

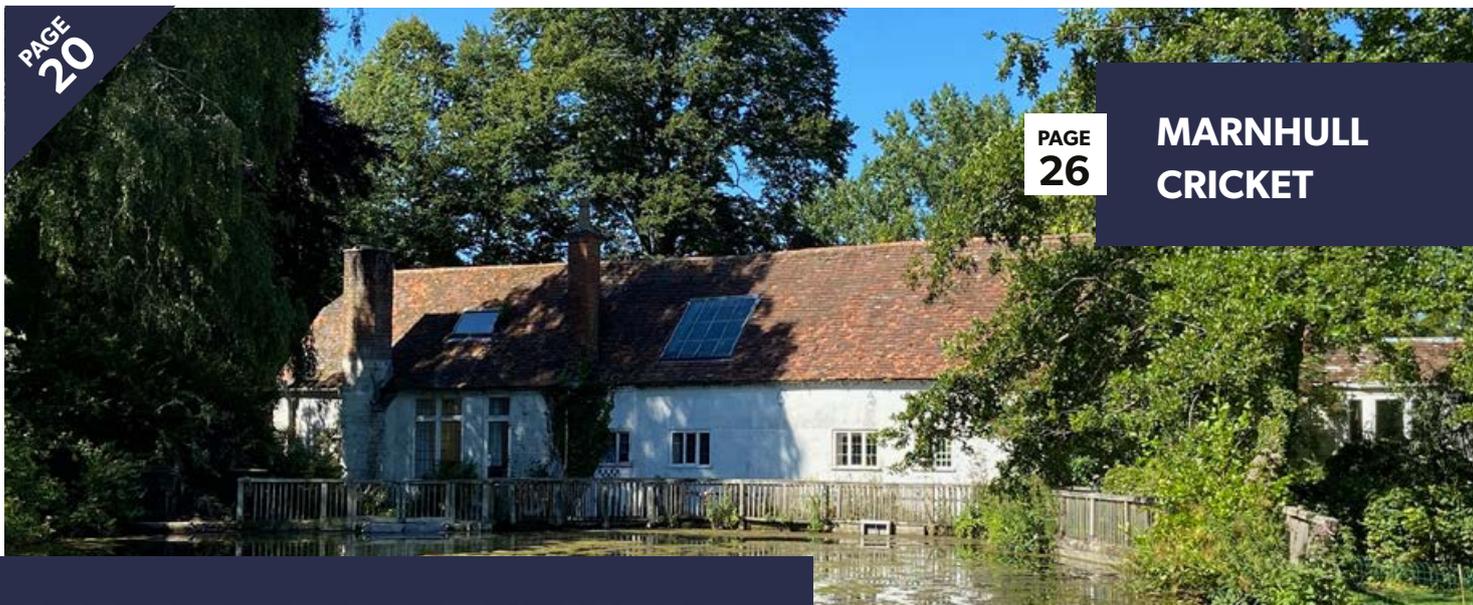


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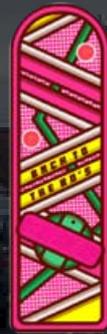
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WELCOME TO YOUR MARNHULL MESSENGER

CHRIS RYU
Messenger Editor

Welcome Back From The Summer Break

Welcome back to your Marnhull Messenger Magazine.

We enjoyed our month off from the Messenger, but our plans of using it to do some TLC to the templates and re-design the website were well and truly put on hold. Hopefully the Festive break is kinder to us.

What a month at Dorset Tech! We've had pretty much all of our team self-isolating at some point, some twice! It's been a challenge but somehow we've got through it. Bekka - our designer who helps with the Messenger was on holiday as deadline came around (congratulations on her new puppy), but pulled one out the bag as usual.

Just before deadline hit I had an accident, suffering a severe concussion and breaking my wrist. A huge thank you to our lovely next door neighbour who assisted the family while I was unconscious. What a lovely village we live in.

Ironically we had an adventure holiday booked near Weymouth for this week, so it's not gone quite to plan! I've still managed to do some activity and would highly recommend it, but I've spent most of the last week sleeping it off.

There's some amazing events being organised over the next few months, many of which in the new and improved village hall - I look forward to catching up with many of you at these - maybe once my wrist has recovered.

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 the printed one when it returns in the near future

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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.

STURMINSTER NEWTON MEDICAL CENTRE



We are all aware that the remaining Covid restrictions have been lifted, however medical settings are a higher risk environment and will need to be subject to more control measures than other public facilities. Therefore, we are acting very cautiously and are maintaining:

- Social distancing
- Face coverings
- PPE for healthcare staff

The Delta variant is more transmissible and patients may come to the surgery when they are contagious. It is our duty to do all we can to keep our patients and our staff safe, whilst we deliver our care.

Did Not Attend (DNA)

An increasing number of patients are failing to turn up for appointments or don't answer pre booked telephone calls. It might be that the reason for the appointment or call is no longer relevant, but every time this happens, it wastes clinician time which could be used to treat or advise another patient.

If you no longer need an appointment or call, please ensure that you contact the Practice to cancel. If you receive a text reminder, then there is the simple option to cancel by text. Please make sure the Practice has your up-to-date telephone contact information, should it have changed.

Appointments

Following concerns from some patients about appointments in the current environment and rumours that it is impossible to have a face to face appointment, we wanted to put the record straight. Prior to the Covid pandemic, the practice operated a flexible access system. This was made up of the urgent care team for those patients who need assessment on the day, for the onset of a new problem within the past 48 hours.

The urgent care team is made up of GPs and advanced practitioners (nurses and paramedics with advanced skills). We also have routine appointments which consist of telephone calls and face to face appointments with GPs. The clinicians and patients agree during these consultations whether a face to face appointment is required.

During the Covid pandemic we continued to use the same system, however all clinicians moved across to Shaftesbury, allowing us to have an administrative hub at Sturminster Newton and a hot hub for patients

who may potentially have Covid who needed clinical assessment. We also introduced video calls to those who would benefit and preferred that method of communication.

Routine appointments were limited as to how far in advance patients could book and the majority went through the urgent care team process, as we were unsure how many of our clinicians would need to either self-isolate, or might catch Covid and be unable to work for periods of time. We continued to provide practice nursing services including phlebotomy, leg dressings, smears, etc. We turned some of our chronic disease consultations into either video or telephone consultations, to limit movement and reduce the potential spread of Covid.

We have clinics running out of Marnhull, Shaftesbury and Sturminster Newton and have done so, since Autumn last year. We continue to use the telephone consultation system and clinicians and patients agree at the time, if a face to face appointment is needed and if so, that's usually on the same day as the telephone call. We provide home visits as clinically indicated and continued to do this throughout the pandemic.

The number of face to face appointments are face to face and we have introduced other services to support both patients and Clinicians. For example, the social prescribing team provide health and well-being calls to the most at risk patients, physiotherapy colleagues phone at risk patients with exercises to keep them as mobile as possible while self-isolating and also, the introduction of our Peer Specialist Mental Health Worker who works alongside the Steps to Wellbeing service. These initiatives which started during the Covid pandemic are continuing.

We also provide first contact physiotherapy services using telephone triage and face to face sessions. We have clinical pharmacists supporting our patients in care homes and providing medication reviews for those patients who are on multiple medications. These sessions tend to be on the telephone or video.

Our Nurses, Paramedics and Doctors along with our administrative staff continued to come into work throughout the pandemic and deliver the services, albeit some in a different way, to safeguard our patients and staff. There were times when they had to self-isolate or were poorly themselves, due to this, routine appointments can vary between 2 to 3 weeks. However with our urgent care team, any patient who requires assessment or treatment will be assessed and treated on the day. The demand for this service fluctuates throughout the week, however we would urge any patient who believes they are unwell to contact us. For patients that need emergency treatment, for example if they have chest pain they need to dial 999 as we are not an emergency service.

As well as appointments offered, there is a lot of work that goes on behind the scenes, reviewing the results and letters received from other services. Patients are duly contacted where clinical action is required. We also offer the e-consult service where patients can, via our website, send in an admin or clinical query/request. This is triaged within 48 working hours and either the patient is called into be seen or a phone consultation made or an email response depending on the clinical need.

As previously described, we have continued to be open and provide services to our patients over the last year or so during the pandemic. We did stop some routine work as requested by the Government and this has now started again. We unfortunately do have a backlog of reviews to undertake which we were unable to do previously.

Many reviews have taken place, but undertaken in a different way to ensure the safety of those patients.

Our Doctors, Paramedics, Nurses, Physiotherapists, other clinicians and supporting administrative team are all working as hard as they can do to support our patients' needs. Many have been doing extra hours to support.

Recruitment of GPs and other clinicians is very challenging nationally and we will continue to pursue as many avenues as we can to increase our capacity. We continue to recruit to the vacant posts we have and also, we have a wide range of other practitioners who are trained and competent to deal with issues presented by patients, these include physiotherapists assisting with new Musculo-skeletal issues, such as knee, back or hip pain, etc; mental health workers dealing with low level anxiety, stress, etc; pharmacists and pharmacy technicians, dealing with prescription queries, medication reviews, etc.

We have recently signed up to work with local pharmacies so that patients can be referred to them for a one to one consultation for a range of minor ailments, that they can deal with effectively.

We continue to work with our Community Trust colleagues to provide some out of hours cover for the local community. We are also looking at other ways to meet patient demand that is clinically safe, effective and as efficient as it can be.

Since January we have set up clinics and have given more than 30,000 Covid vaccinations and continue to provide these to all our eligible patients. We have also used other staff, such as retired clinicians and locums to reduce the burden on our regular staff.

We will continue to work hard to ensure patients are seen as quickly and appropriately as we can within the limitations of our staffing levels.

Sara Froud, Managing Partner

NHS #ASKABOUTASTHMA



#AskAboutAsthma is back this September (20th to 26th). This online conference will bring you all the latest updates and information you need to help you support your young patients. Keeping children's asthma under control is particularly important this year due to the coronavirus and any potential new waves.

This year the campaign welcomes people from all across England to ensure we make the most of the talented healthcare professionals who spend their time in improving asthma care for children and young people.

The agenda includes:

- A clinical update
- Innovations developed and learning from the pandemic from across the country
- Feedback from the National Asthma and COPD Audit Programme (NACAP)
- An update from the national team

In addition to the online conference, this year's #AskAboutAsthma campaign will include a week-long schedule of webinars, podcasts, blogs and social media activity. The theme this year is #AAShareTheMessage. We'd love to know what you will do to share #AskAboutAsthma and its aims. The #AskAboutAsthma campaign is timed to coincide with the return to school - when hospital admission rates for asthma are usually at their highest (week 38). It encourages health professionals, children and young people and their families to take three simple effective measures to help them control their asthma, namely:

- Have an asthma review every year and after every attack
- Ensure their inhaler technique is right
- Have a personalised asthma action plan (PAAP)

It also looks at the impact of air quality

For details of other #AskAboutAsthma events and Eventbrite registration see <https://www.healthylondon.org/askaboutasthma-2021-webinars/>

MARNHULL PARISH COUNCIL AGENDA



Dear Villagers,

SAFER STREETS IN MARNHULL

Traffic surveys have taken place in a number of locations around the village, we are now looking at costings and locations for the first set of SIDs.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Delivering Covid 19 Secure Council Meetings

We are again back in the Village Hall for our monthly meetings so the next one is on 6th September at 7pm don't forget to let the Clerk be aware that you would like to attend if you want to raise a question.

We are also looking at putting planning applications on our website.

Strimming Casualty

A villager found a hedgehog that had suffered the effects of strimming in the Garden Cemetery. Please remind anyone that is doing strimming that long grass should be checked first.

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The Marnhull Eco Trails were open on Saturday 12 June: the first event the pandemic has let us organise for a long time. It was a lovely day, if a little bit hot for long-distance walking! There were 20 places around the village for people to visit. Overall there was a very good flow of folk wanting to chat with their neighbours about 'green' subjects. We soon realised that we should have spread the event over two days, to enable people to visit all the sites they wanted to. Sorry - next time!

Our volunteer hosts shared their experience of ground - and air-source heating, solar panels, batteries, electric cars and bikes, meadows and wildlife gardening, composting, apple juicing, tree-planting, beekeeping, eco-dyeing & printing, foraged chutneys & jams, glass recycling, and recycling in general. There was a nature trail built in; the community allotment and community orchard were open; and there were refreshments and displays at the Village Hall. Huge thanks to everyone who helped make the Trails the success they were.



In other news, we're delighted that children from St Gregory's and St Mary's Schools visited the Sodom Lane allotments recently, to hear about allotment gardening from Tim Eveleigh and to help us plant traditional fruit trees in the community orchard. The trees may not be very big yet, but we hope that these youngsters will be enjoying their fruit in years to come.

If anyone - young or older - is interested in getting involved at the community allotment, Tim can often be found there between 5 and 6 in the evening. Or you can get in touch with us by email at marnhullgreen@outlook.com; by phone on (01258) 268714, or via Facebook.



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ENTERTAINMENT AT THE LEGION

Sept 4th - Just Bertie

Sept 11th - Charity night for Marie Curie featuring 2 Foot Moose £5

Sept 18th - Private party

Sept 25th - Karma Alarm

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION



The world seems hopefully to be returning to some kind of normality and with it the Legion is picking up where we left off after many false starts. The much promised charity night featuring 2 Foot Moose is now scheduled for September 11th and as planned be in aid of Marie Curie. Entry will be £5 and there will also be a raffle. Hopefully it will be well attended and we can raise a lot of money for this good cause.

Following the unfortunate resignation of Poppy Appeal Organiser Val Eslick due to unforeseen family circumstances as reported in the last edition I am pleased to announce that Eileen Woodward has kindly stepped into the breach and will take over the role. Advice from HQ is that there is to be no door to door collections again this year but there will be boxes in all the businesses around the village and the annual fish 'n' chip Poppy Quiz will resume in the Club on November 13th if there are no more lockdowns.

The summer 4 a side skittles competition got under way in a slightly truncated format in July and is going well and should lead us into the full skittles season in September.

We are pleased to announce that we will be stocking Mounters 13 gin which is distilled in Marnhull as reported in the Blackmore Vale Magazine this week. Come in and give it a try.

Plans are to hold our first jumble sale for a long time on Saturday September 4th with doors opening at 10:15. It was intended to be in August but with the Blackmore Vale Magazine coming out fortnightly advertising is a problem. Come down and grab a bargain.

Finally just to let you know we are open to hiring out the Club for weddings, christenings and birthday celebrations. Contact Tony on the number below and we will see what can be arranged. Meanwhile we have a full programme of entertainment with the occasional quiz thrown in to make a change. All are welcome with non-members paying a modest £2 to come in.

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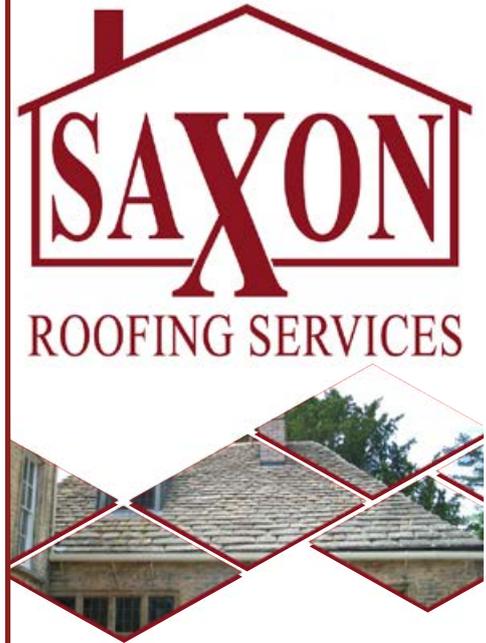
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building both as a place of worship and a community resource. The overall plans are now nearing completion and we are moving to detailed plan preparation and fund raising.

On 11th October at 19:30 there will be an open meeting at the church to present the plans to the whole village. Do come along to find out about our project, we are keen to involve the wider Marnhull community as part of the project team, and to hear your thoughts on our plans.

Regular Services & Events in September

Wednesday 1st Sept

9am - Morning Prayer

11am - Monthly Holy Communion

Friday 3rd

9am - Coffee, Cake and Company

Sunday 5th

8am - Holy Communion (BCP)

10am - Parish Communion with Baptism of Billy Hamer Mann

4pm - Family Tea Service [Facebook@stgregstea](https://www.facebook.com/stgregstea)

Wednesday 8th

9am - Morning Prayer

Friday 10th

9am - Coffee, Cake and Company

11am - Memorial Service (Eucharist) for Revd Peter Colebrook

12pm - Churches Together in Marnhull venue TBC

Sunday 12th

8am - Holy Communion (BCP)

10am - Parish Communion

Wednesday 15th

9am - Morning Prayer

Friday 17th

9am - Coffee, Cake and Company

Saturday 18th

12pm - Memorial Service for Stephen Hawksley

Sunday 19th

8am - Holy Communion (BCP)

10am - Parish Communion

Wednesday 22nd

9am - Morning Prayer

7:30pm - PCC

Friday 24th

9am - Coffee, Cake and Company

Sunday 26th

8am - Holy Communion (BCP)

10am - Parish Communion

Wednesday 29th

9am - Morning Prayer

The church is open every day 9am - 4:30pm for reflection and prayer.

Please observe the covid safety measures.

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LETTER FROM THE DEAN OF SALISBURY



"We shall not cease from exploration,
And in the end of all our exploring,
Will be to arrive where we started,
And know the place for the first time".

TS Elliot's words have particular resonance every September. Back to school; back to work; back to church; back to the whole range of familiar routines, habits, and disciplines that the summer has disrupted. Since you last read Grapevine you may have taken a holiday, whether a Covid-induced staycation or an adventure further afield.

Or you may have been made aware of others taking a holiday. Perhaps you have welcomed them into your home or your church (or perhaps you have found that your workload has increased as you have covered for colleagues). Whatever shape it's taken, the summer has meant exploration, whether of new places or of our own reserves of patience!

But the end of all our exploration is to arrive, and to arrive here. In September. Where we started. At the familiar juncture where schools return, congregations regroup, and office life resumes. Where normality reasserts itself.

Will it, though? Elliot's point is that when we arrive at it, the juncture is no longer familiar. We know it as though "...for the first time". That's because the exploration has changed us. Our expectations and assumptions are not what they were when we started out.

Working in the Cathedral, particularly in August, I am reminded of this pattern of change every single day. Our earnest hope is that when our visitors leave the Close they are not quite who they were when they arrived.

Perhaps they will have watched one of the masons at work, and have been encouraged to think about the gifts they might want to develop; perhaps they will have learned that the building was raised by one generation, and have been inspired to consider what their own generation might achieve.

Perhaps in a moment of deep stillness in the shade of the Trinity Chapel, or in a prayer offered by a duty chaplain, or in an Eastwards-looking vista of captivating beauty they will have turned their gaze to the God who longs for them.

If any of those is true when they return home they will not be who they were when they set out. Nor are any of us as we head into this autumn. We may like to think of ourselves as human beings: in reality we are human becomings. September is here. The month when everything begins again. But we look at every new year with new eyes. We are on a journey. We start afresh. Thanks be to God!

THE METHODIST CHURCH

Church Services

In line with the easing of Covid restrictions introduced by the government in mid July, during August we have begun to ease the limitations on our Sunday worship. Recognising the size of the building relative to the number of people normally present, we consider that strictly allocated seating in Church is no longer necessary although we remain aware of social distancing especially when arriving and leaving.

Wearing of face covering is up to individual choice. To our great joy we have begun to sing hymns again rather than just reading the words while we listen to the tune. In celebration of this freedom, we are planning a service of favourite hymns during a Local Fellowship Service in the middle of August. (An LFS is held when no preacher is available to lead the service and the local congregation organise a service themselves.) We expect to hold a service every Sunday in September.

Superintendent Minister

As explained in the July edition of Messenger, our Superintendent minister, Rev Paul Arnold, left for 'pastures new' in Herefordshire at the end of July. Some members of Marnhull congregation attended a farewell service in Gillingham Methodist Church although numbers were limited to invitation only to allow adequate social distancing.

Many heartfelt tributes were expressed by members of the Yeovil and Blackmore Vale District team who have worked with Rev. Paul over the past eight years. We bless and thank Paul for his leadership, guidance and pastoral care throughout those eight years and pray for him as he begins work in Herefordshire at what is still a challenging time.

We were pleased to meet our new Superintendent minister, Rev Lin Francis, very briefly during a fleeting visit in June and look forward to meeting her again after she begins her work here in September.

Youth Work

Girls Brigade ended last term with a very enjoyable socially distanced games evening and picnic in the church hall and garden. We start the new term on Wednesday 8th September at 6:15pm in the Church hall. We look forward to seeing all the girls return and any new girls are welcome to contact the Captain, Rachael Findlay on 07771 897262.

Hire the Hall

We are pleased to be able to welcome back some of the groups who meet in our church hall and are especially pleased to welcome the return of the Craft Club from 2nd September. See more information on the Craft Club in this edition. For more information on hiring the hall, please contact Mrs. Marlene Plowman on 01258 820869.

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.

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

Leon Felix Zielinski was baptised at St Benedict's on the 15th August.

Joan Duggan died on the 5th August. Her funeral was on the 27th of August. May she rest in peace.

MARNHULL FLOWER SHOW - 17TH JULY 2021

What a lovely day we had for the Flower Show; the weather was beautiful, there were lots of very good entries, with an excellent variety of gardens for the judges to look at. Thank you to all our entrants and to the visitors in the afternoon who helped to make the day such a success. We are looking forward to next year when we hope to be able to hold the Show without any restrictions, having put the pandemic behind us. The following list shows the cup-winners for this year:

Open Classes

Northover Cup - Hilary Smith
RHS Banksian Medal - Hilary Smith
Hellins Cup - Bob Mogridge
Marnhull Garden Club Shield - Hilary Smith
Elliot Cup - Hilary Smith
Beausire Cup - Ann Davis-Penson
Hambledon Dairy Bowl - Pippa Jefferies
Committee Cup - Hilary Smith
Forbes Cup - Anne Dowsett
Wells Bowl - Helen Chalkley
Bulford Cup - Lucy Jones
Lucy Smith Cup - Julie Reeves
Ross Cup - Jean McErlain
Committee Cup - Hanging Basket - C Talbot
Committee Cup - Planted Container - Polly Hurlow
Jack Hannam Cup - Peter McErlain
Novice Cup - Jack Harvey

Children's Classes

Robin Hill Stores Shield - Bella Chapman
Children's Cup - Zoe Coling
Wathen Cup - Joshua Palmer-Smyth
Marnhull Cup - Aimee Coling
Robin Hill Stores Shield - Bella Chapman
Burton Cup - Leila Kershaw
Guy Cup - Joshua Palmer-Smyth
Marnhull Garden Club Cup - Charlotte Horn
Robin Hill Stores Shield - Alicia Wolfenden
St Mary's Cup - Austen Conroy
Isabel Wood Cup - Molly Hopkins

YOU ARE INVITED!



St Gregory's Church is offering a place to meet after all the challenges of the pandemic.

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Rev'd Gaenor Hockey 821605 or Carol Savage 821406

MARNHULL HUB & REPAIR CAFE



The Saturday sessions of the Marnhull Hub and Repair Café continue to be well attended. Since re-opening in May, over 40 items have been brought in for repair; one example being a Dyson vacuum cleaner with a wheel that had fallen off. No professional repairer was prepared to touch it, and it would seem that even Dyson themselves could not help with a spare part. The Hub's repair team have

now fixed it and have saved it from ending up in landfill! The variety of items brought in is astonishing - in just one session, in addition to the Dyson, a Fisher Price toy, a Walkman and even a Grandfather clock were brought in for the attention of the repair team.

Many people have taken advantage of the vegetables that are available, having been grown in the community allotment. There was no set price - just a voluntary donation to the community funds. It is hoped that vegetables will be available most weeks, depending on availability.

Mandy, Marnhull's PCSO, also dropped in one Saturday for coffee and a chat. She plans on being at the Saturday sessions on the second Saturday of each month, now that the Old Butcher's shop is no longer available.

The Hub now operates out of the Village Hall, every Saturday between 10:00 and 12:00, during which times items for recycling can be brought to the back of the Hall in our new storage bins. Note that recycling is no longer available at the old location.



Sioban, who set up the Hub two years ago, said: "The new venue for the Hub is proving to be very successful, particularly because of the availability of car parking spaces. Because more people are dropping in, we'd like to appeal to anyone who would like to volunteer in any way: If you could spare some time to help with repairs or to make drinks. Just once a month or two for a couple of hours to help provide drinks and cakes would be all that is needed. Do please get in touch. New people come along every week and are amazed by the variety of items we repair and recycle. We can also supply and fit watch batteries. Come and see for yourself."

Up-to-date information is available on the Hub's Facebook page (search for "Marnhull Hub and Repair Café") and webpage at www.marnhullhub.org.uk

GAP YEAR FOR GROWN UPS



The u3a has been heralded as a gap year for grownups, but where is it and what does it do?

Crossing the borders of North Dorset and Somerset covering villages of a few thousand people down to a hamlet of a few houses is Blackmore Vale u3a. This young vibrant branch started in 2014 offers activities, friendship, and fun. To explore the cultural and outdoor activities available, put Tuesday 7th September in the diary and visit Henstridge Village Hall from 2pm onwards for their Open Afternoon. A warm welcome awaits herer coupled with a glass of chilled wine or a cup of tea.



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ST GREGORY'S C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL



ALL CREATURES SMALL AND SMALLER



We have some new Guinea pigs! At the time of writing, they are 12 weeks old. The children had the privilege of voting on names and their scrumptious choices are Cookie and Cream (can you guess which is which?). They have been lodging with Mrs Field for four weeks prior to their debut, we are reliably informed that they were gracious

houseguests; helping load the dishwasher, putting out the bins, that sort of thing. The children will be helping care for them as they tour different classrooms no doubt enjoying being cuddled wherever they venture. They have a hutch and run under cover and an outdoor hutch / run in our forest school area. No doubt Cookie and Cream will enjoy a spoiled existence, how lucky we are nurture these sweet little creatures.

Other creatures, even smaller than Cookie and Cream are also being nurtured at school, the children have been cultivating our own compost and we have created a wormery which is being developed in our forest school area.



TOUR DE ISLE OF WIGHT

A huge thank you to our fundraising cyclists who took to cycling the Isle of Wight recently and have raised a staggering amount of money, enabling the school swimming pool to open and much else beside. The children of St Greg's are extremely fortunate to have a supportive and generous community, without whom the children would have far less of both the essentials and some luxuries they enjoy.

The pool is now in full use and the weather has changed just at the right time, all classes from our smallest children right up to our Y6's can enjoy this most valuable asset, not only giving them a crucial life skill but also plenty of fun.

ASCENSION DAY WALK

We are immensely proud that our governor at the school; Mr Wilkinson walked from the school at 06:00 all the way to Salisbury Cathedral in time for evensong. Acting as chaperone the little mascot accompanied him all the way and even took time to photograph the route.



SUPERTEDE!

Wellbeing is a crucial part of life at St Greg's, we are all more aware than ever of its importance, each and every one of us, staff and children all need positivity in our lives, and we can each help one another to realise wellbeing. A fine example of this is Ted Buscombe (Owls class, Yr. 3) he is the first child in the school to select a little something from one of our new Wellbeing Trees, of which we have 2, one in the staff room and one in the school hall. There are messages of positivity and even little treats on these trees

which Ted has earned through his goodwill towards another child. He made by hand a hook for them to hang their coat on for each time they come into school. Well Done, Ted!



FOX VOX

LOOKING BACK BEFORE MOVING FORWARD

When the sun finally offers its warmth, and we enjoy more time playing outside our thoughts turn to our soon to be leavers as they prepare themselves for life in high school. Many have been with us since Reception class, and we have so enjoyed watching them grow and develop and prove to be bright young things. Their time is not quite up, and we hope that Covid will allow us the opportunity to celebrate their final term with us, they have certainly deserved it. We will miss them so. The penguin photo is way back when they were in Yr.2 at the Gillingham Dance Festival.



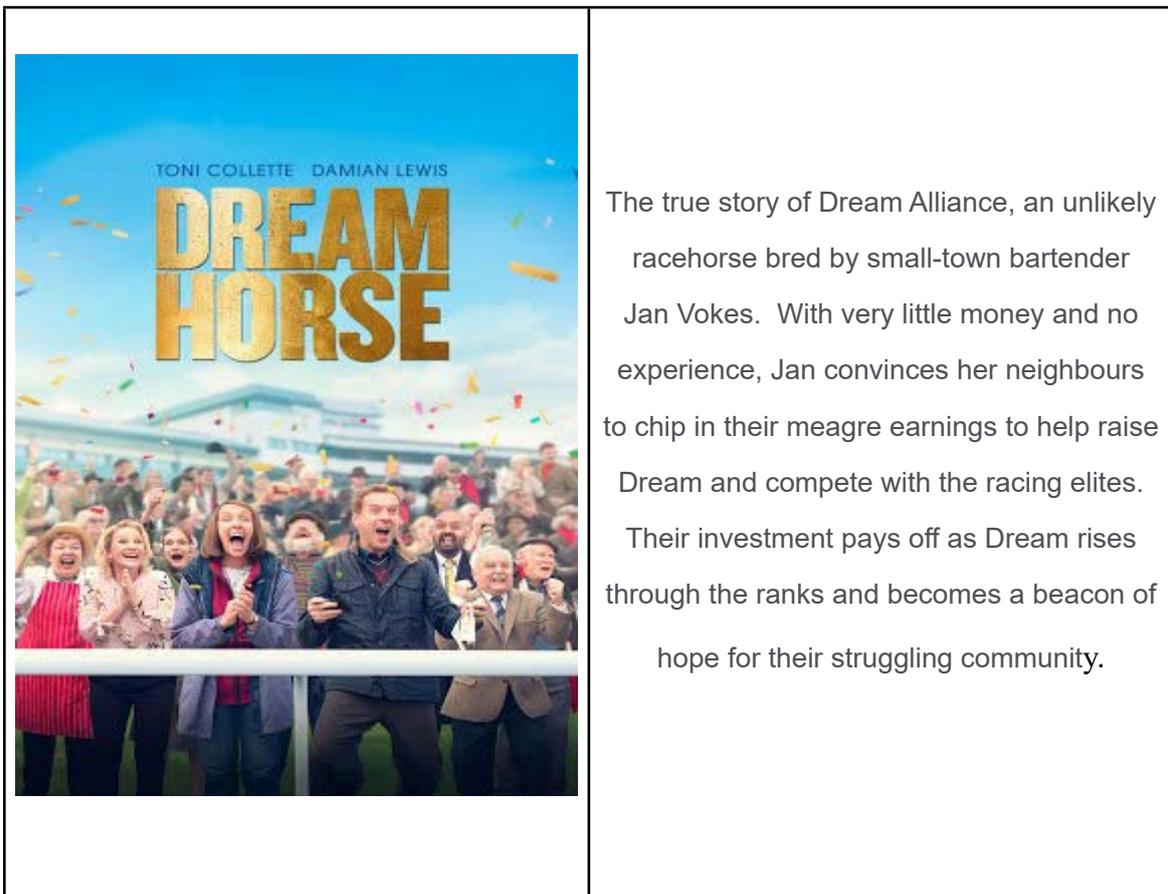
As a means of reflection and to jog a few old memories we asked each child in Yr.6 to note down their own memories of time at primary school be it at St Greg's or elsewhere. Readers are invited to Foxes class page on the school website (<https://stgregorymarnhull.dorset.sch.uk/foxes/>) where the work will be anonymous, eagle eyed parents may however be able to spot their child's handwriting. As a taster here are a few quotes from various Foxes:

"I remember making an igloo out of old milk bottles and it stank of gone off milk, it was horrible!"

On starting school - "I felt nervous and excited, and I remember that my school dress was hanging way past my knees, and I always wore my hair in plaits."

On dissecting a pig's heart - "I remember people getting so grossed out that they had to stand away, I admit it absolutely stank as a bit of a reward we got pencils and stickers at the end. I still have them."

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THE SPRINGHEAD TRUST LAUNCHES AN APPEAL TO HELP RAISE THE ROOF



The Springhead Trust launches an appeal to help raise the roof!

The historic mill building of the Springhead Trust urgently needs to be repaired so that the charity can continue to welcome visitors to their environmental and arts centre in Frontmell Magna.

Springhead's listed mill building is the hub of all their activities, but the roof is leaking, and its chimneys, gutters and other features are in urgent need of repair. Nearly two thirds of the restoration costs have already been raised and the trustees have now launched an appeal for local people and businesses to help raise the shortfall.

The Springhead Trust conserves its historic buildings and gardens as a special place for education, enjoyment of the arts, music and rural culture. The mill building is where school groups go for activities on a wet day, and where they eat most of their meals, explains Director Edward Parker;

'The building also provides space for community groups to meet and for indoor concerts, talks and exhibitions. Food is produced in its catering-sized kitchen and the upstairs function rooms are also regularly used for weddings which help bring in funding to support the charity. All these activities are at risk if we can't repair the roof.

With funding from the Historic Houses Foundation and Dorset Council's Capital Leverage Fund, the Springhead Trust has had asbestos deposits removed from the roof spaces so they can safely go ahead with the necessary roof works and use the loft rooms once again.

Funding already secured for the remaining works includes grants from Historic England's Covid-19 Emergency Heritage at Risk Response Fund and the Valentine Charitable Trust which will go towards replacing the badly damaged tiled roof which has been letting water into the building, damaging battens and timbers.

'We now need to raise additional funds for the re-tiling and related works including re-pointing the brick chimney stacks, repairing the gutters and downpipes, replacing the roof lights, installing additional insulation and fitting out the loft spaces to provide space for staff, visitors and partner organisations' says Edward Parker. 'We are keen to carry out all everything at the same time, to take advantage of the building being scaffolded, save time and reduce disruption.'

The total cost of the work is around £79,000 of which the charity has already secured nearly £50,000. 'We are applying for further grants but would also be hugely grateful to anyone who can make a donation, however small' says Edward Parker. 'Your help is particularly appreciated during these difficult times, when our income from usual sources including weddings has decreased.'

Anyone wanting to contribute to the appeal can do so via www.springheadtrust.org.uk

OPEN GARDENS & MEMBERSHIP NEWS FROM THE SPRINGHEAD TRUST

Things have been somewhat quieter at Springhead over the past year or so but now that life is beginning to return to normal, we have some events planned and are restarting the Friends' membership programme.

If you have supported us before, we would love to have you back and, if you have not done so, do please join and support our charitable work. Membership is just £15 a year single, or £25 joint and entitles you to free entrance to the gardens on days when we are open. There are also reductions on tickets for various events.

The support of our Friends is important to us as a charity, not just in financial terms but also through volunteering, either helping in the gardens or at events. Do let us know if you are interested:

You can sign up to be a Friend at:

<https://www.springheadtrust.org.uk/support-us/join-the-friends-of-springhead/> or join when you visit us.

The gardens will be open on Thursday 9th September from 11:30am - 4pm. You will be able to wander around our beautiful lakeside and have a look at the productive gardens which are being regenerated. There will be a plant stall but no café open at the moment - do bring a picnic with you.

Entrance is £5 (with Friends of Springhead and under 16s free). Dogs on leads are welcome.

We are planning more events over the autumn and winter and will keep you up to date when things are finalised.

We do hope to see you back at Springhead again.

Best wishes

Kate Partridge

Friends of Springhead.

CRAFT CLUB RETURNS!

After a long hiatus we are finally able to return to crafting together again... Our first session will be on Thursday 2nd September 10am to 12 noon and I think we have no option but to call it 'crafting through Covid'. Let's hear, and hopefully see, what all of you have been up to during lockdown.

As it is my first group meeting as organizer, I very much look forward to meeting you all and let's hope and pray for happy, healthy crafting year ahead!

The next date after September will be Thursday 7th October and will be 'Fun with Felt' flower making tutorial.

Please feel free to contact me, Allison Palmer, on 07810464630.



Are you a person struggling either practically or emotionally with everyday life? Do you know someone who is vulnerable and in need of some assistance with shopping, getting to hospital, Dentist or Doctor?

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NEWS FROM MARNHULL ENTERTAINS

We are very pleased to be able to say that we will be recommencing our popular moviola evenings in September.

The first offering is "Dream Horse" which is the true story of an unlikely racehorse bred by a small town Welsh bar tender. We hope this will have a feel good factor and entice our audience back to the much improved village hall.

Date: Tuesday 28th September at 7:30pm.

Tickets will be available in the village shops but numbers will be limited so please look out for posters around the village.

The present committee have been organising the films and live entertainment for over 10 years and feel that it is time to have some new blood. We would love to hear from you if you think you would be interested in joining us or even if you would be willing to help with setting up on the evenings as none of us are as young and fit as we used to be!

I know there have been lots of new residents in Marnhull who have not been able to join in activities because of restrictions. This is an ideal opportunity to get to know your fellow villagers.

Please contact Pat Budden 01258 820458 or anyone on the committee to find out more. We are a non profit making organisation and our profits help to support the village hall and other local activities.

DORSET TECH - THE TECH BAR



Save Your Old Tech

During the Covid lockdowns we partnered with Revd Gaenor at St Gregory's Church to refurbish and upgrade old devices donated to us and then Gaenor distributed to those in need in the village. We did a similar scheme in Gillingham, but the Marnhull scheme was by far the most popular.

In all cases, data was securely wiped using an MOD technique and new Windows licenses donated from our social enterprise fund. Some of the devices were a bit too old to upgrade, or were uneconomic to fix. Depending on the state of them, they were either stripped for usable parts to upgrade others or working parts sold to buy upgrades for donated laptops that were closer to the standard needed.

Some of the broken or "ancient" motherboards were painted and upcycled as part of our new decorations – the feedback has been amazing!

We also started a service called "PC MOT" for those not looking to donate tech. Our team breathe new life into old computers and provide discounted upgrades to extend their life. In some cases, start-up time was improved from over 10 minutes to 30-40 seconds!

We're already carbon neutral, but we're working hard on adding more opportunities to keep old tech out of landfill. You can already recycle batteries and ink cartridges, but we're working on more recycling opportunities – more info soon. In the meantime, here are some tips on extending the life of your old tech.

Top Tips for Extending The Life of Tech

- Even sealed mobile phones have replaceable batteries, we replace around 5 a day and it's far cheaper than replacing the device.

- A cheap tempered glass screen protector (under £10) stops scratches and in many cases will protect against drops too – prevention is better than cure.

- Try to not leave laptops on charge all the time as this shortens the life of the battery. It's best to allow them to run low and then charge.

- Desktop PCs are normally fully upgradable - a low-cost upgrade can extend the useable life of the computer or several years. Most laptops and some Apple devices are upgradable in some form too.

- If you are running Windows 10 or the preview of Windows 11, we would recommend removing any 3rd Party Anti-virus and the free built-in Windows Defender has proved equal/better in most cases and runs much faster due to the way it is able to run. This alone has often been found to make an old computer usable again.

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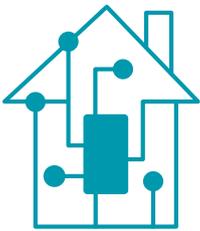
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COME AND JOIN THE FRIENDS OF SALISBURY CATHEDRAL!

The Friends of Salisbury Cathedral is a charity that has been giving grants to Salisbury Cathedral since 1930. Recent projects have included the new level access to the cathedral and the installation of live streaming equipment, the latter enabling services to be broadcast live onto the cathedral's YouTube channel for those unable to attend worship in person and during the national lockdowns of 2020 and 2021 when the cathedral was closed. These grants have been made possible thanks to members' subscriptions, donations and legacies.

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

Members receive a Friends' 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, and they receive invitations to events: musical evenings, talks, theatre performances, holidays and the annual Friends' Day. This year's Friends' Day is on Saturday 25th September in the cathedral. The AGM is followed by a lecture given by journalist and author Christopher Somerville, who will talk about his book *Ships of Heaven - The Private Life of Britain's Cathedrals*.

Following the lecture, members can enjoy afternoon tea in the cloisters, a short organ recital and evensong. For further details, contact the Friends' office on 01722 555190 or email friends@salcath.co.uk



The new entrance to Salisbury Cathedral, unveiled in May was made possible, thanks to a grant from the Friends. Picture copyright Katharine Shearing.



Kive streaming equipment was installed in the cathedral in September, enabling services to be viewed as they happen by people worshipping at home. Picture copyright Rob Douglas.

FRIENDS OF SALISBURY CATHEDRAL - SECRET GARDENS OF THE CLOSE AND GREEN FAIR

The Friends of Salisbury Cathedral's Secret Gardens of the Close event returns in September and this year there's a new attraction. The event, which enables the public to visit gardens in Salisbury Cathedral Close that are normally hidden from view, will include a green fair comprising a dozen stalls with an eco-friendly theme. Secret Gardens of the Close & Green Fair takes place on Sunday September 12th from 1pm to 5pm.

As well as touring some of the larger gardens in the Close and De Vaux Place, visitors can enjoy tea and cake on the lawn of South Canonry, the home of the Bishop of Salisbury. The green fair stalls include Harnham Water Meadows Trust, Plantlife and Wiltshire Wildlife Trust, whose representatives will be explaining what they do and how the public can get involved. Salisbury Florilegium Society will be hosting an exhibition of members' botanical paintings in the Medieval Hall and musical entertainment will be provided by recorder group Close Consort, whose members will be playing in a number of the gardens. Friends' chairman Duncan Glass said: "The Friends are very much looking forward to holding our Secret Gardens of the Close afternoon following the disappointment of having to cancel last year due to the Covid-19 restrictions. "The green fair will enhance this popular event and we look forward to welcoming everyone to our flagship event."

Tickets for the Secret Gardens of the Close & Green Fair are £10 (under - 16s free), and are available at the event. For more details, contact the Friends' office on 01722 555190.



Time for tea. Tea and cakes will be available at South Canonry, the home of the Bishop of Salisbury. Picture copyright Katherine Shearing



Flashback to 2019 and a visitor enjoys a stroll in one of the 'secret gardens of the Close'

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THREADS THROUGH CREATION EXHIBITION AT SALISBURY CATHEDRAL

Salisbury Cathedral is hosting an exhibition entitled Threads through Creation.

The exhibition comprises 12 textile panels by textile artist Jacqui Parkinson.

Ms Parkinson took nearly three years to create panels, which are eight feet high and between four and eleven feet wide.

They re-imagine the days of creation described in the book of Genesis.

The exhibition runs until 26th September.

For more information visit www.salisburycathedral.org.uk/events

WI PROGRAMME - VILLAGE HALL

September 13th - 7pm - Sew Jessali Sewing School with Sophie Palmer followed by AGM

October 11th - 7:30pm - Counter Terrorism & Extremism with Alan Jenkins

November 8th - 7:30pm - The Banks Family, Kingston Lacey & Corfe Castle with Julian Black

MARNHULL VILLAGE HALL - COVID CHANGES



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MARNHULL VILLAGE HALL OPENS ITS DOORS INTO A NEW ERA

It is official - the Government has formally announced that Step 4 on their Roadmap has been reached and will, therefore, effectively withdraw all Government COVID-19 legal restrictions with effect from Monday 19 July 2021.

So here is the latest news from Marnhull Village Hall - the following decisions have been taken by the Trustees and will become effective from Monday 19 July:

- The new Main Hall toilet Block - Ladies, Gentlemen & unisex Disabled - will be fully open for Hall users;
- The former 'disabled' Toilet, adjacent to the stage will continue to be available to Tennis Club Members;
- The middle cubicle in the former Ladies toilets (in the Pavilion) will be available and will be regularly cleaned accordingly;
- The Main Hall Kitchen will be open for use - Hirers should note that for the time being this area is licensed only for 'low risk' catering;
- The Pavilion, adjoining Changing Rooms, Kitchen and all facilities in the Referees' Room will be available;
- Hirers, who will now have responsibility for their events, may wish to continue to encourage mask wearing unless seated, increased ventilation, hand sanitising, thorough hand washing and surface cleaning - including tables and chairs.

Notes

There will be several relevant signs inside the Building to aid Hirers' encouragement as they believe appropriate.

Hirers will no longer be required to supply COVID-19 Risk Assessments.

Please note that, in view of the unfortunate quality of the reproduction of the recently published Village Hall Improvement: the financial 'Ins and Outs' article in the July edition of the Marnhull Messenger, a full copy is available to read on the Marnhull Village Hall website: www.marnhullvillagehall.org.uk

Finally, please 'Be kind and considerate to others in the Hall'

Graham Renwick, Trustee – grahamrenwick@marnhullvillagehall.org.uk

July 2021

NEWS FROM TRADING STANDARDS

A little poem about telephone scams.

You answer the phone and the person seems nice,
They are calling to help you, but it comes at a price.
They've asked for your bank details out of the blue,
You feel pressured and panicked and don't know what to do.
It's not always easy to say 'no' on the phone,
Especially with their convincing tone.
You might find it easier to make an excuse,
It could help to protect you from financial abuse.
Whether it's, 'my dinner is ready', or 'there's someone at the door',
Or even 'gosh, it's quarter to four'.
Something's come up and you can't be late,
The person on the phone will just have to wait.
It's time to take 5 and make yourself a drink,
You've given yourself a moment to stop and think.
Criminals are experts at making it all seem true,
So, talk to a friend and ask for help with what to do.

To learn more about scams, visit www.friendsagainstscams.org.uk

Romance Scams

Romance scams are crimes that break the hearts of victims, not only because of the financial loss they suffer, but also because of the loss of the relationships they believed were genuine.

Thousands of people lose money to romance frauds each year after being conned on internet dating sites and social networks.

Scammers set up fake profiles, fake photos and claim to be from other parts of the world, for example the United States.

The scammer weaves a story of a successful person working overseas, and presents themselves as a thoughtful, caring and loving individual who is looking for their soul mate.

The scammers are good at what they do; they ask a lot of questions of the victim about what they want in their lives.

Then they use the information and turn it into a dream that becomes a reality to the victim. They use words we all like to hear to win their victim's heart, and they use psychology to hold them in their spell.

Once they have established a relationship then the scamming begins.

In all cases the plea for financial assistance is the key to the scam. This can be for assistance in cashing a cheque that they are unable to cash themselves, or asking for financial assistance to help them out of a difficulty they are having.

For example, they were mugged, or involved in an accident, and are in hospital but cannot pay their hospital bill, or they are desperate to come to visit but need help with the money to manage that.

For advice about scams and to report something to Trading Standards call the Citizens Advice consumer helpline on 0808 223 1133.

NEWS FROM NICK

There are no crimes to report since the last issue of Messenger.

You may have been aware of a large police presence in the village towards the end of July. This was due to an elderly female who was reported as missing. The lady was visiting the area with a family member when she wandered off whilst waiting to be picked up in a vehicle. The lady, who was much fitter than first thought, was found safe and well, having lost her bearings. It is not unusual to see a large number of officers in the area when a vulnerable person has been reported missing.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT - SURGERIES / EVENTS

Neighbourhood Policing Teams (NPT) are back up and running with face to face contact at local surgeries and events after an 18 month break due to Covid-19.

As part of Sturminster Newton Town and Rural NPT the first Marnhull Surgery will have already taken place on Saturday 14th August at The Hub @ The Village Hall. The day for the surgery has been changed from Thursday to Saturday, the venue has also changed to the newly extended village hall and where it will continue to take place on a monthly basis, subject to availability. The next surgery is booked for Saturday 11th September at between 10:30 and 11:00 - this is also the same day as the Cheese Festival in Sturminster Newton. The surgeries are advertised on Facebook, Dorset Police Website, Dorset Alert (the community messaging system), posters as well as messenger!

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

PLEASE BE VIGILANT AND REPORT ANY SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY

Report suspicious activity either to **101** or via the police website. <https://www.dorset.police.uk/do-it-online#report>

If you need to report a crime the web address is above or you can phone 101. If a crime is occurring or a life is in danger phone 999.

If you need to contact your local NPT the email address is below this however is NOT for reporting crimes as it is not monitored 24/7.

Mandy Robinson PCSO 5352
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MARNHULL CRICKET

Marnhull's first team matches.

Saturday 26th June, 2021 - Marnhull 1st XI vs Weymouth 1st XI and exciting, tense match tied at 233. Ed Ralph of Marnhull scored two runs off the the last ball to tie the match.

Saturday 3rd July, 2021 - Marnhull CC 1st XI vs Hamworthy Recreation CC 1st XI - Marnhull won convincingly.



MARNHULL MUSIC CLUB

The AGM was held on 19th July 2021, and because of no meetings in the last year + there was very little to report. The Treasurer's and the Chairman's reports were accepted, and the Committee was re-elected *en bloc*.

Mike Wilkins then presented a programme of music which covered a vast range, starting with *Battle Hymn of the Republic*, *Harvey's Serenade*, then *Dance of the Young Maidens*, and followed by a complete contrast with *Something Good* from *The Sound of Music*. A clarinet concerto (Baerman), a (part) piano concerto (Beethoven) and the *Karelia Suite*, and just before half-time, the pas-de-deux from *The Nutcracker*.

After the interval, the 1st movement from Beethoven's 7th Symphony, *Meadowland*, a traditional air which my mother would've described as "Russian with horses", *Tar Paper Stomp* by Wingy Manone from which developed many jazz pieces, in particular Glen Miller's *In the Mood*. The John Dunbar theme followed, then *Chimera*, a piece of which I have absolutely no recollection, and an excerpt from Rodrigo's *Gentilhombre*". The penultimate piece was "Constable Savage" - 'Police Sergeant' Rowan

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Atkinson's diatribe to a hapless police constable - very funny and very un-pc (pun intended). Finally we had *The Times they are a'changing* by Burl Ives, which seemed entirely appropriate.

The Club's Annual Lunch was held on 9th August, and attended by some 20 members in spite of the rain, and the next club meeting will be on 21st September. Visitors are always welcome.

For more information Mikyon@aol.com

MARNHULL BRIDGE CLUB

Marnhull Bridge Club has re-started in the Methodist Hall, at 2pm on Tuesdays.

Visitors welcome to play or watch. For more information call 820036.

MARNHULL MUSIC SOCIETY

We held our Annual General Meeting 13 months late, in July 2021, and it was grand to see members emerging from their enforced hibernation. Emboldened by this response, we decided to go ahead with our Annual Garden Party and on 9th August a motley collection of tables and chairs appeared on the grass of Kings Mill Court, looking rather like a gypsy encampment. Unsure about the regulations, we had dispensed with our usual marquee and regular tables and asked members who were brave enough to bring their own equipment as well as their own food. Sixteen stalwarts arrived, got themselves settled with a glass of Pimms, and then the heavens opened. We retreated indoors, shook ourselves like wet dogs, and had a very convivial lunch together. Our regular meetings start in October and on Monday 19th we have a presentation by our Chairman, Judy Fyfe.

BLACKMORE VALE ART GROUP

The Group will restart on Friday, 10th September 2021 at 10:30am in the Village Hall. Members and anyone who is thinking of becoming a member will be very warmly greeted.

If you need further information ring Yvonne on 820247.

We look forward to seeing you!

MARNHULL MUSIC SOCIETY

We meet at 7.15pm in the Village Hall on the third Monday of most months. Our programmes consist mainly, but not exclusively, of classical music. New members and visitors are always welcome,

Yvonne tel: 820247 or mikyon@aol.com

TEEN/STUDENT OPPORTUNITY AT MARNHULL TENNIS CLUB

In a summer of poor weather and continuing Covid concerns it has been great to see the growing activity levels at the Marnhull Tennis Club. Graham Howell has been running a number of coaching courses for adults and children, John Seear has created a very active rusty rackets group and the teams are progressing well in the Shaftesbury leagues. Club nights and mornings are also well supported and the tournaments are continuing.

In August we are delighted to have had the opportunity to introduce to our club Tom Allen in a months long coaching programme aimed at teenagers and student. Tom is new to the area and we have been very lucky to secure some of his time. A former hitting partner of Roger Federer, Tom's competitive career was sadly shortened by injury and is now concentrating on coaching. This is a fabulous opportunity if you are in the age group. You can choose the appropriate level and learn from a coach who spent most of his teenage years on the tennis court. Details of the course are below.

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Tom (29) who has recently moved to the area learned his tennis at a Top Spanish Tennis Academy alongside some of the current world Top 20 as well as being a 'hitting partner' for Roger Federer. Sadly a shoulder injury stopped his professional career but not before he had reached no.64 in the world, he also competed at Wimbledon. He has coached teenagers in the USA, has an LTA Level 3 qualification and recently built a thriving teenage coaching programme at Hurlingham.

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Please return your application form to: Rob Norton, Treasurer, Marnhull Village Hall, The Retreat, New Street, Marnhull, DT10 1QA. If you are paying online you can scan or photograph your application form and Email to: treasurer@marnhullvillagehall.org.uk



HAVE YOU MOVED HERE SINCE OCTOBER 2019?

If so, we need to hear from you?

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

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More information from Mary Palmer, 01258 820232

MARNHULL BRIDGE CLUB

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

New Players always welcome.

MARNHULL GARDEN CLUB

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

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

For further details contact Dave Bruce (Chair) on

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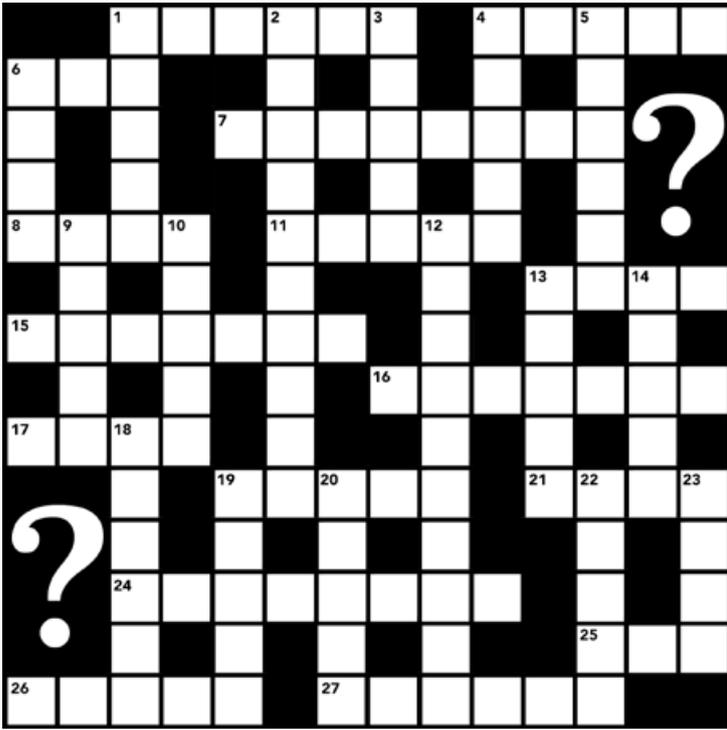
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ACROSS

- 1) Second largest city in Poland. (6)
- 4) Amber residue used for treating the bows of stringed instruments. (5)
- 6) Hill, especially on Dartmoor. (3)
- 7) Tube shaped sac attached to the lower end of the large intestine. (8)
- 8) Female ballet dancer's costume. (4)
- 11) Country with its capital at Katmandu. (5)
- 13) Earthwork such as the one built by an Anglo Saxon king of Mercia. (4)
- 15) See 25a).
- 16) Bright green precious stone. (7)
- 17) Nickname for a member of the former Women's Royal Naval Service. (4)
- 19) A person who does a particular thing on a solitary occasion. (5)
- 21) According to Matthew 5.5 they shall inherit the earth. (4)
- 24) Soft glowing light from the sky when the sun is below the horizon. (8)
- 25) Migratory butterfly with the Latin name Vanessa Atalanta. (3-7)
- 26) Protein rich liquid that separates out when blood coagulates. (5)
- 27) Basque ball game played in a walled court. (6)

DOWN

- 1) Small rented farm in Scotland. (5)
- 2) City where there is a statue called the Little Mermaid. (10)
- 3) Another name for a puppy dog. (5)
- 4) Cumbrian village where William Wordsworth lived from 1813 to 1850. (5)
- 5) German state with its capital at Dresden. (6)
- 6) Thrust with a lance while jousting. (4)
- 9) Mammary gland of some female animals. (5)
- 10) The northern states of the US in the American Civil War. (5)
- 12) RAF rank equivalent to Vice Admiral in the Navy and Lieutenant General in the Army. (3-7)
- 13) Hard wheat used to make pasta. (5)
- 14) Name of famous Australian pop star that means boomerang, (5).
- 18) Festival of the Christian Church celebrating the resurrection of Christ. (6)
- 19) Addictive drug made from poppy juice. (5)
- 20) Sound made by small bird or grasshopper. (5)
- 22) In cricket a run scored other than from a hit with the bat. (5)
- 23) Member of a mainly pastoral Islamic people living in an area spanning parts of Turkey, Iran, Iraq and Syria. (4)

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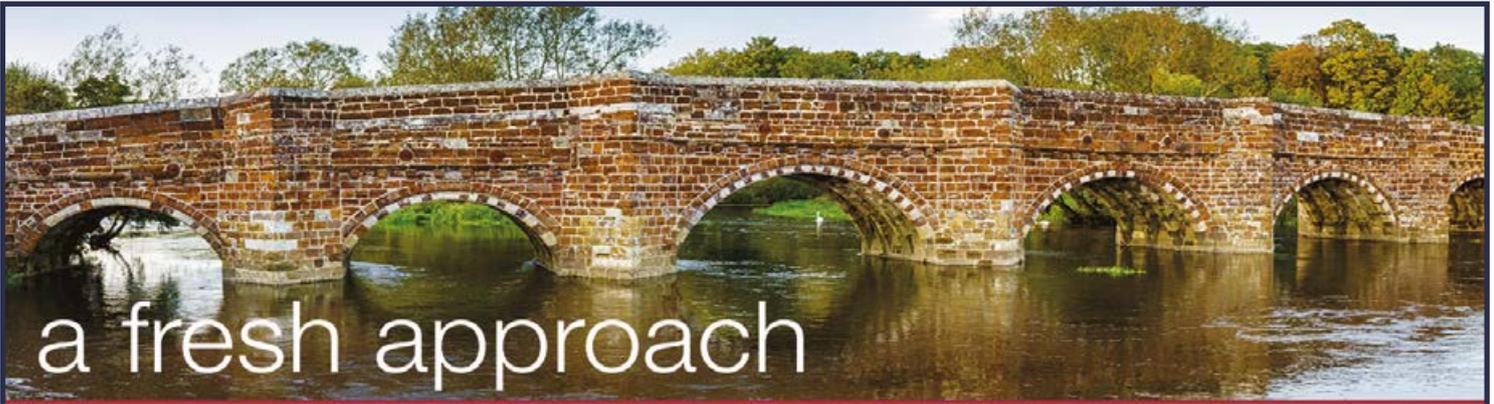
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