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Nothing really to report this month, but I hope everyone had a nice Easter break. We spent most of it sorting out our rather neglected garden and decorating our equally neglected house! Work is finally starting to calm down, so time to get back to normality.

We had our AGM though and that reminds me that as it's "AGM Season" if a contact at a group changes, please let us know so that we can update our annual directory and website.

Thank you all for your grant applications. The committee approved a number of grants (see page 14) for some great local causes, so you'll hear more about this in upcoming issues.

Preparations for the Marnhull Fest & Flower Show are heating up. The Dorset Tech team were looking forward to doing the "It's a knockout" but it clashes with another event, so we've decided to sponsor a team for the schools instead. I want to see plenty of embarrassing pictures!

NEW EDITOR STILL REQUIRED

This paragraph almost seems silly now, but we're still looking for a new Editor. No specific experience needed, just a good level of computer literacy. It takes around 10 hours a month to produce the Messenger, plus a tiny bit of admin - do you have some time you could donate to the village? For the time-being you're stuck with me... just with the help of some of my lovely team at Dorset Tech. Get in touch!

Stay safe Marnhull - looking forward to seeing you all soon

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

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

Ian Gall – Chairman, The Marnhull Messenger Steering Group.

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

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2nd - Yoga @ 09:15
 2nd - Tea with Friends - Coffee Morning @ 10:00 Methodist Hall
 2nd - Table Tennis @ 14:00
 3rd - Pilates Classes @ 09:30 - Methodist
 3rd - Bridge Club @ 14:00 - Methodist Hall
 4th - Fitsteps Dance Exercise Class @ 11:15
 4th - Table Tennis @ 14:00
 4th - Marnhull Community Choir @ 19:00
 4th - Zumba @ 19:30 St Gregory's primary
 5th - Meditation and Wellbeing Circle @ 09:45
 5th - Craft Club @ 10:00 Methodist Hall
 5th - Marnhull Baby and Toddlers Group @ 12:00
 6th - Marnhull Lunch Club @ 12:00
 7th - The Marnhull Hub and Repair Cafe @ 10:00
 9th - Yoga @ 09:15
 9th - Table Tennis @ 14:00
 9th - Women's Institute - Resolutions & Beetle Drive @ 19:30
 10th - Pilates Classes @ 09:30 Methodist
 10th - Bridge Club @ 14:00 Methodist Hall
 10th - Marnhull Garden Club @ 19:30
 10th - Marnhull Garden Club- Tips for the Marnhull Flower Show - from Judge Gwynne Davies @ 19:30
 11th - Fitsteps Dance Exercise Class @ 11:15
 11th - Table Tennis @ 14:00
 11th - Tea with Friends meeting @ 14:30 Methodist Hall
 11th - Marnhull Community Choir @ 19:00
 11th - Zumba @ 19:30 St Gregory's primary
 12th - Meditation and Wellbeing Circle @ 09:45
 12th - Marnhull Amblers - Short Walk - approx 3 miles @ 10:00 Marnhull
 12th - Marnhull Baby and Toddlers Group @ 12:00
 13th - Blackmore Vale Art Group @ 10:30
 14th - The Marnhull Hub and Repair Cafe @ 10:00
 16th - Yoga @ 09:15
 16th - Table Tennis @ 14:00
 16th - Marnhull Music Society @ 19:15
 17th - Pilates Classes @ 09:30 Methodist
 17th - Bridge Club @ 14:00 Methodist Hall
 18th - Fitsteps Dance Exercise Class @ 11:15
 18th - Table Tennis @ 14:00
 18th - Marnhull Community Choir @ 19:00
 18th - Zumba @ 19:30 St Gregory's primary
 19th - Meditation and Wellbeing Circle @ 09:45
 19th - Marnhull Baby and Toddlers Group @ 12:00
 20th - Marnhull Community Cafe @ 10:00
 21st - Help for Heroes Plant Sale @ 10:00
 21st - The Marnhull Hub and Repair Cafe @ 10:00
 21st - Jubilee Quiz @ 19:00
 23rd - Yoga @ 09:15

23rd - Table Tennis @ 14:00
 24th - Pilates Classes @ 09:30 Methodist Church
 24th - Bridge Club @ 14:00 Methodist Hall
 24th - Moviola - Belfast @ 19:00
 25th - Fitsteps Dance Exercise Class @ 11:15
 25th - Table Tennis @ 14:00
 25th - Marnhull Community Choir @ 19:00
 25th - Zumba @ 19:30 St Gregory's primary
 26th - Meditation and Wellbeing Circle @ 09:45
 26th - Marnhull Ramblers - Lond Walk - 4-7 miles @ 10:00 Marnhull
 26th - Marnhull Baby and Toddlers Group @ 12:00
 28th - The Marnhull Hub and Repair Cafe @ 10:00
 30th - Yoga @ 09:15
 30th - Table Tennis @ 14:00
 31st - Pilates Classes @ 09:30 Methodist
 31st - Bridge Club @ 14:00 Methodist Hall

JUNE

1st - Fitsteps Dance Exercise Class @ 11:15
 1st - Table Tennis @ 14:00
 1st - Marnhull Community Choir @ 19:00
 1st - Zumba @ 19:30 St Gregory's primary
 2nd - Meditation and Wellbeing Circle @ 09:45
 2nd - Craft Club @ 10:00 Methodist Hall
 2nd - Marnhull Baby and Toddlers Group @ 12:00
 2nd - Celebrate Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee @ 16:00 British Legion Club
 3rd - Marnhull Lunch Club @ 12:00
 3rd - Marnhull Fest - Friday @ 18:00 Rec
 4th - Marnhull Fest - Saturday - The Fest @ 12:00 Recreation Ground
 6th - Yoga @ 09:15
 6th - Table Tennis @ 14:00
 7th - Pilates Classes @ 09:30 Methodist
 7th - Organ Music @ 12:00 St Gregory's
 7th - Bridge Club @ 14:00 Methodist Hall
 8th - Fitsteps Dance Exercise Class @ 11:15
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 13th - Yoga @ 09:15
 13th - Table Tennis @ 14:00
 13th - Women's Institute - England's Oldest Family Business, Richard Balson (Butcher) @ 19:30
 14th - Pilates Classes @ 09:30 Methodist

14th - Bridge Club @ 14:00 Methodist Hall
 14th - Marnhull Village Quiz @ 18:30 British Legion Club
 15th - Fitsteps Dance Exercise Class @ 11:15
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STURMINSTER NEWTON MEDICAL CENTRE



Covid Testing

The government has announced that free COVID-19 testing will only be available for people with symptoms if they are;

- patients in hospital
- eligible for treatments because they are at higher risk of getting seriously ill
- living or working in high-risk settings such as care homes or the NHS.

To find out more about the testing update;

<https://www.gov.uk/.../government-sets-out-next-steps-for...>

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If you have an eye emergency, but are concerned about travelling, you can speak to a clinician via the telephone triage system - 0300 019 4181

- More information: <https://www.uhd.nhs.uk/services/eye-unit/eye-emergencies>

The Marnhull Community Café

The Practice is pleased to support this new venture in the Village Hall on the 3rd Friday of every month, starting on Friday May 20th, from 10.00 - 12.00 which you can read about elsewhere in the Messenger. A member of the Practice Wellbeing team will be available should you wish to talk about any support or help you might need. But the main purpose of the Café is to be a lovely community space to have a chat, meet friends old and new and enjoy cake and a cuppa! It's free, but we ask for a donation, if you can towards the running costs.

Walking for Health

The Shaftesbury Walking Groups are very active, with walks on Tuesday, Wednesdays and Thursdays . There are walks to suit nearly everyone, Starters, Strollers and Striders! For full details visit - <https://www.facebook.com/bvgps/>

There is also a walk every Monday, starting at the Sturminster Newton Medical Centre at 2pm, with all levels catered for!

Every Mind Matters

Build a Mind Plan with Every Mind Matters.

The impact and experience of the last 2 years has affected everyone differently, and for a lot of us, our feelings and emotions have been heavily impacted by the pandemic. There is no doubt that it has been difficult for everyone, which is why it's so important to look after our mental health and wellbeing; now more than ever.

The Every Mind Matters campaign supports the nation's mental wellbeing by showing how the little things we can all do for ourselves and others can make a big difference. To lead happier, healthier lives, the Every Mind Matters campaign encourages everyone to take small steps, such as talking about your worries, going for a short walk, and starting a new hobby; helping people cope with life's challenges.

The campaign includes a free, NHS-approved Mind Plan, where answering

five simple questions online can give you a personalised mental health action plan. The mind plan includes practical tips for dealing with stress and anxiety, boosting your mood, sleeping better, and feeling more in control.

Visit Every Mind Matters to get a mental health action plan that is personalised to you.

<https://www.nhs.uk/every-mind-matters/>

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ROYAL BRITISH LEGION CLUB

To all people of retirement age living in Marnhull.

You are invited to a free afternoon tea and entertainment to celebrate her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee on Thursday 2nd June between 4 and 7pm.

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Tours for the Roman Townhouse in Dorchester are restarting for Summer 2022. Discovered in the 1930s, one of the best examples of a Roman Town House in England is situated in Dorchester. Following the extensive refurbishment of the covered Roman Town House structure and grounds, Dorset Museum is proud to have partnered with Dorset Council to offer the opportunity of guided tours of the covered structure and grounds. The Museum's trained guides will take you through a brief history of the site and the precious artefacts recovered and now on display at the Dorset Museum. Following this, you will be taken to the site of the Roman Town House and allowed to enter the covered building which hosts a number of really special features including some of the original wall paint and mosaics and a beautifully preserved example of an underfloor heating system. Tours will run 10.30 - 12.00 on the following dates:

7th May 2022	25th June 2022
21st May 2022	9th July 2022
11th June 2022	Further dates TBC

STURMINSTER NEWTON LITERARY FESTIVAL LINE UP 2022



The Sturminster Newton Literary Festival runs from 6-18 June and offers a lively programme of events. The aim of the Festival is to showcase leading and emerging

fiction authors with Dorset connections, as well as to celebrate the town's literary associations with Thomas Hardy, William Barnes and Robert Young. The first week of the Festival features writing by some wonderful contemporary Dorset authors. Best-selling writer Natasha Solomons will be at the Exchange discussing her innovative and beautifully written new novel, *I, Mona Lisa*.

At a literary lunch, special guest Minette Walters will talk about *The Swift and the Harrier*, her historical novel on the horrors of the Civil War in Dorset. Gillingham-based Sally Page is the guest at our literary tea, where she will talk about the writing of her best-selling debut novel, *The Keeper of Stories*, which has excellent reviews.

Award-winning crime author, Rachel McLean, will be discussing her very popular Dorset crime series, six procedural crime novels set in various locations around the county, the first of which is *The Corfe Castle Murders*. Historical romance author Karen Dickson from Shaftesbury will discuss her recently published family saga, *A Songbird in Wartime*, which was shortlisted for a Romantic Novel Awards category this year.

Jim Case of Newfoundland, Canada, will join us via Zoom to talk about his genealogical connections with Dorset's cod fishing and swanskin industries and how he came to write his historical novel, *Ananias*, which is based on his family history. During the second week of the Festival, events

will focus on the town's literary heritage. Professor Angelique Richardson and Dr Steph Alder will be speaking about Hardy's Correspondents, a collaborative project between Dorset Museum and the University of Exeter. In this fascinating presentation, we'll learn what the collection of letters tell us about Hardy's many-sidedness, his relationships and his political activism. Former Yetties band member, Bonny Sartin, will discuss Thomas Hardy's musical heritage - the music he played, his instruments and the references to traditional song, music and dance in his writing.

At a literary lunch, writer Christopher Nicholson will be speaking about the strange story of Hardy's association with one of the rarest of all British birds, the cream-coloured courser. And in his talk, Sturminster stalwart David Fox will share insights into the town's past and Blackmore Vale life as depicted in the poetry and writings of William Barnes and Robert Young. On Saturday 18 June, a Victorian themed family fun afternoon will be held in Railway Gardens and Poet's Corner area of the town. There will be free village games and circus skills activities, plus side shows and entertainments, including country dancing by Steps in Time and traditional Punch & Judy shows by the wonderful Professor Gary Wilson. Two guided walks will highlight literary heritage in Bagber and Marnhull. There are also reading discussion groups and two weekend events for children. One of the organisers, Michaela Knowles said, "We're really looking forward to welcoming the programme's authors and speakers to the town and are excited to be promoting such wonderful Dorset Literature."

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION



The jumble sale on March 12th went quite well with £285 being raised for the Poppy Appeal. They are ticking over quite well and a big thank you goes to all the helpers and all who donate. The next one will be on June 18th.

Lyn Bartlett's Easter bingo was a rousing success with the biggest crowd of the year so far turning up to win some great prizes and raising a good amount for the Poppy Appeal at the same time. The next one will be on May 2nd. All are welcome.

The club is looking resplendent at the moment with the new chairs and carpet which have given the place a real lift.

Don't forget the free afternoon tea and entertainment on Thursday 2nd June as part of the Queen's Jubilee celebrations. If you haven't done so already please reply to Lyn Bartlett on 01258 821095 before May 19th so we can cater for the right amount of people. Karen Melanie Kay will be providing the entertainment and if you haven't seen her she is a real livewire. The event will last from 4 to 7pm so plenty of time to get home for Coronation Street. Transport can be provided if required so come down and kick the celebration period off with us.

On Saturday 4th June the Land Girls will be taking us back in time to give us a flavour of the music that was topping the hit parade back in the 'good old days'.

If exercise is your thing we have Rock Out Work Out every Wednesday at 7pm to tone those muscles up and shift a pound or two. Ring Hayley on 07786553889. For something a bit more sedate we have pilates Tuesday mornings and afternoons and Friday mornings. Ring 07780875192.

May Entertainment

2nd - Bingo 7pm	21st - The Originals
7th - The Sturminstrels	28th - Shaun Marks
14th - Reunion	30th - Bingo 7pm
16th - Bingo 7pm	

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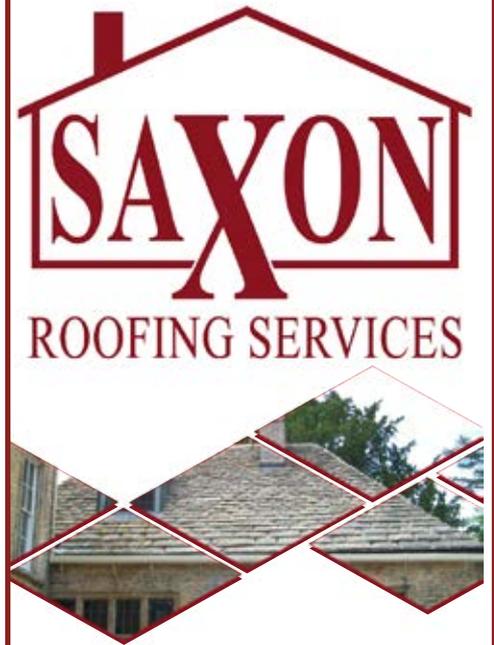
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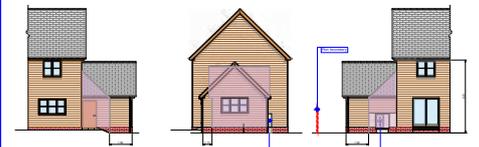
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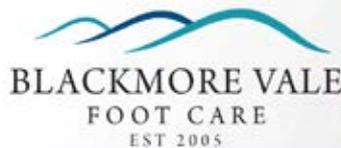
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ST. GREGORY'S CHURCH

Sunday 1st May - Easter 3

8am - Holy Communion

10am - Parish Communion with Baptism of Finlay and Lottie Mae Stephens

Monday 2nd May (Bank Holiday)

10.30am - Coffee with Friends village group @ The Methodist Church (No House Group)

Weds 4th

9am - Morning Prayer

11am - Monthly Holy Communion

2.45pm - School Worship

Thurs 5th

10am - Coffee, Cake and Company

Sat 7th

10am - Jubilee Flowers Coffee Morning

Sunday 8th - Easter 4

8am - Holy Communion

10am - Parish Communion

11.15am - Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Mon 9th

7.30pm - House group @ The Rectory

Weds 11th

9am - Morning Prayer

2.30pm - Tea with Friends village group @ Methodist Church for Women's Refuge

2.45pm - School Worship

7.30pm - PCC in Church

Thurs 12th

10am - Coffee, Cake and Company

Sunday 15th Easter 5 (Christian Aid Week begins)

8am - Holy Communion

10am - Parish Communion

Mon 16th

7.30pm - House group @ The Rectory

Weds 18th

9am - Morning Prayer

2.45pm - School Worship

Thurs 19th

10am - Coffee, Cake and Company for *Christian Aid*

Sat 21st

10am - *Help for Heroes* Plant Sale @ Church Cottage, Church Hill

Sunday 22nd Easter 6

8am - Holy Communion

10am - Parish Communion

Mon 23rd

7.30pm - House group @ The Rectory

Weds 25th

9am - Morning Prayer

2.45pm - School Worship

Thurs 26th Ascension Day

10am - Coffee, Cake and Company

7.30pm - Ascension Day Holy Communion

Sunday 29th Easter 7

8am - Holy Communion

10am - Service of the Word

Mon 30th

(No Housegroup)

BY THE RT REVD KAREN GORHAM, ACTING BISHOP OF SALISBURY



How many of us like to be kept waiting? I must admit that my feet start tapping when I end up in the longest queue in the supermarket, or sighs start when all the traffic lights all seem to change to red when I arrive at them. We are so used to getting everything now almost instantly that any kind of delay makes us frustrated.

May 2022 will be a month of waiting. Firstly we wait for our new Bishop to be enthroned; having been elected and consecrated, Bishop Stephen will join us fully in June. And secondly, following the Easter season in our lectionary readings, we join the disciples as they wait for the coming of God's Spirit at Pentecost. So, it is good for us to reflect a bit this month on how in God's rhythms (and not ours), waiting and prayer are used for preparation.

Whilst I have enjoyed my time as acting diocesan Bishop, it has been hard work juggling two roles (or wearing two hats!), and I look forward to handing over the diocesan reins.

Pentecost will be a timely reminder that we do everything in the Lord's strength, and without God's resources, we can do very little. The disciples were called to prepare, to wait together, patiently, expectantly and prayerfully. Please join me this month in praying for our new life together as a diocese, so that we may be open to God's Spirit in the same way as the disciples were.

A favourite prayer of mine from the Iona Community goes like this: You keep us waiting. *'You, the God of all time, want us to wait for the right time in which to discover who we are, where we must go, who will be with us and what we must do. So thank you... for the waiting time.'*

Bishop Karen

THE METHODIST CHURCH

Church Services

Our services at **10:00am every sunday** have returned to 'nearly normal' as we leave decisions on wearing face masks to personal responsibility and choice bearing in mind that the Covid19 epidemic is, unfortunately, far from over.

It has been a delight to see many friends from Our Lady's and Saint Gregory's filling our church for the Lent Reflections and Lunches every Friday during Lent as reported separately. At time of writing, we are now all looking forward to celebrating Easter in our various churches.

Organ Recital

On **Friday 24th June there is to be a lunchtime organ recital given by Stephen Binnington** in our church, to raise much needed funds. Coffee will be available from 11:00am with the recital at 12 noon. More details in the June edition.

Church Hall

We are pleased to be beginning to welcome the return of a range of groups and activities, social, keep-fit and intellectual, to our hall. For information on hiring the hall, please contact Mrs. Marlene Plowman on 01258 820869.

Youth Work

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

Craft Club

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

OUR LADY'S CHURCH



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Weekday masses: check the website.

For times of Easter Triduum services please check the website Holy Week commences Sunday 10 April and Easter Sunday is 17 April

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

New to the Parish?

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

Our Lady's Church Marnhull and St Benedict's Church Gillingham supports CAFOD: Our parish supported the CAFOD Fast Day this Lent, standing in solidarity with our global family living in poverty and tackling issues of hunger and malnutrition. After the invasion of Ukraine CAFOD also launched The CAFOD Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal.

Our parish received the following note of thanks: *Thank you to everyone at Our Lady's Church for your gift of £1610 to our Lent appeal, which we received recently. Your parish's prayers and collective Family Fast Day donation of £1610 is so appreciated. Thank you especially for your efforts in organising a collection in your church; for being a bridge between your community and our sisters and brothers around the world. Your parish's support of Family Fast Day means that we can be there for more families experiencing hunger, poverty, discrimination and the dangers of conflict, and help them to rebuild their lives.*



Mothers Day: On Sunday 27th March all mothers and ladies were greeted after mass and presented with a small posy of flowers. The small gift was very well received as confirmed by the smiles on many faces.

A little bit of history of our Parish in Marnhull: A community of Benedictine Nuns once lived in a house which is a few hundred yards from Our Lady's Church in Marnhull, which was built in 1832. That Community eventually settled at

Colwich in Staffordshire.

"The community settled at Nash House, Marnhull, Dorset in 1795. The house was rented for them from Mr. Hussey by Lady Arundel of Wardour, who escorted the first party of three nuns there on 1st September 1795. On 21st October the last party arrived from London. At this time there were 13 in the community.

On 21st November they put on their religious habits again and on 2nd

December they re-elected the Prioress who had brought them through the French Revolution, Reverend Mother Teresa Joseph Johnson. The community lived at Nash House until 1807. Four new members were professed and only one died in that time. When the Hussey family wanted to move back, the nuns moved to Cannington in Somerset. The house today is a Grade II Listed Building, divided into three properties known as the Nash Court, Manor House and Nash Lodge. The house has been altered several times since the nuns were there. It originally belonged to the Benedictine Abbey of Glastonbury, but Henry VIII gave it to one of his wives, Catherine Parr."

Sadly, they recently found their numbers so reduced that they decided to disband their community and join with the Nuns of Stanbrook Abbey which is now a few miles from Ampleforth in Yorkshire.

Government Health and Care Bill

On Wednesday 30 MARCH, an amendment to the Health and Care Bill overturned the Government's decision to end 'DIY' abortion and fundamentally changes access to abortion in England and Wales. Such a move diminishes the seriousness with which these decisions should be taken. Not only will this endanger the lives of the unborn, but also the lives of women. It is clear from the evidence over the last two years on the self-administration of these drugs at home that they pose grave physical and psychological dangers to women.

I would like to thank all those who wrote to their MP asking them to oppose this amendment. In the face of this disappointing outcome, we must now strengthen our resolve to foster a culture of welcome and acceptance of new life, and to continue to pray and work for better legal protections for pregnant women and the child in the womb." Bishop John Sherrington, Lead Bishop for Life Issues

Come and sing with us! **DORSET** CHAMBER CHOIR

Come and join members of Dorset Chamber Choir and John Watkins, our Musical Director, at our next "Come and Sing" Day.

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Saturday 18th June, 11:00 am – 4:00 pm,
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MARNHULL LUNCH CLUB - 20TH ANNIVERSARY

It was in January 2002 that a request appeared in the Marnhull Messenger for someone to restart the Lunch Club as the original one had closed some years before.

Christine Frith immediately responded and soon had collected a band willing helper around her, and in March 2002 the club reopened with 30 members. In those days the meal was cooked by someone employed by Age Concern, in the old Sturminster Newton Hall and brought to our hall in big containers. When that closed it was cooked in St Mary's Church and eventually the kitchen at the Exchange. This arrangement ceased when the Exchange cancelled our booking, and it seemed that the end of the club was in site, but Monty at the Crown Inn stepped in and for the last 3 years has been providing the lunch for us. Here we must pay tribute to David Boshier and his helpers who month after month collect the foods for us and return the containers to the Crown at the end of the meal.

Many of the original helpers are still with us and we have welcomed several new ones over the years. It is the cheerfulness and willingness of these helpers who give their time and energy, which includes laundering the tablecloths etc, which makes the club the success that it is. We also have a team of drivers who collect those of our members who cannot get to the hall by themselves.

In the early days we used to have outings, Harry Ramsdens in Bournemouth, Longleat, a trip on the canal at Devizes, Weymouth and other places as well. If we had packed lunches the helpers would gather at the hall to make up parcels of sandwiches before the coaches arrived. Unfortunately, it became too expensive to continue with these outings.

At the moment we have almost 70 members most of who are from Marnhull, but we do have guests coming from Stalbridge, Sturminster, Todber, Child Okeford and Gillingham although most of these originate from Marnhull. We still feel there might be others interested in getting out once a month and meeting new friends, we are only a phone call away! Apart from having to close due to the Pandemic we have served a monthly meal since 2002 and hope to continue the club into the future.

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NEW EDITOR STILL REQUIRED

It is over 2 years since Chris Ryu announced that he was stepping down as Editor of the Marnhull Messenger, however thankfully he and his team have kept going since then as we have been unable to find a replacement. As new people have moved into the village and others may have had the time to consider it - we are therefore renewing our appeal for a new editor. If you have some computer skills and a lot of enthusiasm to take on this role, you will help to ensure the continuation of this important part of Marnhull life.

I've asked Chris to outline the job specification and skills required - *"It takes around 10 hours a month to compile the Messenger. Most of this is over the course of 2 days as it approaches the copy deadline, but there is the potential to spread it out by putting into the document as you receive them. As you can imagine there's a bit of replying to emails, typing up handwritten submissions and a few phone calls dotted across the month, but this rarely takes more than 1-2 hours a month.*

The new editor will use Adobe InDesign to edit the Messenger, so experience of that is advantageous, but not essential. A good level of IT literacy is important though as article submissions come various different formats. I can give a 1:1 training session and even a personalised training video to the individual to help them get their head around the process. Over the last 7 years I've used various task management systems to keep on top of the articles and ensure that items are rarely missed. The editor is free to use a system/method of their

choice, but a task management system can be provided to help if required. All software required will be provided by the committee.

Much of the process is simply copy and pasting text into the messenger pages, with a little manual tweaking to ensure everything fits. Images are organised into folders and then inserted/resized to fit the area. Finally, the Messenger is exported to a couple of different formats, both for the website and the printers."

So how hard can that be! If you think you fit the bill, or at least are interested, please get in touch with Chris or me and we'd be glad to talk it through with you. Also we will both be around to support the new Editor as they pick up the ropes.

Ian Gall - Chairman, The Marnhull Messenger Steering Group

MARNHULL MESSENGER GRANTS

We recently invited applications for Marnhull Messenger Grants. Due to good management and careful stewardship of resources, from time to time we are able to offer funds to village organisations and societies.

We are delighted to announce that three organisations have been successful with their application.

The Marnhull Players

This organisation has been going since 2017 and has enjoyed great support from the village. Covid has meant there hasn't been a Panto for two years, but the group is back together working on a Panto for February 2023. Whilst the Village Hall has enjoyed an extensive refurbishment, the Players want the stage to look as good. New curtains are required for the back of the stage and other backstage work needs to be carried out for safety reasons. This grant will enable them to do that and we will be hearing more of their progress in future editions of the Marnhull Messenger.

St Gregory's Primary School Parent, Teachers and Friends Association (PTFA)

Due to huge budgetary constraints, the school cannot procure all of the equipment and tools it requires, therefore the PTFA works throughout the year to raise funds for books and furniture.

Occasionally costs come along that cannot be ignored and the school is in need of a new server. The Diocese will cover the majority of these costs, but the school must find the excess. The grant will ensure that the staff and pupils will have a quicker, more resilient system, allowing the children to thrive in an ever more IT dependent world.

Marnhull Horse Riders

This relatively new group has been set up to renovate existing off road riding routes and identify and open up new ones. The increasing traffic levels mean that horse riding on the village roads is becoming very dangerous and the group aims to work hard to make a difference to the equestrian community as well as walkers and cyclists. To date they have already opened a new track for riders and walkers at the end of Ham Lane and current plans are to develop this track further and re-open the only two bridleways in the area, at Moorside. Neither is usable at present and groundworks are required to make them passable. The group is working closely with Dorset Council and Dorset Rangers, who fully support these initiatives, but have no funds.

This grant will contribute towards the cost of digging out ditches and stone up the areas, so that the bridleways can be used once again.

We very much hope that these Grants make a real difference to these three organisations and we look forward to hearing more about the projects in future editions of the Messenger.

Ian Gall
Chairman - Marnhull Messenger Steering Group.

AWARDS SUCCESS FOR DORSET MUSEUM



Dorset Museum had a busy day on Thursday 7th April 2022 with award wins in both the South West Tourism Awards and the Dorchester and Poundbury Business Awards.

After their Silver Award in the Dorset Tourism Awards, Dorset Museum has received

the Bronze Award in the 'Large Visitor Attraction of the Year' category at the South West Tourism Awards. Sponsored by Love to Visit. The award recognises large visitor attractions that provide exceptional visitor experiences and demonstrate excellence across each aspect of their business.

Hosted in Exeter, the awards ceremony saw over 90 finalists from its 476 entries from the region including Dorset, Wiltshire, Gloucestershire, Bath, Bristol, Somerset, Devon, Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly.

Having reopened its doors in May 2021, Dorset Museum has recently undergone an extensive refurbishment and allows visitors to experience 250 million years of Dorset's history. The Museum's Commercial Director, Roger Maughan says: "The team at Dorset Museum are delighted to receive Bronze for this prestigious award at the South West Tourism Excellence Awards. This recognition is a credit to our wonderful staff, volunteers and trustees."

To add to the festivities, Dorset Museum employee Amy Moore has also been named as a 'Rising Star' in the Dorchester and Poundbury Business Awards. Sponsored by the Duchy of Cornwall, the award celebrates young individuals who show initiative, focus, hard work and adaptability. The Dorchester and Poundbury Business Awards promote the range and quality of businesses in the area. This was presented by world-famous actor, writer, director and TV producer, Julian Fellowes.

Amy began working at the museum after graduating from the Arts University Bournemouth in June 2021. Amy says: 'It's an absolute privilege to be recognised as Rising Star at the Dorchester and Poundbury Business awards. As someone who is just starting in their career, the support I've had from my colleagues at the Museum has been limitless, the opportunities I've been given in such a short space of time have been invaluable.'

Paul Harding, who nominated Amy for the award says 'Amy is, without doubt, a rising star. Her focus and hard work are apparent to all who meet her. We often forget how young Amy is as a result of her delivering excellent results time after time, but her youth has also helped us see how we can connect with a wider, younger, cohort and is invaluable to us in understanding where we can take the business going forward.'



Amy Moore receives 'Rising Star' in the Dorchester and Poundbury Business Awards presented by Julian Fellowes.

TEA WITH FRIENDS

Join us for a friendly get together for tea, cake and a chat. Second Wednesday of each month in the Methodist Church Hall. 2.30pm to 4pm. All welcome. Next date - Wednesday May 11th.

MARNHULL COMMUNITY CAFE



Opening at the Village Hall on the 3rd Friday of each month - the first one is May 20th between 10-12.

We are offering a lovely community space where everyone can relax from the pressures of life. We have a team of friendly volunteers to welcome you and it's a great chance to meet new

and old friends, share interests, eat good cake and chat!

The Café is being supported by the Blackmore Vale Partnership team. Free hot and cold refreshments, homemade cakes and biscuits are being served. We ask you to make a donation (if you can) towards the café running costs.

We look forward to seeing you at the Café on May 20th

MARNHULL VILLAGE HALL



All the portable electrical equipment in the Village Hall has recently been PAT tested and any failed cables or items have been disposed of. We were

pleased to see that there were very few failed items.

Two covered display boards have been installed on the north wall of the hall. These are for occasional art displays and may also be used by hirers for photographs etc. on application to the Hall. Please continue to confine all general notices to the notice boards in the lobby.

The Trustees would like to draw your attention to the Terms and Conditions of Hire which forbid attaching anything to the walls of the Hall. Recently, multiple self-adhesive plastic hooks have been placed on the walls. These cannot be removed without damaging the paint work, which necessitates remedial work. To facilitate the hanging of bunting etc.. some months ago hooks were installed on all the pillars around the hall, which should be used for this purpose.

We are looking forward to all the events which are happening this summer in and around the Hall.

The Trustees

MARNHULL WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

April marked our AGM and Chairman Nicola Denham reviewed the gradual return to post-lockdown activity. We have gained several new members and we give them a hearty welcome. Nicola praised the WI committee for its ingenuity and resolve in keeping the spirit of the WI alive throughout the last couple of years with coffee mornings, zoom chats and generally keeping in touch with members. It is very true that nobody need feel isolated if they belong to the WI. Our programme of talks has resumed and the WI is gearing up for the Platinum Jubilee.

We have several special interest groups and they are all flourishing, they include three Book Clubs, the Pins & Needles craft group, a walking Group and a monthly Lunch Club. Ad hoc groupings arise from time to time: skittles, croquet or curling: whatever presents itself and gathers enough interest.

The vote for Chairman was unanimous : Nicola Denham was elected for an 11th term and the membership is confident she will once more lead our Institute forward in an imaginative and positive manner.

The meeting in May addresses one of the resolutions which the WI nationally will present to the government and this is to be followed by a Beetle Drive.

ST GREGORY'S C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL



TEAMWORK MAKES THE DREAMWORK! On Sunday 3rd April St Greg's were finally able to host the M12k road race. Having been deferred due to covid since 2020 it was a mighty relief to see runners gracing our undulating roads.

Commencing on NewSt before headed to the Crown estate the competitors were either up or down as they headed out to Fifehead Magdalen before heading back up Mill Hill into MArnhull. The Crown estate offers a final sting in the tail of the race before finishing on the school playing field. Staging a race such as this takes a lot of effort and a lot of volunteers. The school would like to extend it's thanks to all our marshals and volunteers as well as Mr Wade and Mr Crocker for allowing access to their land, thus enabling us to host the race safely. 250 runners graced Marnhull's roads in what was perfect conditions, a little chilly, bright and very little wind. So perfect in fact were the conditions that the ladies course record was smashed by local runner and Dorset Dodddler; Molly Rasch (left). Lee Dempster (Right) of Twemlow Track Club won the race in a terrific time of



41:21. Tom Hawtree of Marnhull Stores was our honorary started having sponsored this year's race. We are very thankful for his continued support of the school. Our other sponsors and prize donors all deserve a mention as without them the race would not be the financial success it is:



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As well as the main race St Greg's hosted a kids fun run around Mr Crocker's field adjacent to the school. Fifty children donned their trainers, and each were rewarded with a milkshake (c/o The Dorset Dairy Co.) and medal at the end. The day really was a family affair, refreshments were provided at the St Greg's Church, thanks to all that donated their bakes. The yumminess was rounded off by The Happy Meat Company & Arctic Roll, clearly enjoyed by Belle and Hattie. A staggering £5,700 has been raised for the school, we will be back in 2023!



DOG BLOG. Daisy has been out and about with the children leaflet dropping ahead for the M12k. A beautiful crisp sunny morning and a stretch was just what was needed.



FUNDRAISING FOR OTHERS. Readers will be aware how active the school is in raising funds for itself, we however occasionally raise funds for other good causes. The recent Bingo event at the village hall raised over £1300 for the refugees fleeing the conflict in Ukraine, thanks to all those that attended. We have also been fundraising for Silver for Sudan, this is a scheme which has enabled St Greg's to sponsor two children from Sudan to attend school. Well done

to those involved in raising £141 for this great cause. Our Pupil Parliament leaders: Molly, Felicity & Harry helped organise a movie night to raise funds for a brain tumour charity. This charity was selected by Xander who has a rugby teammate (Will) going through rehabilitation, he is fighting a very brave fight. Thanks to all that donated.

TAKE YOUR SEATS THE SHOW IS ABOUT TO BEGIN! Our older children KS2 are off to hear the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra (BSO) in the coming weeks, something they are all excited about. For many this will be their first experience of a full orchestra, they will even have the chance to sing along and learn a special piece of music.

GREEN IS THE WAY TO GO! After many months of works our ground source heat pump is now ready to use. This will make St Greg's far more energy efficient, something we are all acutely aware of at the moment. New turf has been laid on the school field and the children will be bouncing around and resuming normal play on it through late spring and into the summer term. This is not the last green endeavour the school will undertake; we will update you all on other developments in due course.

EXTRA ACTIVITIES. School life at St Greg's is not just confined to the classroom, clubs play an important part in a child's development, we offer drama, netball, Lego and book reading clubs to keep everyone busy and entertained. As the warmer weather reveals itself, we will also be offering, cricket, tennis, athletics and rounders.

EXTREME READING CHALLENGE. This half term St Greg's is hosting a challenge for each child called 'Extreme Reading'. The aim is for the children to get a photo of themselves reading their books in unusual and out-of-the-ordinary places. Examples of this could be up a climbing frame, on a trampoline, whilst playing a sport, on holiday, at a theme park or with animals. The more creative - the better! Children are then invited to send in their photos which will be added to a fantastic display of our children reading in weird and wonderful places. One winner will be chosen from each class and the prize will be the chance to visit a book shop and choose a reading book to bring back to school for their class. We are planning to hold termly reading and writing challenges as this fits in with our school focus on reading.



OWLS ON THE PROWL

SCIENCE WEEK! Owls along with the rest of the school have been focusing on science recently, the children always enjoy special visitors and Owls were very fortunate to have ex-vet Athony Wilkinson share some oh knowledge. Mr Wilkinson who is also a school Governor brought with him an elephant's tooth and the jaw of a dog, both helped the children understand some differences between herbivores and carnivores. Continuing the science theme; Owls class were tasked to design a creature using plasticine that could survive on MAr's. The children had to explain which characteristics would allow for these creatures to survive on the red planet. To the left Ripley can be seen proudly displaying her Martian.



FOX VOX

DO NOT FEAR GREEKS BEARING GIFTS! Foxes class have been enjoying ancient Greece in their topic this last term. A high point of this was the design and making of clay pots. Crafted by the children they were then air dried before decoration and finally varnishing completed their authentic looking pots. Zoe is proudly displaying her fine work.



SCHOOL FOR HIRE! If anyone wished to let our school hall, this can be arranged - contact the school office on 01258 820206 for all enquiries. Anyone who has attended the Zumba classes on a Wednesday will be familiar with the hall.

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21st May, 19:00 for 19:30 Marnhull Village Hall

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ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



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The Spring Term has been a busy one with lots of exciting opportunities. As always the children fill us all with pride as they demonstrate excellent attitudes to learning. In recent weeks, visitors to school, including Canon Mark O'Keefe, have commented on how confidently and enthusiastically the children

talk about their school. Outside of lessons the children are working hard



raising money for those who are less fortunate than themselves. As has become a tradition during Lent, the children are walking every day in a bid to raise money for others. This year the Growing in Faith Team was keen to support the CAFOD Ukraine humanitarian appeal and we are proud of the growing total which has reached more the £700.

Closer to home the children supported Red Nose Day raising over £119. We were very impressed with how creative the children were with crazy hairstyles.

Mrs Betts spent much of the day chuckling as the children paid to tell her some really rather funny jokes!!

Science Week was an exciting week at school, the children had the chance to build on their understanding of scientific enquiry skills. They had fun investigating growth and observing chemical reactions. It was a great week which culminated in a whole school investigation into finding the best biscuit for dunking. The prize went to the mighty ginger nut!

The School Council have been instrumental in revamping our outdoor play space with the addition of a new climbing wall. The children were very eager to try it out! It was so lovely to see the older children helping the younger ones along the wall, so that they too could enjoy traversing along the routes. It's lovely to see one of the School Council's projects coming to fruition.



The Spring Term ended with our whole school Day of Faith. It was a time for the whole school to stop and reflect on the events of Holy Week, participating in an interactive prayer space. The opportunity to sit quietly with their own thoughts is always valued by the children and as always they engaged well with the prayers. This year there was also an opportunity to pray for peace for those in Ukraine. Although the prayer spaces are primarily an opportunity

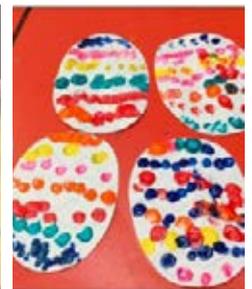
for personal reflection they also spark thoughtful conversation and support our children's mental health and spiritual development. We are very thankful to our PTFA who organised a very successful Easter Bonanza! It was great fun for the children and lovely to come together to celebrate as a school community.

We are excited to announce the opening of St Mary's Toddler Group running on a Monday morning 9:30am - 11:00am. Based in the school hall, sessions are just £1 for adult and child than an extra 50p per sibling. The sessions are relaxed and welcoming including floor activities for both babies and toddlers alongside table activities including play-doh, arts & crafts and puzzles. Refreshments for both toddlers and parents are provided.

St Mary's Explorers

What an 'eggciting' 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. We look forward to continuing to follow the chick's growth as we receive regular updates from their new home at one of our grandparents farms. The children in Explorers have really enjoyed learning related to growth, a topic that will run throughout the Summer term. It is a great opportunity for the children to observe how plants grow and change over time and the conditions which they need for growth. We look forward to planting out into our vegetable patch very soon.

The last week of term was spent learning about Easter and how it is celebrated. The children enjoyed participating in our whole school Day of Faith and made some beautiful cross stained glass windows.





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DORSET PLANNING COMMITTEE REVIEW OF THE PLANNING APPLICATION FOR 39 HOMES ON LAND OFF BUTTS CLOSE

As you are all probably aware, the Dorset Planning Committee approved the Planning Application for 39 homes off Butts Close (subject to section 106 commitments and 50% affordable homes). I represented the Parish Council at the meeting so I thought it would be useful to provide some more information and to share my thoughts on the lessons learned.

The application was approved by 4 votes to 3, requiring a casting vote from the Chair, supporting the recommendation from the planning officers. Our objections centred around two key areas of sustainability:

- Volume of housing - this application, along with the 'queue' of other approved applications increases the number of houses in Marnhull by nearly 20% over the last 5 years. In our opinion, this is unsustainable as the village and its amenities and infrastructure is ill-equipped to deal with these increases.
- Traffic - the development will generate more traffic (everyone having to use a car for 90% of their journeys) in and around New Street and St Gregory's school with incomplete footpaths increasing the risks for pedestrians.

Unfortunately, whilst there was sympathy for our position, we were not able to carry enough votes to win the day. Please note that the application was for access only and therefore subsequent submissions must be made for layout, number of homes etc. Suffice to say we will be reviewing these carefully to ensure that the commitments made so far are retained.

Lessons Learned

It is clear to me that the balance of approvals has tilted towards development for two reasons:

1. Dorset County has house building targets - these are not being met across the county and, as a result of this, developments outside of the settlement boundary (such as this one) are given preference *unless the harm significantly outweighs the benefits of the development*. There is little the village and the Parish Council can do about this other than hope that Dorset Council do get to meet their targets.
2. Lack of local (Neighbourhood) Plan - whilst there is no guarantee that a Neighbourhood plan would have prevented this development, it is the first 'check' that is made and its absence leaves villages such as Marnhull at a greater disadvantage.

We have had attempts in the past to develop a Plan and the Council has asked for volunteers to lead the development of such a document to no avail. If you feel strongly about this, please contact a member of the Council and make your feelings known. It will be on the next Council agenda.

NEWS FROM NICK

There is only one crime to report since the last issue; a commercial burglary.

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Rogue traders are people who knock on your door offering you a service but will overcharge you for poor, unnecessary or incomplete work. They offer services including power washing driveways, cutting down trees and garden work, selling chain saws and generators, general building work and tarmacking in exchange for cash.

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- **Never go to the bank with a 'tradesperson'**
- **Ask friends or relatives to recommend reputable local traders**

SCAMS

The scams continue via phone, text, email and mail. Do not reply to text messages, emails regarding these. The scammers are after your hard-earned cash. If you are contacted by phone do not engage and hang up. Scams are continuously changing - so be on your guard! **Do not give out personal or bank details - you do not know who you are talking to!**
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NPT SURGERY

The next Surgery will be on Saturday 21st May at The Hub @ The Village Hall from 10:30 - 11:00am.

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

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NEWS FROM DORSET TRADING STANDARDS

Dorset Council has become a driving force for the prevention of illegal puppy breeding across the county. Asking people across Dorset to 'Stop and Think' before buying a puppy.

Dorset Council Trading Standards and Environmental Health Teams are working together to raise awareness of the multi-million-pound puppy breeding trade that is happening right under our noses.

Covid 19 has brought significant increase in both the selling of illegal puppies and the cost of puppies. With more people working from home, dog ownership has become more attractive and easier. This very lucrative market means that puppies are being sold from unlicensed breeders, too often without any consideration of the welfare and environmental needs of the puppy.

An unlicensed puppy breeder is someone who does not have a dog breeding licence but who earns more than £1000 per year from selling puppies.

Dorset Council has updated its website facilities to allow users to check if breeders are licensed, to report unlicensed breeders, and tips on knowing what to look for and check when buying a puppy, including:

- No puppy should be sold under the age of 8 weeks and the puppy should be microchipped.
- Always see the puppy with its mother.
- Never buy/collect a puppy from service stations, pubs, car parks or any public area, the puppy should be in the home of the breeder.
- If your puppy is advertised with a 'passport' this could mean they've been imported.
- Check whether your puppy has been vaccinated and has been socialised before you take them home.
- Buying from an unlicensed breeder could mean that your puppy may not have the right medical records and could have hereditary health issues which could lead to heavy vet bills in the future.

If you suspect dogs are being bred illegally then please report it to Trading Standards by calling the Citizens Advice consumer helpline on 0808 223 1133

MARNHULL PLAYERS PANTO

Some exciting news the script has been chosen but you will have to watch this space as I cannot say what it is yet. We are working to get things sorted for it and we will be getting the cast together soon to work out who will be who. Exciting times ahead. We have 2 years worth of energy and ideas to work through.

We are working hard behind the scenes to get a plan of action together as we want to give the stage a bit of TLC before the next performance. We have lots of things that need doing so we are going to work on the most important ones first and then we can sort other bits later.

Would you like to be involved in this fun pantomime group? Even if you do'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.

More info coming soon so watch this space.
Look forward to seeing you all soon.

The Committee

MARNHULL TENNIS CLUB

Are you the next Raducanu?!

You'll never know if you don't give tennis a try! The new season is now well underway with members returning to the courts and the longer days allowing play in the evenings again. Membership of Marnhull Tennis Club starts at just £12 for juniors for the full year and £48 for a single adult member, with discounted rates for families and seniors. You don't need to join right away, come and try it out first at one of our club sessions and see how you get on.

Coming up in May...

RUSTY RACKETS

Wednesday evenings from 6.30pm

This is a regular weekly session for anyone new to tennis or just a bit rusty. Dust off those tennis shoes (or any non-marking trainer with good grip!) and join this friendly and fun group. For more details contact John Seear on 01258 269743 or johnseear@hotmail.com

CLUB SESSIONS

Thursday evenings from 6.00pm and Friday mornings 9.30am-11.30am

These are open to all members and any age and ability. Just turn up and play! Singles or doubles will be formed depending on numbers, and everyone will get a chance to play. For further information contact Chris Gregory on 01258 474646 or c.jgregory@outlook.com

COACHING

Private and group coaching is available from our LTA registered coach Graham Howell. Tennis clinics for club members will be resuming soon - check the website for up to date details at www.marnhulltennisclub.net or contact Graham on 01747 837839 or 07931 584778 for individual lessons.

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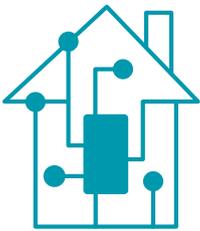
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Marnhull Flower Show



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This year we have some good old familiar classes as well as something new to tempt you to enter and come along.

Tongues are wagging now in the streets of Marnhull about new group class - The Great Marnhull Bake Off!! So for groups of friends, families, clubs and societies (max 6

people) you all have to bake a chocolate cake - what's not to like about that? Buttercream filling only, no fresh cream. Firstly, a group winner will be decided by the judge. The winner is each group then goes on to be judged again to reveal the ultimate winner of the Great Marnhull Bake Off.

That's a lot of chocolate cake and mindful that none should go to waste, we will be holding a cake raffle (this is optional) so for those of you who would like your cake to be raffled, tick the box on the entry form. Funds raised for the GMBO will be donated to this year's Charity - Breast Cancer Now.

We are also supporting Breast Cancer Now in our decorated Bra competition. We are looking for bras that are either planted or decorated, or both. They can be as creative as you want and have some fun. Bras need to be able to hang on a hanger for display purposes. All entries will be judged by the visitors to the show.

Talking of judges, we have a very special guest talking at the Marnhull Garden Club on Tuesday 10th May in the Village Hall. Gwynne Davies, has been judging at the show for many years, he is one of the UK's top horticultural judges. He will be sharing his knowledge of growing and judging vegetables - a unique opportunity to get some top tips and advice on what the judges look for and how to present your vegetables and fruit on show day.

We have been busy preparing the Marnhull Flower Show Schedule for printing and anticipate copies will be at the Spar and Robin Hill Stores, in a few weeks' time.

Enjoy the spring weather and watch out for those late frosts.

Catherine and the Flower Show Committee.

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MARNHULL MUSIC SOCIETY

Jean Shiner's presentation for the start of Spring was a garden of beautiful melody. Indeed, she began with Johann Strauss II's "Voices of Spring" with its light and sunny feel, and followed with two stunning voices in a pair of attractive, though unfamiliar, tunes: Teresa Breganza's bell-clear soprano singing La Gran Via, and the masterful tones of Jose Carreras with a romantic song. For lovers of the operatic voice, these were treats indeed.

Surely the yearning, wistful "Nimrod" by Elgar is nowadays knitted into our national psyche. It seems to portray the very essence of Englishness evoking visions of quiet pastoral landscapes and gentle light. Jean followed with the achingly beautiful Largo from Bach's concerto for two violins.

A change of mood was required before we all drifted into a dream state and this came with Chris Barber, and a double bill of "Petite Fleur" and "Whistling Rufus." The visions conjured now were altogether different but just as enticing with their reminders of youth.

The second half of the concert began with the quirky Quadrille from Die Fledermaus in an orchestral arrangement and was followed by the dark and awesome might of "Finlandia" - played on this occasion as a tribute to the fighters in Ukraine. Later we heard a splendid performance of the well-loved Rondo from Beethoven's Emperor Concerto and then the minuet and trio from Haydn's "Surprise" symphony - as light and delicious as a meringue.

Jean included a piece by Stilgoe & Skellern called "The WI Calendar". These brilliant entertainers are always much enjoyed by the MMS audience, and we were also treated to a track in praise of gardening by the superb vocal group Opus Anglicanum called "Oh what a beauty". And we felt that phrase summed up the concert we had just heard.

On Thursday 12th MAY we are celebrating our Annual Dinner at The Swan Hotel, Sturminster Newton. Members are urged to contact one of the committee to make sure of a place. Spouses and friends are, of course, welcome to join us and we look forward to a convivial evening after a break of two years.

A GREAT BIG THANK YOU TO THE MARNHULL MESSENGER COMMITTEE

from the Marnhull Horse Riders for their generous donation. This will go towards the cost of works that are needed on another off-road riding track we are hoping to open up in the near future.

As a group our aim is to provide safer riding in and around Marnhull and these funds are very much appreciated.

COME AND SING DAY

Saturday 18th June 2022 from 10.30 to sing from 11am to 4pm.

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Continuing with this theme and for the future safety of horses and riders, please register with the BHS Horse i app. It allows you to register an accident easily and quickly, a near miss, any road rage or dangerous driving incident.

It creates an accurate log of the dangers we face on the roads by riders and their horses. If you experience an event, no matter how small, then report it please. The more incidents we report, the more it will highlight a particular point we need to look at. You can easily download the app, "Horse i", incident reporting. It is very simple to use. You can also go on to the BHS website. <https://www.bhs.org.uk/our-work/safety/report-an-incident>. You don't have to be a BHS member to report an incident.

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during an interval.

For more information, please contact

Alan Loukes on 01258 821629

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Second Thursday of the month a.m

Contact for details: Elaine Spencer-White - elainesw48@gmail.com

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General help: Hilary Parker 01258 821667.

Trevor Vaughan 01258 821636

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HAVE YOU MOVED HERE SINCE OCTOBER 2019?

If so, we need to hear from you?

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

Names of all those in your household

Address

Contact telephone number.

Email address

So, we can compile an invitation list to this most prestigious event. Please send details or contact our secretary as follows: Hilary Parker 01258 821667
Email: <hilaryjparker85a@gmail.com>

Trevor Vaughan

Chairman



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

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

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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 May

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

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DOWN 1. Baize 2. Gillingham 3. Evita 4. Metro 5. Atrium 6. Gaga 9. Xhosa 10. Laity 12. Hartlepool 13. Epoxy 14. Meath 18. Danube 19. Sochi 20. Inert 22. Osteo 23. Oyre



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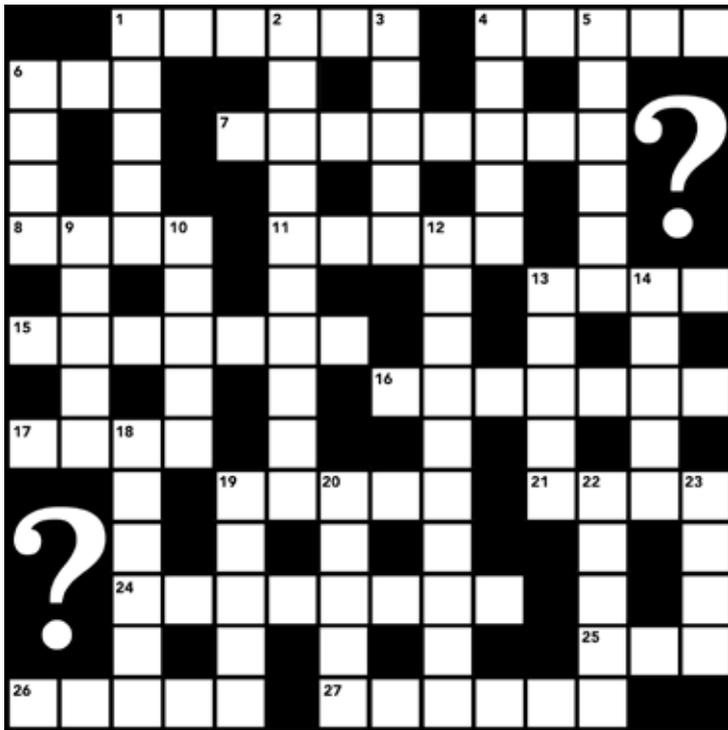
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- 1) Short legged hound originally bred for hunting hares. (6)
- 4) Coastal resort city in Florida. (5)
- 6) Indian state ruled by Portugal for 450 years until it was annexed by India in 1961. (3)
- 7) Covered, colonnaded passage around an open court in a monastery or cathedral. (8)
- 8) A jump in skating with one or more half turns in the air. (4)
- 11) US state with its capital at Boise. (5)
- 13) Award for artistic or technical merit in the television industry. (4)
- 15) The leaves on a plant collectively. (7)
- 16) Low upholstered seat without a back or arms also serving as a box. (7)
- 17) and 6D) Stage name of singer/songwriter Stefani Joanne Angelina Germanotta. (4-4)
- 19) All that was left of the Cheshire cat in Alive's Adventures in Wonderland after it disappeared. (5)
- 21) Seaman's chant used while hauling ropes. (4)
- 24) Titular hero of a book by Harriet Beecher Stowe published in 1852. (5-3)
- 25) Biblical character who ate the fruit of the tree of knowledge of good and evil. (3)
- 26) British tribe led in a revolt against the Romans by Boadicea in AD60. (5)
- 27) Spanish city famous for sword making. (6)

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DOWN

- 1) Felt like woollen material used on billboard and card tables. (5)
- 2) Dorset town whose town bridge was painted by Constable. (10)
- 3) Musical based on the life of Eva Peron. (5)
- 4) The Paris underground railway. (5)
- 5) Open roofed central court in a Roman house. (6)
- 6) See 17A).
- 9) People of the Eastern Cape province of South Africa. (5)
- 10) Not ordained people collectively. (5)
- 12) A County Durham town whose inhabitants are known as 'monkey hangers'. (10)
- 13) An adhesive, plastic or paint made from synthetic polymers. (5)
- 14) Irish county just north of Dublin. (5)
- 18) River that runs through four European capitals before reaching the Black Sea. (6)
- 19) Russian city that hosted the Olympic Winter games in 2014. (5)
- 20) Chemically inactive. (5)
- 22) Relating to the bones. (5)
- 23) In folklore a man eating giant. (4)

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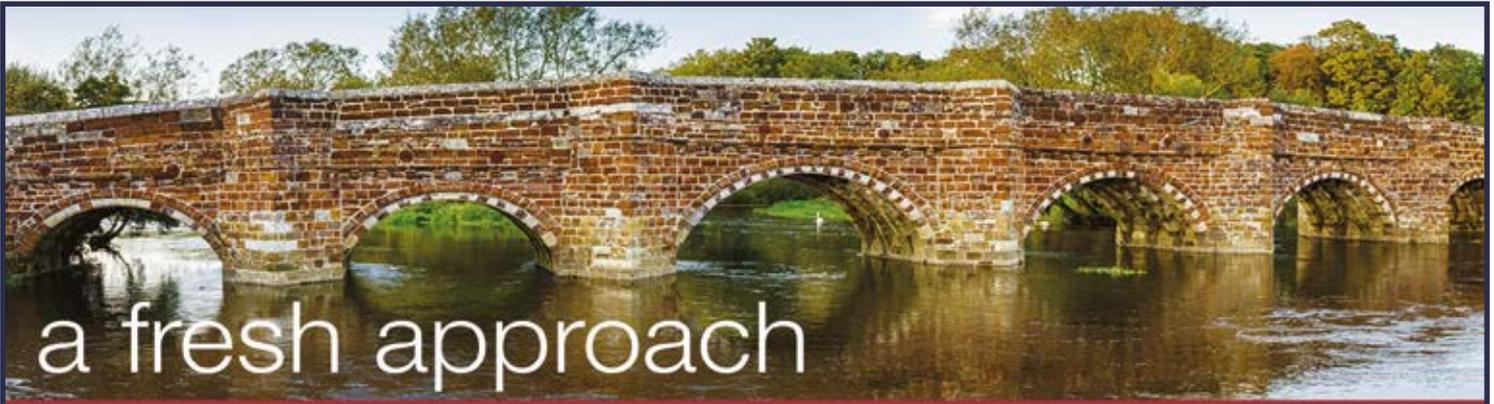
MARNHULL WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

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 At 7.30pm in the Village Hall
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 President: Nicola Denham - 01258 821343

BLACKMORE VALE ART GROUP

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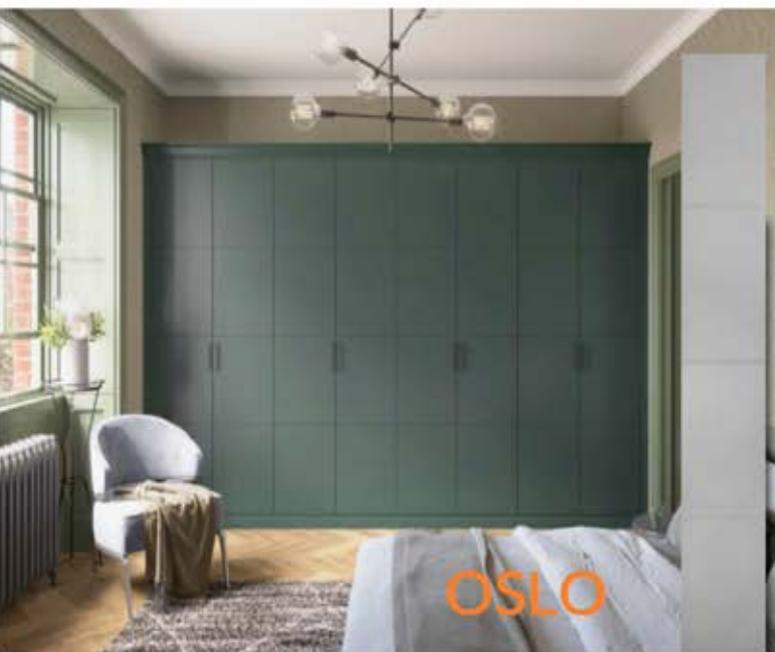


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