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Chris Ryu
Messenger Editor

Welcome to the new full colour Messenger!

We hope you like the new printing set-up. Over the Christmas break, I'll be having a re-design to use the colour printing to it's full potential.

New Deadline

Our new printing saves funds that we can in time, offer as grants to village causes. However, to maximise savings, we do need to bring the deadline forward from 17th to 14th of each month.

Advertising

The time has come to book your 2020 advertising space. With the move to full colour we would recommend getting in early as spaces are limited. Contact Rosie on the details below.

Village Diary

Don't forget to add your clubs 2020 dates onto the website's calendar - that automatically puts them in the diary in the Messenger.

Deadline For Next Issue

MID-DAY 14th January

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Marnhull Village Hall - AGM



On November 15th, 77 people attended the Annual AGM of the Village Hall and apart from routine matters, two major issues were addressed.

The Building Project

After many years of discussion, consultation and planning, the main item on the agenda was to decide on the three options proposed for addressing the requirements for the improvement of the toilet facilities, more space in the main Hall and better storage.

Full explanations were given of the proposals and the different options, along with the process, the difficulties and Marnhull's success in obtaining various grants in an increasingly difficult climate.

The Trustees proposed Option 3, which was currently affordable with £144,000 held in cash and pledges against a total project cost of £141,000. This comprised building new toilets including disabled toilet and baby changing facilities, establishing a new store in the existing men's toilet area and taking out the existing stage, converting that area for flexible use with a mobile stage use and alternatively as an addition to the main hall floor space, and creating a new large store at the east side of the building. Provision of mobile staging and ancillary equipment was also included. This meant not proceeding with the originally proposed extension at the western end of the Hall, an option which would cost around £40,000 more.

With tenders due to expire shortly and the possibility of losing some grant funding and the fact that further funding was not a given, the Trustees recommended that the AGM accepted this proposal.

A long discussion took place, with the removal of the stage being the main issue. Provision has been made for mobile staging, but a permanent fixed stage was very attractive to some, and mobile stages had various drawbacks for some users.

A vote was taken on the motion to authorise expenditure of up to £144,000 for the building work and associated costs as described above, with the result of 57 in favour and 20 against. The motion was thus carried.

The Constitution and Governance

At a time when the Village Hall was embarking on a major building project, it was essential that an effective management structure was in place, in line with the Constitution. On the proposal of a working group it was unanimously agreed that a series of four steps be taken to establish a new Management Committee of Trustees. This would comprise up to six Trustees elected by the AGM, up to 18 chosen by Hall user organisations, and up to three co-opted. This would ensure that the responsibility for decision taking and managing the organisation would be widely spread and the workload shared.

A message from the Village Hall Trustees

There were many issues involved in this Building Project and there was never going to be an outcome that satisfied all. We recommended what we felt was the best way forward from the current position reached with a vast amount of professional and voluntary effort over five years. It seemed the best way of meeting the apparent needs and wishes of the village and users with the money available at this time. We hope that as the project moves on the differences and disappointments will recede. We would like to thank all of those who have contributed so much in time, effort and funds over the years. It has been a tough journey but moving forward we can improve this wonderful village asset for all to enjoy.

Thank you; we wish all in Marnhull a Happy Christmas and New Year!
Marnhull Village Hall Trustees.

Annual Diary 2019/2020

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

December

2nd - Pilates @ 09:00
 2nd - Table tennis @ 14:00
 2nd - Parish Council Meeting @ 19:00
 3rd - Art for Everyone @ 10:00
 3rd - French conversation @ 14:00
 Marnhull Hub
 3rd - Spanish conversation @ 15:30
 Marnhull Hub
 4th - Pilates Evolution @ 09:00
 4th - Fit Steps @ 11:15
 4th - Table tennis @ 14:00
 4th - Community Choir @ 19:00
 5th - Baby and Toddler group @ 09:30
 5th - Marnhull Craft Club @ 10:00
 Methodist Hall
 6th - Marnhull Lunch Club @ 12:00
 7th - Fairlite Duo @ 19:00
 British Legion Club
 9th - Pilates @ 09:00
 9th - Table tennis @ 14:00
 9th - Christmas bingo at the Legion @ 19:00
 9th - Women's Institute - Christmas Party -
 American Supper @ 19:30
 10th - Art for Everyone @ 10:00
 10th - French conversation @ 14:00
 Marnhull Hub
 10th - Spanish conversation @ 15:30
 Marnhull Hub
 10th - Garden Club - Christmas Events - Details
 to be Confirmed @ 19:30
 11th - Pilates Evolution @ 09:00
 11th - Fit Steps @ 11:15
 11th - Table tennis @ 14:00
 11th - Mothers' Union meeting @ 14:30
 Methodist Hall
 11th - Marnhull Music Society BSO concert in
 Poole @ 18:00
 11th - Sturminster Newton Floral Group -
 Annual General Meeting and Members Evening
 @ 19:30 Sturminster Exchange
 13th - Blackmore Vale Art Group painting and
 drawing + Christmas buffet @ 10:30
 14th - Christmas in The Car Park- Car park
 opposite Robin Hill Store @ 17:00
 14th - Silhouettes @ 19:00 British Legion Club
 16th - Pilates @ 09:00
 16th - Table tennis @ 14:00
 16th - Marnhull Music Society Holly & Jolly @
 19:15

17th - Art for Everyone @ 10:00
 17th - French conversation @ 14:00
 Marnhull Hub
 17th - Spanish conversation @ 15:30
 Marnhull Hub
 18th - Pilates Evolution @ 09:00
 18th - Fit Steps @ 11:15
 18th - Table tennis @ 14:00
 19th - Baby and Toddler group @ 09:30
 20th - Marnhull POPPin Cafe @ 10:00
 23rd - Pilates @ 09:00
 23rd - Table tennis @ 14:00
 24th - Art for Everyone @ 10:00
 25th - Table tennis @ 14:00
 30th - Table tennis @ 14:00
 31st - Art for Everyone @ 10:00
 31st - New Year's Eve With Just Bertie @ 19:00
 British Legion Club

January

1st - Awaken To Bacon @ 10:00
 1st - Table tennis @ 14:00
 2nd - Marnhull Craft Club @ 10:00
 Methodist Hall
 3rd - Marnhull Lunch Club @ 12:00
 6th - Table tennis @ 14:00
 7th - Art for Everyone @ 10:00
 8th - Table tennis @ 14:00
 8th - Mother's Union - Stourhead- A Living
 Masterpiece @ 19:30 St Gregory's
 9th - Baby and Toddler group @ 09:30
 13th - Table tennis @ 14:00
 13th - Women's Institute - Fun Kurling Evening
 @ 19:30
 14th - Art for Everyone @ 10:00
 14th - Garden Club - The Work of the Dorset
 Wildlife Trust - Steve Oliver @ 19:30
 15th - Table tennis @ 14:00
 16th - Baby and Toddler group @ 09:30
 17th - Marnhull POPPin Cafe @ 10:00
 20th - Table tennis @ 14:00
 20th - Marnhull Music Society @ 19:15
 20th - Marnhull Music Society presentation by
 John Borthwick @ 19:15
 21st - Art for Everyone @ 10:00

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22nd - Table tennis @ 14:00
 23rd - Baby and Toddler group @ 09:30
 27th - Table tennis @ 14:00
 28th - Art for Everyone @ 10:00
 29th - Table tennis @ 14:00
 30th - Baby and Toddler group @ 09:30
 31st - Panto Dick Whittington @ 19:00

December

1st - Panto Dick Whittington @ 14:00
 1st - Panto Dick Whittington @ 19:00
 2nd - Panto Dick Whittington @ 14:00
 6th - Marnhull Craft Club @ 10:00
 Methodist Hall
 7th - Marnhull Lunch Club @ 12:00
 10th - Women's Institute - Births, Death and
 Marriages - Hilary Green @ 19:30
 11th - Garden Club - Annual General Meeting
 and American Supper @ 19:30
 17th - Marnhull Music Society @ 19:15
 17th - Marnhull Music Society "Ladies' Choice"
 @ 19:15
 21st - Marnhull POPPin Cafe @ 10:00
 5th - Marnhull Craft Club @ 10:00
 Methodist Hall
 6th - Marnhull Lunch Club @ 12:00
 10th - Garden Club - Ascension Island - A Drop
 in the Ocean - Martin Young @ 19:30
 16th - Marnhull Music Society @ 19:15
 16th - Marnhull Music Society presentation by
 Mike Wilkins @ 19:15
 20th - Marnhull POPPin Cafe @ 10:00

**Reminder: Please Add
 Your 2020 Dates Now**

**NEW: You can now
 submit your events into
 a live calendar on the
 messenger website and
 they'll be added to this
 diary in the next issue!**

Marnhull POPPin Café

By the time this edition of the Marnhull Messenger reaches you all, we will be only weeks away from Xmas and the end of yet another year. The November POPPin was themed around the Children in Need Appeal which fell on the same day as the café. We ran a fun mini version of the Children in Need Duck Sweepstake which was won by Pauline Treece, who backed Moby Duck and won a freshly home baked Victoria Sponge made with duck eggs as first prize. This raised £91.50 for this worthwhile charity and throughout the morning further funds were raised to enable us to donate a total of £150 to Children in Need. Thank you to everyone who came along and donated so generously as always.

We look forward to seeing you next at the village hall from 10-12 on Friday 20th December, when I am sure the hall will be suitably decorated and we will be serving some lovely festive bakes as well as filter coffee and tea all for £1.50pp. Please feel free to wear your Xmas jumpers, hats etc!

Merry Xmas, Happy New Year and thank you all for your continued support.

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

Mothers' Union

We had a very enjoyable meeting in November when we were joined by members from Hazelbury Bryan and Sturminster Newton MU groups. Carey Pearce spoke to us about the RVS from when it was founded, by Lady Stella Reading, in 1938 as the Women's Voluntary Service helping with air raid precautions. In 1966 the Royal title was added in recognition of the service given and it became the Women's Royal Voluntary Service (WRVS) and in 2013 changed to Royal Voluntary Service. Today there are about 20,000 volunteers (about 2,000 in our Dorset area) both male and female supporting older people in the community. Carey is the co-ordinator for the home library service which brings books to people who are otherwise unable to access library facilities, and this can be on a short- or long - term basis.

Our December meeting is the members Christmas party

On January 8th 2020 We have a talk entitled "Stourhead – A Living Masterpiece" when visitors are welcome to join us.

Marnhull Messenger Website

Who do I contact?

Any amendments or proposals for new pages in the messenger web site should be made to

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Marnhull Messenger Deliveries

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.

Royal British Legion



So lucky with the weather again on Remembrance Day, the march set off in good order and on time thanks as usual to Parade Marshal Owen Wells who ensures everybody is where they should be. The Gillingham Town Silver Band led us off as they always do followed by the wreath bearers, the Army Cadets and then the Air Training Corps who we have missed for the last two years. These were followed by ex-servicemen and the Girls Brigade then some followers including Tom the donkey who took it all in his stride.

The Church was full for the Reverend Gaenor Hockey to lead her first Remembrance Day service which she did with some aplomb. The Marnhull Branch President Lt. Cmdr. Julie Vitali RNR welcomed the congregation and outlined the aims and purpose of the Legion. The service followed and special mention must be made of the young lady from the Girls Brigade who read the lesson exceptionally well.

The marchers then reformed outside the church for the wreath laying ceremony. Wreaths were laid by Marnhull RBL, the Army Cadets, the Air Training Corps, the Girls Brigade, The Women's Institute, the Lions and the Parish Council. Then it was all back to the Club for a cup of tea or something stronger and a bite to eat.

Once again the service at the memorial at 11 o'clock on the 11th November was well attended and we were pleased to see delegations from St Gregory's and St Mary's schools who it must be said observed the two minutes silence impeccably and then laid their own wreath on the memorial.

The fish 'n' chip quiz on Saturday 10th November was packed with thirteen teams fighting it out for a tin of chocolates and some RBL trinkets. Honours went not for the first time to Shirley Blackford and her merry band. It was a tight contest with the second team one point behind and the third team one point behind them, but the financial success also depends on people who do not expect to win but just come to support the event. The evening ended up with Poppy Appeal Organiser Val Eslick receiving £350 to go to the Appeal.

When this edition comes through the door Christmas will be just around the corner which is closely followed by New Year's Eve and 2020 looming. We have the popular Just Bertie helping us into the New Year again and the club is open to all on that night so feel free to come down and we also welcome well behaved children so you do not have to worry about baby sitters.

Even if you don't come we wish you all a merry Christmas and a happy new year.

For Branch business contact Jack Whitehead on 01258 820800 or whiteheadjack51@gmail.com.

Death Cafe

Death Cafe at the Hub, 5th December, 2-4pm

At a Death Cafe people from all walks of life meet to talk about death and dying so that they can get on with the business of living. The aim is to overcome one of the last taboos and fears, to share experiences, opinions and thoughts, or just to listen to others. It can be an enjoyable and life affirming experience - not at all morbid. All with cake and laughter!

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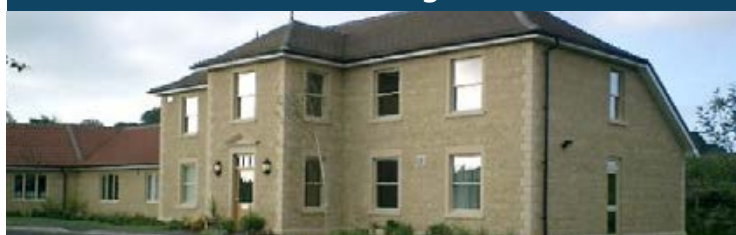
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From The Surgeries



Practice Pharmacist

As you may well have read, the Practice, in addition to 18 GPs, has a wide range of clinical and professional staff who can provide advice, support and treatment for patients.

The Practice Pharmacist Kay Green explains the role of her team, which includes two Pharmacy Technicians, Vicky DiMartino and Vicky Mogridge.

"The three of us are on hand over the four sites to deal with all aspects of your medication or prescription queries.

There is no such thing as an average day for us, we often handle over a hundred queries a day, as phone calls or tasks from the patient services team or the GPs. We transfer information from hospital letters to ensure your repeat medication is up to date, we also carry out medication reviews and ensure that your blood tests and annual checks are complete ready to authorise your prescriptions for another year. Each day we deal with all aspects of the prescription process such as managing medicine shortages by suggesting suitable alternatives or setting up batch prescriptions.

We help to monitor and manage long term conditions, offer advice on treatments patients can purchase themselves and offer advice to those taking multiple medications. We also work on audits of medication, implement local policies on prescribing and reducing waste whilst ensuring the best possible care for patients.

We act as an aid to the patient services team, nurse and paramedic practitioners and the GPs to try and offer a smooth service for patients in obtaining their medications as well as maximising patient safety. This should result in an improved service by reducing the demands on the various practitioners and GP's time so that they can focus on their patient facing roles.

It is an amazing opportunity for us to work so closely with other healthcare professionals and as we have come from a variety of healthcare backgrounds, our experience can only enhance the continuity of care between various organisations from hospitals to community Pharmacies and improve the service for our patients."

Kay Green – Practice Pharmacist.

Fibromyalgia/Chronic Pain/Chronic Fatigue Syndrome support group

Our Health Champions in the Practice have recently set up a Fibromyalgia/Chronic Pain/Chronic Fatigue Syndrome support group. The first meeting at Abbey View Medical Centre in Shaftesbury in October was attended by 20 people. They shared their stories of how they live with these conditions and things they have tried, that have helped them to cope. It's been agreed that there will be meetings every four weeks and we're working up a timetable for the coming year which we will share. In future there will be input from professionals and advice and guidance on keeping healthy, pain management techniques, relaxation and reducing stress.

We have received lots of requests for patients to join this group and our Health Champions would like to set up a similar group in Sturminster Newton. We need to gauge interest for this, so if you would find such a group helpful in the Sturminster/Marnhull/Stalbridge area please do get in touch with Debbie Martin - Carer's and Health Champion Lead, on 01747 856700 or via email on Debbie.martin@dorsetgp.nhs.uk. Also, if you would like to volunteer to be a Health Champion and to help us with this project and others, we'd be delighted to welcome you.



News from the Nick.
Combating crime
in your neighbourhood
PC 2146 Phil Sugrue



There is 1 crime to report this month which was criminal damage to the pharmacy door.

ROGUE TRADERS

There was one reported incident of cold callers these callers were touting for tree and building work. The cold caller was unsuccessful. Always be wary of traders who knock on your doors offering their services which include gardening and tree pruning as well as removal of said tree, building services, tarmacking, pressure washing of drives to name a few. These traders will charge an extortionate amount of money for substandard work. If you require work to be done on/at your property find a reputable trader; ask neighbours and friends for their recommendations.

PLEASE BE ON YOUR GUARD AND KEEP AN EYE ON ELDERLY NEIGHBOURS AND RELATIVES.

DO NOT BUT FROM DOORSTEP TRADERS!

CHRISTMAS!

Christmas is but a few short weeks away! Just a few reminders on how to keep yourself and your vehicle safe in the run up to the main event. Firstly, keep your handbag and purse safe by using shoulder bag and keeping it tucked under your arm. To keep your purse and contents safe we have purse bells, purse cables, and card protectors for contactless cards – if you would like one let me know! Secondly, be aware that there are unscrupulous people who make a living breaking into your vehicles and stealing your valuables including Christmas presents.

DO NOT LEAVE VALUABLES IN YOUR VEHICLES!

Enjoy the festive period and above all stay safe.

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>

Only phone 999 if your life is in danger or crime is happening now

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

If you have any issues that you would like to discuss with us or if you would like to introduce yourself; we hold our monthly surgeries on the 1st Thursday of the month at The Hub from 11.30 - 12 noon. Unfortunately there are times when an officer is not available to attend.

**PCSO 5352
Mandy Robinson**

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WHAT'S ON AT THE HUB IN DECEMBER & JANUARY?

- Drop-in sessions - tea, coffee, cake & chat - every Saturday, 10 - 12
- Repair Café - see below: every Saturday, 10 - 12
- Recycle at the Hub - see below: every Saturday, 10 - 12
- French conversation - Tuesday afternoons from 2 pm, except 24 & 31 December
- Mollie & Myrtle wreath & table centre workshop - Wednesday 4 December, 7 pm
- Meet Mandy Robertson, our local police community support officer - Thursday 5 December, 11.30 - 12
- Death Café (see separate article) - Thursday 5 December, 2 - 4 pm
- Old Chapel Flowers' Christmas pop-up shop - Saturday 7 December, 10 - 12
- Card sale in aid of Help for Heroes - Saturday 7 December, 10 - 12
- Mollie & Myrtle wreath & table centre workshop - Saturday 7 December, 4 pm
- The Marnhull Hub will be part of the 'Christmas in the Carpark' event on Saturday evening, 14 December. We will be open for teas and coffees and a few Christmas items. And Jane Batten, Neal's Yard, and Sue Carter, Old Chapel Flowers, will have pop-up shops at the Hub. Come in and see what's going on, and for shelter if it rains!
- The Hub Book Group - Tuesday 17 December, 7 pm (and every third Tuesday)
- Bric-à-brac - Saturday 21 December, 10 - 11 (and every third Saturday)
- Old Chapel Flowers' wreath & table centre workshop - Sunday 22 December, 2 - 4.30 pm

Saturday morning drop-in and recycling sessions and the Repair Café, and Tuesday afternoon French conversations, continue in January. In addition we have:

- Bric-à-brac - Saturday 18 January, 10 - 11
- Alison Palmer, Off to Sew @ the Hub - Wednesday 22 January 3 - 5 pm (and every fourth Wednesday)

PRESERVERS PREPARE!

This is advance notice of an exciting (and slightly sticky) event which the Hub will be hosting in the 2020 marmalade season. The Hub's MARNHULLMADE MARMALADE COMPETITION will be open to all homemade-marmalade-makers in the Marnhull area - young and old, male and female, novice and expert - in aid of a local charity.

The closing date will be Saturday 22 February, with results on the 29th. Aim for marmalading success at the Hub and go on to further triumphs at the Marnhull Flower Show (11 July)!

Entry forms will be available at the Hub on Saturday mornings from 14 December.

RE-USE, REPAIR, RECYCLE

As well as the Hub book & puzzle exchange and the monthly bric-à-brac sales our popular Repair Café - now officially a part of the international Repair Café community - is open every Saturday morning. Our skilled craftsmen will tackle almost anything! So: if you think it might be repaired, don't throw it away. Let the experts have a look.

Our Recycling Hub is also proving to be a success. We can take things that the Council can't:

- crisp packets, including multipack wrappers
- Pringles tubes (but only this brand, please)
- confectionery wrappers (sweets, chocolate, etc)
- snack packets
- peanut, pretzel & popcorn packaging
- biscuit, cracker & cake bar wrappers
- bread bags (stretchy plastic only)
- toothpaste tubes, toothbrushes & plastic packaging

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- baby food pouches & baby snack packaging
- pet food pouches (CLEAN AND DRY, PLEASE) and dry pet food & treat packaging
- dishwasher tablet & salt packaging, and dishwasher cleaner & freshener outer packaging
- cleaning wipe packaging (but not baby wipes - sorry).

AND REMEMBER -

- For more information keep an eye on our website, social media, the Hub window and information board, and the village noticeboards.
- The Hub is a great venue for all kinds of smallish gatherings - meetings, networking, pop-up shops & events, children's activity parties, clubs, groups, and so on. Hire costs from just £10 for a three-hour session.
- The Hub is a not-for-profit organisation run entirely by volunteers. If you'd like to help, or to make a booking or ask a question, email booking@marnhullhub.org.uk, contact us via the website, www.marnhullhub.org.uk, or just drop in on a Saturday morning and talk to one of the team.
- And if you're not sure where the Hub is, we're in Burton Street, Marnhull DT10 1PH. See you there!

Marnhull Women's Institute



Daniel and Alex Miller work on Dan's father's dairy farm in Stallbridge. Aside from their main product of milk, they wanted to diversify their operation. They considered cheese making but acknowledged that there are already many highly experienced cheese makers in Dorset so decided to put their energies into making yoghurt.

Dan took us through the basics: three litres of milk make one litre of yoghurt and the process involves pasturising the milk at 80 degrees centigrade to alter the nature of the proteins then adding the culture and letting the mixture set for 4 to 6 hours at 46 degrees centigrade. After that the glutinous mass is strained for about twelve hours (traditionally hung in a net bag) until two thirds of the weight has dripped out as whey. The whey consists of protein and water and some of it is used in making butter. The rest is fed to the pigs.

So far so good, but how were they to sell the product on the open market? Alex took us through the complex process of establishing a brand. With expert help they listed the main features of their product: purity, low salt and sugar, local grass-fed cows and so on. They chose packaging and labelling and a name. Now they had to get it on to the shelves. Loders, Udders, Robin Hill Stores and Dikes all agreed to sell the yoghurt and when it became familiar to the public the Millers were emboldened to cast their net further afield.

But if they wanted to widen their market they had to face the problem of distribution and of course they had to advertise. Alex listed some of the marketing strategies they used: public tasting in shops, magazine adverts, interviews on county programmes on TV and radio, regular Twitter blogs and so on. Alongside this activity they had to make sure the product and their production areas were given the necessary health and safety accreditations, and they had to train their staff appropriately.

It has obviously been a hectic period for this entrepreneurial pair but in five years they have built a brand with a good market in the Dorset area and have reason to hope for further expansion.

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Christmas in the Car Park 2019

Not long now before Christmas in the Car Park 2019 on Saturday 14th December. Come and join in the fun, meet a special guest (who says he can't wait to visit Marnhull again – apparently there have been lots of good boys and girls this year!) and enjoy a cup of mulled wine while you browse the stalls.

There'll be lots of ideas for last minute presents – whether they're for you or someone else – plenty to eat and drink, a tombola with some great prizes to be won and of course, Marnhull Community Choir will be entertaining us with some carols.

The event starts at 5pm at the Burton Street car park and runs until 7pm. Look forward to seeing you there and to the start of the Christmas festivities.

Please note, the car park will be closed from 2pm on Saturday 14th December to allow for set up. If you usually have your car parked there, please find an alternative space for this one afternoon. Thank you.

News from Dorset Council Trading Standards

Consumers could be putting themselves at risk of online fraud this Christmas. Past research has shown that more than two thirds of those surveyed leave out key checks when shopping online.

Simple online shopping safety checks include: look for signs that the website is using a secure encrypted connection, the little padlock sign should be showing to the left of the website address; read the seller's returns policy; search for reviews about both the seller and the product you're buying; bad spelling or grammar on a website can be a sign of a scam; look for a land line number and a head office address.

When people were asked for the reasons why they had not safety checked websites when shopping their responses varied but included 'being in a rush' or 'looking for the cheapest offer'. Fraudsters like people to rush into buying something without first taking reasonable checks, they also promote goods cheaply to draw shoppers in.

Purchasing products via social media is notoriously risky as it's hard to police and it's awash with misleading advertising, counterfeit and unsafe products, subscription traps and other scams.

As we approach the festive season take time when buying online and do take some simple steps before pressing the 'purchase' button.

If you have a concern regarding something you buy then you can contact the Citizens Advice consumer helpline on 03454 04 05 06. As well as giving you advice, the consumer helpline can pass information about complaints on to Trading Standards to investigate.

Julia's House

John Le Carre will be joining local choirs, schools and families at St James' Church, Shaftesbury on Wednesday 11 December, for an evening of musical magic, favourite carols and seasonal readings. The traditional candlelit service will be a very special way to celebrate the countdown to Christmas, with mulled wine and mince pies for everyone to enjoy, as part of the town's festive celebrations.

The service is held in support of Julia's House, the Dorset and Wiltshire children's hospice charity, which cares for children with life-limiting or life-threatening conditions and provides emotional and practical support to their families. The charity relies on public donations to run its vital service – it only receives five per cent Government funding – and currently looks after 166 families across Dorset and Wiltshire.

If you want to join in the Christmas spirit with John Le Carre and Julia's House, tickets are available from www.juliashouse.org as well as the Julia's House shops or just call 01202 644220. Tickets are £15 for adults and £5 for children. Doors open at 6.15pm and the service starts at 7pm.

Carols by Candlelight has become so popular that Julia's House now holds three services across Dorset and Wiltshire, with events taking place in Poole and Devizes as well as Shaftesbury.

Marnhull Players Pantomime Group

Dick whittington

This years pantomime Dick whittington is off to a great start.

We have filled all main cast roles now and rehearsals have started.

If you would like to be an extra or help back stage contact Emma on 07540580372.

Performance dates for the diary:

Friday 31st January 7pm

Saturday 1st February 2pm and 7pm

Sunday 2nd February 2pm

Tickets will be on sale at Robin hill store and Marnhull spar from 1st December.

We look forward to performing for you all.

The Marnhull players committee and cast.

Speed Watch Update and Volunteers Wanted

The Marnhull Community Speed Watch group held its first session in May this year. Since then, we have carried out 14 sessions across five locations within the village. As you may have gathered from previous articles, we have recorded very few vehicles speeding, which I believe is actually very encouraging, but we will continue our sessions to ensure we show our presence and provide a reminder to motorists that we do not want careless or dangerous behaviour on our roads. For the record, our figures to date are 1,461 vehicles monitored with just 3 offenders.

A new development since our group was formed is that of Dorset Police's initiative "Trucam", which involves a police officer with a sophisticated speed camera joining Community Speed Watch groups approximately five times a year. This enables a couple of extra things to happen. This camera is more accurate and therefore does not require the 'margin' that our group's equipment does, so reducing the amount over the speed limit that an offence can be recorded. Secondly, instead of a warning letter being received by the offender, a fixed penalty notice can be issued.

Between May and the present, we have lost a couple of volunteers and are seeking to increase our numbers to keep the group viable. At present, we aim to send out a team of four on a session every two weeks. Sessions last no more than a couple of hours and will typically involve two locations within the village. As a group member, you can commit as much or as little time as you can spare; there is no pressure to regularly attend sessions. Full training in the dos and don'ts and use of equipment is provided by Dorset Police Road Safety team. If you are interested in joining the group, please contact me on 07960 899540 or rob.cullender@gmail.com.

The History of The Crown Inn

I am a defendant of Helen Francis Crew and George Arthur Davies who for donkeys years ran the cobbler's on the crossroads opposite the Church.

My Gran was the daughter of the then landlord of the Crown, Alfred Henry Crew, I had an Uncle Maurice Crew who lived in Sturminster Newton and played the organ at a local village church.

Through a divorce and family break up I have no record of other family connections around Marnhull.

I do however have a watercolour painting of the Crown from the late 18th century, which hung on Grans wall in Stoney Lawn.

Has anyone got any more information for this lost soul?

Regards, Barry Davies 01257 515080

Marnhull Lunch Club

Please note that there will be **NO** lunch club in January. Norval

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Marnhull Men's Shed



What's in the Shed?

The Men's Shed has returned to its normal winter schedule with sessions on both Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons.

Members have been busy this autumn, most notably with the construction of a hexagonal tree bench for the children's playground. This bench was commissioned by the Parish Council to replace the old one, which had become rotten. It turns out that the construction of a large hexagonal structure is harder than it looks, and involves a fair amount of precision geometry.

Installation, on the other hand, is more of a brute force activity, involving chain saws, spades and plenty of concrete.

The accompanying photograph shows some of our intrepid installation team at work.

The Shed has also offered its services to build various bits of scenery for this year's village pantomime – Dick Whittington, featuring the usual star-studded cast and stunning scenery, so be sure to book your tickets early!



The Shed is now well equipped for a wide range of woodworking activities and these facilities are available for use by members in both community & personal projects.

There is plenty of help and encouragement available for those who are new to the craft or need to brush up their skills.

Whatever skill your project demands, there is sure to be a Shed member who knows how to do it.

The Shed is in session every Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon and potential new members are very welcome to

come and have a chat, a cup of tea and see what it's all about. Get in touch with Alan Loukes, the Membership

Secretary, on 01258 821629 or by email at membership@marnhullmensshed.org.uk

Dorset Wildlife Trust: North Dorset Group



Dorset Wildlife Trust Events

North Dorset Group Events Calendar 2019/20

The North Dorset Group of the Dorset Wildlife Trust organise a series of talks each autumn and winter at the Village Hall in Fontmell Magna (SP7 0PF). The talks take place on the third Wednesday of the month, start at 7.30pm and usually last 45 minutes. Our talks are open to everyone, admission is £2.50 (including refreshments & Honeybuns cakes) and children under 16 may attend for free. The proceeds from these talks go to provide tools and equipment for the DWT ranger in North Dorset and in the past few years the group has raised (and spent) almost £4,000.

2019 Talks Programme:

There is no event in December.

2020 Talks Programme:

Wednesday 15th January 2020: Wildflower Wonders – an illustrated talk by Dr. Bob Gibbons, author and wildflower tour leader.

Wednesday 19th February: Marine Conservation, MCZs and Plastics – an illustrated talk by Imogen Davenport, DWT Director of Conservation.

Wednesday 18th March: Reptiles of Dorset – an illustrated talk by Steve Davis, Head of DWT HR & Volunteering.

Wednesday 15th April: Bees and Wildlife Gardening – an illustrated talk by Brigit Strawbridge, DWT's Make Wildlife Welcome Hero and bee friendly gardener (as seen on TV). This talk will be preceded by a rapid AGM (max. 10 mins.).

Marnhull Flower Show 11th July 2020

Following discussion with the Craft Club, the Handicraft Classes have been agreed and so that everyone has time to turn their hands to making something, we have set out below all the classes:

- 70 An item of cross stitch or tapestry
- 71 An item in soft materials using any technique or combination of techniques, e.g. crochet, knitting, macrame
- 72 An item in hard (resistant) materials, e.g. wood, metal, pottery, glass
- 73 A bag of any size or nature
- 74 A picture, not painted suitable for hanging e.g. collage, embroidery, paper,
- 75 An item of patchwork, e.g. quilting, cushion cover
- 76 An item of lace
- 77 A Christmas decoration
- 78 An item of upcycled clothing; please include details of upcycling*
- 79 Any other item
- 80 A work in progress, any item

* We are hoping to see items of clothing made out of other items, e.g. Charity Shop purchases, old dresses, sheets, pillow-cases, or items added to by, for example, embroidery or collage.

The Art classes will remain the same as last year, that is:

- 81 Landscape
- 82 Still Life
- 83 Figures/animals including life drawing
- 84 Flora
- 85 Abstract
- 86 A miniature (size of artwork no more than 10cm by 10 cm (4"), may be in a larger mount/frame

Thoughts from the Methodist Minister:....

Dear Friends,

I sit here in early October wondering what to write in an article that will appear in November...and I can't help wondering, where we (as a nation and local communities) will be after 31st October! This date has been set as the deadline for this country's exit from the formal structures of the European Community, but as I write any one of several options are being suggested as alternative outcomes.

In words of Blessing proclaimed at the end of many acts of worship we are assured of the '...peace of God that passes all understanding' – but this seems to be in short supply at the moment as voices are raised and the virtues of tolerance and patience seem to have evaporated from much public discourse.

There are no easy answers for people of faith either – we have no monopoly on wisdom or good practice and when Churches make loud pronouncements, it is certain that some someone will quickly come forward to give examples of words and actions that have not been as one! Therefore, I am glad to enter November... a month of Remembrance.

On 1st November (All Saints Day) – we recall and give thanks for all of God's saints – those alive, or dead who have helped and inspired us, and others. We are reminded that in all the complexities and uncertainties of life and faith, there are others who have gone before us – we are not alone. Then, on 5th November we remember, remember, 'gunpowder, treason and plot' – as the rhyme goes. These days we enjoy fireworks and bonfires, but the events of 1605 when Guy Fawkes and his accomplices tried to blow up Parliament, call us to value the democracy on which our common life is built and recall how easily social and religious freedoms can be lost. Next, on Remembrance Sunday (this year, 10th November) we stand in silence and then repeat the familiar words of the Kohima Epitaph, '...we will remember them,' as we recount lives lost in military action in many conflicts.

Finally, in services of Christian worship we regularly hear the call of Jesus to his followers at the final meal he shared with them before his arrest, trial and crucifixion, telling them to, 'Do this [eat bread and drink wine] and remember me.' In our vocabulary, we often think that the opposite of 'remember' is to, 'forget.' However, the opposite of remember is in fact, to 'dis-member' – which is to pull apart, or fragment. Christians believe the loving actions of Jesus bring together those who are estranged and separated. This is true 'Re-membrance.'

My hope and prayer is that whatever happens on 31st October, these events we hold in common in November, will help us all to truly 're-member' – to pull together, unite, heal and rebuild...

Peace,

Rev Paul Arnold

Churches Together in Marnhull

Marnhull's traditional **Advent Service** will be held in **Saint Gregory's** Parish Church in the afternoon of **Sunday 1st December beginning at 3:00 pm**. Members of the Methodist Church and Our Lady's Church thank Rev, Gaenor Hockey for inviting us to join together at the beginning of the period in which all Christians remember the first coming of Jesus Christ to His world and look forward to His second coming in glory. Everyone is invited to share this community service.

World Peace Prayers

Churches Together in Marnhull gather regularly to pray for world peace. Everyone is welcome to join us for thirty minutes of quiet contemplation focussed on world events. The gatherings usually take place at midday on the second Friday of each month in the three Marnhull Churches in turn. So the next meeting will be

13 December - Saint Gregory's

We do not meet in December so the following meeting will be in February

St. Gregory's Church

Morning Prayer is held weekly at 9.am on Wednesdays in the Hussey Chapel

Services & Events for December 2019

Sunday 1st – Advent Sunday

08.00 - Holy Communion (Said)

10.00 - Parish Eucharist

3.00pm - Churches Together Advent Carol Service

Wednesday 4th

11.am - Holy Communion (Said)

2.30 - Children's Service led by St Gregory's Primary School

Sunday 9th – Second Sunday in Advent

08.00 - Holy Communion (Said)

10.00 - Family Christingle Service

Wednesday 11th

Sunday 15th - Third Sunday in Advent

08.00 - Holy Communion (Said)

10.00 - Parish Eucharist

6.00 pm - Service of Lessons and Carols

Tuesday 17th

'The Christmas Story' by St Gregory's Primary School Performances at 2.00pm and 6.00pm

Sunday 22nd – Fourth Sunday in Advent

08.00 - Holy Communion (Said)

10.00 - Parish Eucharist

– Christmas Eve

4.00 pm – Blessing of the Crib Service

10.30pm Eucharist for Christmas Eve

Wednesday 25th Christmas Day

08.00 - Holy Communion (Said)

10.00 - Parish Eucharist for Christmas Day

Sunday 29th – First Sunday of Christmas

08.00 - Holy Communion (Said)

10.00 - Parish Eucharist

Services & Events for January 2020

Wednesday 1st

11.00 Holy Communion (Said)

Sunday 5th – Second Sunday of Christmas

08.00 - Holy Communion (Said)

10.00 - Parish Eucharist

4pm NEW Family Service

Wednesday 8th

2.30 - Children's Service led by St Gregory's Primary School

Sunday 12th - Epiphany 1 The Baptism of Christ

08.00 - Holy Communion (Said)

10.00 - Parish Eucharist

Sunday 19th - Second Sunday in Epiphany

08.00 Holy Communion (Said)

10.00 Joint Covenant Service with Methodist Church (NO service at St Gregory's)

Wednesday 22nd

2.30 - Children's Service led by St Gregory's Primary School

Sunday 26th Third Sunday of Epiphany

08.00 - Holy Communion (Said)

10.00 - Parish Eucharist

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Feast Days in December

9 – The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Mary was conceived without original sin and it was this grace that enabled her to say “yes” to the request conveyed to her by the Angel Gabriel, that she should consent to be the mother of the incarnate God.

24 – Christmas Eve

Our Lady's, Marnhull 5.30pm – Carols, 6.00pm – Mass of the Vigil

St Benedict's Gillingham 8.00pm – Carols, 8.30pm – Mass of the Night

25 – Christmas Day

Our Lady's, Marnhull 9.30am – Mass of the Dawn

St Benedict's Gillingham 11.00am – Mass of the Day

26 – Saint Stephen, the first Martyr

St Stephen the Proto-martyr was one of the seven deacons who assisted the Twelve. Denounced to the Jewish authorities as a blasphemer, he was stoned to death outside Jerusalem. He died praying for those who killed him. Present at his martyrdom was Saul of Tarsus, who became the Apostle of the Gentiles.

27 – Saint John, Apostle, Evangelist

St John was the son of Zebedee and worked as a Galilean fisherman with his brother St James. The ‘disciple whom Jesus loved’, he stood at the foot of the cross and was entrusted to the Blessed Virgin. He wrote the fourth Gospel, three Epistles and the Apocalypse. He spent many years in exile on Patmos and died in Ephesus.

28 – The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

The Holy Innocents were the young children of the neighbourhood of Bethlehem (all under the age of two) who were put to death by Herod in his attempt to kill the Infant Jesus.

29 – Saint Thomas Becket, Bishop, Martyr

St Thomas (1118-1170) was Henry II's Chancellor and later became Archbishop of Canterbury. His defence of the rights of the Church led to disagreements with the King. He was exiled for six years and shortly after returning to Canterbury, Thomas was murdered by agents of the King (29 Dec 1170). Canonised three years later, he is honoured as patron of the pastoral clergy in England.

30 – The Holy Family

Today we celebrate the Holy Family as the model and exemplar of all Christian families.

Feast Days in January

1 – Mary, Mother of God

The Octave of Christmas ends on the first day of the New Year, which is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin, venerated as the Mother of God.

5 – The Epiphany of the Lord

12 – The Baptism of The Lord

25 – Conversion of St Paul

This feast commemorates the conversion of Saul of Tarsus while he was on his way to Damascus to persecute Christians. He was blinded by a dazzling light and thrown from his horse to the ground, hearing the words of the Risen Christ saying, “Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?” Saul (who became Paul) was tasked with proclaiming the Gospel to the Gentiles.

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Parish People

Parish Film Night at Our Lady's on the 27th of November featured the classic 1940s movie ‘It's a Wonderful Life’ starring James Stewart. A morally serious film, cleverly disguised as a sentimental one!

By popular demand, there will be a repeat showing of ‘Molokai’, on 10 December. This is the true Story of Father Damien, a 19th century priest who volunteered to go to the island of Molokai to console and care for lepers. This is an inspirational film starring Sam Neill, Leo McKern, Derek Jacobi, David Wenham and Peter O'Toole.

The Methodist Church

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Sunday Service Everyone is welcome to join our service at 10:00am every Sunday and for tea or coffee in the hall afterwards.

120th Anniversary

What a wonderful evening we enjoyed on 1st November when we celebrated the 120th anniversary of the opening of the present church building with music and song! The Marnhull Community Choir and soloists Carey Irving and Duncan Goldie treated us to music which ranged from Flanders and Swan to Verdi and Mozart together with folk songs from around the world. The audience filling the church enthusiastically joined in celebrating the Methodist tradition of congregational hymn singing supported by our organist Hayden Williams. Thanks to everyone who worked hard to make the evening such a success.

On the actual anniversary, **Sunday 8th December, we shall be holding a special service in Church beginning at 2:30 pm** to which you are all invited. The service will be followed by tea in our hall where there will also be a display remembering some significant events from the past 120 years.

Carol Service

Do also make a note of our **candlelit carol service on Wednesday 18th December at 5:00 pm** with tea afterwards in the hall. This is a very popular and loved event and you really wouldn't want to miss it!

Youth Work

Girls' Brigade meets in the Church Hall on Wednesday evenings from 6:00 pm to 7:15 pm. New members (4years old and upwards) are always welcome. For more information, contact the Captain, Rachael Findlay on 07771 897262

Hire the Hall

Our church hall is a good place to hire for family parties and social or other events for individuals, clubs, societies, and classes. Rates are reasonable and bookings can be made by contacting Mrs. Marlene Plowman on 01258 820869.

Marnhull Churches Sunday Services

Anglican Church of St. Gregory the Great, New Street

8.00 – Holy Communion

10.00 – Parish Eucharist

Weekday services as advertised

www.StGregorysMarnhull.org.uk

Catholic Church of Our Lady, Old Mill Lane

9.30 - Mass

6.00 - Mass

www.marnhullandgillinghamrc.org.uk

Marnhull Methodist Church, Burton Street

10.00 - Morning Service

St Mary's Catholic School



St. Mary's Catholic
Primary School

It has been an exciting few weeks! The new half term started with us attending the Marnhull Fest Fireworks on Marnhull Recreation ground. It was a joy to see so many people enjoying the event and was lovely to join forces with Marnhull Fest and St Greg's for a really successful community event. Thank you to all those that came and supported us.

The school grounds are looking different following the development of our new Key Stage One outdoor area. After successfully winning a grant from the National Lottery, we have been able to install a new canopy and story-telling area. This will be developed to include outdoor provision for our Key Stage One children and will complement our Early Years area.

Just before half-term, our Year 5/6 tag-rugby team took part in the Gillingham Family Football Tournament at North Dorset Rugby Club on Wednesday 23rd October. The new team worked hard and progressed as a group during each match. They played 8 matches against some excellent teams and gained tremendously from the experience.



Four children from Year 5 and 6 took part in leadership training in sport at St Mary's Shaftesbury and gained Bronze Ambassador awards. They enjoyed learning new games activities to teach others and learned how to plan and deliver these in an exciting way. The children are keen to begin a dance club in school and encourage new activities in the playground.



We were really pleased to see so many friends and family at our recent Harvest celebration. The children thoroughly enjoyed presenting some of their Harvest themed work including; apple art work by Reception/Year 1, an acrostic poem from Year 2, a collage made from honesty seeds from Years 3/4 followed by storytelling from Year 5/6.

It was a great opportunity to celebrate what we have and also to think of those less fortunate. A huge thank you for all of the kind and generous food donations which have been passed onto the Gillingham food bank.



As a school, we joined other members of the community to mark Armistice day at St Gregory's church. The Year 6 children laid a wreath whilst the rest of the school took part in a two minute silence at school.

Plant World have kindly donated enough bulbs, compost and pots for every child to plant their own to brighten up our grounds. The children are looking forward to watching these grow over the coming months.

If you would like to come and visit the school to see what we can offer your child, contact the school office office@stmarymarnhull.dorset.sch.uk 01258 820417 or just pop in!

St Mary's Explorers

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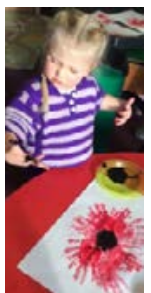


An exciting preschool led by a fully qualified teacher

Explorer's exploded with firework artwork and dances this month. They thoroughly enjoyed watching some impressive firework displays on our interactive boards and then imitating what they had seen.

The children marked Remembrance Day painting a handprint poppy and discussing the importance of peace. They thought of ways to spread peace in our school and came up with some lovely ideas. These included using kind hands and sharing.

The children have loved listening to traditional stories and picked one of their favourites 'The Three Little Pigs' for a class focus. They enjoyed role playing as their favourite fairy-tale characters. Shouts of 'I'll huff and I'll puff!' were heard as the children got into role. The staff were amused listening to the children exploring the different character's voices. Children created their own pig houses and developed their own story telling tray. They also got involved in lots of problem solving activities which included trying to persuade the Big Bad Wolf not to eat the pigs. Their plan is to invite the Big Bad Wolf to tea and fill him up – we're all looking forward to lots of cooking in preparation.



St Mary's Explorers is open from 8:45am – 3:15pm every week day during term time and spaces are available for children aged 3 years +, with wrap around care from 8am – 6pm on request. The unit allows preschool and Reception children to work together on lots of key areas of learning, something that OFSTED agree allows younger children to make greater progress. If you would like to have a look around, or come and stay for a taster session, please call 01258 820417 to make an appointment. (Sessions: £4 per hour/£24 for full day, Early Education Funding vouchers accepted and 30hrs funding available)

Marnhull Baby & Toddler Group

We had our awesome Halloween party on 24th October. We played pin the spider on the web, made a trick or treat bucket that the children decorated then we had some lovely party food for our snack. The children came dressed up in some amazing costumes we even had a couple of parents dress up too. It was a great morning.

On 7th November after a week off for half term we did some firework painting which got us all very message we were using our fingers. It was great and saw some amazing fireworks.

Dates for the diary:

5th December - start Xmas crafts

12th December - no toddlers due to voting.

19th December - Christmas party

8th January - back after Christmas holidays.

Have a lovely Christmas and New Year - Emma and Michelle



St Gregory's C of E Primary School



Whilst Autumn leaves doth fall School work has continued to thrill In class, a musical sound The scent of Pizza could be found Ever more in November The fallen we did remember

"THE STRENGTH OF THE TEAM IS EACH INDIVIDUAL MEMBER. THE STRENGTH OF EACH MEMBER IS THE TEAM".



As previewed last month our Tag Ruby team played in the local area Y5/6 Tag Rugby festival at NDRFC. The team played over 80 minutes of rugby, displaying an abundance of determination and team spirit. Out of the 9 schools taking part, we were placed 3rd

overall, a fantastic effort bearing in mind we had a number of Y4 children taking part. Mrs Barge & Mr Pearce along with the whole school are enormously proud of their efforts. More Rugby will follow as an inter-house competition will soon take place.

SUPER SUNDAY!

Billed as a clash of the titans, many turned out to witness perhaps the Stadio Del Marnhull's greatest ever sporting contest. Gracing the hallowed turf of the Recreation ground a plucky group of parents from St Greg's took on the might of Marnhull F.C in a Super Sunday encounter to raise funds for the school.



With the smell of pizza (thanks to the Box), hot chocolate and deep heat wafting through the Autumnal air the match ebbed and flowed with both team's level (1-1) at the break. The second half saw an evenly contested 30mins before

Marnhull F. C's superior game play shone through to take the win 4-2. Well played all and on behalf of the whole school Mrs Field would like to extend thanks to all the playing parents, Marnhull F.C, Cam Cudlipp (our ref) and all that came along and supported.



Hedgehog Blog

TEAMWORK MAKES THE DREAM WORK!

Hedgehog class have been busy retelling The Enormous Turnip story, learning that many hands can make lighter work.

Class have also been having fun exploring Autumn by making autumn jelly, hammering pumpkins, making a scarecrow and singing Dingle Dangle Scarecrow in the Harvest service. The children also shared all their fantastic learning in their first whole school assembly. This next month our class will be finding their voices as we seek to start a choir. Ed and Jess watch out!



RabbitsHabits

BELLISSIMA PIZZA!

Rabbits feet are of course deemed lucky and so are Rabbits class as one of the parents, Mr Brocca, who has a local pizza business (The Box), made authentic Italian thin base pizzas with us using fresh ingredients. Using his portable pizza oven each child had a freshly made pizza in a pizza box to take home that day, this provided a special end to our topic of The Scented Garden, in which we have explored flavours and growing food, a further highlight being a visit to the organic farm at Child Okeford to observe how food is produced.

Our new topic is 'Beat, Band, Boogie!' focusing on sounds, musical instruments and performing. More on this next month!



Badger Jibber-Jabber

CRESCENDO SHOW!

Music can be overlooked somewhat at schools, how refreshing it is that Badgers class have been thoroughly enjoying their brass lessons with Mr Randell from Dorset Music Service. In the last few weeks they have learnt how to play a variety of notes and they are now beginning to learn the harmony to some modern pop songs. Anticipation builds as they will soon perform to their families and the rest of the school.



Fox Vox

"WHEN YOU GO HOME, TELL THEM OF US AND SAY, FOR THEIR TOMORROW WE GAVE OUR TODAY."

Foxes class (Y5 & 6) very proudly led the school Remembrance Service, they perfectly captured the true importance of Remembrance and the emotion that is felt during this time.

Class have made poppies using mod-roc and joined the Royal British Legion at the war memorial to further reflect on conflicts past, laying a wreath they had created using recycled plastic bottles on the memorial steps.

A very moving dance was also performed based on war giving everyone a unique perspective on Remembrance.

Watch out soon for news on our new learning this term: The Heart and Circulatory System!



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Sturminster Choral Society Christmas Concert

Sturminster Choral Society will be singing choruses and chorales from the Christmas Oratorio by J S Bach, with narration, on Saturday 7th December, 7.30pm at St Mary's Church Sturminster Newton. There will also be carols for audience and choir. Come along and join us for this Christmas celebration and for refreshments after the performance, included in the £10 ticket available from choir members and on the door. Visit our website www.sturminsterchoral.org.uk

Digital Champions

Anyone wanting to improve their digital skills to stay in touch with friends and family can book for free, one to one help ahead of Christmas.

Dorset Council has a network of 75 volunteers who run free, one-to-one computer help sessions in libraries and other venues across the county. They can help with everything from switching on a computer and using the internet safely, to managing email and learning to use video calls.

Rita, a learner in her 80s, who lives in Verwood, has taken all she has learnt from her Digital Champion one step further and is now teaching her great-grandchildren how to create photo albums.

Rita said: "My digital skills were very "hit or miss" when I started. I had a new tablet but I didn't understand which buttons to press and on a scale of ten I scored about one!

I heard about help from the Digital Champion at Verwood Library and I thought I could only improve!

"My friends and family were very knowledgeable and I felt left behind. My great granddaughter would take lots of photos but I couldn't join in. But now I am taking lovely photos of family and also of my holiday cruises and storing them in different albums and sharing them – and they can't do that! They think I am quite clever – I am one step ahead!"

Rita is also using her Digital Champion's expertise to help her prepare for the years ahead, in case she finds she is less able to get out. She has learnt how to do online shopping, how to use the doctor's website to order medication and can now renew and order books from the library.

Rita added: "My next challenge is to keep in touch more regularly with my friend in Australia. I haven't seen her for many years and I wish I could do Skype – we ring each other once a year." Rita's friend already uses Skype to keep in touch with family in the UK, so Rita is planning to be skyping her soon!

Cllr. Gary Suttle, Portfolio Holder for Economic Growth and Skills, Dorset Council said: "We all recognise the link between having strong and meaningful social connections and living a healthy and successful life. Skype is one of the digital tools we are encouraging people to use more. It is more personal because you can see someone close up to have a regular catch up. You may be unlikely to travel to Australia but you can keep in contact with friends and family wherever you are which is good for our overall health."

Rita added: "It is so much easier to learn when you have one to one support and it is free. The Digital Champions help you at your own pace and they are very patient."

If you would like help to keep in contact digitally with friends and family this Christmas, take and share photos, book a doctor's appointment, renew your library books or just switch on the computer then please call 01305 221048 or visit your local library.

Fireworks Display

I am always struck by Marnhull's sense of community and this was never better paraded than on the 5th November when Marnfest, St Gregory's & St Mary's all helped to create a thoroughly enjoyable fireworks spectacular. From babies in buggies to 102 Yr. old Roy Cooper the spectrum of spectators was marvellous to see.

The formal display was kicked off with Flame Artist Lucinda wowing the audience with her dazzling display (kindly sponsored by AJN Steel) Lucinda more than made up for the lack of warmth as she twirled with amazing grace an array of flaming instruments warming the crowds in the process.

Throughout the evening both schools made sure that no one went hungry or thirsty, with all proceeds going back to the schools the BBQ, mulled wine, hot chocolate, sweets and glow sticks all made sure that our local children will benefit when those lucky head teachers get to spend the winnings. Special thanks to all parents, friends and teachers that helped to make it a memorable evening.

Of course the main event of the evening was the fireworks. Marnfest, whom are no strangers to putting on a good show themselves very kindly funded the display for the village and both schools would like to thank them for their kindhearted philanthropy.

Final special thanks go to Roy Cooper who braved the elements to officially open the display and in so doing helped demonstrate the sense of community that happily was as abundant as the lights in the display. Chapeau Marnhull!



Cancer Research UK

A huge thank you to the villagers of Marnhull who turned out in numbers to support our Christmas Fête and Ploughman's lunch at the Methodist Church on Saturday 16th, it was a great success with a terrific atmosphere, we raised a total of £624.25, then on Sunday morning a donation of £26.00 was put through my door, the anonymous person wanted to make the grand total up to £650.25 which was far beyond my expectations of what we would make. Thank you to my band of helpers, Eileen Woodward, Alison Wood, Sue White, Karen Vowles, Doris Chard and Jenny Griffiths. Also to Atul Robin Hill Stores, Monty and Gemma at Crown Marnhull, David - Marnhull Chemist, Tom- Spar Marnhull, Mark - Blackmore Vale pub. Harts- Stur, Marsh, Stur, Virginia Hayward Mary Coolaghan, Linda Cook, Wessex Photography - Sturminster Newton. and all other donations I received for the tombola. Thank you to all these people who donated - Tesco Shaftesbury for all the lovely crusty bread, Blue Vinny Cheese, and Ford Cheese Farm Dorchester, to Blackmore Vale Dairy Shaftesbury for all the clotted cream, Sue and Eileen for all the home made scones, Tony Clark for picking and preparing all the apples and blackberries for the crumbles that were on sale, and anyone else I may have forgotten.

Thank you to John Dowsett for doing a fantastic job of auctioneering off everything that was left.

Big thanks to my husband Keith, who does all the carrying, fetching, running around, printing and helping me all the time, but most of all Thank You to the people of Marnhull who came and supported us, without you it would not have happened, I thank you from the bottom of my heart.

From all of us Merry Christmas and Happy New year

Carol, Alison, Sue, Eileen, Jenny, Doris, and Karen XX

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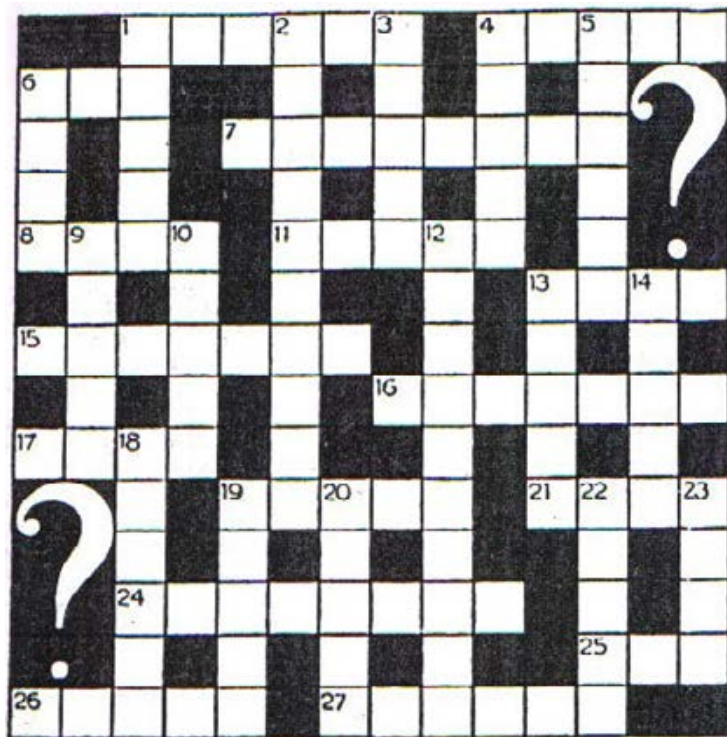
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ACROSS

- 1) Common name for the axilla. (6)
- 4) See 11A.
- 6) SI unit of electrical resistance. (3)
- 7) Slipping down of a part or organ of the body . (8)
- 8) People who built large pyramid like structures in Central and south America. (4)
- 11) and 4A Former name of Burkina Faso. (5-5)
- 13) Small island in a river. (4)
- 15) Hungarian soup or stew of meat and vegetable flavoured with paprika. (7)
- 16) Person who made the first airplane flight over the English channel in 1909. (7)
- 17) Row of houses converted from stables. (4)
- 19) Two winged insects resembling mosquitoes which form large swarms. (5)
- 21) Place in the Book of Genesis to the west of the Land of Nod. (4)
- 24) A gaseous element that forms compounds with difficulty or not at all. (5-3)
- 25) Silvery white metal with the symbol Sn. (3)
- 26) A feudal superior or sovereign. (5)
- 27) US TV comedy series of the 80's and 90's set in Boston. (6)

DOWN

- 1) Island setting of the 1975 film Jaws. (5)
- 2) Last fully completed novel by Jane Austen. (10)
- 3) Bulbous spring flowering plant of the lily family with boldly coloured cup like flowers. (5)
- 4) Venomous snake with large hinged fangs and dark patterns on a lighter background. (5)
- 5) Sideways drift of a ship to the side sheltered from the wind. (6)
- 6) Mature female reproductive cell. (4)
- 9) Positively charge electrode. (5)
- 10) In Greek mythology a Titan condemned to hold up the heavens for eternity
- 12) Item of soft sweet food named after a town near Manchester. (5)
- 13) An eagle's nest. (5)
- 14) Pungent toxic form of oxygen. (5)
- 18) A Maori woman or wife. (6)
- 19) A diving waterbird with a long neck. (5)
- 20) A member of the group of people of Central Mexico. (5)
- 22) Tapered tucks in a garment. (5)
- 23) In Indian cooking a flat leavened bread. (4)

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