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## WELCOME TO YOUR MARNHULL MESSENGER

**CHRIS RYU**  
Messenger Editor

### October 2022 - Issue 128

Welcome back! Bit of a busier issue this time, thank you for sending in all these great articles - last month was just a blip.

I've had an enquiry from a generous villager potentially willing to take on the Editor role... who knows, this could be one of my last issues. How will you ever cope without seeing my pink hair and reading my intro..? I'm sure you'll survive!

My life's still manic, focusing on business recovery really. We're busier than ever, but getting people to pay their bills is harder than ever. We finished phase 1 of the office expansion and after long delays it looks like we finally agreed a deal for the office move.

I'm writing this during the period of mourning for HM The Queen and it's certainly a weird time. So much uncertainty, so many suspended meetings and there's a very sombre mood around the village. A lot of us have only ever experienced her rein and after Brexit, Covid and an energy crisis, it's going to be an even bigger shock to people's lives. Let's all take a minute to appreciate her flawless life of service and think of her family at this challenging time.

Long live King Charles III.

### 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.

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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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**ANNUAL DIARY 2022**

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

**OCTOBER**

- 1st - Tony Letts @20:00 British Legion
- 3rd - Qigong & Tai Chi @13:00 Methodist Hall
- 3rd - Bingo @19:00 British Legion
- 4th - Bridge Club @14:00 Methodist Hall
- 6th - Craft Club @10am Methodist Hall
- 8th - The Originals@20:00 British Legion
- 10th - Qigong & Tai Chi @13:00 Methodist Hall
- 10th - Women's Institute - Hedgehogs in Need, Jeanette Hampstead @19:30
- 11th - Bridge Club @14:00 Methodist Hall
- 11th - Curious Plant Stories from around the World @19:30
- 12th - Tea with Friends meeting @14:30 Methodist Hall
- 13th - Marnhull Amblers - Short Walk - approx 3 miles @10am
- 14th - The Marnhull Autumn Charity Quiz 2022 @19:00
- 15th - Bill Shannon's Soul & Motown Disco @20:00 British Legion
- 17th - Qigong & Tai Chi @13:00 Methodist Hall
- 17th - Bingo @19:00 British Legion
- 18th - Bridge Club @14:00 Methodist Hall
- 18th - Wilder Gardening - The joy of making space for nature - Clive Whitbourn @19:30 Methodist Hall
- 21st - Marnhull Community Café @10am
- 22nd - Rip It Up @20:00 British Legion
- 23rd - A Summer of Sunflower Charity Art Exhibition & Sale @13:00
- 24th - Qigong & Tai Chi @13:00 Methodist Hall
- 25th - Bridge Club @14:00 Methodist Hall
- 27th - Marnhull Ramblers - Long Walk - 4-7 miles @10am
- 29th - Stage One @20:00 British Legion
- 31st - Qigong & Tai Chi @13:00 Methodist Hall

31st - Bingo @19:00 British Legion

**NOVEMBER**

- 1st - Qigong & Tai Chi @13:00 Methodist Hall
- 1st - Bridge Club @14:00 Methodist Hall
- 3rd - Craft Club @10am Methodist Hall
- 5th - Electric Vehicle Show @10am
- 7th - Qigong & Tai Chi @13:00 Methodist Hall
- 8th - Bridge Club @14:00 Methodist Hall
- 8th - Building a Christmas Display The Gold Club @19:30
- 9th - Tea with Friends meeting @14:30 Methodist Hall
- 10th - Marnhull Amblers - Short Walk - approx 3 miles @10am
- 14th - Qigong & Tai Chi @13:00 Methodist Hall
- 14th - Bingo @19:00 British Legion
- 14th - Women's Institute - Race to Scotland in a Tub-sized Dinghy, Ken Fowler @19:30
- 15th - Bridge Club @14:00 Methodist Hall
- 18th - Marnhull Community Café @10am
- 18th - The Annual General Meeting @19:30
- 21st - Qigong & Tai Chi @13:00 Methodist Hall
- 22nd - Bridge Club @14:00 Methodist Hall
- 24th - Marnhull Ramblers - Long Walk - 4-7 miles @10am
- 28th - Qigong & Tai Chi @13:00 Methodist Hall
- 28th - Bingo @19:00 British Legion
- 29th - Bridge Club @14:00 Methodist Hall
- DECEMBER**
- 1st - Craft Club @10am Methodist Hall
- 5th - Qigong & Tai Chi @13:00 Methodist Hall
- 6th - Bridge Club @14:00 Methodist Hall
- 8th - Marnhull Amblers - Short Walk - approx 3 miles @10am
- 12th - Qigong & Tai Chi @13:00 Methodist Hall
- 12th - Bingo @19:00 British Legion

13th - Bridge Club @14:00 Methodist Hall

16th - Marnhull Community Café @10am

20th - Bridge Club @14:00 Methodist Hall

29th - Marnhull Ramblers - Long Walk - 4-7miles @10am

**JANUARY 2023**

5th - Craft Club @10am Methodist Hall

**FEBRUARY**

2nd - Craft Club @10am Methodist Hall

3rd - The Marnhull Players - 'The Magical Tale of Snow White' Pantomime @19:00

4th - The Marnhull Players - 'The Magical Tale of Snow White' Pantomime @14:00

4th - The Marnhull Players - 'The Magical Tale of Snow White' Pantomime @19:00

5th - The Marnhull Players - 'The Magical Tale of Snow White' Pantomime @14:00

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## STURMINSTER NEWTON MEDICAL CENTRE



### Klinik to replace eConsult

This new system, accessible from the Practice website allows you to submit requests for appointments, medical needs, sick notes, repeat prescriptions, prescription enquiries, nursing appointments, wellbeing support and administration enquiries.

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If you do not have access to a computer, the patient care co-ordinator team will support patients through the service by telephone, in the normal way, or via computer screens within the surgery.

Other surgeries across Dorset currently using this system, have seen vast improvements in their on the day/routine appointments and a reduction in time that patients experience in waiting on the telephone. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask for more information at the Marnhull, Sturminster Newton or Abbey View, surgeries.

Please check the website <https://www.blackmorevallesurgery.co.uk> for a link to a demonstration.

### Flu & Covid Vaccinations

If you are eligible, you will be offered a flu vaccination and the Practice aims to offer a COVID Autumn booster in the same appointment.

Invitations are being sent to eligible patients in 'waves' to manage booking demand. Please wait to be invited. Telephone lines need to be available for patients requiring medical help so please do not call to chase your invitation. All eligible patients will be invited.

Patients with a mobile number on their records will be sent a text with a link to book an appointment online (your mobile phone will need access to the internet). If the Practice doesn't have your mobile number on file, now is the time to update it, by using the website to do this. If you don't have a mobile number registered, the Practice will telephone to book you in.

**BE AWARE:** The police have received reports of a scam involving patients being offered flu/covid vaccinations in exchange for a fee/bank details. The NHS will never: Ask you for your bank account/card details; Ask you for your PIN number or banking password; Arrive unannounced at your home to administer your flu/covid vaccine/

### Wellbeing

Our health and wellbeing is influenced by many factors, known as determinants of health. These are to do with things like our genetics, environment, work or financial situation, relationships and social factors and medical care. These are all interconnected, but only 20% of our health and wellbeing, is to do with medical care, in other words things that medical interventions can help with. The other 80% is affected by other factors.

So, Wellbeing is taking care of these other things and in particular, your mind as well as your body and this is really important. You may feel worried, or anxious about your life, your health or those close to you. You may feel bored, frustrated or lonely, so it's important to remember that it's OK to feel this way and that everyone reacts differently. Remember, for most of us, these feelings will pass, however the Wellbeing team at the surgery may also be able to help you if needed. You can contact the Wellbeing Team by phoning the Practice, or through Facebook @SturminsterNewtonandMarnhullCommunityKindness and @ShaftesburyCommunityKindness or by email [bvpsocialprescribing@dorsetgp.nhs.uk](mailto:bvpsocialprescribing@dorsetgp.nhs.uk). (Please note they are not clinical

staff, therefore cannot advise you on clinical matters)

### Prostate Cancer

It's the most common cancer in men, but most men with early prostate cancer don't have symptoms, as usually these don't appear until the prostate is large enough to affect the tube that carries urine from the bladder out of the penis (urethra).

Prostate cancer is not always life-threatening. But when it is, the earlier you catch it the more likely it is to be cured. When this happens, you may notice things like:

- an increased need to pee
- straining while you pee
- a feeling that your bladder has not fully emptied

These symptoms should not be ignored, but they do not mean you have prostate cancer.

## MARNHULL GREEN TEAMS



The weekend of 10-11 September saw the Great Marnhull Giveaway & Takeaway, organised by a Marnhull Green Team led by John Dowsett.

John writes: "What a delight and surprise this trial event turned out to be for everyone! Thirty households took part as Giveaways from their drives and gardens around Marnhull, and from their perspective it was a great success. An estimated half to three-quarters of their offerings became someone else's treasure, and the recipients were delighted! The sociability and generally festive atmosphere were added bonuses of the event.

"The commonest question was, when is the next one? We hope to announce a date for next year soon - and if you took part this year in one way or another and have any comments or suggestions we would really like to hear from you, so that we can make the next Giveaway & Takeaway even better! For now, many thanks to all who took part in all ways."

There are other events being planned by Marnhull Green Teams in the meantime.

On Tuesday 18 October we are delighted to say that Clive Whitbourn will be giving a talk on "Wilder Gardening - the joy of making space for nature" at Marnhull Methodist Hall, beginning at 7:30pm. Admission is free and refreshments will be available.

We will also be holding another Electric Vehicle Show, for anyone who is thinking of buying an electric car or bike and who would like to chat with villagers about their experiences with these forms of transport. This event will be run in conjunction with the Hub at the Village Hall during the morning of Saturday 5 November, 10-12. If you're thinking of 'going electric', do come along.

To keep in touch with what the Marnhull Green Teams are doing, you might like to join our newsletter distribution list. The newsletter is emailed roughly every month; is usually only one or two pages long; and is entirely free of any commitment! If you'd like to give it a try, or have comments on the Giveaway & Takeaway Days or any other 'green' topic, please email [marnhullgreen@outlook.com](mailto:marnhullgreen@outlook.com) or telephone (01258) 268714. You can also find us on the village Facebook pages.





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## THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



**The Annual General Meeting  
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Friday 18th November 2022  
in the Village Hall**

**The doors will be open at 7.00 p.m.  
with the meeting starting promptly at 7.30 p.m.**

## NEW LOCAL BEREAVEMENT GROUP

A Marnhull resident, also a Health Champion for the Blackmore Vale Partnership like myself, suggested I get in touch to get this information to the village: A new local bereavement Peer Support Group has just started up as part of the Blackmore Vale Partnership social prescribing services. Run by volunteers, the aim is to provide support for those who are bereaved so they can take steps to rebuild their self confidence. Come along for cake and a cuppa and get together with others in the same position.

1st Friday in each month, 5-6.30pm Abbeyview Medical Centre, Shaftesbury.

Last Wednesday in each month, 10-11.30am Stour Connect, Sturminster Newton.

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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.

For more information, please contact

Alan Loukes on 01258 821629

## MARNHULL AMBLERS & RAMBLERS

**Short walk (amble) approx 3 miles**

Second Thursday of the month a.m

Contact for details: Elaine Spencer-White - [elainesw48@gmail.com](mailto:elainesw48@gmail.com)

**Longer walk (ramble) 4-7 miles**

Last Thursday of the month a.m

Contact for details: Anne Dowsett - [dowsetanne52@gmail.com](mailto:dowsetanne52@gmail.com)

## THE MARNHULL AUTUMN CHARITY QUIZ 2022

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I am typing this as we struggle to come to terms with the loss of our Queen, Elizabeth II. She has always been a strong supporter of the Legion and indeed it was her who bestowed the title Royal on us in 1971. We of course do not know yet if the new King will be as strong of a supporter or indeed if we will continue

to be 'Royal'. However our main concern now is to follow any rules that come down regarding the mourning period. There is a book of condolence in the Legion should anyone wish to come down and sign it.

The jumble sale on September 17th had to be postponed as for one reason or another we could not get enough helpers. The new date is October 22nd make a date in your diary and come down for some bargains. Ironically after I cancelled I had three volunteers turn up entirely unsolicited.

It has been confirmed that the Parish Council has managed to arrange insurance cover for the Remembrance Day Parade this year. I will be contacting organisations for the Parade shortly but anyone is welcome to march. Just turn up at butts Close at 2:30pm on Sunday November 13th and Parade Marshall Owen Wells will put you right. If you do not wish to march the service at St Gregory's will be starting at 3pm, then after, all are welcome to come for refreshments at the Legion. If anyone would like to lay a wreath please let me know as soon as possible so we can order one. I have been asked by one of the skittle team to find a sticker up. If you know anyone who wants to earn some pocket money give me a call and I will pass your information on.

### October Entertainment

**Sat 1st - Tony Letts**

**Mon 3rd - Bingo 7pm**

**Sat 8th - The Originals**

**Sat 15th - Bill Shannon's Soul and Motown Disco**

**Mon 17th - Bingo 7pm**

**Sat 22nd - Rip It Up**

**Sat 29th - Stage One**

**Mon 31st - Bingo 7pm**

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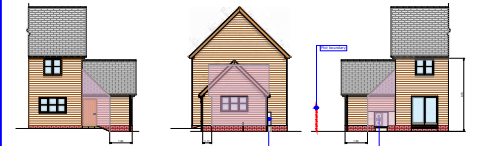
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## A SUMMER OF SUNFLOWERS CHARITY ART EXHIBITION & SALE



MARNHULL VILLAGE HALL - SUNDAY 23 OCTOBER  
1pm to 4pm - Entry £2 - Children free - All proceeds  
to charity

### **ORIGINAL ART & HANDPAINTED CARDS FOR SALE - DELICIOUS CAKES - RAFFLE**

Deborah Chisman's Art for Everyone classes and the Blackmore vale art group joined forces this year to draw and paint sunflowers over the summer. Please come and see the wonderful art on display, maybe even purchase an original painting at very reasonable cost, enjoy some delicious tea and cake, buy a card or two and enter the raffle to win a fabulous prize! All funds raised go towards helping families displaced by the ongoing war in Ukraine.

### **ART FOR EVERYONE**

Art classes at Marnhull and Durweston village halls are back up and running and feeling pretty much (dare i say it!) back to normal. I have my fingers crossed as I type! What have we been up to? Well we have experienced lots of different subjects and experimented with a wide variety of media over the past year and a good amount of work has been created all ready for a fabulous exhibition before too long so watch this space! Autumn last year saw us drawing dried poppy seed heads in water soluble graphite pencil and then painting them with tea, strong English breakfast, delicate Earl Grey, turmeric chai or fruit infusions all of which produced beautiful subtle shades. Blue bell woods in the spring were captured in brilliant bright shades of brusho, powdered pigment which explodes with colour when water is added. We painted the Barn owls at Bere Marsh farm in gouache from amazing photos kindly supplied by local wildlife photographer Alan Wicks. Vintage tractors in watercolour were fun as were quirky giraffe portraits. Our Sunflower collage project in the summer term was very poignant. Using layers of coloured paper and watercolour paint in the colours of the Ukrainian flag we combined newspaper cuttings of the war in Ukraine with bright sunflowers, the national flower and a symbol of hope. Each painting is unique and a record of the difficult and ongoing struggle. This got us thinking and talking. As a

couple of class members host Ukrainian families, could we use our paintings to raise some much needed funds? I do hope you will come along and support our efforts on Sunday 23rd October at the Summer of Sunflowers art exhibition & sale.

See you there, there will be cake!

Deborah Chisman - deb\_chisman@hotmail.com  
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### **Would you like to join an Art for Everyone**

**class?** All levels welcome including beginners, improvers and those with experience looking for inspiration and direction. You are welcome to come along and try a class for free, just drop me a line to arrange a visit. I have a few spaces at Durweston Monday afternoon class 1 to 3:30pm

Duurweston Monday morning class and both Marnhull classes on Tuesdays are fully enrolled.

## CITIZEN'S ADVICE

We need your help. Many people in North Dorset are facing extreme hardship as a recession looms. Rising food costs, redundancy, repossession, fuel and energy price rises, and more, all create huge pressure and anxiety for families. Citizen's Advice is doing its best to help. But we need more advisers. Will you step forward to volunteer a day a week? You will be trained in how to support those in need. This is hugely urgent. Call us on 01747 834900 for more information. Thank you.

## MARNHULL WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

I had heard of Julia's House but it wasn't until I heard Amanda Valentine's excellent presentation that I had any idea of the enormous scope and commitment of this extraordinary organisation. I suspect many others in the audience were similarly astonished.

Julia's House is a hospice for children in Wiltshire and Dorset with life threatening or life-limiting conditions. Recognising the catastrophic burden such a situation places on a family, the focus of the staff is to care for every member of the afflicted household and support them in every way possible. Each sick child is allocated 200 hours per year and this time can be used however is most suitable for that child and those who care for him. A morning a week in the noisy, fun-filled play area with its array of magical toys and experiences could give exhausted parents a valuable bit of free time. A nurse and a helper could take the child for a walk in the park or to a beach. One little girl wanted to ride a pony, so that is what she was helped to do. One boy just loved to splash in a bubble-filled jacuzzi. There are things on offer that almost defy the imagination: a trampoline just for wheelchairs, a swing for bedbound little bodies, a room where the patterns on the floor change on demand or music can be conjured with a wave of the hand. Other children in a family with a very sick child often find themselves sidelined as the needs of their sibling trumps their own. Julia's House staff arrange outings and holidays for these youngsters, taking them camping or on other adventures where they make friends with other children who understand what they are enduring.

Once a child and his family have come under the care of Julia's House they remain so until the child is eighteen when he is progressed on to other organisations. If, as sadly often happens, the child dies, enveloping support is given to all the family and the final days can be spent in a dedicated suite with the love and full time attention of familiar nurses and helpers. Afterwards the bereaved family remains part of the bigger family of Julia's House and bereavement counselling is offered.

Julia's House is 90% funded by public donations. Fundraising is constant and relentless and much of the money to run this fantastic organisation comes from legacies in wills.

In October our talk is entitled "Hedgehogs in need."

## MARNHULL PLAYERS PANTO

We started rehearsals on Thursday 1st September and we are off to a great start. The cast have had some great ideas of what to do with their characters and the portrayals of them are brilliant to start with. Once we have learnt our words we will have more freedom to expand. We are doing rehearsals a scene at a time so we can try and work out each scene before we put it all together. This is providing to be a good idea as it limits the amount of rehearsals people are needed at. I just hope we can all remember scene one when we come back to it haha!

As for the stage developments you will probably start seeing some changes over the next few weeks and we can then get painting the scenery. that is when the show really starts to take shape as you can start to see what the audience will see. It is very exciting getting back on the stage again. You don't realise how much you miss it until you get back on it. We are very excited for February.

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

Thanks,  
The committee and cast



## NEWS FROM TRADING STANDARDS: BUTTON BATTERY SAFETY

Button batteries are used to power everyday items including car key fobs, remotes, and children's toys, but if swallowed, they could badly injure or kill a child.

Button batteries react with saliva to create caustic soda, which is the chemical often used to unblock drains. If a child swallows a button battery and it gets stuck in their food pipe (oesophagus), it can burn a hole and cause internal bleeding, or even death. If a button battery gets into the stomach, it can also cause significant tissue damage.

Larger lithium 'coin cell' batteries (about the size of a five pence piece) are the most dangerous. Smaller batteries can be inserted into places such as ears and noses, causing serious injuries for children if undetected.

- **Store spare batteries securely** and out of children's reach. Be careful when opening multi-packs of button batteries to ensure they do not fall on the floor.
- **Know what products use button batteries** and check that the button battery compartment is secure. Put products with unsecured button batteries out of children's reach. Under product safety regulations, button battery compartments in toys require to be secured.
- **Educate older children about button batteries** including why they should not play with them or give them to younger children.
- **Discard dead button batteries straightaway** as even dead button batteries can still have enough power to badly hurt a small child. When you remove a button battery, store it securely, and recycle it properly and promptly.
- **Act promptly if you suspect a child has swallowed a button battery**, take them straight to the nearest A&E department or call 999 for an ambulance. Take the battery packaging, toy, or gadget if you can, to help staff identify the battery. Symptoms may not be obvious. Your child might be coughing, gagging, or drooling, or pointing to their throat or tummy. Unclear or fluctuating symptoms mean it is important to be vigilant. Do not let your child eat or drink and do not make them be sick.

## MARNHULL WAR GRAVE

A few months ago Revd Gaenor Hockey was informed by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission (CWGC) that there is a war grave in St Gregory's Churchyard; could they put a small notice at the entrance to the churchyard informing visitors of this fact.

Searching the CWGC records I found that, indeed, Aircraftman William John Lloyd is buried here. We have a record of all the graves in St Gregory's churchyard. Searching this revealed that at grave P33 (Northern graveyard extension) there is a Service Headstone, "909807 Aircraftman W.J.Lloyd, Royal Air Force, [died] 3rd September 1940, age 24".

His name also appears on the War Memorial at the Eastern end of New Street. If you are interested in seeing this grave, enter the churchyard at the Church Hill entrance. Follow the mown path (approximately parallel to New St).

About three quarters way along this path, look to your right and, between your path and the North boundary, you will see the upright service gravestone, with the RAF crest at the top. In the immediate vicinity you can see other Lloyd family graves. Of particular interest to some, there is the grave of William's father, who lived at "Woodlands Farm, Ham Lane" - presumably where Woodlands Close now stands.

Nick Lalor (Churchwarden)

## MARNHULL LUNCH CLUB - HAPPY 90TH BIRTHDAY NORVAL!!



The committee, volunteers and guests at the Marnhull Lunch Club were delighted to celebrate the occasion of Norval Faro's 90th Birthday when we met at our monthly get together in the Village Hall on 2nd September. Although it was Norval's Birthday later in the month, we thought it appropriate to show her our appreciation, as well as affection, for everything she does for the village Lunch Club in her position as Chairperson.

Christine Frith and Norval founded the Club in 2002, which originally had 39 members, and this membership has now almost doubled. When we sadly lost Christine, Norval stepped up and took over the responsibility of Chairperson.

The food for the club was always cooked at the Exchange Kitchen in Sturminster Newton but when this was no longer available to us, Team Crown took over this responsibility in 2017 and now produces outstanding meals every month. Christmas dinner is always a traditional turkey dinner and Christmas pudding with Carols sung, often with the children from St. Gregory's and St. Mary's Schools.

Norval's previous professional life as a District Nurse is evident in her role at the MLC. She genuinely cares about all our members and keeps in touch with them during the month, especially those who live alone or who might not be very well.

As already said, given all the hard work and commitment Norval has shown to the MLC over the last 20 years we felt it only appropriate that we gave her the birthday celebration she deserved. We all had fun and we know Norval did too!

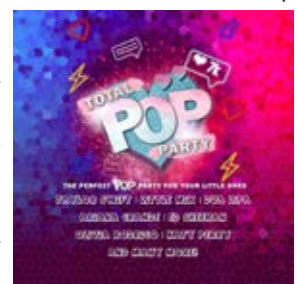
We always welcome new faces at the club so if anyone would like to come and join us on the first Friday of each month, please call Norval 01258 820058 for more information.



## TOTAL POP PARTY - THE SCREAM & SHOUT TOUR!

Who are we? TPP! 'Total Pop Party' is back! It's fair to say, the children of today have had enough! From home schooling to lockdowns, they deserve to have some fun! Come join the TPP girls and celebrate the modern-day pop legends! Including Little Mix, Ariana Grande, Taylor Swift, Katy Perry, Pink, Ed Sheeran, Olivia Rodrigo and many more! Featuring all your favourite hits, this concert is full of your favourite dance moves, plenty of audience interaction and screaming from the top of your lungs! Brilliantly entertaining and a non-stop pop party from start to finish! 'Total Pop Party' is an excellent introduction for kids who are too young to go to the big concerts but don't want to miss out on seeing their favourite pop stars! There's even a chance to meet the TPP girls after the show they can strike their favourite pose and be part of the gang!

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On Friday (9th September) at Our Lady's Catholic Church in Old Mill Lane, for our monthly Churches Together shared prayer. Plans had to be changed because of the sad demise of Her Late Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II, but it seemed providential that we should have this opportunity to come together and pray for the repose of her soul, for our loving Father's support for her grieving family and for our new King, that God's wisdom will be with him and God's strength will support him as

he serves the people of the Kingdom and Realms entrusted to him. Our Lady's has just one small bell, but we rang it with enthusiasm as we joined all the churches of our nation in tolling out our sorrow and our prayers for our departed Queen. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

**Condolences from Pope Francis** - "Deeply saddened to learn of the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, offer my heartfelt condolences to Your Majesty, the Members of the Royal Family, the People of the United Kingdom and the Commonwealth. I willingly join all who mourn her loss in praying for the late Queen's eternal rest, and in paying tribute to her life of unstinting service to the good of the Nation and the Commonwealth, her example of devotion to duty, her steadfast witness of faith in Jesus Christ and her firm hope in his promises. Commending her noble soul to the merciful goodness of our Heavenly Father, I assure Your Majesty of my prayers that Almighty God will sustain you with his unfailing grace as you now take up your high responsibilities as King. Upon you and all who cherish the memory of your late mother, I invoke an abundance of divine blessings as a pledge of comfort and strength in the Lord." Franciscus Given at the Vatican, 8th September, 2022.

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## CHURCHES TOGETHER

### Ecumenical talk at St Andrews Church, Todber

Mrs Jacintha Bowe gave an ecumenical talk at St Andrew's Church Todber on Christian ethics and the environment. Entitled How To Love a Worm, the talk aimed to clear away some of the misconceptions that people might be holding about whether Christianity can contribute to the eco-debate; it also aimed to show how Christianity can deepen secular approaches to the environment. The final part of the talk examined the eco-spiritual approaches of Saints Francis and Benedict, and their communities, to make the point that they are highly appropriate for 21st-century ecological practices.

### Village Prayer Service was held at Our Lady's on Friday 9th of September. Churches Together in Marnhull



met on Friday (9th September) at Our Lady's Catholic Church in Old Mill Lane, for our monthly shared prayer had to be changed because of the sad demise of Her Late Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II, but it seemed providential that we should have this opportunity to come together and pray for the repose of her soul, for our loving Father's support for her grieving family and for our new King, that God's wisdom

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Our Lady's has just one small bell, but we rang it with enthusiasm as we joined all the churches of our nation in tolling out our sorrow and our prayers for our departed Queen. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

With the welcome support of Paul Bowe, one of our organists, we then sang heartily the hymn, *Jerusalem the Golden*, thinking both of the hoped-for heavenly destiny of our late beloved Sovereign and ours too, of which our coming together in the House of God is a prefiguration.

Fr. Francis offered a few thoughts on the method of prayer known as *Lectio Divina*, which involves careful reading of a passage scripture, rumination by each person on its meaning for them, moving into silent prayer that its purpose will be fulfilled in us and culminating in a moment of resting in God, beyond thoughts, beyond words, beyond images.

We then used this method to pray the Magnificat, that wonderful poem of praise of God which Mary the Mother of Jesus sang as she visited her cousin, Elizabeth, which is preserved in St. Luke's Gospel.

We ended our time of prayer together by singing the hymn which is based on the Magnificat itself, "Tell Out, My Soul, the Greatness of the Lord"

## THE METHODIST CHURCH

'All is safely gathered in ere the winter storms begin...'

A line from a harvest hymn which has stuck in my mind since my childhood on a farm in Yorkshire. Cosy, safe and ready for winter, very evocative but let's hope and pray that we can be cosy and safe during the approaching months. I'm sure that I am far from alone though in having a real concern about what will be the cost of keeping warm and cooking this winter. What can be done, particularly for folk who financial resources are limited and those whose health is not good? The Government will help I'm pretty sure, but still many find these times difficult and worrying. Do you have thoughts on what the village community could do to assist?

## The Vine Youth Ministry - [www.vym.org](http://www.vym.org)

On a happier subject, the Vine Youth Ministry (VYM) is based in Yeovil. It was set up in 2006 by Daniel and Amanda England. Its mission statement 'Working with young people to help them realise that God loves each one of them' neatly sums up their aim. To this end, Daniel, the minister, visits school assemblies presenting exciting bible stories and songs. During lockdown Daniel produced online videos which were accessed across the UK and abroad! Since lockdown he continues to do school face to face visits mixed with online videos - Virtual MiniMix assemblies. This has proved to be a hit with the children who can send him messages and request a visit to their school from him. Daniel, who used to teach music, is doing a great job and his work is increasing. There is no charge, the online videos and visits are absolutely free. His sons tell Daniel he needs to start using TikTok - 'whatever that is', as he says! To me it seems me that the work Daniel is doing is really important and in many ways is the future for ministry, especially to the young who are so very savvy about and into online learning and influence. You know what is coming next - Vine Youth Ministry needs financial support to continue and expand its work. If you would like to support this really valuable ministry you can download a sponsorship form from their website [www.vym.org](http://www.vym.org). **Please do have a look**, even a small regular or one off donation will really help to get the gospel message across to young people in a fun and easy to understand way, not only locally but more widely across the UK and beyond. Thank you. On another positive note, with the Churches Together team we are busily gathering up for the Village Harvest Supper on 29th September and I hope to be able to report in the next edition that a good time was had by all. Working together with St Gregory's and Our Lady's Churches is a pleasure and services where all the churches get together to worship are very rewarding. **These are the ones planned for the next few months and you and your friends and family are invited to join us at any of all of them:**

- **Platinum Jubilee Service: 3pm at St Gregory's Church on Sunday 9th October**
- **Remembrance Service: 3pm at St Gregory's Church on Sunday 13th November**
- **Joint Advent Service: 3pm at St Gregory's Church on Sunday 27th November**
- **Candle Lit Carol Service; 5pm at Marnhull Methodist Church Wednesday 21st December**

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Isaiah Ch 40 v.8

## ST GREGORY'S CHURCH



'God and the art of motorcycle maintenance.'

Do you know that feeling? You know; the one where you are flowing along, content, empty mind, calm, relaxed body, smooth brow? Free from thoughts, no expectations, no time - just gradual renewal.

It happens by accident sometimes. Maybe you don't feel you deserve that. If you're not sure what

this feeling is, watch extreme sports on Youtube. On the surface you will see adrenalin and the baffling bravery of youth; but you will also see a calmness and self-connection. They silently express themselves.

This state is sometimes called 'flow-state'. For me, to reside in this state for any time is precious prayer and connection to our creator God. Often there are no words needed in prayer. In the moment I feel there is a shared delight with our creator in the experience of flow which is timeless and beyond words. I think he needs this as much as we do. After all, we are told that God looks on us as a mother nursing her child. So, it seems reasonable to assume God must adore watching us at peace in our environment and with ourselves. After all, how can we love our neighbours as ourselves, if we don't take time to love ourselves?

Robert Pirsig's 1974 best selling book: Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance had a problem trying to set out what Zen is because, as the philosopher explained, Zen is nothingness and as soon as you try to capture and summarise it, it makes no sense. Pirsig's quest for meaning is played out over a motorcycle road trip, which is where I find the tranquility of flow. Before my ordination and starting my role as your curate to St Gregory's church, my wife and I took a motorcycle trip of our own. We spent many hours lost in delight rural France. We had an old road atlas and no sat nav and so consequently were unable to plan a route so just rode along fabulous roads searching for lunch. On the Sunday we came across a motorcycle blessing at a French monastery. About 150 bikers turned up on all sorts of bikes in leathers, tattoos, and grins. We all filled respectfully into a mass and afterwards rode the private drive to queue for our individual blessings. It was perfect. Over the coming years of my curacy to train with Revd Gaenor, I hope to meet you and to see where you meet God or to sit and chat about our God who came so that we would have life and have it in all its abundance.



## ST GREGORY'S CHURCH

**Sat 1st - Sun 2nd October Harvest Festival Weekend - Everyone welcome!** Gift Day Saturday 9am - 5pm: church is open with harvest displays and two informal and free organ recitals at 10am and 2pm given by Stephen Binnington. Harvest Services Sunday at 8am and 10am. Envelopes for the Gift Day will be distributed through the Marnhull Messenger. If you are able to support the church - however small the gift - we would be very grateful. **Mon - Fri 3rd -7th October. Creative Harvest** As part of our Harvest Celebrations - an opportunity for local people to share their creative passions in our beautiful village church.

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## ST GREGORY'S C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL



**CONCENES.** St Gregory's shares in mourning the loss of our dear Queen Elizabeth. A special book of condolence has been in place at the school where children can write their own message. In addition, all classes have visited Church to say prayers for the Queen and her family. Each day we also have a period of reflection lasting throughout the period of mourning. For many of our children this national event is their first experience of losing someone so familiar to them. A school's responsibility is not just in the education of our pupils but also their wellbeing; bereavement is very hard, especially for a child and can be rather bewildering, by sharing in the grief and talking about it we as a school can best help each other through difficult times.

RIP Your Majesty.

**GOVERNORS.** Every school relies heavily on good governance, they are responsible for overseeing the management side of the school, its strategy, policy, budgeting, premises and staffing. This is achieved by working closely with the senior leadership team and supporting all teachers in their subjects. The skills required to be a governor are broad, there is certainly no need to be an educationalist to join. Marnhull and the broader local area are rich in both skills and experience across multiple professions and so in turn is the board of governors.

The whole board meets about once per half term with sub committees on quality of learning and finance meeting in addition to this. Each subject taught at St Greg's will also have a Governor allocated as a link, they will work alongside the lead teacher of that subject. These close working relationships are what make a school successful. Governors are expected to both challenge and support the staff, it is by this method that the best learning outcomes are achieved for the children, something every Governor is passionate about.

**DOG BLOG.** Daisy our school dog has been back in school, as her role develops the children will see far more of her. Daisy has been a revelation at the school, plenty more from her throughout the school year.

**COOKIE & CREAM.** Our school guinea pigs have also been enjoying the start of term. Their grooming regime picks up pace once the children are back at school, they of course both wish to look tip top each and every day. Here our recently appointed Guinea pig monitors Jacob and Phoenix are assisted by Ripley (left) in giving Cookie & Cream their first bath of the new term. Blue rinses are booked in for next month.

**HEDGEHOGS.** With the help of our "veteran" Yr. 1 children our new starters have settled in to school life very well indeed. A great way of getting to introduce themselves is the string game; each person holds the ball of string and tells all something about themselves before passing the ball to someone else whilst holding onto a bit of string, before long we have the spiders web you see in the photo.



Beyond getting to know one another Hedgehogs have been exploring their surroundings both indoors and outdoors. Of particular fun are our trikes and bikes. Throughout the school year all classes endeavour to spend as much

time outside as possible. Our running track is used daily as we run/walk a daily mile, it's a time for the kids to chat and take the edge off prior to settling in class.



**MARTHA'S MONTHLY MESSAGE.** This month we have welcomed the newest member of St Gregory's, Mrs Brown who is currently Foxes teacher (Yr.6). She is really nice and loves teaching and Foxes love her teaching them too. She has started a worry box for anybody in Foxes to help make their worries go away. Foxes' new topic is Mexico and the Mayan era which will be really interesting. We have started a new class reading book called Holes by Lewis Sacher. It is really good to be back, and I cannot wait to report back in next month's issue.



**FOXES.** Our Yr. 6's have a full year ahead of them, SATS will feature as will some fun end of year activities. First up the class dished up democracy by voting in young governors, pupil parliament and sports ambassadors. The candidates presented to staff and the rest of the school with very persuasive speeches displaying an excellent understanding of the importance of these roles. Meet our young governors from left to right:

Mia, Eve, Laura and Katy.

Our pupil parliament is made up of

Laura - Chair

Martha - Vice Chair

Katy - Scribe.

This year our sports ambassadors are:

Red Pandas - Tom & Rory

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**SCHOOL FOR HIRE!** If anyone wishes 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.



## ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



The new academic year at St Mary's started so well with a host of enthusiastic children and staff bursting through the gates every morning; however, as you are well aware the first week ended with the sad news of the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. As a school, we prayed for her and the family at this sad time and remembered her extraordinary reign as our queen. The children had fond memories of celebrating her platinum Jubilee, and the younger children especially remembered her having tea with Paddington Bear. We thought it fitting to share this poem written by the much loved children's poet, Roger McGough published by The Poetry Society to mark the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.



### God Rest the Queen

She spoke volumes quietly.  
Is everywhere and will remain so  
Our shared interest, our common currency  
The nation cannot let her go.

Stars untwinkle one by one  
The moon, in shock, averts its gaze  
No words express the grief we feel  
How we loved thee, let us count the ways.

The future, fearful, has gone awol  
Life goes on but not the one we know  
Though wreaths and words may wither  
The nation will not let her go.

Guns fall silent, the flag lowered  
She who kept us close is gone  
Winter is composing a sad anthem  
It will play on and on and on.

8th September 2022

### St Mary's Explorers Preschool

It has been wonderful welcoming back our preschoolers after their summer break. During the break, staff have spent time improving our classroom environment. Particular attention has been paid to making our role play area homely. The children have thoroughly enjoyed playing in this area taking on familiar roles.

We are looking forward to getting out and about this month and looking for Autumn treasures. It's always lovely to see the children's reactions to the beauty of nature. We plan to collect leaves, talk about their colours and create artwork with them. The children are anticipating collecting

conkers from our tree but we still need to be a little patient before the tree shares its treasures with us. Welly walks to the school nature area will provide lots of hands on experiences!

St Mary's Explorers is open from 8:45am - 3:15pm every week day during term time and spaces are available for children aged 3 years +, with wrap around care from 8am-6pm. If you would like to have a look around, or come and stay for a taster session, please call 01258 820417 to make an appointment.

### St Anthony's

The new academic year has started well with the welcome of new children and families to our school. The Reception children have settled quickly and are taking each new experience in their stride. They have enjoyed exploring their learning environment, getting reacquainted with old friends and making new ones. We are starting the year with a focus on the children themselves, what makes them unique and how they fit into their school community. The Year 1 children have been really helpful showing the younger children how the learning environment works and have bounced back to school eager to continue with their learning in familiar surroundings.

### St Mark's

The children have settled in to their new class with their new class teacher, they have been inspired by the 'Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark' book for their writing; together they have been discovering why dark is good.

### St Francis'

The new year has started well with our new class getting to know each other and being inspired by Katherine Rundell's 'The Explorers', further developing their writing through some amazing alliteration and super similes.

### St Alban's

An enthusiastic start to the year in our new class has set the bar high for the remainder of the year! The children have been researching the life of Queen Elizabeth II to support them writing her biography.



### Do you have a child due to start school in September 2023?

With the deadline approaching for new parents to make choices on a school for their four year olds, we will be having some open mornings from 9:30 on 3rd October, 10th October, 17th October 2022 in addition to an 'open door' policy at school. Any prospective parents are welcome to call the school on 01258 820417 to organise a tour or just pop into the school office and ask to take a look around.

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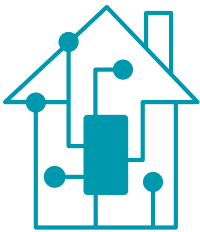
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Contact: Robert Tulk - 01258 820728

Meet at Riversmeet on Mondays, Tuesdays & Thursdays

## FRENCH & SPANISH CONVERSATION

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

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Ros Eveleigh on 821049.

## FIX DON'T THROW

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

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

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

For more information visit [dorset.tech](http://dorset.tech) or call 01258 808577.

## MARNHULL CRAFT CLUB

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

**The Methodist Church Hall**

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

More information from Allison Palmer - 07810464630

## MARNHULL BRIDGE CLUB

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

New Players always welcome.

Call 01258 820036 for information

## MARNHULL GARDEN CLUB

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

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

For further details contact Dave Bruce (Chair) on [Bruce11@sky.com](mailto:Bruce11@sky.com)

# New Messenger Deadline: 14th October

E-mail all texts, announcements and other requests to: [editor@marnhullmessenger.org.uk](mailto:editor@marnhullmessenger.org.uk)

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- ACROSS** 1. Bushel 4. Major 6. Dee 7. Anaconda 8. Lead 11. Irene 13. Oast 15. Scrooge 16. Arabian 17. Idle 19. Snowy 21. Wham 24. Compound 25. Gig 26. Lorna 27. Dry ice.
- DOWN** 1. Bella 2. Huntingdon 3. Lucre 4. Minke 5. Joanna 6. Dail 9. El CID 10. Doone 12. Necromancy 13. Oxbow 14. SSAFA 18. Lancer 19. Samba 20. Ovoid 22. Henge 23. Ming



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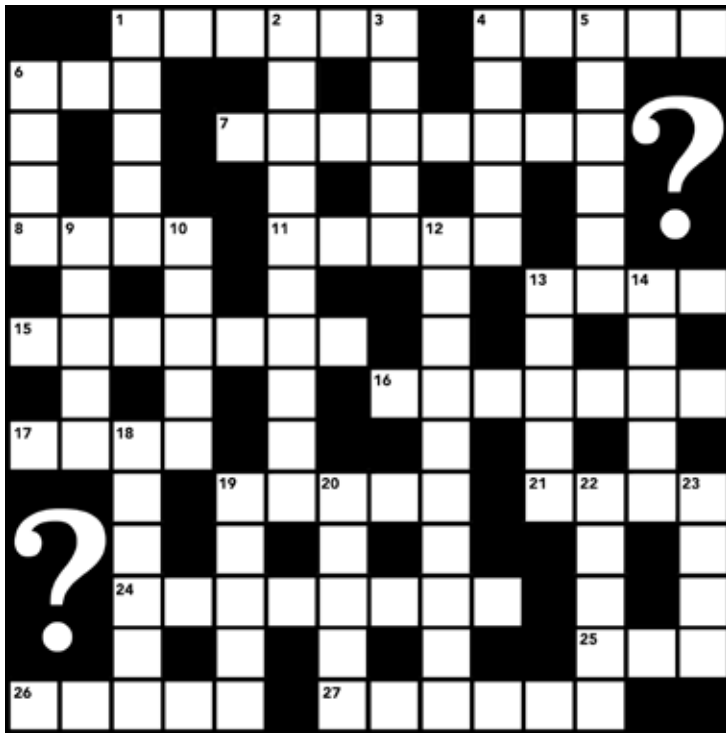
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## ACROSS

- 1) Measure of capacity equal to 8 gallons. (6)
- 4) One of the four most prestigious professional golf tournaments. (5)
- 6) River that rises in Snowdonia and runs 70 miles through Chester to the Wirral peninsular. (3)
- 7) Large snake of South America. (8)
- 8) Metal with the chemical symbol Pb. (4)
- 11) Female name taken from the Greek goddess of peace. (5)
- 13) Kiln for drying hops. (4)
- 15) Dickens' character whose name has come to mean a miserly person. (7)
- 16) Sea that is a region of the Northern Indian Ocean bounded on the north by Pakistan and Iran. (7)
- 17) Eric former member of the Monty Python comedy group. (4)
- 19) Owl of the Arctic tundra. (5)
- 21) Pop duo who got to number one in January 2021 with a track first recorded in 1984. (4)
- 24) A thing composed of two or three elements. (8)
- 25) Short for a unit of information in computing. (3)
- 26) and 10D) Titular character in a book by R. D. Blackmore set on Exmoor. (5)
- 27) White mist produced with solid carbon dioxide as a theatrical effect. (6)

## DOWN

- 1) Italian name meaning beautiful. (5)
- 2) Cambridgeshire town for which Oliver Cromwell and John Major have been the MP. (10)
- 3) Money especially dishonourably obtained. (5)
- 4) Small whale species. (5)
- 5) Female name used as cockney rhyming slang for a piano. (6)
- 6) Lower house of Parliament in the Republic of Ireland. (4)
- 9) National icon of Spain whose name means 'The Lord'. (2-3)
- 10) See 26A).
- 12) Communicating with the dead to predict the future. (10)
- 13) Loop formed by a horseshoe bend in a river. (5)
- 14) Military charity known by an acronym of its name. (5)
- 18) A cavalryman. (6)
- 19) Brazilian dance. (5)
- 20) Egg shaped. (5)
- 22) Neolithic stone or wood circle. (5)
- 23) Arch enemy of Flash Gordon. (4)

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### MARNHULL TABLE TENNIS

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 Contact: Boyd Sofield - 01258 820964 or  
 John Dowsett - john.dowsett@virgin.net

### MARNHULL WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

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

### BLACKMORE VALE ART GROUP

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

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