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Merry Christmas From All At The Marnhull Messenger



Following the closure of the Blackmore Vale Inn in May, Hall & Woodhouse put the pub up for sale as a going concern. Since then there have been many rumours regarding the future of the hostelry, so the Marnhull Messenger asked the Brewery for the latest position.

Estates Manager Peter Kitching told us – "The property in question is currently on the Market. We have received interest in the property and we are currently considering how to proceed with the interest shown. Discussions remain confidential at this stage but I would anticipate being able to provide you with a more detailed update in a fortnight's time".

If this is the case, then the fate of the Blackmore Vale Inn should be known in early December.



St Gregory's Santa Walk

Start the festive season with carols, mulled wine and mince pies!

St Gregory's PTFA is organising a Santa Walk on Wednesday 14th December at 1.30pm when whole school will be walking around Marnhull in festive clothes. The route will start at the school, go past the church, down Church Hill, through the Crown Estate before looping around to the surgery and then back up the hill to the church.

After the walk everyone is invited to join the children at the church for a half hour carol service. After the carols, the children will receive a present from Santa and then they will return to the school. Meanwhile, the adults will be offered mince pies and mulled wine at the church.

You are invited to join in the Christmas fun, whether to watch, walk, sing, or eat your first mince pie of the season. We hope to see you on 14th December - fancy dress is optional but very welcome.

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Welcome to your Marnhull Messenger

Chris Ryu - Messenger Editor

Reminder: New Deadline!

Thanks to those that remembered the new earlier deadlines. I'm pleased to report that only a few missed the deadline, but they were close...

Remember - email me if you want an automated reminder each month.

The dogs are fighting back in this issue - please hear their side of the story on page 26.

You'll see that I'm making a personal appeal on page 18. We need help spreading the word about our Science & Coding Club and would appreciate any help you can give. It's all change for the Atom Club - exciting times!

We have a special feature from the Village Hall on page 20. You can expect to hear much more from them in coming issues.

As per usual, there's no issue in January and so the next deadline is 17th January.

Finally, from all at the Messenger - Merry Christmas!

Deadline For Next Issue

MID-DAY 17th January

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Garden Reflections for the months of... ...December and January



**A gardener's work is never at an end;
it begins with the year
and continues to the next.**

John Evelyn (1620-1706)



Although the quotation implies that gardening is one continuous operation through the seasons and beyond, most will accept that there is a slowing of activity during these two mid-winter months. If Christmas preparations do not take their toll then it remains more than likely that adverse weather will limit outdoor activities at some stage.

Christmas does have an advantage in that it is the time for presents and subtle hints can surely be passed to potential gift buyers about that special gardening implement, book or other related item that you've coveted but not felt able to buy for yourself.

Alternatively a well presented indoor plant can make an ideal Christmas gift. Attractive colours and scents will always lift the spirits in the winter months. Plants such as hyacinths and narcissi should be force grown indoors now to be ready as a Christmas gift. A trip to the garden centre will prove worthwhile as you will then be able to choose already started bulbs that are at the same growing stage.

If you can find the time or opportunity to be out in the garden during December and January, there are still useful things to do. Dress to keep warm and make a check of the lawn, flower borders and vegetable areas. The lawn (or lawn-to-be?) may not be the first thought at this time of the year. However last autumn was very mild and many gardeners were still giving their grass a December cut with the mower set appropriately.

Also, if the jobs have not already been done, it is worthwhile to aerate and dethatch the lawn to enable a stronger growth in the Spring. And for those of you anticipating a new lawn in the Spring it is not too soon to make some preparation. Dig the area over and pack it down by walking on it or using a garden roller. Rake again and repeat the rolling. Doing this in December allows it to settle and therefore be ready in the Spring.

It is time to dig up any remaining root crops. Parsnips and leeks will have benefitted from any frosts and can be dug and included in your Christmas dinner. The wisdom of planting Spring vegetables this early is always questionable. A prolonged very cold spell in the coming months can severely reduce the chance of success. On the other hand, I have experienced broad bean success in some years and a tasty early crop is always welcome. Whatever you decide it is useful to have some garden fleece at hand and act quickly at the first sign of significant and prolonged bad weather.

I have enjoyed the sight of a profuse flowering of wisteria along our pergola over many years but to maximise production of flowers, now is the time for a final pruning to follow the earlier pruning that should have been undertaken in July/August to allow light into the foliage.

To encourage that summer flowering the side shoots should now be cut back to 2/3 buds. Any long side shoots that were left in the summer for future training should be carefully tied into position. However, January is also the time to prune with overall growth in mind. Wisteria grows very strongly and, if unrestrained in some areas, its pressure can fracture gutters and move other frame structures with expensive repair costs. Beware!

Have a great festive season and look forward to a new year of enjoyable and rewarding gardening.

Marnhull Garden Club

Marnhull Lunch Club

There will not be a lunch in January, normal service will be resumed in February.

There are a few vacancies now so if you feel like coming to see what the lunch club has to offer, the contact number is 01258 820058

We would like to wish all the diners, helpers and drivers a very **Happy Christmas**

Advert Renewals

Please get your 2017 adverts to the editor ASAP.

The 2017 layout will be started 1st Dec.

To secure a good position, ensure he has it in time.

Remember: Deadlines are now 17th @ Noon

Annual Diary 2016/2017

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

**For Village Hall bookings please call
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December

1st - Baby & Toddler Group @ 09:30
2nd - Lunch Club @ 12:00
5th - Table Tennis Club @ 14:15
5th - Parish Council Meeting @ 19:00
7th - Table Tennis Club @ 14:15
7th - Zumba Dance Fitness @ 20:15
8th - Baby & Toddler Group @ 09:30
9th - Blackmore Vale Art Group @ 10:30
9th - Quiet Half Hour Prayer @ 12:00 Methodist Church
11th - Moviola- Ridgeway Singers And Band @ 16:00
12th - Table Tennis Club @ 14:15
13th - Garden Club Dinner/Skittles Evening Cancelled @ 19:30
14th - Table Tennis Club @ 14:15
14th - Mother's Union @ 14:30 Methodist Church
14th - Zumba Dance Fitness @ 20:15
15th - Baby & Toddler Group Christmas Party @ 09:30
15th - Marnhull Yarners @ 13:30 Laburnum Cottage
16th - Marnhull POPPin Cafe @ 10:00
16th - Women's Institute Christmas Party @ 19:30
19th - Table Tennis Club @ 14:15
20th - Candlelit Christmas Service @ 16:00 Methodist Church
20th - Methodist Church Refreshments and Candlelit Carol Service @ 16:00 Methodist Church
21st - Table Tennis Club @ 14:15
21st - Zumba Dance Fitness @ 20:15
26th - Table Tennis Club @ 14:15
28th - Table Tennis Club @ 14:15

January

2nd - Table Tennis Club @ 14:15
2nd - Parish Council Meeting @ 19:00
4th - Table Tennis Club @ 14:15
4th - Zumba Dance Fitness @ 20:15
5th - Baby and Toddler Group @ 09:30
6th - Lunch Club @ 12:00
9th - Table Tennis Club @ 14:15
9th - Women's Institute 'One man's sound is another man's cacophony' Nick Lalor @ 19:30
10th - Marnhull Garden Club "History of Thorngrove Garden centre" by Caroline of the garden centre @ 19:30
11th - Table Tennis Club @ 14:15
11th - Mother's union "It's just an Illusion" Barrie Jenks @ 14:30 Methodist Church
11th - Zumba Dance Fitness @ 20:15
12th - Baby and Toddler Group @ 09:30
16th - Table Tennis Club @ 14:15
18th - Table Tennis Club @ 14:15
18th - Zumba Dance Fitness @ 20:15
19th - Marnhull Yarners @ 13:30 Laburnum Cottage
19th - Baby and Toddler Group @ 09:30
20th - Marnhull POPPin Cafe @ 10:00
23rd - Table Tennis Club @ 14:15
25th - Table Tennis Club @ 14:15
25th - Zumba Dance Fitness @ 20:15
26th - Baby and Toddler Group @ 09:30
28th - Burns Supper @ 18:15
30th - Table Tennis Club @ 14:15

February

1st - Table Tennis Club @ 14:15
1st - Zumba Dance Fitness @ 20:15
2nd - Baby and Toddler Group @ 09:30
3rd - Lunch Club @ 12:00
6th - Table Tennis Club @ 14:15
6th - Parish Council Meeting @ 19:00
8th - Table Tennis Club @ 14:15
8th - Mother's Union @ 14:30 Methodist Church
8th - Mother's Union AGM @ 14:30 Methodist Church
8th - Zumba Dance Fitness @ 20:15
9th - Baby and Toddler Group @ 09:30
13th - Table Tennis Club @ 14:15
13th - Women's Institute 'Reading Matters' Jill Kieran and Pat Budden @ 19:30
14th - Marnhull Garden Club AGM and American supper @ 19:30
15th - Table Tennis Club @ 14:15
15th - Zumba Dance Fitness @ 20:15
16th - Marnhull Yarners @ 13:30 Laburnum Cottage
17th - Marnhull POPPin Cafe @ 10:00
20th - Table Tennis Club @ 14:15
22nd - Table Tennis Club @ 14:15
22nd - Zumba Dance Fitness @ 20:15
23rd - Baby and Toddler Group @ 09:30
27th - Table Tennis Club @ 14:15

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!

Marnhull Village Hall Refurbishment

Marnhull Village Invites you to a
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Drivers in Marnhull

We were surprised when reading the article from G.O.F regarding the hazards of being pedestrians in various areas of Marnhull as we do not share that experience. When moving to a cottage in the lower end of the village twenty three years ago we were relieved to find that area had not been urbanized with pavements and street lamps and found no problems anywhere, by ourselves or with young grandchildren. Ten years later having moved further up Burton Street, and even allowing for an increase in traffic, still find no difficulty in walking in any direction. Motorist either slow down or if it is safe to do so, give us plenty of space, a courtesy that is always acknowledged. Finally, we occasionally have an evening meal at the local hostelry, and providing we have a good torch have no fears about walking home.

Brian and Ann

PARISH MUTTERINGS

The top topics being discussed this month:

Dog fouling campaign started

'BAG IT AND BIN IT.....MOST PEOPLE DO'

A review of Standing Orders is continuing

St Gregory's Churchyard maintenance being discussed

2017 Budget being looked at

Equipment in children's play area being replaced.

Cross in Cemetery being fixed

Defibrillator training took place and in all your own interests
more of you should attend next time

Mobile phone mast resurrected, company interested do you
want it?

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

We wish all the residents of Marnhull a very Merry Christmas
and Happy New Year

Recruiting Councillors are you interested?
Contact Trevor Vaughan call 821636 or email
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Women's Institute



A winter evening in 1800. The family and guests gather in the candlelight for a little musical entertainment. All that is on offer are the questionable vocal or piano-playing skills of those present. But times are changing, science is all the vogue and people are looking for something different.

Gordon Bartlett brought a fascinating collection of early mechanical musical instruments to the Village Hall. The first was a small pipe organ from France in a beautiful inlaid wooden box. A clockwork mechanism turned a spiked metal cylinder against the tines of a metal comb which then activated tiny pipes. The resultant sound was sweetly chirpy and although the whole instrument was only capable of playing a single tune Gordon explained that servants in wealthy households were instructed to play it over and over to the pet canaries so that the birds could learn the melody.

Later innovations, mostly from the western parts of Switzerland and nearby regions of France, addressed the one-tune problem by producing flat perforated discs which could be bought separately rather in the manner of a modern record. Gordon offered a piece of advice for anyone who is offered one of these early machines for sale: check the date of the latest tune and that will tell you the date of the instrument. By the mid-nineteenth century the upper classes were interested in Italian opera and so selections of Verdi and Puccini were available on discs.

In the America at the turn of the 20th century, preachers who travelled the open prairies and small rural townships often carried lightweight harmoniums which could play rousing hymn tunes. These had no clockwork motors but had to be wound by hand. Later still in this country "organettes" were produced which played paper rolls and these allowed the owner to buy any number of different tunes.

However, in 1900 an event occurred which eventually changed the whole mechanical musical instrument scene: Thomas Edison patented his "phonograph." While trying to invent a dictating machine for office use he found his clockwork wax-cylinder apparatus could capture musical sounds adequately, and although reproducing the music for a number of cylinders was a laborious process, the recording of an actual sound rather than producing it mechanically was a great advance. It enabled the permanent capture of real life performances. The musical-box became obsolete.

Gordon produced a statuette of "Nipper" the Jack Russel, and recounted how this iconic figure found fame on the label of HMV records to this day. A plaque to Nipper can be seen near the Lloyds Bank in Kingston-upon-Thames.

Next month we hold our Christmas party.

YV

Village Hall Supporters Club

Thank you to all those who have sent in their Application forms for the Village Hall Supporters Club 2017. This note is to let you know that your cheques will not be cashed before 2017- after the Final Draw for 2016.

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From The Surgeries



New staff

We have been busy recruiting more reception and administration staff and welcome Francesca, Beth and Deborah to the team at Sturminster Newton. Please bear with us during their training period.

Appointments

We are delighted that we are now fully staffed with GPs and Nurse Practitioners, this is after many months of recruitment. We hope that patients will have already noticed an increase in availability of appointments, both face to face and telephone.

Prescriptions

Our new Pharmacy Technician Katherine Rann and our Pharmacist Anne Edwards have undertaken a thorough review of our prescription policies and processes. They have changed the way we process prescription requests to improve efficiency and accuracy, this has dramatically reduced our turnaround time for prescription requests and is assisting the GPs to manage their workload.

28 Day Prescribing

The practice continues to work within the national guidelines on 28 day prescribing. This means patients will only receive one month's supply of medication at a time. We appreciate for some patients this has been a difficult transition, but there is strong evidence that this reduces the amount of wasted or unused medication.

Stay Well this winter

As winter is now upon us, here is some information about how you, your family and friends can ensure you use the most appropriate healthcare for your needs in North Dorset.

Call NHS 111

Call 111 when you need medical advice or are not sure who to contact. This includes dental advice. Calling 999, is only for emergencies – if you're not sure, call 111 first.

Contact your GP

Our GPs can offer advice over the phone and can arrange referral to a hospital specialist if you need it.

Visit your local Minor Injuries Unit or Walk-in Centre

If your injury is not serious, you can get help from the minor injuries unit in Shaftesbury open 9-6 and 10-4 at weekends.

Get protected against flu

The NHS offers a free flu vaccination to people who are considered to be at risk. If you're in one of these groups and haven't had a flu jab yet, speak to your surgery or pharmacy.

Treat yourself better - visit your local pharmacist as soon as you feel unwell. The majority of colds and flu like illnesses will be over in a few days and your pharmacist can help you manage the symptoms and give you practical advice.

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News from the Nick.

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I'd like to start this month's entry by thanking the organisers of the firework display on Goddard's Field. It was a lovely evening that highlighted the community strength of such a great village.

There are no crimes of note this month but I find we are once again concentrating on phone scams. There are residents of Marnhull who have been affected by these type of crimes, fortunately, they have been able to prevent serious losses.

There are two known scams "doing the rounds" at the moment, the most popular is the HMRC scam where fraudsters are claiming to be the taxman stating you owe them money and that you are liable to be arrested if you don't pay the money immediately. This is not the case.

The "real" taxman knows where to find you and IF there was any monies owed, they would contact you via letter(s) and they would certainly not be threatening people with arrest.

Our second, newer concern, which has only emerged in the past week, is fraudsters have telephoned individuals claiming to be a Metropolitan Police officer and that your details have been recovered during a criminal investigation. You are then encouraged to move your money to a "safe" account. You are then told not to discuss this with bank staff as the male they have has an accomplice within the bank.

Please remember:

Police officers from any force will NEVER ask for your financial details or encourage you to transfer money between accounts

Your bank will NEVER ask for your financial details over the phone

NEVER send cash or bank cards anywhere via courier or taxi

If ANYONE calls and asks for your bank details, PIN or for you to send money or cards via courier or taxi - HANG UP - wait 5 mins - dial 1471 And write down the number if possible. Then call the police on 101

Please treat every call with suspicion.

PCSO 6268

Kate Hann



Mothers' Union

We held a coffee morning on 5th November to raise funds towards the Mothers' Union 140th anniversary appeal. Many thanks to all who supported the coffee morning in any way. With your help we are able to send off £356.

It was discovered that the 5th November was also the 121st anniversary for Marnhull MU.

Our meeting on the 9th was attended by 20 members and 1 guest. We had a lovely afternoon with Mary Jenks demonstrating five flower arrangements which included showing the use of oasis and Christmas props.

On 14th December we have our members' Christmas meeting 2.30 Methodist Hall

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Royal British Legion



The weather gods were certainly smiling on us as a goodly crowd gathered at the memorial on the 11th November at 10.50 for the service and two minutes silence, in absolutely gorgeous crisp bright autumn weather. Branch Chaplain Mike Ficke led the service then the silence started and ended by bugler Adrian Stone was impeccably observed. After there were contingents from both St. Mary's and St. Gregory's

schools who laid wreaths that they had made themselves on the memorial. All in all a very moving experience.

Then again on Sunday the weather was bright as the parade led as usual by Gillingham Town Imperial Silver Band set off on the short march to the church. Sadly the Air Cadets couldn't be with us this year but by way of compensation they organised a fly past as the parade lined up in front of the church, the three planes appeared from the West passed over our heads and with a wiggle of their wings were gone. The Church did not seem quite so full as usual but even so the collection was a creditable £464 thanks to all who contributed. Duncan Ingram played a lament on the bagpipes as the congregation filed out of the church. The Parade then reformed for the wreath laying ceremony with wreaths laid by Marnhull RBL, The WI, The Girls Brigade, The Parish Council, The Lions and the Army Cadets. Then it was back to the Clubhouse for some well earned refreshment. With the passing of time the Parade is getting smaller so if you would like to march and feel you are able please join us next year. Sadly we had to again borrow a Cadet to carry the Branch Standard, does anybody know someone who could do it?

Back in the Club after the Remembrance day service President Lt. Cmdr. Julie Vitali RNR presented Ian Kendall with an inscribed carriage clock in recognition many years loyal service on the Club Committee.

On the Saturday we had our annual Fish 'n' Chip Poppy Quiz with 104 people in 15 teams battling it out for not very much really but hopefully having a good time. With the entry fees and the amazingly well supported raffle and scrimping on the winners prize we raised £421 for the Poppy Appeal, a brilliant effort by all concerned, not least Mr Chips who turned pale when I told him how many we had.

While all this has been going on our collectors have been out and about knocking on doors, and our shops and pubs have had boxes on their counters so now we will be collecting it all in and counting. Early signs are that it will be a good year. I will let you know in due course.

Meanwhile in the Club we are gearing up for Christmas with entertainment every Saturday night except Christmas Eve when we will have our Christmas Draw, numbers are still available on the sheet on the bar. On New Years Eve we have 'Just Bertie' to see the old year out and the new one in, all are welcome.

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

Autumn Concert at St Gregory's Church

On Saturday afternoon, 12th November, my wife and I attended the above concert performed by the Gillingham Singers, accompanied by organist Stephen Binnington, the Silton Strings and four excellent soloists. I'm not sure what we expected - probably the usual enjoyable, amateur performance. In the event we were bowled over by the quality of the music presented. They sung Handel's Zadok the Priest, Four Latin Motets by Elgar and Mozart's Coronation Mass in C. A bit heavy, you might think; but not a bit of it. The music was beautiful and was sung with enthusiasm and vivacity. In short, a very enjoyable experience for the audience.

The concert was quite well attended but we were sad to see so few Marnhull people present. For us, we were amazed that one can walk up the road and experience such quality music on our doorstep. So come on Marnhull folks, you're missing something of exceptional quality.

Nick Lalor

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Marnhull Garden Club

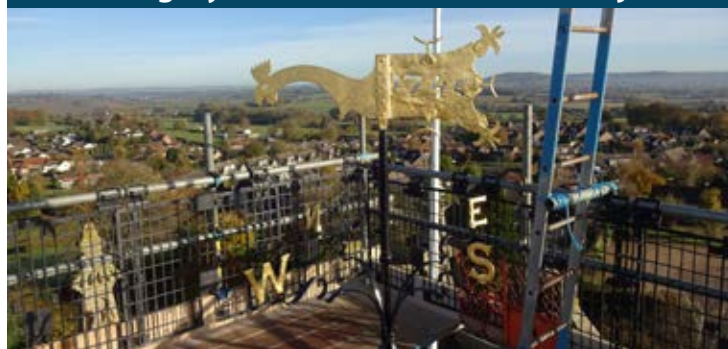
We were delightfully entertained by Dudley Higginson, who had spent many, many hours filming otters at Blandford. There was 45 min film of a family of mother and two cubs, from when the cubs were small and just venturing – very cautiously and not at all keenly – into the water, and then progressing to independence as the season progressed. They were quite enchanting to watch. When mother caught a fish for one, he made jolly sure that his sibling couldn't get any and scampered away with his prize. Apparently the cubs don't learn to fish for themselves for several months. Their favourite food is eels – and watching a cub wrestle with an unwilling eel was very funny – no wonder the reputation for slippery-ness! A lot of the cubs' life is spent sleeping, like cats, but Dudley must have learned their awake-periods, because there were many shots of them playing chase along the river, in amongst the tree roots and by outflow pipes and bridge supports. A lovely film of most appealing animals.

He followed this with a short film of kingfishers, darting down to grab a fish, bring it up the the perch, wallop it to make sure it is dead, and then swallowing it head first. Apparently, if a stickleback is not dead and it raises its spines in the kingfisher's throat, it can be fatal. He told us that many dead birds are found with fish in their throat. We saw a kingfisher gagging up a fish which wasn't quite dead – and could see how that could be deadly. But colourful and beautiful birds. He said that this short film – maybe 15 minutes – had taken several seasons over years to produce. He has a hide on the river bank – and endless patience. Much appreciated by his audience.

The skittles evening is, sadly, postponed as the pub venue is changing hands, but may be re-scheduled in the Spring. The next meeting is therefore January 2017, when the subject will be Climbers and Wall Shrubs, by Alan Eason.

Visitors are always welcome.

St Gregory's Church - Weathervane Project



Here it is – the finished project! Thanks to the tireless efforts of a number of people, the skill and artistry of local craftsmen, and the generosity of individuals as well as clubs and societies in our community, the 1745 Church Weathervane is back on the South West Pinnacle of the church where it can be seen for many miles glinting in the sunshine.

We all hope that the people of Marnhull will see this as a fitting tribute to Her Majesty the Queen in celebration of her 90th Birthday.



Stephen Sides, Eleanor Woodhouse (Churchwardens), Chris Hannam (Dorset Forge and Fabrication) Kathie Emery (Lead Fundraiser), Martin Galbavy (Dorset Forge and Fabrication), Venerable Tony Wilds (Rector) Ian Burgess (Osirion Building Conservation)

Marnhull Ramblers and Shorts

Film sets and Forests

We have had two great walks since our last report to the Messenger. The weather was ideal for Yvonne's walk along the valley of the Nadder from Tisbury to Old and New Wardour Castles. The old castle was used in the filming of Robin Hood Prince of Thieves and Billy Elliott was filmed at the new castle, but there was no sign of filming when we passed by.

It was bright and breezy for Audrey's Short walk which started at the Fiddleford Inn. We quickly climbed the hill just to the south of Fiddleford, then wound our way through the paths of Piddles Wood, a SSSI, before a level walk through the village and back to the pub.

Our next walk is on 14th December and is a Ramble-Short combo. If you want a long walk, we will meet at 9.30 at The Crown and take a loop to the south of the village, returning to The Crown for 11.00 where we will meet the Shorts who will join us for the rest of the walk.

The January Short, on 11th January, will also start at the Crown and we will explore the tracks around Moorside. The January ramble will return to Fiddleford for a longer exploration of Piddles Wood. For more information contact Colin, his email address is colin@fancourt.me.uk colin@fancourt.me.uk. Otherwise visit our web page, <http://www.marnhullmessenger.org.uk/marnhull-ramblers/>, or keep your eyes open for the posters around the village.

Ros Eveleigh

From the Methodist Minister...

As we move towards Christmas and the turning of the year, we may be hoping that the change of calendar date will bring a fresh start! 2016 has been filled with many troubling events.... There have been unexpected election results (both in this country and in the US); the news of the deaths of many much-loved household names (David Bowie, Ronnie Corbett, Terry Wogan, Jimmy Perry & Muhammed Ali to name but a few!); the fears surrounding the illnesses caused by the Zika and Ebola viruses; and, then there has been the running sore that is the conflict in Syria (along with unrest in Iraq, Afghanistan & Libya) which has left thousands dead and millions displaced. It is a long and sad litany, no wonder we hope for 'better' in 2017...

Of course this may not be the lived experience for many of us. In rural Dorset we are (mostly) part of the privileged elite in the global family. We may mutter about falling income from our savings and the waiting time to get a doctor's appointment, but when we pause for a moment we realise these are comparatively minor issues – we live in a peaceful community; we have access to justice, education and running water; we have the freedom to call our leaders 'Fools,' without fear of being locked up; we can attend a place of worship (or not) without being victimised or ostracised. So, we may look back on 2016 and see it as another year of wasted opportunities and dying hopes, or we may pause to recognise the blessings which we enjoy which are often hard to quantify until you have experienced their withdrawal.

The story of the Nativity is vivid not simply because we remember it from childhood plays with all the associated 'gaffs' that continue to make us laugh or wince (!) – it has a continuing power because it speaks of a vulnerability born of love.

The Christ-child is born into this world, the real world – the world of danger, uncertainty and fear. Here the face of God is made human so we can see plainly the truth that nothing in this life is beyond the love of God. Whilst it is tempting to leave the baby in the stable and whistle another chorus of, 'Hark! The herald angels' – when he became a man, Jesus told his followers they should expect hardship, but should not be fearful. Jesus guarantees his followers... that there are no guarantees!

This is not a counsel of despair, neither is it an argument for the fatalism that sees no point in attempting to do anything new! Instead it is about a living faith in the purposes of God who always desires to 'seek and save' the lost.

Whatever our personal circumstance, the season of Christmas challenges us to look on the world with the eyes of faith, hope and love. When we do that our world will look different and we will find the courage to continue our work, and worship until, '...your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.' I hope we will all be blessed by the Truth of Christmas!

Rev Paul Arnold

Marnhull Churches Sunday Services

Anglican Church of St. Gregory the Great, New Street

8.00 – Holy Communion

10.00 – Parish Eucharist

Weekday services as advertised

www.StGregorysMarnhull.org.uk

Catholic Church of Our Lady, Old Mill Lane

9.30 – Mass

6.00 – Mass

www.marnhullandgillinghamrc.org.uk

Marnhull Methodist Church, Burton Street

10.00 – Morning Service

St. Gregory's Church



Services & Events for December 2016 & January 2017

Sunday 4th – The Second Sunday of Advent

8.00 – Holy Communion [said]

10.00 – Parish Eucharist with Baptism

Wednesday 7th

09.00 – Children's Service led by St Gregory's Primary School

11.00 Holy Communion

Sunday 11th – The Third Sunday of Advent

08.00 – Holy Communion [said]

09.30 – Bacon Bap Breakfast, followed by:

10.15 – Christingle Family Service

Wednesday 14th

13.30 – Santa Walk for St Gregory's School, followed by:

14.15 (approx.) St Gregory's School Carols in church

Sunday 18th – The Fourth Sunday of Advent

08.00 – Holy Communion [said]

10.00 – Parish Eucharist

18.00 Festival of Lessons & Carols followed by mulled wine, mince pies

Saturday 24th

17.00 – Crib Service

22.30 – Midnight Mass

Sunday 25th – Christmas Day

08.00 – Holy Communion [said]

10.00 – Parish Eucharist

January 2017

Sunday 1st – The Naming of Jesus

8.00 – Holy Communion [said]

10.00 – Parish Eucharist

Wednesday 4th

11.00 Holy Communion

Sunday 8th – Feast of the Epiphany

08.00 – Holy Communion [said]

10.00 – Parish Eucharist

Wednesday 11th

09.00 – Children's Service led by St Gregory's Primary School

Sunday 15th – 2nd Sunday of Epiphany

08.00 – Holy Communion [said]

10.00 – Shared service at the Methodist Church

Wednesday 18th

09.00 – Children's Service led by St Gregory's Primary School

Sunday 22nd – The Second Sunday of Epiphany

08.00 – Holy Communion [said]

10.00 – Parish Eucharist

Wednesday 25th

09.00 – Children's Service led by St Gregory's Primary

Sunday 29th – Presentation of Christ in the Temple

08.00 – Holy Communion [said]

10.00 – Parish Eucharist

08.30 – Morning Prayer is held every Tuesday to Friday in the Hussey Chapel and 8.00 on Wednesdays

Everyone at St Gregory's wishes all readers of the Marnhull Messenger a happy and blessed Christmas, and a joyful and peaceful New Year

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)

December Diary

Christmas Eve

Our Lady's, Marnhull

5.30pm – Carols

6.00pm – Mass of the Vigil

St Benedict's Gillingham

8.00pm – Carols

8.30pm – Mass of the Night

Christmas Day

Our Lady's, Marnhull

9.30am – Mass of the Dawn

St Benedict's Gillingham

11.00am – Mass of the Day

Spiritual Development

The very popular course 'Life in the Spirit' is currently taking place at the 'Hub' in Stalbridge Library, every Monday 2pm-4pm.

Early warning! In the New Year we will be running the highly acclaimed DVD series entitled 'Jesus in the Gospels' by Fr Dennis McBride. Details will be published on the Parish Website (www.marnhullandgillinghamrc.org.uk), when available.

Parish People

Josephine Samoluk died on 22 Sep and Mike Banks died on 12 Oct – RIP

The 'Big Diocesan Quiz Night' was a great success! 29 parishioners took part and £225 was raised in support of the Catholic Childrens' Society.

Our recent Parish Film Night featured the inspirational and entertaining drama 'The Way'; and we look forward to more film evenings after Christmas.

Pause for Thought:

"There is no saint without a past, and no sinner without a future."

Saint Augustine

QUIET HALF HOUR PRAYER
9th November at Methodist Church
12.00 - 12.30pm
ALL WELCOME

The Methodist Church



December

Sun 4th December – Chapel Anniversary Service at 10a.m.

We remember and celebrate the establishment of the Methodist Church in Marnhull over 100 years ago.

Tues 20th December – CANDLELIT CAROL SERVICE at 4pm

We very much hope you and your friends and family will come and join us for this special service. There will be refreshments in the Hall at 4pm followed by a Candlelit Carol Service at the Methodist Church. All are welcome and children especially will enjoy this service.

Sun. 25th Dec – our Christmas Day Service will start at 9.30a.m to enable our minister to visit other churches. You are warmly invited to join us for this short service.

WISHING EVERYONE A PEACEFUL AND HAPPY CHRISTMAS

Gillian Walsham (Steward)

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.

CANDLELIT CAROL SERVICE

Tuesday 20th December

MARNHULL METHODIST CHURCH HALL

4pm – Refreshments

5pm – Candlelit Carol Service

FAMILIES, CHILDREN AND FRIENDS ALL WELCOME
COME AND ENJOY A LOVELY START TO CHRISTMAS!

Churches Together

Advent Service

The Churches Together Advent Service will be held at St Gregory's Church on Sunday 27 November. The new weathervane will be dedicated at 2.30pm, followed by a service of music and readings, beginning at 3pm. All welcome!

World Prayers

Churches Together in Marnhull continues to pray for world peace. The next gathering will be held at the Methodist Church on Friday 9 December (12.00-12.30), led by the Rev Paul Arnold.

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

The whole school had an exciting start to this half term with the launch of our 'Lighting up the Winter' topic. We had a visit from the Atom Club and their planetarium where we learnt all about space. Children also made beautiful lanterns which they showed to their parents and friends in the evening at a lantern parade. Hot chocolate and marshmallows were a real highlight that evening. Hedgehog and Rabbit class had a paired learning day for Halloween where everyone dressed up and took part in lots of fun learning such as potion making, pumpkin cutting and baking butternut squash muffins. Divali and Bonfire night have also been a huge hit with more cooking, art work and a great storytelling of the story Rama and Sita.

Our year 6 children led a very moving and reflective service of remembrance in St Gregory's Church. All of them captivated their audience with readings, the roll of honour and the Kohima Epitaph. They portrayed throughout the service the solemnity of the occasion and the importance of remembering soldiers across the world. The children did an amazing job, taking responsibility for the whole service, leading our community in prayer and thought. They also joined members of the community at the war memorial for the Remembrance Service where they laid a wreath.

The School Council have had an extremely busy time organising lots of activities for the children. The non school uniform day before half term raised £148.77 with £50 going to St Gregory's Church and the remainder to 'Guide Dogs for the Blind'. A 'movie night' has also been planned. Our younger children will be coming into school early evening in their pyjamas to watch a movie and have popcorn, followed by KS2 children who will be having a sleepover after their movie. Children will wear spotted or striped pyjamas so they will be prepared to support 'Children in Need' the following day after breakfast. They have also arranged a variety of fun activities during the day for each class. We have recently appointed Worship Ambassadors – a group of older children who have been helping Father Tony think through questions about school worship. Junior Governors have also been elected to represent the views of all pupils and work together to improve our school. They will be attending their first Governors meeting later this month.

At St Gregory's we have an 'open door' policy, where you are able to experience for yourself a flavour of the exciting and challenging learning our children enjoy. You will be able to see what makes our community special from our happy, enthusiastic children to our accomplished staff who encourage every pupil to develop a genuine love of learning, growing in confidence and independence. Members of the community are welcome to call the school on 01258 820206 and Mrs Field our Headteacher will be delighted to show you around.

St Gregory's School is looking for a new governor

St Gregory's is a Church of England Primary school for children from 4 to 11. There are currently about 140 children on roll, split over six classes. They come from both Marnhull and the local area. We are now looking for a new governor to represent the Local Authority on our Governing Body. School governors play a very important rôle in the management of the school. They provide strategic guidance, support and a positive challenge to the leadership of the school, as well as links to the community and their skills from the business world and elsewhere.

As a governor, you would be expected to attend meetings of the Governing Body, participate in one or more sub-committees and be able to visit the school from time to time to see how the children are learning and that the school is meeting the objectives set by Government. At St Gregory's the meetings generally take place on Wednesday afternoons or evenings. You don't have to be an expert in education to be a Governor, but we do encourage you to undertake the training provided by Dorset County Council.

If you are interested in ensuring that we do the best for our children, we would love to hear from you. To find out more, take a look on nga.org.uk/Be-a-Governor.aspx or call me, Ros Eveleigh, on 821049. You will need to complete an application form, which is available from the School Office. The closure date for applications is 14th December 2016.

St. Mary's Catholic School



We have had an exciting few weeks at St Mary's with lots of successes to celebrate. Our football and netball teams have both been busy in various matches and tournaments. We were incredibly proud of our Netball team who became champions at the Gillingham Netball tournament. They won all of their five matches, scoring 24 goals in total and only letting 3 in! The team have now qualified for the North Dorset Tournament in the new year. We also played football against Wardour last week which proved to be a tough match. The St Mary's team held their own with a 1:1 draw until the final few minutes where a final goal from Wardour secured the match! Finally, our swimming team did us proud at St Mary's, Shaftesbury, coming 2nd overall, we came away with a host of first, second and third places.



The Friends of St Mary's ran another successful Movie Night last week. The children watched The Secret Life of Pets whilst enjoying Hotdogs, Popcorn and Hot Chocolate. Our next event will be the Christmas Fair on Friday 9th December at 2:30pm. There will be a selection of stalls, including our 'Water or Wine' stand which proved to be a huge hit at the summer fair, crafts and cakes will also be on sale and Father Christmas may just manage to pay us a visit! As with all our events, everyone is welcome.



Our Year 5 and 6 did us proud at the Remembrance Service at St Gregory's Church last week. The children took a wreath and their exemplary behaviour was noted by many. It was lovely to join the rest of the local community on such an important and significant day.

We held two successful Open Days earlier in the term. Prospective parents had the opportunity to take a walk around the school and see some of work for themselves. If you missed these, and would like to visit the school, please feel free to call and arrange a date.

Best wishes, Charlotte Targett - Headteacher

Jungle Hut Pre-School

My staff are quite amazing coming up with so many exciting activities and routines every day sometimes I wish I was a child attending our setting offering so much fun and educational enrichment.

Baking is such a popular activity with no expectations of the product made activities this term has included making apple and blackberry crumble, apple cake, pizza, homemade soups with home baked rolls to accompany with Halloween cakes and biscuits to start the second half term.



The children have enjoyed using weighing scales and other baking tools then observing the ingredients change when mixed together as well as watching the cakes rise when in the oven.

The children are seen here practicing early maths, science and literacy skills weighing, counting looking and reading words on packaging and then thinking about where has the butter gone when mixed with the flour and the best part eating the spoils at snack time or during lunch.

All these activities encourage young children to work and play co-operatively, taking turns with others, taking account one and another's ideas, showing sensitivity to other's needs and feelings forming positive relationships with adults and other children.

Messy play is a very important part of the development of very young children exploring a range of textures and materials which include everyday things such as corn flour, paints, playdough, glue and glitters as well as natural materials such as soil, sand, leaves, conkers, woods and items collected on our popular forest school walks.

Did you know that when a toddler mixes all its food on their plate and runs their finger through the food this is a very early writing skill mark making the very first step? How the children enjoyed investigating the Autumn tuff spot with leaves, pine cones, conkers, sticks and acorns.

The autumn tree activity inspired lots of talk about autumn, with the finger painting, poppy paintings encouraging lots of interest and discussion about why we remember. Our woodwork area has seen the children use wood and a variety of tools to make their own individual models Imaginations going in to overdrive!!!



Our Skippers Safari Holiday clubs have been very well supported throughout the week, Emma had lined up many exciting activities during the week including pumpkin carving, baking cakes and pies as well as many creative projects. Last Thursday Claire and myself visited the Marnhull mother and toddler group held in the village hall. We were welcomed by all the mums and dads and had such a lovely time meeting what we hope will be our future members.

It was so amazing to see how the toddler group brings together parents of toddlers and babies to network, share problems and advice. A perfect way to meet other parents and for the very young to play and explore a

safe and very well planned environment. If you have a baby or toddler pleased visit this amazing toddler group. It's well worth a visit just to hear Emma's singing!! You do a great job girls. We are so lucky to have such great childcare and facilities for the under-fives in our village.

We are pleased to say that the Jungle hut is operating at its full capacity which is fantastic, we have lots of exciting plans to expand the Jungle hut and the services we offer so watch this space!!!

We take children from 2 years – 5 years accepting two and three-year-old nursery funded children. To find out more about what we get up to the Jungle Hut please visit our website at junglehutpreschool.com or take a peek at our Facebook page

We are now open 50 weeks a year closing over the Christmas and New year weeks as well as still providing term time childcare. If you would like to know more about the Jungle hut and the flexible childcare, we offer please get in touch. junglehutpreschool@gmail.com

Sue



Here we are at the skate park in the rec. Here we come!!!!

St. Mary's Explorers - Foundation Stage Unit



Our Explorers have been busy visiting the Gillingham Foodbank. They took with them a large donation of food collected during the school's Harvest Festival. On arrival the children were welcomed by Hannah and Robert who explained the whole process – from weighing and sorting the food to sharing the food with those in crisis. The children helped sort their food donation separating the different foodstuffs and it was remarked what a good job they did. Hannah explained that the food bank had become desperate for supplies shortly before the Harvest Festival season and were very thankful for all the donations. The children learnt an important lesson about the importance of helping those who are less fortunate than themselves. Robert also showed the children how they were putting together special Christmas Hampers – Gillingham Foodbank are collecting Christmas goods up until the 1st December.



As part of their environmental topic, the children have been busy making bird feeders and work is about to start on their hedgehog homes. The children are really enjoying finding ways to care for the environment.

There are spaces available in St Mary's Explorers for children aged 3 years +. We are now open from 8:45am to 3:15pm every week day during term time. Early Education Funding and half day sessions are available. If you would like to have a look around, or come and stay for a taster session, please call the school office on 01258 820417 to make an appointment.

Remembrance Day

This is Lucy Whyte, aged 7, with her Dad, Mark, about to go poppy selling.

This is also Lucy's drawing of St Gregory's Church to commemorate those who gave their lives.



Marnhull Yarners

The next Marnhull Yarners is on 15 December at Carraway Cottage, Carraway Lane. Please add that parking is limited so if anyone wants to come for the first time, please contact me about lifts.

Sioban Boyce - 01258 820853 / 07545 641451

Pedestrian Experience in Marnhull

I was so pleased to see the letter from GOF in last month's Messenger talking of the perils of walking down any lane in the village without pavements.

When I moved to Sodom Lane two years ago, I contacted PC Kate Hann because of the regular traffic that pays no attention to the 30 mph speed limit. However, I was disappointed to find that her hands were tied because the only option was to do a 'spot' check of speeds down Sodom Lane with the proviso that she wore a 'hi-vis' jacket so drivers could see her. Hence I think she found only one slightly speeding driver!

Having experienced walking up and down to the PO and village hall on regular occasions these are the difficulties that I have found; People not slowing down and Being driven at, or drivers leaving it to the last moment to pull out.

If I were a horse people would slow down and give me space. I appreciate humans don't need to be slowed down for as much as horses but being driven at by anything over 25-30 mph is scary.

Even when pushing a buggy or walking on the road with a small child, some drivers still don't follow the Highway Code which says motorists should give careful consideration to those walking in the road.

Other pedestrians who have had the same experiences as me have suggested alternative methods of dealing with this problem, such as; walking with a heavy implement, such as a spade, sticking out - not a very practical suggestion for everyday. Another was to take an uncontrollable dog with you, cars give them a wide berth!

Perhaps I ought to get a shetland pony and, every time I go for a walk, take it with me? We could also set up 'driver awareness' courses to demonstrate what it feels like to have a heavy lump of metal coming at you at speeds of 40mph and more?

Sioban Boyce

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Atom Club - Children's Science & Coding

Yet another busy month for Atom Club and the start of very exciting new chapter! After meeting Astronaut Tim Peake last month, Chris was lucky enough to meet NASA Astronaut Mike Massimino this month. Mike has just released a thrilling book on his time flying in the Space Shuttle. He kindly signed several copies for us and at time of print, we have one left for sale on our website - they make great presents!

We have a new volunteer, Hayley Parr who is helping us spread the word. Hayley is an Astronomer from Liverpool Astronomical Society. While she's too far away to help with our local activity, her network is amazing and we will also be stocking her unique range of space themed jewellery on our site.

Chris & Emma took the Planetarium into St Gregory's School at the start of the month to launch their new 'Lighting up winter' topic. The children were able to watch a 3D film on the dome explaining our place in the galaxy.

Last week Chris returned to St Greg's to do a coding lesson with the year 5 and 6 students. It's a lot to take in, but the children did really well and made a game. That evening, Chris took a trip to see Prof Brian Cox give a talk and got some laughs himself when two of his tweets were read out!

The online store has been busy and we've sold out of a lot of products. Fortunately we're due one more stock delivery before Christmas. Marnhull residents can use Discount code 'MARNHULL'.

The club is in the process of being registered as a charity now and will soon be separate from The Honest Agency. We're still short of a trustee if any readers are interested. We're also desperate for people to help spread the word about our work, especially our next programme:

Dorset Science & Coding Centre

We're excited to announce our plans for a rural Science & Coding centre, based in Sturminster Newton. It's early days as of yet, we've yet to secure the perfect premises, but have launched our fundraising campaign.

The centre is in part a solution to the County Council stopping funds for youth centres and there will be an element of traditional youth centre activities. However, there is a clear education side to the activities - even if the children don't realise it!

Activities include:

- Science & Coding clubs
- Planetarium
- Space zone
- Dinosaur zone
- Electronics & Robot making
- Fossils, gemstones, meteorites, archaeology
- Children's Parties
- Art classes
- 3D Printer
- Room hire
- Green screen Area
- Evening Astronomy Club
- Store to buy educational toys
- Second-hand microscopes, telescopes, etc making them more affordable
- Elderly computer lessons
- Stay safe online classes (for all ages!)
- Hot desking for self-employed
- Space Cadets Club - similar to Army Cadets, but for those wishing to be Astronauts/Aerospace Engineers, etc

We have a lot of the equipment needed already, in fact storage is part of the reason why this is being done now. So the main cost is the rent of the premises. We're looking to raise £10,000 on Crowdfunder to ensure the success of the centre.

If you can help spread the word, or would like to pledge, please contact us, or visit www.atom.club/pledge we'd be grateful of any help you can give.

Marnhull Baby & Toddlers

We had our Halloween party on 20th October, we had an amazing morning we played with green and orange spaghetti with bugs in. We did some pumpkin carving and had some amazing creations, the children really enjoyed showing each other what they made. The children also had a pumpkin craft, where they had to stick the Pumpkin's face on using different shapes, they looked fantastic.

Our wonderful mum Rachel made a pin the spider on the web game and the children had a lot of fun, laughing at where they put the spider. Then we all had some lovely party food. Our winners for the best dressed went to Lily and Harry. Daisy won pin the spider on the web and our adult winner was Linda. Overall I think it was a great success.



Then after our half term break we came back to do some firework pictures, we used a toilet roll and cut the edges they dipped it in paint and printed them on black paper and added glitter, they looked great and the children really enjoyed it. We also had some black card that when you scratched it, it showed rainbow colours, so we scratched them in shapes of Fireworks and that worked really well. The children loved revealing all the different colours.

Our photographer visited us on 10th November and took some lovely photos. He also went around the room and took pictures of them playing and doing song time, so we have some pictures to use that show what the group get up to.

We also had Claire from Jungle hut come in and do an activity with the children, she brought along a salad spinner, then they put blobs of paint in it and a circle of paper, they then spun the spinner and it made pretty patterns on the paper, they loved it.

17th November we had happy Huggers with their lovely cosy blankets, car seat blankets and scarfs. We also had Rachel Carrick one of our lovely mums, bring in some Neal's Yard products for us to try and buy. It was a great morning.

Thank you to all of you that bought our cakes to raise money for children in need, we sold all of them and raised £10 so well done and thank you.

Next week we have Gill coming in with her Usborne books, a great time to get Christmas presents.

We have our Christmas party on 15th December where we play lots of party games, dance to music, have a special visitor and have some party food. We are really looking forward to all the Christmas activities coming up and all the fun and excitement is going to be great.

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Marnhull Village Hall - Improvement And Extension Fund Update

Welcome to the Village Hall and best wishes to you all for Christmas and the New Year. Not everyone is familiar with the Hall, although it is one of the key centres of Marnhull life. The Hall is here for all of us – a real village asset. While major changes are afoot it seems a good moment to explain things so please read on...

What goes on in the Village Hall?

AGMs	Garden Club	Pantomime	Cafe	Parish Council
Zumba	Luncheon Club	Table Tennis	Recorded Music	Pilates
Sales	Film Shows	Fundraising	Weddings & Parties	Theatre
Art Classes (various)	Folk/Rock Concerts	Celebrations	Election voting	
Mother & Toddler Group		With sincere apologies for any omissions		

Improvement and extension: local fundraising.

We are currently aiming to raise some £130,000 of which some £57,000 is so far in hand. Please ring the Chairman or Secretary if you would like to hear about the project, or look at the display in the main hall. Here is a variety of ways in which you may like to support us (tel nos. below):

Heating Allowance - Were you thinking of donating your heating allowance (or part of it) this year?

Internet buying - Separate instructions on this page. Contact Stephen Bland

Village Hall Supporters' Club - Do you have a ticket? It costs £6 per year, and every month you have a chance to win a cash prize – 50% of income is paid out. Shirley Blackford 820036

Your own event - If you or your organisation would like to raise some money for the Hall or give us an idea - thank you! Let us know and we will help you however we can. John Dowsett

Burns Night Saturday 28th January 2017 Being run by a group of Village volunteers for the Hall. Regretfully tickets now all sold, but to go on the reserve list contact Eleanor Woodouse on 820439

Bingo and social evening March 2017 (provisional) Details in New Year Tina Matthews 820054

Gift Aid If you are a UK tax payer you can effectively add 25% to anything you donate to the village hall at no personal cost. John Dowsett Janette Kenworthy



FREE WiFi Access

There is now totally open access to wifi in and around the Hall, maintained by the Village Hall and installed by the Parish Council. Our thanks to the Cricket Club for establishing the open access.

Some figures about our usage

365 days and evenings a year the Hall is available.

15 village organisations and groups permanently dependent on the Hall

39 regular meetings of organisations and groups in a month

500+ members of organisations and groups using hall each month

30+ other public and private events, parties, meetings and one-offs in an average year

Improvement and extension appeal – some further information

The village hall was one of six organisations receiving a significant sum from the legacy of Lois Parker, a Marnhull resident. In addition to the legacy local contributions for which we are extremely grateful so far include:

2015/16 and earlier	£	2016/17 so far	£	2016/17 continued	£
Anonymous donation	1000	Anonymous donation	40	Pitt-Rivers C. Trust	250
Bingo evening	589	Fish and chip / quiz	254	Table Tennis	124
Gardening club	150	Marnhull Messenger	500	Tennis Club	1000
Parish Council	2500	Moviola/M. Entertains	10000	Winter Warmer Lunch	100
Table tennis	100	Music hall / social evening	418		
Tennis club	200				
Total 15/16 & Earlier	4519			Total 2016/17 so far	12686

Who runs the Hall?

The Hall is a registered charity established in 1970. The Management Committee comprises the usual elected officers plus representatives of all the village organisations and user groups, and is ultimately responsible for the Hall. An Executive Committee is responsible for the Hall on a day to day basis.

The following are the key people involved in the day to day management and running:

Stephen Bland - Chairman: 820171

Barbara Cornford - Bookings: 821427

Janette Kenworthy - Treasurer: 821311

John Dowsett - Secretary: 821534

Tina Matthews - Caretaker: 820054 / 07773 220284

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Two Dorset projects, The Complete Freedom of Truth and Alice's Skydive, have already attracted pledges from the Dorset County Council's £200,000 Dorset Youth Fund and successfully raised the money they need, £9,600 and £690 respectively, for their projects. We explore what crowdfunding is and ask if could it be right for your project...

What is crowdfunding?

Crowdfunding is an increasingly popular way to raise money - with over £64m being raised for community, charity and business projects across the UK last year.

Rewards-based crowdfunding is a way of raising funds from the community. People ask for money and support for their idea, in return for 'rewards'. A reward can be a product, benefit or service.

If people like your idea they can back it with pledges of money. You can then 'thank' your backers for their pledge by giving them 'rewards' that reflect the money they contributed.

A reward can be as simple as a 'tweet' of thanks or, if they pledge lots of money, as lavish as a party or unique experience.

Crowdfunding - step by step

Crowdfunding with #CrowdfundDorset is easy. Everything is online, and the website helps you at every step of the way with tips, emails and helpful advice and guides. And, if you could be eligible for a pledge from the Dorset Youth Fund, once you've joined the site, you can register your interest in a pledge. Here's how it works:

1. Create

First add your details and create a simple page on our site, explaining your idea, how much money you want, and what you'll do with the money if people support you. You can create a simple video (an iPhone video is good enough) telling your story and also explain what rewards you can offer in return for pledges of cash.

2. Ask people to back your idea

Next tell all the people you know - and some you don't - about your idea and why you'd like them to back it. Ask them share it with their friends in turn... and so on. There are lots of different ways you can do it - tweet, ring the local paper, email everyone you know, tell people at your local pub or on the school run.

3. Follow tips and advice

During your crowdfunding campaign, Crowdfunder will give you lots of tips and advice. Launch with 10% of your target already pledged - people are more likely to pledge if they can see other people support you. Hit a lull? Throw a party! Get better rewards - the better the reward, the more you'll raise. If you follow our advice, you'll hugely increase your chances of raising the money and support you need.

Why crowdfunding is great

People often consider crowdfunding because they need money for their community group or great idea, but there are lots of other powerful benefits.

Validation - Crowdfunding validates your idea and gives you confidence, it proves that people like your idea and will pay or contribute to make it happen.

Funding - You can unlock other funding. On #CrowdfundDorset there is a £200,000 Youth Fund that your project could be eligible for.

Marketing - When you create and launch your project you have to really think about how you are going to market your idea. So crowdfunders learn vital skills when fundraising - they learn how to become superstar marketers too!

Advocates - Crowdfunding is for life, not just for fundraising. The people who support you and your great idea become a part of your journey and make ambassadors and customers for your project in the future.

Please Support Marnhull's very own Atom Club who have a #CrowdfundDorset Campaign live at www.atom.club/pledge

Dorset Wildlife Trust

Many of Dorset's rivers are home to otters and kingfishers, but catching sight of them isn't always easy. That brief glimpse of bright blue and orange flashing past you was probably a kingfisher, but it's rapid flight, low over still or slow moving water, means you seldom get a 'good look'. Otters are a protected species, but with improved river management in the county there's a better chance of sighting them.

But if you haven't been fortunate enough to see either of these special creatures then come along to the North Dorset DWT group film night on Wednesday 16th November at 7.30pm in Fontmell Magna Village Hall (SP7 0JU) when local film maker, Dudley Higginson, is showing two of his short films on Blandford Otters and Blandford Kingfishers. Entrance is £2 (including refreshments of tea/coffee & biscuits) and children under 16 are not charged.

There will also be an opportunity to purchase DWT Christmas cards and 2017 calendars, as well as other items which can viewed on the DWT website.

A date for your diary: Wednesday 18th January 2017 at 7.30pm in Fontmell Magna Village Hall (SP7 0JU) - an illustrated talk on Birds of Prey and the work of the Hawk Conservancy Trust given by Dr. Campbell Murn FRBSFLS from the Hawk Conservancy Trust. £2, to include refreshments, with no charge for children under 16.

Marnhull Cricket Club



The 2016 season proved to be successful on several fronts. Our 1st XI steadily grew in strength throughout the season and finished comfortably mid-table in Dorset Division 2, while our 2nd XI topped Division 6 by securing maximum points from its final fixture. Additionally, the Marnhull Maidens, our recently formed ladies' team, managed to dodge the rain and win an inaugural cricket tournament which we hosted at The Rec. on 28th August against three other ladies' sides. It has been a very encouraging year all round therefore.

With a well-established youth development programme for boys and girls aged 7 and upwards, excellent coaching and practice facilities, and affordable playing and training opportunities for both men and women, we are now confidently organising ourselves in anticipation of the 2017 season.

Cricket has been played in Marnhull since the 1830's, so the Cricket Club is a living legacy of the village's past, but we are also forward-looking, and in the present era we are a community club open to all ages and abilities, both male and female. If you have any interest in cricket therefore, please do make yourself known to us. We would love to hear from you if you are a former or current player, or perhaps wish to discover as a beginner whether playing cricket might be for you. Maybe you would just like to come along to spectate on a sunny afternoon, and enjoy the atmosphere from the boundary's edge, and chat with the club members. That's fine too. Please don't be shy. We are always looking to promote enjoyment and appreciation of this wonderful game.

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Colin von Geffen gave us a captivating account of The Flying Boats of Southampton from their beginnings in 1913 to their final flights in the late '50's. The pioneers in the development of the flying boat were Noel Pemberton Billing and Hubert Scott-Paine. Noel Pemberton Billing set up a company, Pemberton-Billing Ltd, in 1913 with Hubert Scott-Paine as works manager.

The <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Telegraphy> telegraphic address, used for sending telegrams and cables to the company, was Supermarine, Southampton. This was a subtle dig at the admiralty who had a new secret maritime weapon, the submarine. Development of the flying boats continued at a fast rate and a team led by https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/R._J._Mitchell R. J. Mitchell, (better known as the designer of the Spitfire), designed the first enclosed version of the aircraft. Routes were initially to coastal Europe and the Channel Islands.

But as the flying boats designs became larger and more reliable, routes were surveyed to Australia and Africa. This was to establish a reliable and fast method of delivering mail to the far reaches of the British Empire, passenger carrying was of secondary importance.

A variety of flyboats were developed over the years, getting larger and more luxurious, the spacious passenger accommodation offered a new level of comfort to long distance travellers. In the mid 1930's the journey to Australia took ten days with the many refuelling stops en route. The route to New York was finally made possible on the 6th July 1939 when a modified C class flying boat, (7 passenger seats were removed to make way for extra fuel tanks), took 30 hours to reach New York. Compared to 5 days at sea and this was in equal luxury. During WW2 most flying boats were commandeered and modified for military use.

In 1949 BOAC announced that Heathrow would be developed as the main airport for London, flying boat services would be phased out within 12 months.

Although Aquila Airlines made a valiant attempt to keep the flying boats operational through the holiday trade, they were unable to compete with the now increasing number of land based airports and aircraft. The last flying boats commercial flight was on 20th December 1958 to Lisbon, the end of an era for Southampton's ships of the sky. Our next meeting, 10am on the 1st December, at the Olive Bowl, will feature Ashley Jones, telling us The British Honours System

Details of all SGU3A groups and activities can be found at sgu3a.org.uk

Trading Standards



A New Year, a new you, with a little help from food labelling

Come the 1st January 2017, after the excitement and excesses of Christmas and all of that wonderful food; Chocolates, Cakes, Turkey, Brussel sprouts! Many of you will be making your New Year's Resolutions, one of which may be to 'go on a diet' or 'eat more healthily'.

Changes in the requirements for food labels policed by Dorset Trading Standards that come into force this month may help you meet your goals.

From 13th December 2016, most packed food you buy in the shops will need to be marked with detailed Nutritional Information. This information includes the all-important number of calories the food contains, along with the amount of other nutrients such as Carbohydrates, Sugar, Protein, Fat and Saturated fat. For those of you who are concerned about the amount of salt in your food, that information will now also be given.

As long as there is space on the label, the Nutritional Information will be given in a table, usually on the back or side of the package. The figures quoted will be per 100g/ml to make comparisons between different foods easier and some manufacturers may also give information for 'servings' or 'slices'.

So if you want to make informed choices about the food that you eat or you are just watching your calories, take a closer look at the labels on your food in the New Year.

Vivaldi for Christmas in Stur

Vivaldi's ever-popular Gloria will be the centrepiece of Sturminster Choral Society's Christmas Concert on Saturday 10th December. Organist Chris Dowie and pianist Elaine Korman will accompany the choir and Annemarie Lees will conduct. The soloists will be choir members Jan Farrington and Sarah Bignell. The concert will also include Berlioz's Shepherds' Farewell, settings of carols by Bob Chilcott, and carols for the audience to join in with.

Come along and get into the Christmas spirit with Sturminster Choral Society – and join us for refreshments afterwards. Saturday 10th December, 7.30pm at St Mary's Church, Sturminster Newton. Tickets £10 on the door, free for children of 15 and under. Further information about the choir at www.sturminsterchoral.org.uk.

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Sat. Jan. 14th - Jefferson Jon

Sat. Jan. 21st - The Second Time Around

Sat. Jan. 28th - Rebecca Chambers and the Dave Walton Trio

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Give A Dog A Bad Name

As a relatively recent canine newcomer to this wonderful village - we moved in around 18 months ago - my tail is firmly between my legs with embarrassment that almost a whole page of the last issue of the Messenger had to be dedicated to the subject of irresponsible dog owners. My owner is fairly well trained and I thought that all my friends owners would be to.

Us dogs, and our owners, are so lucky in Marnhull to have so many wonderful footpaths, walkways and open spaces within the village boundaries where we can exercise our owners and it would be a tragedy if the irresponsible behaviour of a few individuals were to result in 'no dogs' areas being imposed.

The Cemetery and the Recreation ground are the main areas which have hit the headlines, although I frequently have to pad around 'doggy parcels' left on pavements and public footpaths.

There is no excuse for owners failing to clear up after us, that why we let them come on our walks!

So fellow Marnhull dogs, as we enjoy our regular walks we are best placed to identify and educate the inconsiderate few who put our pleasure and the health & enjoyment of others at risk. Let's all make a conscious effort wherever we walk to get those individuals who fail to 'poop and scoop' behind us to become more responsible dog owners.

My owner for one would be more than happy to name and shame any offenders we come across on our travels should they refuse to act responsibly - rather than risk all of the lovely dogs and their owners in the village being tarred with the same anti social brush.

If more targeted 'owner training' is required perhaps we could organise a class in the Village Hall? :-)

Toby Bruce

Letter to the Editor Re: Dog Issues

First of all, please forgive me if I make any typing errors in this letter; I'm afraid this keyboard was designed for hands, not paws!

I am writing in response to numerous letters and articles that regularly appear in the Marnhull Messenger regarding dog "mess". I feel that me and my fellow canine friends have been severely underrepresented in the Messenger and it's about time our barks are heard! I hope the story I am about to tell will encourage the humans of the village to think twice before they bag and bin our precious poo.

Now, I have lived in this wonderful village for all of my 74 years (around 10 and a half human years), and for all that time my owners have made me eat the same bland, boring dog biscuits for breakfast and dinner every single day. So imagine my delight when last week my owner left a delicious, 28 day matured rib-eye steak out on the counter. I couldn't believe my luck! When no-one was looking I jumped up and chowed it down as fast as I could. It was fantastic! My tail was wagging for the rest of the day, despite my owner being quite angry about the situation. Needless to say, I was looking forward to my walk the following day!

As we walked through the recreation ground I noticed that a few of my friends were out and about too. I invited them over for a sniff and took my opportunity. However, to my horror, as soon as my 'parcel' hit the grass, my owner swooped in with a poo bag and removed it from sight immediately. I was devastated. They say man is a dog's best friend, but the frightful attitude that some humans take towards our fragrant feculence often makes me think otherwise.

I hope my fellow parishioners will be more understanding of this issue in the future; I know many of my four-legged friends feel the same as I do, but unfortunately I'm the only one who know how to type.

Yours faithfully,
A. Dog

P.S. If you see me around the village, please bear in mind that my favourite place to be scratched is just behind my left ear.

Dog Fouling

Do you have a problem with dog fouling in your area of the Village?

Are there dog fouling issues in your road or street?

If so the Parish Council would like to know about it.

We have already identified certain areas in the village where there is a continual problem with dog fouling but we need your help in identifying areas that have not yet come to our notice.

We are intent on reducing this problem within the Parish so your help in this matter is crucial.

Please feel free to contact the Parish Council by e mail, telephone or letter.

Remember: Bag it Bin it.....most people do.

CLlr Sandy Kerr

Marnhull Recreation Ground

I am the proud owner of a dog who is nearly 7 years old and use the recreation ground regularly with him to exercise on and off the lead. Incidentally, I am not very photogenic but would happily pose for pictures with him if anyone felt the need to take our photograph. He's a very handsome boy indeed.

Marnhull, can we please get a grip!! Dogs need exercise, period. They have to burn energy off just like kids do. Naturally, dog mess is a nuisance and I do agree allowing dogs to roam free without supervision and to defecate is totally unacceptable. But are we that narrow minded that we now look to "ban" dogs from a facility that should be enjoyed by ALL and not a select few? Give more powers to those who do a sterling job in maintaining the grounds to issue penalties to people who do not clean up their dogs' mess or to report them to appropriate bodies for them to issue fines etc.. CCTV is another option, not just to identify culprits but to monitor anti social behaviour that goes on there, particularly those who feel it's ok to abuse children's facilities or smash windows or leave litter. Get a team of dog owners together to dispose of mess, I'd happily volunteer, as I am sure others would too. If I see any dog mess while I am at the rec, I dispose of it properly.

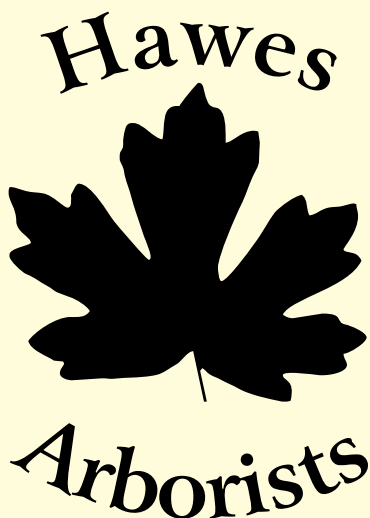
Can we really be certain that ALL the mess is made by dogs? I have a early morning job in village each Sunday and see all sorts of wildlife roaming around the village. Could it be that cats, rabbits, foxes, badgers and the like are using the rec as their toilet too? And while on the subject of mess, is it acceptable to have horse manure dolloped on roads stinking the whole village out? What about cattle dung around the village lanes and roads that, on a hot summers days, make the air pungent and makes you feel physically sick? Are we looking to instigate a process that targets other animals or are we just singling out dogs because that is the easy option?

Dogs being in the cemetery is unacceptable and I wholeheartedly agree with the person who had the issue with mess at their loved one's graveside.

To the author of the larger article, yes I am sure you take a pride in your work so people can enjoy the fruits of your labour, but can you be 100% certain that what you saw was ALL dog mess. A point about the signs, I have not seen anywhere that penalties/fines etc will be enforced if a dog is off the lead, only for fouling.

Amongst other reasons, we have now decided to leave Marnhull and have put our property up for sale. I thought, wrongly as it turns out, that village life would enhance and enrich my life, to relax after a hard days work with my dog in the recreation ground, watching him fetch tennis balls, run round freely without risk and enjoying his life. How sad that the reality is he is now more or less confined to a lead when out or forced to play indoors. IS THAT FAIR? We have no garden to speak of for our dog to run freely and to play safely. As far as I know there is no other areas for dogs to have a controlled, safe environment in which to exercise and play, or is there? Perhaps you could enlighten me...

Andrew Cowley



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Christmas is coming!

A date for your diary – Saturday 3rd December. That's the date for the Sturminster Christmas Tree Light switch on. During the day there will also be Crafts at The Exchange, The Producer's Market, a Lantern Parade, the High School Choir and of course a visit from Father Christmas.

Timings for the day are:

- Crafts at The Exchange: 9am – 6pm
- The Producer's Market, Market Place: 10am – 5pm
- Father Christmas will arrive at 2pm & will be in his grotto until 4.30pm
- The High School Choir, singing from 3pm.

The Lantern Parade starts at 4.45pm to arrive in the Market Place in time for the switch on of the Christmas Tree Lights at 5pm. The tree lights will be turned on by William Fox-Pitt, assisted by Father Christmas.

For updates and more information please see the Town Team, Crafts at The Exchange or Producer's Market Facebook pages.

Helen Lacey

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Hard

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Medium

ACROSS

1. Cracow 4. Quart 6. Obi 7. Aspirate 8. Ante 11. Inept 13. Port 15. Anemone 16. Gelding 17. Stet

DOWN

1. Civet 2. Caspian Sea 3. White 4. Quant 5. Aleppo 6. Okra 9. Nonet 10. Emmet 12. Pomeranian 13. Padre 14. Rondo 18. Edward 19. Pommy 20. Sahib 22. Ross 23. Shia

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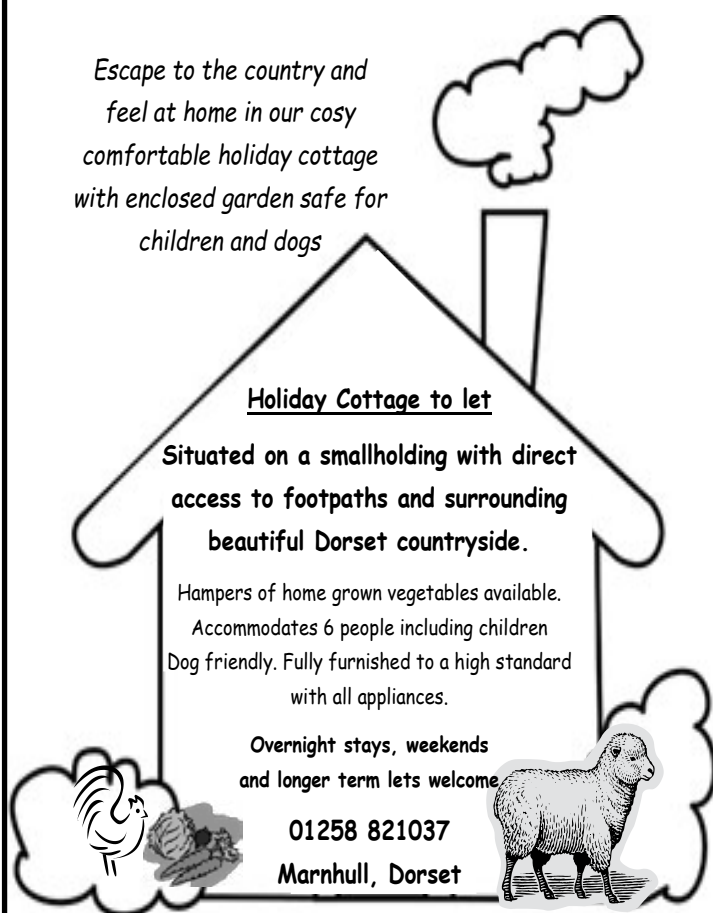
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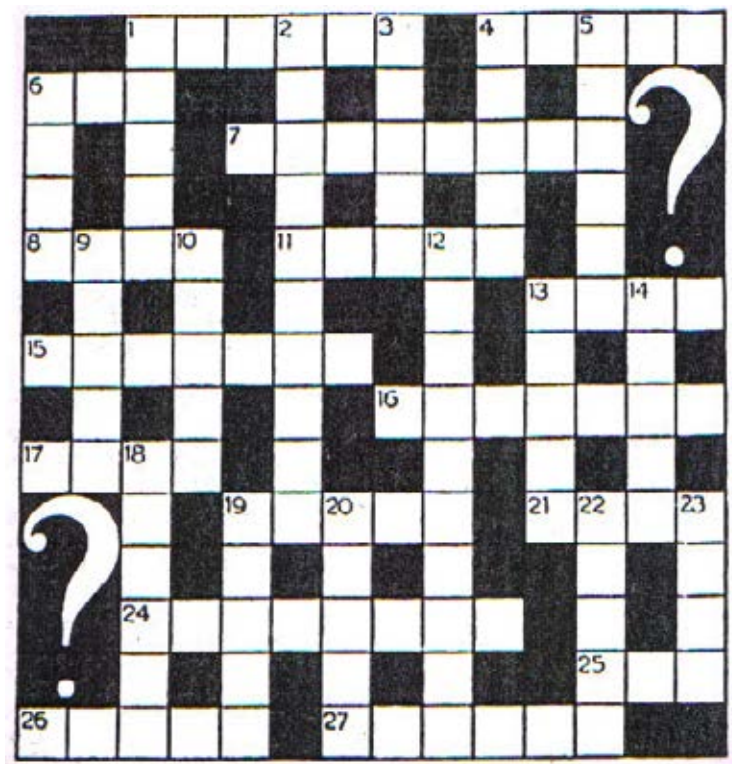


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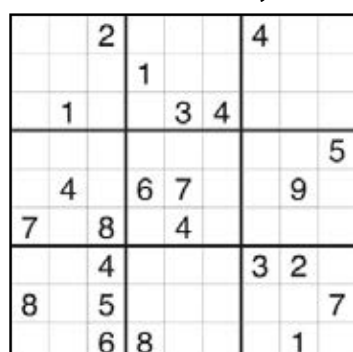
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Hard Difficulty



Medium Difficulty



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Our next meeting will be at 2.15pm on Tuesday 13th December when Jenny Coote will help us prepare for the festive season with a practical workshop entitled 'Christmas, Carnations and Candles'. In the new year, on the 17th January, we look forward to welcoming Allison Finch with her demonstration 'Well Read, vol.2'. Both events take place in Child Okeford Village Hall.

Visitors £6 to include refreshments. For further details please contact Sue Brown 01258 863775.

ACROSS

- 1) Second largest city in Poland. (6)
- 4) Two pints. (5)
- 6) Sash worn round the middle of a kimono. (3)
- 7) Pronounce the letter H at the beginning of a word. (8)
- 8) Stake put up by poker players before receiving any cards. (4)
- 11) Incompetent. (5)
- 13) Left side of a ship when facing the bow. (4)
- 15) Plant of the buttercup family with brightly coloured flowers. (7)
- 16) Castrated horse. (7)
- 17) Instruction in printing to ignore a correction. (4)
- 19) Dough extruded or stamped into various shapes. (5)
- 21) Greek god of love. (6)
- 24) Piece of furniture said to be used by people lacking direct experience of a subject. (8)
- 25) See 3D).
- 26) Name given to May 8th 1945. (1-1-3)
- 27) Japanese word meaning 'ten thousand years'. (6)

DOWN

- 1) Slender nocturnal cat of Africa and Asia. (5)
- 2) The largest enclosed inland body of water in the world. (7-3)
- 3) and 25A) Inlet on the Northwest coast of Russia. (5)
- 4) Dame Mary fashion designer. (5)
- 5) Syrian city the scene of much fighting recently. (6)
- 6) Vegetable also called Ladies fingers. (4)
- 9) A musical composition for nine voices or instruments. (5)
- 10) Old dialect word for an ant. (5)
- 12) Small dog named after a region in Germany and Poland. (10)
- 13) Chaplain in the armed forces. (5)
- 14) Musical form with recurring themes. (5)
- 18) Name of eight kings of England. (6)
- 19) In Australia it is a derogatory name for a British person. (5)
- 20) In India a polite title for a man. (5)
- 22) Valentino, considered one of the greatest motorcycle racers ever. (5)
- 23) One of the two main branches of Islam. (4)

All puzzle answers on page 28



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