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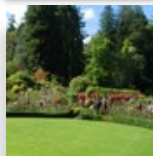
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Village Quiz

Teams of six are invited to represent their club or society in this annual battle for the Village Shield.

The quiz will be held in the British Legion

Friday, 12th July Starting at 7pm

To book a place email mikyon@aol.com

Marnhull Lunch Club

We are now collecting bottles and tins for our stall at the Fest in July and any contributions will be gratefully received.

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Welcome to your Marnhull Messenger

Chris Ryu - Messenger Editor

Welcome to the May Issue of the Messenger.

Just a reminder that we're in the process of updating the Marnhull Village Directory. If you are responsible for a club/group please let us know of any changes to contact details.

Village Diary

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

The village diary is so well populated now that I'm having to cut it down to just 2 months as it was over a page full!

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Wedding hire... £250 per day

Booking Officer: 01258 820853

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Building project drop-ins – thank you

We had three very enjoyable and useful drop-in sessions during April, open altogether for 12 hours. Many people stayed at least half an hour, and we had an estimated 80 – 90 people in total – possibly more. There was a continual buzz from opening to closing, and a lot of interest and general support for the overall project.

Thank you all very much for coming and supporting us. We took in everything you said. Having all the suggestions and views is very useful. Some were single views, some were repeated by a number of people. All of you who came and talked to us will know that on cost and practicality grounds they can't all be followed, and of course some of the ideas opposed each other – however, we have noted and discussed them all.

We hope everyone attending a session left knowing a lot more about the project. We expect by the late summer to have tenders back, to have evaluated them, and considered various options which will be dictated largely by the tender results and the money we have available at that time. Ultimately the decisions will be made by the full Management Committee, which is largely comprised of all the user groups, and there will be a comprehensive explanation of the options in advance of any meeting.

There will now be periodic updates about the project on the new notice board in the Village Hall, and on the public notice boards in the Burton Street car park and at the Burton Street entrance to the recreation ground and Village Hall.

Barn Dance If when you read this you still need a ticket (or two) for the Barn Dance (with Teasing the Cat) on Saturday 4th May please ring John Dowsett, 01258 821534 – also about any matters arising from the above.

Marnhull Village Hall Building Project Working Group



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Annual Diary 2019

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

May

1st - Fit Steps @ 11:00
 1st - Table tennis @ 14:00
 1st - Zumba @ 19:30 St Gregory's primary
 2nd - Marnhull Craft Club @ 10:00 Methodist Church
 3rd - Marnhull Lunch Club @ 12:00
 4th - Plus One Concert @ 19:00 St Gregory's
 6th - Mothers' Union meeting @ 10:00 Methodist Hall
 6th - Sturminster Health Walk @ 14:00 Sturminster medical centre
 6th - Table tennis @ 14:00
 7th - Art for everyone @ 10:00
 7th - Marnhull Bridge Club @ 14:00 Methodist Church
 7th - Cafe Sci @ 20:00 Blackmore Vale inn
 8th - Fit Steps @ 11:00
 8th - Table tennis @ 14:00
 8th - Mother's Union @ 14:30 Methodist Church
 8th - Sturminster Newton Floral Group- Demonstration, 'Melange' - Julia Harrison @ 19:30 Sturminster Exchange
 8th - Zumba @ 19:30 St Gregory's primary
 9th - Baby and Toddler Group @ 09:30
 10th - Blackmore Vale Art Group : "The importance of seeing" workshop by David Marl @ 10:30
 13th - Sturminster Health Walk @ 14:00 Sturminster medical centre
 13th - Table tennis @ 14:00
 13th - Bingo at Legion @ 19:00 British Legion
 13th - Parish Council Meeting @ 19:00
 13th - Women's Institute- Resolutions and Beetle Drive @ 19:30
 14th - Art for everyone @ 10:00
 14th - Marnhull Bridge Club @ 14:00 Methodist Church
 14th - Garden Club @ 19:30
 15th - Fit Steps @ 11:00
 15th - Table tennis @ 14:00
 15th - Zumba @ 19:30 St Gregory's primary
 16th - Baby and Toddler Group @ 09:30
 18th - Mini Marathon @ St Gregory's
 18th - Help for Heroes Coffee Morning @ 10:00
 18th - A Great Night Out @ 19:30
 20th - Sturminster Health Walk @ 14:00

Sturminster medical centre
 20th - Table tennis @ 14:00
 20th - Marnhull Music Society @ 19:15
 21st - Art for everyone @ 10:00
 21st - Marnhull Bridge Club @ 14:00 Methodist Church
 22nd - Fit Steps @ 11:00
 22nd - Table tennis @ 14:00
 22nd - Zumba @ 19:30 St Gregory's primary
 23rd - Baby and Toddler Group @ 09:30
 27th - Sturminster Health Walk @ 14:00 Sturminster medical centre
 27th - Table tennis @ 14:00
 27th - Bingo at Legion @ 19:00 British Legion
 28th - Art for everyone @ 10:00
 28th - Marnhull Bridge Club @ 14:00 Methodist Church
 28th - Moviola- 'Bohemian Rhapsody' @ 19:30
 29th - Fit Steps @ 11:00
 29th - Table tennis @ 14:00
 29th - Zumba @ 19:30 St Gregory's primary
 30th - Ascension Day Compline @ 20:00

June

3rd - Sturminster Health Walk @ 14:00 Sturminster medical centre
 3rd - Table tennis @ 14:00
 3rd - Parish Council Meeting @ 19:00
 4th - Art for everyone @ 10:00
 4th - Marnhull Bridge Club @ 14:00 Methodist Church
 4th - Art For Everyone Exhibition @ 18:00
 4th - Cafe Sci @ 20:00 Blackmore Vale inn
 5th - Fit Steps @ 11:00
 5th - Table tennis @ 14:00
 5th - Zumba @ 19:30 St Gregory's primary
 6th - Baby and Toddler Group @ 09:30
 6th - Marnhull Craft Club @ 10:00 Methodist Church
 7th - Marnhull Lunch Club @ 12:00
 8th - Organ Recital @ 19:00 St Gregory's
 10th - Sturminster Health Walk @ 14:00 Sturminster medical centre
 10th - Table tennis @ 14:00
 10th - Bingo at Legion @ 19:00 Marnhull British Legion

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11th - Art for everyone @ 10:00
 11th - Marnhull Bridge Club @ 14:00 Methodist Church
 11th - Garden Club @ 19:30
 12th - Mothers' Union meeting @ 00:00
 12th - Fit Steps @ 11:00
 12th - Table tennis @ 14:00
 12th - Mother's Union @ 14:30 Methodist Church
 12th - Zumba @ 19:30 St Gregory's primary
 13th - Baby and Toddler Group @ 09:30
 14th - Blackmore Vale Art Group painting and drawing @ 10:00
 14th - Sturminster Newton Floral Group- Club Show @ 19:30 Sturminster Exchange
 17th - Sturminster Health Walk @ 14:00 Sturminster medical centre
 17th - Table tennis @ 14:00
 17th - Marnhull Music Society @ 19:15
 18th - Art for everyone @ 10:00
 18th - Marnhull Bridge Club @ 14:00 Methodist Church
 19th - Fit Steps @ 11:00
 19th - Table tennis @ 14:00
 19th - Zumba @ 19:30 St Gregory's primary
 20th - Baby and Toddler Group @ 09:30
 21st - POPPin Cafe @ 10:00
 24th - Sturminster Health Walk @ 14:00 Sturminster medical centre
 24th - Table tennis @ 14:00
 24th - Bingo at Legion @ 19:00 Marnhull British Legion
 25th - Art for everyone @ 10:00
 25th - Marnhull Bridge Club @ 14:00 Methodist Church
 25th - Moviola- 'Sometimes, Always Never' @ 19:30
 26th - Fit Steps @ 11:00
 26th - Table tennis @ 14:00
 26th - Zumba @ 19:30 St Gregory's primary
 27th - Baby and Toddler Group @ 09:30

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 Parish Council



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It is believed that approval has been given to build up to 61 houses on the land north of Burton Street when in fact only the access has been approved so far. The next stage will be the finished plans with scale and layout when the Parish Council will be consulted.

The Parish Council feel that the residents are in a far better position to make an informed judgement about the impact on infrastructure and with that in mind arranged for public meetings and for a Survey to be carried out in the Marnhull Messenger which was widely distributed throughout the village. We also held sessions in the Marnhull Village Hub (3 sessions) and the Marnhull Village Hall (1 session) Posters were displayed in the Village to advertise the survey. in order to provide Villagers with information about each development and endeavour to get a balanced view from the majority of residents.

Most of the houses in Marnhull received a survey but sadly just 11% actually returned it leaving 89% who did not. The Parish Council did all we could have to save the village from large developments and I hope that as we have one it may help against the other applications when they come up but remind you all that It is your village.

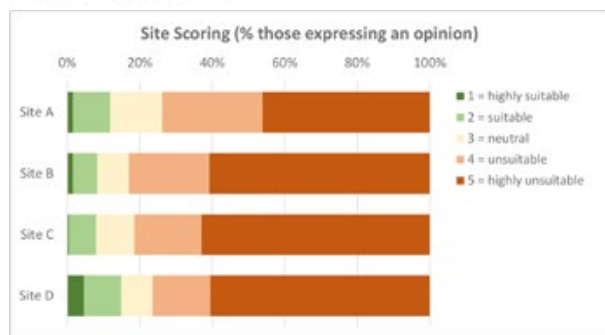
Having said that undoubtedly there is a need for families with young children to be attracted to move into Marnhull so preserving at least our schools and in time increase our local amenities. This together with hopefully more local job opportunities being developed within surrounding towns increasing the frequency of bus and train services to be able to get to and from them.

Without a Neighbourhood Plan, which we tried to get off the ground. there was not enough reason to refuse. Plus, a lack of 5-year supply, and the Gillingham Southern Extension has become a lemon we all have to suck on.

The Parish Council will continue to speak on your behalf and do all it can to mitigate the impact of large developments in Marnhull but it does need your help in deciding what Marnhull will look like in ten years' time?

Results of the survey were as follows:

Survey Updated to 20th March 2019



	SPREAD OF VOTES PER SITE				% OF THOSE EXPRESSING AN OPINION			
	Site A	Site B	Site C	Site D	Site A	Site B	Site C	Site D
1 = highly suitable	3	3	1	9	2%	2%	1%	5%
2 = suitable	20	13	15	20	10%	7%	8%	10%
3 = neutral	28	17	21	17	14%	9%	11%	9%
4 = unsuitable	54	43	37	31	28%	22%	19%	16%
5 = highly unsuitable	90	118	126	118	46%	61%	63%	61%
X = don't know	13	14	8	13				
TOTAL SUBMISSIONS	208	208	208	208				

Royal British Legion



The Poppy total for this collecting year so far is an outstanding £6,662, so well done to all who collected, contributed, ran quizzes, organised jumble sales or ran bingo or anything else over the year.

It is no surprise that a large slice of this total comes from Lyn Bartlett's fortnightly bingo sessions. Lyn is not in the best of health but works incredibly hard to get great prizes and manages to attract people from all over North Dorset with around fifty regulars who come to every session. Sadly only a small percentage of those are Marnhull residents, why is this? Answers on a postcard please, or e-mail.

Glad to hear that the village hall improvement scheme is continuing apace, we are not in competition but rather complement each other as village resources so if any function is disrupted while work is in progress get in touch and we will see if we can help.

The Poppy collection trophies are in the throws of being engraved and will soon be given back to sit on Colin Hayward's mantelpiece and in the Post Office. Can anybody wrest them away next year?

On the same subject we have lost a couple of collectors due to Father Time taking his toll as he often does so if you think you would like to help get in touch with me or Poppy Appeal Organiser Val Eslick on 820619. The collecting period is the fortnight leading up to Remembrance Sunday on November 10th, remember every penny counts so please help if you can.

Most of you will be aware that the Legion Hall can be hired, but did you know that it is free to use during bar hours for charity and local societies fundraising activities? This is of course subject to availability, just contact Tony on the number below and see what can be arranged.

The next jumble sale will be on June 1st so if you have any priceless artefacts you would like me to come and collect please get in touch. We have decided to discontinue our plant/book sale due to declining attendance so we will be including a plant sale in this event. This will be in the marquee so look in. Worst way you can have a cup of tea or coffee and a slice of Lyn's home made cake or her diet busting bread pudding. Well worth the effort.

Speaking of the marquee it will be in place until late autumn (unless it get blown away of course) so maybe that is something you could consider if you have some kind of event to plan. It can easily hold 60 people so worth considering.

For Branch Business (or anything in relation to our article) contact Jack Whitehead on 01258 820800 or E-mail whiteheadjack51@gmail.com

For Hall Business, contact Tony Junge on 01258 820397.

New Priest For Marnhull

Gaenor with her husband Bob and their two teenage daughters will move into the Rectory in the summer and she will be licensed in a special service on Wednesday 11th September at 7pm in St Gregory's Church. Gaenor is currently Vicar of Holy Trinity Church, Yeovil, together with St Mary Magdalene, Barwick and she brings a wealth of experience of both rural and urban ministry.

The PCC and Congregation are looking forward to Gaenor's arrival and to having a family living in the Rectory again. We are all delighted by the appointment and the Churchwardens would like to express their thanks to the retired local clergy who are nobly filling in by leading the services each week during the vacancy.

Gaenor says: I am delighted that we are coming to St. Gregory's Marnhull as it is very active church community within a vibrant village community! The church's core beliefs of hospitality and welcome, prayer, active faith and outward looking concern, resonate with mine and I really look forward to building on the good things that are already in place as well as bring some creative ideas for the future!



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From The Surgeries

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We welcome Dr Jacqueline Ainsley to the team in Sturminster Newton. Dr Ainsley, who has a special interest in women's health, is a very experienced GP who has worked at the Practice for the last 3 years based in Shaftesbury, but is relocating to Sturminster Newton.

Dr Tony Greig has also joined the Practice. He is an experienced GP from Wiltshire, with a special interest in cardiology.

Carers' Clinic

The next Clinic is on Tuesday May 21st, from 1.30 in Sturminster Newton. If you'd like an appointment, then telephone the Surgery on 01258 474500.

The Clinic offers a one to one health check for carers and one of the Dorset Carers Case Workers will be on hand to provide support and advice around caring roles, including financial advice. A factsheet to explain the service is available from the Surgery.

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Please book appointments with reception or by telephone on 01258 474500.

From The Surgeries Pharmacy2U

Pharmacy2U costs the NHS less than the average High Street pharmacy per item dispensed - mainly due to their substantial repeat prescription dispensing volume, and having just one premise. Their published data shows a saving of 38p per item dispensed, as compared with the fees paid to the average High Street Dispensary - saving the NHS just over £4 million so far. If anyone is interested in the source of this data, the following link might be helpful - <http://tinyurl.com/yy4vqte8>

For the sake of transparency, I have no connection with them, other than as a satisfied customer.

Colin Fancourt

Age UK Dorchester

Age UK Dorchester has need of a volunteer to join its Advocacy team on a Friday, to provide information and advice to older people.

Advocacy is identifying with and representing a person's views and concerns, and respects people's rights to control their own lives and make their own choices. Its emphasis is on empowering people; not solving their problems for them. This may include enabling individuals to write letters or make phone calls and/or representing their wishes or negotiating with an outside agency.

If you:

Like to identify problems and solutions in meeting the needs of older people, have some spare time to give, enjoy volunteering, basic computer skills, be prepared to travel and make home visits

Please contact Peter Lindsley on 01305 269444
plindsley@ageukdorchester.org.uk



News from the Nick.
**Combating crime
in your neighbourhood**
PC 2146 Phil Sugrue
07500 816 258



There are no crimes to report for March. However there were 2 reports of suspicious vehicles; one a silver Ford Transit was offering goods for sale. Dorset Police do not recommend that you buy items in this was as they are often of a poor quality and on occasions stolen.

COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH

Due to concerns of speeding in the village a Community Speed Watch team has been set up. This is run by volunteers, who have now received their training, and will be at a number of sites in the village.

THEFT FROM VEHICLES AT BEAUTY SPOTS UPDATE

On Saturday 30th March the North Dorset Rural NPT were out in force making proactive patrols in the North Dorset area; this included myself and PC Phil Sugrue as well as 4 other officers. We took this approach due to increased breaks to vehicles at local beauty spots. We visited all the car parks, laybys and pull ins at these areas we also engaged with visitors, walkers and dog walkers. Despite the signage and repeated posts on social media regarding theft from unmanned vehicles at beauty spots, valuables are still being left in full view in vehicles. Do not place handbags etc under the seat or in the boot as the thief knows where to look. **DO NOT LEAVE VALUABLES IN YOUR VEHICLE!** #RemoveltLockIt

MONTHLY SURGERY – NEW VENUE

As from Thursday 6th June the monthly surgeries will no longer be held at The Post Office and the Spar. The new venue will be The Hub in Burton Street from 11.30-12noon they will continue to be held on the 1st Thursday of the month.

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

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>

The local NPT surgeries are held on the 1st Thursday of the month at The Post Office 11.30-11.45am and at The Spar 12 noon – 12:15 pm. However there will be occasions when no one is available to attend due to operational reasons. If you need to contact your local NPT the email address is below this however is **NOT** for reporting crimes as it is not monitored 24/7. If you need to report a crime the email address is above or you can phone 101. If a crime is occurring or a life is in danger phone 999.

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Marnhull Women's Institute



In April we held our A.G.M. and our Secretary Rosemary Rowden's address was a model of succinct reportage which I cannot hope to better so I précis it here:

Marnhull WI has had a busy and interesting year. Our membership stands at a healthy 45 with some more ladies joining us soon. The average attendance at our meetings is 32.

We continue to support village events. At the Marnhull Fest in July we ran a successful Home Made Tombola stall and were able to donate £65 to village hall funds. We also provided the decorations for the October POPPin café...when members made many knitted or crochet red poppies. Over 60 were sold raising £154 for the Poppy Appeal. We have provided a display in Robin Hill Stores and a wreath for the Remembrance Day service.

We have had a variety of speakers at our monthly meetings as well as lively social times with Kurling, Beetle drives and wine. We have learned about places far away such as Panama and Iceland but also interests much closer to home such as The Dorset Air Ambulance. Who can forget the sight of owls from Meredown Falconry skimming over our heads or the wonderful singing that got some of us on our feet at our Christmas meeting?

Being a member of the WI can keep you busy! Our groups continue to thrive. The Pins & Needles group are now making Bobby Buddies, soft toys to be used by the police to comfort children, The Walker continue to roam and enjoyed a bluebell walk in Spring. The two book groups meet every month.

We have had outings to Melbury Vale Vinery, Olives et Al and Pittards in Yeovil (as well as) visits to the Octagon.

However nothing will replace the times when we get together in person. We aim to make our WI meetings friendly places where everyone feels welcome and comfortable

We look forward with (the members') support to another interesting year in 2019/20.

Marnhull Ramblers



28 March was the most perfect Spring day. After a misty start, 17 folk walked under a clear blue sky from Donhead St Andrew, for the monthly Ramble.

The route followed the path through Donhead Cider Orchard on the way to Donhead St Mary. We crossed undulating meadows to Great Wincombe Wood, where we climbed to the Wessex Ridgeway then walked on to Windwhistle Corner. Returning to Donhead St Mary across a clear-running stream and back Donhead St Andrew for an excellent lunch together at the Forester Inn.

Next Ramble in from The Fox Inn, Ansty on 25 April.

Elaine - Marnhull Ramblers' Co-ordinator

The Marnhull Hub

WHAT IS ON AT THE HUB DURING MAY?

1. Mollie Moggeridge is running Posy Tying workshops. The first one on 1 May is fully booked but there are a few spaces for the late afternoon slot at 6pm. Molly will be organising more workshops so if you can't get on these first ones there will be more! Call 821272 if you are interested.

2. Saturday Drop In is remaining the same (10-12) but there is a change to our Tuesday Drop In day. From May 6 we will now open on a Monday instead of a Tuesday. This is a "Souper Monday" which will incorporate Healthy Walks (no more than half an hour flat walk from the Hub and back) followed by a choice of two soups, roll (including gluten-free) and tea/coffee and cake. Starting at 11am and finishing the soup by 1.30. You can come for just the soup if you don't want to walk.

3. Saturday 4 May is Bob Britain's "PC Clinic" session. He is at the drop in session from 10-12pm. There have been some very happy people that he has already helped.

4. Saturday 25 May is a "Bric a Brac" session. Come along and see the unusual and general items that will be in the sale. All proceeds to the Hub.

5. French Conversation continues on Tuesday afternoons from 2pm. Just drop in to find out what it is all about. Spanish conversation could start up on Tuesdays at 5pm - please let us know if you are interested - 821272.

6. Silver Surfing with the Gillingham School students is in abeyance until after GCSEs - they want to get good grades! Keep an eye out on our window and website for when they will start up again. Call 821272 if you are in need of help urgently. We can help before then.

7. Dementia Friends Event 24 May from 9.30-12pm. This is for carers or anyone else interested in learning more about services available. Watch out for more information on our website www.marnhullhub.org.uk and our Facebook page

8. There is a Knitting and Macrame workshop on Tuesday 28 May, 10-12. Come along to learn how to knit or Macrame OR just bring along a problem with knitting - we can solve it together. Donations to the Hub please.

9. Children's Art Club continues on Saturday afternoon from 18 May. Please check if Kate has any spaces, call 821272.

Don't forget, if you have an idea and want to try it out, hire the Hub for £10 per session! There is no commitment.

Coming in the future Basket weaving, form filling, more Neal's Yard sessions, Crafty jewellery sessions etc etc.

Finally we are so pleased that Mandy Robinson, our local community police person, is going to hold her 'Surgery' in the Hub starting on 6 June 11.30 -12pm. Holding them in the Hub gives a bit more privacy for people wanting to talk to Mandy and also frees up space in the Post Office.

Keep an eye out on the Hub window, website and social media.

Mothers' Union

At our April meeting John Passmore treated 14 members and 3 guests to an enthralling talk about his work with the Baptist Missionary Society particularly the 10 years spent in Bangladesh. He went out to Bangladesh in 1971 when it had just become an independent country. We heard about living and working in the area and parts of the talk were illustrated with the help of posters and models.

Our May event is a Coffee Morning on Bank Holiday Monday, 6th May, 10am to 12 noon in the Methodist Church Hall

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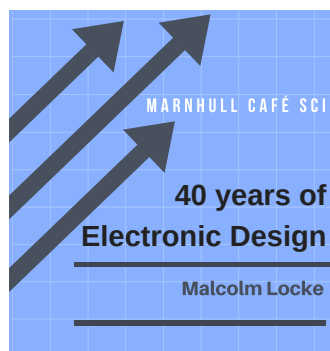
Marnhull Café Sci

'Mobile Phones - the untold Story' and more

We were in for a treat on 2nd April when Dave Targett filled us in on the very early years of the development of the mobile network at Vodafone. Dave was in at the start of the industry, from the time when 'mobile' meant you could put a phone in your car, but definitely not in your back pocket to the start of the digital era in mobile phones. One of my takeaway thoughts was that the text function on a phone was not a marketing man's dream, but a by-product of the requirements for the operation of the network.

The Café Sci asks for voluntary donations to cover speaker expenses with the balance going to charity. The charity for 18/19 session is Cancer Research UK and we made an interim deposit in April, and I am pleased to report we have raised nearly £200 so far.

The next talk will be given by Malcolm Locke who runs a specialist business making bespoke electronic systems for a wide range of applications. The title of his talk is "40 years of electronic design", I am sure that we shall be given some interesting insights to another industry that has transformed many aspects of our lives. Future talks include cyber security, fish farming and the Comet aircraft.



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Scam Telephone Call

We received a telephone call this morning from a representative of Healthy Home Advice Line asking us to make an appointment for a representative to call and report on our wall and roof insulation. The caller was quite forceful, saying that we had previously qualified for work to be done and were entitled to a discount on future work. They gave us their number, which we checked, as 07783 117590. They are based in Wimborne.

The company has only been in business for 3 years, and did not visit us to carry out any work in the last 20-30 years as they suggested.

When we asked them to remove our details from their database, saying we did not want to hear from them again, they put the 'phone down.

It was obviously a cold call. Having read the reviews on the internet, the company does not appear to be reliable, and is generating a very bad reputation. It is worth looking at google search: "who-called.co.uk/Number/08000614795" to read the appalling reviews.

How sad that the scammers are still out there. - Peter Wood.

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www.acnorthdorset.org.uk or please feel free to drop in for an informal chat.

Dianne Cooper - Chairman, ACND

Marnhull POPPin Café

Summer is well on the way now, the evenings are lighter and the weather is warming up! Our next café date is **FRIDAY MAY 17th** and will be themed to support the **PROSTATE CANCER** charity. Over the past year we have donated over £1000 to various charities and local organisations and this has only been possible by your continued support for the POPPin, so thank you.

We are very excited about the fact that the **June** date for the café happens to fall on **Friday 21st June** and we will of course be theming around **Summer Solstice** – so please get your hippy gear out ready and wear some flowers in your hair!

July POPPin is going to be very special too as the **Marnhull Men's Shed** have agreed to create some wonderful table displays for us in our efforts to support another great local charity – **Yeovil Freewheelers** who provide a unique out-of-hours free courier service between different hospitals and patients in their own homes across the whole of South Somerset and North Dorset Area!

What will our Sheddors come up with for us?

We look forward to welcoming you all to our next café session when we will of course be serving fresh filter coffee, teas and homemade cakes. Our ever popular book/magazine swap or buy scheme will be available as usual with a new addition of some small "eclectables" to buy for a small donation from our **"POPPits Shelf"** Diana Stephens is normally with us selling her lovely **Phoenix Cards** to raise funds for Help the Heroes and Judy Fyfe is always there with her delicious **Homemade Fudge** for sale to raise funds for the Village Hall.

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Highwood Garden Open Day

SPRING INTO SUMMER AT HIGHWOOD GARDEN OPEN DAY

On Sunday April 28th, the Charborough Estate's Highwood Garden will be open to raise money for Julia's House, giving you a chance to enjoy this wonderful garden and its magnificent collection of rhododendrons and azaleas.

Established by the late Admiral Drax, Highwood Garden is only open for a few days each year, so it is a rare opportunity to enjoy an afternoon stroll in this beautiful woodland setting. There will be a whole host of fundraising and craft stalls, and tea and cake will be available. A special poetry book created by local poets will also be on sale. All the funds raised during the open day will be going to support Julia's House, the Dorset and Wiltshire children's hospice charity, supporting local children and their families.

"Highwood Garden is at its best in springtime, so this is a great chance to enjoy this really special place and help support Julia's House and its work with families in Dorset and Wiltshire," says Laura Kelly, Community Fundraising Manager at Julia's House. "Enjoying the beautiful garden and afternoon tea is a perfect way to spend an April afternoon. We're very grateful to the Drax family."

Highwood Garden is open in aid of Julia's House on Sunday 28 April from 2.30pm-6.00pm. Entrance will be £5 for adults and £2.50 for children (6-16 years). No dogs are permitted (with the exception of guide dogs) due to the presence of deer in the park.

Child Okeford Flower Arranging Club

Tuesday, 21st May 2.15pm Child Okeford Village Hall
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As well as opening the gardens, Springhead is hosting a Creative & Sustainable Living Fair to encourage, showcase, celebrate and promote local crafts people and to inspire a more sustainable way of living. The fair will include stallholders selling vintage and preloved homeware and fashion, upcycled furniture, zero waste products, vegan/natural soaps and beauty products, handmade wood crafts and jewellery from local artists and designers, plants and plant based baked goods.

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Dorset Wildlife Trust: North Dorset Group



Dorset Wildlife Trust Events

The North Dorset Group of the Dorset Wildlife Trust holds talks and guided walks throughout the year. Our new calendar of talks for 2019 is detailed here. All talks take place at Fontmell Magna Village Hall (SP7 0PF) on the third Wednesday of the month and start at 7.30p.m. A small donation of £2.50 is invited to defray expenses and this includes tea/coffee, Honeybuns cakes & biscuits. There is also a stall selling items from DWT's extensive range of sales goods and a table displaying a variety of free leaflets on Dorset's flora and fauna.

Dawn Chorus Walks:

Sunday 5th May: Steve Oliver (North Dorset Warden) will lead the first of our dawn chorus walks at Ashley Wood, near Tarrant Keyneston. Meet at the entrance to the wood at 4.30 a.m. Parking is available from 4.00 a.m. in Tarrant Keyneston Village Hall car park (Turn off the B3082 at the True Lovers' Knot pub; 200 yards down this side road on the left is the Village Hall). Booking essential – please telephone Steve Oliver on 07824 874273. Cost: £6 adults/£3 children. There are still places on this walk.

Please note that the Dawn Chorus Evening Nightingale Walk on the 25th May is FULL. Any queries regarding these walks please telephone Roy Davies on 01258 880 699

Saturday 8th June: Chesil Beach Walk and Boat Ride on the Fleet to see Little Terns nesting, and other coastal birds. Led by DWT warden, Mark Smith. Meet at 2pm at the Chesil Beach Centre. Cost £5 per person (including boat trip). Numbers are limited to 12 people, so booking is essential. Please telephone Roy Davies on 01258 880 699.

Friday 5th July: Morning Walk on Fontmell Down led by North Dorset DWT Warden, Steve Oliver. Meet at 10am at the National Trust car park – as space is limited, please car share if possible. Numbers are limited to 20 people – please telephone Roy Davies on 01258 880 699 to reserve your place. There is no charge for this event, but voluntary contributions are welcomed.

Saturday 27th July: Evening bat walk with local bat expert, Chris Dieck. Meet at 8.30pm at Stour Meadows car park, Blandford Forum (near Tesco & behind brewery). Limited to 20 people (£3 per person) so please telephone Roy Davies on 01258 880 699 to book your place.

Saturday 3rd August: Bat Walk – this date will only be used if more than 20 people wish to attend the first walk in July.

Marnhull Flower Show

Saturday 27th July 2019

There are two new classes in Division A - Vegetables this year:

Class 1 - a chilli plant in any stage of growth

Class 11 - salad leaves growing in a container

We are looking forward to seeing a variety of chilli plants with plenty of fruit on them to brighten up the marquee and an interesting mix of salad leaves ready for picking.

The wildlife-friendly garden (Class 94) will be judged by Clive Whitbourn, a Marnhull resident, who is a Ranger with the National Trust looking after places such as Hambledon Hill.

This year's charity class (Class 99) will be a bug hotel - either bought or made and decorated in your own style. We are hoping to see plenty of amusing interpretations.

With the changeable weather that this time of year brings, it is always a challenge to produce vegetables, fruit and flowers which will be in peak form on the 27th July but it is fun to try, so bring them along anyway.

From The Churches

Dear Villagers

Being a bit late with this article I'm writing it on the afternoon after the great fire of Notre Dame de Paris. I was proposing to rehash a magazine article from my previous job, all of which are carefully stored on CD ready for emergency use. However, such has been the response, that to ignore the fire would now seem perverse.

A few minutes research showed that in 1150, when Notre Dame in Paris was being built, so too was St Gregory's church here in Marnhull. One building became a world heritage site, the other was really of only local importance. One helped shape the history of a great nation, the other was largely of significance only to those who lived here. Yet both of these were built for the same purpose to act as a centre of worship and to bring glory to God and consolation to men and women.

Notre Dame may be a French Roman Catholic building but its destruction touches a chord with a much greater constituency. An eye-witness wrote "I am what you call a lapsed Catholic, but I always found Notre-Dame to be a deeply spiritual place, even though it was also a tourist spot," she said. "It felt vibrant and serene at the same time." The Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas expressed deep regret over the fire and confirmed his solidarity and sympathy with 'our friends in France' over this incident, and messages of support have come from all over the world.

In Marnhull and in Paris, the great and the humble, people share the same needs. It is often said, in many different contexts, that what unites people is much more than what divides them, and the pain we feel watching French distress is an illustration of that, whatever the frantic Brexit negotiations might suggest to the contrary.

This is Easter week, and although that will be done and gone when you read this, the vision of new life and hope central to the Christian faith is deep-rooted, perhaps more than we acknowledge. From the time the flames took hold, there was clearly a determination that the cathedral will be rebuilt, and already, less than a day after the disaster, millions of euros have been pledged for the reconstruction.

Pictures of the devastated building showed the cross above the altar shining through the smoke. Where the light came from I don't know, but it seemed to me that the faith that inspired the 12th century builders in Paris and Marnhull is still alive and can bring hope whatever personal or national disasters may face us.

With blessings for the future.

Dave Treby - (Retired priest.)

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

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Marnhull Methodist Church, Burton Street

10.00 - Morning Service

Plus One Concert - Cancelled

Unfortunately, the Plus-One concert in St.Gregory's Church on Sat 4th May has had to be cancelled due to an injury to the hand of the guitar soloist.

St. Gregory's Church

Services & Events for May 2019

Please note there will be no morning prayer this month

Wednesday 1st

11.00 – Holy Communion [said]

2.45pm – 3.15 **Children's Service** led by

St Gregory's Primary School

Tea & Coffee before service from 2.15pm

Sunday 5th

The Third Sunday of Easter

08.00 – Holy Communion [said]

10.00 – Parish Eucharist

Wednesday 8th

2.45pm – 3.15 **Children's Service** led by

St Gregory's Primary School

Tea & Coffee before service from 2.15pm

Sunday 12th

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

08.00 – Holy Communion [said]

10.00 – Parish Eucharist

St Gregory's APCM will take place after the 10am service, at around

11.30am

Wednesday 15th

2.45pm – 3.15 **Children's Service** led by

St Gregory's Primary School

Tea & Coffee before service from 2.15pm

Sunday 19th

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

08.00 – Holy Communion [said]

10.00 – Parish Eucharist

Wednesday 22nd

2.45pm – 3.15 **Children's Service** led by

St Gregory's Primary School

Tea & Coffee before service from 2.15pm

Sunday 26th

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

8.00 – Holy Communion [said]

10.00 – Parish Eucharist

Thursday 30th May

Ascension Day

8.00pm – Compline

St.Gregory's Mini-Marathon

Saturday 18th May

Coffee 10.30am

PROGRAMME 1: 11.00 - 11.45

Tea 3.30pm

PROGRAMME 2: 4.00 - 4.45

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Significant dates in May

3 – Saint Philip and Saint James - Apostles (Feast)

St Philip (1st century) was from Bethsaida and, after being called by the Lord, introduced St Bartholomew to Him. He was crucified at Hierapolis in Phrygia, where he had preached the Gospel. **St James** 'the Less' (+ c.62) was a cousin of the Lord. As a bishop of Jerusalem, he wrote an epistle preserved in the New Testament and was eventually martyred by being stoned and clubbed.

4 – The English Martyrs (Feast)

Celebrates the many men and women who suffered for the Faith in England between 1535 and 1680 and are recognised by the Church.

14 - Saint Matthias – Apostle (Feast)

St Matthias (1st century) was chosen by lot to take the place of Judas among the Twelve (Acts 1:15-26). He was present at the first Pentecost and, according to various traditions, went on to preach in Judaea, Cappadocia and Ethiopia. He was martyred by means of an axe, with which he is often depicted in art.

24 - Saint Aldhelm of Sherborne (Memorial)

Saint Aldhelm was the first bishop of Sherborne, having been a monk at Malmesbury.

25 - Saint Bede the Venerable (Memorial)

St Bede was born in the North of England near the monastery of Wearmouth, which he later joined. He was the outstanding ecclesiastical author of his time, writing commentaries on Scripture; an Ecclesiastical History of the English People, which is a unique resource for much of early English history; the first martyrology (collection of saints' lives) to be compiled on historical principles; and was the first known writer of English prose. He died at Jarrow on 25 May 735. He is venerated as the 'light of the Church' in the Dark Ages.

27 - Saint Augustine of Canterbury (Feast)

St Augustine of Canterbury (+c.604) was a monk at St Andrew's in Rome. He was sent by Pope St Gregory the Great to convert the English. Landing in Thanet, Kent in 597, he baptised King Ethelbert and many of his subjects. He founded a monastery and a cathedral at Canterbury and established sees at Rochester and London.

29 – Vigil of the Ascension of The Lord (Solemnity)

30 – Ascension of The Lord (Solemnity)

Christ's Ascension marks the definitive entrance of Jesus' humanity into God's heavenly domain (Acts 1:11)

31 - The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Feast)

Commemorates the meeting between Mary and her cousin Elizabeth at Ein Kerem, just outside Jerusalem. Feeling the proximity of Jesus in Mary's womb, St John the Baptist leapt in his mother (Elizabeth's) womb. Following Elizabeth's greeting, Mary proclaimed the Magnificat.

Parish People

Donald Roper's funeral was held at St Benedict's on 26 April.

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.

Lent Services and Lunches

It was a delight to welcome so many friends from the three Marnull churches and from the village to the reflections held in the Methodist Church on five Fridays during Lent - the 40 days during which Christians remember Jesus Christ's sacrifice and withdrawal into the desert for 40 days before the start of His earthly ministry. Leaders of the three churches considered the stages of Christ's arrest, crucifixion and resurrection as depicted in paintings ranging from mediaeval to recent times. The approach of the various artists to the subjects and the emphasis given to particular details stimulated new thoughts, ideas and understanding around the events which are the basis of Christian belief. Quite a few members of the congregations also found a new interest in the study and appreciation of art!

Marnull Methodist Church has also been pleased to make our hall and kitchen available to offer a hunger lunch on each of the five Fridays, the lunches being provided and served by members of the three Marnull Churches in turn. As in previous years, as well as providing a way of joining in the meaning of Lent, the lunches have proven to be a way of meeting new friends from the churches and the village. The generosity of the donations offered during the lunches have allowed £614 to be sent to **Mary's Meals**, a charity helping to provide a good meal in schools amongst some of the world's poorest communities.

Ascension Day and Pentecost

By the time you read this, the celebrations of Easter day will be over - although it is not too late to exchange the joyful greeting "**He is Risen**". In this country we do not traditionally celebrate **Ascension Day** - when Christ was taken up into heaven 40 days after Easter - as enthusiastically as many continental countries, but we shall try to ponder this event on **Thursday May 30th** and encourage everyone to consider its significance. Ten days later we shall celebrate **Pentecost or Whitsun**. This day, when the first apostles began to preach the Christian message, is often referred to as the "Birthday of the Church". We extend a warm welcome to everyone to join us to celebrate our birthday in a **service at 10pm on Sunday June 9th in the Methodist Church**.

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, Rachel 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.

St Mary's Catholic School

We were pleased to invite members of our parish in for our Day of Faith where the children spent time with the Parishioners Laudato Si, the Popes letter to everyone about caring for our common home. We are very lucky to have such an active parish who support the school throughout the year. The day also saw our 'Meal for Mozambique' fundraiser. The children and parents were invited to have breakfast together in school for a small donation. All the money raised was sent to CAFOD to support those affected by the terrible floods. Altogether we raised over £100!

Our term ended with our annual Easter Egg Hunt. We made the most of our outdoor space, hiding clues around the grounds for the children to collect! The children each received an Easter Egg and a small book telling the Easter story.

One of our pupils was brave enough to have her long golden locks chopped and the hair donated to The Princess Trust. Parents and pupils supported the event and raised money buying raffle tickets and cakes.



On Wednesday 3rd April our enthusiastic football team took part in the Gillingham Family Year 5/6 football tournament at Mere Primary School. The team won their section beating three teams and losing to one. They played the semi-final against Mere school and were successful in the final beating St Mary's the Virgin 1 – 0. This is a huge achievement for our small school who have achieved a total of winning three tournaments during this winter.

We still have places available for September. 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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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)



St Gregory's Primary School

Want to take on an interesting and rewarding new role? Become a governor at St Gregory's Primary School Marnhull.

As a governor at St Gregory's Primary School you can play an important part in enabling the children in our community to thrive and flourish in a successful school. No special qualifications are required, and you do not need to have a religious affiliation.

You will bring a commitment to working with your fellow governors and the Head and leadership team in ensuring that the school continues to develop and progress in the best interests of our children.

If you have a background in IT, safeguarding or governance that would be extra helpful but essentially what we need are volunteers who are prepared to take on the role, learn on the job, although training is provided, and make a contribution to the further success of our school.

Interested in becoming involved? Then contact the chair of governors, Nick Chapman, at nchapman@stgregorymarnhull.dorset.sch.org and learn more about how rewarding the role of school governor at St Gregory's can be.

Marnhull Baby & Toddlers

Over the last month we have have got into the spring of things. On the 21st March we made some egg crate flowers, that the children painted in lovely bright colours.

The 28th March we made some lovely Mother's Day cards, to give to their wonderful mums.

4th April was our Easter party where we decorated some Easter bunnies and chicks for the children to decorate their home with. They also did some great Easter colouring. All the children had a Easter treat to take home.

We will be back on 25th April with planting Sunflower seeds.

Then as it is election time we have the 2nd May off, but back on the 9th May.

Hope you had a lovely Easter.

Emma and Michelle



Marnhull Community Choir

Marnhull Community Choir is up and singing with around 30 members, which includes 10 men filling the ranks of our tenors and basses. What an amazing start for a small group that started off singing carols in the car park at Christmas!

We have a Choir Leader, Katie Smith (a professional singing teacher) supported by James, her husband, who is a versatile piano accompanist. Katie's aim is to develop enjoyable, confident singing, that starts with breathing exercises before singing a range of music that includes traditional folk songs, Gershwin, songs from musicals and the opportunity for much more.

There is no audition, so no excuses! The summer 10-week term will start on 15 May when we will be learning new songs and hopefully preparing for our debut performance in July!

If you are still thinking about giving the choir a try, why not come along to one of our Taster Sessions. You will be guaranteed a warm welcome from the group and you will soon be laughing along with everyone as you learn how to make your tummy muscles work to get a better sound! And why not meet up in the bar afterwards with other singers for some socialising – a great way to make new friends.

TWO TASTER SESSIONS

Venue: Skittle Alley, Blackmore Vale Inn, Burton Street, Marnhull

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Further information: Chris Drake on 01258 820645

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Trained pianist needed? Our accompanist James, is a music examiner and so will not always be available to accompany our sessions – are you a trained pianist that might be willing to stand in for James whilst he is away during June?

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More information from Mary Palmer, 01258 820232

Churches Together in Marnhull

Lent Services and Lunches

The series of Lent services and lunches held in the Methodist Church and Hall were very well received and enjoyed this year. The reflections using art to bring alive the story of Jesus' passion, death and resurrection led by leaders of the Marnhull Churches in turn have been interesting and stimulating. The simple lunches of soup, bread and cheese have, as usual, provided a great opportunity to make new friends from the various churches and from the village.

The members of all three Marnhull Churches thank everyone who attended for your generous donations which have enabled £614 to be sent to Mary's Meals, a charity whose vision is 'that every child receives one daily meal in their place of education, and that all those who have more than they need share with those who lack even the most basic things'. Experience has shown that in schools where children receive Mary's Meals, there is a rise in enrolment, attendance and attainment.

Pentecost

All three Churches will be celebrating Pentecost or Whitsun (the "Birthday of the Church") on June 9th. See the articles from the individual churches for details.

World Peace Prayers

Churches Together in Marnhull gather 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

10 May - Saint Gregory's - Leader TBA

Religious Festivals in April

2nd May – Holocaust Memorial Day. Jews remember the victims of the Nazi Holocaust.

6th May – Muslims begin the holy month of Ramadan.

30th May – Ascension Day. Christians remember Christ's ascension into heaven

Friends of Blandford Hospital

Stock Appeal

The Friends of Blandford Hospital Charity shops are busier than ever and are looking for donations of good quality clothing, household linens, toys, pictures, jewellery, gifts, DVDs and CDs, Shoes, Handbags, Kitchen goods, portable electrical appliances and general Bric-a-Brac.

If you have anything that you would like to donate, please do drop it in to one of their shops in Barnack Walk, Blandford or Innes Court, Sturminster Newton. If you need to arrange a collection, then please call the Friends Shops and Fundraising Office at the hospital on 01258 451456. Any goods you donate to our charity shops will benefit our Community Hospital and health related projects across your local area. Of course, don't forget to drop in for some bargain hunting each time you are in town!

Full details of the Friends of Blandford Hospital news, shops, events and projects can be found at www.friendsofblandford.org.uk <http://www.friendsofblandford.org.uk>

Annual Golf Day

The Friends of Blandford Hospital hold their annual golf day on Friday 14th June at Ashley Wood Golf Club. There are still a few team slots available for a fun day of golf supporting a very local charity. Full details can be found on the Friends website

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Julia's House Shaftesbury Shop Now Open

Julia's House children's hospice has celebrated the opening of its tenth charity shop in Dorset, which is located in the High Street, Shaftesbury. The shop was officially opened by Julia's House Chief Executive Martin Edwards and a family whose young daughter Willow is supported by the charity. Willow was assisted to perform the ribbon-cutting ceremony by Natasha Valentine, the daughter of charity founder Julia Perks.

Providing support to the families of children with life-limiting or life-threatening conditions, Julia's House offers a bespoke service wherever care is most needed – in the home, in the community or at their hospices in Corfe Mullen and Devizes.

"I can't reiterate enough just how supportive Julia's House has been," explains Emily, mum to Willow. "We live quite far from the hospices so receive regular respite community care instead. It saves us making a big journey with Willow and makes a huge difference to us as a family."

The Shaftesbury shop will be open from Monday to Saturday, 9am to 5pm and will feature a wide range of women's, men's and children's clothing, as well as bric-a-brac, toys and homeware. Julia's House shops are known for their distinct 'boutique' style and have played a part in transforming the look and feel of charity shops locally.

"It's fantastic to be able to open the doors on our new Shaftesbury shop," says Tracy Stanley, Retail Manager for Julia's House. "We'd like to welcome everyone to pop in, have a browse and maybe snap up some of the wonderful items we have on sale."

The new shop is looking for donations of good quality smaller items but can also arrange to collect larger items including furniture and electrical goods. Funds raised from shop sales will go towards supporting families like Willow's.

There are roles available at the Shaftesbury shop for anybody who would like to volunteer their time to help out for a few hours a week. For more information please enquire in store or contact Liz Froud on 01202 644220.

Julia's House Butterfly Summer Ball

Put on your glad rags and get ready to dance the night away, as tickets for the all-new Julia's House Butterfly Summer Ball go on sale.

The Dorset and Wiltshire children's hospice charity hosts its popular annual ball in the stunning grounds of Canford School on Saturday 29 June, in a move away from its traditional autumn date.

A marquee provides the setting for this exclusive black tie event which features a drinks reception, live music, grand auction and an outstanding three-course dinner (with vegetarian options) including wine and coffee from catering wizards Molecular Magic.

"This year's Butterfly Ball will be bigger and better than ever, with a wonderful summer garden party vibe," reveals Linda Schofield-Green, Corporate & Events Manager for Julia's House. "We are excited to be working with the massively talented caterers Molecular Magic, who have put together a stunning high quality and inventive menu for our guests – the highlight of which is a delicious fillet of West Country beef. Canford School is such a beautiful venue and is the perfect setting for this very special event. We hope people will join us to eat, drink, dance, have fun and help us raise vital funds to support the families of children with life-limiting and life-threatening conditions in Dorset and Wiltshire."

Tickets are on sale now priced at £75, with sponsorship and VIP table options available. To book tickets call Linda Schofield-Green on 01202 644220 or email linda.green@juliashouse.org

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Community Recognition Award for The Crown Inn



The Crown Inn in Marnhull achieved well-deserved recognition recently after receiving the 'Community Asset' award from Blandford Forum-based brewers Hall & Woodhouse.

The award was made at the Hall & Woodhouse Annual Gala Dinner Awards Ceremony held on 3rd April 2019 at The Crown Hotel in Blandford Forum, with the event specifically celebrating the success of the company's network of Business Partners and their teams.

Hall & Woodhouse have a network of public houses and inns within its estate, some of which are managed houses whilst others are run by independent Business Partners, as with The Crown Inn.

The 'Community Asset' award, sponsored by Heineken, was gratefully received at the ceremony by Miss Gemma Howard and Mr Eric Montgomery (Monty), who jointly operate The Crown Inn.

The award was presented to them by Mr Anthony Woodhouse, Hall & Woodhouse's Managing Director, and Mr Chris Chapman, Head of Business Partnerships.

The award comprised a cash prize, a framed certificate, a commemorative hand-painted plate and two places on an Educational Awards Winners Trip, to be held in Lisbon, Portugal, later this year.

The 'Community Asset' award is the second award to have been bestowed on The Crown Inn of late, it having received the Hall & Woodhouse Business Partners 'Public House of the Year' award in 2017.

This latest 'Community Asset' award recognises The Crown Inn's focus on community matters and the initiatives it pursues to the benefit of the community; these ranging from holding charitable fundraisers, donating raffle prizes and providing an annual charitable donation to a selected local organisation or other good cause.

The winning of the award also cements The Crown Inn's status as a focal point of Marnhull village life, not only by the provision of a historic and characterful place to eat, drink and socialise, but also by offering a popular hospitality venue for special occasion and other celebratory events. The Crown Inn also hosts events and meetings of various local social and sporting clubs and organisations, as well as local commercial enterprises.

Additionally, The Crown Inn hosts a monthly 'community breakfast' gathering aimed at encouraging the coming together of local residents to meet and chat over an informal breakfast.

The Crown Inn also provides subsidised catering for the Marnhull lunch club, which provides meals and companionship for elderly residents at its monthly gathering.

Having guest rooms also results in The Crown Inn attracting visitors from around the globe, which in turn promotes additional spend to bolster the local economy from the business travellers and tourists that stay there.

Upon winning the 'Community Asset' award, Gemma and Monty wish to express their gratitude to Hall & Woodhouse for their recognition and general support.

In addition, they wish to thank the local community for its support, which helps drive their community ethos that in turn helps place The Crown Inn very firmly at the heart of the Marnhull community.

Gemma and Monty also intend to donate the cash prize that came with the award to a local organisation or good cause as a further thank you to the community.

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Marnhull Music Society

Jean Shiner is one of our most experienced presenters so we were confident of a finely balanced programme in March and it did not disappoint. There was indeed something for everyone.

Jean began with the well-loved "Canarios" from Rodrigo's "Fantasia para un gentilhombre." This was followed by Alfred Brendel's masterful performance of the second movement of Beethoven's Piano Concerto No. 5. The incredible talent on show was breathtaking. Then came Emma Kirkby's sweet and true voice singing Arne's "Where the bee sucks", as effervescent and refreshing as a sip of champagne.

The "March" from Shostakovich's Jazz Suite No 2 was one of the highlights of the evening for me. Much as I love these pieces they have no resemblance to jazz. On the inner eye, as one listened, came a circus parade with swaggering ringmaster, sequined acrobats strutting and posing, high-stepping horses. Not jazz as we know it, but terrific fun.

John Williams' performance of Vivaldi's Concerto for lute and two violins, transcribed for guitar, is the epitome of good order and precision. It is my idea of the perfect Morning Music: logical, disciplined, smart, scrubbed and absolutely satisfying. It is exactly the sort of music I really couldn't live without. With an abrupt descent into absurdity Jean finished the first half with a truly hilarious track from Stilgoe and Skellern called "Mrs Beamish."

There was another echo of Edwardian Music Hall in Opus Anglicorum's rendition of "Oh What a Beauty", a superbly performed choral ode to a vegetable marrow complete with saucy double entendres. But by way of contrast Beethoven's violin concerto which followed was ten minutes of sheer beauty. Another master class, this time for piano, came later in the programme: Martha Argerich playing part of Chopin's piano concerto No1.

After a nostalgic visit to the 60's jazz scene with Chris Barber playing "Bill Bailey won't you please come home" the evening finished with a sample of Jean's well-known fondness for folk music with a jaunty live recording of the Dubliners.

Our May presenter is Nick Lalor, and on 9th we hold out Annual Dinner at Udders.

Sturminster Choral Society's

Sturminster Choral Society will once again be performing choral classics at St Mary's Church, Sturminster Newton. Their forthcoming concert will be on Saturday 11th May at 7.30 pm, conducted by Annemarie Lees with organist Sam Hanson and pianist Elaine Korman.

The programme will begin with Palestrina's beautiful and spellbinding Stabat Mater, composed during the late 16th century for double chorus. The choir will also perform Haydn's Nelson Mass, one of 14 masses written by Haydn and possibly his greatest single composition. They will be joined by soprano Camilla Foster Mitchell, alto Charlotte Collier, tenor Kieran White and bass Benjamin Hewat-Craw.

Tickets £10 in advance from Candy's (Sturminster Newton) or on the door. Children 15 and under free.

Barry Neil Gisbourne - 1942 to 2019

Barry, who died quietly in his sleep on 26th March, had lived in Marnhull since 1969 with Sylvia joining him 2 years later after a second marriage for both of them. They brought 3 of their children, Barry's son Steven (sic) and daughter Amanda with Sylvia's daughter Helen who was already best friends with Amanda at school. Karen his third child was brought up by her mother but, with Steven and Amanda presented Barry with 6 splendid grandchildren, Charlotte, Ellie, Alex, Jessica, Rachel and Molly of all of whom he was very proud. He delighted in the fact Sylvia's two children Helen and Andrew both saw Barry as their father and added to the grandchildren count with Helen's Beth & Matthew and Andrew's William & Lucy. As Sylvia says they were a delightfully happy family.

Barry moved to Marnhull in 1977 and during the 2 years before he and Sylvia married he spent his spare time reforming the lovely old St Teresa's Cottage that was terribly dilapidated, revealing old Marnhull stone walls and oak beams and inglenook fire places amongst many other things. They have lived there very happily ever since.

Barry was born on Boxing Day 1942, just as the conflict was turning in favour of the Allies during WW2 but went to school at Bloxham near Banbury gaining a number of 'O' Levels (GCSE's). When leaving he had no idea what he wanted to do, so helped his father for a while in the family hat making business but did not really enjoy that; so he turned to banking but liked that even less. So he became a coach driver because he loved driving. He took groups of people on various tours around both Britain and the Continent for 16 years when the divorce forced him to rethink his lifestyle. He chose teaching and passed the exams before going to teach Drama and English at St Aldhelm's Boys School at Sherborne, now part of the Griffron. He was an enthusiastic member of the N.A.S.U.W.T. and as a leading light regularly attended County Council meetings at Dorchester. In 1995 after 17 years he retired thus allowing him to take Sylvia on a long trip to the USA to visit her son Andrew in Pittsburgh but no sooner had they arrived than Barry had a massive heart attack. He was whisked into hospital and given a quadruple by-pass for which the bill was mind boggling even by today's standards. Fortunately they were amply covered.

Barry and Sylvia have contributed substantially to the Marnhull Community's activities with Sylvia an active member of St Gregory's Church but Barry was a non believer declaring he had no faith in the life hereafter. However, he became involved with the Marnhull Messenger (originally the St Gregory's news sheet), as Editor but when Jeremy Sturges, the Chairman, Treasurer and Advertising Manager suddenly died Barry found himself doing everything except distribution. These were stressful times as he was not a well man; the magazine's bank balance fell to a critically low level until the Parish Council responded with a contribution that saved the day. Thus was a Parish Councillor appointed to be Chairman, a new editor was found and Barry happily became Treasurer until 2012 when he retired. Barry was a gentle, well organised and cheerful man who always had time for other people and will be much missed.

Barry's funeral is at St Gregory's Church on Tuesday 30th April at 2.30 pm. Those attending the Service will be welcome at The Crown afterwards.

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DOWN 1. Corgi 2. Bangladesh 3. Hindu 4. Heath 5. Ice Age 6. Axis 9. Haiku 10. Neagh 12. Green-finch 13. Booby 14. Twist 18. Saturn 19. Chile 20. Atoms 22. Eagle 23. Ilex



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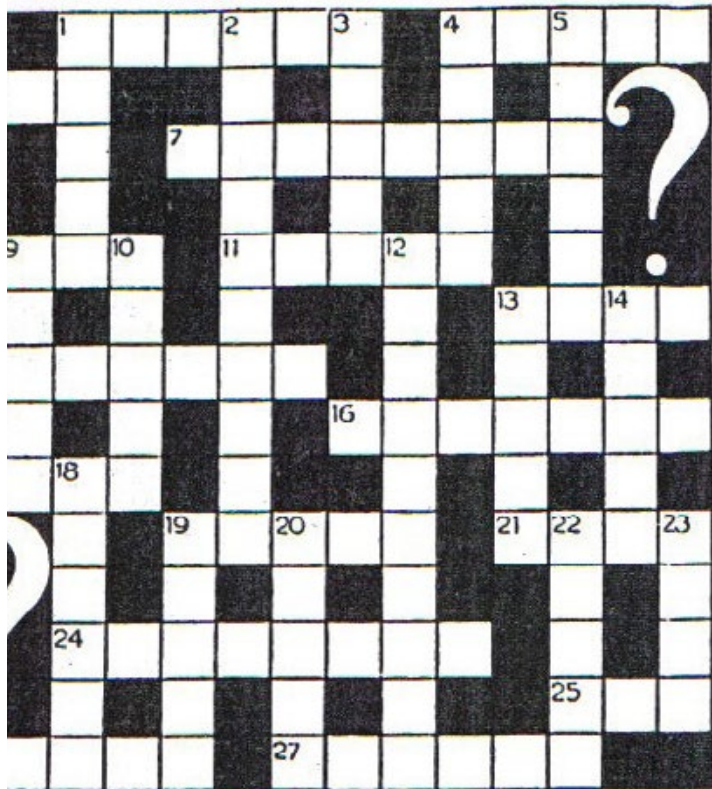
We are also running two free evening sessions on the 4th and 11th of April for adults; for those who have never played, those who haven't played for a while and those who play regularly.

Further information and membership forms can be found on our website: www.marnhullmessenger.org.uk and follow the links, or by contacting Helen Butler on 821767 or Chris Gregory on 474646

Marnhull Bridge Club

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

New Players always welcome.



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ACROSS

- 1) North African citadel. (6)
- 4) Country that shares the island of Hispaniola with the Dominican Republic. (5)
- 6) Slang for afternoon in Australia. (3)
- 7) To overwhelm with things to be dealt with. (8)
- 8) Front of the leg below the knee. (4)
- 11) and 10D) The largest freshwater lake by area in the British Isles. (5-5)
- 13) Second letter in the Greek alphabet. (4)
- 15) Reptiles with long bodies, tails, four legs and scaly skins. (7)
- 16) Arab desert nomad. (7)
- 17) Surnames of the 41st and 43rd Presidents of the US. (4)
- 19) Husks of grain separated by winnowing and used as fodder. (5)
- 21) Large hairy manlike creature of the Himalayas. (4)
- 24) Mythical equine animals. (8)
- 25) SI unit of luminance. (3)
- 26) Prehistoric circle of stone or wooden uprights. (5)
- 27) Round solid figure with every point on its surface equidistant from its centre. (6)

DOWN

- 1) Cattle herding dog that originated in Pembrokeshire. (5)
- 2) State that was first recognised in August 1972. (10)
- 3) Adherent of the world's third largest religion. (5)
- 4) Prime Minister of the UK from 1970 to 1974. (5)
- 5) One of five long periods of colder global temperature. (3-3)
- 6) Germany and its allies in WW11. (4)
- 9) Japanese poem of seventeen syllables. (5)
- 10) See 11A).
- 12) Small passerine bird that frequents woodlands, farmlands and gardens. (10)
- 13) Seabird related to gannets. (5)
- 14) Dance popular in the early 1960's. (5)
- 18) Second largest planet in the Solar System. (6)
- 19) Country with its capital at Santiago. (5)
- 20) The smallest particles of chemical elements. (5)
- 22) A person described a aquiline resembles this creature. (5)
- 23) Wild mountain goat of Eurasia and NE Africa. (4)

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