with 7 of the disciples gathered again by the Sea of Tiberias. 5 of them are named, and in various ways they had let Jesus down. Yet here they are back where he first called the fishermen. They are feeling perplexed but getting on with life when the risen Lord came among them. John is telling us that Jesus accepted their failures and restored them as a community of the resurrection.

However the pandemic has been for you and us, the task this Easter is to allow God to recall us and put us back together as a Christian community. It will take weeks and months and years. There's a big job to do. If we have been attentive we will have learned lessons about what is a person, what makes a worthwhile life and how we live together in God's creation. We don't want it to be the same as it was before. We want it to be different. We can do better in response to the God who loves us, sustains us, renews us this joyful Eastertide.

+Nicholas Sarum

THOUGHTS FROM THE METHODIST MINISTER

Dear Friends,

As I write this letter, we have just passed the next date when Covid restrictions are eased - a trip to the gym, hair salon or (open-air) dining is now possible (although, given my bald head - the second of these options is not personally significant). The next milestone on this journey to 'unlock' is 17th May when we may be able to travel abroad again for personal and recreational reasons. Coincidentally, the 17th May is at the end of this years' 'Christian Aid Week'. Perhaps the opportunity to journey overseas again, might cause us to think about where we go and how we travel. The rise in cheap international air travel in the last fifty years has been a wonderful opportunity, but at what cost to the climate? It is estimated that around 2.4% of global CO2 emissions come from aviation. Together with other gases and the water vapour produced by aircraft, the industry is responsible for around 5% of global warming. At first glance, that might not seem like a very big contribution. Except, only a very small percentage of the world flies frequently. Even in richer countries like the UK, around half of people fly in any given year, and just 12-15% are frequent fliers.

The effects of climate change are felt disproportionately by those in poorer countries and Christian Aid highlights the stories of two women

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in Kenya - Rose & Florence. They both remember times when rains could be guaranteed and crops were consistent. However, dependable cycles of rainfall, growth and harvest have been lost in recent years, almost certainly due to the impact of Global Warming. Working with partners, Christian Aid have built a simple earth dam in Florence's community and the accumulated water is used during drought. It is hoped to do the same in Rose's village. Florence, and her neighbours are able to live with security, but Rose is caught in a cycle of climate chaos. From severe drought to flooding, extreme weather robs her of what she needs to survive: a reliable source of water.

Sometimes the Climate Crisis can appear just too difficult to tackle, too complex to understand. However, in reality it all comes down to people like us wanting to change things for better - that will include flying less. Many churches support work of Christian Aid, but whether you are a Christian or not, why not make a donation this May? As we begin to think about the possibility of foreign travel, perhaps we can remember women like Rose and Florence.. do we give a dam? (a simple earth dam) - to help them to prosper and flourish in uncertain times..?

Peace,
Rev Paul Arnold

Christian Aid Week
10th - 16th May 2021



ST GREGORY'S CHURCH

www.stgregorysmarnhull.org.uk

Facebook: @stgregschurch

Sunday 2nd May Easter 5

8am - Holy Communion (BCP)

10am - Parish Communion

2 - 4pm - Church open for private prayer

4pm - Family Tea Service (outside) - Facebook: @stgregstea

Wednesday 5th May

9am - Morning Prayer

9 - 11am - Church open for private prayer

11am - Monthly Holy Communion (BCP)

Sunday 9th Easter 6

8am - Holy Communion (BCP)

10am - Parish Communion

2 - 4pm - Church open for private prayer

Wednesday 12th

9am - Morning Prayer

9 - 11am - Church open for private prayer

Thursday 13th Ascension Day

7pm - Holy Communion

Friday 14th

12pm - Village Churches Prayer (live or on Zoom)

Sunday 16th Easter 7

8am - Holy Communion (BCP)

10am - Parish Communion

2 - 4pm - Church open for private prayer

Wednesday 19th

9am - Morning Prayer

9 - 11am - Church open for private prayer

Sunday 23rd Pentecost

8am - Holy Communion (BCP)

10am - Parish Communion

2 - 4pm - Church open for private prayer

Wednesday 26th

9am - Morning Prayer

9 - 11am - Church open for private prayer

Sunday 30th Trinity

8am - Holy Communion (BCP)

10am - Service of the Word

2 - 4pm - Church opener private prayer

OUR LADY'S CHURCH



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

Sunday Masses - 9:30am & 6pm (Marnhull) / 11am (Gillingham)

Significant dates in May

3 - Saint Phillip and Saint James, Apostles (Feast)

St Phillip (1st century) was from Bethsaida and, after being called by the Lord, introduced St Bartholomew to Him. He was crucified at Hierapolis in Phrygia, where he had preached the Gospel. **St James** 'the Less' (+c.62) was a cousin of the Lord. As a bishop of Jerusalem, he wrote an epistle preserved in the New Testament and was eventually martyred by being stoned and clubbed.

4 - The English Martyrs (Feast)

Celebrates the many men and women who suffered for the Faith in England between 1535 and 1680 and are recognised by the Church.

12 - Vigil of the Ascension of The Lord (Solemnity)

13 - The Ascension of The Lord (Solemnity)

Christ's Ascension marks the definitive entrance of Jesus' humanity into God's heavenly domain (Acts 1:11)

14 - Saint Matthias, Apostle (Feast)

St Matthias (1st Century) was chosen by lot to take the place of Judas among the Twelve (Acts 1:15-26). He was present at the first Pentecost and, according to various traditions, went on to preach in Judaea, Cappadocia and Ethiopia. He was martyred by means of an axe, with which he is often depicted in art.

23 - Pentecost Sunday

24 - Saint Aldhelm of Sherborne (Memorial)

Saint Aldhelm was the first bishop of Sherborne, having been a monk at Malmesbury.

25 - Saint Bede the Venerable (Memorial)

St Bede was born in the North of England near the monastery of Wearmouth, which he later joined. He was the outstanding ecclesiastical author of his time, writing commentaries on Scripture; an Ecclesiastical History of the English People, which is a unique resource for much of the early English history; the first martyrology (collection of saint' lives) to be compiled on historical principles; and was the first known writer of English prose. He died at Jarrow on 25 May 735. He is venerated as the 'light of the Church' in the Dark Ages.

27 - Our Lord Jesus Christ, The Eternal High Priest (Feast)

30 - The Most Holy Trinity

31 - The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Feast)

Commemorates the meeting between Mary and her cousin Elizabeth at Ein Kerem, just outside Jerusalem. Feeling the proximity of Jesus in Mary's womb, St John the Baptist leapt in his mother (Elizabeth)'s womb. Following Elizabeth's greeting, Mary proclaimed the Magnificat.

Parish People

Janet Gagaro died on the 24th of March. May she rest in peace.
Adam and Marcin made their First Holy Communion at St Benedict's on Divine Mercy Sunday. Please pray for them and their families.

THANKSGIVING SERVICE ON THE 800th ANNIVERSARY OF THE LAYING OF THE FOUNDATION STONES OF SALISBURY CATHEDRAL

A visit by the Prince of Wales and the Duchess of Cornwall for a thanksgiving service to celebrate the 800th anniversary of its foundation ensured Salisbury Cathedral ended 2020 on a high note. During the service in December the royal couple unveiled a specially-engraved stone, carved in the works yard. The stone, made of 150-million-year-old upper Jurassic limestone, was extracted from the same seam as the stone originally used to build the cathedral.

It was dedicated by Bishop of Salisbury the Rt Revd Nicholas Holtam and after it was unveiled, Prince Charles gave an address. He said: "As we gather here, we are profoundly aware of all those who have gone before us, who have bequeathed us the magnificent legacy of this glorious building, and who have maintained the spiritual community which has kept the flame of faith alive here for so many centuries. "The work of building, of maintaining and of protecting for the future is for us all to take forward, in each generation."

After the service, the royal couple signed the visitors' book and met cathedral staff and volunteers in the cloister. The stone will be fixed in place high up at the east end of the cathedral, where restoration work is underway, as a marker for future generations to discover.



Prince Charles, Dean of Salisbury the Very Revd Nicholas Papadopoulos and Bishop of Salisbury the Rt Revd Nicholas Holtam process to crossing, led by vergers Andrew Baker. (Picture by Ash Mills)

SALISBURY CATHEDRAL - A GRAND VACCINATION CENTRE

With public visiting suspended at the start of the third national lockdown in January, Salisbury Cathedral turned itself into a vaccination centre. History was made on 16th January as Salisbury citizens queued along the cloister before going inside to receive their Covid-19 injection. The cathedral has hosted many sessions since that first one and by the end of March 25,000 people had received their jab. National news coverage described the cathedral as the 'grandest vaccination centre' and the event was made more special, thanks to director of music David Halls and assistant director John Challenger playing a selection of music on the cathedral's famous Father Willis organ.



Coverage spread internationally, with the New York Times one of those to take up the story.

Dean of Salisbury the Very Revd Nicholas Papadopoulos said: "We are proud to be playing a part in the life-saving vaccination campaign and look forward to seeing the NHS team, volunteers, and even more of our neighbours in the cathedral.

"Here they will receive a warm welcome, discover a beautiful place, and leave with fresh hope - and with our prayers."

An aerial view of the south transept showing the cubicles, patients and staff. (Picture by Ash Mills)

NEW ORGANIST FOR ST GREGORY'S CHURCH



Further to the retirement of Stephen Binnington last year, St Gregory's Church Marnhull seek to appoint an experienced and enthusiastic organist and choir director to develop our church music and small SATB choir for the next generation. The focus is on church worship with opportunities for community-wide recitals. RSCM rates are given. For further information please contact Revd Gaenor Hockey. gaenor@protonmail.com / 01258821605

MARNHULL FLOWER SHOW - SATURDAY 17TH JULY 2021

Spring and the easing of lockdown; how wonderful.

Renewed interest in home baking has been one of the unexpected consequences of lockdown; we have had plenty of time to hone our cookery skills. We are looking forward to seeing those skills on display at the Marnhull Flower Show and here are the classes for the homecraft section. Schedules will be available in late May.

The Children's Cookery Classes are:

Under 5s

- 100 - A plate of decorated biscuits
- 101 - 3 Krispy Cakes

5-8 Years

- 106 - A plate of decorated biscuits
- 107 - Cake in a mug
- 108 - 3 decorated cupcakes

9-12 years

- 115 - A sponge cake
- 116 - A plate of homemade biscuits
- 117 - A pizza face

12-16 years

- 124 - A decorated homemade cake
- 125 - A plate of decorated biscuits - theme a rainbow
- 126 - A loaf of homemade bread

The Homecraft Classes for Adults are:

- 47 - A handmade loaf of bread
- 48 - A load of bread made in a bread maker
- 49 - A sourdough loaf
- 50 - Dorset Apple Cake (to own recipe)
- 51 - A round of shortbread
- 52 - A Victoria Sponge
- 53 - Treacle Tart
- 54 - Vegetarian Quiche
- 55 - 3 Cheese Scones
- 56 - Chutney (any variety) - one jar
- 57 - Marmalade - one jar (Entrants may submit more than a single variety)
- 58 - Pickle (any variety) - one jar
- 59 - Jam (any variety) - one jar
- 60 - Jelly (any variety) - one jar

THE VAMPS' LEAD GUITARIST JAMES MCVEY TAKES ON SEVEN WONDERS FITNESS CHALLENGES FOR JULIA'S HOUSE



The Vamps' lead guitarist and singer James McVey is raising money and awareness for local children's hospice Julia's House, by taking on the charity's virtual Seven Wonders of the World fitness challenge.

The musician and former 'I'm a Celebrity...Get Me Out Of Here!' star is a long term supporter and Patron of the charity, which cares for some of the most seriously ill children and their families across Dorset and Wiltshire.

After completing the Machu Picchu challenge through the virtual app earlier this year, James decided to take on all seven wonders of the world for Julia's House with a combination of running and cycling - 883 miles in total. He's since completed the Great Wall of China and the Taj Mahal, and is now on his way to Christ the Redeemer.

James says, "I like to challenge myself with things out of my comfort zone. Taking on all seven challenges definitely fits into that category! In a world where not much else can properly be planned in my calendar at the moment, something like this is brilliant; it's given me something to work on and look forward to."

The trained nurses and carers at Julia's House provide medical, practical and emotional care for families of children with life-limited conditions - in the home, in the community and in the charity's hospices in Corfe Mullen and in Devizes, Wiltshire.

Growing up near Corfe Mullen hospice, James remembers driving past on his way to Corfe Hills School when he was a pupil there.

"When I first visited the hospice, I had a chance to see for myself just how inspiring the children, parents and staff are," he says. "It's vital that we remember that charities like Julia's House are still working, regardless of whether businesses and leisure facilities are open. It's crucial that we do all we can in this difficult time to support our charities, especially those who don't receive Government funding."

After having to cancel all its major fundraising events last year, Julia's House has made sure its latest physical fundraiser is 100% lockdown-friendly, in order to combat the devastating effect the pandemic has had on its funding.

With the charity's Seven Wonders of the World fitness challenge, you can travel virtually to some of the most awe-inspiring sites across the globe, while hitting fitness milestones and supporting local families in need.

The Vamps star hopes to complete all seven wonders before the band's rescheduled UK tour starts in September, including O2 Academy Bournemouth on 18th September. Head to thevamps.net/dates/ for more information.

Find out more about Julia's House and the Seven Wonders of the World fitness challenge at juliashouse.org/seven-wonders

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The University of the Third Age, with the catchy new strapline 'Learn, Laugh, Live!', is uniquely a youth club for the older person, who is no longer in full time employment. The overall ethos of this nationwide organisation is one of mutual learning. All members contribute, in different ways, to its success whether by joining or leading a group, enjoying a visiting speaker or by making new friends. Our Blackmore Vale branch has bimonthly meetings with speaker at Henstridge Village Hall. In lockdown these successfully transferred to Zoom, but hopefully will resume in the autumn. For more information on these or for details of groups which have restarted, contact:

Susan Kidd skiddsbvu3a@gmail.com or
Gill Westall bvmembership@outlook.com

A SHORT HISTORY OF MARNHULL VILLAGE HALL SUPPORTERS' CLUB

The Club was founded in 1988 and organised to be totally independent of the Village Hall management, albeit a beneficiary to the hall. The names of the original supporters in the 1990's included: Brand, Barnett, O'Bryne, Bracher, Brazier, Payne, Golder, McRory, Newson-Smith, Barnett, Cole-Mackintosh, Darsley, Colebrook, Jeffery, Loader, Russell, Ware, Hopkins, Denmark, Bulford, Lewis, Cowan, Baker, de Crespigny, Budden, Powell, Rainbird, Roberts, Reed, Skinner and the Youth Club, Music Club, Probus Club, Tennis Club, Garden Club and Floral Group amongst others. Many of these were still subscribers last year.

The first few years' accounts are not that easy to read (for a non-accountant) but in 1993 £645 was given to the Hall and £535 as prizes. This was about average for the next few years: 1996: £678 Hall, £600 prizes; 2000 £1066 Hall, £975 prizes. In 2003 Alan Bedford handed over to Cliff Blackford and ticket sales were around the 350+ mark until 2008 when they were 450. In 2013 Shirley Blackford took over from her husband and things carried on happily. In 2015, 456 tickets were sold - surpassed in 2019 by 458! Covid year 2020 sales were reduced, not surprisingly.

The three draws during lockdown were done outside Robin Hill Stores - and the weather was not kind to the person accosting strangers to "pick a number between 1 & 409"! In all those 32 years, the running and organisation of the Supporters' Club remained entirely independent of the Village Hall organisation.

The ratio prize money to Hall was around 50:50 - because tickets were sold all through the year and thus the Christmas £100 was started in 2007 to "balance up". During most of this time Janette Kenworthy and Alan Lloyd were the Treasurer. The number of prizes each month was usually 10 - from £100 (Christmas only) down to £10. The draws were mainly held at Garden Club meetings, Moviola and the WI Christmas meeting.

In 2020, without any consultation with organisers or subscribers, the function of the Supporters' Club was fully taken over by the Village Hall Committee, to be revamped and continued in their own name.

The Committee totally altered the Club: they decided to limit prizes to 5, and put the price of a ticket up to £10 as they felt ticket sales were slipping. Of the Committee members known about, only one bought a ticket in 2020, and only 2 in 2019. Shirley Blackford.

ST GREGORY'S C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL



JOKE OF THE MONTH selected by Owls class.

Q. What do you call an alligator in a vest?

A. An investigator!

"REFLECTION AND LEARNING ARE LIFELONG PROCESSES".



The whole school observed Marie Curie Reflection Day, all children tied a yellow ribbon to remember 1 year since lockdown began and the lives lost to the pandemic. A minute silence was held at noon which proved a poignant moment for all of us.



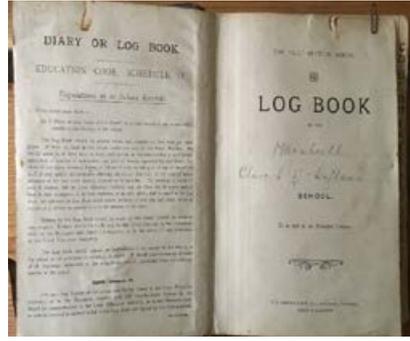
FOND FAREWELLS!

The end of last term sadly meant a fond farewell to 2 members of our team: Mrs Coling and Mrs Trew (pictured left). Mrs Coling is off to pastures new and we wish her the very best, she will be sorely missed.



Mrs Trew is retiring following a remarkable 29 years at the school making sure our children are well fed. The school will truly not be the same without her. Before she left she took Mrs Mogg under her wing and showed her the ropes. We wish Mrs Mogg all the best as she will be taking over Mrs Trew's duties.

A STEP BACK IN TIME!



The school is very privileged to have in its possession some historical logbooks that record the comings and goings of St Greg's going way back. Should this writer be able to accurately read these accounts, it is our aim to give a snapshot from various era's as to what went on within the school. 28th May 1971.

"Today the Lord Bishop of Salisbury dedicated the new classrooms. A service was held in the hall at 3pm. Mr Bradshaw County Education Officer was present so were the Managers, members of the P.C.C, parents and all the staff and children."

The choir sang Psalm 127 and Linda Lea, and the girls played the recorders. Tea was served by the kitchen staff and Miss Evans made some biscuits and supervised the refreshments.

There was a display of work by the children of classes 2 & 3. On materials of building construction. The County Education Officer complimented the Headmaster and staff on the service and the display of children's work.

A plaque has been fixed to the wall outside of the Headmaster's office. There were 159 children on roll at the time of dedication".

TAKE ONE COMMUNITY!

This is the new school wide theme for the term. Children will be out and about exploring the village and designing brochures to promote marvellous Marnhull. They'll be growing and selling their own produce and our Foxes class (Yr. 6) will be running their own mini enterprise, working closely with the Church, parishioners and wider community.

With the community in mind the school are seeking any local people who have a special country craft or skill who would be willing to come and talk to the children (covid rules will apply). If you are interested in helping teach our children, please contact the school office on 01258 820206.

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

It has been a strange term but wonderful to have all the children in school once again. They have settled back in amazingly well and were so excited to see all their friends.

We had a lovely Faith Day learning about Lent which was very successful. It was lovely to welcome Deacon Mike into school for some outside singing. The children had some prayers stations in the hall, everyone planted a sunflower seed and learnt about Lent. One of our Governors commented on the day.

"For a school governor, the restrictions resulting from the Covid pandemic have been difficult in that they frustrated the natural desire to get in to visit the school and 'see what's going on'. However, St Mary's has provided internet access for the local community to their traditional, and much appreciated Faith Days to the delight of parents, governors and local parishioners. The most recent involved the pupils in a day combining preparations for the Easter season with the theme of care for our world - as promoted recently by Pope Francis.

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The day commenced with excellently chosen music and prayers and readings which clearly demonstrated the children's thoughtful attitudes and their skills in clear and confident delivery. Then, throughout the day, the children produced some excellent work in literacy, art, craft, planting seeds etc. They were even able to take part in singing, conducted outside and socially distanced with guitar accompaniment. Once again, St Mary's had shown it was prepared to 'go the extra mile' in order to provide the very best for their children - even in the most difficult of circumstances!!



St Alban's

Being back in school has meant that the children have been able to design and make their air powered cars. There have been some impressive and interesting designs.

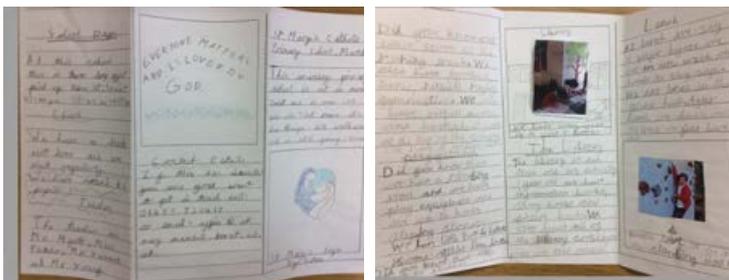


St Francis'

St Francis class wrapped up our United Kingdom topic by putting democracy into action by voting in their new school council members in a secret ballot after giving speeches to their potential voters. We then moved onto being prime minister - by discussing which were the most important issues from healthcare to education and the environment and then presenting "If I were prime minister I would..." to the rest of the class. I think we have some candidates for moving into 10 Downing Street soon!



We have also been writing leaflets about our wonderful school which is celebrating 175 years this year. We walked around the school to reflect on all our different facilities from the new library and running track as well as thinking about how we behave as students from our school motto that "Everyone Matters and is Loved by God." A walk down to the river as part of our learning on settlements also reminded how lucky we are to be in such lovely rural location.



St Mark's

St Mark's have been very busy learning all about our current topic, The Great Fire of London. The children have thoroughly enjoyed carrying out a mini research project, working together to find out key facts and

information about the Great Fire of London. The children have developed their ICT skills and have used our chrome books to collate, organise and present their information and findings; using titles, subheadings and pictures. As historians, we have compared a range of different sources from 1666 and discussed which source would be the most reliable and provide the most information. The children had to decide and choose from a selection of 8 different sources and work in pairs to narrow these down to 4. We enjoyed a whole class discussion which encouraged the children to share their opinions and ideas, this provided some excellent discussion points which was really interesting and great fun!

We have also learnt all about Samuel Pepys and the children have enjoyed writing their own diaries, stepping back in time and imagining they were really there.



St Anthony's

The children have really enjoyed learning about lifecycles this term, we have been lucky enough to hatch some chicks, the children patiently counted down the 21 days incubation and were delighted when they finally hatched. What a treat to have chicks in time for Easter! We have also continued to explore the bugs that live in our school grounds, the children showed a particular interest in caterpillars and we enjoyed sharing the book - 'The Hungry Caterpillar'. This was a great opportunity for the children to practice retelling and rewriting a familiar story.



Explorers

What an exciting term this has been! The highlight was definitely welcoming our Easter chicks. A great learning opportunity for our smallest children, they spent the 21 days incubation period topping up the water in our incubator and checking on the temperature. Now that the chicks have hatched they are learning how to carefully handle them and are checking on their food and water.



The children in preschool continue to focus daily on their prewriting skills. This early work ensures that when the time comes for them to begin writing their little hands will be ready! Some examples of prewriting skills are, using tweezers and tongs to promote a good hand grip and developing hand strength by scrunching paper and using pegs. We also encourage mark making using a range of materials including paint and chalks.



An exciting preschool led by a fully qualified teacher

St Mary's Explorers is open from 8:45am - 3:15pm every weekday during term time and spaces are available for children aged 3+, with wrap around care from 8am-6pm on request. The unit allows preschool and Reception children to work together on lots of key areas of learning, something that OfSTED agree allows younger children to make greater progress. If you would like to have a look around, or come and stay for a taster session, please call 01258 820417 to make an appointment. (Sessions: £4 per hour/£24 for full day, Early Education Funding vouchers accepted and 30hrs funding available.)

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FROM THE HORSES MOUTH - BE NICE, SAY HI

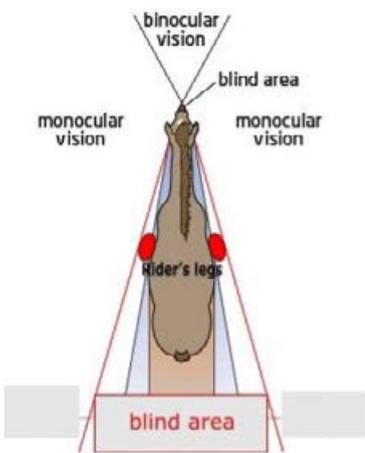


Horses are sensitive to their surroundings by smell, sound, feel and vision; they detect movement under foot and have good hearing but their eyes are positioned on the side of their head and although they can see perfectly well, they have two blind spots.

The biggest blind spot is along their back and directly behind their tail (and extends for about

10 feet) and the other is immediately in front of their nose. Think about how you feel if someone comes up behind you quickly and passes you at speed when you haven't heard them coming. Now think about how a horse would react, whose natural instinct is to flee. It is usually the case of surprise that makes horse and rider jump, the recognised term is 'spook'.

A horse can spook at something they may have walked past many times before - so NEVER assume they will be fine.



The blind spot of the horse is much bigger than most people realise. A horse can't see a cyclist until it is practically level with its head. By which time, it may well spook and jump sideways, bolt forwards or it may even spin around so it can get a better look.

As riders we do our best to stay safe on the roads and it is relatively easy to control your horse when a noisy motorbike comes along or we can see or hear a tractor approaching. We collect our horse and calmly control it until the

vehicle has passed safely, or we signal for them to slow down while we find a safe place to pull off the road and allow them to pass.

Advice for cyclists

SAY HI: Let the horse and rider know you are coming: call out "**HELLO**" or "**BIKE BEHIND**" let us know that you are there.

SLOW DOWN: this gives the horse a chance to see you and realise you are not a threat.

PASS WIDE AND ON THE RIGHT: the horse could jump sideways or kick out.

DON'T WAVE: just talk to the rider - hands waving could frighten the horse.

Advice for horse riders

WEAR REFLECTIVE CLOTHING: make sure you can be easily seen.

ALLOW ROOM FOR CYCLISTS TO PASS: wherever possible.

CYCLE RACE SIGNS: look out for events and don't ride out on those days.

Most horse riders appreciate it when drivers/cyclists make an obvious effort to pass wide and slow and will thank them or nod/wave. I know that I do! So on behalf of all horse riders - THANK YOU for caring!

U3A BLACKMORE VALE - BRAD ASHTON

A sense of humour has been essential during lockdown. Who has not chortled at a funny What'sApp or belly laughed through the repeat of a favourite comedy series? This could have been one written by Brad Ashton our next Blackmore Vale u3a speaker.

He says: 'The best thing about my profession was not having to be a performer, watching a good comedian get a laugh, sitting back and thinking, 'I wrote that'.

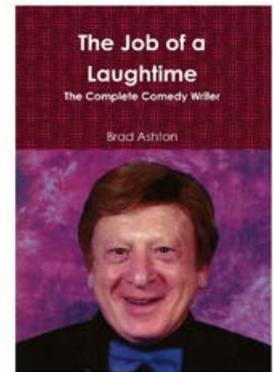
To hear Brad's backstage stories, the Zoom talk is on Tuesday 3rd May at 3pm.

For how to link into this or if you would like to share your newly acquired lockdown skills with u3a groups please **contact Susan Kidd - skiddsbvu3a@gmail.com**

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Tuesday 4th May

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For more information about Blackmore Vale u3a Email skiddsbvu3a@gmail.com or visit our website www.u3a.org.uk

VILLAGE HALL FUNDRAISING

Thought you wonderful villagers might be interested to know how our Easter events unfolded, as announced in the recent Village Hall Fundraising leaflet.

EASTER SUNDAY FAMILY FUN DAY

The weather was kind and tempted 54 families from the village to come down to the Rec and take part in the Easter festivities, including the **Trail around the Village, Nest Egg Challenge and Easter Bonnet Competition**. A big thank you to Atul, from Robin Hill Stores, who generously donated all the Easter egg prizes and the volunteers from Anne Dowsett's In 'n' Out Café, who made and served all those lovely tea and cakes, raising over £300.00 out of a total of £550.00 on the day.

WINNERS! Congratulations to the winners of the Under 12's Easter Bonnet Competition, brother and sister, Rosie and Todd Bosley and the 13 and over winners were Linda Slater and Ann Davis. The nearest guesses to the total of 322 eggs in the Nest Egg Challenge were Peter Oxford, Leila, Bekki Bale and Peter Woods. And on the Mystery Easter Trail, everyone who completed the trail were classed as winners and received a prize. The answers spelt out Happy Easter Marnhull 2021!



Volunteers on the In 'n' Out Café

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Rosie and Todd Bosley: Winners of the Under 12 Easter Bonnet Competition



Winners of the Over 13 Easter Bonnet Competition



Participants on the Mystery Easter Trail

Wish List

The list of items that we were looking to fund in the immediate future has been fulfilled! Thank you to everyone, however large or small your donation, your sponsorship has made a terrific difference. We are especially grateful to The John Ackroyd Charitable Trust for their contribution of £3,500.00.

Marnhull Calendar 2022

So far, we have received 9 entries to the competition. Please keep submitting your photos taken in and around the village as we do need to represent a full year of seasons and events. There is no limit on the number of photos you can submit. If you post one of your photos on the Marnhull Facebook Page and I am sure you should be submitting it for the calendar, do please send it to me (chris@christine-drake.com) with your name, contact details, the date the photo was taken and location. Closing date for submissions is 30th September 2021.

Supporters Club

246 tickets were sold and went into the first draw of the relaunched Supporters Club, held on Easter Sunday, 4th April 2021 during the families festivities. Winners below.

	Amount	Ticket Number	Winner
Prize 1	£150.00	2275	Yvonne Vintiner
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Prize 3	£50.00	2158	Nick & Teresa Hepworth
Prize 4	£50.00	2226	Barbara Russell
Prize 5	£50.00	2272	Yvonne Vintiner

The next draw will be on 30th June 2021 (closing date for receipt of application is 27th June) so there is plenty of time to buy your ticket(s) for inclusion in that draw and have a chance of winning. Just complete the Application Form, which you can find in this edition of the Marnhull Messenger and return to Rob Norton, Treasurer, Marnhull Village Hall (payment options and address on the form).

Thank you Marnhull for turning out on Easter Sunday and for supporting our other fundraising initiatives - it's all going terribly well!!

Chris Drake
VH Fundraising Team

POPPIN CAFE



Well, here we are in May and life seems to be slowly edging back towards some sort of normality. I know from speaking to people in the village that everyone is longing to get back to meeting up for a nice cuppa or mug of coffee and of course a slice of something yummy to eat!

So, until we meet up again at the Village Hall here's a recipe which always goes down a treat at the POPPin. For now, you will have to make your own but hopefully, it will not be too much longer before we can open the doors and serve you with a nice hot drink and a slice of naughty but nice cake! This recipe does at least contain one of your five a day, which makes it quite healthy really!

Best Wishes to you all.

Linda, Jill, Audrey, Sue, Anna, Rosie and Lynda.



Carrot, Walnut and Date Cake

Ingredients

- 5ozs melted unsalted butter
- 7ozs light muscovado sugar
- 7ozs grated carrots
- 1tsp. mixed spice
- 2 eggs - beaten
- 7ozs self-raising flour
- 2tsp. baking powder
- 2ozs chopped walnuts
- 3ozs chopped stoned dates

Method

- Melt the butter.
- Peel and grate the carrots
- Sieve the mixed spice, baking powder and flour together.

Add the muscovado sugar, grated carrots, dates and nuts to the mixture
Add the melted butter to the mixture
Mix well with a wooden spoon
Turn into a greased and lined 20cm round tin
Bake at Gas mark 4 - Fan 170 - Bake for around 45mins (check if ready by popping a skewer into middle of cake - should come out dry)
Leave to cool
Decorate the top with butter icing and chopped walnuts plus some edible carrot cake decorations.

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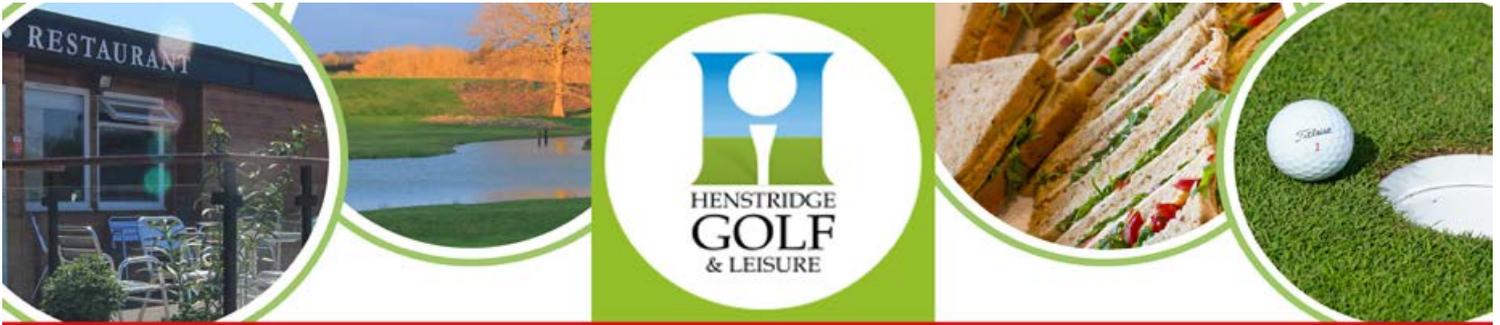


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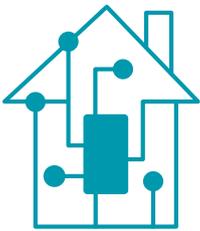
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YEAR FOUR YARRELLS STUDENT TAKES ON GREAT WALL OF CHINA VIRTUAL CHALLENGE



A year 4 pupil at Yarrells Preparatory School and Nursery in Upton took inspiration from a school assembly and has been virtually walking the Great Wall of China in aid of local children's hospice charity, Julia's House. Nine year old, Nicole-Ginevra, accompanied by her mum Ilenia, braved all weathers to walk the 60-mile virtual challenge during lockdown. Setting out from Beijing, she's just about to reach the Great Wall of China in the next few days.

"During lockdown we were able to walk every day, but it's been harder since Nicole-Ginevra went back to school, so we've mainly been walking at weekends," said mum Ilenia. "It's actually been a great way to discover our local area and we've been so touched by the donations we've received from people who don't even know Nicole-Ginevra but who wanted to support what she is doing." Nicole-Ginevra has raised £170 from family and friends, already exceeding her £150 target. "I loved the walking, it was a lot of fun and I feel really good," says Nicole-Ginevra, "But the worst part was when it started to rain, I did get really wet and that wasn't quite so much fun! I'd love to visit the Great Wall of China for real one day."

Living close to the charity's Broadstone shop, Nicole-Ginevra knows Julia's House well and when her school announced they were taking part in the charity's Seven Wonders of the World Virtual challenge she was determined to take on a complete challenge rather than just walk part of the way.

Chantelle Shave from Julia's House congratulated Nicole-Ginevra: "Isn't she a superstar? Nicole-Ginevra should be so proud of her achievement - well done! It's not easy walking in all weathers - I know as I've been doing my own Seven Wonders challenge to Christ the Redeemer - but it is a great way to get fit and support local children and families who really need the help of Julia's House. We couldn't be there for these families without extra special fundraisers like Nicole-Ginevra."

If you would like to donate to Nicole-Ginevra visit her Just Giving page:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/nicole-ginevra-borghji>

If you would like to find out more about the Seven Wonders of the World Virtual Challenge or sign up just like Nicole-Ginevra, visit:

juliashouse.org/seven-wonders



ROBIN HILL STORES - 1900'S

I couldn't resist sharing these two lovely old photos I found recently. One showing local residents outside the shop area in Burton Street and the other is a photo of Robin Hill Cafe before it was a larger shop. Both date to circa the 1900s.

If you have any old photos you would like to share with the village please contact Rosie Gall and we will see how we can arrange to have them included - 01258 820484



BIB THE BIKE



The Blackmore Vale Medical Practice is seeking volunteer 'pilots' to provide trishaw rides around Sturminster for patients who are otherwise unable to get out and about.

Bib the Bike (an electric three-wheeled bike with a seat at the front for 1-2 passengers) was purchased over a year ago but the pandemic has meant that we have had to wait until now to get started.

The charity Cycling Without Age have been promoting the health & wellbeing benefits of providing trishaw rides for several years and there is lots of evidence showing

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how simply feeling the wind in your hair can significantly boost mood, memory and general wellbeing.

The GP practice team have started identifying patients and carers who will most benefit from being offered rides in Bib The Bike and these will begin in May. We are in need of more pilots to ride the trishaw to collect passengers from their home, take them out for 30-40 minutes and deliver them safely back. All pilots will be fully trained and required to complete a Disclosure & Barring Service check. For more details and an informal chat please contact Kate Locke on 07792 321260.

MARNHULL VILLAGE HALL SUPPORTERS CLUB

Dear All,

As an outcome from the meeting between Shirley and Graham Renwick, Graham (MVH Chairman) offered to anyone who has bought tickets but feels they should not have had to pay £10 each for them, may return the tickets and request a refund. This will be handled by the MVH Treasurer, Rob Norton (robnorton@dorsetretreat.co.uk).

This offer is particularly applicable if you believe that insufficient information was provided in either requesting additional money to cover the number of tickets you expected to receive, or if you simply received fewer tickets than expected.

Best Wishes,
Hilary Parker

NEWS FROM TRADING STANDARDS

Rogue trader jailed for fraudulent trading across four counties

A man who worked on a range of home and garden maintenance jobs at consumers' homes in Dorset, Hampshire, Wiltshire and Devon has been jailed for participating in a fraudulent business.

On 22nd March, at Bournemouth Crown Court, Thomas Edward Turner (Aged 41) of Oaktree Farm Caravan Site, Odstock Road, Salisbury, was sentenced to two years and eight months imprisonment.

Fraudulent behaviour was identified at eight properties where he had worked, carrying out a mix of roofing, guttering, driveway and path repairs, moss removal, jet washing and garden work. These properties were in Ferndown; Christchurch; Exeter, Devises; Andover and Shipton Bellinger in Hampshire. A catalogue of excessive charging, unnecessary work and charging for work not done was revealed when these cases were investigated by trading standards officers from Dorset.

His men would start work immediately and undertake unnecessary and sub-standard work at grossly inflated prices. The victims paid in advance for the work by cash or bank transfer. Investigation of Turner's bank accounts led to the details of seven other victims being traced and together they were found to have lost over £100,000 between them. Turner later admitted to a total of £70,000.

The court heard that Turner would approach elderly and often vulnerable victims and frighten them into believing that their roofs had serious problems which required immediate attention. Two of the victims were in the later stages of dementia and one was registered blind.

If you suspect there are rogue traders in your area please report them to Trading Standards by phoning the Citizens Advice Consumer Service freephone 0808 223 1133. If you believe a doorstep crime is in progress call 999. When selecting a trader to carry out work for you then consider Trading Standards approved traders at Buy With Confidence or call 0808 223 1133.

FOR THE LOVE OF RHUBARB!

Rhubarb is a bit like Marmite - you either love it or hate it. Once established, rhubarb should need little care, a useful trait for the time-pressed gardener. I've noticed a fair number of abandoned gardens and allotment plots which still have a rhubarb plant growing away happily in a corner. To me that's a sign of an easy to grow plant and thus a banker for a good productive garden.

I love rhubarb in both the normal ruby and green speckled state as well as the pale pink forced form. Recently it appears to have had resurgence in popularity in sweet and savoury cooking; it's also a trendy flavouring in spirits and artisan gins, not that I'd know that of course! As it is just coming in to season now, I thought I'd share this little treat with you that is easy to make and tastes delicious with custard, ice cream or just as a cake on its own.

Rhubarb Sponge Cake



Ingredients

300 gms Rhubarb
Juice of ½ lemon
165 gms self-raising flour
175 gms unsalted softened butter
175 gms caster sugar
3 large free range eggs
2 tsp vanilla extract

For the topping

25gms unsalted butter
2 tbsp self-raising flour
2 tbsp caster sugar
2 tsp ground ginger
1 tbsp icing sugar, to dust
Serve with custard, ice cream or crème fraiche

Method

- Preheat the oven to 180c for Fan. Grease 23cm square tin and line with parchment paper.
- Trim the rhubarb and chop in to 3cm pieces. Place in a bowl with the lemon juice. In a separate bowl, beat together the flour, butter, sugar, eggs and the vanilla extract.
- Fold in half the rhubarb and spoon mixture into the bottom of the tin, spreading it out with a spatula. Scatter over the remaining rhubarb.
- For the topping, rub the butter into the flour, then stir in the sugar and ginger. Sprinkle over the cake mixture and bake for 40-50 minutes. Leave to cool for 10 minutes, then removed from the tin. Dust with icing sugar, then slice into squares. Serve warm or cold with crème fraiche drizzled with honey.



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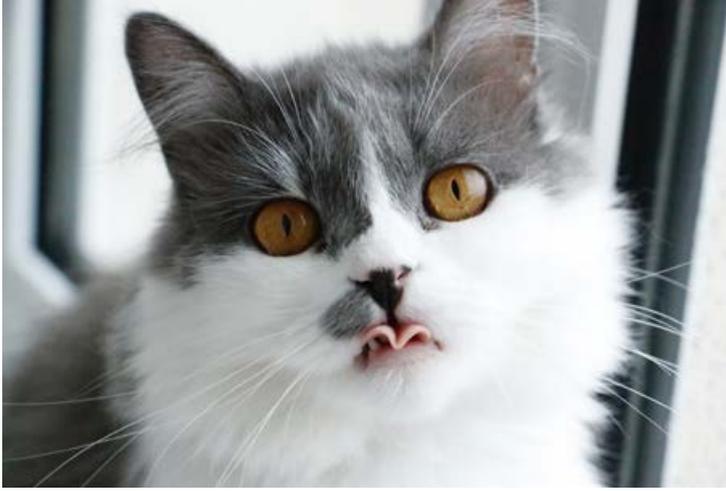
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ANIMAL ANTICS

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Send to rosiegall1@gmail.com.



DO YOU USE THE TRAILWAY?

We've all been out and about much more during the last year and have greatly benefitted from visiting the local Trailway that runs from Sturminster through to Spetisbury, with a section in Stalbridge (unopened) but in total it runs for about 14 miles. The aim to link the route is to provide a safe path for walkers, runners, cyclists and equestrians and people with mobility scooters. The Trailway is largely made up of old sections of Somerset and Dorset Railway which linked Bristol and Bournemouth until the 1960's. If you have enjoyed your visits then you may want to respond to this notice that was posted recently just outside Stalbridge.



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The cost of one ticket is now £10, which will entitle the owner to be entered for four quarterly draws. To simplify the payments, we have introduced the option of bank transfer, as well as cheque or cash. You can join the Club at any time of the year. You will then be entered for the next Quarterly Draw. Please complete the Application Form below and send either in the post or via email with your payment method to the Treasurer – details at the bottom of the form.

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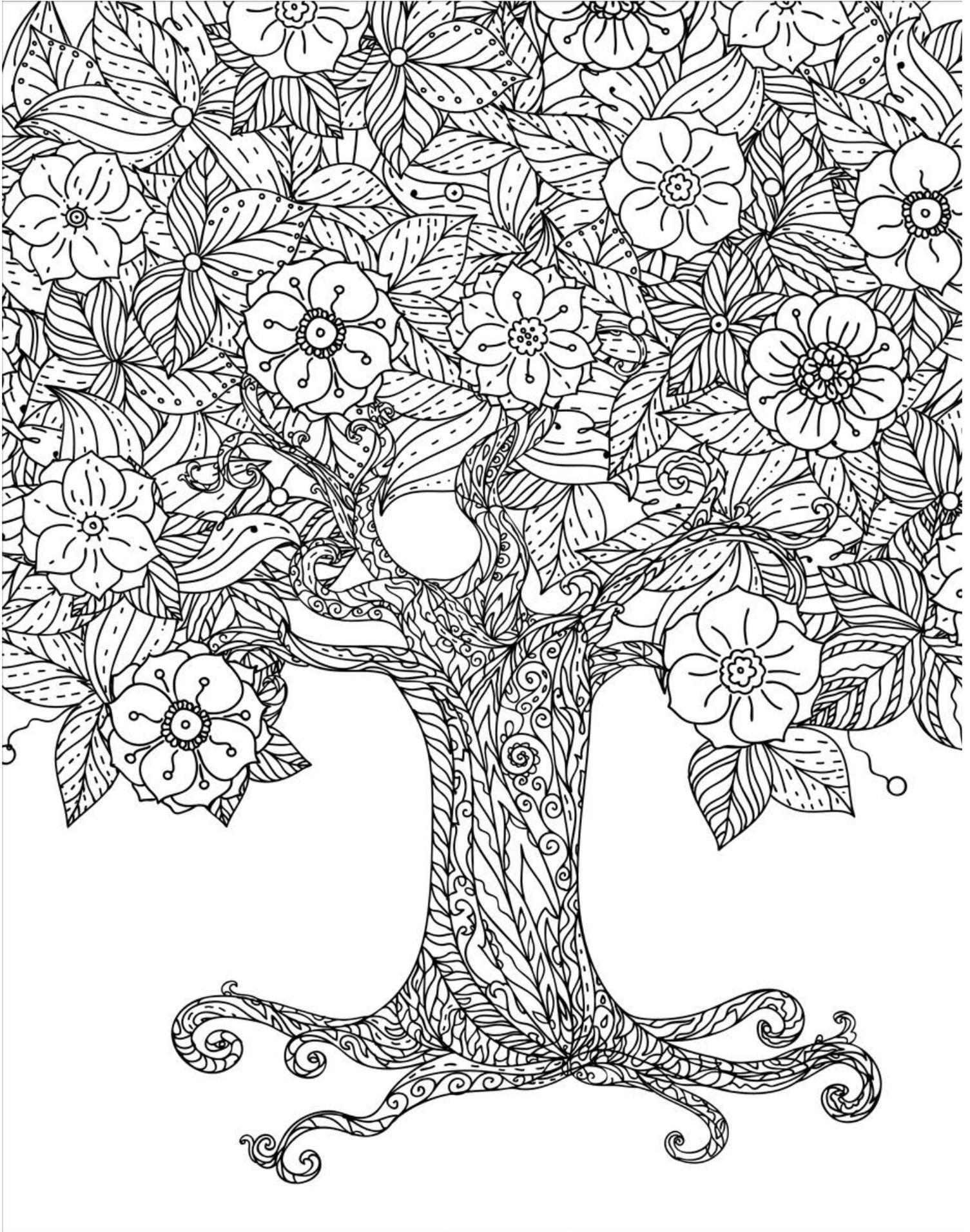
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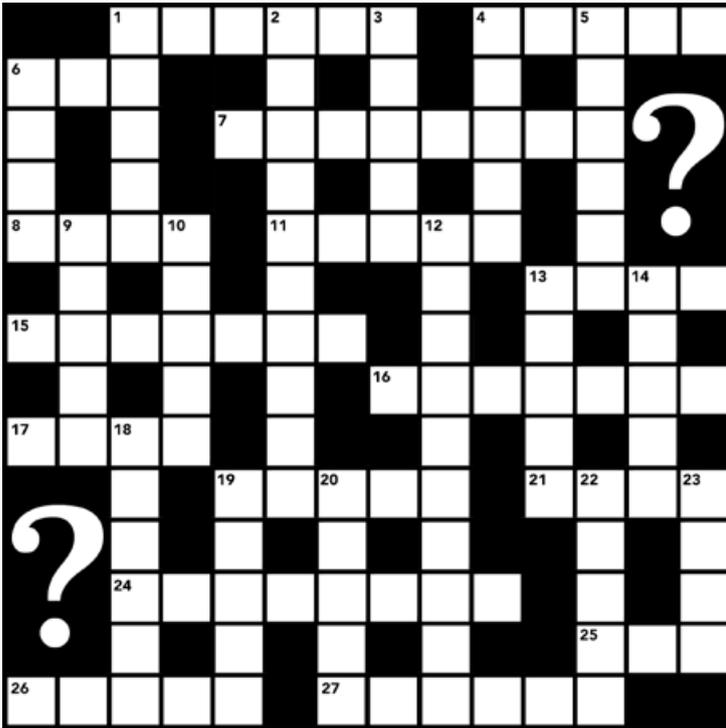
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- 1) An arachnid's construction. (6)
- 4) One of the largest of the Ionian Islands off the west coast of Greece. (5)
- 6) The number of strokes a first class player should take for a particular hole or course. (3)
- 7) Palace where Winston Churchill was born. (8)
- 8) Large tailless primates. (4)
- 11) Stew of mutton, potatoes and onions. (5)
- 13) Wild cat with a short tail and tufted ears. (4)
- 15) Racecourse where the Irish Derby is run. (7)
- 16) See 23D).
- 17) Counter used in certain gambling games to represent money. (4)
- 19) Anvil shaped bone in the middle ear. (5)
- 21) 500 sheets of paper. (4)
- 24) Carol, Poet Laureate from 2009 to 2019. (3-5)
- 25) Short winged diving seabird. (3)
- 26) The longest serving 20th century male Prime Minister. (5)
- 27) A mutiny took place on this ship in 1789. (6)

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DOWN

- 1) Largest of the Greek Islands. (5)
- 2) Arthur Wellsley was made Duke of this Somerset market town in 1814. (10)
- 3) Decorative mark worn in the middle of the forehead by Indian women. (5)
- 4) European republic formed in 1993. (5)
- 5) Language spoken by gypsies. (6)
- 6) Large American wild cat. (4)
- 9) Name by which a kangaroo's marsupium is more usually known. (9)
- 10) Leather strip used for sharpening razors. (5)
- 12) Disease that is estimated to have killed 50 million people in 1918. (7-3)
- 13) Franz, Austro-Hungarian composer. (5)
- 14) Person skilled in the traditional technique of Japanese espionage. (5).
- 18) Large lizard with a spiny crest along its back. (6)
- 19) Circle next to the bull in archery. (5)
- 20) 19th Century London locksmith. (5)
- 22) Piece of writing on a particular subject. (5)
- 23) Roman general who committed suicide after he was defeated at the Battle of Actium in 31BC. (4-5)

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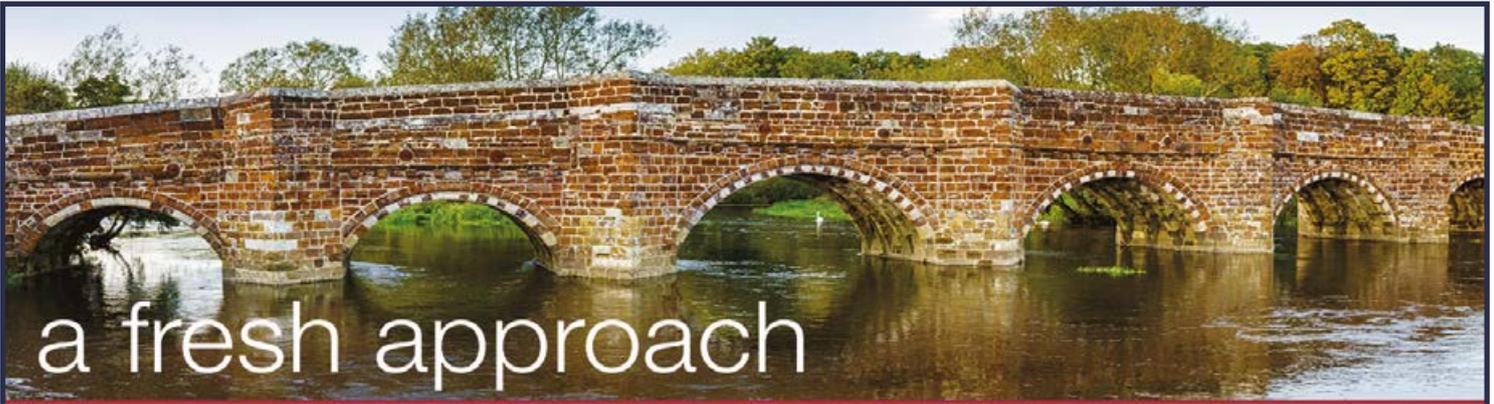
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