

# Marnhull Messenger



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## Marnhull Resident Nominated for National Literary Prize

Marnhull resident, David Emery's first book; *Full Metal Cardigan*, has been shortlisted for the People's Book Prize, a national literary award voted for by the public. The book is a humorous account of his experiences as a social worker; from eager volunteer filled with vim and vigour to exhausted frontline worker filled with Neurofen Plus and dread. It recounts the many memorable people and predicaments he has encountered on this journey and is available on eBook and paperback from all good bookshops. It can be voted for at [peoplesbookprize.com](http://peoplesbookprize.com).



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## Marnhull Village Hall



**Needs  
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**AGM**

15th November 7pm

**Volunteers are needed to  
fill the posts of  
Chairperson and Secretary  
on the hall committee**

For further information contact  
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## Marnhull Village Hall



Over £140,000 raised to date

The kitty currently stands at over £140,000 with further grant applications in the pipeline. As presented on the stand at the Fest the money has come from the following sources – congratulations and thanks to all concerned:

Lois Parker Legacy, Hall Reserves and Parish Council Grant:	£51,500	36%
Marnhull Individuals and Organisations:	£36,017	26%
External Grants	£53,693	38%

When it is all over a detailed display on the fundraising effort will be displayed in the Hall.

#### Building Project

Tenders for the building work have been issued to five potential contractors. They have been prepared by our architect (Brian Watts of PWCR in Shaftesbury) with input from John Dowsett, his project team and myself. Responses are due in early September when we will start the process of assessment. This could take a number of weeks depending on the level of discussion required with the contractors. We will then prepare a detailed briefing document for all the management committee members and call a meeting to discuss and agree the way forward. Hopefully this should be sometime in October, prior to the AGM.

Separately, John Dowsett and Stephen Boyce have been progressing our application for a Village Hall Improvement Grant, the government scheme that could result in a VAT refund if we are successful. We have passed the stage one assessment and are now proceeding to the second stage application. However, there is no guarantee that we will be successful since this is a limited fund and there have been very many applications.

#### Constitution

Following the discussion at the last AGM, Graham Renwick has been leading the work to clarify this. This has been a frustrating task and we have waited many months to get a response from the charities commission. However, we now have a better understanding of the possible ways forward and have scheduled an information meeting to discuss this on 23rd October 2019, 7pm at the village hall. All are welcome.

#### Executive Committee

Due to other commitments, I will be standing down as secretary at the next AGM in November 2019. Since Stephen Bland stood down as chairman at the last AGM, we have been proceeding without anyone in this role. This means that the management committee need to find candidates for both chairperson and secretary to be proposed at the AGM. If anyone would like further information on what is involved in these posts please feel free to contact me and I will be happy to meet with and brief them.

#### How well do you know your Village Hall?

A multiple choice competition under this title was held at the Fest, and readers may like to know (or already know!) the answers:

When was the Hall first opened?:	1971
How many local organisations and activity groups use the Hall weekly or monthly? 17	
How many can the Hall currently seat around tables/in rows	70 / 100
How much approx has so far been raised for the building project	£140,000
How many could the Hall seat around tables/in rows after extension 100/130	
How much does it cost roughly each year to run the Hall?	£13000
Name of the Marnhull resident who left the Hall a substantial legacy	Lois Parker



## Welcome to your Marnhull Messenger

Chris Ryu - Messenger Editor

### Welcome to the September Issue!

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. Deadline: 10th September

### 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!

#### Village Hall Hire Charges For Weddings & Parties

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### Deadline For Next Issue

## MID-DAY 17th September

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# Annual Diary 2019

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

## September

- 2nd - Table tennis @ 14:00
- 2nd - Bingo at Legion @ 19:00
- 2nd - Parish Council Meeting @ 19:00
- 3rd - Marnhull Hub Drop-in coffee morning Marnhull Hub
- 3rd - French conversation @ 14:00 Marnhull Hub
- 4th - Table tennis @ 14:00
- 5th - Baby and Toddler group @ 09:30
- 6th - Marnhull Lunch Club @ 12:00
- 7th - Jumble Sale at the Legion @ 10:15
- 9th - Table tennis @ 14:00
- 10th - Marnhull Hub Drop-in coffee morning Marnhull Hub
- 10th - French conversation @ 14:00 Marnhull Hub
- 11th - Table tennis @ 14:00
- 11th - Mothers' Union meeting @ 14:30 Methodist Hall
- 11th - Licensing of new Priest for St Gregory's Churc h @ 19:00 St Gregory's
- 11th - Sturminster Newton Floral Group- Demonstration 'Miss Potter and Friends' - Elizabeth Witcombe @ 19:30 Sturminster Exchange
- 12th - Baby and Toddler group @ 09:30
- 13th - Blackmore Vale Art Group "Understanding Colour" Workshop by James Budden @ 10:30
- 16th - Table tennis @ 14:00
- 16th - Bingo at Legion @ 19:00
- 17th - Marnhull Hub Drop-in coffee morning Marnhull Hub
- 17th - Tuesday @ 12 St Gregory's
- 17th - French conversation @ 14:00 Marnhull Hub
- 18th - Table tennis @ 14:00
- 19th - Baby and Toddler group @ 09:30
- 21st - Singing Workshop & Supper @ 14:00
- 23rd - Table tennis @ 14:00
- 24th - Marnhull Hub Drop-in coffee morning Marnhull Hub
- 24th - French conversation @ 14:00 Marnhull Hub
- 24th - Moviola Fishermen's Friends @ 19:30
- 25th - Table tennis @ 14:00
- 25th - Community Choir @ 19:00
- 26th - Baby and Toddler group @ 09:30
- 29th - Joint Choral Evensong @ 18:00 St Gregory's
- 30th - Table tennis @ 14:00
- 30th - Bingo at Legion @ 19:00

## October

- 1st - Marnhull Hub Drop-in coffee morning @ Marnhull Hub
- 1st - French conversation @ 14:00 Marnhull Hub
- 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 - 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
- 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 - Table tennis @ 14:00
- 14th - Bingo at Legion @ 19:00
- 15th - Marnhull Hub Drop-in coffee morning Marnhull Hub
- 15th - French conversation @ 14:00 Marnhull Hub
- 16th - Table tennis @ 14:00
- 17th - Baby and Toddler group @ 09:30
- 21st - Table tennis @ 14:00
- 22nd - Marnhull Hub Drop-in coffee morning Marnhull Hub
- 22nd - French conversation @ 14:00 Marnhull Hub
- 22nd - Moviola Red Joan @ 19:30
- 23rd - Table tennis @ 14:00
- 24th - Baby and Toddler group @ 09:30
- 28th - Table tennis @ 14:00
- 28th - Bingo at Legion @ 19:00 Marnhull British Legion
- 29th - Marnhull Hub Drop-in coffee morning Marnhull Hub
- 29th - French conversation @ 14:00 Marnhull Hub
- 30th - Table tennis @ 14:00

For Village Hall bookings please call  
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## November

- 1st - Marnhull Lunch Club @ 12:00
- 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 - Table tennis @ 14:00
- 8th - Blackmore Vale Art Group "Brusho Techniques" workshop by Deborah Chisman @ 10:30
- 11th - Table tennis @ 14:00
- 11th - Bingo at Legion @ 19:00
- 12th - Marnhull Hub Drop-in coffee morning Marnhull Hub
- 12th - French conversation @ 14:00 Marnhull Hub
- 12th - Spanish conversation @ 15:30 Marnhull Hub
- 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
- 18th - Table tennis @ 14:00
- 19th - Marnhull Hub Drop-in coffee morning Marnhull Hub
- 19th - French conversation @ 14:00 Marnhull Hub
- 19th - Spanish conversation @ 15:30 Marnhull Hub
- 20th - Table tennis @ 14:00
- 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 - Table tennis @ 14:00

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

### Marnhull POPPin Café

THANK YOU MARNHULL!

For your continued support over the past three years

Since we opened in September 2016, your contribution has enabled us to donate nearly £3,000 to local/national charities & organisations.

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### Marnhull Community Choir

Following the Community Choir's debut at the Marnhull Flower Show & Fest, the group is now preparing for the start of the Autumn Term, which starts on Wednesday 25 September 2019 BUT first we are offering:-

Singing Workshop with Supper - 21st September

2.00pm-6.00pm followed by social event

at Clock House, Burton Street

Numbers limited - £10.00 per person plus 'Bring A Dish & Bottle' Supper.

Our choir leaders, Katie and James Smith, will be running an afternoon singing workshop, which will cater for complete novices, as well as those with some experience of reading music and singing part songs. Join us for an enjoyable afternoon of tuition and rehearsal of music in different styles, ending in an informal performance and food at the end. Open to all, including non-members - especially those who would like to try singing for the first time.

Outline programme

Learning to Read Music Part 1 -

acquire a basic knowledge of music theory to help make sense of a vocal score. Participants split into 2 groups - complete beginners led by Katie and more experienced, led by James

Sectional session -

Voice parts split into 2 groups to start to learn 2-part songs - Sops & Tenors led by Katie and Altos & Bases led by James

Learning to Read Music Part 2 -

build your confidence with practical examples of pitches, articulation, etc.

Group rehearsal -

come together to practice the 2-part songs

Run through and informal performance followed by a Buffet Supper

ENROL FOR THE WORKSHOP and the new term NOW!!!

Contact Chris Drake on 01258 820645 or email [chris@christine-drake.com](mailto:chris@christine-drake.com)

### Royal British Legion



With the end of the financial year looming the running Poppy Appeal total so far stands at an incredible £7,874. This in no small part is due to the hard work of Poppy Appeal Organiser Val Eslick but unfortunately the march of time has taken its toll on some collectors as it is prone to do. So we are on the lookout for a few volunteers. If you think you could

help or know of anybody who might please give me a ring on the number below or Val on 820619

The next jumble sale is on Saturday September 7th. Thank you to everybody who has contributed. It is like Christmas has come every day when we arrive at the club to find the porch stuffed with bags and boxes, still time for more. Doors open at 10.15 so come down for a browse and solve all your Christmas present problems in one swoop or worst way have a cup of tea or coffee with a slice of home made cake and have a chat.

We are trying something a little different next year instead of just the usual fish 'n' chip quiz in November which of course will continue we will be having smaller more informal ones in February, May and August. They will be open to all not just members, there will be no entry fee but there will be a raffle and there will be a small prize for the winners. Doors open at 8 o'clock with a start time of around 8.30 and looking to finish about 10. There will be a picture round and a table round for the teams to work on through the evening and for the August one probably a treasure hunt type round. All for fun so look out for announcements.

Hope that most of you saw the lovely article in the Blackmore Vale Magazine about Lyn Bartlett and her amazing efforts at raising money for the Poppy Appeal with the fortnightly bingo. It is well overdue that she got some recognition for her efforts. Attendances hovers around the fifty mark and Lyn works very hard to get some great prizes so if you like your bingo come down there is always room for more.

As usual there is entertainment on Saturdays through September with the attention mostly on a mature audience but on October 5th Elvis 'will be in the building' with the return of Elvis 56 and his version of the music of the 'King'. Usual £2 fee for non- members will apply.

The marquee survived the wind but only just so we are considering taking it down so if you think you may have an event for it ring Tony sooner rather than later.

We hosted the Village Quiz which was won by Marnhull's Men's Shed so they will be in charge of organising and compiling next year's quiz so please support it as it's function is to raise funds for a Marnhull cause. This year's cause was the Village Hall building fund.

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

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## From The Surgeries

### Ideal Health Exhibition

The Ideal Health Exhibition – Live Life to the Full, will be held at the Exchange in Sturminster Newton on Saturday September 7th from 10.00 – 2.30pm.

Organised by the Patient Participation Group (PPG) of the Blackmore Vale Partnership, this will be a fantastic opportunity to have many of your queries regarding various medical, social and well-being issues answered. This event follows on from the highly successful Exhibition held in 2016 with over 600 visitors and almost 40 exhibitors.

With the unprecedented pressures on the NHS, it's clear that patients and the public need to be better informed about any conditions they have and take as much responsibility as possible for managing their own health.

The Ideal Health Exhibition is a response to that and is reflected in the groups and organisations taking part. As well as covering common health and social topics like Bereavement, Carers, Diabetes, Dementia, Healthy Lifestyle, Hearing Loss, Home Safety, Mental Health, Scams & Fraud, Social Isolation, etc. there will be around forty stalls from Age Concern, Citizen's Advice, Healthwatch, Help & Care, LiveWell Dorset, Read Easy, RVS, Sturminster Library, Walking for Health, U3A and many, many more.

There will also be free Health Checks available.

An up-to-date list of the Exhibitors can be found on the Surgery website - [www.blackmorevalesurgery.co.uk](http://www.blackmorevalesurgery.co.uk)

### Flu Clinics

The flu season will shortly be upon us and if you are over 65 years old, the first clinics are being held on 14th and 28th September at both Sturminster Newton and Abbey View. You can make an appointment in the usual way by telephone, online or in person. These appointments in the first instance are only for the over 65 year olds, as we are still waiting for confirmation from national suppliers about the delivery schedules of vaccine for those who are under 65 and in at risk groups. We should have more news, next month.

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**News from the Nick.**  
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Only one crime to report since the last issue of Messenger – theft of over a 100 hay bales from a field in the Love Lane area of the village.

### CRIME PREVENTION

Remember to close your windows and lock your doors when you go out. Don't make easy for the opportunist to access your home and steal your property. Check that your sheds, outbuildings and garages are secure with adequate locks. If you would like any crime prevention advice contact your NPT.

### BEAUTY SPOT THEFTS

Please remember when visiting beauty spots, whether you park in a car park or on the side of a road, to remove all valuables and take them with you. There is nothing worse than to return to your vehicle after a pleasant walk to find a smashed window and your belongings stolen. **DO NOT LEAVE VALUABLES IN YOUR VEHICLE!**

### SCAMS

These 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!

### 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.



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## The Marnhull Hub



We've had a great summer with the new sign going up, thanks to Bob Bullen, Dave Jardine Smith and Dave Targett. We think it looks great. What do you think?

Also we had a stall at the Fest and it was such a lovely day. Thanks to all who came to see us. We will definitely be there again next year!

### Here's what's on at The Marnhull Hub during September:

1. Drop in sessions are on Saturdays from 10-12. Meet your neighbours for coffee and a chat. Watch out for special events which will be advertised in our windows, on Facebook and our website.

2. Breaking News: We have a 'Repair Café' starting on Wednesday 11 September and also Saturday 21 September 10-12. This is being run by Bob Bullen and he will be waiting to repair any wooden objects you might have – tools, furniture, ornaments, no job too small. We also have access to other specialist skills such as ceramics, mechanical, bike specialist, etc. See more on our website <https://www.marnhullhub.org.uk/clubs-workshops> The Repair Café will continue every month.

3. During the summer break from art classes, members of Deborah Chisman's art group at the village hall have booked the Hub on a Tuesday morning and this has been very successful. The last session is on 10 September before art starts again in the village hall on 17 September. Come along and see what's going on.

4. Also Deborah has put up all the "Sketch the Fest" pictures on our art wall. Come along and have a look. It looks great!

5. 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.

6. Meet Mandy Robinson, our local community police person, on Thursday 5 September at 11.30 - 12pm. If anything is worrying you do come along and talk to Mandy. We now have blinds if you would like privacy so just ask Mandy to close them.

7. Sue Carter (Old Chapel Flowers, East Stour) is going to run an Autumnal Flowers workshop on Saturday 7 September 14.00-17.00. Please contact Sue for details on how to book [sue@oldchapelflowers.co.uk](mailto:sue@oldchapelflowers.co.uk)

8. Friday 13 September is the Macrame and Knitting workshop 10-12. Come along and join in. Bring ideas of things you would like to do or where you might need help.

9. Lego Club is back. Saturday 14 September at 14.00. Come along and see what a lot of Lego we have!

10. Book Group is starting on 17 September at 7pm. Contact Celia ([celia@marnhullhub.org.uk](mailto:celia@marnhullhub.org.uk)) if you would like to come along or just turn up.

11. On Friday 20 September Rachel Carrick, a Neal's Yard Remedies Organic consultant will be holding an open house at the hub from 10-12. Come along and say hello, find out more about Neal's Yard Remedies Organic, explore some of the products and have a piece of cake and a coffee.

12. Off to Sew continues on 25 September 15.00-17.00. Last month we made Snap Purse/Pockets. What will we do this month?? Come along and find out. Everyone who has come really loves it and learns new skills all the time.

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13. Thursday 26 September is the second Death Café. Do you have questions around the topic of death and dying? Would you like to discuss these in a safe, relaxed, friendly and confidential environment with like minded people? Come along and find out more. It is run by Nicky Donaldson

14. Friday 27 September Carol Collis is running a Macmillan Coffee Morning from 10-12.30. Do come along and support this wonderful charity.

15. Saturday 28 September is Bob Britain's "PC Clinic" session. He is at the drop in session from 10-12pm. Do bring your laptop or desk top along for his professional help.

The Hub is now helping the Friends of Guy's Marsh by selling the woodwork made in the prison. Come and see the wide selection of very reasonably priced bug hotels, hedgehog houses, bird boxes etc.

We were pleased to support Dorset Shabby Chic with a pop-up shop. Rosie is moving to The Old Dairy at Semley so all interested should go see it there.

Keep an eye out on the Hub window, website and social media. If you can help as a volunteer 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 for £10 per session! There is no commitment.

## Marnhull Fest

Wow, what a fantastic day was had by all on Saturday 27th July at the rec. The weather was kind to us and the residents of the village and surrounding areas didn't let us down.

Even from the earlier start time of 11am we had visitors coming to check out the stalls, have a go on the bouncy castles and watch the hilarious act that was Abel Mabel from Covent Garden.

The tea ladies managed to pull their usual crowd who were then rewarded by 2 lovely performances from the community choir.

After a quick trip home for a shower and change of clothes the band of volunteers returned to help provide an evening of live music. This too was very well received and seemed to be enjoyed by all.

The fest could not happen without the band of willing volunteers and committee members who give up their time to help put everything together. For those of you not aware, this year we have moved our container onto the recreation ground after we gained permission from the parish council. The troops have secured the area with a very dapper fence and this will mean the setting up of the event will be considerably easier for all involved and for future committees.

Special thanks must go to Vale Fire and Security who provide the entire site with the relevant fire extinguishers for the event, and to Mr Crocker and Mr Wade for the use of the fields for car parking.

The fest have committed to providing the fireworks for the village on Tuesday 5th November 2019 and will be working closely with St Gregorys School and St Marys to make this event a success so watch this space.

A sizeable portion of the money made goes into supporting local groups and charities, the remainder is held in reserve to ensure the following years fest is financially possible, as we are not always guaranteed sunshine.

The date for next years fest and flower show is set for Saturday July 11th 2020 and it is the Fest's 20th Anniversary!!!!

We look forward to hearing from you. Email [Janetdimmack@hotmail.com](mailto:Janetdimmack@hotmail.com) or [lisawoodhouse@me.com](mailto:lisawoodhouse@me.com)

We are looking to do something special and are open to ideas and suggestions. We would love to hear comments and reviews about previous Fest's, things that villagers think worked well and they would love to see again. It takes a considerable amount of time and effort from the volunteers, and it becomes more and more expensive each year to put on this event but with everyone's continued support let's hope it will still be going in another 20 years.

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Two ladies from the Grand Union Canal Entertainment Company are seeking anyone who can help them in their research into a traditional dance of Marnhull called the Brick and Mortar. It was apparently performed or danced in Marnhull in the 1950s but is believed to be much older. This dance was possibly associated with the local friendly societies and is a traditionally danced at Harvest Homes. The dance is mentioned in the Dorset Womens Institutes book of 1935 called Dorset Up Along and Down Along where on page 101 it specifically relates it to Marnhull. The dance is also mentioned in the original 1952 version of the "The Marnhull Book" and the detailed steps are explained in both books. It is also mentioned in a 1945 publication English Dance and Song (re-printed in 1978) and a version collected from Seend in Wiltshire dated 1928 can be found on this link - <https://www.vwml.org/search?q=Bricks%20and%20mortar&is=1>

The two ladies concerned are very interested in speaking to someone who has an actual memory of doing or watching the dance. If there is anyone who can help in their enquiries please contact Rhoda or Chloe Elizabeth Middleton-Metcalf direct as they would be delighted to hear from anyone who can help, even in the vaguest terms. Their point of contact is below and further information can be found on the following web sites:

Chloe Elizabeth Middleton-Metcalf

07500862568 Email [chloe.e.metcalf@gmail.com](mailto:chloe.e.metcalf@gmail.com)

Grand Union Canal Entertainment Company <https://gucocompany.com/>

Innocent Hare Band <https://www.facebook.com/InnocentHareBand/>

## Child Okeford Village Hall Film Night

Our autumn film season starts on Friday, 27th September, at 7.30pm. We will be showing Fisherman's Friends (12A), a comedy-drama in which a group of Cornish fishermen with a talent for singing sea shanties are offered the chance to sign a record deal. Tickets £5 at the door or in advance on 01258 860113.

## Marnhull Music Society June 2019

Our AGM was held in June, and as befits such a harmonious society the business was dealt with in a tranquil manner. We settled back with punch and nibbles to hear an interesting and unusual programme compiled by Mike Wilkins, with some original ideas from Alan Thomas who sadly was not able to join us.

The clue came with a large portrait of Beethoven and a score sheet. Mike had questions for us to answer, probably as a means of making sure we were paying attention. We were not going to be allowed to fall into graceful trances over our punch glasses. He interspersed some of Beethoven's most recognisable and popular works with music of a very different calibre.

In the Beethoven category were movements of the Pastoral Symphony, the rousing 2nd movement of the 7th Symphony, Pavarotti singing an aria (possibly from "Fidelio"?), a part of the Egmont Overture, delicious sections of both the A passionata piano concerto and the violin concerto, and ending with a slice of "Ode to Joy." All these well-loved items were received with great contentment from an appreciative audience.

The non-Beethoven elements were varied in the extreme and provided an interesting counterpoint to the great master's works. There was P.J. Proby with his smokey voice singing a song from "West Side Story", the clear and pleasant voice of Elton John with a couple of songs from "The Lion King", the ripe tones of Bryn Terfel with "If I were a rich man" from Fiddler on the Roof, and last but not least (acoustically speaking) there was the Electric Light Orchestra and "Roll Over Beethoven."

We start our new season of monthly concerts in September with a programme compiled by the committee. We would welcome new members – our meetings are one of the most pleasant events of the Marnhull social calendar and we urge anyone who has an interest in music towards the serious end of the spectrum to give us a try. Just come as a visitor once, and you will probably be hooked.

Members should bring a chair, cutlery and plates and food to share as well as their favourite tippie.

## The Great Marnhull Fish & Chip Quiz in aid of Air Ambulance and Marnhull Village Hall

**Friday 11th October  
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All of the places have now been provisionally booked.

If you would like to join a reserve list please  
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## Annual Village Quiz

Twelve teams from the various clubs and societies of Marnhull took part in a tense struggle to win the Village Shield. Finally, by the narrowest of margins, The Men's Shed team emerged victorious.

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## Marnhull Flower Show

We would like to thank all the entrants to the Flower Show this year, and welcome the many who were entering for the first time. We hope you enjoyed the day as much as we did and we look forward to seeing another great display next year. Thank you, also, to all our advertisers and supporters.

Next year the Flower Show and Fest will be held on Saturday 11th July and we are hoping that this will enable many more of you to enter before the school holidays begin. We will be deciding on some of the changes to classes before Christmas and will advertise these in the Messenger so that everyone has a chance to plant seeds, encourage pot plants into splendid growth and design and make something for the Art, Photography and Handicraft classes.

Many congratulations to the following cup-winners for 2019:

### List of Cup Winners

Northover Cup  
RHS Banksian Medal  
Hellins Cup  
Eric Guy Cup  
Marnhull Garden Club Shield  
Elliot Cup  
Beausire Cup  
Hambledon Dairy Bowl  
Committee Cup  
Forbes Cup  
Wells Bowl  
Bulford Cup  
Lucy Smith Cup  
Ross Cup  
The Committee Cup – Basket  
The Committee Cup – Container  
Jack Hannam Cup  
Sweetest Smelling Rose  
Charity Class

Hilary Smith  
Robert Frith  
Bob Mogridge  
Stephen Fricker  
Hilary Smith  
Jean McErlain  
Hilary Smith  
Robert Frith  
Katy Hurlow  
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Isabel Wood Mug – Art

Jesse Chalker  
Zoe Coling  
Aimée Coling  
Lily Oxford  
Amberley James  
Aimée Coling  
Olivia Riches  
Zoe Coling  
Aimée Coling

As the Wild-life friendly garden was a new class in the Village Competition, we thought it would be helpful if you knew what the judge was looking for. His list of wishes for a good garden for wildlife included the following:

A pond, a range of habitats e.g. meadow, trees and flowering plants, bird boxes and feeders, hedgehog habitat, log pile(s) and compost heaps, bug boxes, seasonal flowers, notable species and native plants.

## Marnhull's Eco Day Event

Saturday 19th October at

2pm at the Village Hall

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## Dorset Wildlife Trust: North Dorset Group



### Dorset Wildlife Trust Events

#### North Dorset Group Events Calendar 2018/19

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.).

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## A big thank you to a resident of Marnhull

During recent building work at our house in Burton Street one of the chaps left the door open and our wonderfully curious Beagle, Lola, made a bid for freedom, unbeknown to us.

We would like to take this opportunity to say a big thank you to the lovely lady, we think called Jenny who brought her back after catching her running down the road by the old hairdressers shop in Burton St. We didn't get your details to say thank you.

Steve and Ann (& Lola!) Burton St.



From the Churches

We have a new dog. At the beginning of August we adopted of an Irish terrier we're calling Molly. She's a rescue dog that was picked up by a Somerset dog-warden and that, pretty much, is all we know about her. I was thinking about writing about her as 'the dog with no past' except, of course, that's just not true. She has a past; we just don't know what it is. But it's her past that makes her hide cowering in the corner. It's her past that means, at the age of about 4 - who knows? - she doesn't know how to walk on a lead. It's her past that makes her scared when a tree blows in the wind or a sparrow spurts from the hedge. It's her seemingly traumatic past that has shaped her present. However, watching Molly run around the garden, with her tail up, seeing her going up to Jill to be stroked gives hope that her future may be better than her past, although it may be a while before she's confident enough to walk around the village.

As with dogs, so with humans. We all have hurts and mistakes of the past. Divorce, illness, family disputes and abuse all leave their marks and not every wrong can be righted, not every illness cured, not every mistake rectified. I live with my past, but I need not be bound by it.

Someone wrote "We may not be responsible for what happened in the past but we are responsible for what we do next." We can live for the future, and the Christian faith teaches the hope that death is not the end which makes the future very long indeed.

Those who struggle with faith may like the quotation from the inconsistent atheist George Bernard Shaw: "We are made wise not by the recollection of our past, but by taking the responsibility for our future."

One more thought: the dog that came to us had no name. John Clare, the nineteenth century 'peasant poet,' who spent many years in a lunatic asylum, wrote "I am: yet what I am none cares or knows". What a frightening state to be in! In contrast we have the words of the Jewish prophet Isaiah "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine." Molly is learning her name. I hope that we all, whatever our past can learn who we can become.

David Treby

(Retired priest)

Churches Together in Marnhull

Harvest Celebration

Living in a beautiful, country area, we are much more aware of the cycle of the seasons and the ongoing importance of farming to the well-being of our society than many people living in more built up areas. This means that the tradition of celebrating the end of harvest is still very popular. Once again, we invite everyone to join the village annual Harvest Celebration in the village hall on Wednesday 25th September from six pm. Drinks (cider or apple juice) will be provided (one free!) while this year we ask everyone to bring a small plate of food to share with others. This can be anything you fancy – the more variety of food the merrier. If you prefer to drink something other than traditional cider or apple juice, feel free to bring that as well. By popular demand, we also again invite you to bring a copy of your favourite poem. A selection of these will be drawn at random and read out during the evening. If you don't want to read aloud yourself, someone else will read the poem for you.

We look forward to seeing as many of you as the hall can fit in at this celebration.

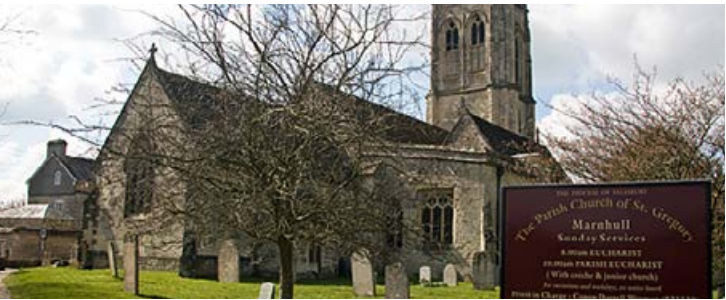
World Peace Prayers

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13 September - Saint Gregory's Church

11 October - Our Lady's Church

St. Gregory's Church



Services & Events for September 2019

Please note there will be no morning prayer this month  
School services will resume shortly

September 1st  
Eleventh Sunday after Trinity  
Patronal Festival

08.00 – Holy Communion [said]  
10.00 – Parish Eucharist

Wednesday 4th  
11.00 – Holy Communion [said]

Sunday 8th  
Twelfth Sunday after Trinity  
08.00 – Holy Communion [said]  
10.00 – Parish Eucharist

Wednesday 11th  
7.30pm Special Order of Service  
Licensing Service – Revd. Gaenor Hockey  
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Sunday 15th  
Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity  
08.00 – Holy Communion [said]  
10.00 – Parish Eucharist

Sunday 25th  
Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity  
08.00 – Holy Communion [said]  
10.00 – Parish Eucharist

Sunday 29th  
Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity  
St Michael and All Angels  
08.00 – Holy Communion [said]  
10.00 – Parish Eucharist

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Marnhull Churches Sunday Services

Anglican Church of St. Gregory the Great, New Street  
8.00 – Holy Communion  
10.00 – Parish Eucharist  
Weekday services as advertised  
www.StGregorysMarnhull.org.uk

Catholic Church of Our Lady, Old Mill Lane  
9.30 - Mass  
6.00 - Mass  
www.marnhullandgillinghamrc.org.uk

Marnhull Methodist Church, Burton Street  
10.00 - Morning Service

Our Lady's Church



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

www.marnhullandgillinghamrc.org.uk  
Sunday Masses - 9.30am & 6pm (Marnhull) / 11am (Gillingham)

Significant dates in September

3 – Saint Gregory the Great (540-604) (Feast)

Tightened Church discipline and liturgical practice; reorganised the Holy See and sent St Augustine to convert the Kingdom of Kent. Consequently he is known as the 'Apostle of the English'.

14 – The Exultation of the Cross (Feast)

The Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross commemorates the rescue of the relic of the True Cross by Emperor Heraclius in 629, after its capture by the Persians. It also marks the original dedication of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in 335.

21 - Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist (Feast)

St Matthew, also called Levi, was the son of Alphaeus. He was a tax collector for the Romans when Jesus Christ called him as an Apostle. After the Ascension, he is thought to have travelled to Persia and Ethiopia where he was martyred. St Matthew's Gospel is the first in the New Testament and his name appears with the other Apostles in the Roman Canon.

Parish People

Martin Boulton and Molly Chimombe were married at St Benedict's on 20 July.

Levi John Beaumont Dugdale was baptised at St Benedict's on 11 August.

Deacon Mike and his wife Barbara ran the Annual Catechetical Summer Camp at Buckfast 4-10 August and some of our parish children took part.

Joan Porter's funeral was held at St Benedict's on 21 August. RIP

New Priest for St. Gregory's, Marnhull

The Churchwardens and PCC of St Gregory's Church are delighted to welcome the Rev. Gaenor Hockey as the new Associate Priest in Marnhull.

Gaenor and her family are already settling in to the Rectory in New Street, and she takes up her appointment following her licensing by the Bishop of Sherborne at a special service in St Gregory's on Wednesday September 11th at **7.00pm** and not 7.30 as previously advertised.

We hope that as many parishioners as possible will come and join us in welcoming Gaenor into our community.

Tuesday @ Twelve

Stephen Binnington will present a 30-minute programme of organ music at 12 noon on Tuesday 17th September. Look forward to some varied sounds and it's free!

Gift Day Recital

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.

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.

Our Lovely Hall

As many of you know with pleasure, our Church Hall is used by a large number of groups and organisations as a convenient venue for their meetings and activities. It had been beginning to show a few signs of "wear and tear" recently so a hard working group of church members under the direction of Buildings Manager Ron Williams have taken the opportunity of the summer break to redecorate the hall and kitchen. Thanks to their efforts, our hall and kitchen are now looking even more clean, bright and cheerful. It is certainly now the place in the village for all types of occasional or regular group activities. See the regular note at the foot of this column for details of how to book.

You are all invited to a **coffee morning and cake stall in the hall on Saturday 31st August** from 10:00am to noon to see the hall and to celebrate the 120th anniversary of the church on this site.

Harvest Festival and Lunch

In a rural area like North Dorset, we remain fully aware of the seasons of the year and the importance of farming to the life and well-being of our country. The traditional **harvest festival** service is an important opportunity to acknowledge this and we shall continue this tradition on **Sunday 15th September with a service at 11:00am followed by a lunch in the hall**. Everyone is warmly invited to join us. (Note the 11 o'clock start instead of the usual 10 o'clock)

Youth Work

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

Hire the Hall

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

Marnhull Community Choir

Open to all – no audition! We are a friendly, mixed choir of around 30 singers that was formed in Spring 2019.

We meet in the Skittle Alley at the Blackmore Vale Inn, Burton Street, Marnhull on a Wednesday evening from 7.00pm-8.30pm. We normally operate on three 10-week terms (the same as schools) with a performance at the end of each term.

Our Choir Leader is Katie Smith, a professional singing teacher supported by her husband James, a versatile piano accompanist.



News from Dorset Trading Standards

### Scam victims to be refunded by their bank

People who make a payment to an account that they believe belongs to a legitimate person or business, that turns out to be a fraudulent account run by a scammer, will now in most cases be given a refund by their bank.

The added protection for consumers is due to a new code of practice agreed by most major banks. The code states that victims should be reimbursed unless they ignored their bank's warnings about the scam or were 'grossly negligent' in transferring the money.

It applies to scams reported from Tuesday 28 May and only to transfers of money between UK accounts, overseas accounts aren't covered. Until now, while banks have generally given refunds when payments are fraudulently made without customers' authorisation, they haven't been obliged to give a refund when someone has been tricked into making a payment themselves.

This type of scam is called an Authorised Push Payment (APP) scam as the customer unwittingly authorises the payment to be made, usually either online, in person or over the phone. It is reported that £228.4 million was lost in 2018 due to APP scams.

The voluntary code commits banks that are signed up to it to a series of measures to tackle APP fraud, such as educating customers about scams and how they work. The code also encourages banks to identify customers who are at higher risk of becoming a victim, warn customers when they've spotted a scam and try to delay payments while investigating.

Scams can have a devastating impact on people, causing distress and hardship, some people will have lost whole life savings. This new code is therefore seen a real positive step forward until the industry can agree more permanent plans on how victims of such scams will be refunded.

If you think you have been a victim of this type of scam, then report it to your bank. For advice about scams and to report something to Trading Standards call the Citizens Advice consumer helpline on 03454 04 05 06.

### Understanding your food dates

In general food law requires pre packed food to have a date mark. Depending on the food type this is either a 'use by' date or a 'best before' date.

The use by date is about safety and is the most important date to remember! Food with a use by date goes off quickly even if it is stored correctly and looks and smells fine. You find it on food such as meat products or ready-prepared salads. Food can be eaten up until the use by date but should not be eaten after the date has passed. Most food, including meat and milk, can be frozen up until the use by date too. The food can then be defrosted and eaten at a later date. In these circumstances the use by date will no longer apply, but the food will still be a type of food that goes off quickly so should be eaten quickly once defrosted. For the use by to be a valid guide you must carefully follow storage instructions.

The best before date is about quality and not safety. The food will be safe to eat after this date but the food may no longer be at its best. Its flavour and texture for example might not be as good. The best before date appears on a wide range of frozen, dried, tinned and other foods. The best before date will only be accurate if the food is stored according to the instructions on the label.

Shops can sell food once the 'best before' date has passed, however selling food past its 'use by' date is a criminal offence and can lead to prosecution. Dorset Council Trading Standards would like to know if you find someone selling food past its use by date.

To report something to Trading Standards or for advice about goods or services you have bought then please contact the Citizens Advice consumer helpline on 03454 040506.

Marnhull Walks – Rambles and Shorts

We thought we would write a few words about the regular walks which take place twice a month. If you are new to the village or are not sure what the walks involve then perhaps a little background info will help.

Once a month, on the second Thursday, there is a Short (usually 2-3 miles) starting from a pub or café where you can park and pre-order a meal if you wish so that it is ready for your return at the end of the walk. The Short is usually fairly flat, not too many stiles, within a few miles of Marnhull, and normally meets at 10.45ish to set off at 11am.

The Ramble takes place on the last Thursday of the month, again from a pub with the option of pre-ordering a meal before the walk. It is usually between 4 and 7 miles and may be up to 30 minutes drive away. It may involve a couple of steepish hills but with the reward of magnificent views (weather permitting!). We meet at 9.30-10, departing at 10am.

There is a leader for each walk who will have recce'd the route in advance and their phone number is available for any queries about weather, mud conditions, gradient, etc. Posters are displayed each month on village notice boards and in the shops, and those on the database are also notified by email.

You are very welcome to join any of the walks, either on a regular or intermittent basis – it really doesn't matter, we are always pleased to see you. There is no formal membership or subscription.

We encourage car-sharing to reach the start points and we also ask that any accompanying dogs are kept under strict control in accordance with the Country Code.

If you have any queries please contact Elaine (co-ordinator Rambles 01258 821631) or Anne (co-ordinator Shorts 01258 821534). Looking forward to seeing you....

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APS	✓	✓	✓	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Bank of Scotland	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	n/a	✓ (2)
Barclays	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	n/a	n/a
Bank of Ireland	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓ (3)
CAF	n/a	n/a	n/a	✓	n/a	n/a	n/a
Clydesdale	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	n/a	✓ (3)
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Marnhull Women's Institute

There was a collective murmur of delight from the audience as Wendy Williams led her two alpacas into the Village Hall. These charming animals come originally from Peru, Bolivia and Chile. They are part of the camelid family which includes the true camels, the dromedary and the bactrian, and the South American branch comprising llamas, vicunas, guanacos and alpacas. Of these only the alpaca and the llama is truly domesticated and Wendy reminded us of the essential differences between the two creatures: llamas have no fleece on the face or below the knees, and their ears are straight and pointed.

Whilst the llama was kept as a pack animal in its native lands, the alpaca is valued for its fleece as well as its meat. Alpacas are shorn annually and the wool differs from sheep wool because it contains no lanolin. The shortest fleeces are spun and made into soft clothing but any fleece with fibres longer than three inches is too scratchy to knit into a jumper so it is used to make carpets and to stuff duvets.

Wendy gave us some information about the life cycle of her animals. Alpacas can expect to live 20 to 25 years. They are semi-ruminants so they have three stomachs, eat grass and chew the cud. Strangely they mate sitting down (you would need to see Wendy's photo to work out how this is achieved) and the gestation period is 11 to 13 months. This means that a regular ovulation period is not practical so they have what is termed "induced ovulation". In other words the female's egg is released and fertilized two hours after mating.

Our two visitors looked shy and rather aloof but were happy to receive as many pats and strokes – on the neck only – as the audience was willing to give them.

In September our meetings resume with a talk by Miranda Pender entitled "Late Flowering Lyricist."

### Future meetings of Marnhull WI as follows:

September 9th - Women's Institute - Late Flowering Lyricist, Miranda Pender  
October 14th - Women's Institute OPEN MEETING Totty's Good Life (Eco Beekeeping), Debra Cruttenden

Speeding

Imagine you are standing beside a modest road with sharp bends on a two foot wide pavement, or worse still no pavement at all, with traffic travelling up to sixty miles an hour in both directions.

Formula one lorries pass you along with huge tractors and high speed cars and motor bikes only inches away.  
Not very pleasant at best and at worst downright dangerous!  
Well that is what it like outside the cottages in Salisbury Street on the B3092.

Why is the speed limit 40mph when it should be 30mph and why do the authorities do nothing about enforcing it? Will the death of one of my community force some action, or do those responsible not care?  
In Hinton St Mary the limit is 30mph and there is regular use of speed check indicators. Are they in a different county?  
Please will our Parish Council go and bang on the District Council's door and demand action on our behalf.

They will probably be told as always that there is no money to make any changes, but I bet there will always be the money to pay the people who tell you that there is none!

We have the prospect of hundreds of new houses in the village, and I agree that more housing is required but please will our public servants get their priorities right and get the environment in which we live working properly before inflicting a greater problem on us all.  
This is not intended to be a grumpy or destructive letter, it is a statement of fact and I am sure my fellow citizens will go along with these sentiments.

Yours faithfully,  
John D Nagle  
cc Marnhull Parish Council

Art for Everyone summer exhibition

A big thank you to everyone who came to visit our summer exhibition in June this year and for your encouraging remarks. It was wonderful to see such a good turnout enjoying the fruit of our artistic labours over the past year.

A diverse show this year featured paintings in collage and mixed media and a range of subjects and experimental techniques were on show. Well done to all of the very talented artists whose work looked vibrant and professional on display in the village hall.

Special congratulations go to Sally Turner (winner) and Fraser Wilson (runner up) whose paintings collected the most votes in our ever popular "vote for your favourite painting" competition. Sally's large mixed media collage was inspired by our class visit to Old Wardour Castle last year and gives us a glimpse into the history of the castle, incorporating sketches done on the day, collaged bits of historical documents, images and textures of the castle and even rubbings of graffiti from the 18 century. Fraser was runner up with a watercolour and Indian ink painting of textured winter trees. This was a class project inspired by the inventive techniques of artist John G Blockley involving the rather daunting method of covering your painting with black ink then immersing the whole thing in a sink of water hoping some of it will wash off to give the desired textural effect! Well done to both artists, very deserved.

We are looking forward to another year of artistic enjoyment which we hope you will come and see next summer. In the meantime pop into the Hub to see the Sketch the Fest drawings currently on display, look out for more Art for Everyone paintings in the post office window in October and check the Hub website for one off workshops.

Happy painting.  
Deborah Chisman - Art for Everyone  
01258 820349 deb\_chisman@hotmail.com



Mothers' Union

Our members' coffee morning was very much enjoyed by those who braved the weather to enjoy Jannie's hospitality.

The September meeting is a change to the advertised programme and our speaker will be Paul Arnold.

Visitors always welcome.





## MARNHULL PARISH COUNCIL

**OUR NEW WEBSITE IS NOW LIVE  
GO TO**

**[marnhull-pc.org.uk](http://marnhull-pc.org.uk)**

**THE NEW WEBSITE IS THE BEST WAY FOR  
YOU TO KNOW WHAT IS GOING ON AND  
COMMUNICATE YOUR VIEWS.**

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- SUBSCRIBE TO OUR NEWSLETTER AND GET AUTOMATIC UPDATES BY EMAIL.
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- READ THE AGENDA
- GET LATEST PLANNING APPLICATIONS
- COMMUNICATE YOUR VIEWS AND CONCERNS ON THE 'YOUR COMMENTS' PAGE.

Be an active member of our local community. Remember it is your civic right to attend and observe our meetings.

The dates and venues are always posted on the website.

So go to:-

**[marnhull-pc.org.uk](http://marnhull-pc.org.uk)**

and bookmark it on your computer, laptop, mobile phone or tablet.



## 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

It's hard to believe that another academic year is over but we have had a fantastic one! The term ended with the whole school getting on stage for our end of year performance of 'Dragon Days'. The children were fantastic and the show was hugely enjoyed by all!

The whole school rounded off their pirate topic for the term with a trip to Brownsea Island. We set off across to the island on the Brownsea Island ferry which was the first experience on a boat for many of the pupils. Each of the year groups from preschool to Year 6 enjoyed different treasure hunt activities as they explored the island. Key stage 2 focussed on the habitats and the plants and animals that could be found in each area. A picnic on the beach in the sunshine was followed by pirate games for the whole school before heading back to the ferry again. It was a great day and made all the better by the wonderful weather and the very happy children enjoying every moment of the day. Follow up activities included songs, poems, art work and some great memories to last a lifetime!



Three Year 6 children qualified for the County Athletics Final in Bournemouth in July, all being placed within the top 10 in the county in their event. Two girls qualified for the County Final Swimming Gala in Bournemouth, both gaining a gold medals for first place in their events and gold places for being part of the successful North Dorset relay teams. One girl has started training with the England swimming squad for her age group, an amazing achievement.

A team of swimmers from Year 4/5 competed in the Gillingham family swimming gala on July 12th, coming away with 4 gold medal, 3 silver and 1 bronze and a first place trophy for the medley relay in Year 4. All the children tried really hard and we were extremely proud of their achievements.

All the children in Key Stage One took part in a Mini-Olympics morning at Stour Provost Primary school. This was run by Gillingham School young leaders, under the supervision of Rosie Thompson (SSCo) who is retiring after many years of hard work and enthusiasm in providing sporting opportunities across all primary schools the Gillingham area. The children took part in multi-skills events and loved all the fun activities.

The Year 5 and 6 children had a most enjoyable residential experience this year at Brenscombe Outdoor Activity Centre in the heart of the Purbecks. With only a mile from Corfe Castle, after a day of kayaking and raft building, the children walked on their first evening from the centre up onto the ridge towards Corfe Castle. Here they could see amazing views towards Poole harbour and sketched some fabulous pictures of the castle. The next day saw them take part in more awesome adventurous activities: archery, low ropes and air-rifle shooting in the morning; abseiling and climbing in the afternoon. All the children demonstrated such amazing bravery on the abseiling tower and many enjoyed racing each other up the climbing wall- albeit one of the trickiest they'd come across and were belayed excellently by those below. On the final day everyone headed by minibus deep into Rempstone forest to where the forest meets the sea. We alighted the minibus to find row upon row of mountain bikes laid out for us. Each child was given a bike appropriate to their size and once we'd had some initial basic tuition we set off for a fantastic morning of cycling through the forest. The children all commented on how it was the best residential experience EVER!

We ended the year with a whole school walk across the fields to Marnhull Park. The children played cricket and enjoyed the facilities our beautiful village has to offer.

We still have places for September. If you would like to come and view the school, please contact us on 01258 820417 or just pop in!

## St Mary's Explorers

# St Mary's Explorers



Well here we are at the end of another year and what a wonderful year it has been at Explorers! The children have accomplished so much and we are all really proud of all their individual achievements. Our school age children are now ready to make their seamless transition into our Reception class.

The children have made the most of the summer sunshine this term spending lots of time outside. Our veggie patch was well cared for and produced many courgettes and tomatoes. We enjoyed walks to our nearby nature area, fields and the park. It has been lovely hearing the children chatter as they walked along together. The walks have included lots of problem solving activities, the children have now mastered many obstacles together; long grasses and stiles to name a few.



The children continue to enjoy lots of creative play whether it be painting, junk modelling or role play. We are always very impressed with how imaginative these young children are and their masterpieces always brighten up our days.

Sports day this year was a big hit, we were delighted with how confident our preschool children were. They ran, jumped and hopped their way to the finish line in style.

An exciting preschool led by a fully qualified teacher

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

## Marnhull Players Pantomime Group

Firstly I would like to thank everyone who found us at Marnhull fest and flower show it was lovely to meet so many of you. Also a thank you to everyone that played are game 'where is the gold in London' the winners of the 4 tickets to the next pantomime was Pam Snell, congratulations and I hope you enjoy the show.

Rehearsals begin in September but planning is very much underway so there is still time to put your name down if you want a part, what to be back stage or just want to help just let me know on 07540580372. There is always something to do.

**This year's panto is Dick Whittington**

**Friday 31st January 2020 7pm**

**Saturday 1st February 2020 2pm + 7pm**

**Sunday 2nd February 2020 2pm**

We hope to see you there and thank you for your continued support.

Marnhull players committee.

## St Gregory's School

### IT'S A WRAP FOLKS

Another school year accomplished at St Greg's and what a year it has been, full of fun, fitness and achievements.

We wave a fond farewell to our year 6 pupils and wish them Bon voyage as they set off for high school with all our very best wishes, we know they will achieve well, having been given a solid foundation at St Greg's.

A special mention of another leaver: Mrs Achison has been with us for 19 years, "you get less for murder". A huge thank you from all at St Greg's for her outstanding work and we wish her all the best. We will not be insisting she wear an electronic tag.

### THERE IS NO PLACE LIKE HOME

Our year 6's gained inspiration from the fantastic M&M production of the Wizard of Oz which the whole school also enjoyed. A special workshop given by M&M helped the year 6's create their own version of the play, in particular Dorothy played by Evie Brent, Scarecrow – Warren Chalke, Tin Man – Ollie Collins and the Lion – Annabella Eyres, deserve special praise.

To top things off our Yr. 6's visited London and a busy day commenced with a tour of The Houses of Parliament (warm thanks to our local MP Simon Hoare as tour guide) and finished off on the West End with a viewing of the musical "Wicked". A fine way to cap what has been a stellar year for our leavers.

### AWAY DAYS

Sticking with our year 6 pupils they enjoyed a trip to Salisbury Cathedral for a special leavers service comprising over 200 children. This visit is a welcome reminder of the bond with the diocese of Salisbury, and a visit to the magnificent cathedral is always a treat.

### ON YOUR MARKS

We are very proud of our sporting prowess at St Greg's, the introduction of the daily mile has really upped the ante in terms of our fitness, this was evident across 2 events this last term.

Our KS1 (4-7 Yrs) children competed at the mini Olympics, this is a great opportunity for the local schools to work with one another and really brings the community together, fun all round.

KS2 (7-11 Yrs) pupils also had their runners on at the Dorset Games. St Gregs sent a team to Yeovil running track, a great experience and achievement for everyone involved.

We are delighted to have been able to reopen the school swimming pool during the last 2 months of term, our children, along with those from the neighbouring Jungle Hut preschool, have benefitted and are learning a key life skill and all within the safety of our school.

The pool would not have reopened had it not been for the help of the parents who gave up their time and resources to help get this great asset up and running. Special mention and thanks to Portia Potter for giving up her time to teach our children to swim.

We finished the term in grand style with a swimming gala, a raucous event enjoyed by all and was a fitting celebration of the pool's renaissance.

**"EDUCATION IS THE PASSPORT TO THE FUTURE, FOR TOMORROW BELONGS TO THOSE WHO PREPARE FOR IT TODAY"**

Our thoughts have turned to September and we have had regular visits from our new starters, the transition from pre school to school can be a daunting one, the numerous transition days allow for our new children to experience the new surroundings and faces that will greet them at the start of their journey with us. We look forward to welcoming them to our lovely school, rest assured we will be ready to give them the best possible start with plenty of fun chucked in for good measure.

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September also brings with it new themes across the entire school, our exciting cornerstones curriculum has engaging themes that inspire home learning, reading challenges that are linked to the themes and away days both near and far, more to follow in the coming months.

Any parents who would like to view the school, please contact the school office 01258 820206 <http://stgregorymarnhull.dorset.sch.uk/> we'd love to show you around.

### SCHOOL'S OUT FOR SUMMER!

The term concluded with lashings of fun at a summer send off event named "School's out for Summer". Organised by the school's PTFA, a smorgasbord of fun was had by all with pony rides, tombola, hoopla, chuck a wellie, bouncy castle, face painting, beat the goalkeeper, not to mention the BBQ, drinks, cakes and sweets. Especially pleasing was the offer to each of our pupils of a complimentary burger/hot dog and drink as a thankyou for their efforts throughout the school year.

St Gregory's is a place for learning of course but we do so with fun, we strive to keep our children engaged, fit and happy. This year we believe we have achieved that at St Greg's, thanks to all for making it happen.

## Sketch the Fest

Many thanks to everyone who came along to SKETCH THE FEST at the Marnfest. It was great to see artists of all ages embracing their creativity, well done to you all.

The idea behind the activity was to encourage more people to enjoy drawing just for fun. The wonderful "en plein air" sketches and drawings produced on the day are all on display in the Marnhull Hub [www.marnhullhub.org.uk](http://www.marnhullhub.org.uk) Do pop along have a look and enjoy a tea or coffee on Saturday mornings 10 to 12.

Are you inspired? why not try drawing and sketching for yourself, It's fun, relaxing only requires a pencil and paper and it turns out it's really beneficial for good mental health.

Observational drawing (drawing real objects from life) although not as easy as copying a picture is by far the best way to improve your drawing as it requires us to look at objects with a more focused kind of seeing. Studies have shown that engaging regularly in activities that encourage focus and concentration are good for keeping our brains healthy and working efficiently.

A daily drawing is a great way to practice mindfulness and appreciate a moment of stillness and contemplation.

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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

Blackmore Vale Community People presents looking for new people and building friendships and social networks in your local community.

And I want to start a group of friends to meet up and talk and about loneliness and isolation how can help them any more questions and comments please email me on hutchisonjohn7@gmail.com. please come

### Digital Champions

I writing from the Superfast Dorset team at Dorset Council with some news about our new Digital Champions and how this army of volunteers is helping people all around Dorset to improve their digital skills.

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

David Shepherd and Geoff Johns run sessions on a Monday 9:30 to 12:30 and Wednesday 9:30 to 16:30 in the Learning Centre at The Exchange.

### Salisbury Cathedral Friends

#### The Friends of Salisbury Cathedral's Friends' Day – Saturday 14th September 2019

The Friends of Salisbury Cathedral are holding their annual Friends' Day on Saturday 14th September.

The AGM in the Trinity Chapel will be followed by a lecture given by Dr William McVicker, organs adviser to the Diocese of Southwark, chairman of the Association of Independent Organ Advisers and teacher of organology at the Royal Academy of Music.

His subject will be 'Father' Henry Willis and Salisbury Cathedral's organ. The organ is currently undergoing restoration.

"Salisbury's Father Willis organ is a very important one," said Dr McVicker.

"I do not know if Willis had any connection with Salisbury, but he built an utterly magnificent instrument for Salisbury.

"Willis was an unknown until he took part in the Great Exhibition of 1851, after which he shot to fame.

"He had huge confidence and it was not long before he had built organs for most of the Cathedrals: St Paul's, Truro, Salisbury and Hereford are examples, as well as the organ for the Royal Albert Hall."

Dr McVicker will play some of the music that was popular in the 1870s when Salisbury's Father Willis organ was built.

"In 1877 Gilbert and Sullivan were coming to the fore and music in church would have been jolly," he said.

After the lecture, Cathedral Refectory staff will be serving afternoon tea in the south cloister.

This will be followed by a short organ recital before evensong at 5.30pm.

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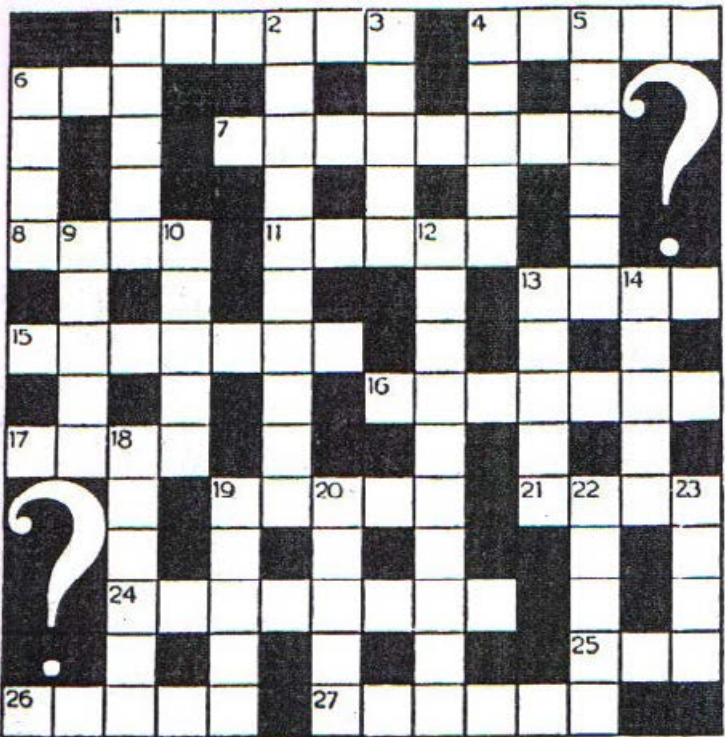
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- ACROSS**
- 1) Alter ego of comic book character Bruce Wayne. (6)  
4) Headgear whose name means cap in Basque. (5)  
6) Type of music originating in Jamaica. (3)  
7) Greek side dish of yoghurt, cucumber, garlic and often mint. (8)  
8) In Scotland a turnip. (4)  
11) Home of soccer teams Inter and AC. (5)  
13) Semi precious variety of agate with different colours in layers. (4)  
15) Sister ship of the Olympic and the Britannic. (7)  
16) Wreckage found floating on the sea. (7)  
17) Indian king or prince. (4)  
19) First name adopted as a pseudonym by Charles Lutwidge Dodgson. (5)  
21) Surname of the singer known as the man in black. (4)  
24) Unconsciousness resulting from a stroke. (8)  
25) Collection of stage furniture used for a scene in a play or film. (3)  
26) Name of a mountain range stretching 3,00 miles from British Columbia to New Mexico (5)  
27) Highest point in the sky reached by a given celestial object. (6)
- DOWN**
- 1) Material used for covering snooker tables. (5)  
2) African country with its capital at Maputo. (10)  
3) Former British colony in South Africa now prefaced by Kwazulu. (5)  
4) Subject of Monty Pythons 'Life of' film. (6)  
5) Partially dried grape. (6)  
6) Part of a bridge between piers or supports. (4)  
9) Genus of plants that include heath and heather. (5)  
10) A public square. (5)  
12) A Germanic inhabitant of Britain between the 5th century and the Norman invasion. (5-5)  
13) Relating to the eye. (5)  
14) Irish poet with the forenames William Butler. (5)  
18) Relating to ancient Jews. (6)  
19) 'Monster Raving' member of a political party in the UK. (5)  
20) Dance in triple time. (5)  
22) Mennonite sect living mainly in Pennsylvania and Ohio. (5)  
23) Adult male red deer. (4)

All puzzle answers on page 28

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