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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.



**WELCOME TO YOUR
MARNHULL
MESSENGER**

CHRIS RYU
Messenger Editor

WELCOME BACK MARNHULL!

Well I bet you thought you'd got rid of me! A new Editor has not yet been found and so for the time being, you'll have to make do with me!

Due to our family business (Dorset Tech on the left) being remarkably busy during Covid, I've had to call in some support from my team. Luckily we've been actively recruiting during lockdown (9 new employees so far), so there's a few to choose from now.

This issue of the Messenger was the first task that Bekka, our new Designer did on her first day in the business... Talk about throwing her in at the deep end! Next issue will be a lot easier and hopefully we'll have more articles as things return to the "new normal".

As you have likely heard, the Blackmore Vale Magazine has closed for good, so this village magazine is all the more important. I'm working with a news provider that might possibly be setting up a Blackmore Vale replacement, but only time will tell.

It hit me when I was replacing the text from last issue that my life has been a huge whirlwind recently. Last issue went to print the day we re-opened the Gillingham High Street Office. This issue is going to print on another very special day...

Today we signed the lease on a new office - another shop unit a few doors down from our existing one. This will allow us to keep expanding the technology repair part of the business and to finally have room for some of our new starters to come into the office. We can't wait to update you all as the project progresses.

NEW EDITOR STILL REQUIRED

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

Stay safe Marnhull - looking forward to seeing you all soon

**SUBMIT YOUR EVENTS INTO
A LIVE CALENDAR**

On the messenger website and they'll be added to this diary in the next issue!

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The Surgery has now re-opened as a clinical site. At present, all requests for appointments will be triaged by clinicians and they will call you back and assess whether they can treat/advise you over the phone, whether a video consultation is needed or if you need to be physically seen on site, if so they will arrange that with you. Please do not just turn up at any of the Practice sites without a prior appointment.

Flu Clinics

As you will read elsewhere in the Messenger, the Flu Clinics later this month will take on a different form. They will be held at Henstridge Airfield from Monday September 14th – Friday September 18th and from Monday September 21st to Friday September 25th. During this time, we need people to act as Marshalls, to ensure the smooth flow of those who have come for a vaccination. The sessions are 9am – 12.00noon and 1pm – 4pm. If you would like to offer your services either for a session or sessions, or even for part of a session, please contact Karen Rhys at the Practice. karen.rhys@dorsetgp.nhs.uk Tel: 07395 949370

Health Champions

Before Covid-19 arrived, The Blackmore Vale Medical Practice had recruited local volunteers in Shaftesbury to join its Health Champion activities. It's been a great success, with about 30 people involved. The purpose of this initiative is to help connect people, particularly those most lonely, isolated or vulnerable, to appropriate local support that can meet their needs. The Health Champions also support groups and the Practice is now developing the same scheme in Sturminster Newton and Marnhull. If you would like to be involved volunteering as a local Community Health Champion, or just to find out more, contact Keith Harrison on 07825 691508 or keith.harrison@dorsetccg.nhs.uk

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MARNHULL VILLAGE CARE

Marnhull Village Care
A warm welcome to the Village & Support in our Community



Changes to Village Care

As you will read elsewhere in the Messenger, the Marnhull Village Helpline closes on August 31st, but Marnhull Village Care continues to support the village. Contact numbers are Hillary Parker 01258 821667, Trevor Vaughan 01258 821636.

The car service previously operated will consider requests for hospital, Doctors, Dentist appointments, these will now be managed by Mrs Ann Davis – Penson on the following number 07769-962840.

I would also like to thank the following for their support:

All those who volunteered and did a splendid job in so many ways to support those in need within the village.

Shaftesbury & Gillingham Round Table.
Dorset Coronavirus Community Fund.
Dorset Freemasons.
Marnhull Parish Council.

What we are

An organisation of volunteers from the village which was founded in 1974 to welcome newcomers moving into the village and to provide help and support where possible to anyone of any age who may be in need.

- A series of volunteer Road Contacts exists to take note of newcomers to the village. The new household receive two visits, a preliminary contact with a welcome, followed a few weeks later by a further visit to ascertain how the family was settling in. The Road Contacts are also the contact points if anyone requires help.
- A Newcomers Party held once a year for those who have moved in the past year to meet each other, the Road Contacts and key members of the community; Head Teachers, Clergy and Local Councillors. Any Road contacts who belong to clubs and societies also present to chat about those.
- To look out for and offer help to the elderly, vulnerable or those in need; shopping, sitting with the frail to relieve the carers, acting as a conduit to 'point' people towards those professionals who could help.
- A list of volunteer drivers exists to take any in the community who otherwise cannot travel to hospital, medical or legal appointments. A scale of contributions towards fuel is reviewed regularly. This service is for anyone, young or old.

With Covid 19 some of you very kindly volunteered to help those in need and now that hopefully normality is returning, we need to think of the future particularly if a second spike appears and we need to reinstate the Help Line but, we also need to think about the continuing need of the villagers.

Some of you did shopping etc and in so doing they got to know you and you them so, should the need arise would you still be able to help them?

Could you help or be a Road Contact?

Could you spend a while on the phone or in person for a chat?

Could you visit someone at home or hospital?

Could you spare a couple of hours to take or collect someone from Hospital?

If the answer is yes to one or more of the above, I would like to hear from you my contact details are as follows:

trevor.MPC@gmail.com
Telephone: 01258 821636.

Trevor Vaughan. MBE. Chairman.

MARNHULL VILLAGE HELPLINE

A Short History!

The Helpline took its first call on March 24th, just a day after the UK Lockdown for Covid started.

160 days later, on August 31st, the line closed. During that time about 150 different villagers have been helped by 70 volunteers and 8 coordinators who answered the 'phone and dealt with the requests and enquires.

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Our most popular request was for prescription collection and delivery, closely followed by help with shopping. 32 unwanted Government and Council issued food parcels, were collected and taken to needy families in the village and to the local foodbanks.

Relatives from outside Dorset, called the Helpline to ask us to check on family members whom they couldn't visit during Lockdown. We had a many requests from villagers who were feeling anxious and lonely – as one said – 'Could someone make contact so that I can just see a face'. The volunteer who went along, is still an important contact for that person and that was one of the most impressive aspects of the Helpline. Whilst the Helpline was the first port of call, in a great many cases, the relationship between the person who 'phoned and the volunteer, continued through Lockdown and still continues, without having to ring the Helpline. It really has re-awakened a sense of community and mutual help which will benefit many in the years to come.

Volunteers also filled in for some of the Marnhull Messenger delivery team, who weren't able to carry out their deliveries during Lockdown. Ensuring the Messenger arrived in every home, was a vital part of keeping people informed about the help that was available.

Communication was really important throughout this process. The coordinators held a weekly online meeting, to share knowledge and good practice and an online call was held with the volunteers on Sunday mornings, again to share experience, good ideas and create a sense of being part of a team.

So, a massive vote of thanks to the village - to those who willingly came forward in their droves to make it happen and to those who trusted us to be able to help. We sincerely hope it doesn't come to this, but should there be another Lockdown, or if for any other reason we are needed in the future, the Marnhull Village Helpline on 01305 490000 will be back in action.

Thank you!

DORSET UNDER THREAT FROM EXCESSIVE HOUSE BUILDING

An independent report for Dorset CPRE shows that the Dorset Council and BCP Council could be forced to plan for excessive numbers of new housing. The Government's Standard Method for assessing local housing need produces a figure of 4,458 dwellings per annum for Dorset, which is 47% higher than the 3,030 new houses required by the existing Local Plans and nearly 100% higher than recent rates of housing delivery. Now, the Government's Planning White Paper and proposed Planning reforms threaten Dorset with even higher, centrally-imposed housing numbers, while greatly reducing local people's say in the future of our communities.

Key Findings

- Central government's housing targets, using 2014 projections, are 47% higher than the existing Local Plans in Dorset.
- The government's housings targets are way in excess of any sensible forecast of local housing need.
- The report proposes that the local authorities should be prepared to challenge the Government's Standard Method based on outdated and flawed population and household projections.
- Local authorities should encourage the development of suitable affordable housing for younger households.

Dorset CPRE supports a locally led democratic planning system rather than deregulated proposals.

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The Government's Standard Method for assessing local housing need produces a figure of 4,458 dwellings per annum for Dorset, which is 47% higher than the 3,030 new houses required by the existing Local Plans and nearly 100% higher than recent rates of housing delivery. Where will they go?

The number of new homes provided in the period 2011-18 were sufficient to meet the on-going housing needs. So why is a higher rate of housing need now projected? Why threaten our Green Spaces and valued Dorset countryside?

Part of the answer, suggests this study, is that the household projections which underpin the housing needs calculations are out of date. They are based on 2014 projections rather than the 2016 household projections published by ONS, which suggest lower housing needs. The 2018 based projections released in July show even lower projections and a lower level of need.

Peter Bowyer, Dorset CPRE Chair of Trustees, said:

"Building excessive housing can only be at the expense of our very special environment and our communities. Our environment is Dorset's greatest economic asset. Our communities need appropriate homes to meet local need, including truly affordable homes for young families whom we need to keep and attract to work here and so help grow Dorset's economy."

"It is in everyone's interests that the housing numbers in local plans reflect local needs. Plans that are based on excessive and unrealistic projections can lead to proposed developments not being delivered, and also to land not being brought forward and hence the 5 year land supply not being met. The Local Plan and associated Neighbourhood Plans could then fail and result in a developer led free for all."

Planning reform – Planning White Paper

Government calls for deregulation of the planning system are nothing new. The system has been blamed time and time again for restricting growth and housing delivery. But the truth is the opposite.

Locally-led development offers the best outcomes for people and nature. It can ensure that the right development is in the right place, and creates places where people actually want to live. The recently announced reforms will only serve to undermine local voices, by preventing communities from managing their own places/ neighbourhoods and as we've seen before, result in environments that don't work for the people that live there.

Key Concerns

- The White Paper is a Charter for **unnecessary overdevelopment** in Dorset with **significantly higher numbers** than are needed.
- There is a **significant loss of local democracy** and a **reduction of the public involvement** in the planning process - Dorset Council need to **Stand up for Dorset** rather than give in to demands from Westminster.
- The White Paper proposals do **not guarantee adequate protection** for the precious environment of Dorset and in fact **are a threat**.

Dorset CPRE are responding to both the Changes to the Planning System and the White Paper consultations and will issue further updates during the consultation period to late October, and over the coming months. National CPRE has made an initial response to the White Paper and have convened meetings with more than 30 organisations to join forces and build momentum to oppose the government's White Paper. Organisations included Shelter, the Town and Country Planning Association and the Local Government Association, as well as environmental NGOs such as Friends of the Earth.



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MARNHULL GREEN TEAM

Marnhull Green TEAMS - Taking the Environment Around Marnhull Seriously - continues to make progress.

We have a keen project team working on extending our allotment work. There is already a community allotment growing vegetables - and the team have now begun renovating a second plot at the allotment site, with the aim of planting apple and pear trees in the autumn.

The objectives of this project are that it will:

- conserve traditional and local varieties
- optimise the potential for wildlife
- be managed organically
- be accessible to all at reasonable times
- offer a place for recreation and quiet contemplation
- ensure that horticulture and wildlife management skills can be learned and passed on, and
- offer a fruit harvest that can be shared, while leaving a tithe for wildlife.

Of course, such a community project needs community support. We'll need volunteers to help prepare the site, plant the trees, and look after them into the future. We're particularly keen to involve young people in this work: these will be their trees as much as anyone's.

And, let's face it, we need some financial support. Apples and pears will grow on these trees - but not cash! Marnhull Parish Council have very kindly agreed to supply some match-funding, and now we need to find our half of that, and more. Can you help?

Due to one generous donation we have some oak saplings for sale, at £5 each for trees about 50cm tall - and we have team members who can advise on where to plant and how to look after them, if that's needed.

Every and any donation will be welcome. Marnhull Green TEAMS have a JustGiving page - but if you want every penny of your donation to go into our work it's better to arrange a direct bank transfer. Please email marnhullgreen@outlook.com or phone (01258) 268714 for our bank details, or if you'd like to plant an oak.

Another of our projects is also bearing fruit, if we may put it that way. Reducing waste is, rightly, a major environmental concern and, as the scientists continue to warn, we all need to act to help protect our environment. Recycling what we don't need is a vital part of this.

Yet recycling is a complex business. What goes in the Council's recycling bin? What can you take to the Marnhull Village Hub, to go into their recycling bins - taking things that the Council can't? What other recycling facilities are available locally? It's a bit of a maze, let's be honest.

Marnhull Green TEAMS have therefore produced what we hope is a guide through this maze. It's currently available in pdf format, so can be emailed to anyone who'd like a copy. And we are seeking ways of producing some printed copies for those not online.

Will planting a few trees or improving our recycling change the world for the better? Well, even though these are tiny steps in themselves, yes, they will - just a little. And every little helps.

If you have any questions about these or other projects, or if you have something to share - an idea, a suggestion, or your own experience - please get in touch. Contact us at marnhullgreen@outlook.com or by phoning (01258) 268714.

Let's make Marnhull even greener.



ROYAL BRITISH LEGION



On Friday August 14th the Club opened for the first time after lockdown. The plan at that stage was to open Fridays and Saturdays to see how things go. The situation may have changed by the time you are reading this but the Club was subjected to a thorough clean and disinfecting and arrows directing customers where to go laid down. Now we wait to see if there are any customers and any further Government instructions. Sadly as I write this there will be no entertainment on Saturday nights due to social distancing regulations but rest assured we are watching developments and will reinstate music as soon as possible.

The plan is to open at 5pm to allow people at the fish 'n' chip van to have a drink while they wait, we will see if there is any demand for that.

We will have held a service at the memorial on August 15th to commemorate the 75th anniversary of VJ Day the real end of WW11. Hopefully the service led by the Very Reverend John Seaford was well attended and observed the usual social distancing rules. This is probably the last of the significant anniversaries where veterans will be able to attend as by the time the 80th comes around they will all be in their hundreds.

Meanwhile we have been informed that there will be no Poppy Appeal this year for obvious reasons. Money can pass the virus as much as anything else and people do not want strangers knocking on their doors in the present climate. This will obviously strike at the heart of the Legion's ability to care for it's people in need but if you would like to help donations can still be made online.

Remembrance Sunday is in doubt for the same reason and we will be watching carefully and will make an announcement as soon as possible. At the moment it seems most unlikely that a packed church is a good idea but we await official confirmation. We will have to make some arrangement for those who wish to lay wreaths and I will be contacting those organisations who usually attend in due course. Any ideas on how this can be done safely would be gratefully received.

Meanwhile take care and stay safe.

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MARNHULL PARISH COUNCIL

Flu Clinics 2020

This year due to Covid 19 everything is different, including how we are going to run Flu Clinics. This year they will be 'drive-thru', at Hentridge Airfield, BA8 0TN.

This is so that we can safely vaccinate a large number of people and keep both staff and patients safe.

When:

Mon 14 - Fri 18 Sept
Mon 21 - Fri 25 Sept

9am - 12 noon
1pm - 4pm

How can I make an appointment?

Patients over 65 yrs can book a slot online, but you need to be registered first.

Those in at risk groups will be invited via text message, email or a phone call. You are unable to just turn up, you must make an appointment first.

We are unable to offer vaccinations to those in the 50-64 yr age group (unless in an at risk group). We are waiting on national guidance on vaccine supply.

Where do I need to go?

These sessions will be held at:
Hentridge Airfield, BA8 0TN.

You will be directed where to go by Marshalls who are directing the traffic.

What about children?

Any children 2-18yrs in at risk groups can have their vaccination at the same time as their parents.

Children who are two or three by 31.8.20 can also be vaccinated.

All other school aged children will be vaccinated at their school by the school nursing teams.

How can you help us?

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MARNHULL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING



Make Your Comments Heard

There are two main channels available to you if you wish to comment on an application.

The first is to attend a Parish Council Planning Session. These are usually part of the monthly Parish Council meeting. Each Planning Application that the council has been asked to comment upon as a Statutory Consultee will be announced and then the general public invited to provide their comments, if any. If the applicant, or their representative are present, they will also be given the opportunity to comment. When all public comments have been heard, the council will then discuss the application and come to a decision. Valid responses are OBJECT, NO OBJECTION or SUPPORT. Along with the decision, the council can provide supporting reasons. These are particularly important if a decision of "OBJECT" has been made, as the Planning Authority, i.e. Dorset Council Planning Department, will need our reasoning for such a decision.

If a member of the public is unable to attend a meeting, they may always provide their comments to the clerk prior to the meeting. The clerk's contact details are detailed on this website. It is important that comments are received prior to the meeting, as once the council has made a decision, it will only alter that decision under extreme circumstances. Also note that the council, whilst taking into consideration public comments, will make a decision with the best interests of concerned individuals and the village at heart and based on relevant material planning conditions (see below).

The second channel available to make your comments known is to provide them directly to the Dorset Council planning department. We suggest anyone wishing to provide comments should take this route regardless of whether they have made them known to the parish council. The reason for this is that, despite being a statutory consultee, the Parish Council is just one voice. Dorset Council planning will take note of the volume of responses to an application when considering their decision, especially if there are a large number of individual objections. In addition, Parish Councillors will take note of any comments made to Dorset Council planning if they are put online prior to the parish council planning session.

So what are Material Planning Conditions?

It is important to provide your comments forearmed with some knowledge of the matters that the planning authority must consider when deciding whether to grant or refuse an application. Like the Parish Council, Dorset Council will ultimately make decisions based upon the balance of positive and negative consequences within the constraints of planning legislation.

Objections may not always result in planning permission being refused, because there are other factors such as Dorset Council's and central government's planning policies which may outweigh such objections.

However, material planning matters that can be considered by the planning authority – and the Parish Council - can include (but are not limited to):

- **Overlooking/loss of privacy**
 - Is the property too close to neighbours? Are there second storey windows overlooking?
- **Loss of daylight/sunlight or overshadowing**
 - Does the position of the new property block natural light reaching neighbours?

- **Scale and dominance**
 - Is the new property in keeping with its surroundings?
- **Layout and density of buildings**
 - Is the development in keeping with the neighbourhood?
- **Appearance and design of development and materials proposed**
 - Would the property be a 'blot on the landscape'?
- **Disabled persons' access**
 - Has consideration been made for disabilities (where relevant)?
- **Highway safety**
 - Is access onto the highway dangerous?
- **Traffic and parking issues**
 - Does the development increase traffic to undesirable levels and/or cause unacceptable disruption?
- **Drainage and flood risk**
 - Will rainwater runoff occur and if so can it be mitigated?
- **Rights of way**
 - Will any footpaths/bridleways be impacted?
- **Noise, dust, fumes etc**
 - Will the development create a nuisance to the local area?
- **Effect on listed buildings and conservation areas**
 - Extra conditions are required in Conservation Areas
- **Effect on trees and wildlife/nature conservation**
 - How is the natural environment impacted and have necessary measures been proposed to mitigate and/or compensate?
- **Impact on the community and other services**
 - Can local services cope with any consequential population influx?
- **Economic impact and sustainability**
 - Are there jobs, shops, leisure facilities nearby? Is transport being made available?
- **Government policy**
 - Local housing targets, green belt etc.
- **Proposals in the Local Development Plan**
 - Has the location been favoured in a local plan?
- **Previous planning decisions (including appeal decisions)**
 - Has a similar development been refused in the past? Were conditions applied to a previous application?

Issues which are NOT material planning considerations and therefore cannot be taken into account, include:

- Who the applicant is/what the applicant's background is
- Loss of private views
- Loss of property value
- Loss of trade or increased competition
- Strength or volume of local opposition*
- Construction noise/disturbance during development
- Fears of damage to property
- Maintenance of property
- Boundary disputes, covenants or other property rights
- Personal circumstances

*Note: The strength or volume of local opposition (such as petitions or multiple copies of the same objection letter) is not in itself a material planning consideration, but if the content of such objections is focused on the material planning issues then they can be taken into account.

To Summarise

Make yourself heard! You can influence the way planning decisions are made, particularly if you concentrate your arguments around the material planning considerations as detailed above. Ensure you voice your concerns (or praises, for that matter) to both the Parish Council and Dorset Council Planning.

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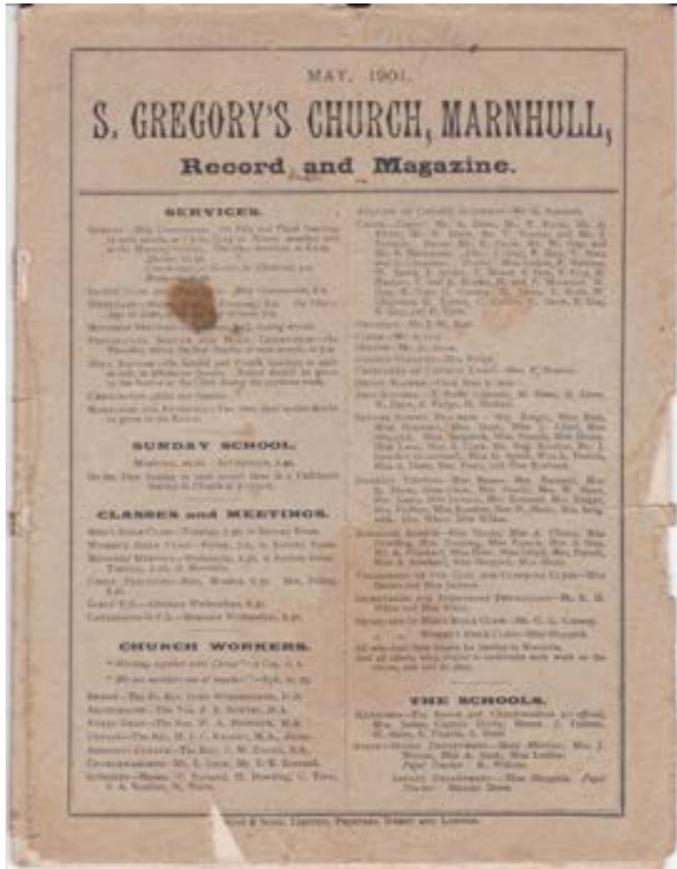
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ST. GREGORY'S CHURCH



We were delighted when the Government eased restrictions and we were able once more to hold 'live' services in Church. It is lovely to be able to meet together for worship, albeit at a social distance and wearing a mask, but REALLY odd not to be able to sing! And you are always welcome!

The lockdown has been a very strange experience for everyone. Historically a Church was the one building always open for worship and private prayer, and a place for those seeking sanctuary in times of danger and need. NOT being able to go into Church at all was really bizarre, especially for Gaenor our priest. However as the weeks went by and we all got to grips with 'virtual services', Zoom meetings and Zoom coffee mornings, some semblance of community worship and fellowship developed and continued, albeit in an on-screen way. It is likely that these will continue for the time being as they are accessible to those parishioners who for various reasons cannot, or are unwilling to, attend in person. We continue to support others in our community in a variety of ways.

In light of the developing situation and possible future government restrictions, we are holding services on:

Sundays at 8am Holy Communion (Order 1), and at 10am Parish Eucharist Service. On the first Wednesday of the month 11am Holy Communion (Order 1). We are still open for quiet space and private prayer every Wednesday from 9-11am.

Sunday 6th September at 4pm: we hope to resume our new monthly informal family Tea Service to which all local families with Primary aged children are very welcome! (Sorry no tea and cake this time but fun anyway!)

Please check the Church website, www.stgregorysmarnhull.org.uk for changes or further details.

Please contact Revd Gaenor if you would like a phone call or garden visit: 821605 or gaenor@protonmail.com

We are holding a 'Safari' Church Fete this year, on Bank Holiday Monday 31st August from 2pm (see website and local advertising) with a trail to follow for Teas and Stalls and scarecrow competition. Maps will be available from the Church and from the different Tea venues. Please support this if you can.

We have been given a copy of the St Gregory's Church Marnhull Record and Magazine dated May 1901, and the front page is reproduced here for our readers' interest. It is worth noting the number of familiar names of those connected with the church and school.

OUR LADY'S CHURCH



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

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

Significant dates in September

3 – Saint Gregory the Great (540-604) (Feast)
Tightened Church discipline and liturgical practice; reorganised the Holy See and sent St Augustine to convert the Kingdom of Kent. Consequently he is known as the 'Apostle of the English'.

8 – The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Feast)
Our Lady's birth is celebrated because it announced to the world the coming of Jesus, the beginning of the New Covenant.

14 – The Exultation of the Cross (Feast)
The Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross commemorates the rescue of the relic of the True Cross by Emperor Heraclius in 629, after its capture by the Persians. It also marks the original dedication of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in 335.

21 - Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist (Feast)
St Matthew, also called Levi, was the son of Alphaeus. He was a tax collector for the Romans when Jesus Christ called him as an Apostle. After the Ascension, he is thought to have travelled to Persia and Ethiopia where he was martyred. St Matthew's Gospel is the first in the New Testament and his name appears with the other Apostles in the Roman Canon.

THE METHODIST CHURCH



Worship under Covid-19 Restrictions

Our congregation has continued to enjoy the service notes prepared each week by our superintendent minister, Rev. Paul Arnold, throughout the past months when we have been unable to gather in person in our church building. The knowledge that we have all been praying and studying in our homes at the usual service time of 10:00 am has been a great comfort and we are immensely grateful to Rev. Paul for the work he has put into preparing the notes.

At the time of writing we are pleased to be about to meet in the church building for worship together again although under the Covid-19 restrictions decreed by the government. The service will be held at 10:00 am on Sunday 16th August and will be led by Mr. Dudley Coates. If everything goes as hoped, we plan to meet again on Sunday 30th August, when the service will be led by Rev. Paul Arnold. We will be meeting for services every other week, so in the Autumn, the dates will be, Sunday 13th & Sun. 27th September and, Sunday 11th & 25th October. The restrictions, with which we are all becoming familiar, mean that the services will be very different from pre-Covid times (remember them?) but being able to worship together in our historic and well-loved building again will be a blessing. The main restrictions which we are required to enforce, include the following:

- 2 metre social distancing will be maintained between people not of the same household. Seats have been identified and allocated to ensure this.
- Face masks/covering must be worn throughout the service (except for government approved exceptions).
- There will be no congregational hymn singing (a sad requirement remembering the strong Methodist tradition!).
- Hall and kitchen are not in use so there can be no coffee/chat meeting after the service. Of course, we expect people to socialise in the church or on the grass outside after the service but social distancing must be maintained.

Youth Work

The Methodist Church is drawing up plans to arrange for Girls' Brigade meetings to recommence. For more information, contact the Captain, Rachael Findlay on 07771 897262.

Hire the Hall.

At present our church hall may only be used by arrangement with groups or organisations who can guarantee to follow all Covid-19 government regulations. For information, contact Mrs. Marlene Plowman on 01258 820869.

22 – Dedication of the Cathedral (Solemnity)
Marks the dedication of our Diocesan Cathedral in Plymouth in 1880.

29 – Saints Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels (Feast)
St Michael (meaning 'Who is like God') is venerated as captain of the heavenly army, protector of the Church and helper of the sick and dying. St Gabriel (meaning 'Strength of God') announced both the birth of St John the Baptist (to Zechariah) and of Jesus Christ (to the Blessed Virgin Mary). St Raphael (meaning 'God heals') is patron of the blind, travellers and physicians & nurses.

Parish People

Valerie Evill died on 29 June. Her funeral Mass and burial was at St. Benedict's on 10 July. May she rest in peace.

Christina Hannah and James Hartgill were married at Our Lady's on 25 July. Ad multos annos!

Terry Hayward died on 25 July. Her funeral Mass and burial was at Our Lady's on 20 August. May she rest in peace.

Sally Hoy died on 12 August.

May they rest in peace

www.marnhullandgillinghamrc.org.uk

MARNHULL CHURCHES SUNDAY SERVICES

Anglican Church of St. Gregory the Great, New Street
8.00 – Holy Communion
10.00 – Parish Eucharist
Weekday services as advertised
www.StGregorysMarnhull.org.uk

Catholic Church of Our Lady, Old Mill Lane
9.30 - Mass
6.00 - Mass
www.marnhullandgillinghamrc.org.uk

Marnhull Methodist Church, Burton Street
10.00 - Morning Service

A SPECIAL THANK YOU!

"Thank you so much to all the people From Marnhull and elsewhere who came to wave Bernard off in June. He would have been so delighted at the turnout for him. I was very touched by it all. Thank you."

Audrey McRory





Photographs taken by Nick Walter at Sport Library Picture

MARNHULL CRICKET CLUB SUPPORTING LOCAL CHARITIES

The ED Kent Trust to benefit from Club's new project

These are challenging times for all organisations whether businesses, clubs and societies or charities. In order to build its own financial resilience, Marnhull Cricket Club launched its own Lottery in January – but one with a difference.

Marnhull Cricket Club is one of the largest social hubs in the area. It runs three adult teams competing in the Dorset Leagues, a Friendly Team, the highly successful Marnhull Maidens playing friendly, soft ball and hard ball matches, and a Youth Section comprising over one hundred boys and girls from the All Stars Cricket programme for children aged 5-8, through U/9, U/11, U/13 and U/15 sides and a weekly programme of coaching.

However, the Club is about far more than just playing cricket. It has always taken its social responsibility very seriously indeed. Marnhull is located in a very rural and isolated area with poor transport links to social and recreational infrastructure and opportunities. The Club consciously considers how best it can promote opportunities for coaching and skills development, a lifelong interest in sport and recreation, healthy lifestyles, healthy social interaction and community cohesion. The Club believes it makes a demonstrable difference to the lives of members of this very isolated community, whether six or sixty years of age, regardless of gender, or challenged or not by the disadvantage of finance, social or learning problems.

Our new Lottery project is not only about building the Club's financial resilience for future investment in its growth and development, but is one example of its social conscience. Ten per cent of the income is retained for a local deserving cause or charity paid every six months. The first donation of £150 was paid in June to the Ed Kent Trust which was established in February 2017 in memory of Edward Kent. The object of the Trust is to raise funds in order to provide grant aid to both individuals and to organisations, supporting youth cricket and other sports in Dorset and also to support young percussionists and other musicians in the County. (Further details can be found at www.edkenttrust.org).

The Marnhull Cricket Club Lottery is based on a weekly draw with participants selecting just four numbers from 1 – 31. The cost is just £1 per week per line. Fifty per cent of the income is retained by the Club for future investment. Ten per cent is retained for deserving causes. Of the remaining forty per cent, £10 is paid weekly for matching a Bonus Number allocated to each participant, £30 for matching three numbers and for matching four numbers the total in the 'jackpot' which will have accumulated after a series of rollovers.

Anybody wishing to join our Lottery project should go to www.marnhull.play-cricket.com, open the Lottery tab and then the Lottery Sign Up tab. Complete the form in full and press 'Submit'. A Standing Order will then have to be set up for £4 per month per line payable on the 1st of each month to Marnhull Cricket Club (sort code and account details are published on the Sign Up form).

Support for our Club in these challenging times would be greatly appreciated and would increase the Club's capacity to support local deserving causes.

David Booth
Marnhull Cricket Club

HOW THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC HAS AFFECTED SPRINGHEAD, AND HOW WE ARE PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE - EDWARD PARKER, SPRINGHEAD'S DIRECTOR

Springhead

Springhead has, along with many other businesses and charities, been closed now for the best part of 8 weeks. Unfortunately, this happened to coincide with our busiest and most important time of the year. A time when there are usually school groups staying during the weekdays and weddings and other functions being hosted almost every weekend. All events have been cancelled until the end of August which is very disappointing for those who were looking forward to spending time here, but also means that we have been put in a difficult financial situation.

Fortunately, Springhead had a successful first four months of 2020 which meant that we were in a good shape financially at the end of April. Nevertheless, we have had to furlough most of our staff, reduce expenditure dramatically and apply for help via government grants. We are also unable to welcome our regular volunteers.

Good news too, is that we have been able to continue looking after the buildings and grounds at Springhead, and planning a brighter future. We are very lucky in that we have 3 kitchens, 9 bathrooms and 15 acres of grounds which make it easy for the few staff still working to remain socially distanced. We have continued to work on the Productive Gardens project, restoring and improving our kitchen gardens, planning for the restoration of our orchards, and looking into options for community growing areas. We hope to be able to distribute some of our produce locally while we don't have our usual visitors here.

We have also been reflecting on the successful year we had in 2019. With the help of our volunteers, supporters and funders, a great many people were able to enjoy and learn from spending time in our beautiful gardens and grounds. During the year Springhead played host to 18 school and youth groups comprising approximately 520 children who mostly came on residential visits. Many of these children experienced things for the first time in their lives: for some, it was the first time they had stayed away from home overnight, built dens or had a campfire, and many had never been on a long walk in the country before or drunk from a spring. These experiences build confidence, social skills, life skills and environmental awareness, and most importantly, the children have a wonderful time. As one Year 6 pupil said at the end of one day 'It was the best day ever'.

In addition, we were visited by community, family groups, church and wellness groups, bringing around 650 people to Springhead. During the year 18 activities were staged here, including arts and music events and open gardens. The Creative and Sustainable Living Fair in May attracted more than 400 people on a single day, and three open garden days were held, as well as our seasonal 'Garden of Delights' event in December. Between them, these events attracted some 1250 visitors to Springhead. We also provided the venue for 12 weekend weddings, which brought in much-needed unrestricted income to help fund our charitable work. Our environmental achievements included installing high levels of insulation, LED lighting and secondary glazing to save energy and installing a new sluice to make the hydro turbine more efficient.

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Outside, we managed our grounds to improve habitats and biodiversity, for example by laying hedgerows and coppicing willow in the reed beds (pictured below) – all with the help of volunteers. For more detail on our 2019 achievements see <https://www.springheadtrust.org.uk/about-us/our-impact/>

2020 is going to be a very hard year for Springhead but we are still planning for the future, and by looking after our buildings and gardens (the ornamental gardens look spectacular) we will be ready to re-open almost instantaneously when permitted, later in the year or early 2021. In the meantime, with the help from Government schemes and some of our regular funders we hope to be able survive lockdown. If you wish to support our charity during this difficult time by making a donation or becoming a Friend of Springhead please go to <https://www.springheadtrust.org.uk/support-us/>

Thank you for your understanding. Let's hope that we can return to some sort of normal in 2021.

TRADING STANDARDS, THE GOLD STANDARD

The hallmarking of gold and silver dates back to 1300 when King Edward I introduced it to protect standards and to prevent craftsmen committing fraud when making jewellery. The first stamp was a leopard's head which symbolised the King's mark of authentication. The word 'hallmark' didn't come into use until the 15th century when craftsmen took their artefacts to Goldsmiths' Hall in London to be assayed. Today there are four assay offices in operation, in London, Birmingham, Edinburgh and Sheffield.

Hallmarking techniques and regulations have been fine-tuned since those early days. The current legislation that governs hallmarking has been effective since the creation of the 1973 Hallmarking Act which is enforced by trading standards officers.

If a jeweller makes items of silver, gold, platinum or palladium and wants to sell them they are obliged to get them assayed which guarantees they are good quality. The hallmark is then applied so it can legally be put onto the market.

A 2019 report confirmed that up to a third of precious metal products supplied online are unhallmarked and could therefore be fake. Jewellery fraud has consistently been an issue in the precious metal industry where counterfeit items can be made and sold to the unsuspecting customer at a high price. Fake jewellery affects the reputation of legitimate businesses and hurts the industry as a whole and without hallmarking enforcement many customers and legitimate businesses are exposed to fraud.

If you believe you may have purchased counterfeit jewellery report it to Dorset Council Trading Standards by visiting the Citizens Advice Consumer Service at <https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/consumer> or by calling their new freephone number 0808 223 1133.

MARNHULL POSTIE - DEE

Would like to thank all my friends and lovely customers for making the job such a pleasure for the last 32 1/2 years. I am truly overwhelmed by your kind words, cards and gifts as I take retirement and new beginnings.

Hope to see you all out and about.
Thank you
Dee

POPPIN CAFÉ



What a lovely summer we have had, despite the COVID issue! Since lockdown lifted we have all been able to get together outside much more easily and this has helped to lift everyone's spirits no end. As a committee we have all managed to keep in touch with each other and our lovely volunteers either via

Zoom, the phone, e-mail or meeting up at each other's homes. We even managed to hold a short AGM via Zoom during July which worked well. Although our thanks were expressed at the AGM they will not have been heard by the many people who have supported the POPPIN over the past year.

So, here goes! Our thanks to Robin Hill's Stores for donating the milk and papers every month, to Ed Cudlip who P.A.T tests our electrical equipment for free each year, to Roger Hills who audited our accounts. Thanks also to both the Crown and Blackmore Vale Inn for helping out with tins and empty gin bottles for our table decorations and to the Men's Shed who produced the most amazing working model motor bikes which enabled us to raise funds for Yeovil Freewheelers.

The POPPIN has always been very proud of the fact that since opening back in 2016 with set up funding from POPP (Dorset Project for Older People) we have not required any further outside funding but have remained self-sustaining. This has only been achieved by the fact that we have had such incredible support from the community and we thank you for this! Despite the fact that we only charge £1.50pp for tea/coffee and homemade cake we have also been able to donate money to local and national organisations and charities.

This year has been no exception but sadly the amount of money donated has been reduced due to the POPPIN closing in March. However, a total of £510.08 had been donated and included sponsoring a table at last year's Flower Show, Yeovil Freewheelers, Children in Need, Marnhull Girl's Brigade and the Village Hall.

The POPPIN is entering a very different stage and we are working hard to develop ways that will enable us to open safely as soon as we possibly can. We are looking forward to using the newly extended Village Hall and will be very excited to welcome you all.

Thank you again to everyone who supports the POPPIN and to all our lovely volunteers. A special thanks from me to all the committee too!

See you soon!

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

THE MARNHULL HUB



CORONAVIRUS

We are now going to reopen safely for Repair Café only on 4 July 10-12. Bring repairs to be booked in (wood and metal only, no electrical for the time being) There is a safe waiting area where you can drink a tea or coffee and have a cake or biscuit. The Drop in Café will reopen when it's safe to do so.

Recycling will now be on Saturdays from 2-4 or by appointment until social distancing is relaxed.

Keep an eye on the Hub website, www.marnhullhub.org.uk, the Hub's Facebook page and the Hub noticeboard and window for updates.

MARNHULL OPEN GARDENS

Following someone suggestion, who was so pleased with the Repair Café over the lockdown, that we open gardens to benefit the Hub during this difficult time (our income has substantially diminished during the closure). We are going to offer an opportunity for the village to see the wonderful gardens that have had so much attention during the lockdown!

We are planning an open gardens event 11 or 12 July (weather dependent). Book your trip to one of the beautiful MARNHULL Gardens. Maps will available from the Hub on the day or before @ £5 a visit (2 people). There will be no toilets available in the gardens you visit so plan your trip carefully! We will run a booking system dependent on the size of the garden.

If you would like your garden to be included or would like to book your place, contact Sioban on 820853/sioban@marnhullhub.org.uk/message us on Facebook

THE HUB'S AUTUMN QUIZ

This is going to be slightly easier and less frustrating although we know that some of you really enjoy the complexity of the previous ones! We will launch this in September. Watch out for news.

RE-USE, REPAIR, RECYCLE

We are still taking in repairs during the emergency. Contact Bob at robertbullen731@gmail.com if before the end of June (from July he will be with his team at the Hub).

Our Ecover refill station can also be accessed. We have some supplies left of laundry liquid and washing-up liquid. Contact celia@marnhullhub.org.uk or phone (01258) 268714 if you would like to pick some up.

Our recycling system is on hold for the time being. Please store your recycling and bring it in once the restrictions are lifted. Remember that we can take things that the Council can't:

- crisp packets, including multipack wrappers
- Pringles tubes (but only this brand, please)
- confectionery wrappers (sweets, chocolate, etc)
- snack packets
- peanut, pretzel & popcorn packaging
- biscuit, cracker & cake bar wrappers
- bread bags (stretchy plastic only)
- toothpaste tubes, toothbrushes & plastic packaging
- baby food pouches & baby snack packaging
- pet food pouches (CLEAN AND DRY, PLEASE) and dry pet food & treat packaging
- dishwasher tablet & salt packagin, and dishwasher cleaner & freshener outer packaging
- cleaning wipe packaging (but not baby wipes - sorry)
- laundry tablet packaging & tinted fabric conditioner bottles
- plastic air freshener containers & cartridge caps
- writing instruments
- Tassimo and L'OR coffee packaging; and
- some personal care and beauty packaging

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FACE MASKS

Sioban has now made nearly 50 masks for adults and children. If you would like one please contact us as she now has managed to get hold of all the materials necessary thanks to Sew Jessalli in Blandford Forum and Forge Fabrics in Stalbridge.

TWENTY LIME TREES AND A FENCE

Many thanks to all who have purchased their copy and for the wonderful comments that you have made on this delightful record of a year in the life in Ashley Farm Lane. There are a few copies left.

The booklet costs £5.00, with all proceeds very generously donated to the Hub. You can get your copy at the Post Office or Marnhull Stores or buy via Paypal: <https://www.stephenboycepoetry.com/other-writing>.

BIKE CHECK DAY

We are planning a BikeCheck session to make sure your bikes are good to go now we are using them more! Watch out for announcements soon

AND FINALLY - JIGSAWS!

Have you finished all your jigsaw puzzles...? Need a new challenge...?

When you are passing the Hub, have a look in the window. If there's a puzzle there that takes your fancy, please contact celia@marnhullhub.org.uk or phone (01258) 268714 to arrange collection.

Keep safe, everyone!

MARNHULL MEN'S SHED UNDER THREAT!



The Men's Shed concept popped up all over the South West and we were lucky enough to get our own shed up and running with good funding and local support. It provides a much needed centre for men. Particularly after retiring they can often feel that they've lost their sense of purpose and have too much spare time on their hands with depression, loneliness and isolation seriously affecting an individual's health and wellbeing. And now, even more so with current day social isolation resulting from the coronavirus pandemic, these issues have amplified the need for ways to combat loneliness in men, (particular older men).

The Men's Sheds are community spaces that allow men and in fact anyone over the age of 18, to connect, converse and create. It provides the opportunity for companionship, the sharing of skills and knowledge but most importantly, fun.

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Some of our projects included: repairs to the village finger posts, construction of a new bench for the playground, props for the Panto and renovation of the old phone box.

**NEW PREMISES
URGENTLY NEEDED!**

The Marnhull Men's Shed which opened in Feb 2018 is sadly having to leave its current premises and is urgently seeking community help to find a new location.

In its short existence, the Marnhull Men's Shed has made a significant contribution to the community and to our village life.

We want this to continue – so can you help?

The current location was only a temporary solution and to date we've been unable to find a new location. What we want is an unused barn, shed or studio with vehicle access or even a small piece of land.

We can use our skills to create the rest. In an ideal world we would also want to offer our space to other groups to share and use. We have over the past months approached the Parish Council and put forward a full proposal with drawings and reasoning for such a building on the Rec, however this was rejected.

If you feel you could help or have an idea that might be worth considering. We have good funds and plenty of skills and muscle power available. Also if you'd like to find out more about joining the Shed, contact Steve Holdship, chairman@marnhullmensshed.org.uk 01258 821456.

CURTIS'S STORES, MARNHULL

Back in 1913 Marnhull boasted what was virtually a department store. Not only did it offer groceries and general provisions, but also sold china, glass and ironmongery but also drapery, millinery, shoes and included a men's outfitters. Surprisingly, it even had its own bakery. Graham Humphreys has lent me a copy of Curtis's Stores brochure which gives a fascinating insight into this extensive store.

It's phone number was No.3 Marnhull, I wonder who had phone numbers 1 and 2? Do you know any more about this business?



TRADING STANDARDS - TWO SIDES TO A COVID HAIR CUT

Hair has become quite an emotional issue during lockdown. Feeling good about how we look helps us to feel good about ourselves, good wellbeing helps us to get through these tougher times.

Businesses have been reopening from lockdown in a staged approach, with Trading Standards oversight, as we all work together to restart our economy safely while Government gradually amend business closure rules. At the time of writing this Dorset hairdressers and barbers, closed since the start of lockdown are reopening.

Many people have embraced DIY hairdressing, attempting at-home trims and dye jobs, or growing out a more natural look, but generally we can't wait to get back into the salon and into the hands of a professional hair-stylist.

While thinking about our own hair you may not have given much thought to Dorset sheep, but our Trading Standards Animal Health Officers have. This is because COVID-19 has resulted in a lack of migrant workers coming into the UK and when it comes to sheep shearers, that has had quite an impact on farmers.

Shearers normally arrive in the UK from Australia and New Zealand from spring onwards but have been unable to get here this spring. UK based shearers are working hard to get around to all the sheep as soon as possible, which has been especially important with the hot weather we have had, as shearing sheep helps prevent welfare issues from developing.

From hairdressers to sheep shearing, Trading Standards in Dorset continue to work with a wide range of businesses to help keep our local economy 'a cut above the rest'.

To contact Trading Standards please visit <https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/consumer> or by calling the freephone number 0808 223 1133.

VILLAGE HALL UPDATE OF BUILDING WORK

From the Hall Trustees

Building work is progressing, with the toilets well under way with the steelwork erected for the extension. However, as a result of the delayed start due to COVID, and continuing supply problems, the contract is unfortunately running behind schedule.

There are currently two significant obstacles:

Firstly work on the new store adjoining the extension cannot start until the incoming gas main has been diverted by the gas supplier, now scheduled for 5th September.

Secondly, being some way through a string of processes to do with the detailed design work, manufacture, installation and glazing of the end gable wall of the main hall, these processes and vital supplies (the glazing in particular) are also suffering from COVID-associated delays.

All of this means that, being realistic, we will be into November before the Hall will be ready for your use.

This is, of course, news we had hoped to avoid but it is purely a consequence of the current circumstances. We will obviously keep you updated on progress.

Fortunately, in Calcott Construction, we have a contractor who deals with these difficult matters as efficiently and effectively as we could hope and expect, but who also has been as frustrated as anyone in trying to get the work progressed throughout this pandemic. We will all need to be patient for a little while longer.

The Trustees are very aware that this will be sad news for many of you who had hoped to be able to open up your groups and activities in the early autumn, and we wholeheartedly sympathise with you for this delay, due to circumstances completely beyond our control. We very much hope to see you all back in action in the Village Hall as soon as circumstances allow.

Now the good news

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Photovoltaic Panels have been installed on the roof of the Village Hall and all of the light fittings have been replaced with low energy LED units. The new lighting will reduce the energy bills of the Hall substantially and the panels will produce an excess of electricity that will be exported to the grid. The panels are estimated to produce in excess of 8megawatts of electricity per annum. Combined with the lower usage from the hall a surplus of approximately 4mwatts could be achieved for which we will be paid, not very much but any income is welcome. The logical next step would be the installation of a battery system to store the excess energy produced so that power generated during the day can be used in the evening or when the sun is not shining. That obviously will require funding and must wait for a time when there are not quite so many other calls on the generosity of the village. This project could not have happened without the generous support of **Dorset Council** and the **European Regional Development Fund**.



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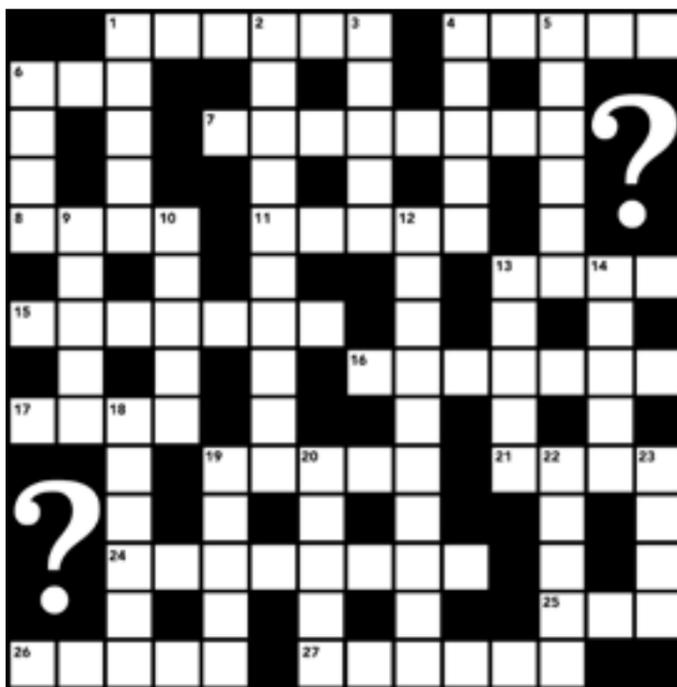
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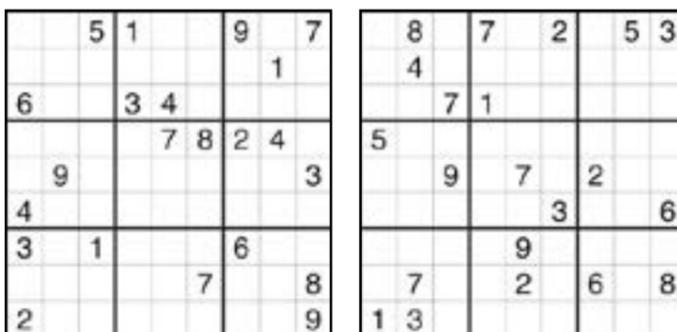
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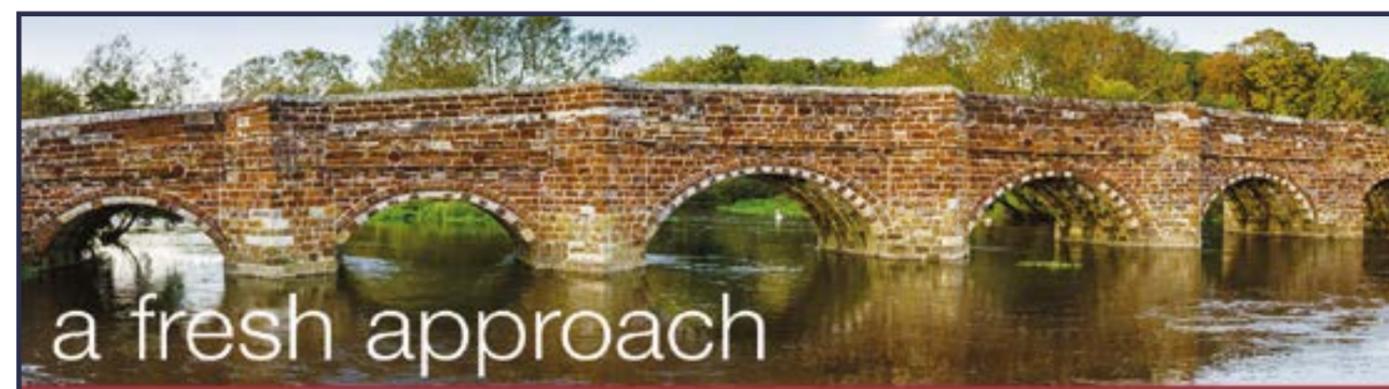
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- 4) American name for a bowler hat. (5)
- 6) Large African antelope. (3)
- 7) Fighter plane designed by Reginald Mitchell. (8)
- 8) A cowshed. (4)
- 11) Internal organs of an animal used as food. (5)
- 13) Italian province famous for sparkling wine. (4)
- 15) Warm dry wind that blows down the East side of the Rocky Mountains. (7)
- 16) Fruit preserved in syrup. (7)
- 17) Great desert of central Asia. (4)
- 19) Saint giving her name to a village in north east Essex. (5)
- 21) Word meaning "to be born" signifying the Christmas period. (4)
- 24) Variety of cabbage. (8)
- 25) Colourful bird of the crow family. (3)
- 26) German word meaning thank you. (5)
- 27) Largest US state by area. (6)



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- 1) Type of German automatic pistol. (5)
- 2) Huge herbivorous dinosaur. (10)
- 3) Dominant theme in a work of art. (5)
- 4) Type of machine invented by Jethro Tull. (5)
- 5) City in whose cathedral French kings were crowned. (6)
- 6) Larva of an insect. (4)
- 9) Word for a coarse person taken from the novel Gulliver's Travels. (5)
- 10) Extreme boredom. (5)
- 12) Fear of heights. (10)
- 13) Ski resort in Colorado. (5)
- 14) One tenth of annual produce taken as a tax to support the church. (5)
- 18) Albania, Bosnia, Bulgaria, Croatia, Kosovo, Montenegro, Macedonia, Romania, Serbia and Slovenia are all these states. (6)
- 19) Earthy pigment containing ferric oxide. (5)
- 20) Bitter tea made from the leaves of a South American shrub. (5)
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