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## Marnhull Fest & Flower Show Saturday 23rd July 2016

We have lots to look out for at the Fest this year including circus skills, donkey rides, the climbing wall, a variety of inflatables including a ball pool, the pillow bash and the Sweeper!

We are very excited to welcome Xtreme Falconary and Crazy Kev Children's entertainer who are making their first appearance at our show this year and keeping very good company with a few of our regulars!

Come hungry as there will be lots of delicious things to fill your tum and bring a purse full of pennies and your birthday and Christmas lists as we have over 30 stalls for you to visit inside the marquee and out, take a look at our Facebook page for more information.

We mustn't forget our four legged friends the dog show is also back this year very kindly run by Steph Holt and her family.

The evening promises to be an excellent line up as always and we are looking forward to Padfoot, Chasing Iguanas, Two Foot Moose and Tom Clements, we can't wait! And we look forward to seeing as many of you as possible! Any questions or for more information please call Lisa on 820158. Or [lisawoodhouse@mac.com](mailto:lisawoodhouse@mac.com)

## Marnhull Village Care



Would like you and your family to join us on Saturday July 16th from 10am in the Village Hall to celebrate 40 years of looking after neighbours who need help. Tea, coffee, soft drinks, biscuits and cake together with information on the various activities that Marnhull Village Care participate in as well as informative leaflets will be available.

I look forward to seeing you there?

Trevor Vaughan  
Chairman Marnhull Village Care



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## Welcome to your Marnhull Messenger

Chris Ryu - Messenger Editor

I think the sudden arrival of some warmer weather has put a spanner in the works as this issue is slightly lighter on content than usual. Fortunately the Marnhull Ramblers have shared some lovely images of their walk in May, so we've got a rare opportunity to show them off!

Next issue is the bumper Summer issue with a big Fest & Flower Show feature - I could still do with more photos from previous years if you have some...

### Volunteers Wanted and Offered

Don't forget our new regular column where we list volunteering opportunities in or around the village. If you have some free time and want to try something new, you can also offer your time in this column too. Simply send the details to me on the usual email address and it will be published in the next issue.

### Messenger Website - Club Pages

Well done to Ros Eveleigh, who has taken me up on the offer and has been adding a great new page to the website for the Marnhull Ramblers. I believe the Garden Club will also be expanding their presence on the site. All the clubs/groups/charities, etc in the village are welcome to expand on what is on their page on the Messenger website. It is much easier to edit these days and you can have image galleries, videos, brochures - Just send me what you want on there.

## Deadline For Next Issue

### MID-DAY 19th June

E-mail all texts, announcements and other requests to:  
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**Marnhull start the season with a comfortable win over Blandford.**

Pictures by Nick Walker - sportpicturelibrary.com

## Marnhull Cricket Club

It has been a difficult start to the season. A combination of the long, overlapping football season, injuries, weddings, and forthcoming exams, has impacted the availability of players during the first three weeks of this season, and results have reflected this. The 1st XI has begun with three losses, while the 2nd XI has had a win and a loss to date.

On the brighter side however, we have been pleased to welcome some promising new players into our ranks, and results will undoubtedly improve. The youth programme continues to produce a crop of new players, who, if they work together to fulfil their promise, will become the nucleus of a very good adult team in years to come. Also, the Marnhull Maidens are gearing up to play their first competitive match on Saturday 4th June, against a ladies' touring team from Edinburgh, and that will open up a whole new chapter in the club's history.

Results apart, the club is in robust health. Last month we installed brand new covers for the wicket, and, in addition to the excellent nets and bowling machine acquired during the past two seasons, this means we now have splendid facilities, which are admired by visiting teams. Some early season friendly intra-club matches have been successful, happy events, involving whole families. In fact a good spirit of involvement and co-operation characterises all we are attempting to do. This has been documented by Nick Walker, who has been taking some fine action photographs of various matches, which may be viewed on Marnhull Cricket Club's FaceBook pages.

See our website for further information: [marnhull.play-cricket.com](http://marnhull.play-cricket.com)

Adult home matches for the coming month, (starting at 1.30pm unless otherwise specified):

4th June: Marnhull Maidens v Ladies' Touring team (6pm)

11th June: Marnhull 1st XI v Stalbridge 2nd XI (Div. 2)

12th June: Marnhull Friendly XI v Stour Provost

18th June: Marnhull 2nd XI v Wimborne & Colehill 4th XI (Div. 6)

25th June: Marnhull 1st XI v Branksome 1st XI (Div. 2)

30th June: Marnhull Friendly XI v Milton Lodge (6pm)

Please drop by and give us your support.



## Marnhull Fest Volunteers Needed

**23rd July 2016**

**Volunteers needed to help with attractions.**

**Contact Lisa on 01258 820158**

## MARNHULL ROYAL BRITISH LEGION BEER FESTIVAL

**FRI. JULY 1ST AND SAT. JULY 2ND  
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## Marnhull Lunch Club

The lunch club is continuing to provide its monthly meal to all the happy diners, who spend a couple of hours meeting their friends and catching up on all the news as well as enjoying a good meal...

At the moment we are busy getting ready for our annual bottle and tin stall at the flower show in July. This is our main source of money which goes towards offsetting the cost of an outing or other activity for the club to enjoy.

If anyone has an unwanted bottle or tin in their cupboards, we would be delighted to receive donations, anything from a tin of sardines to a bottle of "fizz" would be welcome.

Norval can be contacted on 01258 820058 or Ann on 01258 820539 and we will collect. Many thanks

## Annual Diary 2016

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

**For Village Hall bookings please call  
01258 821427 OR 07786 667796**

### June

1st - Table Tennis Club @ 14:15  
1st - Zumba Dance Fitness @ 20:15  
3rd - Lunch Club @ 12:00  
4th - Jumble Sale @ 10:15  
Marnhull British Legion  
6th - Table Tennis Club @ 14:15  
6th - Parish Council Meeting @ 19:00  
8th - Table Tennis Club @ 14:15  
8th - Mother's Union @ 14:30  
8th - Zumba Dance Fitness @ 20:15  
9th - Baby & Toddler Group @ 09:30  
10th - Blackmore Vale Art Group @ 10:30  
10th - Quiet Half Hour Prayer @ 12:00  
Methodist Church  
13th - Table Tennis Club @ 14:15  
13th - Womens Institute - A Paddle up the Piddle, Anne King @ 19:30  
14th - Marnhull Garden Club "Cultivation and uses of unusual herbs" by Carrie Pakenham @ 19:30  
15th - Table Tennis Club @ 14:15  
15th - Zumba Dance Fitness @ 20:15  
16th - Baby & Toddler Group @ 09:30  
16th - Marnhull Yarners @ 13:30  
Laburnum Cottage  
20th - Table Tennis Club @ 14:15  
20th - Music Society @ 19:15  
22nd - Table Tennis Club @ 14:15  
22nd - Zumba Dance Fitness @ 20:15  
23rd - Voting @ 08:00  
24th - Cribbage @ 19:30  
27th - Table Tennis Club @ 14:15  
28th - Moviola - The Honourable Rebel @ 19:00  
29th - Table Tennis Club @ 14:15  
29th - Zumba Dance Fitness @ 20:15  
30th - Baby & Toddler Group @ 09:30

### July

1st - Beer festival @ 00:00  
Marnhull British Legion  
1st - Lunch Club @ 12:00  
4th - Table Tennis Club @ 14:15  
4th - Parish Council Meeting @ 19:00  
6th - Table Tennis Club @ 14:15  
6th - Zumba Dance Fitness @ 20:15  
7th - Baby & Toddler Group @ 09:30  
8th - Blackmore Vale Art Group @ 10:30  
8th - Quiet Half Hour Prayer @ 12:00  
St Gregory's  
11th - Table Tennis Club @ 14:15  
11th - Womens Institute - Tiger, tiger, burning bright, Chris Shaw @ 19:30  
12th - Marnhull Garden Club "Plant hunters" by Christine Stones @ 19:30  
13th - Table Tennis Club @ 14:15  
13th - Mother's Union - Roberta Primrose from the Friends of Guys Marsh @ 14:30  
Methodist Church  
13th - Zumba Dance Fitness @ 20:15  
14th - Baby & Toddler Group Summer Party @ 09:30  
16th - Celebrating 40 years @ 10:00  
18th - Table Tennis Club @ 14:15  
20th - Table Tennis Club @ 14:15  
20th - Zumba Dance Fitness @ 20:15  
21st - Marnhull Yarners @ 13:30  
Laburnum Cottage  
**23rd - Marnhull Fest & Flower Show @ 12:00 - Recreation Ground**  
25th - Table Tennis Club @ 14:15  
26th - Moviola - The Dressmaker @ 19:00  
27th - Table Tennis Club @ 14:15  
27th - Zumba Dance Fitness @ 20:15  
28th - Baby & Toddler Group @ 09:30  
29th - Cribbage @ 19:30

### August

1st - Table Tennis Club @ 14:15  
1st - Parish Council Meeting @ 19:00  
3rd - Table Tennis Club @ 14:15  
3rd - Zumba Dance Fitness @ 20:15  
4th - Baby and Toddler Group @ 09:30  
5th - Lunch Club @ 12:00  
8th - Table Tennis Club @ 14:15  
10th - Mother's Union @ 10:00  
The Jenks  
10th - Table Tennis Club @ 14:15  
10th - Zumba Dance Fitness @ 20:15  
12th - Blackmore Vale Art Group @ 10:30  
12th - Quiet Half Hour Prayer @ 12:00  
Church of our lady  
15th - Music society @ 00:00  
Kings Mill court  
15th - Table Tennis Club @ 14:15  
17th - Table Tennis Club @ 14:15  
17th - Zumba Dance Fitness @ 20:15  
18th - Marnhull Yarners @ 13:30  
Laburnum Cottage  
22nd - Table Tennis Club @ 14:15  
24th - Table Tennis Club @ 14:15  
24th - Zumba Dance Fitness @ 20:15  
26th - Cribbage @ 19:30  
29th - Table Tennis Club @ 14:15  
31st - Table Tennis Club @ 14:15  
31st - Zumba Dance Fitness @ 20:15

**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!**



# The Marnhull Flower Show

on

## Saturday 23rd July

### Schedules now available

to collect from Cooks Garage,  
Marnhull Stores and Robin Hill  
Stores.

**See schedule for details of all classes and FLOWER POWER, the charity class for this year. Any display; any media or none within the specifications is allowed. Details in the schedule.**

**Don't forget the village competition for front gardens, containers and hanging baskets.**

**There is a Cake in a Mug for the under 7s children. And look inside for a welly to decorate or colour in.**



### Mother's Union

We were pleased to have 16 members and 2 visitors at our May meeting when our speaker was Keith Collis, a local driving instructor.

First of all we were challenged by a 10 question fun quiz testing some of our knowledge about driving, cars and roads. A lively discussion about the answers followed and then Keith gave us some interesting facts and figures about the history of road safety, car tests and the changes over the years.

Driving tests were introduced in this country in 1935 at a cost of 7/6d (37.5pence). Now, at a cost of £65 it is a much more comprehensive test. The test has a theory component which includes hazard perception and there is a tell me/show me part to the practical.

At the present time with a UK population of 65million+ there are 35.6 million vehicles registered, 29.6 million of these are cars and 40% of the cars are registered to females.

### St Christopher's Prayer

Grant me O Lord a steady hand and watchful eye.

That no one shall be hurt as I pass by.

Thou gavest life, I pray no act of mine

May take away or mar that gift of Thine.

Teach me to use my car for others need;

Nor miss through love of undue speed

The beauty of the world; that thus I may

With joy and courtesy go on my way.

St. Christopher, holy patron of travellers,

Protect me and lead me safely to my destiny.

The next meeting is the cream tea at Castle Gardens, Sherborne.

### Marnhull Garden Club



The May meeting learned all about hardy Geraniums, thanks to Martin Young from Nectar Plants in Weymouth. Firstly, they are not to be confused with the half-hardy gaudy bedding plants (blame Linnaeus, he didn't properly classify them as he didn't like them!).

True Geraniums are more commonly known as cranesbills – due to the shape of their seeds, and the method of seed dispersal could be called explosive – they do just that, so the seed is well scattered. There is a geranium for almost any situation, sun, shade, dry, wet, windy. Even some meadow geraniums which will thrive even after being submerged for three months – back they will spring when the time is right.

Geraniums are tough, forgiving of neglect, repeat flowering and slugs don't like them (apart from the seedlings). They will grow in almost any colour combination except red/orange, and look superb as underplanting for roses or peonies. They can be sheared back and will spring again in as little as 4 weeks.

They are harmless to livestock – and in fact flourish in fields with cattle, and are attractive to bees. However, vine weevil can be a problem but otherwise they have few other pests.

The most popular is violet-blue G. Rozanne (named after the lady who first spotted it in her garden), introduced by Adrian Bloom and which was chosen as Plant of the Centenary by the RHS, which surprised many people who had been expecting something more exotic like a lily or a rose. But Rozanne it is.

The next meeting is on 14th June, "Cultivation and uses of unusual herbs". Visitors are always welcome.

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## From The Surgeries



We are delighted to welcome two new members of staff to the team this month - Dr Camilla Kulasekaram joined us a salaried GP and Nicola Williams as Operations Manager. Dr Kulasekaram will be working at Abbey View in Shaftesbury and Nicola will managing our reception and administration team and functions across all four sites and will be working with the teams to improve the patient experience.

Recently, we have been experiencing some problems with the telephone system, whereby when patients call in we cannot hear them on certain phones. There have also been some occasions where patients have been cut off when selecting a group of staff when they call. We apologise for this inconvenience, our system supplier is working to resolve this for us as a matter of urgency.

We are currently advertising for some new administration and reception staff to help us with the increased patient demand and we are grateful for your consideration during this very busy time.

## Looking after yourself

With the current pressures on the NHS, it's important to get the right care in the right place. This will ensure that you will be seen and treated more quickly and it will also ease pressure on local Emergency Departments (A&E)

### There are a number ways to get help:

- Call NHS 111 - for advice and medical help when it is not a life threatening situation or you need medical advice or are not sure who to contact. You can also look online at [www.nhs.uk](http://www.nhs.uk);
- GP routine care - chronic backache, persistent pain, painful cough, earache;
- GP urgent care or Minor Injury Units - sprains, strains and minor injuries;
- Emergency departments - heavy bleeding, broken bones, chest pain, suspected stroke, burns;
- Local pharmacy - headaches, coughs and colds, upset stomach.

## Marnhull Yarners

The meeting in May was totally dedicated to learning how to card, spin and ply fleeces. Following my piece in the April Marnhull Messenger, I was contacted by Nicola and Alan Denham who have a lot of different coloured, beautiful sheep. Anne Dowsett and I went to see these sheep before they were sheared on 14 May. We identified 3 or 4 fleece that were good for spinning and knitting. We were also looking for fleece that would make good felt as Debbie Chisman, art teacher, is coming to help us make felt in the summer holidays!

Anne has a spinning wheel but if there are any other spinners in the area we would love to hear from you as the amount of fleece we are getting will mean a lot of spinning (and I don't mean on a bike!) The beautiful thing about spinning is that the fleece covers your hands in lanolin and my hands felt so much better as a result.

If the Marnhull Yarners projects keep on developing this way, we will soon have to decamp to the Village Hall or somewhere with a bigger room.

If you are interested in any of these projects please call Sioban on 01258 820853. Our next meeting is June 16 at 13.30.



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



For the month of April 2016, there have been NO crimes reported in the Marnhull area. This is excellent news and we hope this continues as it means that Marnhull remains a safe place to live, work and visit.

County wide concerns though are still around the Hang up on Fraudsters message and making sure people are aware of the scams that these people are committing.

Phone calls from banks or us, the police, should always been treated with suspicion. Officers would never ask you to take money from your account or courier your cards via a taxi or any other means. If you are contacted by someone you believe is up to no good, please let us know as soon as possible. Non urgent is telephone 101 or if a crime is in progress or life is/could be in danger then 999. Reports can also be made on line and more information is available at the Dorset Police Website [www.dorset.police.uk](http://www.dorset.police.uk) or e mail us, your local team, [sturminsternewtonsnt@dorset.pnn.police.uk](mailto:sturminsternewtonsnt@dorset.pnn.police.uk)

Our other main issue this month is as the weather gets better, the security of your home, garden sheds and vehicles. It's lovely to be able to have your windows and doors open for fresh air but this can be an invitation for the opportunistic thief. If you're at home at the time, keep an ear open for strange noises or your garden gate opening/closing. Don't just assume it's nothing more than the breeze. If you do go out, even for 10 minutes, close and lock doors and windows.

Whilst out and about, we'd also like to remind residents that our seasonal issue of thefts from vehicles in beauty spot car parks is likely to be on the rise again. Officers have been patrolling these car parks and we continue to find cars with windows left slightly open or handbags stuffed under car seats. Satellite navigation systems left on the windscreen or even those horrible dirty marks they leave on the glass can advertise the fact there may be items worth stealing.

Look back at your car through the eyes of a thief before walking away, a couple of minutes may save you hundreds of pounds.

**PCSO 6268**  
**Kate Hann**



**Kate is at Marnhull Post Office 11.30 - 12.00 and Spar 12.00-12.30 on the first Thursday of every month but can be contacted on 101 at any other time.**

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## Royal British Legion



Beers are booked, bands are booked and the hog roast is booked for the beer festival on Friday the 1st July and Saturday 2nd July. All that is missing is you so come on down. This is by way of being an experiment so if it doesn't work there won't be another one so please spread the word. We have obtained permission for camping in the back field so if you know someone who lives away a bit and has a sleep in vehicle they will be most welcome. We will

be having six real ales and two ciders plus all the usual lagers and spirits.

The plant/book sale on March 14th was slow again but we did manage to get £100 for the Poppy Appeal but it was a lot of hard work for those of us there for a disappointing return. Maybe we will have to reconsider next year.

The next jumble sale will be on June 4th, they normally do well so we will be pleased for anything you would like to give except videos which seem to have had their day. We will collect so give me a call or E-mail and I will be pleased to come round.

Some of you who are on my mailing list will know that my E-mail address was hijacked and will have received an E-mail saying I was stranded in the Ukraine. As I do not have a passport this would have been difficult but because of this I have had to set up a new address (see below) but you can still send me money if you wish.

Most members should have had their card by now but as it has all been taken out of our hands we have no way of knowing unless you tell us. Next year promises to be even more of a conundrum but we have put last year to bed now and are hoping things will iron themselves out but not with any great conviction.

There is entertainment down the club most Saturday nights but I would recommend the Reverend Timbrell and his talk on Dorset churches. It sounds a bit dry but as well as being interesting he is one of the most naturally funny people I have ever seen. He had the audience in stitches at the Dorset night last year so we have given him a longer slot this time. Musically we have some old favourites and some new bands that hopefully will become favourites. Non members pay a modest £2.

Our Welfare Officer Mike Ficke is away for a couple of months so if you hear of any ex-service people who need help or advice in any way please refer them to me and I will see what I can do.

We could do with a couple more Poppy Appeal collectors, if you think you could help please get in touch.

The hall is available for weddings, christenings and parties etc. so have a word with Tony and let him know what you want.

Branch business contact Jack Whitehead on 01258 820800 or email whitehead795@btinternet.com

## Sturminster Newton Bike Ride

### Action packed day to celebrate 1000 years at Sturminster Newton Mill

Sturminster Newton Mill and Museum Society has planned a special year of events to celebrate 1000 years of recorded history at the Mill. They have planned a walk and bike ride for Sunday 26th June.

The bike ride will start at 10 am at the Museum and cyclists will head off down the Trailway. The Three Mills Walk will start at Sturminster Mill at 10.30 am (not 2.30pm as given on the web site), it is a 10 mile figure-of-eight that loops north to Cutt Mill, returns to Sturminster Mill before looping out to Fiddleford Mill and then back to Sturminster.

For the less energetic there are teas and a flower exhibition at the Mill that day as well.

## Marnhull & Gillingham Badminton Club

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### Badminton for beginners

Monday club social night: 8–10pm (except bank holidays)

£25 Joining Fee

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### Badminton Club Night

Tuesday club night: 7.00–10.00pm

First night free to new members

ALL COACHING FREE (Badminton England Coach)

Intermediate level players always welcome

### Badminton senior night

Thursday senior league night: 8.15–10.15pm

The club is interested in players who wish to play at a league level.

The club participates in the Salisbury district league – div2 mens and div2 mixed and div3 mixed

## Marnhull Public Wifi

The Parish Council and Village Hall are pleased to announce that public wifi in Marnhull is up and running. It is available 24/7 in and hopefully immediately outside the village hall, free for all.

The Parish Council has met all the installation costs and the Village Hall is meeting the ongoing running costs.

## Marnhull Music Society

"Per ardua ad astra", the title of the May presentation, signified the lifelong dedication and sheer hard work put in by the musicians to achieve the flawless performances Nick Lalor had chosen to play to us. David Oistrach's recording of the finale of Tchaikovsky's violin concerto illustrated his point: here indeed was a master craftsman of the very highest order.

A little later Jacqueline du Pré played the second movement Dvorak's cello concerto in a peerless recital. We heard a youngish Luciano Pavarotti singing an aria from Aida – surely one of the greatest tenors of his generation, and in superb voice on this recording.

But perfection in performance was not the sole property of serious music. Nick obviously has a long-time affection for the humour of the 60's and he included a couple of examples of Peter Sellers' lunatic characters- (the man was a maestro in the art of the utterly nutty) as well as "Misalliance" by the wonderful Flanders and Swann.

There was a splendid rendition of "Land of my Fathers" by the Caerphilly Male Voice Choir and a delightful Pakistani traditional song sung by a five-year-old girl which had captivated Nick when he heard it on the radio. Nick also included the very first recording on the electric guitar ever heard (we believe) at the Marnhull Music Society. Mark Knopfler played "Brothers in Arms" with great sensitivity.

But the best came almost at the end. I was not familiar with Rachmaninoff's "Vespers" but the magnificent, swelling and complex sound of the State Academic Russian Choir filled the senses and took the breath away. It was so rich and smooth you could eat it with a spoon.

Next month is our AGM with a presentation by Mike Wilkins.

Yvonne Vintiner



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## Women's Institute



The May meeting was held to consider the Resolutions proposed to be put forward at the Annual meeting of the NFWI in June 2016. The resolutions were discussed (see below); however it was suggested that the NFWI should be made aware that the wording of both resolutions was poor and consideration should be given to tighter control of the drafting.

### Appropriate care in Hospitals for people with dementia

We call upon HM government and the NHS to provide facilities to enable carers to stay with people with Alzheimer's disease and dementia that have been admitted into hospital.

For: statistics show many people leave hospital in worse condition than they enter, having been hospitalised for surgery/infection and placed on a general ward, which can be very frightening, thus having friendly, known carers who could help with feeding, bathing etc. would combat general anxiety and lead to less stress.

Against: Already a successful campaign called John's; cost of car parking, Health&Safety, time. Do they mean overnight or just during daytime? How/who would organise?

### Avoid food waste, address food poverty.

The WI calls on all supermarkets to sign up to a voluntary agreement to avoid food waste, thereby passing surplus food onto charities thus helping to address the issue of increasing food poverty in the UK.

For: food poverty is growing in UK, and supermarkets discard perfectly good food much of which is within eat-by date.

Against: supermarket discards represent only 1% and much greater savings could be made in other parts of the food chain; why "voluntary"?; food is sent to landfill yet we import feed for livestock; and the biggest waste of food is in the domestic kitchen.

After this, the membership split up into groups and had a Beetle Drive – a silly game which caused much mirth. The next meeting is on 13th June, and is on "A Paddle up the Piddle". Visitors are always welcome.

SB

## Marnhull Neighbourhood Planning Group (MNPG)

### Decision to suspend activities

The MNPG has been active for nearly 2 years. It was set up in response to the North Dorset District Council's invitation to local communities to provide inputs to the Local Plan by formulating their own Neighbourhood Development Plans, which itself responded to the Government Localism Act 2011. Any such plans have to be consistent with the higher level Local Plans of the District Council, in our case, North Dorset District Council (NDDC).

The detailed context for Marnhull's plans will be found in Part 2 of the Local Plan, but as Local Plan Part 1 was only adopted in early 2016, NDDC officers have only just started to work on Part 2. At a recent meeting with NDDC it became clear that they would not be ready to work with us on the detailed plans for Marnhull until well into 2017 or possibly later.

We have decided that given the progress so far and the possibility of changes in Government policy, that we should suspend our work until such time as we receive more information from NDDC. Consequently, we will not be conducting the survey as we have proposed for June.

The people of Marnhull have been very supportive in providing responses to our survey and also in helping the MNPG with the work required with the preparation of the surveys and the analysis of the data. You can be sure that NDDC will be made aware of the views of the villagers captured so far.

## Marnhull Ramblers and Shorts

### Sunshine and Showers for Marnhull Ramblers

The Marnhull Ramblers were fortunate with the glorious sunshine when they met at the Poacher's Inn at Piddletrenthide in April for Elaine to lead us across the chalk downland to the west of this village. The weather was perfect for making the best of the views across the Piddle valley. On the other hand, on the day of the May Marnhull Short walk we were greeted with steady rain and the new cancellation process was activated for the first time. The walkers contacted Judy who had decided to cancel the walk as she knew the ground conditions on her planned route would be challenging. Let's hope for better weather in June.

Colin and Ros have decided to take advantage of the latest Marnhull Messenger web site and have set up a web page which provides the details of the upcoming events and an archive of selected previous walks. Take a look here! [www.marnhullmessenger.org.uk/marnhull-ramblers](http://www.marnhullmessenger.org.uk/marnhull-ramblers)

The next Marnhull Short will be on 11th June meeting at The Crown, Marnhull at 10.45 am for an 11 am start. The walk will be led by Ros and will explore part of the Stour Valley Way as it passes through Marnhull. The Ramblers will meet on Wednesday 29th June at The Bennet Arms, Semley at 9.30 am for a 10 am start. This five mile walk passing through mixed woodland and along country lanes, will be led by Colin and Maggie.

You may be interested in another walking opportunity as part of the celebration of 1000 years of recorded history at Sturminster Newton Mill. They have organised the Three Mills Walk which will take place on Sunday, 26th June and will start at Sturminster Mill at 10.30 pm. The walk will follow a figure of eight and take in Cutt Mill and Fiddleford Mill, so walkers can do the whole route or just one of the loops.

Finally, if you would like to explore more paths around Marnhull, you can take a look at 'Eight Walks around Marnhull', a booklet published by Marnhull Parish Council with maps of the footpath network in the village and ideas for walks. Copies of the booklet cost £1 and can be obtained from Ros Eveleigh or Robin Hill Stores.

## Village Hall IT Sessions

### Kind? Caring? IT savvy? Good at explaining simply?

Then you are the person!!!!!! With wifi now in the Hall we wish to arrange a short series of sessions to assist newcomers in the world of computers and the internet. If you can see yourself supporting a small group on their early steps, or can suggest someone who could, please get in touch.

Janette Kenworthy - for the Village Hall Executive Committee  
01258 821311

## Blackmore Vale Inn - Up For Sale

Hall & Woodhouse have confirmed that they are in the process of selling the Blackmore Vale Inn. The pub closed on May 8th and Elizabeth Abraham, Group Head of Property for the brewery told the Marnhull Messenger that "we do not propose to re-open the public house and will continue to market it as a going concern for the foreseeable future."

The brewery met with the Parish Council in February to brief them about their decision to close the pub and their intention to market the property.

The last tenants, Gordon and Gail Workman who ran the pub for almost three years, handed their notice in earlier this year, as they decided to retire.

## From The Churches

## Thoughts from the Rector...

June 11/12 promises to be a busy weekend in the village, as we celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday. Various street parties are being organised, I hear, which will echo the mammoth one in the Mall. At St Gregory's there will be a variety of events. On the Saturday our bellringers will be hosting a District Bellringers' gathering, and the church bells will ring during the afternoon. In the evening, a concert will be presented with the title: 'An evening with Mr Handel'. On the Sunday morning, we shall especially give thanks and pray for Her Majesty during our service – and drink a loyal toast in celebration afterwards. Then, as with church bells all over the country, our bells will ring out between 12 noon and 2.00 pm, as the Queen sits down with 10,000 people for lunch in the Mall.

How appropriate that Handel will be the subject of our Saturday concert! The Queen's Great-great-great-great grandfather, George II, is said to have been present at the first performance of The Messiah in London. He stood as the Hallelujah chorus was sung, and etiquette demanded that when the King stood, everyone should stand. Thus began the tradition, still observed today, of standing during the Hallelujah Chorus whenever The Messiah is performed. Tradition is not first and foremost something looking back to the past; it is rather, something handed on to the future. Standing was not a tradition when George II stood that day at the Covent Garden theatre. It became a tradition because people felt it was appropriate to stand at that point in the performance, and passed the idea on – and it has been found appropriate during the eight generations since.

Perhaps the Queen's 90th birthday would be a good time for all of us to pause and consider what we want to pass on to the next generation. The values and customs within our society – and our community – have changed a good deal over the lifetime of most of us. What is worth keeping and passing on? Are there things that deserve to be recovered, and which we are in danger of losing? Are there new manners, values, concerns which are worthy to be passed on, in the hope that they become traditions?

Queen Elizabeth has, it seems to me, shown great wisdom in the way she has adapted to the 'changes and chances' that have occurred during her lifetime, whilst holding firm to values which she clearly intends to be passed on (the tradition) for those who come after. Amongst these, duty and perseverance take a high place, along with her Christian faith. Perhaps for many of us the things we hold dear seem self-evidently worthwhile. But we should remember Edmund Burke's aphorism: "The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing". Those things we want to flourish, which we want to pass on, must be cherished, practiced, and spoken of when necessary – for they matter so much more than standing up when the 'Hallelujah Chorus' is sung!

God bless the Queen! God bless us all!

Tony Wilds

## Marnhull Churches Sunday Services

## Anglican Church of St. Gregory the Great, New Street

8.00 – Communion [spoken]

10.00 – Parish Service with Communion

Except 2nd Sunday when there is a Family Service without Communion.

Weekday services as advertised

## Catholic Church of Our Lady, Old Mill Lane

9.30 – Mass

6.00 – Mass

[www.marnhullandgillinghamrc.org.uk](http://www.marnhullandgillinghamrc.org.uk)

## Marnhull Methodist Church, Burton Street

10.00 – Morning Service

## St. Gregory's Church



## Services &amp; Events for June 2016

## Wednesday 1st

11.00 Holy Communion

(No school service today)

## Sunday 5th Second Sunday after Trinity

8.00 – Holy Communion [said]

10.00 – Parish Eucharist

## Wednesday 8th

09.00 – Children's Service led by

St Gregory's Primary School

## Sunday 12th Third Sunday after Trinity

08.00 – Holy Communion [said]

10.00 – Parish Eucharist

With thanksgiving for the Queen's 90th Birthday

Followed by wine and cake

## Wednesday 15th

09.00 – Children's Service led by

St Gregory's Primary School

## Sunday 19th Fourth Sunday after Trinity

08.00 – Holy Communion [said]

10.00 – Parish Eucharist

## Wednesday 22nd

09.00 – Children's Service led by

St Gregory's Primary School

## Sunday 26th Fifth Sunday after Trinity

08.00 – Holy Communion [said]

10.00 – Parish Eucharist

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0830 – Morning Prayer is held every  
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## QUIET HALF HOUR PRAYER

10th June at Methodist Church

12.00 – 12.30pm

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## Our Lady's Church



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## Significant Dates in June

3 – The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus (Solemnity)

Devotion to the Sacred Heart is a devotion to Jesus in his human nature, referring to the heart as the seat of the emotions.

5 – Saint Boniface, Patron of the Diocese of Plymouth (Solemnity)  
St Boniface (c.673-c.754) was born in Devon and joined the Benedictine abbey at Nursling, near Southampton. A teacher and preacher, he went to Germany in 718 to take the gospel to the heathen tribes. He was created Bishop of Mainz, worked to reform the Frankish church and then set out to evangelise Friesland where he was murdered, on 5 June 754.

22 – Saint John Fisher and Saint Thomas More, Martyrs (Feast)  
Saint John Fisher (1469-1535) and Saint Thomas More (1477-1535) were martyred for refusing to recognise the validity of Henry VIII's marriage to Anne Boleyn and for denying the king's supreme headship of the church. Thomas More told spectators at his execution that he was still "the king's good servant, but God's first," and carefully adjusted his beard before he was beheaded.

23 - Vigil of the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist (Solemnity)

24 - Nativity of Saint John the Baptist (Solemnity)

28 - Vigil of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles (Holy Day of Obligation, Solemnity)

29 – Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles (Holy Day of Obligation, Solemnity)

## Pilgrimage to Walsingham

Thirty parishioners of Our Lady's Marnhull, St Benedict's Gillingham and St Edward's Shaftesbury joined together in pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham from 9 to 12 May. It was an extremely enjoyable and spiritual experience and we are very grateful to our wonderful coach driver, Fred, for transporting us to and from Norfolk in comfort and safety.

## Pilgrimage to Door of Mercy at Plymouth Cathedral

The Parish of Our Lady and St Benedict will make a pilgrimage to Plymouth Cathedral on Thursday 9 June. Mass will be celebrated at Buckfast Abbey on the way in the morning. After lunch we will move to Plymouth Cathedral in order to pass through the Door of Mercy and participate in Benediction. Seats are going fast, so if you are keen to go, ring Heather Johnson on 01258 472392 as soon as possible.

## Parish People

Mary Mahon died on 2 April. Her funeral was at Our Lady's on 22 April. RIP

Welcome to the newly baptised: Maya Wozniak (27 Mar), Oliver Henry James Milmer (9 Apr) and Alan Przewoznik (10 Apr). Deo Gratias!

## Pilgrimage

The parish pilgrimage to the shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham takes place 9-12 May.

## Pause for Thought:

"The most incredible thing about miracles is that they happen"

G. K. Chesterton

## St Gregory's Events

## AN EVENING WITH MR.HANDEL

At 7.00pm on Saturday 11th June the Ensemble Dell'arte promise an evening of quality music-making and entertainment with their presentation of 'An Evening with Mr.Handel'

Rosalind Wilson and Fraser Wilson (both former BBC TV Play School presenters) will present fascinating insights into Handel's life and work. Music will be provided by the brilliant young flautist, Mary Chelu, accompanied by Deborah Binnington. It's an event not to be missed!

Programmes are £5 at the door and refreshments will be served.

## JAROSH QUARTET

The Tuesday @ 12 concert in St.Gregory's church on 7th June is a wonderfully varied programme of instrumental music featuring stringed instruments and the piano. The programme includes a delightful 'Miniature' by Frank Bridge. Just pop-in for 30-minutes!

## The Methodist Church



## HIRE THE HALL!

The Methodist Church Hall is a good place to hire for family parties and social or other events for individuals, clubs, societies and classes. It is easy to find and parking is available. Rates are reasonable and bookings can be made by contacting Mrs Marlene Plowman on 01258 820869.



### St. Gregory's C.E.VA Primary School

The weather was heavy showers, windy and some sunny spells, but it did not stop everyone at St Gregory's having a wonderful day out. Our KS2 children left school early to go to the Poole Lighthouse to listen to 'The Elements' where they crossed earth, wind, water and flames to reach their musical destination in an incredibly exciting orchestral extravaganza performed by the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra. KS1 children travelled a bit later to Sandbanks and had great fun making sandcastles and sculptures in the sand before being joined by our older children for lunch on the beach. Both children and adults enjoyed their paddle in the slightly cold water before returning at the end of the school day.



A local ceramic artist, Emma Mauger, came to work with our youngest children. She creates animal figures out of clay and Pleck class created their own wonderful 'uglies' and gave them each a name. She also made us our very own duckling to sit in our wild area by the ducks enclosure. We have named her Daphne.



Pilwell class as part of their railways and trailways topic had a superb day visiting the Gartell Light Railway at Yenston. They were able to have a ride on the diesel and steam locomotives on the 2ft gauge railway running along the track bed of the old Somerset and Dorset Joint Railway. After a picnic lunch they travelled to Stalbridge and walked along the trailway finishing their day at the playpark.

Our Year 6's celebrated finishing their SATs tests with a fun activity day and they are now looking forward to their residential visit to Barton Hall, Torquay and taking part in many activities including abseiling and raft building as well as rehearsing for their production of the musical 'Oliver' which they will be performing at the end of term.



Visitors from RNLI talking to our younger children

### St. Mary's Catholic School



The children of St Mary's are now all ready and prepared for any emergency following their day of training with St John's Ambulance. The whole school spent the day learning how to cope with an emergency situation. They found out how to contact the emergency services, put an injured person into the recovery position and carry out a primary survey to ensure they had information to give the paramedics.

Metres of bandages were used to bandage each other up in the event of everything from a sprain to a head injury. Hopefully, they will not be using these skills for real anytime soon but it is reassuring to know that we have a school full of experts in any eventuality!

Our Year 2 and Year 6 children have been busy over the last few weeks sitting their SATs assessments. We have been so impressed with the work they have put in and of the way they approached this in a calm and mature manner. I am sure they have done their absolute best. Well done to all of them; they have made us very proud!



Year 5 and 6 were invited to join St Mary's, Shaftesbury for a day learning about the important aspects of the Buddhist religion. The children spent time with the group of Buddhist monks looking at hand movements, music and dances used within the religion. It was a lively, colourful day that was hugely enjoyed by all!



David Wells joined us to talk about the Year of Mercy. David is a renowned author and drew a large crowd of local parishioners. He spoke of his own experiences of mercy using personal stories to illustrate his point. It was a real treat to listen to and we hope to run further events in the future.

We have an 'open door' policy at St Mary's and 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 have places for September and also have availability in our Preschool, St Mary's Explorers. We look forward to welcoming you to our school community.

Charlotte Targett - Head teacher



## Jungle Hut Pre-School

On Wednesday the 27th of April we received a telephone call from Ofsted telling us that they would be coming the next day to carry out a full inspection, the following day we all arrived at the Jungle hut with a hint of nervousness not knowing how the inspection would go.

We need not have worried as we came through with flying colours, the inspector arrived at 8.30am and stayed until 3.30pm during this time the inspector observed the quality of teaching and the impact this has on children's learning joint observations were carried out with the manager as well as meetings with the manager and staff.

The inspector sampled a range of documentation including the Jungle hut self-evaluation document and children's learning records also speaking to parents taking their views into account. When we received the final feedback we were so pleased and proud with the inspection outcomes with a good grading across all areas set out below are the findings of the inspection.

Safeguarding is effective. The manager and her staff team have a good knowledge and understanding of child protection issues and the reporting procedure to follow if they had any concerns. The manager regularly meets with staff to offer support and guidance. Staff attend regular training, which helps to keep their knowledge up to date, and they implement ideas that benefit children. For example, staff use sign language to support children's communication and language skills.

Staff have a good understanding of how children learn and develop. Children use their imaginations well and make good use of resources as they play. For example, children work well together as they operate a pulley to lift buckets of sand and shells. Staff nurture children's interests and extend their learning well by providing real resources, such as hammers and nails, for the children to make and build objects. Staff introduce new words, such as 'vice', as they teach the children new skills. Children have many opportunities to learn about the natural world. For example, they use magnifying glasses to explore and investigate bugs and insects that they find in the garden. Staff encourage children to look at the 'parachutes' they find and use the internet to learn about the sycamore tree from where they have come.

The staff team plans activities and routines effectively to ensure that children spend plenty of time outdoors. For example, children plant and grow vegetables, paint, role play, enjoy physical activity and fresh air. Children understand the importance of good hygiene routines and know that they must wash their hands to remove germs before they eat and after playing outside. Staff teach them about healthy eating through discussion. For example, children know where milk comes from and that milk is used to make cheese. Children share close relationships with their key person, staff and one another. Staff give the children lots of praise and encouragement for their achievements, which boosts their self-esteem and supports their emotional development. Children's behaviour is good.

All children make good progress. They are confident, independent and well-motivated to learn. They listen well at group times and follow instructions. They share well with one another and communicate their needs successfully. They show an interest in books and stories and practise their early writing skills, as they write for different purposes, for example, making appointments at the vets or writing a shopping list. These skills help to prepare children well for starting school.

The outcomes of the report would not be possible without the dedication and hard work of the staff who put in over and above to help make the Jungle hut such a happy place where children's play and learning go hand in hand. Well done to you all.

We are very busy with 37 children on roll which is pretty amazing places for September are becoming very limited so if you have a child who is eligible to attend in the coming year that's Sept 2016 into 2017 please get in touch we can then arrange a home visit and taster sessions it really is never too early to get in touch. Coming up in the next Messenger will be all about our visit to Bristol Zoo.

Sue - junglehutpreschool@gmail.com

## Marnhull Baby & Toddlers

On 5th May we had a lovely morning at Coolplay, as there was voting at the village hall. It was lovely to see the children playing in a different place they had a great time. Thank you to all of you that joined us.

We have quite a lot coming up we have the lovely Sue and Claire from Jungle hut joining us on 26th May. We also have our next visit to Newstone nursing home on Tuesday 31st May. Then Usborne books will be coming and showing us all the new books on 9th June.

This year we are going to be joining in with Barnardo's big toddle, we are going to do our own walk and raise money for all the children they help. Thanks to Nicola and Alan Denham we will be walking up to their field on Church Hill to visit their animals and then walking back to the village hall, this will be on 16th June.

Our summer outing this year will be at Stourhead, for picnic and fun which is going to be on 23rd June.

Emma and Dee

## MARNHULL 12K AND FUN RUNS RAISE £1,369.69

Over 200 runners and supporters turned up to St Gregory's Primary School in Marnhull last Sunday to take part in or support those who had entered the Marnhull 12K or fun runs. The event which was last run 20 years' ago, was organised by parents of the school and raised a staggering £1,369.69.

People travelled from across Dorset and beyond to take part in the main race and for some it was their first attempt at 12 kilometres. 120 people ran the course which started adjacent to school and took them on a tough route through Todber, Fifehead Magdalen and back to the school. Anthony Clarke from Bournemouth AC came first setting the course record and completing the route in just 42 minutes, 30 seconds and Sarah Trim from Yeovil Town RRC was first female in just 51 minutes, 42 seconds. Ian Moore and Jane Feather were first male and female Marnhull residents.



69 children took part in the half or mile fun runs around the farmed field adjacent to the school and every child was awarded a medal and chocolate bar by Simon Hoare, MP for North Dorset. Simon said, "it was such a magnificent turnout on the day and the lovely weather certainly helped. It was wonderful to see so many people not only running but there to support this worthwhile event. An excellent fundraiser for my daughters' school".

Headmistress of St Gregory's School, Mrs Debbie Field added, "what a spectacular day. It was so rewarding to see so many turn up on Sunday. It was a wonderful, community event and one we aim to repeat next year. We are so grateful to everyone who came and of course to the team involved with its organisation". The money raised will be going towards the refurbishment of the library.

## New Garden Centre



## Growing Medium - opens in Wincanton

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Lifestyle Landscapes have opened a garden centre with a unique and unusual specialism in Wincanton. Providing information on the healing and spiritual properties of the plants along with a display showing aura photos and healing benefits relating to specific issues.

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The name The Growing Medium has been chosen because of its association with the earth and soil, in which all plants grow, secondly because of its psychic aspect of spiritual development; so the name combines the two main themes of his life. "Also, it's a medium size".

"We're not going to be a huge concern like many garden centres - we won't be selling craft equipment, clothing, food, homewares and cookware.

we will retail garden tools and equipment, gardening books, plant foods, weed killers, pest control, compost bins, wheelbarrows and such like"

The Growing Medium will also sell shrubs, bedding plants, fruit trees and fruit canes. We will also continue with the landscaping and garden maintenance business

The Growing Medium is located at:

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[www.lifestylelandscapes.co.uk](http://www.lifestylelandscapes.co.uk)

## Missing Black Kitten



### No witch jokes...

12 month old "Shadow" went missing from Corner Close on the 6th May. He's male and all black, except a small white patch on the front under his head. To complicate matters slightly we have his twin brother who is totally black.

He won't have a collar on as he has a party trick of getting them off! However, he is micro-chipped. If you come across him, please call Emma on 01258 821654 / 07540 580372.

## Garden Nightmares

I work for an award winning TV Production Company called RDF, with a reputation for producing popular and innovative programmes including Secret Millionaire, Obsessive Compulsive Hoarder and The Secret Life of Four Year Olds.

I'm currently working on a new documentary for ITV following homeowners who are battling serious situations in their gardens and around their homes. We will investigate a variety of issues: infestations, pests and weeds, sinkholes, erosion, flooding, nuisances next door and boundary disputes.

We'll hear from people whose lives have been affected and meet the experts ough analysing these cases, we will seek to raise awareness of such problems and explore how they can be avoided. We'll also highlight wider issues in the UK today, such as climate change.

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## Razor Smith - Talk by a Reformed Prisoner



An unusual talk will be given by an ex-con on 3rd June in Dorset.

A pavement artist, a bank robber and committed felonist with access to a sawn-off shotgun, a task otherwise known as "taking nostrils for a walk". Imprisoned for life with a minimum of 13 years in 1997 for his part as one of the "Laughing Bank Robbers", as dubbed by the press. He attempted escape from Wandsworth Prison using a JCB. Heavily institutionalised and largely imprisoned since the age of 14; often in solitary confinement. That is until he "went clean a few years ago". That was Razor Smith. Now there is Noel Smith.

Author, lecturer and reformed man because he saw the light...had an epiphany..."the scales fell from his eyes".....when he lost his son. His son committed suicide after being released from HMP Feltham, a notorious young offender's institution. Smith realized that "crime, greed, violence" had killed his boy and so worked to change his life whilst in prison and this turned out to be his last sentence. He taught himself to read and write, gained GCSEs and a diploma in journalism and published 3 books during this time, helped by his friend and journalist Will Self and through sheer hard graft; against the odds.

Smith's memoir – 'A Few Kind Words and a Loaded Gun' is "one of the most eloquent and least sentimental accounts of the criminal life ever written" according to Will Self. Self says that he particularly likes Smith's "refusal to excuse his own behaviour morally or blame poverty and disadvantage". Today's world for Smith means he is in touch with his 3 surviving children and their children, has remarried and lives quietly in leafy Hampshire working as the editor of 'Inside Time' – a crucial paper for serving prisoners.

Witty, a skilful writer and speaker – and with almost "unrivalled experience of the criminal justice system and the criminal underworld", Razor Smith will talk honestly about his life, his view of the criminal and prison world. His first talk in Dorset will not be a run-of-the mill history lecture. It will undoubtedly include some "rich seams of verbiage" which may baffle you and make you laugh at the same time. The only thing that remains of Razor is that he is still softly spoken. Come and hear his story.

The evening will also feature Toby Langton-Gilks. Toby is a Musical Tutor who runs 'Urban Beat Shop' and Music Technology courses at HMP Guys Marsh, he will be talking about his work with the prisoners.

The event will include a complimentary glass of wine or soft drink and a finger buffet, full details will be posted on the Friends of Guys Marsh web site [www.friendsofguysmarsh.co.uk](http://www.friendsofguysmarsh.co.uk). We expect a lot of interest and as seating is limited, book early to avoid disappointment. Please arrive at The Tithe Barn in Hinton St Mary for 7pm on 3rd June.

FOGM are organising the event with seats at £15 per head. Ticket numbers will be allocated by phone and will be checked at the door. Cheques for the event to be made payable to Friends of Guys Marsh Prison.

For further details and bookings please phone contacts below.

Jonathan Davies, Chairman - 01747 829076

Bobbie Primrose, Treasurer - 01258 820310

Or contact Friends of Guys Marsh on: [www.friendsofguysmarsh.co.uk](http://www.friendsofguysmarsh.co.uk)

## Art For Everyone Summer 2016 Exhibition



Marnhull Art for Everyone group will be holding their Summer Exhibition 2016 on the evening of Tuesday 7 June at the village hall. Please come along, join us for a drink and have a look at our artistic endeavours over the past year. You can vote for your favourite painting and a small prize will be presented at the end of the evening to the artist of the most popular piece of work.

We have had a real variety of group projects and demonstrations this year. Our mixed media experiments capturing Autumn textures using watercolour, ink and the (very!) bright pigment powder Brusho, were eye opening and lots of fun. A combination of Chinese brush techniques and simple mark making resulted in our pared down "Grape ivy and spider" composition. "A rainy day in Venice" gave us an opportunity to draw a crowd of small figures and find out what happens when watercolour pencils are sprayed with water. We learned a little about the work of artist L. S. Lowry in the Spring term and had a go at our own Lowry style paintings, some of which you may have spotted in the Post Office window.

I hope you can join us for this very exclusive, one evening only, event to celebrate our wonderful creative community.

Deborah Chisman,

## MARNHULL ART FOR EVERYONE SUMMER EXHIBITION

Please drop in, meet the artists and see what we have been up to during the last year.

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Other Art For Everyone exhibitions 2016;

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Mike Spencer gave us "A Glimpse at the Galápagos", in his captivating narrative and stunning pictures of his trip to the islands made famous by Charles Darwin. The islands are situated 600 miles off the coast of Ecuador in a volcanic hotspot situated on the equator.

Access to the islands is only with a guide, limited to groups of 16 and you have to keep to marked pathways to avoid disturbing the unique flora and fauna. Many of the species are exclusive to the islands and introduced species such as rats, wild pig and goats have to be controlled to preserve the habitat.

The more spectacular are the Blue-footed booby, the Galápagos giant tortoise, the Galápagos penguin and many other exclusive inhabitants. Fascinatingly, encounters with the animals showed just how unafraid they were of humans.

Sea lions in particular always seemed to have selected the best benches to lay on. The marine iguanas were quite extraordinary in that they fed on marine algae and got rid of excess salt from glands in the nose. Excess salt was then expelled by sneezing, you had to be careful to stand up wind of them. Although many species look familiar they are distinct species unique to the islands.

The Galápagos flamingo looks the same as the African ones, but are a distinct species and only a few hundred are now left. Much of the wildlife depends on the sea around and the Galápagos Marine Reserve has now been created and it is also a whale sanctuary and a World Heritage Site. A captive breeding program has been undertaken for some species to ensure their continued survival. It was a fascinating account of the Galápagos National Park where you can mingle with the wildlife.

Our next meeting at 10am on the 2nd June, at the Father's House, Shaftesbury, will feature Kathy MacNally telling us about "The Shetland Bus-Helping Norwegian Patriots to England".

Details of all SGU3A activities can be found at [www.sgu3a.org.uk](http://www.sgu3a.org.uk)

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## Baffling Blandford



Blandford is about to be baffled. That's the claim made by husband-and-wife magician duo, Jana Bundy and Paul Hyland. They are launching a magical town walk, 'Baffling Blandford', for the free Expression Festival, at 4pm on 4th June. Then, starting on 29th June, they will lead walks every Wednesday evening at 7pm, from the Crown hotel.

Dorset-born Paul is a poet, travel author and broadcaster with a few secrets under his hat. He has performed for celebrities in the UK, in Venice and the US, and has lectured at the world-famous Magic Circle. Jana is an American wordsmith who has performed magic since she was a girl in Arkansas.

'Baffling Blandford is magic with legs,' said Paul. 'It's street magic on the move.' Jana promises 'a pinch of history, a dash of comedy and a load of mystery.' Paul says it won't be a hike: 'It's a half-hour stroll packed into 90 intriguing minutes.'

Baffling Blandford is designed for adults but accompanied children are welcome to enjoy the fun. 'We both love magic,' said Paul, 'and we both love Blandford, so why not put one into the other?' Jana described how the Free Expression Festival inspired the idea and gave them the excuse to launch it. 'And then we thought, why not carry on baffling every Wednesday during the summer?'

## Atom Club - Science & Coding Club

For those of you that don't know, we've recently founded the Atom Club - a non-profit Science & Coding Club for children aged 6-14. The concept is that we use the profits from the sales of 'STEM Boxes' to go towards resources used in after-school clubs and events. Our aim is to raise enough funds to buy a mobile planetarium that we can take around the local schools - enabling us to inspire the children and show them how amazing the STEM fields can be.

## STEM = Science, Technology, Engineering & Maths

We've got our first volunteers now and some initial subscribers, so once DBS checks are complete, we can start arranging our first clubs. The launch event (date TBC) will be held at the Village Hall and will give the children a chance to experience all of the STEM fields - learning while they have fun.

## VOOM Competition

The day the last issue got sent to the printers, I heard of a great competition that we could enter our new Science & Coding club into - Virgin Media's VOOM. We had some catching up to do and it was too late even for me to get something in the messenger, but with the support of the village schools, we managed to get up to 51st place out of over 7,000 entries. We need to be in the top 80 to proceed to the next round. Get through that and we'll be pitching the idea to Richard Branson himself!

At time of print, we've dropped down to 91st, but it is so tight that we only need 16 votes to get back in the running. By the time you read this, it will be over, but either way I look forward to updating you next month.

Monthly STEM Boxes are full of Science experiments, Coding projects, games, puzzles, educational toys and even cooking recipes - delivered to your door for under £10 per month.

For more information, why not visit [www.atom.club](http://www.atom.club)

## Classic Cars Needed

### Do you have a prized classic car in your possession?

We're looking for a few to display at the Fest & Flower show this year. The more unusual the better!

If you can help, please contact Clive on 01258 820353.

## Marnhull Fest Stall Bookings

### Do you run a local club, business, group?

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## Springhead Trust

Wednesday 29 June, Life's A Dream presented by Miracle Theatre in conjunction with Artsreach

An epic fable of love, war and destiny, full of passion and humour, from Cornwall's award winning Miracle Theatre

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Wine, beer and soft drinks available. As this is an outdoor performance please bring something to sit on and warm/waterproof clothing.

The Springhead Trust will be at Child Okeford's village fete - Heyday - on Sunday 12 June, 12-5, free admission. There will be children's entertainment, music, food, BBQ, pizza, a beer tent, stalls and lots more.

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## Guggleton Gets Googled

If you go down to Stalbridge today, Isabel de Pelet, has just launched Guggleton Gallery's new website, showcasing the 2016 programme which starts this April. de Pelet, founder and owner of Guggleton, is now able to bring her art gallery and workshops to the wider audience.

This website launch is part of her wish to bring Dorset & its artistic reputation to the forefront of all British and overseas tourists.

"Dorset & Art are 2 concepts that go hand in hand. Dorset has always been known for its more artistic, rural way of life. Witnessed by the fact that every week I am given the name of another artist who has just moved to the area" says de Pelet.

Her programmes show a huge variety of artists; most of whom are from the West Country and are well-established names such as (listed alphabetically):- Mark Coreth, Frances Hatch, Katherine Le Hardy, Tessa McIntyre, Sally McLaren, Johnny Marrant, Peter Ursem and Jake Winkle. Artists from further afield include George Irvine (Oxfordshire) and Luke Martineau (London).

de Pelet says "I am thrilled that the website has now brought Guggleton truly into the 21st century". An inspirational thought from a 74 year old.

[www.guggleton.co.uk](http://www.guggleton.co.uk)



# Images from Marnhull Ramblers May Walk

## Why not join them next time?





## Volunteers Offered and Wanted

Welcome to our new column, where local charities, groups and companies can list their volunteering opportunities. If you have some spare time, you can also offer it here.

### Volunteers Wanted

#### North Dorset Freecycle

Freecycle needs volunteers to be group moderators. Moderators must live here. Training is provided. If you're interested in making a contribution to your community and your planet; in learning a little about online community building and media relations; and in keeping stuff out of the local landfill, please get in touch!

Being a moderator doesn't require a lot of time but does require some dedication. There is lots of support available, it's fun and is a small thing that can make such a big difference. email: email\_relay@freecycle.org

#### Marnhull Fest 2016

The Marnhull Fest need your help. We need volunteers for on the day to help man the entertainment. We already have volunteers from the schools to man the gates, but help over the course of the week preparing the recreation ground and on the day keeping the event running smoothly would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Lisa on 01258 820158.

## PARISH MUTTERINGS

The top topics being discussed this month:

Neighbourhood Plan put on hold pending NDDC

Footpaths SLA progressing with complaint about Footpath 101

Problem with drains, verges and Pipes in Hains Lane being dealt with

Parish Council page on Messenger web site on going

A review of Standing Orders is under way

Equipment in children's play area being replaced

Community Speedwatch Group is on the agenda anyone interested give Cllr Cullender a call on 899540

Councillors Training took place on 23rd May 2016

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**trevor.mpc@gmail.com**

Registration of Deeds with Land Registry Solicitor engaged who is making enquiries

First Aid in Schools St Marys School 60 Children were trained on 22nd April with St Gregory's next up on 7th June

We have been approached by a Company wishing to erect a mobile phone mast in the Recreation Ground this has been put on hold pending registration of the Recreation Ground

The Gillingham Southern Extension a question has been asked about the possible effects of extra water being diverted into the rivers which could affect Marnhull.

All of the above are currently being dealt with by your Parish Council If you would like to learn more or wish to comment please call 821636 or email trevor.mpc@gmail.com

## Garden Tips for the month of... June



*Glorious June, or so we hope!*

*Time to enjoy the fruits of  
your labours – but have we time?*

It would seem (at the time of going to press) that the gardens are, at last, beginning to warm through and that the cold nights we have experienced and which have inhibited the growth of some plants are over. Now all of a sudden jobs which have been deferred until the weather is suitable are overdue!

In the flower garden, it is time to plant out summer bedding and seed-raised plants, making sure they are well watered in and kept damp during any dry weather. Watch out for late frost and protect!

If the zealous hoer has been sufficiently deterred, the last of the perennials will be breaking through, and self sown seedlings appearing. Keep an eye out for these; they may be just what you want. The future look of each bed will be clearer. Cannas and dahlias can be planted out once danger of frost has passed. Remaining gaps in herbaceous borders can be filled with annual bedding.

Think of next year, now is the time to take basal stem cuttings from perennials that are showing new shoots from the crown; and take cuttings from garden pinks. If you are going to raise perennials from seed for next year, such as hollyhock, delphiniums or lupins they can now be sown out doors; similarly, if you want to grow your own spring bedding, many, including wallflowers, pansies, and sweet Williams, etc need to be sown between May and July in order to flower next spring.

General tidiness. As well as the constant deadheading and weeding, trim back spreading and trailing plants after flowering, this encourages fresh growth and new flowers. Wait until dead bulb foliage dies down naturally, as cutting back too early can lead to blindness next year. Cutting back clumps of spring-flowering perennials can encourage a fresh flush of foliage. Other tasks are to divide hostas as they come. Stake tall perennials to prevent wind damage to flower spikes and tie in sweet peas.

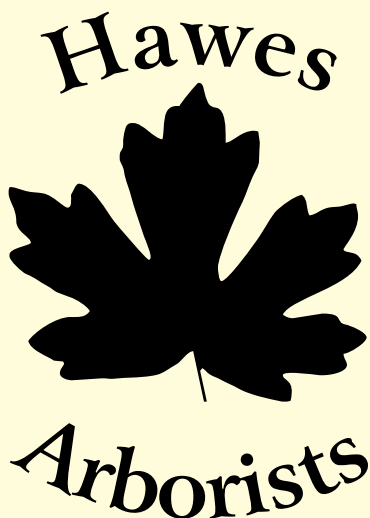
Pests etc. Inspect lilies for the scarlet lily beetle and plant containers for vine weevil larvae, which become active this month. There are various chemical and biological controls available for these pests. Aphids multiply rapidly in summer; watch out for these and control them! Continue to protect lily, delphiniums, hostas and other susceptible plants from slugs and snails.

It is also time to take stock, plants grow too big for their site, die or after a while just seem less good than they have done hitherto. There can be a pause between the spring flowering and the full splendour of summer. So, as well as sitting back and enjoying the prospect of your own garden, it is well worth making use of the NGS Gardens Open scheme, to see what other gardeners do. You only need one good idea gleaned from another garden to make the visit worthwhile. But do remember gardens with similar sites/soils to your own will be most helpful.

In the vegetable garden, as well as succession sowing of annual vegetables, brassicas can be planted out, as can pot grown runner and dwarf beans - but acclimatise them first if they have been kept under glass, leeks should be ready (about a pencil's thickness) to plant out, the previously accepted lore that the tops and roots should be trimmed is now out of vogue.

Lastly, if there is a dry spell and watering is required, remember that a good drench, wetting the ground to about 2 inches deep, done once a week is far more effective than a more frequent, but shallow wetting.





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Citizens Advice have a great website too that is full of useful and practical information for consumers. You can find it at [www.citizensadvice.org.uk/consumer](http://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/consumer)

Many people contact a "Buy With Confidence trading standards approved" trader when they are looking to buy goods or services. This helps to take the uncertainty out of choosing a legal, honest and fair business. The Citizens Advice consumer helpline can also help you to find a trading standards approved trader in your local area, or you can find one at [www.buywithconfidence.gov.uk](http://www.buywithconfidence.gov.uk)

## Stur's Big Weekend

## Food and Drink Galore at Stur's Big Weekend! 4th & 5th June 2016

The Exchange Real Ale & Cider Festival kicks off on Friday 3rd June with musical entertainment from local band, The Rents. This annual event offers over 20 locally brewed beers and ciders and features further performances from acoustic musicians throughout Saturday and Sunday (4th & 5th June). The must see headlining act, Boy Le Monti, take to the stage on Saturday night. Don't miss it!!

So, not only will you find great music and locally sourced beverages, on Saturday 4th June (10am-4pm) the Producers' Market returns to Sturminster Newton, and, in collaboration with Crafts at The Exchange, around 50 stall holders will provide a fantastic array of Dorset made delights. Local food and drink producers will be tantalising taste buds with their wares along the pedestrianised area of Station Road, whilst, homegrown crafters will be displaying and selling their special unique and exclusive items within The Exchange. Expect to find a variety of local foods including cheeses, cakes, meats, pies, honey, vegetables, chocolate and preserves amongst the open-air stalls. Whilst indoors, be enthralled by the array of beautiful and uniquely created jewelry, art, photography, woodwork, cards, clothing, authors, glass makers, glassware and ceramics to name but a few.....

And, finally, to complete this incredibly eventful Big Stur Weekend, the 4th Big Lunch takes place on Sunday 5th June in the Railway Gardens. All the usual games and activities will be there, built and supervised by members of Sturminster Newton Rotary, and, of course, family favourite, Camilla the Cow, courtesy of Dikes of Stalbridge. Face painting, a fire engine, treasure hunt, teas and ice creams, all summed up in the organisers slogan, 'Bring the kids and a picnic but leave your purse at home'.

Sturminster Newton has a lot going on, so why not come and take a look. Whether you arrive via the historic six arched bridge or via the Trailway, you'll receive a very warm welcome.

For further information [team@sturquest.org.uk](mailto:team@sturquest.org.uk) or 01258 471456.

## Sturminster Newton Floral Group

The subjects for our June and July meetings are:

**Wednesday 8th June 2016 An In-house Workshop with guest teacher Annette Parker.**

**Wednesday 13th July 2016 A demonstration by Nick Grounds entitled 'Palimpsest' (Layers). This evening is open to members of other clubs at a cost of £10, and promises to be an exciting demonstration.**

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Medium

- ACROSS**
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  - Caul 19. Alien 21. Apse 24. Albacore 25. Soy 26. Elegy 27. Sedges
- DOWN**
- Dewar 2. Air Marshal 3. Orang 4. Pinot 5. Locust 6. Raja 9. Fauna 10. Oriel 12. Stalingrad
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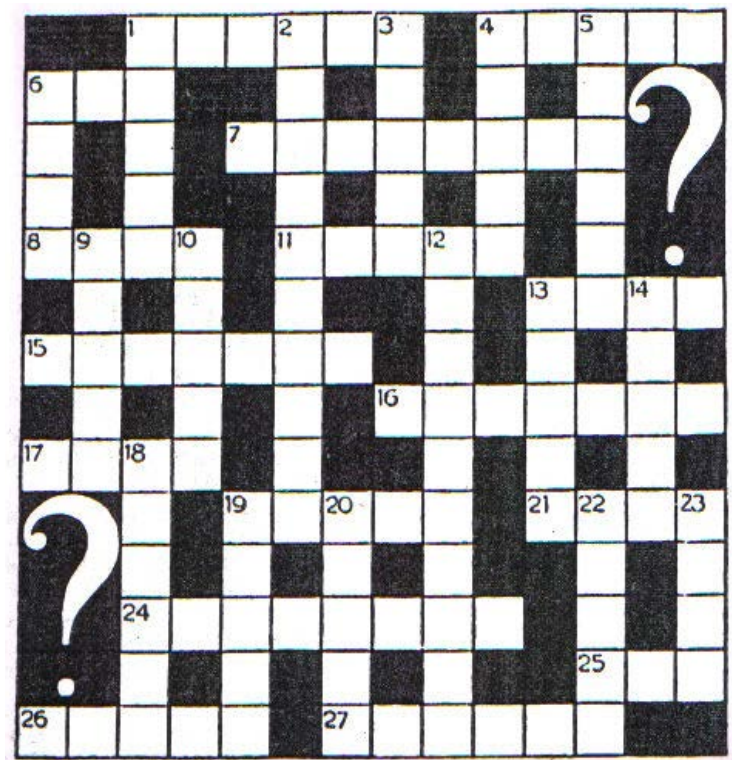


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## Dorset Wildlife Trust

### North Dorset Group Events

#### Morning walk at Ashley Woods

Thursday 23rd June – Morning walk at Ashley Wood with DWT Warden, Steve Oliver. Meet at 10am at the True Lovers' Knot car park, Tarrant Keyneston on the B3082. There is no charge for this event, but voluntary contributions to DWT would be welcomed. Booking is essential – please telephone Steve Oliver on 07824874273. The walk will last about two hours and sensible footwear is advised.

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### ACROSS

- 1) Machine for converting mechanical energy into electrical energy. (6)
- 4) Rice flavoured with spices to which meat or fish may be added. (5)
- 6) Small deer with reddish coat. (3)
- 7) Brandy made in Aquitaine. (8)
- 8) Hairstyle with a mass of tight curls. (4)
- 11) Profound feeling of anxiety. (5)
- 13) See 3D). (4)
- 15) Martial art whose name means 'gentle skill'. (2-5)
- 16) Egg white. (7)
- 17) Membrane enclosing a foetus. (4)
- 19) 1979 sci-fi film starring Sigourney Weaver. (5)
- 21) Semicircular recess at the East end of a church. (4)
- 24) Tuna of warm seas. (8)
- 25) Sauce made with fermented beans. (3)
- 26) A mournful poem. (5)
- 27) Grass like plants growing in wet areas. (6)

### DOWN

- 1) Vacuum flask named after its inventor. (5)
- 2) The highest rank in the Royal Air Force. (3-7)
- 3) and 13A) large arboreal ape native to Borneo. (5-4)
- 4) Type of wine grape. (5)
- 5) Voracious tropical grasshopper. (6)
- 6) Indian king or prince. (4)
- 9) Monetary unit of India. (5)
- 10) The animals of a particular region or habitat. (5)
- 12) Former name of the Russian city Volgograd. (10)
- 13) Fleshy extension at the back of the soft palate above the throat. (5)
- 14) Maple trees. (5)
- 18) The amount by which a container is short of being full. (6)
- 19) Establishment occupied by monks or nuns. (5)
- 20) An anvil shaped bone in the middle ear. (5)
- 22) Forcible recruitment of men into the navy. (5)
- 23) Small whirlpool. (4)

**All puzzle answers on page 28**





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