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

Ian Gall – Chairman, The Marnhull Messenger Steering Group.

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September

1st - Tuesday

Art For Everyone @ 09:00
Pilates with Debbie @ 10:00 British Legion Club
Walking Football @ 10:15 Village Recreation Ground
Bridge Club @ 13:30 Methodist Hall
Pilates with Debbie @ 18:15 British Legion Club

2nd - Wednesday

Fitsteps @ 10:45
Table Tennis - Wednesday @ 14:00
Community Choir @ 18:30
Pound Fitness @ 19:00 British Legion

3rd - Thursday

Craft Club @ 10:00 Methodist Hall

4th - Friday

Lunch Club @ 00:00
Pilates with Debbie @ 09:30 British Legion Club
Line Dancing Class @ 19:00 British Legion Club

5th - Saturday

The Marnhull Hub and Repair Café @ 10:00
Elvis 56 @ 20:30 British Legion Club

6th - Sunday

Holst's Planet Suite @ 15:00 St Gregory's

7th - Monday

Pound Fitness @ 09:30 British Legion
Table Tennis - Monday @ 14:00

8th - Tuesday

Art For Everyone @ 09:00
Pilates with Debbie @ 10:00 British Legion Club
Walking Football @ 10:15 Village Recreation Ground
Bridge Club @ 13:30 Methodist Hall
Pilates with Debbie @ 18:15 British Legion Club
Garden Club @ 19:00

9th - Wednesday

Fitsteps @ 10:45
Sturminster Newton Floral Group @ 14:00 British Legion Club
Table Tennis - Wednesday @ 14:00
Community Choir @ 18:30

11th - Friday

Pilates with Debbie @ 09:30 British Legion Club
Blackmore Vale Art Group @ 10:00

12th - Saturday

The Marnhull Hub and Repair Café @ 10:00
The Cabin Trio @ 20:00 British Legion

14th - Monday

Table Tennis - Monday @ 14:00
Lyn's Bingo @ 19:00 British Legion Club
Women's Institute - Hatters in Bridport @ 19:30

15th - Tuesday

Art For Everyone @ 09:00
Pilates with Debbie @ 10:00 British Legion Club
Walking Football @ 10:15 Village Recreation Ground
Bridge Club @ 13:30 Methodist Hall
Pilates with Debbie @ 18:15 British Legion Club

16th - Wednesday

Fitsteps @ 10:45
Table Tennis - Wednesday @ 14:00
Community Choir @ 18:30

18th - Friday

Pilates with Debbie @ 09:30 British Legion Club
Marnhull Community Cafe @ 10:00

19th - Saturday

The Marnhull Hub and Repair Café @ 10:00
Superleague Darts @ 20:00 British Legion Club

20th - Sunday

Matthew Redman @ 15:00 St Gregory's

21st - Monday

Pound Fitness @ 09:30 British Legion
Table Tennis - Monday @ 14:00
Marnhull Music Society @ 19:15

22nd - Tuesday

Art For Everyone @ 09:00
Pilates with Debbie @ 10:00 British Legion Club
Walking Football @ 10:15 Village Recreation Ground
Bridge Club @ 13:30 Methodist Hall
Pilates with Debbie @ 18:15 British Legion Club
Marnhull Entertains - The Christophers @ 19:30

23rd - Wednesday

Fitsteps @ 10:45
Table Tennis - Wednesday @ 14:00
Community Choir @ 18:30
Pound Fitness @ 19:00 British Legion

25th - Friday

Pilates with Debbie @ 09:30

British Legion Club
Figure Drawing @ 10:30
Vale Ukes @ 18:00 British Legion

26th - Saturday

The Marnhull Hub and Repair Café @ 10:00
Elton John Tribute Act featuring Paul Bacon @ 20:30 British Legion Club

28th - Monday

Pound Fitness @ 09:30 British Legion
Table Tennis - Monday @ 14:00
Lyn's Bingo @ 19:00 British Legion

29th - Tuesday

Art For Everyone @ 09:00
Pilates with Debbie @ 10:00 British Legion Club
Walking Football @ 10:15 Village Recreation Ground
Bridge Club @ 13:30 Methodist Hall
Pilates with Debbie @ 18:15 British Legion Club

30th - Wednesday

Fitsteps @ 10:45
Table Tennis - Wednesday @ 14:00
Community Choir @ 18:30
Pound Fitness @ 19:00 British Legion

October

1st - Thursday

Craft Club @ 10:00 Methodist Hall

2nd - Friday

Lunch Club @ 00:00
Pilates with Debbie @ 09:30 British Legion Club

3rd - Saturday

The Marnhull Hub and Repair Café @ 10:00
Deano @ 20:00 British Legion Club

4th - Sunday

Wonders of the Wood & Wire @ 15:00 St Gregory's

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A LIVE CALENDAR

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FROM THE SURGERIES

Health benefits associated with physical activity

(based on moderate or strong evidence)

Health benefits across the life course

- Mental health and wellbeing
- Fitness
- Healthy weight management
- Muscle and bone strength
- Improved sleep
- Reduced risk of:
 - All cause mortality
 - Stroke
 - Heart diseases
 - Type II diabetes
 - Some cancers

Children

- Healthy growth and development
- Coordination
- Concentration and learning

Adults

- Prevents joint and back pain
- Improves hypertension
- Manages stress

Pregnant or postpartum women

- Lowers risk of gestational diabetes and hypertension
- Supports wellbeing

Adults living with disability or long term conditions

- Supports independence
- Quality of life
- Improves physical function

Older adults

- Reduces risk of falls and frailty
- Improves physical function
- Supports brain health

Flu and Covid Vaccinations

Note for your diary, as the season will soon be with us, dates are planned for both the Flu and Covid vaccinations at the Exchange, Sturminster Newton on Saturdays – October 10th, 17th, and 24th. Those eligible will receive an invitation from the Practice, nearer the time.

Moving More

Moving more is one of the simplest and most powerful things we can do for our health. The updated UK Chief Medical Officers' physical activity guidelines show that regular movement supports both physical and mental wellbeing — and that even small amounts can make a real difference.

The message is simple: if you do no activity, start with some. If you already do some, try a little more.

Children should aim for around 60 active minutes every day and adults should aim for around 150 minutes of activity each week, but every step, stretch, cycle, wheel or active choice counts — especially when it becomes part of everyday life.

The greatest benefits are seen when people move from being inactive to doing something regularly.

Reducing long periods of sitting or lying down also matters, helping people feel better now and lowering the risk of long-term health conditions in the future.

Movement becomes more achievable, when it is enjoyable and relevant - walking to the shops, taking the stairs, gardening, dancing, active play, sport, cycling and wheeling can all help.

The goal is not perfection — it is helping more people find movement that fits their life, their body and their routine.

The guidelines include tailored advice for different life stages and groups, including children and young people, pregnant and postnatal women, older adults, disabled adults, and disabled children and disabled young people — supporting consistent messages.

The key is to start small and build from there: move more, sit less, build strength, and choose activity that works for you. Small changes, repeated often, can help more people live healthier lives.

To support people to build movement into their everyday lives we continue to back Activate, the animated children's workout series from Joe Wicks, which is a great way to support families to have fun and get active.

For adults who want to go further and build more walking and running into their routines, then NHS Active 10 and NHS Couch to 5k are entry level, free apps which are helping millions of people lead more active lives.

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**23rd August - Su Dutch & Louise Cousins
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**6th September - Sam Hanson (organ)
(Holst's Planet Suite)**

**20th September - Matthew Redman
(organ)**

**4th October* - Jon Pickard (harp guitar)
(Wonders of Wood & Wire 2)**

11th October - John Challenger (organ)

No tickets required but donations towards church funds welcomed

*Tickets £12 from 07817 379006 or 

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A warm welcome to the Village & Support in our Community



NEWCOMERS DROP-IN SOCIAL EVENING

FRIDAY 30th OCTOBER 2026
Marnhull Village Hall, 7pm-8.30pm

Have you moved into Marnhull since October 2025?

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

You will also have an opportunity to meet other villagers, parish councillors, members of the clergy and teachers from the local schools.

INTERESTED IN COMING ALONG?

All you need to do is contact Lesley Ruth on 01258 821306 or via email lesleyruth4@aol.com no later than Saturday 17th October. Let her know your name and contact details and how many members of your household would like to attend on 30th October. A FREE glass of Prosecco, or non-alcoholic drink, will be waiting for you between 7pm-8.30pm in the Village Hall, along with a warm welcome and friendly smiles.

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Wildlife



SPOTTED IN THE VILLAGE THIS SUMMER

LISA & ROBIN

It's been a scorching summer! If the warm weather is still with us when this Marnhull Messenger arrives, please remember to leave out fresh, clean water for birds, mammals and other wildlife. Despite the heat, there has been plenty to see around the village, from fledgling birds taking their first adventures beyond the nest to signs that fox cubs have been exploring too.



But the real stars of the show this summer have undoubtedly been the insects. It has been a bumper year for butterflies and moths, with the warm weather no doubt playing its part.

Painted Ladies and Clouded Yellows, which migrate to the UK to breed, have been particularly noticeable, with plenty of sightings around Marnhull. Other butterflies spotted in and around the village include Marbled Whites, Peacocks, Red Admirals, Holly Blues, Small and Large Whites, Gatekeepers and Brimstones.

Our gardens have also been treated to a wonderful variety of moths. Hummingbird Hawk-Moths have made several appearances, alongside Lime and Elephant Hawk-Moths. Jersey and Garden Tiger Moths, Silver Ys, White Plume Moths and many others have also been recorded. It seems our gardens have been quite the insect hotspot!

Autumn is Hedgehog Time



As we head into autumn, we'd like to shine a spotlight on another much-loved garden visitor – the hedgehog. In fact, as we write this, we've recently had one visit our own garden!

If your garden has gaps in the fencing, you may be lucky enough to welcome a hedgehog, or even a family, this autumn. With hedgehog numbers declining across the UK, there are plenty of simple things we can do to give these prickly visitors a helping hand.

Hedgehogs are primarily insectivores, feeding on beetles, earthworms, earwigs, slugs, caterpillars and other invertebrates. You can encourage their natural food by planting wildlife-friendly plants and avoiding pesticides, which can be extremely harmful and potentially fatal to hedgehogs.

If you want to offer additional food, the British Hedgehog Preservation Society recommends wet, meat-based cat or dog food, crushed cat biscuits or specialist hedgehog food. Avoid milk and other lactose, bread, kitchen scraps and large quantities of mealworms or peanuts.

A hedgehog house can provide a safe place for shelter, hibernation and raising young. If you make or buy one, ensure it has a small entrance, good drainage and enough room for a hedgehog to turn around comfortably.

You can also make your garden more hedgehog-friendly in other ways. If you have a pond, provide a ramp or gently sloping edge so a hedgehog can escape if it falls in. A 'hedgehog highway' – a small 13cm x 13cm gap at the bottom of a fence – can help them move safely between gardens. Take care with garden netting too, as hedgehogs can become tangled in it; raising it at least a foot from the ground can help prevent accidents.

When Does a Hedgehog Need Help?

If you see a hedgehog out during the day in autumn, it may need rescuing, particularly if it appears weak, injured or very small. Hedgehogs need to build up sufficient weight before hibernation, as they can lose up to a third of their body weight over winter.

RSPCA guidance suggests that an autumn hedgehog smaller than an apple needs urgent help, while one smaller than a mango should be monitored, given extra food and discussed with a local rescue centre for advice. During winter, any hedgehog seen out in daylight is likely to need help.

If you find a hedgehog in distress, our local Hedgehog Rescue Centre in Hazelbury Bryan is a wonderful resource to contact.

With a little care, we can make our gardens safer havens for wildlife – and hopefully enjoy plenty more prickly visitors in Marnhull!

LISA & ROBIN

Marnhull Wildlife/Nature Group on Facebook

THE RUNWAY REBELS

An All-Abilities Play-Around Music Group
The Clubhouse
Henstridge Airfield
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This is a new group for musicians who want to blast. There are no noise restrictions on the airfield. Bring any instrument – electric guitars, keyboards, woodwinds, strings, brass, and percussion. All are welcome.

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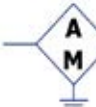
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St John Dorset is seeking your help in two important areas.

Firstly, we are looking for Volunteer Leaders to help us establish and grow youth units in Gillingham, or Sherborne, and Weymouth. This is a fantastic opportunity to make a real difference, helping young people develop the confidence, skills, and resilience they need to face the challenges of tomorrow. To find out more about volunteering with England's first aid charity, please scan the QR code or visit www.sja.org.uk/volunteering.

Secondly, we urgently need support with a major fundraising initiative to secure new Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) for Dorset. Our three local networks are each required to raise £1,000 in order to qualify for replacement devices. We have been advised that if these fundraising targets are not achieved, the AEDs will not be issued.

Your support is therefore vital. By helping us reach these targets, you will enable us to continue supporting local events, providing lifesaving first aid services, and educating communities across Dorset with the skills and confidence to help save lives.

Together, we can make a lasting difference to the safety and wellbeing of our communities.



NEW PRAYER GROUP

There will be a new, non-denominational, Christian Prayer Group starting in September. The focus will be to bless the community of Marnhull and to pray for any specific needs. The first meeting will be during the week beginning 28th September, day and time to be decided depending on people's availability.

If you would like to join us or you would like more information, please contact Carol Savage on 01258 821406.

MARNHULL MUSIC SOCIETY

“Hold onto your hats!” exclaimed the programme for John Dowsett’s concert in June, so we did and were immediately whirled into a glittering kaleidoscope of musical colour. Garnered from his various stints all over the globe, John introduced his audience to some unexpected gems, from the silvery harps of Paraguay to the rich resonance of the Don Cossacks and from a Cornish folk song to the gentle guitar rhythms of a Cameroon dance tune.

There was a good helping of more traditional fare: a Chopin waltz, Von Suppe’s Light Cavalry overture and Beethoven’s symphony No. 7, but it was the surprise items such as the trumpet voluntary played by the sentinels of 11th century Krakow to warn of Mongol attacks which made this programme such a delight and a fascination.

In August we have our Summer Garden Party and our concert season begins again in September.

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Welcome to Marnhull Garden Club's monthly update for August and September.

In July's meeting 82 of our members welcomed Roy Cheek who came to talk to us about Holly and Ivy. Roy shared his extensive knowledge of these plants with us and I think we were all amazed at the sheer variety available differing with size and tolerance to conditions. Roy ended his talk with a question and answer session which certainly demonstrated his extensive experience.

We also said a sad farewell to our current chairman, Andrew Webb, and a welcome to our new chairman Catherine Turner. Catherine has been on the garden club committee for several years, as well as heading up the Village Show committee, so brings a wealth of experience with her.

We had a small plant sale on our stand at the Village Show on the 11th July when we raised £480 for charity. A big thank you to our growers and volunteers without whom this would not have been possible. Congratulations also to the Village Show committee who, once again, produced an outstanding event attracting many visitors and competitors.

We didn't have a meeting in August but we are looking forward to welcoming Susan Vincent, on the 8th September, who is coming to talk to us about 'Pompeii: its tragedy, its gardens'. If this subject is of interest and you are not members you are very welcome to come along at a cost of £3 for the evening, or you can buy a reduced fee membership at £10 which will see you through the remainder of 2026. Doors open 7pm for a 7.30pm start.

Three gardening tips for September

1. Remove tree seedlings before they grow their long tap root that makes it harder to remove.
2. Put fat balls in your feeders to give birds extra energy for the Winter or before they set off on their migratory journeys. You can make your own fat balls by melting lard or suet, adding porridge oats, peanuts, cheese or sweetcorn before setting them in the fridge.
3. Harvest chillies as soon as they are coloured and big enough if you prefer a milder taste. Leave them longer if you want more heat.



ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

We have recently discovered in St Gregory's churchyard the grave of Aircraftman W. J. Lloyd who was killed in a Luftwaffe raid on Manston Airfield in 1940. This is a war grave and as such will receive some attention from the Branch. Does anybody know what his connection to Marnhull was. We would be interested to know. If you do know please email me on the address below.

The recent Jumble sale raised £350 some of which was raised after the sale but it all ends up in the Poppy Appeal. Thanks to all who donated items, purchased things or assisted at the sale. The next one is on October 10th so if you have any donations either leave them down the hall or contact me to collect.

Our next in the run of very successful tribute nights will be on 26th Sept. and will feature Elton John. Tickets are on sale in the Club, the Post Office or the Spar. The acts for next year are already booked and include The Beach Boys. The Four Seasons and Rod Stewart. Keep your eyes open for the dates.

The Craft Club are continuing to prepare the Poppy cascade in time for

Remembrance Day. They say they have enough poppies for the time being and now comes the arduous task of attaching the poppies. People are invited to come and help on Wednesday 30th September commencing at 9am to help.

September Entertainment

Sat. 5th Sept. - Elvis 56

Sat. 12th Sept. - The Cabin Trio

Mon. 14th Sept. - Bingo 7pn

Sat. 19th Sept - Superleague Darts

Sat. 26th Sept. - Elton John Tribute night

Mon. 28th Sept. - Bingo 7pm

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Or whiteheadjack51@gmail.com

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There's something about the Marnhull Village Show that brings out the sun! Thank you to everyone who came out in the heat to support the Show. We had a great day and we hope you did too.

We had over 600 entries this year which was fantastic. Well done to everyone who was awarded a 1st, 2nd or 3rd place and to the winners of the Cups and Trophies. Particular congratulations to St. Mary's who won The Schools Challenge Cup. St. Mary's and St. Greg's grew the biggest courgettes and the Jungle Hut planted, grew and harvested exceptional potatoes which came second in the class. We are grateful to St. Mary's, St. Greg's and the Jungle Hut for embracing the challenge amidst their busy curriculae.

The Village Posties' enjoyed choosing a front garden in Musbury Close as their Posties' Pick from their shortlist of six, and CG Fry's Harry Kane 'lookalike' was voted as the best Sporty Scarecrow by the visitors to the Show.

Our entertainment this year was provided by the Shaston Shantyers with rousing sea songs and shanties and we had beautiful music and harmonies from the Marnhull Community Choir. Dave Loder and his folks kept us tapping along to the music and Ian Kiddle was a fantastic compère.

Our charity donations this year were made to the Community First Responders, who came along to show us CPR techniques and to the Shaston Shantyers, who sing to raise money to support local charities. Proceeds from the Marnhull Garden Club's plant sale will be given to supporting new and ongoing planting projects around the village, and the bar was provided by The Friends of Guys Marsh Prison.

We are very grateful to all the businesses who supported the Show, including The Crown at Marnhull and GC Fry who provided sponsorship, and Sarah and John from the Blackmore Vale Inn who cooked the tasty BBQ. Thank you too to all the local businesses who advertised in the Show Schedule.

But we couldn't have put on the Show without the help of the Village. Thank you to the ladies who baked the delicious cakes and served the refreshments; to everyone who helped on the day and in setting up and dismantling the Marquees; and to everyone who brought along their classic cars, motorbikes and tractors.

Unfortunately though, whilst the Show this year was a great success, the future of the Marnhull Village Show is looking to be less certain due to a lack of volunteers on the organising committee. If you think you are able to join the team and help keep the Show going, please get in touch. One of us will be happy to have a chat to explain what it entails. You can email us at: marnhullvillageshow@gmail.com

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Marnhull Village Show

2026 - WINNERS CUPS AND TROPHIES

Open Classes

Banksian Medal (most points vegetables, fruit and flowers)	Kate Locke
Eric Guy Cup (most points vegetables, fruit and flowers - RBL member)	Rob Heath
Hellins Cup Best Exhibit Vegetables	Shabry Fuard
Novice Cup Best Exhibit Vegetables (novice)	Karen Lane
Elliot Cup Best Exhibit Fruit	Anne Dowsett
Beausire Cup Best Exhibit Flowers	Mark Turner
Marnhull Garden Club Shield	No entries
Hambledon Dairy Bowl Best Exhibit Home Made Beverages	Barbara Watkinson
The Committee Cup Best Exhibit Cookery	Celia Jardine-Smith
Wells Bowl Best Exhibit Art	Julie Reeves
Bulford Cup Best Exhibit Photography	Lisa Strange
Forbes Cup Best Exhibit Handicrafts	Lorraine Shepherd
The Committee Cup Best Hanging Basket	Steve Winder
The Committee Cup Best Planted Container	Rosie Gail
Lucy Smith Cup Best Wildlife Friendly Garden	Celia and Dave Jardine-Smith
The Jack Hannam Cup Best Vegetable Patch or Garden	Martin Coldicott
Judy Mc Taggart Cup Best Sporty Scarecrow	CG Fry and Sons
The Ross Cup Posties' Pick - The Best Front Garden in Marnhull	Musbury Close
The Crown Tankard Best Marnhull Allotment	Lisa Strange
The Most Fragrant Rose Chosen by visitors at the Show	Vernan Scott-Hayward
The Endeavour Cup For Endeavour and effort of entry	Lee, Sandra and Louise

Children's Classes

The Schools' Challenge Cup	St. Mary's
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Best in Show Gardening Potatoes	Reuben Worth
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Family and Community
People are social beings made for community and communion with one another, living and sharing our daily lives, hopes and dreams. This principle invites us to reflect on how society organises itself to support family and community life by putting the dignity and the value of the unique individual person at its heart.



Venezuela earthquakes

We share the pain of losing a life, a home, a friend or family member.
CAFOD are joining with the Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC) to launch the Venezuela Earthquake Appeal, to raise vital funds for people affected by the devastating earthquakes. The scale of the destruction is catastrophic and the UN estimates that millions of people have been affected.
Our trusted Church partners are already providing food, water and shelter to survivors, but many more families are still in urgent need of support. We are emailing all CAFOD supporters today to invite them to donate to help our neighbours.
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Poppy Cascade Charity
Challenge 2026



Thank you so much to everyone who has taken the time to knit, crochet or make felt poppies for the Poppy Cascade for the Village War Memorial. We now have over 3,500 poppies which is a fantastic achievement and have been overwhelmed by the support we have received.

On our current estimates, we think that we will have enough poppies for the display, although are more than happy to have any you want to give us.

You can drop them off at the Royal British Legion, Robin Hill Stores, the Spar, Cook’s Garage or St. Gregory’s Church. We’ll also be at the Methodist Church Hall with the Marnhull Craft Club on the first Thursday of every month from 10am – 12 noon.

The next challenge is to assemble the Cascade in time for it to be displayed at the start of the RBL Poppy Appeal ahead of Remembrance Day. To do this, we will be holding a ‘Poppy Assemblython’ on Wednesday 30th September from 10am – 12.30pm at the Royal British Legion on Sodom Lane.

As they say, many hands make light work, so we hope that you’ll be able to join us. There will be tea and lots of cake!

If you want more information or have any questions, please email us: marnhullcraftclub@gmail.com or join our Facebook Group ‘Marnhull Craft Club – Poppy Cascade Charity Challenge 2026’



Marnhull Poppy
Assemblython

Thanks to you we now have
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We now need your help to be
able to assemble the Cascade
in time for Remembrance Day

Wednesday 30th September
10 am - 12.30pm

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Singing Workshop

on Wednesday 16th September 2026

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£20.00 per participant. £10.00 per person for the BBQ.

Places are limited, so please book online now to secure your place. www.marnhullcommunitychoir.com

'A Winter Journey into Christmas'

Join Marnhull Community Choir for a varied 10-week Christmas music programme, starting Wednesday 23rd September at 7pm-9pm in Marnhull Village Hall.

We are a friendly, supportive mixed group and we look forward to developing the choir further under Graham's direction.

£60.00 per member, per term, includes all music. Online registration essential: www.marnhullcommunitychoir.com

Christmas Concert: Friday 4th December, 7.30pm at St Gregory's Church, Marnhull.

LOVING OUR CHURCHYARD

In early June we joined the national campaign to 'Love your Churchyard'. This involved a nature survey, conducted principally by the Girls' Brigade on a sunlit evening before it got too hot. Here are the results:

- 26 Plants
- 4 Trees
- 12 Birds
- 8 Insects
- 2 Mammals

We learned some new names – who knew there was Yorkshire Fog in Marnhull? – and enjoyed watching the parent swallows flying backwards and forwards to their nest in the porch.

The only mammal recorded was a grey squirrel but a few days later the churchwarden saw a Roe Deer in the churchyard so we are including her as well. Our thanks to all who participated, especially the Girls' Brigade.

Some graves are still well-tended by residents and visitors but many are slowly declining. Love your Churchyard week gave an opportunity to mark

graves which have been passed by for a while.

Taking a lead from Thomas Hardy, small jars of garden flowers were placed on several graves during the week and a jar was put on the



new bench in memory of lost children and babies*. The bench stands in the area where Hardy probably set Tess's baby's grave.

A working party in the churchyard uncovered another gravestone which records the death of Sydney Leonard Mutter killed on active service on 23 October 1915 alongside his wife Lily Ethel who died over 40 years later.

Research reveals that Sydney was one of almost 500 nurses, officers and men whose ship was torpedoed in the Mediterranean on that date and have 'no grave but the sea'. His name is included on the Mikra Memorial at Thessaloniki in Greece as well as our own war memorial. Flowers were placed on his grave in June.



At another working party another very over-grown grave was cleared by Oliver and Madeleine who now live in the old brewery building in Carraway Lane.

Oliver had been looking into the history of the building and identified people who had lived there and are now buried in St Greg's churchyard. He has now undertaken to look after this particular grave, honouring his predecessors at the brewery.

If you live in one of the older houses in Marnhull, you might like to explore the possibility of doing this yourself?

The working party meets on the last Saturday morning of the month at 9am for 2 hours, with a break for bacon butties (and a lot of chat).

It is open to anyone living in the village who would like to join and operates on a 'come when you can' basis. Most of the tasks are gardening related and are distributed at the start of each session. Do turn up if you are interested – you will be very welcome.

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*There will be a 'Butterfly' service at St Greg's on Saturday 10 October at 4pm. This is particularly for all those who have lost babies or children, however long ago. All are welcome.

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Year 4/5 Monkey world trip

Year 4/5 had the best day at Monkey World, despite the very hot weather! From the moment we arrived, we were fascinated by the amazing animals we saw. Our favourites included the playful orangutans, the energetic woolly monkeys, and super adorable marmosets.

Throughout the day, we learned about the differences between Old World and New World monkeys, including the countries they originate from. It was fascinating to discover so many different species and their natural habitats around the world. One of the most important things we learned was about the incredible rescue work carried out by Monkey World. Many of the monkeys and apes there have been rescued from very sad and difficult situations and are now able to live safe, happy lives in the care of the dedicated staff. We gained a real appreciation for the amazing work the charity does to protect and care for these animals.

We enjoyed our snacks and picnic lunch in the shade, and were delighted when a deer casually strolled past our picnic area, adding a little extra magic to an already wonderful day!

The children also had time to enjoy the adventure playground and were treated to a well-earned ice cream in the afternoon before heading back onto the coach. The air-conditioned journey home was certainly appreciated after such a hot day!

It was a memorable day full of learning, fun, and fantastic experiences that we will be talking about for a long time to come!

Hedgehogs class

We had a fantastic start to the week with our class trip to Haynes Motor Museum, linked to our final enquiry of the year,



"How will we move around in the future?"

The children were fascinated by the wide range of vehicles on display and were fortunate to take part in a guided tour of the museum. They travelled through the history of transport, seeing everything from a Penny Farthing bicycle to futuristic

concept cars, including one made from clay and even a vehicle designed without a steering wheel. A particular favourite was the famous Red Room, where the children were challenged

to choose their favourite red vehicle. Unsurprisingly, the Lamborghini proved to be a very popular choice!

During the visit, the children also took part in an exciting workshop where they learned about how cars are built on an assembly line. Through practical activities, they discovered the importance of teamwork and how working together can achieve far more than working alone when constructing something complex. The session helped the children develop their understanding of the different parts of a vehicle and gave them valuable

ideas for their final challenge—designing and creating their own vehicle of the future.

The trip provided a wonderful opportunity to bring our learning to life and sparked some fantastic discussions about transport, technology and innovation. We all had a thoroughly enjoyable day and would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the museum staff and volunteers who made the visit so engaging, informative and memorable for everyone involved.

Badgers Class

Badgers have had a wonderfully busy and exciting week, packed full of fun activities and memorable experiences!

Despite the warm weather, we have been doing our best to keep cool during our Forest School sessions. The children thoroughly enjoyed taking part in a variety of outdoor activities and making the most of the shady areas while exploring and learning in nature.

A particular highlight was our swimming gala practice, where the children had the opportunity to take part in a run-through of the different races and events. There was lots of excitement poolside, and everyone enjoyed having a chance to prepare for the big day while building confidence and team spirit.

Our Year 4 Badgers also joined the Year 5 Foxes on their transition trip to Monkey World. The children returned full of enthusiasm and stories about their day. One favourite memory was watching a baby monkey climb along a fence before leaping onto its parent's back. The marmosets were especially popular, and the children were delighted to enjoy an ice cream in the shade as a special treat during such a warm day.

One of our afternoons was spent creating self-portraits ready to be displayed at the Marnhull Village Show. The children worked carefully on their artwork and should be very proud of what they produced. We hope that everyone who visited the Village Show enjoyed seeing our entries on display and appreciated the fantastic effort, creativity and individuality that the children put into their work.

Sports Day was another major highlight of the week. Congratulations to the Blue Dolphins for their overall victory. We are incredibly proud of all the Badgers, who showed tremendous enthusiasm, determination and sportsmanship throughout the afternoon. It was wonderful to see the children encouraging one another, trying their very best and celebrating each other's successes.

Foxes Class

In Curious City this week, we became both artists and historians as we continued our enquiry,



'What have we learnt from the Ancient Greeks?'

We began by exploring the importance of art and sport in Ancient Greek society. The children discovered how many aspects of daily life, celebrations and sporting events were captured through artwork, particularly on decorative vases and sculptures. We examined a range of Ancient Greek artefacts and discussed what they can tell us about life thousands of years ago. Inspired by these historical examples, the children then put their artistic skills to the test by completing the

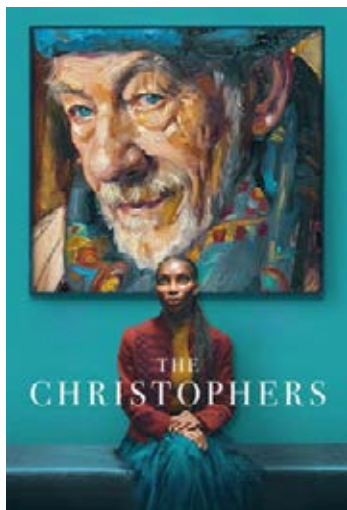
missing half of an Ancient Greek vase design. It was wonderful to see their creativity and attention to detail as they carefully recreated the intricate patterns and scenes.

In our next session, we explored the question, 'What were the greatest achievements of the Ancient Greeks?' The children considered the many areas in which the Ancient Greeks have influenced the modern world, including democracy, mathematics, philosophy, medicine, architecture and the Olympic Games. They discussed why these achievements are considered so significant and how they continue to impact our lives today. Working as historians, the children evaluated different ideas and shared their opinions about which Ancient Greek achievements have had the greatest lasting legacy.

The children showed great enthusiasm throughout both lessons and demonstrated excellent historical thinking as they made connections between the Ancient Greek world and our own. We look forward to continuing our enquiry and discovering even more about this fascinating civilisation.

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Squishy Toy safety

Squishy toys are soft and pliable, often with a liquid or gel filled feel when squeezed. Squishy toys come in all shapes, sizes and colours. Many people enjoy squeezing them for play, to relax, or relieve stress.

They are very young child appealing, and as a current craze can be found for sale in many different places, even sellers who don't usually sell toys.

While lots of squishy toys are safe, buyers should be aware that Dorset Council Trading Standards are becoming increasingly concerned that some products on the market do not meet legal safety requirements.

Some examples have been classed by the UK Regulator as posing a serious chemical or physical risk.

If you own a squishy toy, or are thinking of buying one, then check that it includes, or that it was included when bought, the information required by law.

Missing safety information can be a warning sign that a toy may not comply with toy safety regulations and therefore be unsafe:

- UKCA or CE mark
- An age restriction warning with a reason
- Identification mark such as batch or lot code.
- The name and address of the manufacturer. If the manufacturer is outside the UK, the name and address of the manufacturer and the importer into the UK are to be used instead.

It is also important to examine the toy itself. Be cautious if a squishy toy has a strong chemical smell, feels unusually sticky, leaks liquid or starts to break apart easily. These could be signs of poor quality. Younger children may put toys in their mouths, so damaged or poorly made products can create additional risks.

If you have a toy without the required markings, or if your toy has become unsafe under normal use, then stop using it. You can report any concerns about toys to Trading Standards.

You can also report seeing toys for sale that don't have the required legal markings. Report to Trading Standards by visiting www.citizensadvice.org.uk/consumer or, by phoning the Citizens Advice consumer helpline on 0808 223 1133.



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The biennial event attracts huge crowds from across the country and even further afield. It is run by a dedicated committee of volunteers, with the local community and village residents getting involved.

The money raised will help the Stars Appeal towards the £2million it aims to raise this year to fund projects across Salisbury Hospital. These include new equipment

such as a mammogram machine for the Breast Unit, enhancements to buildings, and ongoing projects across the hospital, including support for people with cancer, a dedicated play assistant on the Children's Unit, and Stars Appeal Wi-Fi.

Gates open from 10am. The fayre is located between Berwick St John village and the A30, SP7 0EX. Entry is by donation with all profits going to the Stars Appeal. There is also a raffle.

Berwick St John Country Fayre times:

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MARNHULL TENNIS CLUB



Despite the intense summer sun that has been scorching the UK, Marnhull Tennis Club members have still been active on the courts – albeit with plenty of water breaks! After four months of matches, the club's annual summer tournaments are drawing to a close. Finals Day this year is on



September 13, and all are welcome to come down and enjoy the matches.

Our Junior A team have also been busy competing in friendly matches against sides from Donhead and Sherborne. It's incredible how much our youngsters have improved over the last few years, especially since so many of them only took up a racquet for the first time just a couple of years ago.

As for our adult teams, they have done themselves proud once again with a strong showing in the summer leagues. In the Shaftesbury League, which is played against local sides like Pythouse and Donhead, the Marnhull A team emerged as champions in Division 1 for a second time. Under the captaincy of Liz Lammis and with the stellar skills of MVP Lorna Wood, they won 5/6 matches in some closely contested rubbers, finishing just one point ahead of second-place Stourpaine A.

Also competing in Division 1, the Marnhull Bs were faced with the daunting prospect of playing the top teams from other clubs. Led by newly minted captain Alice Hole, they acquitted themselves admirably, battling hard and gaining lots of experience for next season.

In Division 2, the Marnhull Cs finished just three points shy of third place after some very close matches against teams from Chalke Valley and Stourpaine. Marnhull is the only club in the league to feature three teams, which is a real testament to our members' enthusiasm and skills.

Marnhull also entered a men's team in the Dorset League, which features sides from across the county – and even a few in Hampshire. With some matches still to play, the Marnhull Men have guaranteed themselves at least a second-place finish, which should be enough to ensure promotion next year.

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MARNHULL WOMEN'S INSTITUTE



2026 marks a very special milestone for Marnhull Women's Institute as we celebrate our 100th anniversary. Over the past century, the Institute has been at the heart of village life, bringing women together through friendship, learning

and community spirit.

To mark this wonderful occasion, members enjoyed a celebratory party at The Crown, where they reflected on the WI's rich history and the many friendships and memories made over the last 100 years.

The celebrations also included a memorable visit to the Houses of Parliament, where members were warmly welcomed by local MP Simon Hoare, giving everyone the opportunity to learn more about the work of Parliament and enjoy this historic setting.

The summer programme has continued to offer plenty of opportunities to socialise and explore. Members have enjoyed a delightful garden visit, a trip to the seaside on the Swanage Railway as well as a second trip to Oxford's Bakery in Alweston, where they enjoyed a Hog Roast and some delicious sweet treats.

Looking ahead, September promises another interesting programme. Members will be visiting the RNLI in Poole to learn more about the lifesaving work of its volunteers.

At our first meeting after the summer break, we are also looking forward to welcoming the Hatters from Bridport, who will share the fascinating art and history of hat-making.

Marnhull Women's Institute offers a varied programme of speakers, outings and activities throughout the year, with something to interest everyone. Details of future meetings, speakers and visits can be found on our website: marnhullwi.weebly.com.

New members and visitors are always assured of a warm welcome. Whether you're new to the area or simply interested in meeting new people and trying something different, we'd love to see you at one of our meetings as we continue our second century of friendship, fun and community involvement.

Forthcoming meetings – all at Marnhull Village Hall 7pm for 7.30pm start

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MARNHULL HERITAGE INITIATIVE

On Saturday 15th August, the refreshed Information Panel was unveiled at The Crown. The Crown is generally thought to be the inspiration for the 'Pure Drop Inn' in Thomas Hardy's Tess of the d'Urbervilles and the previous panel has stood there for 40 years. There will be more about this in the October edition of the Marnhull Messenger, but, in the meantime, we would like to thank Elaine Spencer-White for overseeing the production of the Panel



and organising the event, Hall and Woodhouse for its sponsorship and The Crown for its support.

We have had an excellent response to the recent publication of the Hardy Trail leaflet, which highlights the key locations in 'Marlott' associated with Tess of the d'Urbervilles.

The initial print run is now almost exhausted and we're very grateful to the Marnhull Hub for providing additional funding to enable us to produce more copies. These will be available across the village and you can also find a PDF copy on our website. If you are unable to get hold of one, please contact us using the email below.

Elaine Spencer-White has also very kindly offered to lead two guided walks along the Hardy Trail, on Saturday 5th September at 2pm and Tuesday 15th September at 11am.

The walks will last approximately 1 - 1.5 hours and donations to the Marnhull Heritage Initiative are welcome. If you would like to come along, please meet in the car park at The Crown.

We'd also like to thank Malcolm Locke for his help in upgrading the Marnhull part of the Hardy Way and in making it more accessible. The work has also included marking an alternative safe route between Pilwell and St. Gregory's Church/The Crown avoiding Church Hill.

The Hardy Way extends across 200 miles of Wessex, the heart of Hardy Country, and passes through Marnhull entering from the B3092 at Todber (opposite Shave Lane) and leaving south of Mowes Lane to join the Stour Valley Way to Sturminster.

We also have a number of other projects in the pipeline, including preparing a series of events in 2028 to mark the centenary of the death of Thomas Hardy, and a guidebook to Tess of the D'Urbervilles. CG Fry and Sons have very kindly provided sponsorship to support this.

You can find more information on the Marnhull Heritage Initiative on our website marnhullheritage.org.uk and we have recently launched a Facebook Page 'Marnhull Heritage Initiative', which you can follow for updates. You can also contact us by email: info@marnhullheritage.co.uk

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Nor both in bother, broth in brother,
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Nor dear and fear for bear and pear.
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And cork with work and card with ward,
Or font with front and word with sword,
And do and go or thwart and cart -
Speaking English is an art.
With all these traps in which to fall,
It's a wonder we can speak at all.

UNITY MARTIAL ARTS



We're so excited to announce that since the last messenger went to print, we found and have fitted out our own premises in Sturminster Newton! The downside for the village is that we'll need the village hall less, but we'll still be there from time to time.

There's a room at the front where we'll work on our tech projects, plus SEN mentoring, then a big room for martial arts!

8 of our Sandroyd students graded just before they broke up for the holidays and 18 of our public students graded in August. I'm delighted to say that they all passed and only 2 needed the "do-over day".

The following week some of our brave team attended the Riverside Fest and put on a demo in front of everyone! They did a selection of patterns, kicking drills, pre-prepared sparring and of course broke some wood.

While the summer holidays can be quiet for some clubs and we're certainly missing some people, we've been very busy with 8 new members joining in the last 2 weeks. Just before the summer holidays, we also did a full day of sessions at Sturminster High School - very fun!

We're excited to meet all our new Sandroyd School students.

Some of the team are heading up to Coventry in September for an International Seminar. Lots of the team are training for the English Opens Championship in October too.

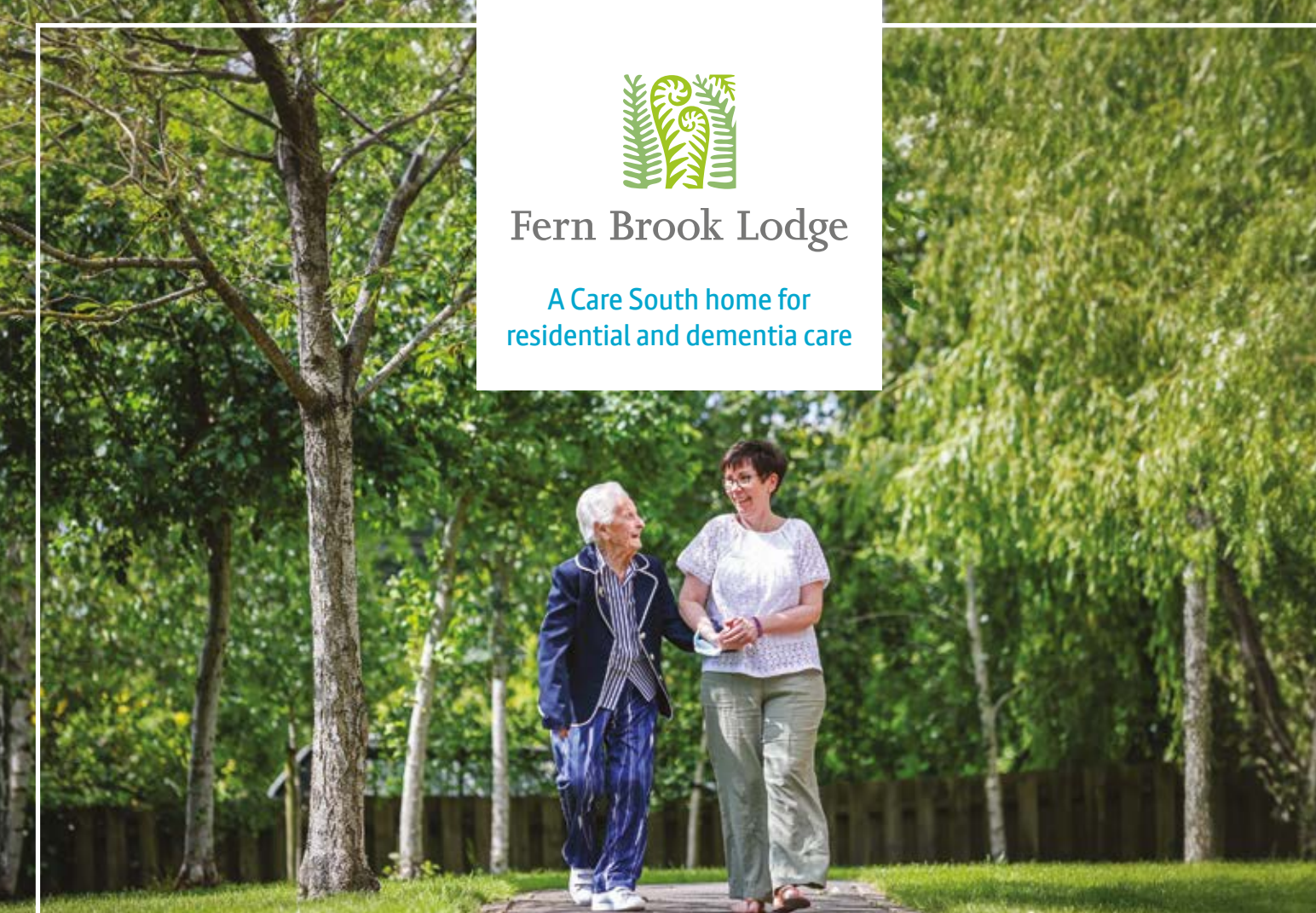
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FOR MORE INFORMATION:
Contact: marnhullwf@outlook.com

BLACKMORE VALE CYCLING GROUP

Meet for coffee every Tuesday. Group rides every weekend

FOR MORE INFORMATION:
Contact: Jill and Roger 01258 821233

MARNHULL GARDEN CLUB

We are a friendly club of about 80 members. We meet on the 2nd Tuesday of most months, at 7:30pm in the Marnhull Village Hall where we have a guest speaker, raffle, plant sales, tea - coffee and biscuits. It's a great place to socialise and make new friends.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:
Chairman: marnhullgardenclub@gmail.com
Secretary: Phil Silvester 01258 820560/07921214591
Treasurer: Lesley Ruth lesleyruth4@aol.com

MARNHULL READING GROUP/BOOK CLUB

Meetings 3rd Thursday each month

FOR MORE INFORMATION:
Contact: Rachel Hoskins / Ros Eveleigh 01258 821049

MARNHULL LITTER PICKERS

In 2018 the Parish Council provided funding for kit including litter pickers and safety vests. We now have over 30 volunteers a number of whom look after a designated area in the village, mostly around their own home.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:
Contact: Tim Eveleigh 01258 821049 E Mail;
tim.h.eveleigh@googlemail.com

FITSTEPS

Wednesdays at the Village Hall 10:45 - 11:45

FOR MORE INFORMATION:
Contact: Georgina Greenwood: georginagreenwood@hotmail.co.uk / 07582 634911

MARNHULL CRICKET CLUB

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FOR MORE INFORMATION:
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Youth Coordinator: Mr Nick Chamber 01258 820281
Club web site: www.marnhull.play-cricket.com

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FOR MORE INFORMATION:
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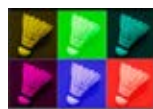


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For more information please call
Liz 01258 821378 or Dawn 01258 820642

MARNHULL GARDEN CLUB

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

Come and join us for refreshments and a chat.

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

Contact Secretary Phil Silvester 01258 394288 / 07921 214591 marnhullgardenclub@gmail.com

MARNHULL MUSIC SOCIETY

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

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Please contact Alan Loukes on 01258 821629

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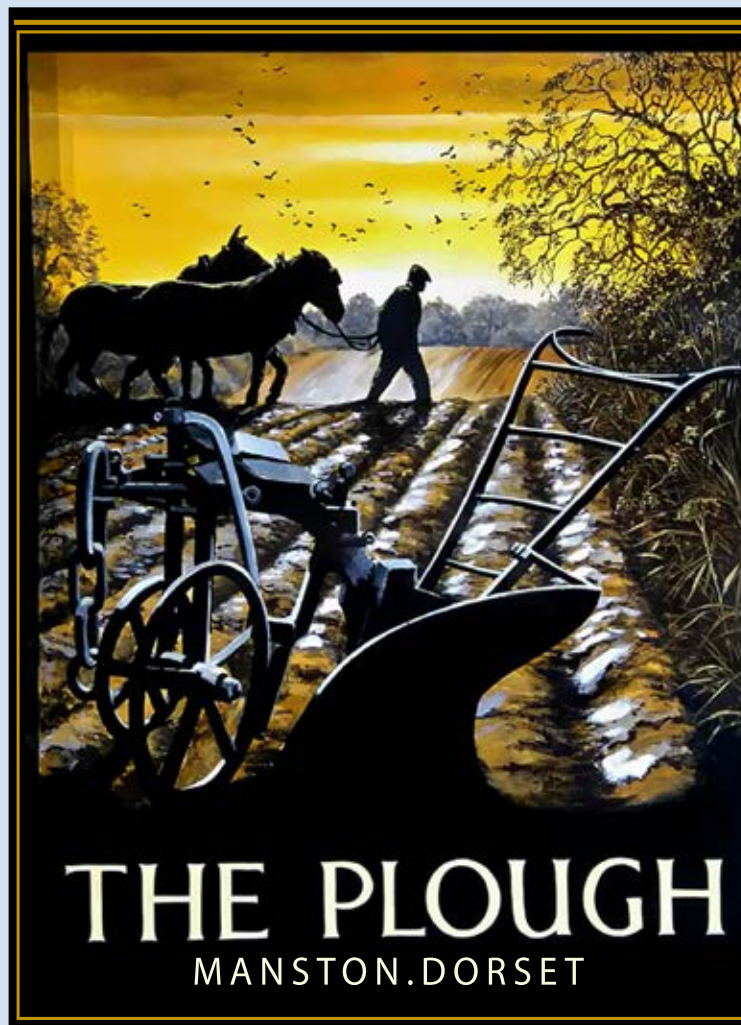
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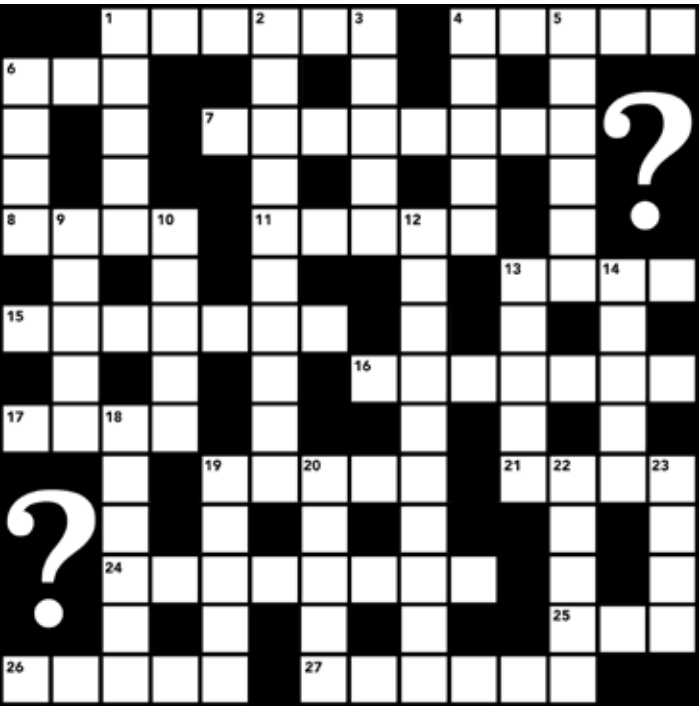
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ACROSS

- 1) Capital of the Sultanate of Oman. (6)
- 4) Snooker stroke made with an inclined cue imparting a swerve on the ball. (5)
- 6) Of a ship the side away from the wind. (3)
- 7) Small group of ships sailing together. (8)
- 8) Dutch cheese, typically pale yellow with a red wax coating. (4)
- 11) Longest bone in the human body. (5)
- 13) Flaky pastry stretched into very thin strips. (4)
- 15) Staff carried by rulers on ceremonial occasions as a symbol of sovereignty. (7)
- 16) Island in the West Indies invaded by the USA in 1983. (7)
- 17) Establishment where horses are kept for breeding. (4)
- 19) In Greek mythology the seducer of Helen of Troy leading to the Trojan war. (5)
- 21) Vegetable related to the onion. (4)
- 24) Skilled workers who make things by hand. (8)
- 25) Snake like fish with poorly developed fins. (3)
- 26) Rotating part of a turbine. (5)
- 27) Sugary fluid secreted within flowers. (6)



DOWN

- 1) The holiest city of Islam. (5)
- 2) The largest USA state by population. (10)
- 3) A natural object or animal believed to have spiritual significance. (5)
- 4) Grinding tooth at the back of the mouth. (5)
- 5) Norway lobster when prepared or cooked. (6)
- 6) The soft part at the base of the outer ear. (4)
- 9) Old gold coin that was used in most European countries. (5)
- 10) Light motor cycle with an engine capacity of less than 50cc. (5)
- 12) Sound waves with a frequency above the upper limit of human hearing. (10)
- 13) The last game in a sports tournament. (5)
- 14) A beavers den. (5)
- 18) A mark used over a vowel especially in Germany to indicate a different vowel quality. (6)
- 19) A person's legal father. (5)
- 20) Solid amber residue used for treating the bows of stringed instruments. (5)
- 22) Swiss mountain famous for its difficult to climb North Face. (5)
- 23) City at one end of a canal that connects the North Sea to the Baltic. (4)

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