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CHRIS RYU
Messenger Editor



Welcome back to your Marnhull Messenger.

I hope you all had a fun and spooooooky October! Now we're all preparing for bonfire night... Perhaps you're excited to see some fireworks, or you're concerned over your animals. If you are planning to let off fireworks, please try to give some advanced notice in the Facebook group. We've always been very lucky to have pets that are fine with fireworks, but I know others struggle this time of year.

Thanks for your messages of support with my Martial Arts club. We're off to a great start and I really appreciate your support in getting the word out. Our Shaftesbury Junior class is now full, but we have plenty of room at our Sturminster Newton class. We're particularly looking for a few brave families that are willing to train together (Aged 10+)...

I'm glad that my line dancing abilities (or lack of!) are bringing joy to those that visit the Legion. It's a great fun way to exercise, so why not join in next time? In a typical "happy wife, happy life" moment, I agreed to do a 5 week Waltz and Cha Cha Cha taster course with Emma. Definitely not my thing, but it does make a nice date night and it certainly beats doom scrolling on the sofa!

I just wanted to take a moment to acknowledge our regular columnists. They provide great insights into their chosen topic and the feedback has been great. Next issue will be Chris Walton's last one, so a special thank you to him for his great articles. If you would like to write a column, please get in touch.

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

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

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

Ian Gall – Chairman, The Marnhull Messenger Steering Group.

ANNUAL DIARY 2025

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

November

1st - Saturday

Christmas Bazaar @ 10:00 Methodist Hall

The Marnhull Hub and Repair Café @ 10:00

2FM @ 20:00 British Legion Club

2nd - Sunday

Marnhull Entertains - Musical - Bat Out Of Hell @ 19:00

3rd - Monday

Pound Fitness @ 09:30 British Legion Club

Table Tennis - Monday @ 14:00

Lyn's Bingo @ 19:00 British Legion Club

4th - Tuesday

Walking Football @ 09:45 Village Recreation Ground

Pilates with Debbie @ 10:00 British Legion Club

Bridge Club @ 13:30 Methodist Hall

Pilates with Debbie @ 18:15 British Legion Club

5th - Wednesday

Table Tennis - Wednesday @ 14:00

Community Choir @ 18:30

Pound Fitness @ 19:00 British Legion Club

6th - Thursday

Craft Club @ 10:00 Methodist Hall

7th - Friday

Pilates with Debbie @ 00:00 British Legion Club

Lunch With Friends @ 12:00

Line Dancing Class @ 19:00 British Legion Club

8th - Saturday

The Marnhull Hub and Repair Café @ 10:00

Poppy Quiz @ 18:30 British Legion Club

Marnhull Entertains - Louise Jordan - Behind Enemy Lines @ 19:30

9th - Sunday

Remembrance Day service @ 15:00

10th - Monday

Pound Fitness @ 09:30 British Legion Club

Table Tennis - Monday @ 14:00

Women's Institute - Young Lives v Cancer with Tom Carpenter @ 19:30

11th - Tuesday

Art For Everyone @ 09:00

Walking Football @ 09:45 Village Recreation Ground

Pilates with Debbie @ 10:00 British Legion Club

Bridge Club @ 13:30 Methodist Hall

Armistice Day @ 14:45 St Gregory's

Pilates with Debbie @ 18:15 British Legion Club

Garden Club @ 19:00

12th - Wednesday

Table Tennis - Wednesday @ 14:00

Community Choir @ 18:30

Pound Fitness @ 19:00 British Legion Club

14th - Friday

Pilates with Debbie @ 00:00 British Legion Club

Blackmore Vale Art Group @ 10:00

Open Mic Night @ 17:00 British Legion Club

Newcomers Drop-in Social Evening @ 19:00

15th - Saturday

The Marnhull Hub and Repair Café @ 10:00

Marnhull Entertains - Opera - La Boheme @ 18:00

The Dale Fender Band @ 20:00 British Legion Club

17th - Monday

Marnhull Craft Club Presents An Exhibition of Craft @ 10:00 Methodist Hall

Table Tennis - Monday @ 14:00

Lyn's Bingo @ 19:00 British Legion Club

Marnhull Music Society @ 19:15

18th - Tuesday

Art For Everyone @ 09:00

Walking Football @ 09:45 Village Recreation Ground

Pilates with Debbie @ 10:00 British Legion Club

Bridge Club @ 13:30 Methodist Hall

Pilates with Debbie @ 18:15 British Legion Club

19th - Wednesday

Table Tennis - Wednesday @ 14:00

Community Choir @ 18:30

21st - Friday

Pilates with Debbie @ 00:00 British Legion Club

Marnhull Community Cafe @ 10:00

Vale Ukes @ 18:00 British Legion Club

22nd - Saturday

The Marnhull Hub and Repair Café @ 10:00

Marnhull Entertains - Opera - Arabella @ 18:00

Tina Turner Tribute - Niqui Brown @ 20:00 British Legion Club

24th - Monday

Pound Fitness @ 09:30 British Legion Club

Table Tennis - Monday @ 14:00

25th - Tuesday

Art For Everyone @ 09:00

Walking Football @ 09:45 Village Recreation Ground

Pilates with Debbie @ 10:00 British Legion Club

Bridge Club @ 13:30 Methodist Hall

Pilates with Debbie @ 18:15 British Legion Club

Marnhull Entertains - The Salt Path @ 19:30

26th - Wednesday

Table Tennis - Wednesday @ 14:00

Community Choir @ 18:30

Pound Fitness @ 19:00 British Legion Club

28th - Friday

Pilates with Debbie @ 00:00 British Legion Club

Figure Drawing @ 10:30

29th - Saturday

The Marnhull Hub and Repair Café @ 10:00

Stage One @ 20:00 British Legion Club

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FROM THE SURGERIES

Quit Smoking

If you want to quit smoking, you don't have to go it alone. It's much easier to stop when you have the right support and LiveWell Dorset is here for you.

Of all the changes you can make for your health, quitting smoking is the single best thing you can do for your body. You'll start to feel the benefits almost immediately. And it's a fact that if you can stop smoking for 28 days, you are five times more likely to quit for good.

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Visit livewelldorset.co.uk or call free on 0800 840 1628.

Women's Health

Following the publication of the Women's Health Strategy for England, NHS Dorset has worked with non-profit organisations, clinicians and women in Dorset to build a new website – ourdorset.org.uk/women

This site has early help and self-help advice about the priority areas for women and girls so they can make informed choices about their wellbeing. You can also find the services that are available in Dorset.

Also October was Breast Cancer awareness month so check you're up to date with your breast screening. Anyone registered with a GP as female will be invited for NHS breast screening every 3 years between the ages of 50 and 71.

High Cholesterol

Did you know that 1 in 2 adults in the UK have high cholesterol? It's more common than you think — but that doesn't mean it has to be out of your control.

Be the boss of your cholesterol. Take charge of your health with small,

manageable changes that can make a big difference — from eating heart-friendly foods and staying active, to checking in with your GP Practice.

Knowing your numbers is the first step toward feeling your best.

There's lots of help, advice, and resources available so you can take control of your cholesterol.

More information from Heart UK 01628 777046 Cholesterol Helpline Email: ask@heartuk.org.uk

Dorset County Hospital Maternity Services

The Care Quality Commission (CQC) has upgraded the rating of maternity services at Dorset County Hospital, from 'requires improvement' to 'good' following an inspection in May which showed significant improvement.

This inspection was carried out to follow up on the progress of improvements CQC told the department to make at a previous inspection. At that inspection, CQC issued the trust with a warning notice to make rapid improvements to the management and oversight of the service.

The trust has made significant improvements in several areas since the last inspection and has now met the requirements of the warning notice.

The CQC have therefore upgraded the service's well-led rating from inadequate to good. Safe has increased from requires improvement to good. The domains of effective, caring and responsive were not inspected and retain their previous rating of good.

The overall rating for Dorset County Hospital has also upgraded from requires improvement to good.

Neil Cox, CQC deputy director of operations in Dorset, said:

"We were pleased to see that leaders and staff working in maternity services at Dorset County Hospital had acted on our feedback from the previous inspection and focused on the areas of the warning notice to make improvements. Women and people using the service now had a much better experience of care and treatment. Behind this was an improvement in how well-led the service was, which in turn supported staff to provide better care."

Marnhull



If you have moved into Marnhull since October 2024 you are invited to a social event on

Friday 14th November 2025
7pm-8.30pm
at Marnhull Village Hall

Enjoy a glass of Prosecco and meet other villagers and representatives from local clubs & societies, parish councillors, members of the clergy and teachers from local schools

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E-VOUCHER SCAMS

CHRIS WALTON
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Welcome to the penultimate issue of my Stay Safe Column. It's been two years since I began writing both my Stay Safe and Dorset Lore Columns for The Messenger, and I hope that you have found them both informative. The feedback I have had about both columns has been absolutely wonderful.

It's been a difficult decision but in order to focus on family, business and other exciting new ventures I've decided that both my columns in the December/January edition of The Messenger will be my last regular ones.

I will still try to post occasional scam advice on the Marnhull Facebook page as and when I can, and all my previous columns can still be found online in the Marnhull Messenger archive and on the blog on my own website www.oakdigitalsolutions.co.uk where I will also continue to post advice on avoiding scams and keeping your digital world safe.

Several of my customers and some members of the Marnhull Facebook page, have recently fallen foul of an Amazon voucher scam, so I thought it a good time with the festive season just around the corner, to remind readers about e-voucher scams.

This occurs when scammers trick victims into buying and sending them Amazon or other gift card claim codes, often by impersonating a friend or family member.

These scams rely on the goodwill of people and often succeed by creating false urgency e.g. the person has lost their credit/debit card, is in a dire situation and needs to pay for travel tickets, health care, food etc.

They may also try tugging the heart strings e.g. they are ill and need medicine or food or need to purchase a birthday present for a loved one.

Digital gift vouchers like the Amazon ones are often requested because they are easy to purchase, hard to trace because they leave almost no financial trail, making them almost as good as cash for fraudsters. Once the money is spent it is almost impossible to refund.

You should never use gift cards for any payments outside of Amazon, and always verify requests from "friends" or "family" by contacting them directly in person or by phone if possible, rather than by any form of electronic communication.

And another festive reminder. Scammers love the lead up to Christmas almost as much as children do. It is the perfect time for them to take advantage of people's generosity,

vulnerability and hunt for a bargain. Please be careful and as a wise man once said "If it sounds too good to be true...then it probably is".

About Me

I'm Chris Walton, I live in Marnhull and I can help with many of the problems that people experience with personal and home technology. I have nearly 40 years' experience teaching people of all ages and all skill levels to use a wide variety of gadgetry and software both in the workplace and at home.

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NEWCOMERS DROP-IN SOCIAL EVENING

FRIDAY 14th NOVEMBER 2025

Marnhull Village Hall, 7pm-8.30pm

Have you moved into Marnhull since October 2024?

In which case, we would like to invite you to come and meet other newcomers to the village at our annual Newcomers Social Evening. Organised by Marnhull Village Care, whose aim it is to welcome new people moving into Marnhull and to provide information about the many clubs and societies that are keen to welcome new members into their groups. Representatives from all the groups will be available on the night to chat to you, answer any questions and if you are interested, tell you how to join. You will also have an opportunity to meet other villagers, parish councillors, members of the clergy and teachers from the local schools.

INTERESTED IN COMING ALONG?

All you need to do is contact Lesley Ruth on 01258 821306 or via email lesleyruth4@aol.com no later than Saturday 1st November. Let her know your name and contact details and how many members of your household would like to attend on 14th November. A FREE glass of Prosecco, or non-alcoholic drink, will be waiting for you between 7pm-8.30pm in the Village Hall, along with a warm welcome and friendly smiles.



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SERO'S

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Friday 5th December 2025
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10.00-1.15 Arrive, welcome coffee and shortbread, followed by a demonstration and wreath making. Followed by lunch with a choice of vegetable soups and rolls with a glass of bubbly

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MARNHULL REMEMBERS 2025

*When you go home, tell them of us and say,
for your tomorrow we gave our today.*

3pm Sunday 9th November
Village Remembrance Sunday Service at St Gregory's Church with the Gillingham Silver Band.
Procession begins at 2.45pm from Butts Close, New Street
Service is followed by refreshments at Marnhull RBL, Sodom Lane.

11am Tuesday 11th November
Armistice Day Service at the War Memorial, New Street

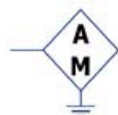
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**ROYAL
BRITISH LEGION**

Unfortunately Mr Chips is not available for the Poppy Quiz on November 8th and I have been unable to find anyone else suitable so it will be a quiz only on that night.

As some compensation we have organised a bumper raffle so please come and support me as you have so many other years. The price will be £2 a head with the money going to the Poppy Appeal as usual.

On the 25th October the Poppy fortnight starts and our collectors will be coming round with their trays. The problem in recent years is that nobody has money any more so please make sure you have some about the house. Every little helps.

The March will leave Butts Close on Remembrance Sunday at 2.45 to arrive at the church for the service at roughly 3pm. All are welcome to attend so we would like to see a good turnout.

Then on Tuesday November 11th there will be a short service and two minute silence at the memorial this is where we would like to see the phrase 'Marnhull Remembers' brought to life.

Don't forget to get your tickets for the Tina Turner Tribute evening on the 22nd November for £10 thus saving yourself £2.50 over the door price of £12.50. This promises to be an evening to remember so don't miss out.

Lyn's working hard to get some great prizes for the bingo coming up to Christmas so come down for a fun evening.

Lest We Forget

Sad to report the passing of long time member Pete Collis who kindly donated the money to pay for the skittle alley and was for many years the captain of the Dannies skittle team.

Also his wife Cynthia who passed away a few days later.

Soon after long time member Pete Donnelly was also sadly taken.

They will all be missed by friends and family.

November Entertainment

Sat. 1st November – 2FM

Mon. 3rd November – Lyn's Bingo 7pm

Sat. 8th October – Poppy Quiz

Sat. 15th November – The Dale Fender Band

Mon. 17th November – Lyn's Bingo 7pm

Sat. 22nd November – Tina Turner tribute £10 (£12.50 on the door)

Sat. 29th November – Stage One

For Branch Business contact Jack Whitehead on 01258 820800

Or whiteheadjack51@gmail.com

Club business contact Tony Junge on 01258 820397

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Season of music at St Gregory's

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August-December 2025

For more information
contact Gordon Amery
organ1234@btinternet.com

**Some of these events will be
ticketed.
More details to follow : on
Facebook/Music at St Greys**

3pm, Sunday 24th August – Autumn
Concert #1 – TBC

3pm, Sunday 7th September – Autumn
Concert #2 – Jon Pickard (harp guitar)

3pm, Sunday 21st September – Autumn
Concert #3 – David Bednall (organ)

7pm, Monday 22nd September –
Salisbury Cathedral Choir

3pm, Sunday 5th October – Autumn
Concert #4 – Gordon Amery (organ)

7pm, Saturday 18th October – Brian
Willoughby & Cathryn Craig (folk)

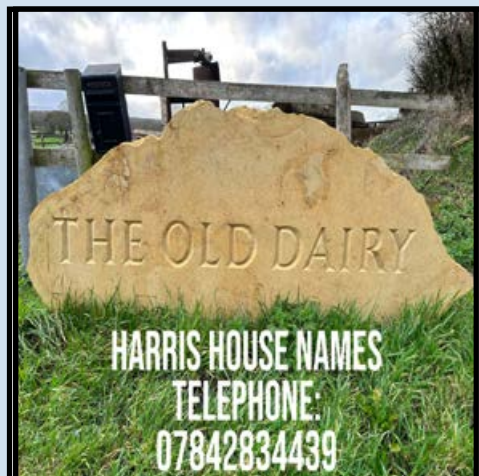
3pm, Sunday 19th October – Autumn
Concert #5 – Louise Cousins : Movies &
Musicals (organ et al)

3pm, Sunday 2nd November – Autumn
Concert #6 – Stephen Binnington (organ
et al including Ian Jordinson's
compositions)

7.30pm Saturday 6th December
Marnhull Community Choir Christmas
Concert

6pm, Sunday 21st December – Village
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At the time of writing and submitting this article we had not yet heard our October speaker, Charles Chesshire, who will be introducing us to 'The Art of Dishevelment' which sounds intriguing. We will report back in the next column as to what this was all about.

Our speaker in November will be Ian Tribe and he will be talking to us about the 'Wildflower Garden'. Doors open at 7pm for a 7.30pm start on Tuesday 11th November for this event.

We also welcome day visitors at a cost of £3 so, if you're particularly interested in this speaker or if you just want to see what happens at a typical meeting, please come along. We are a friendly group and make an effort to welcome newcomers.

We are starting to look forward to Christmas and our December meeting will be replaced with our annual Christmas social. Preparations are already in hand and we look forward to celebrating with our fellow members.

Three gardening tips for November

1. Now is the ideal time to plant bare-root fruit trees and bushes. If the ground is waterlogged or frozen then you can plant these temporarily in a pot.
2. Keep your supply of mint going by splitting up plants to grow inside during the colder months. Mint needs plenty of water to prevent it running to flower and if you keep on cropping it new shoots will emerge from the base.
3. Move compost bags under cover. If they get too wet it loses nutrients and can develop fungi which could be bad for seedlings. Move them somewhere warmer in Spring to avoid plants suffering stress with roots going into cold compost. Seeds will also germinate much faster in warm compost.

UPDATE FROM MARNHULL TRAFFIC CALMING GROUP

20's Plenty!

As part of a two-pronged Strategy to get a reduced speed limit in Marnhull Village the Traffic Calming Group voted 13 to 3 to request a 20mph speed limit on the most important roads in the village.

Now the hard work begins as we ensure the largest number of inhabitants as possible are aware of the opportunity to vote in favor of or against next year.

The process is lengthy as Dorset Council require a Speed Watch report, which starts this month, to be carried out for a year as the results are one of the key aspects they will be looking for in the Parish Council's application if and when made. The County Council sets demanding rules if they are to allow a reduced limit.

At their next meeting on Tuesday 21st October at 7 pm the Group will discuss plans for a widespread series of acts to publicise the objective of holding a vote next year using an insert that will be placed in the Messenger.

Once the speed limit programme is completed the second prong of the strategy will be tackled. This aims to devise how we might alert drivers and other road users to the many hazards we have on our roads by installing signs by the roadside and painted on the roads that will forewarn them to take care. More will follow in our update in the December issue.

If you are in support of this important measure of a 20mph speed limit, please spread the word as we need as many villagers as possible to vote so everyone, please use YOUR OPPORTUNITY to express your view when the time comes.

On behalf of the Traffic Calming Group



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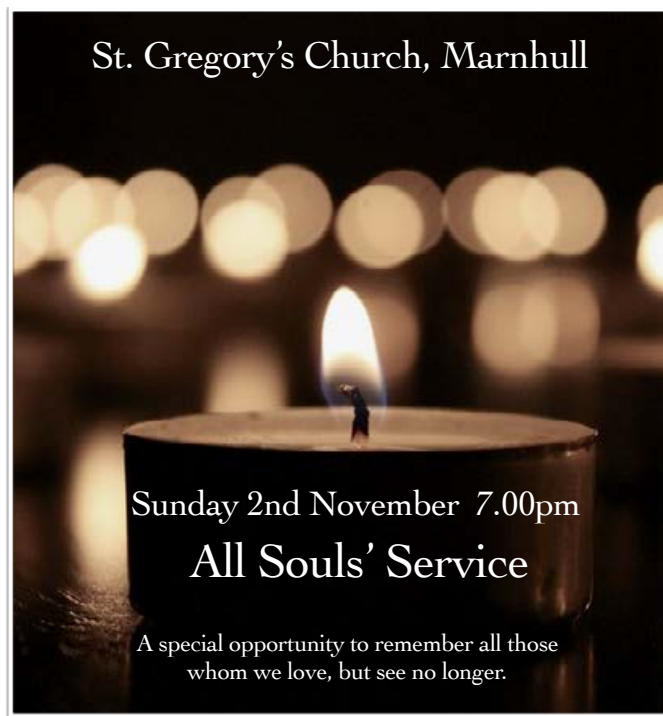
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7pm Annual All Souls' Service- 'remembering those we love but see no longer.' Please contact us if you would like loved ones remembered by name.

Weds 5th

11am Monthly Holy Communion service (traditional language)

Fri 7th

10am School Remembrance Service

Sun 9th Remembrance Sunday

3pm Village and Royal British Legion Remembrance Service followed by refreshments at the Legion Hall

Tues 11th

11am Armistice Service at the War Memorial

Fri 14th

12pm-12.30pm Churches Together Village Prayer at Our Lady's RC Church, Old Mill Lane, DT10 1JX

Sun 16th

10am Monthly All Age Worship

Sat 22nd GIFT DAY- see letter

10am-12.30pm Christmas Flowers workshop in church, led by Sandy Milne, Chair of Sturminster Newton Floral Group. £5 pp. Book a place via Revd Gaenor.

Sun 30th Advent Sunday

10am Service of the Word with Baptism of Theo

4pm Village Advent Service with Churches Together in Marnhull

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Catenian Association members assisted the Catholic Military Association to finance the purchase an Icon of "Our Lady of Victories" from Ukraine. The icon was acquired from St Anthony's Iconography studio in Lviv, Ukraine, close to the monastery of St Clement, where it was written. Under the guidance of artist Oksana Zhuravska, the studio continues the centuries-old traditions of well-known Ukrainian iconographers. We are proud to link with two other Catholic organisations to bring this icon from Ukraine. The Catholic Military Association was founded with a devotion to Our Lady of Victories and now take pride of place at the Catholic Military Cathedral in Aldershot. Fundraising for the icon was supported by Salisbury Catenians.

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ST GREGORY'S C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

This month Foxes Class are showcasing all the things they have been doing this term - what a busy few weeks!

As part of their enquiry learning exploring the question 'How are Lives Saved?' they were lucky enough to have a local children's nurse run their very own first aid session. They were taught how to deal with minor injuries (such as burns and nosebleeds) as well as some potentially life-saving skills such as how to help someone who is choking or what to do if someone gets a head injury. They had great fun acting in role as patients and the people first on scene and even got to dress up in some medical PPE! A big thank you to our volunteer for coming in, bringing along their specialist equipment and, most importantly, sharing all their life-saving expertise!



Then to follow on from this, Foxes took part in a national Guinness World Record attempt through joining in with the Resuscitation Council UK's 'Re-start a Heart - Live!' event! The event involved hourly live-streamed CPR training sessions with the aim of teaching CPR to as many people as possible to help save lives across the UK. Everyone was excellent at following the steps to ensure their patients (some rather unsuspecting teddies!) had the best possible chance of survival!



Foxes have also been brilliant athletes this half term both in and out of school. In PE lessons we have been practicing our gymnastic skills, looking in particular at different ways of balancing, travelling and jumping. We have even utilized these skills to create some mini group routines!



Then at the end of September we were lucky enough to have our own cycle road safety - Bike-ability - course held in our playground. Bike-ability is funded by the Department for Transport and helps children learn practical skills and such as how to check a bike is fit to ride, changing gears (when this is necessary) and even some common road signs. Lots of fun as well as lots of learning took place on this part 1 of the course; stay tuned for part 2!

Finally, this week some representatives from Foxes class attended a sports ambassador training event at Gillingham Secondary School.

There were lots of other representatives from other local primary schools; great fun was had getting to know some new people! Throughout the day they took part in different activities all about how to be a super sports champion and leader in school. They were taught lots of new fun games which a couple ambassadors have already trialed at sports club on Tuesday!



ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

As we draw to the end of the first half of the Autumn term, we are enjoying the beautiful autumnal colours the season brings us. The children have been collecting leaves and using branches to build dens at playtimes. The teachers had the chance to meet with parents and report on how well their children had settled back into school. Children who joined us in September have quickly become part of our St Mary's family. We have had lots happening this half term. We celebrated our first school Mass in Our Lady's Church with Fr. Cletus. It was great to be able to celebrate our Harvest Festival, featuring special guests from St Gregory's Church choir, with parents and grandparents, and in doing so, were able to support Gillingham Foodbank with the donations.

We are now looking forward to a well-earned rest at the half-term break, ready to face the fun and mayhem that the second half of the term brings with the run up to Christmas.

St Mary's Explorers and Reception

It's been a wonderful start to the new school year in our Preschool and Reception EYFS unit! The children have settled beautifully and have been busy getting to know each other, sharing their likes and dislikes and talking about what makes their families special.



We've also been learning all about our amazing bodies! The children have been naming different body parts, finding out what our bones do, and enjoying the classic story Funnybones. This book has inspired lots of laughter, creative play and artwork.

As part of our learning about keeping healthy, the children have been busy cooking too. They made delicious, colourful breakfasts using fresh fruit, yoghurt, and oats, discovering that healthy food is tasty to eat!

It's been a joyful start to our learning journey together, and we're looking forward to many more exciting adventures as the year unfolds.

St Mary's Explorers is open from 8:45 am - 3:15 pm every weekday during term time and spaces are available for children aged 3+ with wrap around care from 8am - 6pm on request. Please make enquiries by calling 01258 820417.

St Mark's

This term, our class has been busy. In PE, the children have been taking advantage of our newly refurbished hall floor by focusing on gymnastics, learning to make shapes such as the straddle, pike, and tuck. They have also been working on balances, using teamwork and focus to create group poses.

In the classroom, we've been learning



all about farming. The children have discovered how life on a farm is different from life in a town, discussing where our food comes from and the important jobs farmers do. We had a really good discussion about the many differences between rural and urban areas.

Everyone had great fun designing and building their own farms, complete with fields and animals. It's been a busy and brilliant couple of weeks with teamwork, and learning!



St Francis'

We are excited to share the wonderful learning taking place in St Francis class this month! The children have been working hard across all subjects, and we are proud of their enthusiasm and progress.

In English, we have been exploring the beautiful story of 'Winter's Child'. The children are learning how to write letters, focusing on structure, descriptive language, and expressing feelings. They have enjoyed imagining conversations with characters from the story and practising formal and informal letter styles.



This term in Maths, our focus is on addition and subtraction. The children are developing their mental and written methods, solving word problems, and building confidence with number facts.

In History, we are travelling back in time to Ancient Egypt! The class has been fascinated by pyramids, pharaohs, and ancient artefacts. We are learning how archaeologists discover the past and what these treasures can tell us about life thousands of years ago.



Our Science topic is the properties of solids, liquids, and gases. The children are investigating how materials change state and conducting simple experiments to observe these changes. It's been a hands-on and exciting unit so far!

In PE, we are focusing on teamwork and skills through football and netball. The children are practising passing, shooting, and learning the rules of team games.

St Albans'

As always, the children in St Alban's class have been very busy and working extremely hard! Recently, they have been exploring the wonders of our solar system, discovering how night and day occur, and even using Oreos to demonstrate the different phases of the Moon — a definite highlight!

In history, our topic on the Ancient Greeks has sparked some fascinating discussions. The children have particularly enjoyed learning about the great scholars and philosophers of the time and exploring how their ideas and theories continue to influence our world today.

The class has also experienced the virtual thrills of various rollercoaster rides to inspire their diary writing, focusing on expressing feelings and emotions. I have been extremely impressed with how well the children have taken on the challenge of new maths concepts recently. Every child has shown determination, perseverance, and a real willingness to try their best and improve. A big well done to them all!

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We are also delighted that The Crown at Marnhull has kindly agreed to sponsor the Show again, as part of its continuing commitment to supporting local community activities.

We're very pleased to have them on board and are grateful to them for all their support and enthusiasm.

We're busy putting the Programme for the day together, so if you have any suggestions for classes or ideas for things you would like to see at the Show, please let us know. You can email us at: marnhullvillageshow@gmail.com

Marnhull Community Choir

Musical Christmas Celebration

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The Marnhull Community Choir invites you to join us for the first concert under our new Music Director, Liz Dewar.

The music we will be performing includes, Faure's Cantique de Jean Racine, The 12 days after Christmas by Frederick Silver, John Rutter's All Bells in Paradise, Christmas Candle by Donald Swan, Gaudete! and a selection of your favourite carols and an opportunity to join in!

There will be a bar (donation payments) offering wine when you arrive, during the interval and at the end, so the choir and audience can celebrate together.

And for something a little less formal, Carols and Carvery are on offer from 6pm on Sunday 14th December in the Crown Inn, Marnhull. Carols, led by the choir, with audience participation encouraged, followed by the Crown's famous carvery. Booking essential direct with the Crown, if you would like to eat!

The choir will also be joining the Village Carol Service at St Greg's on Sunday 21st December at 6pm.

Dog Walking

I've been a resident in Marnhull for 16 years now, I drive, have a local job and walk my dog. I never let my dog off the lead, always 'pick-up' after him, and stop, move to the side when vehicles pass, especially on Church Hill, and Sackmore Lane - no pavements!

Recently however, if a vehicle has to slow down to go round, or wait behind for a car to pass, if something has spooked my dog, such as fast traffic or loud and smelly lorries, I receive deathly, grumpy stares even mouthing from inside the vehicles, as if I have absolutely no right to be walking.

Please - can we start to show each other a little more respect - please?

If you think this article has been a complete waste of time and paper - maybe I've been writing about you!!

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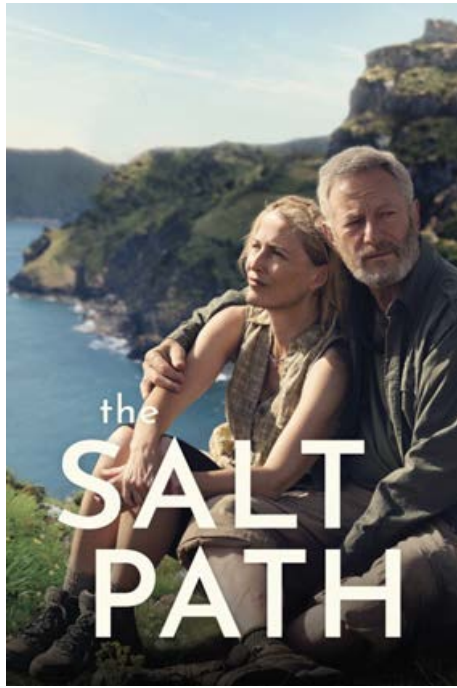
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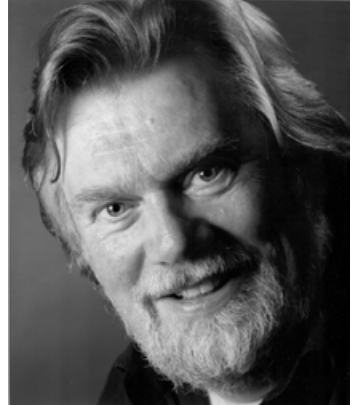
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Everyday type decisions can be confusing too, like buying goods online, investing your money for higher returns, switching energy providers, or booking last-minute holidays. We can’t all be confident consumers in all we do. If you’re not sure what you’re doing, then you’re potentially vulnerable too. It’s then easy to get caught out. If you’re not confident with fast changing digital tools and technology, then the risks can be even higher. Scammers use these tools to trick people into handing over money or personal details. They might start off friendly and helpful but might quickly turn pushy or even threatening if you hesitate.

Vulnerability isn’t a weakness, and it’s often not permanent, it’s just a part of life that everyone experiences at some point. The key is to recognise it and take steps to protect yourself. Talk openly with friends and family about scams and how they work. Don’t be afraid to ask questions or double-check things that seem off. If something feels too good to be true, it probably is.

Most importantly, look out for each other. Share what you know, and don’t judge someone if they get caught out. Don’t let anyone make you feel ashamed for being cautious.

Why not join over 5500 other people in Dorset and become a ‘Friend Against Scams’? You’ll learn how to spot a scam, increasing your knowledge so you can talk with friends and family to help keep them safe too. Visit www.friendsagainstscams.org.uk

MARNHULL PLAYERS PANTO

Our rehearsals are going really well, some of our casts have already learnt their lines which is fantastic as we can already see their characters coming to life. Everyone is so enthusiastic and we have a few new cast members but they have slipped in with no issues and feel like that have been apart of the group for ages, which is so lovely.

We are even ahead of the game, we have a few costumes in place already and are starting to wear them in rehearsals so we can get use to them and help us with the character development.

We had our first Sunday rehearsal where we can work on the things that take a bit longer like the dances. This was the first time to see how the dances with fit in and work out the flow of those scenes. Our choreographer Elenor is doing an amazing job and working very closely with the cast to make sure they know what they are doing.

Here are the dates and details of when A Mermaids tale will be at Marnhull Village Hall: -

Friday 30th January at 7pm

Saturday 31st January at 2pm and 7pm

Sunday 1st February at 2pm

Tickets will be available in Marnhull Spar and Robin Hills stores from 1st December.

If you would you like to be involved in this fun pantomime group, even if you don't want to be on stage, there's plenty of roles to help out with - no experience needed, we would love to have you on board. Then let us know in the next month or to so we can make sure your in the list so we don't miss you out and we can fit you into the script before we go too far.

Contact Emma at marnhullplayers@gmail.com

The Committee and Cast

MARNHULL MUSIC SOCIETY

The Music Society’s first programme of the Autumn season was a cornucopia of melodic delights from the recent past. The audience palpably wallowed in nostalgia as Shirley Blackford played “Begin the Beguine”, “Don’t sit under the Apple Tree”, “Blues in the Night” and many more much loved pieces from the big band era.

There were some more classical elements too: Callas singing a Gluck aria and a recording of Caruso singing Verdi, as well as some Schubert, Bach and Khachaturian.

The sound of dear old Acker Bilk playing “Stranger on the Shore” brought back memories of dancing in the night at the Bath fringe in the 1960’s and I think many others in the audience were similarly transported to a moment of their youth.



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Riddle 1: October Riddle 2: Autumn

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FUN RIDDLES

Answers on page 24

Riddle 1:

I start with eight,
Just like the legs,
Of a creature hiding out of sight,
I'm the best of all,
To those who maul,
Or who enjoy a little fright

Riddle 2:

I'm filled with spooks and scares and ghouls,
But I am not a tomb,
I'm filled with hay and spiced lattes,
But I am not a room,
I begin with a summer sunset,
And end with a harvest moon

November Joke:

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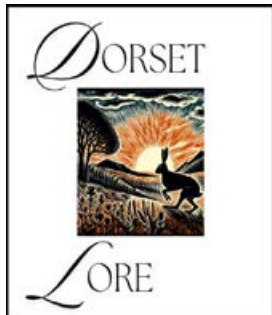
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Bincombe Tunnel

In 1883, Sidney Watts, a 24-year-old railwayman, died tragically whilst walking home through Bincombe Tunnel. The next morning his body was found on the tracks covered in soot and still wearing his oil-stained uniform.

Ever since, train drivers on the Weymouth to Dorchester line have regularly reported a ghostly dark figure with a "stumbling tread and bowed head" on the tracks, some drivers have even reported hitting someone only to find no trace of a body. In 1991, one driver was so certain he'd hit a man in the tunnel that he called the police who investigated but found absolutely no evidence that anyone had indeed been hit by the train.

The Haunted Malt House

The distinct sounds of someone climbing the stairs and opening a door were heard several times by a former occupant of the Old Malthouse on the High East Street, Dorchester - though they were never heard to come back down. Upon each investigation, the upper part of the building was always found to be completely empty.

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MARNHULL MEN'S SHED

The Marnhull Men's Shed meets weekly at our workshop, where members can work on their own projects or work together on Community projects. There is also the opportunity to learn new skills or pass on skills to others. For those not project minded there is always the chance for a natter over tea and biscuits with friends old and new.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

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UNITY MARTIAL ARTS

It's been a manic, but successful first month at the club. Our Stour Row Junior class is now full, but there's lots of room in our family class (Age 10+) or at Sturminster Newton. Thank you all for your support, it means a lot.

2 of our students represented us at the English Opens and both took home bronze - we couldn't be prouder!

We've had some transfers from a couple of the other local clubs and even some karate students making the switch which is very fun for me as Shotokan Karate will always have a special place in my heart. There is a bit of a learning curve when making the switch as we might have a different routine to the old club, extra items in the syllabus, maybe do certain techniques differently or have a different focus. Everyone has done a great job at adapting so far.

We've invested in some competition grade mats which we got out for one of our weekly "specialist" sessions. We also have judo mats to practice parts of Taekwon-do that aren't typically practiced anymore but I feel are still important. Our other specialist sessions this month have included weapons, competition practice and Karate heritage.

We've had some guest instructors/assistants from other clubs and I'm very excited about an upcoming session where a former Kung-Fu instructor (now Taekwon-do) is going to do come and teach us some techniques.

We're already getting close to our membership target that will allow us to open a dedicated centre for martial arts in North Dorset. The centre would be fully matted, so also provide an ideal venue for daytime exercise and meditation classes.

Our students are all working hard towards their first grading in November - we wish them all luck!

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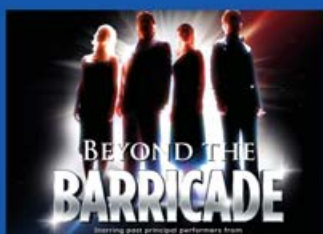
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MARNHULL TENNIS CLUB

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Marnhull Tennis Club closed out its summer season with a bigger-than-ever Finals Day, featuring complimentary Pimm's and pizza for all our members. Newcomer Andrew Wells was crowned singles champion, while Sally Brunner and Chris Gregory volleyed their way to the doubles trophy. The event rounded out what has been a very lively few months for the club, with more people than ever taking to the courts.

We've also spent the summer making small improvements to its facilities. In addition to repairing the existing netting, we have now added scoreboards, a lockbox for junior kit and handy coat hooks. There are more ambitious development plans on the horizon, so watch this space!

Half-Price Memberships

While our membership continues to steadily grow, we're always keen to encourage new tennis converts. That's why we're now offering half-price memberships to anybody who has never joined the club before. It's an excellent opportunity for newcomers to the village as well as those curious about tennis to take advantage of our top-quality courts, complete with floodlights to enable play throughout the winter. For more information, contact Chris Gregory at c.j.gregory@outlook.com.

Rusty Rackets

If you are someone who has never really played tennis before but would like to have a bash, why not come along to one of the club's Rusty Rackets sessions? Taking place every Wednesday, non-members can enjoy a free trial, just contact John Seear at johnseear@hotmail.com to arrange a visit.

After-School Junior Coaching

LTA-accredited club coach Graham Howell is now leading after-school sessions for our junior members every Tuesday afternoon. These are available to children aged from 5 to 17 and are a great way for youngsters to make new friends while engaging in a healthy sport. With membership costing just £16.50 per year (£8.25 for newcomers) and each coaching session priced at £5, it's an absolute bargain! Email howelltennis@hotmail.co.uk to find out more.



MARNHULL WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

For many of us, cooking, planning menus and shopping for supplies can become a bit of a chore but Laura Pope is just the sort of woman who makes the whole business look effortless and glamorous. When Laura decided to devote herself to catering she studied for a diploma at the Prue Leith cookery school and then took various jobs first in France and later in Verbier and California where she was the resident chef for parties of skiers and holidaymakers.

Later, marriage and motherhood limited her geographical range but Laura found that she enjoyed teaching so now she hosts small groups of students in her own kitchen and her speciality is Mediterranean cuisine. She also chefs for various private events in the homes of local celebrities.



MARNHULL CRAFT CLUB

A huge thank you to Linda Pentland who showed us how easy it is to make fun, pretty and inexpensive Christmas decorations from plastic bottle bottoms and loo rolls at our October meeting.

With the help of some paint, glitter and left over wool, we were able to make a range unusual decorations for the tree and table, including snowflakes, stars and even hats for chocolates! Many of us were keen to have a go at making more at home and thought that it would be a fun thing to do with the children and grandchildren.

Next month we are continuing with the Christmas theme and will be making cards in plenty of time for December. We meet on Thursday 6th November at 10am in the Methodist Hall in Burton Street. If making cards are not for you, you can bring along your current crafting project or just join us for a cup of tea and a chat. Membership of the Club is only £5 per annum and visitors are welcome to come along for their first session for free and for a small cost of £2 for subsequent sessions.

We also hope that you'll be able to come along to our Craft Exhibition on Monday 17th November at 10am in the Methodist Hall.

The Exhibition, in support of the Methodist Church, will showcase all the fantastic work done by our lovely members. There'll also be craft stalls, a raffle and of course lots of tea and cake! Please put the date in your diary and come and support us if you can.

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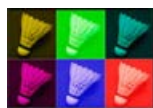
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www.marnhullcommunitychoir.com**LUNCH WITH FRIENDS**

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Main Course, Dessert and Tea or Coffee £12.00

For more information please call

Liz 01258 821378 or Dawn 01258 820642

MARNHULL GARDEN CLUB

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

Come and join us for refreshments and a chat.

We usually have a guest speaker and learn some new gardening tips.

Contact Secretary Phil Silvester 01258 394288 /
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MARNHULL MUSIC SOCIETY

Meets every 3rd Monday of the month (except July and August) at 7:15pm in the village hall. We listen to a varied programme of music (mainly but not exclusively classical) presented by one of our members and enjoy a social 'cuppa' during an interval.

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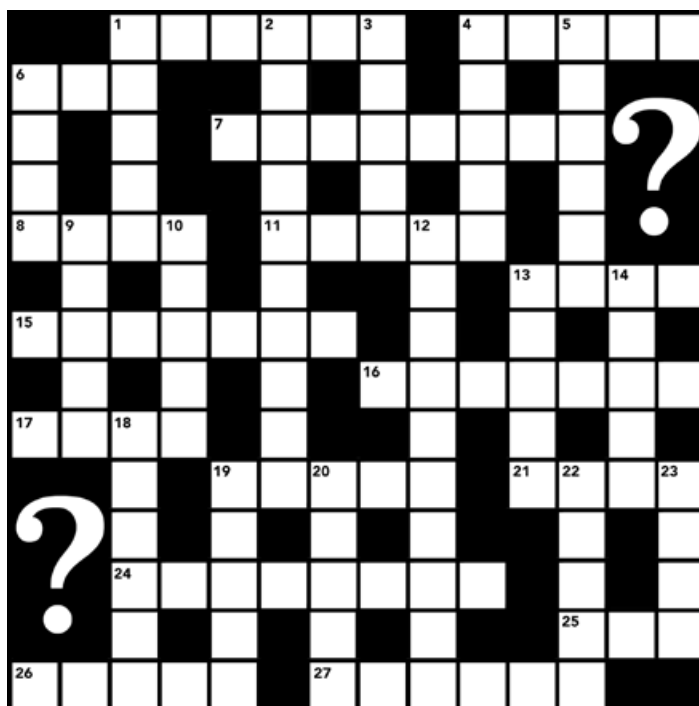
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ACROSS

- 1) A biographical film. (6)
 4) Chief airport of Chicago. (5)
 6) Lowest point of a ridge between two peaks. (3)
 7) Clinical purification of blood. (8)
 8) A headland or promontory. (4)
 11) Small anvil shaped bone in the middle ear. (5)
 13) Assistant to a political leader.
 15) Green aniseed flavoured liqueur. (7)
 16) Belgium, Netherlands and Luxembourg collectively. (7)
 17) Instruction on a printed proof meaning let it stand. (4)
 19) Capital of India. (5)
 21) Small migratory duck of northern Eurasia. (4)
 24) An early brittle form of plastic. (8)
 25) Mischievous devil or sprite. (3)
 26) In weightlifting raise a weight to shoulder height then gradually push it upwards. (5)
 27) A contraceptive aid. (6)



DOWN

- 1) A small airship. (5)
 2) People from Palestine who came into conflict with the Israelites. (10)
 3) Pain in the abdomen caused by wind or an obstruction in the intestines. (5)
 4) Fertile spot in the desert where the water table rises to ground level. (10)
 5) Italian town associated with St Francis. (6)
 6) Elegantly and stylishly fashionable. (4)
 9) Man who is head of an abbey. (5)
 10) An official order or proclamation. (5)
 12) Central Asian country with its country at Tashkent. (10)
 13) Large sandstone rock in Australia named after a South Australia Chief Secretary in 1873. (5)
 14) The two on dice or playing cards. (5)
 18) Fit to be eaten. (6)
 19) Informal term for the fists. (5)
 20) Shrub or small tree with fragrant white, pink or violet blossom. (5)
 22) Note having the time value of two crotchets. (5)
 23) Beat cream, eggs or other food into a froth. (4)

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