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CHRIS RYU
Messenger Editor

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Welcome back! I hope you enjoyed your break from me. So sorry that you received the last issue late - UPS seem to be having some issues and delivered it late from the printers. A huge thank you to our volunteer distributors who dropped everything to get them out as quickly as possible.

Well done to the team behind the Men's Health Exhibition - they all worked so hard to organise it. The Marnhull EV event is on this weekend, but I'm unfortunately going to miss it due to another event.

I've recently returned to Tae Kwon Do after nearly 20 years out. It'll be a while before I'm back to competition level, but it's definitely good to be back! I was pleasantly surprised to see so many people from Marnhull going to the classes at SturFit.

I asked a while ago and there didn't seem to be any interest, but if anyone is learning Japanese and would like a study group - give me a shout.

New Advertisers

There's a few spaces left, so if you'd like to advertise your club, business or group, please contact Rosie on the details to the right of this text.

New Editor Still Required

This paragraph almost seems silly now, but we're still looking for a new Editor. No specific experience needed, just a good level of computer literacy.

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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 2023

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

October

2nd - Pound Fitness @ 09:30 British Legion
2nd - Table Tennis - Monday @ 14:00
2nd - Lynne's Bingo @ 19:00 British Legion
3rd - Bridge Club @ 14:00 Methodist Hall
4th - Fitsteps dance and exercise class @ 11:15
4th - Table Tennis - Wednesday @ 14:00
4th - Community Choir @ 18:30
4th - Pound Fitness @ 19:00 British Legion
5th - Craft Club @ 10:00 Methodist Hall
6th - Luncheon Club @ 12:00
7th - The Marnhull Hub & Repair Café @ 10:00
7th - Alto @ 20:00 British Legion
9th - Pound Fitness @ 09:30 British Legion
9th - Table Tennis - Monday @ 14:00
9th - Women's Institute - The Story of Shroton Gin - Open Meeting @ 19:00
10th - Bridge Club @ 14:00 Methodist Hall
10th - Marnhull Garden Club @ 19:30
11th - Fitsteps dance & exercise class @ 11:15
11th - Table Tennis - Wednesday @ 14:00
11th - Tea with Friends @ 14:30 Methodist Hall
11th - Community Choir @ 18:30
11th - Pound Fitness @ 19:00 British Legion
13th - Blackmore Vale Art Group @ 10:00
13th - The Village Harvest Supper @ 18:30
14th - Gift Day Music @ 10:00 St Gregory's
14th - The Marnhull Hub: Repair Café @ 10:00
14th - Gift Day Music @ 14:00 St Gregory's
14th - Rhythm Junkie @ 20:00 British Legion
16th - Pound Fitness @ 09:30 British Legion
16th - Table Tennis - Monday @ 14:00
16th - Lynne's Bingo @ 19:00 British Legion
16th - Marnhull Music Society @ 19:15
17th - Bridge Club @ 14:00 Methodist Hall
18th - Fitsteps dance & exercise class @ 11:15
18th - Table Tennis - Wednesday @ 14:00
18th - Community Choir @ 18:30
18th - Pound Fitness @ 19:00 British Legion
20th - Marnhull Community Cafe @ 10:00

21st - Marnhull Hub: Repair Café @ 10:00
21st - Baz and Debs @ 20:00 British Legion
23rd - Pound Fitness @ 09:30 British Legion
23rd - Table Tennis - Monday @ 14:00
24th - Bridge Club @ 14:00 Methodist Hall
24th - Moviola - Allelujah @ 19:30
25th - Fitsteps dance & exercise class @ 11:15
25th - Table Tennis - Wednesday @ 14:00
25th - Community Choir @ 18:30
25th - Pound Fitness @ 19:00 British Legion
28th - Marnhull Hub: Repair Café @ 10:00
28th - Outrage @ 20:00 British Legion
30th - Pound Fitness @ 09:30 British Legion
30th - Table Tennis - Monday @ 14:00
30th - Lynne's Bingo @ 19:00 British Legion
31st - Bridge Club @ 14:00 Methodist Hall

November

1st - Fitsteps dance & exercise class @ 11:15
1st - Table Tennis - Wednesday @ 14:00
1st - Community Choir @ 18:30
1st - Pound Fitness @ 19:00 British Legion
2nd - Craft Club @ 10:00 Methodist Hall
3rd - Luncheon Club @ 12:00
4th - Marnhull Hub: Repair Café @ 10:00
6th - Pound Fitness @ 09:30 British Legion
6th - Table Tennis - Monday @ 14:00
7th - Bridge Club @ 14:00 Methodist Hall
8th - Fitsteps dance and exercise class @ 11:15
8th - Table Tennis - Wednesday @ 14:00
8th - Tea with Friends @ 14:30 Methodist Hall
8th - Community Choir @ 18:30
8th - Pound Fitness @ 19:00 British Legion
10th - Blackmore Vale Art Group @ 10:00
11th - Marnhull Hub: Repair Café @ 10:00
11th - Jack's Poppy Quiz @ 19:00 British Legion
13th - Pound Fitness @ 09:30 British Legion
13th - Table Tennis - Monday @ 14:00
13th - Women's Institute - The Life of an Opera Singer with Grace Lovelass @ 19:00
14th - Bridge Club @ 14:00 Methodist Hall

14th - Marnhull Garden Club @ 19:30
15th - Fitsteps dance & exercise class @ 11:15
15th - Table Tennis - Wednesday @ 14:00
15th - Community Choir @ 18:30
15th - Pound Fitness @ 19:00 British Legion
17th - Marnhull Community Cafe @ 10:00
18th - Marnhull Hub: Repair Café @ 10:00
20th - Pound Fitness @ 09:30 British Legion
20th - Table Tennis - Monday @ 14:00
20th - Marnhull Music Society @ 19:15
21st - Bridge Club @ 14:00 Methodist Hall
22nd - Fitsteps dance and exercise class @ 11:15
22nd - Table Tennis - Wednesday @ 14:00
22nd - Community Choir @ 18:30
22nd - Pound Fitness @ 19:00 British Legion
24th - Coffee Morning @ 10:00 Methodist Hall
24th - Marnhull Village Hall AGM @ 18:30
25th - Marnhull Hub: Repair Café @ 10:00
27th - Pound Fitness @ 09:30 British Legion
27th - Table Tennis - Monday @ 14:00
28th - Bridge Club @ 14:00 Methodist Hall
29th - Fitsteps dance & exercise class @ 11:15
29th - Table Tennis - Wednesday @ 14:00
29th - Community Choir @ 18:30
29th - Pound Fitness @ 19:00 British Legion

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STURMINSTER NEWTON MEDICAL CENTRE



Flu & Covid Vaccinations 2023/24 Are you over 65 or at risk?

The Blackmore Vale Partnership will be providing Flu and Covid vaccines this Autumn. The Government have asked these vaccinations are given together and as early as possible and the programme has been brought forward.

The vaccination programme will start as soon as the flu vaccines are received and the Government has asked that adult care home residents are vaccinated first.

Other people are in the process of being invited to the clinics at The Exchange in Sturminster Newton. The invitation will be by an Appointment link texted out to your mobile or email in the next week or so.

If you don't use the internet or mobile phone, you will still be contacted/ These invitations will be sent out based on the priority criteria set by the Government.

Clinic dates have been set up as:

- Saturday 30th September
- Saturday 07th October
- Saturday 14th October
- Saturday 21st October

Please **DO NOT** ring the surgery about your appointment, they will contact you once the clinics are ready to be booked

The NHS has confirmed that the people who are eligible for an NHS Flu & Covid Vaccine are listed below:

- those aged 65 years and over
- those aged 6 months to under 65 years in clinical risk groups
- pregnant women
- all children aged 2 or 3 years on 31 August 2023
- primary school aged children (from Reception to Year 6)
- those in long-stay residential care homes
- carers in receipt of carer's allowance, or those who are the main carer of an elderly or disabled person
- close contacts of immunocompromised individuals
- frontline workers in a social care setting without an employer led occupational health scheme including those working for a registered residential care or nursing home, registered domiciliary care providers, voluntary managed hospice providers and those that are employed by those who receive direct payments (personal budgets) or Personal Health budgets, such as Personal Assistants

The Blackmore Vale Partnership will be working with Dorset Healthcare to provide vaccinations to those that are housebound.

Dorset Healthcare will continue to vaccinate children under 18 years old. Please be patient with staff at this very busy time while they try and book patients according to need.

Know Your Numbers – Check your Blood Pressure

Your blood pressure is important, no matter your age. Taking the time to know your numbers will help to stop stroke and heart disease and could save your life.

High blood pressure is a major cause of these diseases, but often has no symptoms until it's too late. Knowing your numbers means you can start making healthy lifestyle changes or taking medicines if you need them to

bring your blood pressure down to a healthy level.

A national campaign is running at the moment, so encourage your friends and family to check theirs too.

There is a NHS Blood Pressure tool online, where you can enter your numbers and it will help you to understand what your reading means and get information on what to do next.

Some pharmacies offer free blood pressure checks, so you could arrange one next time you're in the supermarket or on the high street. If you're offered a free NHS Health Check by your GP practice or LiveWell Dorset, you'll get your blood pressure checked as part of your appointment.

If you're concerned about your blood pressure, the Practice can offer you advice, via Klinik, or a 'phone call.

MARNHULL TENNIS CLUB

The blast of warm weather that bought summer to a close saw plenty of tennis, but as the main season winds down there's still opportunities to get out on the court.

A BIG WELL DONE TO ALL JUNIORS

A lovely final practice session for the Spring and Summer season for the juniors was had by all in September. There was a good turnout in both groups, especially considering it was very hot!

We finished off with cake, ice lollies and a very well received and kind donation of sweets from Hawtree & Sons for all participants! The community support for this new initiative has been incredible and we wish to thank everyone who's helped out over the last few months, and say a big well done to all the kids for taking part and making it a success.

Our junior programme will start up again next year, but in the meantime you can always book private coaching with our LTA accredited coach Graham Howell – call 01747 837839 or 07931 584778.

IN OTHER NEWS!

- The winners of the Tombola Tournament have been announced! See the website for the details.
- We had a successful visit to the Men's Health event at Riversmeet in Gillingham meeting lots of new potential players. If you're interested in joining, play doesn't stop in the winter! Read on, or head to the website to find out what's happening www.marnhulltennisclub.net

FANCY GIVING TENNIS A TRY?

We run a friendly and welcoming beginner programme including regular sessions every Wednesday from 6pm – no previous experience needed! Balls will be supplied and rackets are available if needed.

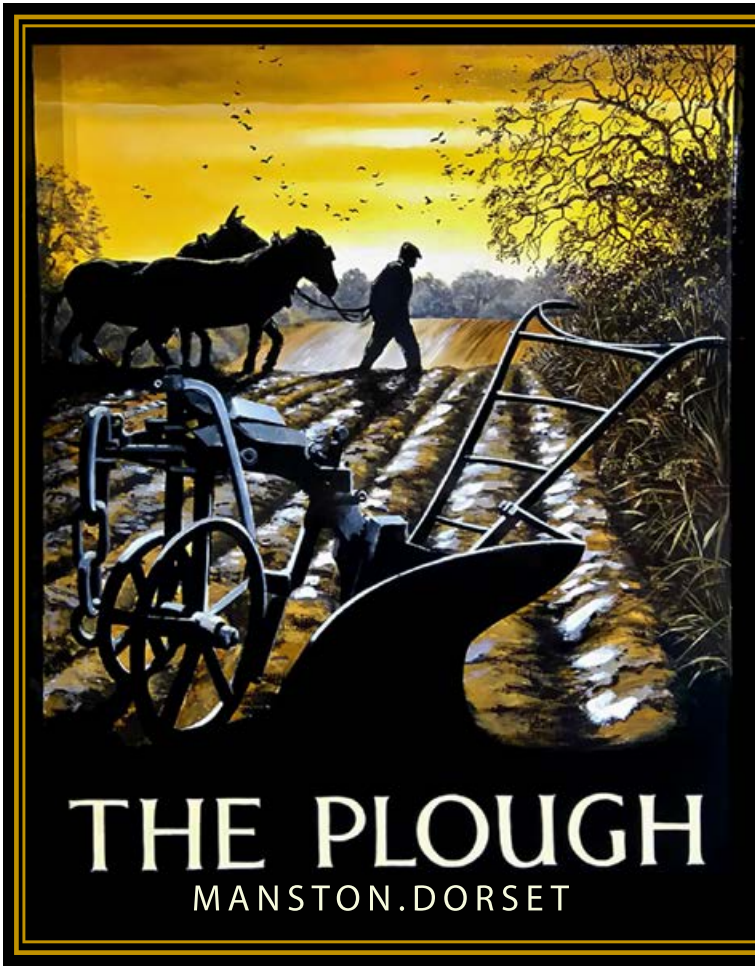
For more details please contact John Seear on 01258 269743 or johnseear@hotmail.com. These sessions will be continuing until the light goes.

WEEKLY CLUB SESSIONS - NO NEED TO BOOK, JUST TURN UP AND PLAY!

- Wednesday Evenings from 6.00pm (running until the light goes) - Rusty Rackets - perfect for beginners and those who haven't played for a while!
- Thursday Evenings from 6.00pm (running until the light goes) – Open sessions for all adult members and ideal for coming along to after work.
- Friday Mornings 9.30am – 11.30am (continues throughout Autumn and Winter) - Open to all adult members of any ability.

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Taking the Environment Around Marnhull Seriously

That the world is facing climate and biodiversity crises is clear. The scientific evidence is overwhelming, and we ignore it - quite literally - at our peril.

What we can do about these crises is less clear, however, especially as individuals. We want to do something - but what? What can we afford to do, and what priority should we give it? Are there simple solutions to all these problems?

The answer to that last question is usually 'no', unfortunately. There are lots of things we can do - and some of them are simple: growing our fruit and veg in a garden or on an allotment is one example. But other ideas come with cons as well as pros.

The announcement of Marnhull Green Teams' Electric Vehicle Show, at the Crown on 23 September, led to an interesting debate of such pros and cons on Facebook. As the Messenger's deadlines mean that this article must be submitted before the Show, and as we hope the discussion will continue at the event, we will seek to summarise it in next month's magazine.

In the meantime, it's worth repeating that Marnhull Green Teams are just a group of local people with a shared concern about the state of the environment and an interest in a range of ways of trying to improve it. Examples include our weekly recycling centre at the Village Hall (Saturday mornings, 10-12), our Giveaway & Takeaway Days (encouraging re-use of all sorts of items), our solar energy and heat pump information-sharing events, the community allotment & orchard, and relevant tours and talks. We are not alone in such things, of course! The Litterpickers do a great job around the village, for instance; and don't forget the excellent Repair Shop at the Hub - also at the Village Hall, 10-12, Saturdays. But we complement these initiatives as we can.

As another example, we mentioned the Green Teams' organic gardening group in last month's Messenger. Its members meet informally from time to time in each other's gardens (indoors if wet!) and they are currently arranging a seed share. Please email marnhullgreen@outlook.com or phone (01258) 268714 if you would like to join the group, take part in the seed share, or both.

Now, as summer begins to draw to a close, we are looking ahead at what we will continue, repeat, or begin! If you would like to be involved, please get in touch using the contacts above and/or come along to a social gathering now being planned. Watch for details of that on the village's Facebook page and our new website - marnhullgreenteams.com - or contact us by phone or email for the details of where and when.



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ROYAL BRITISH LEGION



It's hard to believe that as I write the report in this beautiful Indian summer that by the time it comes through your letter box Remembrance Sunday will be only about six weeks away. Poppy Appeal Organiser Eileen Woodward is already checking through her list of collectors and as usual finds she is a couple short. So if you fancy helping please give me a ring or an email and I will pass on your details.

Armistice Day this year falls on a Saturday so we are hoping for a good turnout at the memorial at 11 o'clock for the short service and two minutes silence. Sadly it probably means that the usual deputations from the schools will not be there but hopefully that will be made up by more people who do not have to go to work. It only takes about 20 minutes of your time to remember those who gave a whole lifetime of theirs.

That evening will be my usual fish 'n' chip Poppy Quiz. No need to book but a call would be appreciated so I can give Mr Chips an approximate number! It's not deadly serious but hopefully interesting and more importantly fun. No limit on team sizes but it was won by a team from Stour Provost last year so Marnhull's honour must be restored.

Remembrance Sunday will be the next day on November 12th and plans are already afoot for the usual march and service at St Gregory's then back to the Club for some refreshments. More in the next issue. Meanwhile the Club will have the usual selection of entertainments for you on a Saturday nights. All are welcome with a modest £2 fee for non-members.

October Entertainment
2nd - Bingo 7pm
7th - Alto
14th - Rhythm Junkie
16th - Bingo 7pm
21st - Baz and Debs
28th - Outrage
30th - Bingo 7pm

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Friends of Salisbury Cathedral - Secret Gardens of the Close

This year's Secret Gardens of the Close event attracted a record number of visitors and raised a record sum for Salisbury Cathedral. A hot and sunny afternoon attracted crowds of people to the nine gardens that were open and swelled the charity's coffers by £15,000.

The fine weather resulted in fabulous displays of roses and other summer flowers, alongside majestic trees and colourful shrubs. Tea and cake were served at South Canonry, the home of the Bishop of Salisbury, with the £3,156 raised going to the Sudan Medical Link.

There was an exhibition of botanical artworks and recorder group Close Consort entertained visitors throughout the afternoon Friends' chairman Duncan Glass was delighted with the result.

"What a fantastic result!" he said.

"The weather was perfect and the gardens were in full bloom."

"The proceeds will surely make a difference to the preservation of our medieval masterpiece."

"Thank you to all who attended and supported our flagship event, and our generous garden owners and the 70 volunteers who made it possible."

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Captions: 1. A record number of people flocked to the Friends of Salisbury Cathedral's Secret Gardens event.

Now is a great time to join the Friends of Salisbury Cathedral! The Friends' charity was founded in 1930 and since then has given thousands of pounds in grants to help preserve the cathedral and safeguard it for future generations.

In the 2022/23 financial year, the Friends gave grants to replace the cathedral's external lighting with LED units, and to purchase a new chamber organ, two TV screens for use at the weekly family services and provide weekly flower arrangements.

Annual subscriptions are £25 for a single membership and £40 for joint membership.

Friends receive a membership card, entitling them to visit the cathedral free of charge (excluding ticketed events, concerts or parking).

They are sent newsletters and the annual report, Spire, containing information about grants and activities.

And they receive exclusive invitations to a programme of events: talks, day trips, theatre performances and the annual Friends' Day.

Gift membership is also available. For details, call the Friends' office on 01722 555190.



3. The Secret Gardens events raised £15,000 for projects at Salisbury Cathedral.



MARNHULL VILLAGE HALL
Your Village ~ Your Hall

Marnhull Village Hall A.G.M.
will be held on Friday 24th November 2023.
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VILLAGE HARVEST SUPPER

Calling all 'Marnhullians' - or 86 village folk anyway!
The Village Harvest Supper, organised by Marnhull Churches Together, is being held in the Village Hall from 6.30 on Friday 13th October and you are warmly invited to come along.

It being Friday 13th shouldn't put you off as the food will be good, the company excellent and a fine time should be had by all.

The theme for the evening is 'Village & Rural Life' and some poems submitted by guests will be read out during the evening. So, please bring a short, relevant poem along with you.

Tickets are £8.00 to include a main, a pud and one drink and they will be available from 10th September from the Post Office, the Marnhull Store and via the churches.

There will be a vegetarian option. There is no charge for children who are 16years old or younger.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Gillian – on behalf of Churches Together in Marnhull.



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Why not submit a poem?

It should be short, relevant to village life,
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Bring it along and it may be read out during the evening!

ALL WELCOME!



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HAVE YOU MOVED HERE SINCE LAST OCTOBER?

If so, we need to hear from you.

For several years, Marnhull Village Care has welcomed new people to the village by holding a Social Evening in October in the Village Hall at 7 p.m. With that in mind, please contact us with the following information.

Names of all those in your household

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For Christians that is the teaching of Jesus and the faith that the Church presents to us. We are all invited to live our own particular life guided in that way.

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The cross on the roof of Our Lady's Church was replaced on 20 April 2023. The previous cross came down in a storm in 2022.

Some Fast Facts about our church and history:

- The Marnhull mission was founded in 1725. The Hussey family of Nash Court were Catholic converts and were the mainstay of the growing Catholic community in the village.
- In 1795 a community of Benedictine nuns, exiled from Paris, came to Marnhull and rented Nash Court from the Hussey family until 1807 when the Husseys returned to the house and the nuns moved to Cannington in Somerset.
- The Good Shepherd stained-glass windows:
- The stained-glass windows behind the altar in the sanctuary show Our Lord as the Good Shepherd. They were donated by the parish in gratitude and memory of Reverend William Casey who was pastor of Marnhull parish for 42 years. The stained-glass windows were made by Drake of Exeter and installed in 1875.

Ride and Stride:

Dorset Historic Churches Trust provides grant aid towards essential repairs to our heritage of Dorset's Christian churches of all denominations.

Our Lady's Church parishioners took part in Dorset Historic churches trust -Ride and Stride in September. It seems that a good time was had by all. David organised the ride from our church with his two accomplices' Rob and Tom.



Rob looks as though he is singlehandedly trying to keep one church tower upright!

They seem to have had a fun day cycling to 10 churches in our area and we are yet to establish how much they have raised for the trust.

After a good day cycling a little liquid refreshment was the order of the day!



BISH'S LETTER

Leaves on the line

October is one of those months when the leaves begin to change and fall, and somewhat comical excuses come into conversations about why things don't work. Leaves on the line may well be a technical problem for the railways, but we all know it also means, somewhat ironically, why is it some things just don't work as they should.

There are often leaves on the line in the life of the church. Why is sometimes things just don't work, especially when we rely upon the grace of God and seek his will? One reason is because we can spend too much time doing, and making mistakes, and not enough time praying. This is not the rather immature prayer of simply asking for this or that the way we want them, but the deeper prayer of spending time with God and being led by his still, small voice. So please do pray in October.

We also suffer from our confusions and distractions because we place the leaves on the line with our judgements and preconceptions, our rulemaking and our creating in our own image. Our track must always lead to Jesus and our mission to make him known.

October 4th is the day the worldwide church remembers St Francis. In his day, the church wasn't working, and in prayer, his vision came to "Rebuild my Church". This was to be achieved by simplicity of life, by generosity to others and total commitment to prayer. His focus was Jesus Christ.

Recently, I was inspired by this vision again with a visit to Hilfield Friary in Dorset, and the licensing of a new Guardian. Hilfield welcomes all; do visit there (although you can't get there by train).

When our frustrations slow us down, we would do well to follow the example of Francis.

Lord God,
 You made your church rich
 Through the poverty of blessed Francis:
 Help us like him not to trust in earthly things
 But to seek your heavenly gifts;
 Through Jesus Christ our Lord.
 Amen.

+Stephen Sarum



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Not to be missed – the VILLAGE HARVEST SUPPER –Friday 13th October at 6.30pm in the village hall.
It's only £8.00 to include a main, a pud and a drink, can't be bad! Plus, there is NO CHARGE for CHILDREN 16 years. So, do get a ticket (from village shops or the churches) and come along.

We continue to meet for worship each Sunday at 10.00 and you are very welcome to come to any service – we're a friendly group and enjoy a short get together about 11.00 after the service.

I do hope that the summer time was good for you and your family and friends, that holidays were enjoyed. These are precious times of friendship and fun to be treasured.

If you were fortunate, like me, to have this let us appreciate and give thanks for these simple, yet so valuable things in life.

"Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love endures forever."

Psalm 118 v 29

Gillian

MARNHULL PLAYERS PANTO

Rehearsals have started off really well, we already have most of the music in place and we are starting to understand the flow of the story. We have got some props to start adding in now as we are starting to feel comfortable with our stage positioning. Scenery has had some drawings made up so we can start to get that on the main boards over the coming weeks we can start setting the stage.

We are all starting to find our characters some of us having to dig deep, but we will get there with the support of other cast members we can get there.

We are so pleased that we have a very strong team to keep the panto magic alive in Marnhull and we are all very excited about this upcoming panto.
The Performance dates for 2024 are:
Friday 2nd February at 7pm
Saturday 3rd February at 2pm and 7pm
Sunday 4th February at 2pm.

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
An exciting year ahead.
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You could opt for Bach's famous Toccata & Fugue in D minor or an arrangement of Morning by Grieg, or what about a celebratory Trumpet Voluntary?

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ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



The new academic year at St Mary's started well with a host of enthusiastic children bursting through the gates every morning. It has been so lovely to see the children back at school, excited to be with their friends and making new friends. The beautiful weather has enabled them to enjoy our outside areas – what a difference compared to last year! Already, everyone has settled into their new classes, and are keen to learn.

St Mary's Explorers Preschool

What a wonderful start to the new school year. It has been so lovely welcoming our children back, they have bounced back with enormous smiles on their faces. Our focus this term is ourselves and our families.

The children enjoyed sharing books with a family theme and then talked about what their own families were like - they realised their families were all different but they were all very special. We continue to focus daily on our 'Fiddly Finger' activities like threading, using tweezers and manipulating playdough.

Fiddly Fingers activities are carefully chosen to strengthen the muscles which will later be involved in writing. Writing involves using lots of muscles from the tips of our fingers all the way to our shoulders, and in order to be the very best writers we must train muscles to be strong enough. This focus in preschool will reap the rewards as the children move through our school

St Anthony's

The children have made a flying start to the year, they were all so pleased to see one another and it's lovely to see them all rested and ready to learn. The Reception children were pleased to show off their new uniforms and have made us all feel very proud as they tackle new challenges.

Our Year 1 children know the routines and have been super role models. Our book focus for the beginning of the term has been 'Super Duper You' and it has been great celebrating how unique and special they all are

St Mark's

It has been lovely to see the children return to school with big smiles upon their faces and wonderful enthusiasm towards their learning. It is hard to believe how much the children grow over the summer holidays!

To start off the year, it has been important in St Mark's to agree on a class charter with the children and together come up with some important rules to play and learn by. We started off by looking at some children's rights and what the children are entitled to when they come to school.

It was really nice to hear that all the children enjoy their learning and feel safe in school. The children came up with lovely rules like "Respect each other" and "Help people". The class then all signed our class charter.

In History, the children are looking at some significant people in time, these people are explorers. The children will discover what qualities it takes to be an explorer and some of the amazing achievements that explorers like Neil Armstrong and Ibn Battuta have carried out in their lives.

St Francis'

The children of St Francis' class have settled in really well. They have had a great start to the term, learning all about Ancient Egypt during their Literacy and Guided Reading as well as in their History lessons.

They have studied the chronology of the different Dynastic periods of Ancient Egypt and learnt about different Pharaohs, including Hatshepsut, Cleopatra and Tutankhamun.

In Music the children have been playing the Ocarina, they have been learning rhythm and notation and also performing together with an accompaniment. Our class book this half term is 'Pages & Co.

Tilly and the Bookwanderers' which is reintroducing us to many characters from classic pieces of literature such as 'Alice in



Wonderland' and 'Anne of Green Gables'.



St Albans'

It has been excellent to see St Alban's children back in class full of energy and enthusiasm. They have really stepped up to the Year 6 expectations and have already proved to be wonderful role models to the younger children.

We have recently started our 'Earth & Space' topic in science, where we have begun to research and compare the different planets. This has also inspired some excellent Art where the children used chalk pastels to create their own planets.



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NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN



Awareness-raising / consultation
We want to ensure that everyone throughout the parish is aware of the Neighbourhood Development Plan so the whole community can play a full part in it as we progress.

In addition to posting our minutes and progress reports on the Marnhull Parish Council website (marnhull-pc.org.uk) we propose to have a regular monthly update in the Messenger – of which this is the first. We are also distributing a flyer to every household in the parish and using facebook and social media.

Remember you can contact us at marnhullndp@gmail.com. We had a presence at the Flower show and Fest and were grateful to everyone who came and spoke to us and contributed to collating information on important views, pinch points, near misses and accidents, green spaces and green gaps.

This will feed into the plan in due course and we welcome further contributions. We plan to have a competition for 'my favourite view of Marnhull parish, through the seasons' as a way of focusing on what people love about living in Marnhull.

Watch out for this and do take part. Village Groups – We are contacting groups and businesses in the village to raise awareness and collate information about concerns – we particularly want to know how the Neighbourhood Plan can help you.

If you've not heard from us by the end of October please get in touch. Landowners – we are continuing our contact with landowners in the parish to understand their development plans – those whose sites are on the SHLAA map, and others who are not.

Funding & Finance We have been awarded a government grant of £9,860 towards consultants fees. This allows us to employ Jo Witherden, planning consultant who has a wealth of knowledge and local experience. She is steering us in the right path, as well as helping with project development and management.

We aim to use her time as efficiently as possible to get best value from her knowledge and expertise. We are also applying for two Technical Support Packages for which we are eligible. This is professional input paid for under a national government scheme and there will be no cost to the Parish Council for this work. We are aiming to secure support on Design Codes (see below) and Strategic Environmental Assessment.

Other Actions Design Codes – These set out clear guidance for new developments in a simple concise and illustrated way dealing with materials, landscaping, energy performance, layout etc. with an emphasis on development that is sympathetic to our parish area.

This will help to ensure future developments fit with the local character and are future-proofed. An inception meeting and site visit are expected shortly. We have received an initial housing needs analysis from Dorset Council which supports the view that we will not need to put forward development sites other than those which have already secured outline approval.

We intend to undertake a Conservation Area Appraisal to review the current historic buildings and heritage assets of the village. Following a meeting with Dorset Council Transport Planning department we expect to have a site visit with officers including the Road Safety Officer to discuss local concerns. We will be sending out a survey questionnaire in November to every household in the parish.

It will be possible to complete this either on paper or through an online survey. A separate survey will also go out to businesses. The purpose of the surveys is to gauge people's views on a range of issues which will be at the heart of the Neighbourhood Plan including housing, amenities, roads, environment etc.

This will begin the very important process of engaging the whole community in expressing their views about the future of the village and we urge everyone to participate wherever you live in Marnhull and

whatever your views. The Marnhull Neighbourhood Development Plan Steering group September 2023

Stur Action!

News from SturAction

There is a difference of opinion between my colleague, Cheryl Basten (manager of the SturAction shops) and me as to agreeing which one of us has the best job in Stur. There is absolutely no doubt that we both share a passion and a love for what we do in our different roles for Sturminster Newton. Working together to enable her vision for the empty building formerly known as NatWest bank to create and establish 1855 Sturminster Newton has been a shared joy. So, with that in mind, I'll let her take the title.... for now.



In greeting and welcoming shoppers into 1855, we discover where and why they come to visit both the town and the shop. What is very apparent is that there are a lot of newcomers to the area and it is why we will be attending and supporting The Big Stur Welcome, a new event taking place at The Exchange on Thursday 5th October. (Read more about this event in News from The Exchange).

SturAction will be there to raise awareness of two new initiatives, the Sturminster Newton Welcome Pack and the Stur Ambassador scheme. Interested? Of course you are. Make sure you find us to learn more and to collect your pack (not restricted to newcomers).

At the time of writing, Halloween shop window displays have already begun. (Thank you, Hello Gorgeous.) The Halloween Haunt (14th-31st October) is the latest quiz from Steve Lewis for those of you who love to find the clue in each of the participating shop windows. Additional spooky town activities are planned for Saturday 28th October. Further information will be available on www.sturminster-newton.org.uk and social media.

Christmas is approaching fast and, boy, are we going to 'Make Stur Sparkle' in December 2023. We have a couple of 'illuminating' surprises for you this year and will be introducing a slight change to the Lantern Parade by extending it immediately after the Light Switch On. Father Christmas will continue to lead the parade along Church Street to the Christmas Tree Festival at St Mary's Church.

In an effort to make Sturminster Newton more appealing to Christmas shoppers, there will be an additional 3 free parking Saturdays (courtesy of SturAction) as well as the regular annual 2 arranged with Dorset Council. On each of these Saturdays, from 25th November (Christmas Tree Light Switch on Event) The Exchange will be hosting a Christmas Market and Father Christmas is making special time each Saturday to meet as many children as he can.

There are so many events and activities taking place in Sturminster Newton during the festive season, a printed Christmas Event Programme is currently being designed and collated (courtesy of SturAction) and will be available to collect from the usual places around town. If you have an event planned, please make sure I know about it.

Jacqui Wragg (Economic Development Coordinator)
sturbiz18@gmail.com

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They showed us a fascinating range of ancient and historic pubs and teashops, adding a note about the specialities on the menus therein – useful information for day trips in the future. They moved on the geographical features and listed some of the hills with a bit of history attached to them, and likewise signposts, pointing out those which may have marked the position of gibbets in the past.

Sunken lanes, the result of ages of cattle droving or foot use, are historical points of interest and may have been paths used by pilgrims. We explored the many ancient bridges in the area and of course the remarkable churches, each with its unique story to tell.

Jackie and Alan went on to relate some of the strange customs and quirks, either historical or, occasionally, still in use today. To find out more and to whet the appetite for getting to know the region, you must go to their book which is entitled "Exploring the Quiet Lanes and Villages of West Dorset."

In October we have an Open Meeting at which Wilfred Shron will be talking about "The Story of Shroton Gin." Visitors are welcome.

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, please contact Alan Loukes

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NEWS FROM TRADING STANDARDS

Single-use plastics ban

Single-use plastics are only used once before they're thrown away. The problem with plastic waste is that it doesn't break down, it only breaks up into smaller and smaller parts. This impacts the environment and wildlife for years to come.

According to estimates, England uses 2.7 billion items of single-use cutlery, most of which are plastic, and 721 million single-use plates per year. Of these, only 10% are recycled. If 2.7 billion pieces of cutlery were lined up, they would go round the world over eight and a half times (based on a 15cm piece of cutlery).

Previous efforts to eliminate avoidable plastic waste, include:

- One of the world's toughest bans on microbeads in rinse-off personal care products announced in 2018.
- Restrictions on the supply of single-use plastic straws, drink stirrers and cotton buds in 2020.
- Plastic Packaging Tax in April 2022 whereby a tax of £200 per tonne was introduced on plastic packaging manufactured in, or imported into the UK, that does not contain at least 30% recycled plastic.
- The 5p single-use carrier bag charge, in May 2021 which was increased to a minimum charge of 10p and extended to all retailers, taking billions of bags out of circulation.

Last year the UK Government consulted on banning other types of single use plastic and they reported that over 95% of those who responded to the consultation were in favour of the bans.

So, in October 2023 a new ban on other single use plastics is set to come into force. The ban will include single-use plastic plates, trays, bowls, cutlery, balloon sticks, and certain types of polystyrene cups and food containers. The ban on these items will include online and over-the-counter sales and supply, from new and existing stock.

It will mean that businesses can no longer supply, sell, or offer these types of single-use plastics to customers. Businesses will need to use alternative options instead. The UK Government announced the ban in January this year, giving businesses time to prepare for the change.

STURMINSTER CHORAL SOCIETY

If you would like to take up/return to choral singing, try us out! Sturminster Choral Society meets again on Monday 18th September, 7pm, at The Exchange in Sturminster to rehearse for its Christmas concert (9th December): Vaughan Williams' Fantasia on Christmas Carols. We would be delighted to welcome you – sopranos, altos, basses and tenors all; no auditions. Just turn up or ring 01258 472274 for more details.

Marnhull Royal British Legion

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Green Belt

Green Belt is the indispensable solution to climate, nature and food security challenges, says CPRE

Planning, farming and forestry policies need integrating in countryside closest to where people live so that it can protect towns and cities against climate change and enhance nature. New farming subsidies that will pay for environmental improvements should cover at least half of Green Belt land. Acute housing crisis in the countryside means small rural exception sites consisting entirely or primarily of affordable and social housing should be encouraged on the edge of villages within the Green Belt. The Green Belt is being overlooked as a pivotal solution to climate change, the decline of nature and food security vulnerabilities, a new report from CPRE, the countryside charity, shows.

The report argues that the Green Belt, which protects 12.5% of England's land area from development, should become greener, wetter and more biodiverse.

Rewiggled streams, new wetlands, restored peatlands, expanded woodland and revived hedgerows could help the countryside around towns and cities soak up more water to protect urban areas from increased floods, droughts and other natural disasters. Food security could be strengthened by creating nature corridors that link rewilding projects with farmland and encouraging people to buy food produced locally that enhances the environment where they live. Tourism and recreation should be encouraged, with better footpaths, facilities and public transport links, so that people get maximum benefit from the improved environment.

State of the Green Belt 2023: A Vision for the 21st Century recommends:

Doubling the amount of Green Belt farmland covered by Environmental Land Management schemes, from the current 28% to over half;

Creating 350,000 hectares overall of new woodland and wetland close to urban areas, in line with recommendations from the Natural Capital Committee;

The proposed Land Use Framework integrate planning, farming and forestry policies and programmes to protect and enhance the countryside close to where people live, particularly in and around our largest towns and cities.

Publish supporting planning practice guidance, underpinned by publicly available and regularly updated data on building rates for large development sites. These can help prevent unnecessary development of Green Belt sites, and also allow the public to see whether the claims made by developers to support Green Belt release have been justified in practice.

The report highlights the need to improve transport links, recreation and tourism in the Green Belt. There is greater need than ever for it to fulfil the founding promise of access to green space, nature and cultural heritage for the populations of nearby towns and cities.

An acute need for more affordable and social housing means rural communities living within the Green Belt should be able to develop small rural exception sites on the edge of villages – even when it is on greenfield land – to accommodate local needs, the report recommends.

But it finds the wrong homes are being built in the wrong places for the wrong people. A sample of thirteen large schemes recently completed or currently being built on former Green Belt land found that only five percent of the housing built was social housing. Also, consistently less affordable housing overall was provided than was called for by local planning policy.

An analysis of the development of land either within the Green Belt, or removed through boundary changes since 2009 so that it could be developed, found that overall Green Belt policy continues to be effective, but also that significant amounts of development are taking place: Just under 208,000 houses in the local planning pipeline awaiting construction; An average of 220 planning applications for large developments of more than ten houses submitted, and at least 9,000 houses built, each year since 2009; Only 12.5% of houses were delivered at affordable or social rents; Brownfield land was marginally more likely to be developed than greenfield land – but in the last two years that trend has flipped, with the majority of land developed now greenfield.

Commenting on the findings, Peter Bowyer, Chair of Trustees at Dorset CPRE said:

'This report is both timely and important. The government needs to commit, in planning policy, to protect and enhance the Green Belt. This would show it is serious about 'brownfield first'. It would also demonstrate its recognition of the enormous value to health and wellbeing of the countryside around our towns and cities.'

'Dorset CPRE strongly opposes the re-drawing of the Green Belt to allow housing developments. Wisely Green Belt areas have been protected from development for the benefit of succeeding generations, yet pressure from Government targets and developers threatens that protection. Meeting housing need appears to be the main 'exceptional circumstance' asserted by Dorset Council to justify building in the Green Belt. Dorset Council has already granted permission for 13,000 homes to be built in Dorset that have yet to be constructed (amounting to about 10 years' of future growth), so we campaign for that land to be used first.'

Friends of Salisbury Cathedral - Secret Gardens of the Close

This year's Secret Gardens of the Close event attracted a record number of visitors and raised a record sum for Salisbury Cathedral. A hot and sunny afternoon attracted crowds of people to the nine gardens that were open and swelled the charity's coffers by £15,000. The fine weather resulted in fabulous displays of roses and other summer flowers, alongside majestic trees and colourful shrubs. Tea and cake were served at South Canonry, the home of the Bishop of Salisbury, with the £3,156 raised going to the Sudan Medical Link. There was an exhibition of botanical artworks and recorder group Close Consort entertained visitors throughout the afternoon. Friends' chairman Duncan Glass was delighted with the result.

"What a fantastic result!" he said.

"The weather was perfect and the gardens were in full bloom."

"The proceeds will surely make a difference to the preservation of our medieval masterpiece."

"Thank you to all who attended and supported our flagship event, and our generous garden owners and the 70 volunteers who made it possible."

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Captions: 1. A record number of people flocked to the Friends of Salisbury Cathedral's Secret Gardens event.

2. The gardens were full of beautiful roses.



3. The Secret Gardens events raised £15,000 for projects at Salisbury Cathedral.



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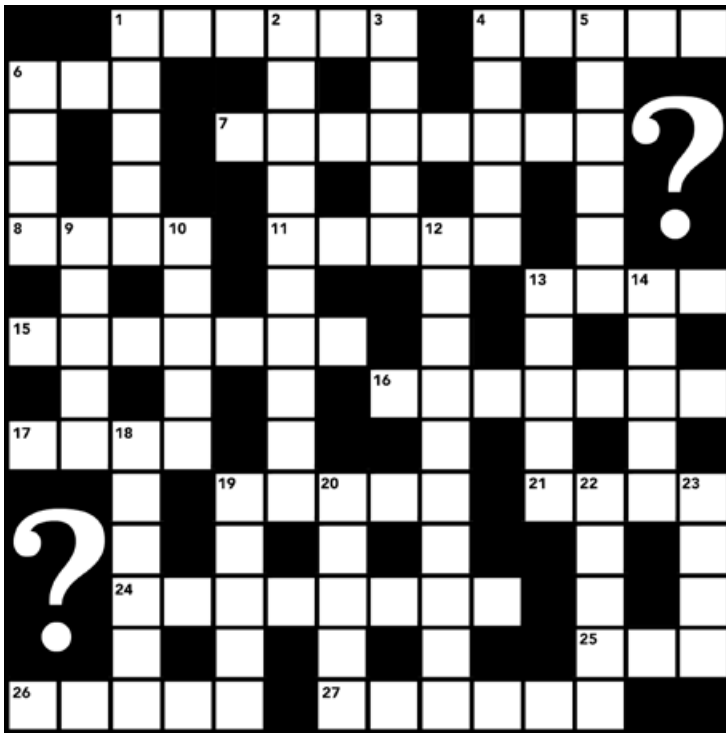
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- 1) Weekly medical journal founded in 1823. (6)
- 4) Imperial measurement equal to 22 yards. (5)
- 6) Open area of grassy land. (3)
- 7) Deposit of silt left by flowing water in a river valley or delta. (8)
- 8) River that flows through Florence. (4)
- 11) Type of story associated with Aesop. (5)
- 13) Product long associated with Nottingham. (4)
- 15) To cut off the top branches of a tree to encourage new growth. (7)
- 16) and 17A) Musical instrument that is played by the wind. (7-4)
- 17) See 16A)
- 19) Area of land on the border of two countries. (5)
- 21) End part of the sleeve where the material is turned back. (4)
- 24) Long slender South American lizard. (8)
- 25) A fuss as in the title of a Shakespeare play. (3)
- 26) Curved knife used by Gurkhas. (5)
- 27) A state of the Swiss confederation. (6)

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DOWN

- 1) River on which Belfast is built. (5)
- 2) Third largest state in the US. (10)
- 3) Surname of a diminutive character in English folklore. (5)
- 4) A deep narrow ravine on the Isle of Wight. (5)
- 5) A fleet of ships. (6)
- 6) Hot molten semi-fluid rock erupted from a volcano. (4)
- 9) Type of wine made in Spain. (5)
- 10) Lowest deck of a wooden sailing ship. (5)
- 12) Leather shorts with H shaped braces worn by men in Bavaria. (10)
- 13) Shrub with Fragrant violet, white or pink blossom. (5)
- 14) Husks of grain or other seed separated by threshing. (5)
- 18) Small South African antelope. (6)
- 19) Argentine born footballer named the world's best male player seven times. (5)
- 20) An object of interest that has survived from earlier times. (5)
- 22) Relating to a town or city. (5)
- 23) A type of popular Portuguese song. (4)

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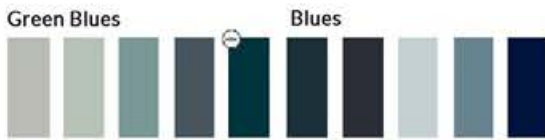
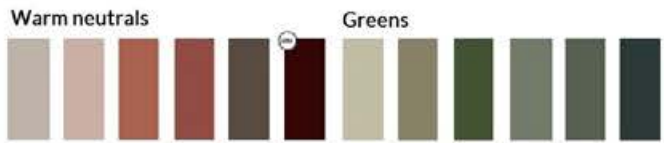
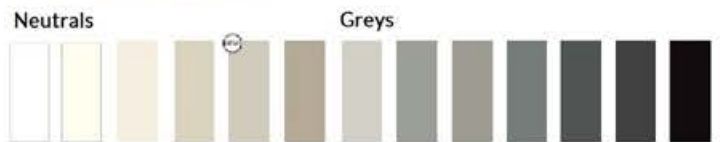


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