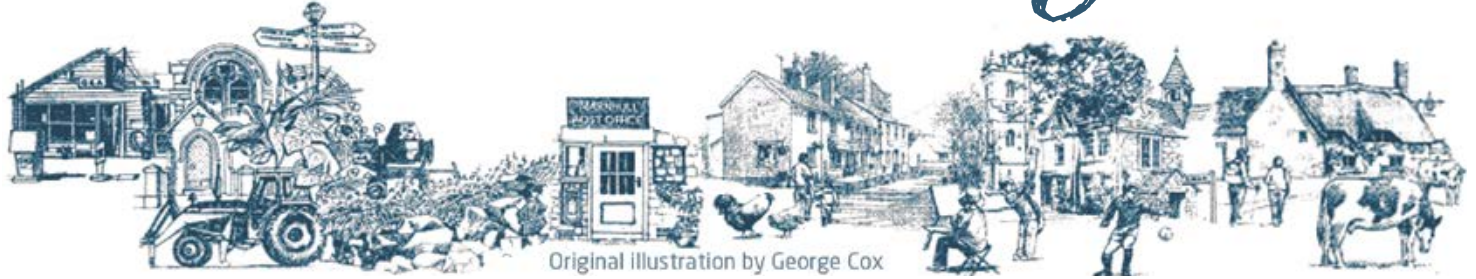


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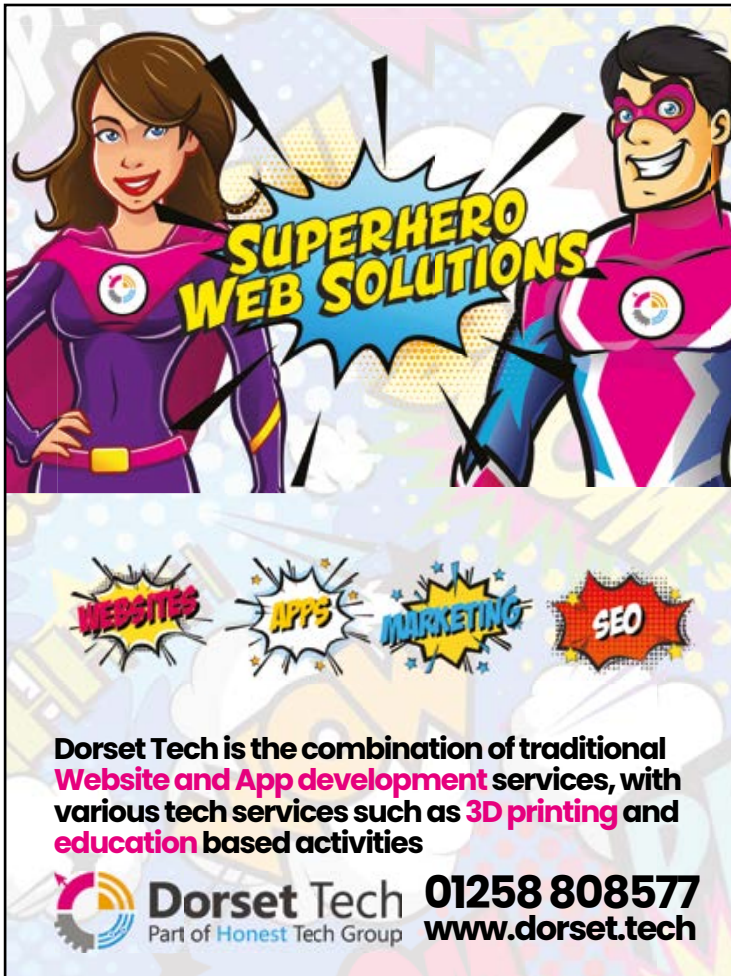
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DORSET COUNCIL has issued a Notice under Section 14 [2] of the Road Traffic Regulations Act 1984 as amended. All pedestrians will be prohibited from proceeding along the Footpath N47/36 between A & B for a distance of approximately 205 metres.

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Welcome to your  
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**Chris Ryu**  
Messenger Editor

### Welcome to the October Messenger!

#### Annual Directory

This is the final chance to get your club/group's details updated in the directory. If you are responsible for a club/group please let us know of any changes to contact details.

#### Messenger Website

It's been a few years since I built the Messenger website and so the team at Dorset Tech have now started the process of making some improvements. It has just had a major speed boost and there will be some exciting new features added soon, including a new version of the diary.

#### 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!

### Deadline For Next Issue

**MID-DAY 17th October**

E-mail all texts, announcements and other requests to:  
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## Marnhull Parish Council NEEDS YOU To be a Parish Councillor

Marnhull Parish Council have vacancies for new Parish Councillors. There is a limit of 11 Councillors and a requirement of a minimum of 4 for the Council to be quorate (to be allowed to function).

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Generally the role of a parish council is to improve the quality of community life for their parish and its inhabitants. They can:

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- Undertake projects and schemes that benefit local residents
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- Help the other tiers of local government keep in touch with their local communities.

### Can I become a Parish Councillor?

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#### Disqualifications

A person may not become a parish councillor if:

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2. They have been declared bankrupt in the past five years and have not repaid their debts
3. They have been convicted of a criminal offence and sentenced to not less than 3 months imprisonment (including any suspended sentence) within the past 5 years.

If you are interested in becoming a parish councillor. You can call the Chairman Trevor Vaughan on 821636 or Email. Trevor.mpc@gmail.com

## PLEASE CONSIDER BECOMING A PARISH COUNCILLOR FOR YOUR PARISH OF MARNHULL

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# Annual Diary 2019

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

## October

- 1st - Marnhull Hub Drop-in coffee morning Marnhull Hub
- 1st - French conversation @ 14:00 Marnhull Hub
- 2nd - Pilates Evolution @ 09:00
- 2nd - Fit Steps @ 11:15
- 2nd - Table tennis @ 14:00
- 3rd - Baby and Toddler group @ 09:30
- 4th - Marnhull Lunch Club @ 12:00
- 5th - St Gregory's Gift Day Recital @ 16:00
- 7th - Pilates @ 09:00
- 7th - Table tennis @ 14:00
- 7th - Parish Council Meeting @ 19:00
- 8th - Marnhull Hub Drop-in coffee morning Marnhull Hub
- 8th - French conversation @ 14:00 Marnhull Hub
- 8th - Garden Club - Gardening for Climate Change - Castle Garden Gold Club @ 19:30
- 9th - Pilates Evolution @ 09:00
- 9th - Fit Steps @ 11:15
- 9th - Mothers' Union members lunch @ 12:00 Methodist Hall
- 9th - Table tennis @ 14:00
- 9th - Sturminster Newton Floral Group - Workshop 'Hearts and Flowers' -Allison Finch @ 19:30 Sturminster Exchange
- 10th - Baby and Toddler group @ 09:30
- 11th - Blackmore Vale Art Group painting and drawing @ 10:30
- 11th - Great Marnhull Fish & Chip Quiz @ 18:00
- 14th - Pilates @ 09:00
- 14th - Table tennis @ 14:00
- 14th - Bingo at Legion @ 19:00
- 14th - Women's Institute - Totty's Good Life (Eco Beekeeping)- Open Meeting @ 19:30
- 15th - Marnhull Hub Drop-in coffee morning Marnhull Hub
- 15th - French conversation @ 14:00 Marnhull Hub
- 16th - Pilates Evolution @ 09:00
- 16th - Fit Steps @ 11:15
- 16th - Table tennis @ 14:00
- 17th - Baby and Toddler group @ 09:30
- 18th - Marnhull POPPin Cafe @ 10:00
- 21st - Pilates @ 09:00
- 21st - Table tennis @ 14:00
- 21st - Marnhull Music Society @ 19:15
- 21st - Marnhull Music Society presentation by Barbara Collins @ 19:15

- 22nd - Marnhull Hub Drop-in coffee morning Marnhull Hub
- 22nd - French conversation @ 14:00 Marnhull Hub
- 22nd - Moviola Red Joan @ 19:30
- 23rd - Pilates Evolution @ 09:00
- 23rd - Fit Steps @ 11:15
- 23rd - Table tennis @ 14:00
- 24th - Baby and Toddler group @ 09:30
- 28th - Pilates @ 09:00
- 28th - Table tennis @ 14:00
- 28th - Bingo at Legion @ 19:00
- 29th - Marnhull Hub Drop-in coffee morning Marnhull Hub
- 29th - French conversation @ 14:00 Marnhull Hub
- 30th - Pilates Evolution @ 09:00
- 30th - Fit Steps @ 11:15
- 30th - Table tennis @ 14:00

## November

- 1st - Marnhull Lunch Club @ 12:00
- 4th - Pilates @ 09:00
- 4th - Table tennis @ 14:00
- 4th - Parish Council Meeting @ 19:00
- 5th - Marnhull Hub Drop-in coffee morning Marnhull Hub
- 5th - French conversation @ 14:00 Marnhull Hub
- 6th - Pilates Evolution @ 09:00
- 6th - Fit Steps @ 11:15
- 6th - Table tennis @ 14:00
- 7th - Baby and Toddler group @ 09:30
- 8th - Blackmore Vale Art Group "Brusho Techniques" workshop by Deborah Chisman @ 10:30
- 9th - Fish n chip Poppy quiz @ 18:30
- 11th - Pilates @ 09:00
- 11th - Table tennis @ 14:00
- 11th - Bingo at Legion @ 19:00
- 11th - Women's Institute - Yogurt Making @ 19:30
- 12th - Marnhull Hub Drop-in coffee morning Marnhull Hub
- 12th - French conversation @ 14:00 Marnhull Hub
- 12th - Spanish conversation @ 15:30 Marnhull Hub

For Village Hall bookings please call  
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- 12th - Garden Club - The Vegetable Garden - David Loder @ 19:30
- 13th - Pilates Evolution @ 09:00
- 13th - Fit Steps @ 11:15
- 13th - Table tennis @ 14:00
- 13th - Mothers' Union meeting @ 14:30 Methodist Hall
- 13th - Sturminster Newton Floral Group - Demonstration ' Christmas is Coming' - Katie Baxter @ 19:30 Sturminster Exchange
- 14th - Baby and Toddler group @ 09:30
- 15th - Marnhull POPPin Cafe @ 10:00
- 18th - Pilates @ 09:00
- 18th - Table tennis @ 14:00
- 18th - Marnhull Music Society @ 19:15
- 18th - Marnhull Music Society presentation by Judy McTaggart @ 19:15
- 19th - Marnhull Hub Drop-in coffee morning Marnhull Hub
- 19th - French conversation @ 14:00 Marnhull Hub
- 19th - Spanish conversation @ 15:30 Marnhull Hub
- 20th - Pilates Evolution @ 09:00
- 20th - Fit Steps @ 11:15
- 20th - Table tennis @ 14:00
- 21st - Baby and Toddler group @ 09:30
- 25th - Pilates @ 09:00
- 25th - Table tennis @ 14:00
- 25th - Bingo at Legion @ 19:00
- 26th - Marnhull Hub Drop-in coffee morning Marnhull Hub
- 26th - French conversation @ 14:00 Marnhull Hub
- 26th - Spanish conversation @ 15:30 Marnhull Hub
- 27th - Pilates Evolution @ 09:00
- 27th - Fit Steps @ 11:15
- 27th - Table tennis @ 14:00
- 28th - Baby and Toddler group @ 09:30
- 29th - St Gregory's Bingo, Chilli & Beer Night @ 19:30

**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!**

## Royal Air Force Cadets



### 874 (SHERBORNE) SQUADRON ROYAL AIR FORCE CADETS

Whether you are a reader aged between 12 and 17 years old, or a parent or guardian of that age group, you might be interested in what the Air Cadets has to offer.

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We have high standards to maintain as we are a 'military' youth organisation and you'll naturally take pride in your uniform (we supply that) and appearance. You'll be well mannered and self-disciplined. You'll be joining an organisation of which you will be very proud and we will help you get the most from your experience as a Cadet.

Equality is a central part of the Air Cadets' ethic. The cadet experience is open to everyone, so whatever your nationality, background or ability, whether you are male or female, if you are aged between 13, or at age 12 when beginning school year 8, and 17 years old you can join us.

874 Squadron in Sherborne is the nearest ATC to Marnhull and meets every Monday and Wednesday evenings between 7pm and 9.30pm.

If you would like to take the first step towards the opportunities and benefits that the Air Cadets can offer you please look at the following website:

<https://www.raf.mod.uk/aircadets/>

Alternatively, if you would like to arrange a visit the Squadron on a parade night (Monday or Wednesday), or talk to someone to find out more, please telephone Mike Nelson 01258 821036 after 5pm.

## Marnhull POPPin Café



Autumn is here and after such a busy summer for us all we are looking forward to showing you some new themes for the cafe through the winter months.

In October the café will be themed around **recycling** in support of the newly launched recycling point at the HUB as well as the Marnhull Eco Day in October. Both these events have spurred us on to look at just how Eco friendly our community café is. We welcome your thoughts and ideas on how we can all reduce, reuse and recycle items in our day to day lives.

So for those of you who want to join in, and have indeed had the pleasure of purchasing things from charity shops, perhaps you could share and wear them with us at the POPPin on October 18th!

We look forward to seeing you this month and as always there will be lots of lovely fresh fair trade filter coffee, teas and homemade yummy cakes - all made and served as always by our lovely volunteers. Linda,Jill,Sue,Audrey,Ann,Lynda and Rosie

## Royal British Legion



By the time this edition comes through your door the Poppy fortnight will be almost on us. The launch is on Saturday October 26th and from any time after that you can expect a knock on the door from one of our collectors. Sadly this year it does not look like we will be able to cover all the rounds so if you would like to help please give me a call and I will pass on

your details to our Poppy Appeal Organiser Val Eslick. However if we either don't manage to get to you or miss you there will be plenty of collecting tins around the village so please drop something in. Of course people will say why are we doing this as there are no wars at the moment but trauma treatment is so good now that people who would not have survived now live for another fifty years or more and need looking after. As well as more mundane matters like not being able to pay the gas bill or suchlike. There is always a call for help coming from somewhere, it never ends.

Then of course there is Remembrance Day itself which this year is Sunday 10th November with the march setting off from Butts close at 2.45 arriving at the church in time for the 3 o'clock service followed by the wreath laying around 4pm. Although the church is always packed for the service it is sad to see that the route of the march is almost empty. When I came to the village in 1997 the road was packed with spectators, where have they all gone? It would be nice to see some more people this year, if you can spare twenty minutes or so please come down to New Street and watch the marchers go by.

The next day is Monday 11th November and we will be holding the usual two minutes silence at the memorial at 11am. Usually the schoolchildren come down and lay their wreaths and the whole thing is a poignant reminder of those who made the ultimate sacrifice so we can live in freedom. This is not a triumphal occasion at all just a moment in our busy lives to remember, so if you can spare two minutes please come down

The jumble sale on September 7th was a great success raising over £400 for the Poppy Appeal so of course this means we got rid of a lot of priceless artefacts so we will be looking for more for the January 11th sale. So as usual feel free to ring me if you would like me to collect or drop any contributions in the porch down the Club. Remember one man's trash is another man's treasure so if you think we can sell it bring it down.

Poppy total this year so far is £9286, this is a tremendous effort so thanks to all who contributed or helped in any way.

Just room for a quick reminder of the fish 'n' chip Poppy quiz on Saturday 9th November. £8 a head this year due to the price of the fish going up but I can guarantee a Brexit free fun evening. No need to book but a phone call would be appreciated so I have an approximate idea of numbers.

For Branch business contact Jack Whitehead on 01258 820800 or [whiteheadjack51@gmail.com](mailto:whiteheadjack51@gmail.com).

## Marnhull Messenger Website

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## From The Surgeries



### Ideal Health Exhibition

The Ideal Health Exhibition – **Live Life to the Full**, was a tremendous success and many thanks to everyone who came along and supported us. If you were able to go along to the Exchange, we very much hope you enjoyed the event and found it both interesting and a good opportunity to have many of your queries regarding various medical, social and well-being issues answered.

If you were unable to come along to the Exhibition, a brochure was produced with details of all the 39 exhibitors, as well as information about the services offered by the Practice. Please pick up a copy from reception in Marnhull, Sturminster Newton Medical Centre or the Marnhull Hub. It's a useful resource about local organisations who can help with your health and wellbeing.

### Primary Care Network

The Blackmore Vale Partnership and Gillingham Practice are now a Primary Care Network (PCN) covering around 38,000 patients. PCNs aim to integrate GP Practices with hospitals and community services – more of a joined-up service. They will provide a wider range of services to patients, involving a wider set of staff roles, for example, first contact physiotherapy, extended access and social prescribing. The areas our PCN will focus on are frailty, Population Health and Severe Mental illness checks.

### Flu Clinics

The October Flu Clinics are as follows.

Over 65s

Sat 28 Sep	09.00 – 13.00	Sturminster Newton
Fri 11 Oct	08.30 – 12.30	Marnhull
Mon 14 Oct	14.00 – 17.00	Sturminster Newton
Mon 28 Oct	14.00 – 17.00	Sturminster Newton

Under 65s (Those who are pregnant, have a long term heart or respiratory disease or weakened immune systems)

Wed 16 Oct	14.00 – 17.00	Sturminster Newton
Thur 17 Oct	13.30 – 17.30	Sturminster Newton
Thur 24 Oct	13.30 – 17.30	Sturminster Newton
Fri 8 Nov	14.30 – 17.30	Sturminster Newton

Appointments are required and can be booked in the usual way, in person, by telephone or online.

There are also Flu Clinics at Abbey View Medical Centre, if that is more convenient.

Dates for children's vaccinations are yet to be announced.



**News from the Nick.**  
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There are 2 crimes to report since the last issue of Messenger – the theft of a John Deere tractor mower and the barn fire which is currently being investigated.

### SCAMS

In August, a scam involving people purporting to be from high street banks, ie Lloyds, Nat West, where elderly residents were contacted, by phone, and advised that there was a problem with their cards or that their cards were due for replacement. The callers arranged to collect the original cards from the victim's home addresses and in 2 cases were able to obtain PIN numbers and withdraw monies from their accounts. Treat all such phone calls with suspicion!

**PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT A BANK WOULD NEVER SEND ANYONE TO YOUR HOME TO COLLECT BANK CARDS AND OBTAIN YOUR PIN NUMBER.**

Other scams continue either by email, post or by phone. Phone calls can sound very convincing **NEVER** give out personal details – you do not know who you are talking to! **DO NOT** engage with these unscrupulous people and **HANG UP!**

**HANG UP ON FRAUDSTERS! DO NOT ENGAGE WITH THESE UNSCRUPULOUS SCAMMERS!**

To protect yourself from scam calls some providers offer a call guardian service or you can purchase phones that have call blocker. Do you have caller ID? Do you know who is calling? If you don't know who is calling let the call go to your answering machine/service – this will enable you to vet your calls.

### 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

Sturminster Newton Town and Rural Policing Team  
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### WHAT'S ON AT THE HUB DURING OCTOBER?

1. Drop in sessions are on Saturdays from 10-12.
2. The 'Repair Café' has been so successful already that it will now run EVERY Saturday from 10-12.
3. French and Spanish Conversation groups continue on Tuesday afternoons. Just drop in to find out what it's all about. French from 2.00pm and Spanish Conversation is from 3.30pm.
4. Meet Mandy Robinson, our local community police person, on Thursday 3 October at 11.30 - 12pm.
5. Jane Batten Neal's Yard, Saturday 5 October 10-12.
6. Diana Stephens is holding Help for Heroes card sale 10-12
7. Book Group is on Tuesday 15 October at 7pm.
8. Off to Sew continues on Wednesday 23 October 15.00-17.00.
9. Friday 27 October Carol Collis is running a Macmillan Coffee Morning from 10-12.30. Do come along and support this wonderful charity.

### NEW IN OCTOBER

The Repair Café every Saturday from now on.

We can now recycle things that won't go in your green bin. Bring them along on a Saturday from 10-12 or contact us at other times to suit you. We can take:

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- Confectionary wrappers (sweets, chocolate etc)
- Bread bags (stretchy plastic only)
- Toothpaste tubes and brushes and plastic packaging
- Baby food pouches
- Snack packets
- All plastic pet food wrappers (clean & dry) Treat packages
- Biscuit, cracker and cake bar wrappers
- Pringle Tubes (only this make)
- Peanut, Pretzel and Popcorn packaging
- Dishwasher tab and salt packaging, DW cleaner & freshener outer packaging
- Cleaning wipe packaging (not baby wipes)

Remember that the Hub is a perfect venue for children's parties – keep the mess out of your house! You could hire an activity – painting or pottery decoration or building something for a select group of 5-10 children. At £10 for the hire of the Hub it makes a great idea for a children's party!

Keep an eye out on the Hub window, lamp posts, website and social media. If you can help as volunteer every now and then on a Saturday morning 10-12 please phone 821272 or drop in to see how you can help.

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

## Emergency Temporary Closure

DORSET COUNCIL has issued a Notice under Section 14 [2] of the Road Traffic Regulations Act 1984 as amended. All pedestrians will be prohibited from proceeding along the Footpath N47/36 between A & B for a distance of approximately 205 metres. The notice is needed to comply with Health and Safety Regulations which require the provision of safe working areas and to minimise likelihood of danger to Highway Users. It will come into operation on 2/9/19 and will remain in force for a minimum of 6 months.

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## Marnhull Women's Institute

On a wet, chilly September evening the WI met after their summer break and enjoyed a very entertaining evening in the company of their speaker, Miranda Pender.

Her presentation was entitled 'Late- Flowering Lyricist' and was a light-hearted mix of words and song.

Miranda told us that as a teenager she had started to learn the guitar, only because she had a crush on the guitar teacher. She learnt to form a few chords and sing simple songs. However this was all abandoned when she went off to university and she did not pick up a guitar again until much later in life.

In 2008 she underwent successful treatment for Breast Cancer but the whole experience made her

think again about how she spent her time. She bought a guitar on a whim and found an excellent guitar tutor who encouraged her to write her own material and to perform in public.

She found that she could find ideas for songs everywhere and she loved the 'buzz' of performing.

She was very fortunate to have the opportunity of some 'one to one' tuition from the acclaimed comedian and folk singer Richard Digance.

She now writes and performs her entertaining songs, many comical but some serious. The WI members sat with smiles on their faces as they listened to songs such as Beanfield Blues, Petrol Station Flowers and one about the man on the Scotts porridge packet roughly translated as 'He's the man for me!'

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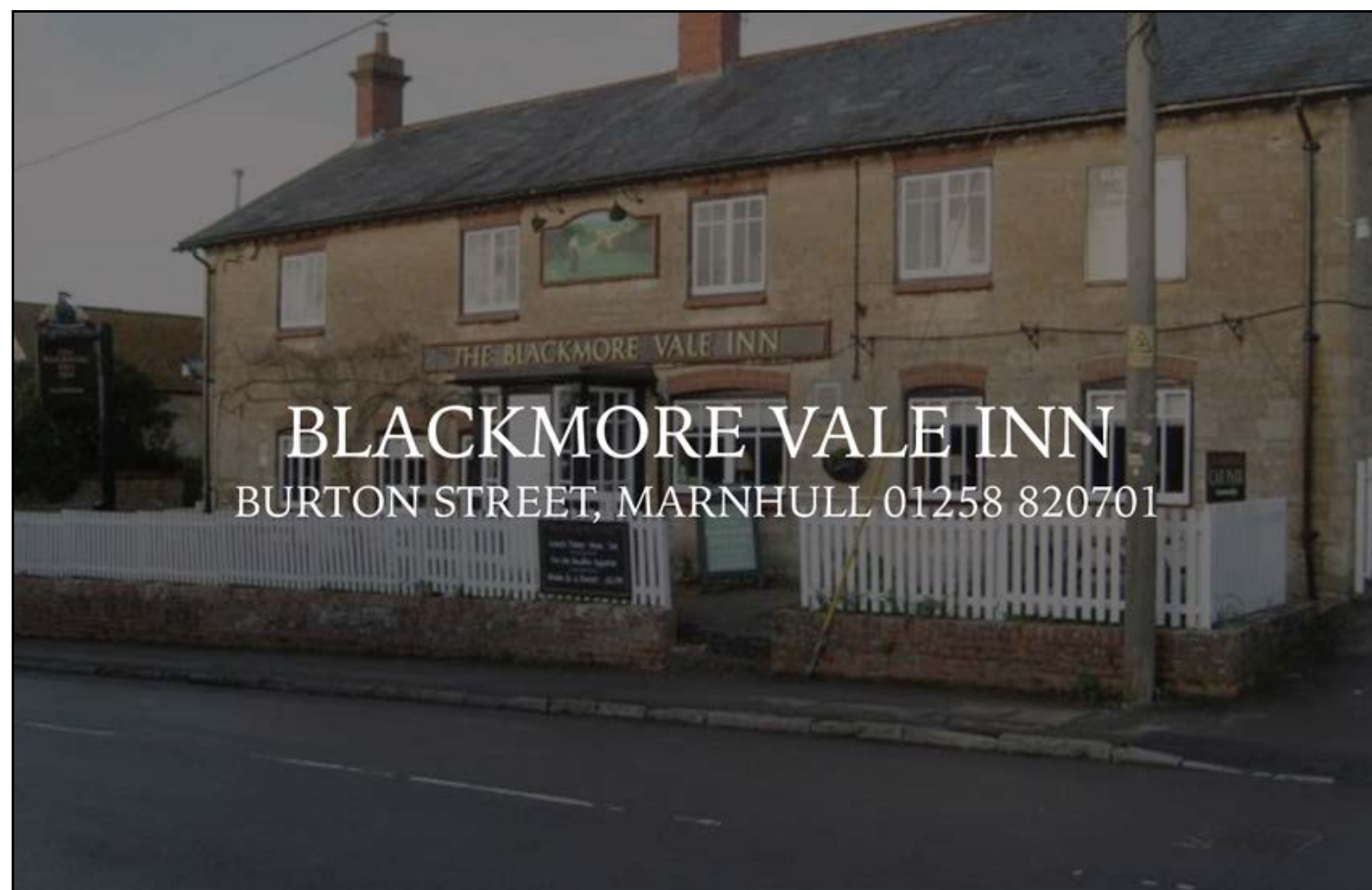
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### Marnhull Music Society

#### Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra Concerts

Marnhull Music Society organise two trips per winter season for members and non members, travelling by coach to hear concerts performed by the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra in Poole. The cost of the concert tickets and coach travel from Marnhull is approximately £30 depending on numbers.

If you are interested, and would like to be informed of the concert dates and details, please send me your email address or telephone me so that I can add you to my mailing list.

Jo Loukes

01258 821629

jo@loukes.co.uk

### Child Okeford Village Hall Film Night

We are showing 'Red Joan' (12A), starring Judi Dench, on Friday, 25th October, at 7.30pm,

Tickets 5 at the door or in advance on 01258 860113.

### Artsreach at Child Okeford Village Hall

Artsreach presents Oddbodies in 'King Lear' at Child Okeford Village Hall on Saturday 19th October, at 7.30 pm. Booking and further details from Rosemary Blundell 01258 861621.

### 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.

## The Great Marnhull Fish & Chip Quiz in aid of Air Ambulance and Marnhull Village Hall Friday 11th October at the Village Hall

All of the places have now been provisionally booked.

If you would like to join a reserve list please  
ring Andy and Lynda Webb on 01258 821318

### The Beer and Ale Gallon

#### I have in my possession the 1810 edition of 'The Young Man's Best Companion'.

It is full of unusual information and I give one example below which might be of interest to our beer drinkers:

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## Eco Day in Marnhull



The world is heating. The climate is changing. The environmental challenges are huge - and must be addressed. Action is needed at the international, national, regional, local - and personal levels.

Or so many people believe. We are surrounded by information sources; but not all of them are reliable and not all of them agree. Do you want to help address the climate emergency but are not sure how? Do you think there's not much you can do - or need to do?

At least one thing is certain: we're all in this together. And on Eco Day in Marnhull there'll be an opportunity to come together and discuss the issues. Everyone will be welcome, from the eco-warrior to the climate sceptic, and all the rest of us in between!

The Eco Day will be held in Marnhull Village Hall, from 1.30 to 6pm, Saturday 19 October.

Free tickets are available from Eventbrite - <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/eco-day-inmarnhull-tickets-70604615305> - and from Robin Hill Stores and SPAR in Marnhull.

Donations to help cover expenses will be gratefully received: any profits will go to Sustainable Dorset ([www.sustainabledorset.org](http://www.sustainabledorset.org)).

There will be tea and cakes to help sustain you; stalls, and people to talk to; a number of expert speakers, and an eco question time.

The keynote speaker will be Neil Morisetti, Vice Dean (Public Policy) of the Faculty of Engineering Sciences at University College, London. Formerly of the Foreign Office and the Royal Navy, with over 35 years experience of policy making and delivery of UK strategic objectives, Neil regularly advises governments and business on geo-political issues, including trans-national and non-traditional threats.

On Eco Day Neil will give an overview of what is happening to the environment and why.

He will discuss the impact of a changing climate on food, water and land resources; the economic, health, social and security implications; and what we need to be doing and when.

Other expert speakers will talk about making houses more energy efficient, healthy and environmentally friendly; the impact of the clothing industry; recycling schemes; the Dorset

Green Living Project; environmental business, 'sustainable babies', and more.

Ros Eveleigh, one of the Eco Day organisers, says: "The state of our environment obviously affects all of us. Many people are very concerned about it, and want to do something to help - but may not be sure what's best to do. We are very lucky to have an excellent panel of well-informed speakers lining up for the Marnhull Eco Day on 19

October. We hope that as many people as possible will come along to the Village Hall to hear the speakers, ask questions, put forward ideas and discuss the issues. We only have one planet, after all. Let's talk about keeping it healthy!"

## 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:

**Wednesday 16th October:** Wildlife of Kingston Lacy through the Ages – an illustrated talk by David Smith, an expert on this historic estate.

**Wednesday 20th November:** The Ecology of Seahorses – an illustrated talk by Julie Hatcher, Marine Awareness Officer for the DWT Living Seas Team.

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

So that all our keen photographers have ample opportunity to take some really interesting photographs, the photography classes for next year's Flower Show have been decided. We are looking forward to a varied selection of entries in the following classes:

Class 87 - Chimney(s)

Class 88 - Close-up - Pollinating insect on a flower

Class 89 - Work or craft

Class 90 - Black and White - Winter

Class 91 - 'Out in the mid-day sun'

Class 92 - A digital photograph - any subject. Exhibit to consist of the original photograph and a copy that has been digitally enhanced. To be mounted as a pair, mounting not to exceed 30cm x 45cm

Class 93 - Open Class

## Child Okeford Flower Arranging Club

Oct 15th A Workshop with Nicky Heal, "Willow Weaving"

## Dorset Perennial Group

We are a group of gardening enthusiasts who, in addition to visiting local gardens during the summer months, hold two indoor meetings each year. This autumn we are meeting in Durweston Village Hall on the 19th October from 1.30 pm when horticultural expert Rosie Yeomans will talk about 'Plants for all Seasons'. Everyone is most welcome to come along. Members 1, non-members 5 to include afternoon tea and cake. For further details please contact Dianne on 01258 861566.



Churches Together in Marnhull

Churches Together were delighted to be invited to attend the licensing of Rev. Gaenor Hockey as Associate Priest in Marnhull by the Bishop of Sherborne in Saint Gregory's on 11th September. It was a pleasure to meet the new priest less formally at the Peace Prayers meeting on 13th and to hear of her support for Christians Together. We look forward to the continuation of the friendly relationship and mutual support between the three Christian Churches in Marnhull.

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 meetings will be

11 October - Our Lady's Church

8 November - Methodist Church

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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10.00 - Morning Service



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Services & Events for October 2019

Please note there will be no morning prayer this month

Wednesday 2nd

11am – Holy Communion [said]

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

St Gregory's Primary School

Tea & Coffee before service from 2.15pm

All welcome

Sunday 6th

Harvest Festival

8am – Holy Communion [said]

10am – Parish Eucharist

Wednesday 9th

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

St Gregory's Primary School

Tea & Coffee before service from 2.15pm

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Sunday 13th

Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

8am – Holy Communion [said]

10am – Parish Eucharist

Wednesday 16th

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

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Sunday 20th

Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

8am – Holy Communion [said]

10am – Parish Eucharist

Wednesday 23th

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

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Sunday 27th

Last Sunday of Trinity Bible Sunday

8am – Holy Communion [said]

10am – Parish Eucharist

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St Gregory's Church  
Annual Gift Day Saturday 5th October

The Church will be open from 10am and decorated for the Harvest Festival on Sunday 6th.

Stephen Binnington will present the annual Gift Day Recital in St.Gregory's church at 4.00pm on Saturday 5th October. His 50-minute programme will include music by Franck, Dubois and Bach.

Donations in aid of church funds greatly appreciated.

Our Lady's Church

Catholic Church of Our Lady, Marnhull  
& St. Benedict's, Gillingham

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Sunday Masses - 9.30am & 6pm (Marnhull) / 11am (Gillingham)

Significant dates in October

1 - Saint Therese of the Child Jesus (1873-1897)

Therese was born at Alencon and at the age of 15 entered the Carmel of Lisieux. Although she died of tuberculosis at the age of 24, such was the influence of her spiritual writings and her 'little way', that she was declared a Doctor of the Church in 1997. She is also Patron of the Missions and Co-Protectress of France (with St Joan of Arc).

4 – Saint Francis of Assisi (c.1181-1226)

Son of a wealthy merchant, he embraced poverty and preached to love of God to all. In 1210 he set up the Order of Friars Minor (Franciscans) and two years later helped St Clare to establish a female community (Poor Clares). While praying at La Verna he received the wounds of the crucified Lord, which caused him great pain in his final years.

4 – CAFOD Harvest Fast Day (Friday)

For the poor and hungry of the world, that they may have access to food fairly traded.

13 – Day of Prayer for Prisoners and their Dependants

For all in prison and their families, that they may know the Lord's compassion.

15 – Saint Teresa of Jesus (1515-1582)

Joined the Carmelite convent at Avila and after 25 years as a nun, began to reform the Order, with the help St John of the Cross. Her outstanding works and mystical theology led to her being declared a Doctor of the Church in 1970.

17 - Saint Ignatius of Antioch (died c.107)

Followed St Peter as bishop of Antioch and was thrown to wild beasts in Rome, during the persecution of Trajan. His name is mentioned in the Roman Canon.

18 – Saint Luke, Evangelist (Feast)

St Luke (1st C) was a Greek, possibly from Antioch, who trained as a doctor. He converted to Christianity, became a disciple of St Paul and wrote both a Gospel and the Acts of the Apostles.

28 – Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles (Feast)

St Simon (1st C) is usually called 'the Canaanite' and 'the Zealot', suggesting he belonged to the Jewish party of the 'Zealous of the Law'.

St Jude or Thaddeus (1st C) has a short epistle in the New Testament ascribed to him and is invoked as the patron of hopeless causes.

Tradition says that after Pentecost they evangelised, Simon in Egypt, Jude in Mesopotamia, and then both in Persia where they were martyred. Their names appear in the Roman Canon.

Parish People

Anthony John Randall's funeral was on 6 September and John Joseph Priestly's funeral was on 10 September. Both were held at Yeovil Crematorium. RIP Betty Doney's funeral will be held at St Benedict's on 2 October. RIP

Parish Events

Our Lady's Church featured in Dorset Architectural Heritage Week (13-22 Sep). An exhibition of artefacts and photographs was on display in the Parish Room and republication of the Parish History 'Steadfast in Faith' coincided with the event.

The annual 'Ride & Stride' for cyclists and walkers in support of the Dorset Historic Churches Trust took place on Saturday 14 September. David Minto and Chris Gassmann cycled 66 miles as they visited churches in Marnhull, Todber, Margaret Marsh, East Orchard, West Orchard, Manston, Hammoon, Child Okeford, Shillingstone, Okeford Fitzpaine, Belchalwell, Ibberton, Wooland, Hazelbury Bryan, Fifehead Neville, Sturminster Newton and Hinton St. Mary. These valiant cyclists raised a total of £532 in sponsorship. A magnificent effort – well done!

The Methodist Church



Marnhull Methodist Church 1899 – 2019  
120 years of Worship and Service

**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

Thank you everyone who joined us for the coffee morning in the newly decorated hall on 31st August. It was a delight to meet with you all and enjoy a relaxing chat. A special extra thanks to all who bought a cake (or cakes!) from the cake stall. Your enthusiasm proved that the well-deserved reputation of some of our members as makers of delicious cakes is known throughout the village.

This coffee morning was the beginning of a series of special events to commemorate the opening of the present church building in December 1899. Our biggest celebration will be on **Friday 1st November with an evening of music and song in the church beginning at 7:30 pm**. We hope that this will be a celebration for the whole village community and we are delighted that the **Marnhull Community Choir will be entertaining us with a broad variety of songs**. They will be led and accompanied by Katie and James Smith and those of us who enjoyed their performance at Marnhull Fest know we can expect a delightful range of songs professionally performed. We hope to have other soloists to entertain us and, bearing in mind the long tradition of congregational singing in the Methodist Church, there will also be an opportunity for everyone to join in. **Do not miss this event – you may have to wait another 120 years for another like it!**

On the actual anniversary, **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

Yes, I know it's early to be thinking about Christmas, but please note on your calendar that our candlelit carol service will be 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.



### Speeding A reply from the Parish Council

In last month’s issue, Mr Nagle wrote an article raising concerns about speeding traffic through our village. Whilst I have some sympathy with his comments, I feel there is a need to address some of his concerns.

I shall start with the comment regarding Salisbury Street and “traffic travelling up to sixty miles an hour”. I am sure most of you reading this will have also read in past issues of the Messenger that the village now has an active Community Speed Watch group. Whilst the group does not monitor Salisbury Street, it does so in two locations on Crown Road. If there were a significant volume of traffic achieving sixty miles an hour along that stretch of road, the group would have recorded such incidents. Only two vehicles out of 857 monitored have been reported speeding and those were both only just above the threshold.

I am not belittling Mr Nagle’s comments, but pointing out the reality is that there isn’t currently a major speeding issue in our village that can be identified. It is often the proximity to the traffic itself and/or the narrowness of the highway that exaggerates the perception of speed.

Mr Nagle goes on to question speed limits within the village. On this point I do have some sympathy, in that I, too, believe that a lower speed limit along Crown Road and Salisbury Street would be desirable. However, there is much more involved than ‘just’ putting up new speed limit signs. Any change to a highway speed limit has to be backed up by evidence (and, no, this does not have to include injuries or deaths). This evidence then has to be put forward in a case which eventually ends up with a change in legislation no less! This is a costly and lengthy process. The evidence gathering has already begun through the Speed Watch data. We need to gather a year’s worth of actual speed monitoring data as a start.

However, changing speed limits is not a guarantee of road safety. I believe a change in motorist behaviour is much more effective. Someone who drives at sixty mph through a forty mph area is unlikely to change their speeding habit just because of a reduction of speed limit. One approach the Parish Council is considering is the use of Speed Indication Devices (SIDs) which are signs by the roadside that inform you (and other motorists/ pedestrians) of your speed. As Mr Nagle points out, you will probably have noticed these recently as you travel through Hinton St Mary and East Stour amongst other places. These devices have proved to be very effective at reducing incidents of speeding. The Speed Watch data being collected now will give the Parish Council a steer as to whether one or more SID in the village would be effective. It has to be pointed out that these devices have to be purchased, installed and maintained, for which the Parish (i.e. yourselves) would have to pay through the annual precept.

It is not a case of “Banging on the District Council’s door”, not only as there is no longer a District Council but also it is Dorset County Council Highways department that would be the door to batter down. The Parish Council is in continual discussions with the Highways department as anyone who attends or reads the minutes of the Parish Council meetings would know. The Parish Council and Highways are aware of the concerns of the village and are working together on the strategy outlined above, i.e. analysis of Speed Watch data, possible installation of SIDs. On top of that, discussions have taken place concerning reduction of the speed limit in front of St Gregory’s school and church. Unfortunately these have been frustrated by the inability to place appropriate signage.

Lastly, Mr Nagle quite rightly points out that should any (or all, God forbid) the development applications be approved, it would place a greater strain on the village as far as road safety is concerned. The Parish Council has been doing all in its power to counter these large, opportunistic, developments with arguments around road safety amongst other things.

I hope this letter has addressed many of Mr Nagle’s concerns; the Parish Council is not sitting idly by.

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We are proactively seeking to improve road safety within the village against a background of Local Government cuts and County Council reorganisations which tends to make life a little more difficult.

If anyone wishes to find out more about the workings of the Parish Council, please visit our new website at [www.marnhull-pc.org.uk](http://www.marnhull-pc.org.uk) where you can access minutes of meetings, information on planning applications and make comments. You may also consider signing up for our email newsletters.

Rob Cullender  
Marnhull Parish Councillor & Speed Watch Co-ordinator

### News from Dorset Trading Standards

#### Dorset Council Trading Standards is a Friend Against Scams

Dorset Council Trading Standards has become a Friends Against Scams Organisation, committed to take a stand against scams in Dorset!

Scams are fraud and many people are contacted by criminals by post, phone, online or on the doorstep. Over half of people 65+ have been targeted by criminal scams. Age UK found that worryingly only 5% of people report scams, so 95% of people don’t. Silence is a scammers best friend as it allows perpetrators of these crimes to continue unchallenged and victims to remain unsupported.

There is a scam for everyone and anyone can be affected. Young people can be scammed when buying a first mobile phone or paying online letting agents for student accommodation. Older people may fall for fake lotteries, prize draws and catalogue scams. Others may lose money when contacted out of the blue by someone purporting to be from their bank.

People who are more vulnerable to scams can receive multiple contacts a day by fraudsters and there are many reasons why people reply. Some feel they have an obligation to respond to letters or enjoy the routine of opening and responding to post. Some people want to receive the cheque for their promised winnings.

Friends Against Scams aims to break the silence around scams, giving people information to be able to spot the signs of a scam, talk with and support others and report scams. It is a national and growing scheme that aims to recruit 1 million ‘Friends’ by 2020.

Anyone can become a ‘Friend’, many people are, and you could too. Visit the national website [www.friendsagainstscams.org.uk](http://www.friendsagainstscams.org.uk) to learn more about scams.

For advice about scams and to report something to Trading Standards call the Citizens Advice consumer helpline on 03454 04 05 06.

s or services you have bought then please contact the Citizens Advice consumer helpline on 03454 040506.

### Friends of Blandford Hospital

#### The Friends of Blandford Hospital hold their very popular Autumn Fair in the Corn Exchange, Blandford on Saturday 19th October.

The Fair runs from 9.30am -2pm and includes a huge variety of stalls with quality items at very good prices. There will be gifts, crafts, collectables and jewellery, toys and jigsaws, toiletries, Christmas cards and decorations, cakes and home produce, kitchen items, handbags, scarves, toys, children’s items, tombolas and our Grand Raffle.

Refreshments will also be available.

This is a great opportunity to do some early Christmas shopping whilst supporting not just your local hospital but health related projects across the community. Further information on the event is available by calling 01258 451456.

### Julia's House Radio Campaign

#### “LET MY CARE BE YOUR LEGACY” Five-year-old Carmela stars in Julia's house radio campaign

A new radio campaign from Julia’s House children’s hospice aims to raise awareness of how Gifts in Wills help the charity support children with life-limiting conditions in Dorset and Wiltshire. The campaign is voiced by five year-old Carmela Chillery-Watson, one of the children who benefits from legacies of this kind. Time is precious for Carmela, who has an aggressive rare form of Muscular Dystrophy which causes her muscles to get progressively weaker.

Amy Martin, Legacy Fundraiser for Julia’s House said: “People who leave a gift in their Will are supporting one in four of the children we care for. That’s a tremendous legacy to leave, and costs nothing now to do. We hope that when the time is right, people might consider that even by leaving just 1% from their Will to Julia’s House they will be making a life-changing difference to children such as Carmela.”

Carmela, who lives in Wiltshire with her mum Lucy and dad Darren, spent an exciting day recording three thirty second adverts, which air on local radio stations in Dorset and Wiltshire this summer and autumn.

Mum, Lucy, said: “By leaving a gift in your Will you would be helping Julia’s House to provide respite to families like ours. Julia’s House is a lifeline for us as a family and Carmela’s carers are just amazing with her – all I hear are her giggles and screams of laughter. It’s normally just me and Carmela 24/7 as my husband works away most of the week. It can get very difficult emotionally and physically but knowing Julia’s House is there once a week, to provide a couple of hours respite for me to have some time to feel like me again, gets me through it.”

Julia’s House relies on public donations such as legacies for 95% of the money required to run its vital service. The charity currently supports 166 families across Dorset and Wiltshire. Medical and scientific advances are enabling more children to be born and live longer with life-limiting conditions, and because of this the number of children requiring the support of the charity is expected to have increased by 40% by 2022.

To find out more about leaving a gift in your Will to Julia’s House, call Amy Martin on 01202 644220 for an informal chat, email [amy.martin@juliashouse.org](mailto:amy.martin@juliashouse.org) or go online to [juliashouse.org/legacy](http://juliashouse.org/legacy) where you can request your FREE Gifts in Wills guide.

### Horse Riders



With the serious increase in traffic around the village at the moment and then on top of that the proposed planning/ building works, our roads are becoming a nightmare for riders with their horses to ride safely when out on the roads. It is both the volume of traffic and also the size of the vehicles. Combine this with their speed – it can be very dangerous indeed. Marnhull is particularly bereft of off road riding – but is it?

As responsible horse riders we are asking any local farmers and land owners around the village to come forward and offer us a chance of off road riding - even just the boundary track around a field that we could safely ride in. I know there are local farmers who happily let the hunt use their land so could an arrangement be made, even for a limited period, for us to ride across it too. We are happy to meet to discuss how we could manage this. We have responsible and knowledgeable British Horse Society Access & Bridleway Officers who will work with you and us to create safer riding for Marnhull. If you would like to help, please call Rosie 07711 089403 to chat further.

### Marnhull Café Sci

Our programme of talks began the 19/20 season with an introduction to eConsult, an on line medical consulting system that is being rolled out by the Blackmore Vale Partnership, our local medical practice. The talk raised some interesting questions and the group recommended a hands-on familiarisation session at The Hub to allow local patients to find out what eConsult can do for them.

On 1st October we are going hear from Andrew Hanson of the National Physical Laboratory who will talk about the use of light in measurement. We’d better get out our A level text books for this one!

See you at The Blackmore Vale at 20.00 on 1st October to be illuminated.

### Death Café

Death Café Shaftesbury Quaker Meeting (Abbey Walk) are holding a Death Café on Saturday 5th October at 2.30. Hosted by Nicky (Marnhull DC) and welcomes people from all walks of life to meet and talk about death and dying so that they can get on with the business of living. It provides a safe environment to discuss one of the last taboos and fears, to share experiences, opinions, thoughts or just listen to others.

...and there is cake!

Further information from Nicky 0797557038

### Digital Champion

#### Dorset Council have a Digital Champion in your area; please feel free to drop in and see them.

The details for your local digital champion are below.

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**Wednesdays 09:30 - 13:00**  
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**Wednesday 13:00 - 16:30**  
**Sturminster Learning Centre**

With more and more services going online, we feel it is crucial that people are supported to benefit from the internet.

### Ride & Stride

The chilly dawn of Saturday 14 September heralded a superb clear, sunny, wind-free autumn day - the day of this year’s Ride & Stride in aide of the Dorset Historic Churches Trust.

I , on behalf of St Gregory’s Church, was one of many taking part on my trusted bike, Swift. The planned route was deemed ‘ambitious’ so I acknowledged that I may not visit all sixteen churches. But, I did over a distance of 43 miles in just over 4 hours of cycling. The ‘riding’ and ‘striding’ visitors were welcomed at some of the churches with enthusiasm, encouragement and home made cake!

Along the route I enjoyed free-wheeling along the avenue of trees from Hinton House, part of the Trailway, lanes lined with autumn hedgerow colour, the thrill of riding through a Ford and all at a pace that allowed time to enjoy the views of Bulbarrow, the deer at Stock Gaylard and a Heron on the banks of the Stour River.

Thank you to all those who gave sponsorship and I would encourage others to take part next year .

Elaine Spencer-White





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## We are OPEN!

The Men's Shed has been busying itself recently with a number of community projects, including the restoration of the vandalised bench in Burton St and some sadly dilapidated finger posts from around the village.

We have also been active in a project to support the **POPPin** Café, which must remain under wraps for the moment.....

Our cookery classes have been very popular, **particularly the eating phase of the task**. Subjects covered so far include Rock Buns, Cherry Sponge Cake and an excellent Quiche recipe. The Men's Shed is not just about sawing and drilling!

The funding we raised last year from **Asda, Tesco**, and more recently **Waitrose**, has enabled us to invest in some high quality tools & machinery, such a wood turning lathe. The Shed is now equipped for a wide range of woodworking activities and these facilities are available for use by members in both community and 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 requires, there is sure to be a Shed member who knows how to do it.

**Fancy a game of cards, darts or ping-pong with new friends... come along!**

*"The Men's Shed  
is not just about  
sawing and drilling!"*



The Shed is in session every **Tuesday afternoon** and 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](mailto:membership@MarnhullMensShed.org.uk)



## St Mary's Catholic School



The new academic year has started well with the welcome of new children and families to our school. Everyone settled into the new term quickly, from the second the children skipped through the gate on our first morning, they were busy getting used to new classes and learning new routines.

We have had an exciting summer making alterations to our site. New fencing around our preschool area and the removal of an old mobile building has really brightened the site up. We have also been lucky enough to secure a £10,000 grant from The National Lottery. This money will be used to continue to develop the outdoor area.



Our first event of the new term was a visit from a Planetarium to support our new topic 'Out of this World'. The children had the opportunity to learn about the planets within our solar system, the stars and also space travel.

We had a chance to visit Our Lady's church to see the Heritage exhibition set up by the parishioners. It was so interesting for the children to see how Marnhull has changed and how different our school has been over time. With the school first opening its doors in 1846, there have been substantial changes!

With the deadline for new parents to make choices on a school for their four year olds, we will be having an 'open door' policy at school. Any prospective parents are welcome to call the school on 01258 820417 to organise a tour or just pop into the school office and take a look around. We also have places in Preschool. We look forward to welcoming you to our school community.

Best wishes,

Charlotte Targett

## Marnhull Baby &amp; Toddler Group

We are all very excited for the start of this awesome term.

We had our rainbow scratch cards out on our first session back on the 5th September.

Then on the 12th September we made some lovely sparkly insects, by glueing sequines and sparky shapes onto different insect shapes. We had some amazing insects.

## Dates for the diary:

3rd October - Usborne books stall

17th October - Flamingo cards stall

24th October - Halloween party

31st October - no toddlers

Thanks for all your support, Emma and Michelle

## St Mary's Explorers

## St Mary's Explorers



## An exciting preschool led by a fully qualified teacher

Explorers have had a wonderful start to the new school year. It has been great seeing the children bounce back to preschool with smiles on their faces. We have begun the term thinking about ourselves and our families. The children have enjoyed sharing lots of books with a family theme. We then talked about what their own families were like, they realised their families were all different but they were all very special. We were lucky enough to have a visit from one of our children's new-born sister who is just a few weeks old. The children asked the mummy lots of questions about how she cared for baby. They then reflected on how they have changed since they were babies.



We will be zooming off to space for the remainder of this term. Space is always a theme which captures the children's imagination and what better way to hook them into the topic than with a visiting planetarium. There is lots of opportunity to share books with a space theme like 'Whatever Next' and 'Q-pootle 5' and we are particularly focusing on the wonderful vocabulary the children can acquire through sharing books.

We are looking forward to getting out and about this month and looking for Autumn treasures. It's always lovely to see the children's reactions to the beauty of nature. We plan to collect leaves, talk about their colours and create artwork with them. The children are anticipating collecting conkers from our tree but we still need to be a little patient before the tree shares its treasures with us. Welly walks to the school nature area will provide lots of hands on experiences!



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 C of E Primary School



It's a new school year Do not fear, it's a time for cheer It's time for you to strive It's time for you to thrive You are all welcome at St Greg's You've even got your own pegs.

## SPICK AND SPAN

Over the summer we've been busy spring cleaning to improve the school both inside and out, as a result the school is looking fresher and clearer, thanks to the staff who have worked so hard to ready the school ahead of the new term. More work is planned for the next couple of years that will enable our school to be an even more comfortable and fun place to learn (watch this space).

## "MUSIC IS AN OUTBURST OF THE SOUL"

The Dorset Music Service will be assisting our Badgers class with their own outbursts this term in learning brass instruments for 10 weeks, a fantastic opportunity for our year 3 & 4 pupils, in addition we will have a number of peripatetic music teachers visiting the school offering: Guitar, Piano, Clarinet, Drums & Trumpet lessons.

The school has kindly been donated 6 guitars, we are looking for anyone locally that might wish to spare some time to teach some of our children, if that's you please do get in touch with the school.



## Hedgehog Blog

We all I am sure remember some small element of our first days at school, often through rose tinted glasses, perhaps embellished over the years, for the next school year we thought it would be nice to document the feelings and the experiences from the point of view of one of our new starters in Hedgehog class (Yr. Reception and 1). We will dip into this throughout the coming year and it is our hope that you'll enjoy her journey through this significant moment in her young life, and maybe, just maybe it might ring a few bells with you also. Direct quotes are accompanied by 'quotation marks'

'I wore a green cardigan and a white and green dress and some white school socks with a black pair of school shoes.'

'We walked to school but it was raining when we got there so we had to run into the classroom, Mummy and my little sister came in with me to help find my new peg which had my name on it and a picture of a hedgehog.'

We have been learning new routines and expectations. Our teacher told us that 'when we played with toys, we had to put them back where we found them. 4 children were shouting at our teacher and she said that when we want to say something, we have to put our hand in the air and if someone else is speaking we have to sit and wait until they're done.'

'When we sit on the carpet, we have to sit nicely with our legs crossed with good listening ears and lips closed and brain boxes'. What are brain boxes? "We have to think of some ideas."

'I got a sticker for being a good girl and listening.'

'We went outside for a play, we have our own play area away from the bigger children where we have been riding bikes and scooters.'

'For snack I had raisins and some water, I could have had milk if I wanted.'

We have been listening to our friend's holiday news and reading What the Ladybird heard on Holiday which is a Julia Donaldson story. 'We had to guess the rhyming words and make animal sounds, there was a hamel (camel) and an elephant, 2 monkeys, one was called Monkey Joe, a crocodile a lion and a tiger.' Continued page right...

It is apple season and we have been collecting them and decorating them and 'we made apple crumble with them and we had to put them in our cups to take home.' We've also planted some carrots, 'first we put some stones in the bottom of the cup, then a bit of soil all the way to the top, it's made of cardboard, then we push the seed down then soil on top, then we had to water it. Carrots can be different colours not just orange.'

We have also been practising writing our name joining up the dots, having let's explore time, cutting and sticking, discovering animals from the sea, some of us have had a lie down also as it's been rather tiring but fun.



## RabbitsHabits

Rabbits class (Yr. 2) have bounced back into class and have had an exciting start to the new term, green fingers at the ready we launched our new topic 'The Scented Garden' by visiting Gold Hill Organic farm. A fantastic day was had learning how plants and vegetables grow, tasting herbs and vegetables as well as helping to plant new shoots. With help from the marvellous staff and volunteers we had a great day learning and exploring lots about gardens and growing.

Meanwhile back at school the children have created a garden centre in our outside area where they are exploring challenges using money and counting together with role play. We have also created our very own herb garden and planted tomatoes to grow ready for a cooking activity later in the topic.



## Badger Jibber-Jabber

Marauding back into school Badger class (Yr. 3 & 4) were excited to discover their new topic was 'Traders and Raiders!' The children have been learning about where the Vikings came from and how and why they invaded Britain. We have also discovered lots of facts about Viking longboats and the children worked extremely hard and produced some super illustrations:



## Fox Vox

This term Foxes class (Yr. 5 & 6) are learning about the Second World War.

To kick off their topic off with a bang – literally! They visited Nothe Fort in Weymouth and took part in an evacuation day, dressing up in period costume the students also learnt how to put a fire out and experienced true hard labour whilst using a washing mangle.

In addition, they also learnt how to shop in the 1940's whilst under rationing and sampled some school life.

But – the scariest part was when they evacuated to an air raid shelter and heard the bombs dropping and saw the resident ghost in the haunted corridor! It was a fantastic day and a great start to our topic.





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### Events at Springhead

Thursday 3 October, SERO charity lunch to raise funds for local children, £25, 12 pm info@serocharity.org.uk

Welcome drinks and canapes before lunch and coffee, after which well-known photographer Edward Parker will talk on Springhead's history. Guests can explore the gardens, and there will also be a licensed bar, raffle, and a chance to buy from SERO's stall.

Sunday 13 October, 6.00pm, Time & Tide Theatre in To Win the Day

A powerful folk-drama about the women left behind when the Tolpuddle men were convicted and transported told through traditional tunes and folk song

Tickets £10 for adults, and £8 for Friends of Springhead and under 18s.

### Blackmore Vale Community People

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### Marnhull Cricket Club

#### Celebrates Inaugural Legends Day

Marnhull Cricket Club closed its impressively successful season with its inaugural Legends Day at the Marnhull Recreation Ground last Saturday.

Rigorous efforts had been undertaken during the Spring to track down former Marnhull CC players from decades ago. Responses flooded in from as far away as New York, Toronto and two from New Zealand, from Cornwall to Hertfordshire to Manchester, Worcestershire and Staffordshire, and, of course, from within Dorset itself.

The most senior Legend playing in the match was Chris Read who started his Marnhull CC career in 1972 and who is still playing today. He was closely followed by Nigel Dawe who played his first game in 1975 and whose impressive and significant contribution to the Club includes Captain of League and Friendly sides and undertaking just about every Officer role at one time or another.

Players and non-players congregated on the pitch before the match to share a minute's silence to remember with fondness absent friends.

The current Marnhull side, which included two 15 year old graduates from the Club's Development Programme, batted first and amassed a total of 163 runs all out, with Gary Stockley top scoring with 38 and Legend Chris Mather capturing 3 wickets for 15 runs. Playing and non-playing Legends and their families and current Members in attendance then enjoyed a sumptuous tea, before the Legends took to the crease. Wickets fell steadily and with half the overs remaining but with six wickets down, the Legends appeared in some difficulty, with first team Captain, Paul Woodrow capturing 4 wickets for 24 runs with his wily spinners. However, Sean Rushton and Steve Conen rolled back the decades and put bat to ball. With one over left the Legends required ten to win and in a final flourish which made the England World Cup win look amateurish, Sean smashed a boundary and then two balls later a monstrous six to finish on 44 not out and win the match for the Legends by one wicket.

Club Chairman, Tim Horn, then delivered the official welcome before handing over the trophy to the winning Legends' Captain, Andy Booth. A glorious late Summer BBQ feast was then served as friends from across the decades told all the aspiring future Legends about the glorious day when The event consolidated and enhanced Marnhull Cricket Club's reputation as one of the foremost Dorset family Clubs, one which runs two competitive Dorset League sides, and is seeking to institute a third as it grows in popularity, and Friendly sides playing mid-week and Sundays. Well represented at the occasion were the Marnhull Maidens who have enjoyed great success in both softball and hardball formats and whose numbers continue to boom as do their levels of skill. Add to these opportunities those for the 120 plus youngsters from the U/9 All Stars through to U/15 side who attend the Summer Development Programme, including regular coaching from an extensive team of highly qualified Coaches and competitive matches, then it is no wonder that this forward thinking and ambitious Club is going from strength to strength.

The Club is always keen to welcome new Members, regardless of ability, to join its men's, ladies and youth sections, or to support the Club with coaching, on its Committee or with fund raising. Contact details can be found on the Club's website and we look forward to welcoming you to our wonderful Club.



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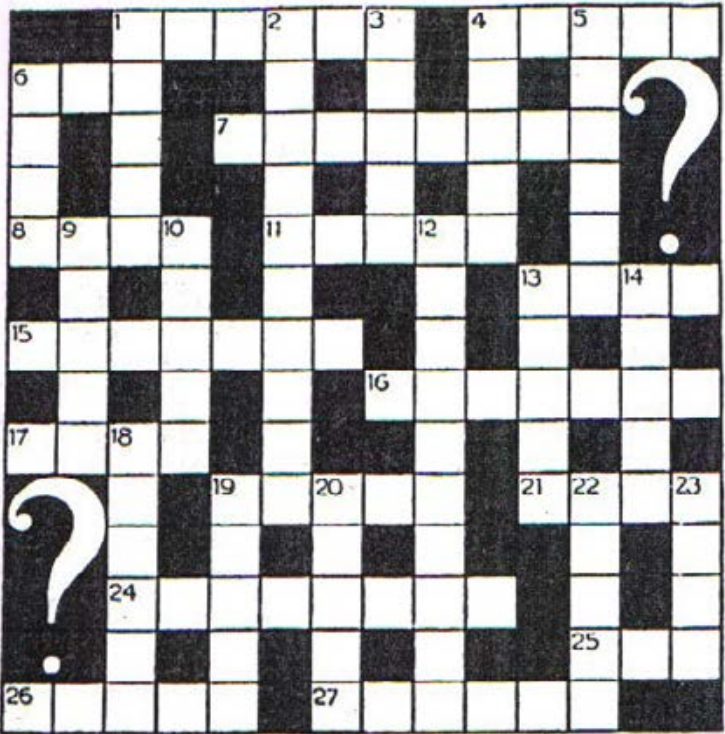
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- ACROSS**
- 1) The bubonic for instance. (6)  
4) Long narrow deep inlet of the sea between high cliffs in Norway. (5)  
6) Small pointed tool for making holes in leather. (3)  
7) Mythical island in the works of 4down that the gods caused to sink into the sea. (8)  
8) Woodwind instrument with a double reed and an incisive tone. (4)  
11) City on the Crimean peninsular that was the site of a meeting of Churchill, Roosevelt and Stalin in 1945. (5)  
13) A two masted square rigged ship. (4)  
15) Shooting carried out from a passing car. (5-2)  
16) Commercial crude smelted zinc. (7)  
17) Something unique. (4)  
19) Succulent of the Americas with narrow spiny leaves and tall flower spikes from which tequila is distilled. (5)  
21) British Prime Minister who resigned in 1957 because of his handling of the so called Suez crises. (4)  
24) Deposit of clay, silt and sand left by flowing flood water. (8)  
25) Mischievous sprite, symbol of the city of Lincoln. (3)  
26) Basic monetary unit of Poland. (5)  
27) Like a wolf. (6)
- DOWN**
- 1) Athenian philosopher born in 429BC. (5)  
2) Site of an American Civil War battle in 1863 and a famous speech by President Lincoln. (10)  
3) System of sending messages by electronic means between computers. (5)  
4) Authoritative ruling on a point of Islamic law. (6)  
5) Bivalve marine mollusc. (6)  
6) Highest adult male singing voice. (4)  
9) Lowest order of the British nobility. (5)  
10) A young eel. (5)  
12) Olympic event of which the male record set in 1995 stands at 60ft. (6-4)  
13) The lowest internal portion of the hull of a ship. (5)  
14) Anglicized version of the name of the Greek goddess of peace. (5)  
18) West Texas town in the title of a 1959 Marty Robbins hit. (2-4)  
19) Metal made by combining two or more metallic elements. (5)  
20) Another name for the incus a small bone in the human ear  
22) An informal name for the southern states of the USA. (5)  
23) Tide when there is least difference between high and low waters. (5)

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