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HIGH TEA AT THE RITZ (OOPS MEANT THE REC)

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Welcome to your Marnhull Messenger

Chris Ryu - Messenger Editor

There wasn't room for an Atom Club article this month, so a quick one here. We were pleased, but surprised to win 1st place in the Sturminster Carnival!

We're off next week to New Scientist Live, where we're fundraising for the rest of what we need to finish the centre, so expect a big update next month. For more details and to learn about the many ways in which you could help visit: www.atom.club/pledge

Marnhull Facebook Group

I've created a Facebook Group "Marnhull Village" for those times when you need to get a message out before the next Marnhull Messenger. It has already proved very popular and I hope you'll find it useful.

Messenger Grants

In this issue you'll learn about the groups that were successful in their grant applications. I'm looking forward to sharing more from these projects in coming months.

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Establishing The Conservation Areas Committee Approval

We have got to the submission of the proposed Marnhull Conservation Areas to Dorset County Council in August 1969. The author, North Area Planning Officer, Mr Pakenham described the two areas below.

"There are many individually attractive buildings scattered over the parish, but only two groups, which can be accepted as conservation areas, those around the Church and a portion of Burton Street. The former is all that remains of the original village and until late Victorian times, stood in splendid isolation, the Church Tower being a landmark from much of the Blackmore Vale.

Adjoining the Church is the stone roofed mediaeval Seniors Farm and opposite, the still handsome 19th Century old Rectory. On the Eastern side of the crossroads are the thatched, stone-built Crown Hotel (Not Inn?) dating from the 17th Century and Church Farm, a solid, well-balanced Georgian structure surrounded by later buildings in local stone. Both the Churchyard and the grounds of the Rectory have trees worthy of preservation."

"The second group of buildings is both mixed in age and architectural treatment, but by reason of the use of local stone, retains an attractive if irregular character.

Dating from the early 18th Century to the 20th Century and improved by the introduction of a raised footpath, this little section of the village street requires careful handling if its character is not to be further eroded by modern introductions." As I noted last month, it would appear that the present District Council are not aware of what "careful handling" means.

The Dorset County Planning Reference and General Purposes Sub Committee approved that the Interim Development Control Policy be applied to these areas on 3 October 1969 and "that the County Planning Officer be authorised to consult the Rural District and Parish Councils thereon."

In December 1969, the County Surveyor sent a memorandum to the County Planning Officer to make the following observations on the proposed Conservation areas: "At some time, there will have to be an improvement to the junction at the Church. This will affect the area to a considerable degree.

There are no improvement lines for Burton St (He actually wrote Barton Street!). Opportunity will be taken to ease pinch points as and when development or demolition takes place". I am not able to work out what significant improvements have actually taken place to the junction by the Church. Perhaps someone in the Parish can advise what was done and when?

What is interesting is that the map of the proposed Marnhull Conservation Area around the Church at this time (1969) is different from the current Conservation Area according to North Dorset District Council maps now.

In 1969, the Conservation Area to the West of the Church only went as far as Seniors Farm on the North side of New Street and the Old Rectory, on the South side of New Street.

At some time since 1971, the Conservation Area was extended on the North side of New Street all the way up to Sackmore Lane. Does anyone know when that happened and why? More next month.

Tim Eveleigh Burton Street

Marnhull Fest AGM

20th Oct 2017 19:30

Cricket Pavilion

Songs of Praise
Marnhull Methodist Church
Sunday November 5th 10:00am
Want to sing your favourite hymn?
Phone 820371 to let us know your favourite
and then come and join us.

Annual Diary 2017

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

For Village Hall bookings please call
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October

1st - Harvest Festival and Auction of Produce @ 18:00 British Legion Club
 2nd - Table Tennis Club @ 14:15
 2nd - Parish Council Meeting @ 19:00
 3rd - Art For Everyone @ 10:00
 4th - Table Tennis Club @ 14:15
 4th - Zumba Dance Fitness @ 19:30
 5th - Baby and Toddler Group @ 09:30
 6th - Lunch Club @ 12:00
 9th - Table Tennis Club @ 14:15
 9th - Women's Institute - Don't Put Your Daughter On The Stage- Dr Francis Burrows @ 19:30
 10th - Art For Everyone @ 10:00
 10th - Garden Club "The Lady Gardener" - Ruth Jenkins @ 19:30
 11th - Table Tennis Club @ 14:15
 11th - Mother's Union - Talk By Tony Wilds @ 14:30
 11th - Zumba Dance Fitness @ 19:30
 12th - Baby and Toddler Group @ 09:30
 13th - The Blackmore Vale Art Group- Drawing/ Painting all day. @ 10:30
 13th - Quiet half hour of Prayer- Methodist Church @ 12:00
 16th - Table Tennis Club @ 14:15
 17th - Art For Everyone @ 10:00
 18th - Table Tennis Club @ 14:15
 18th - Zumba Dance Fitness @ 19:30
 19th - Baby and Toddler Group @ 09:30
 19th - Marnhull Yarners @ 13:30 Laburnum Cottage
 23rd - Table Tennis Club @ 14:15
 24th - Moviola - Their Finest @ 19:30
 25th - Table Tennis Club @ 14:15
 25th - Zumba Dance Fitness @ 19:30
 26th - Baby and Toddler Group @ 09:30
 30th - Table Tennis Club @ 14:15

November

1st - Table Tennis Club @ 14:15
 1st - Zumba Dance Fitness @ 19:30
 2nd - Baby and Toddler Group @ 09:30
 3rd - Lunch Club @ 12:00
 6th - Table Tennis Club @ 14:15
 6th - Parish Council Meeting @ 19:00
 7th - Art For Everyone @ 10:00
 8th - Mother's Union - Members Lunch @ 12:00
 8th - Table Tennis Club @ 14:15
 8th - Zumba Dance Fitness @ 19:30
 9th - Baby and Toddler Group @ 09:30
 10th - The Blackmore Vale Art Group - Deborah Chisman " A wintry scene" atmospheric effects. @ 10:30
 10th - Quiet Half Hour of Prayer- St Gregory's Church @ 12:00
 10th - The New Marnhull Players- Bingo Evening @ 19:00
 11th - Remembrance 2 Minutes silence @ 11:00 War memorial
 12th - Remembrance Parade and service @ 14:45 St Gregory's
 13th - Table Tennis Club @ 14:15
 13th - Women's Institute- fun Kurling Evening @ 19:30
 14th - Art For Everyone @ 10:00
 14th - Garden Club "Air Ambulance" - Dorset & Somerset Air Ambulance @ 19:30
 15th - Table Tennis Club @ 14:15
 15th - Zumba Dance Fitness @ 19:30
 16th - Baby and Toddler Group @ 09:30
 16th - Marnhull Yarners @ 13:30 Laburnum Cottage
 20th - Table Tennis Club @ 14:15
 21st - Art For Everyone @ 10:00
 22nd - Table Tennis Club @ 14:15
 22nd - Zumba Dance Fitness @ 19:30
 23rd - Baby and Toddler Group @ 09:30
 27th - Table Tennis Club @ 14:15
 28th - Art For Everyone @ 10:00
 28th - Moviola - Churchill @ 19:30
 29th - Table Tennis Club @ 14:15
 29th - Zumba Dance Fitness @ 19:30
 30th - Baby and Toddler Group @ 09:30

December

1st - Lunch Club @ 12:00
 4th - Table Tennis Club @ 14:15
 4th - Parish Council Meeting @ 19:00
 5th - Art For Everyone @ 10:00
 6th - Table Tennis Club @ 14:15
 6th - Zumba Dance Fitness @ 19:30
 7th - Baby and Toddler Group @ 09:30
 8th - The Blackmore Vale Art Group - Drawing and Painting followed by Christmas Buffet. @ 10:30
 8th - Quiet Half Hour Prayer- Church of Our Lady @ 12:00
 9th - The New Marnhull Players- Christmas Cinderella Ball @ 19:00
 11th - Table Tennis Club @ 14:15
 11th - Women's Institute- Christmas Party with American Supper @ 19:30
 12th - Garden Club Christmas Dinner and Skittles Evening @ 19:30
 13th - Table Tennis Club @ 14:15
 13th - Mother's Union - Christmas Event @ 14:30
 13th - Zumba Dance Fitness @ 19:30
 14th - Baby and Toddler Group @ 09:30
 18th - Table Tennis Club @ 14:15
 20th - Table Tennis Club @ 14:15
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 28th - Baby and Toddler Group @ 09:30

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

Village Hall Supporters Club

5th September 2017

Draw held at Bridge Club meeting

Prize	Ticket No	Winner
£60	77	P & M Scaife
£60	344	B & S Smith
£50	8	Mrs C Rolls
£30	135	B Gurney
£25	63	Mrs N Bridger
£25	307	Mr & Mrs Fricker
£20	325	Mr A Lloyd
£10	96	H & K Butler
£10	26	Mrs R Eveleigh

Royal British Legion



A big thank you goes to Carol and Keith Collis whose vintage car rally raised nearly £250 for the Poppy Appeal. Although it obviously is focussed on Remembrance in November the Appeal never sleeps and we are always pleased when somebody from outside the Branch steps in and helps.

On that note remember our Harvest Festival service on Sunday October 1st at 6 for 6.30pm is open to all. Branch Chaplain Mike Ficke has arranged an organist to assist us with our less than tuneful singing and after we will have our usual auction of produce presided over by Ian Kendall in his inimitable fashion. If you can't come we would still be pleased to receive donations of anything from a cabbage to a cottage pie, please give me a call.

The jumble sale attracted a lot of people but did not raise as much as we had hoped bringing in £195 which is not bad but but luckily we had sold some stuff between this sale and the last one which brought in another £90 including the £10 that the Crown kindly gave us for an old framed photo of the Inn. The next one will be on Saturday January 6th so if you are having a clear out give me a call and I will come and collect or bring it to the hall and if no one is there leave it in the porch.

Keep in mind our charity night for Marie Curie Nurses on October 28th with the fabulous Headland performing. With a prize draw included we are hoping to raise a lot of money for this good cause. Headland have kindly donated their time and talent for the past two years and each has been an unqualified success, let's make this year even more successful.

The Poppy Appeal this year commences on October 26th so listen out for our collector's knock on your door and please give what you can. If you would like to help please feel free to give me a call and I will put you in touch with our Poppy Appeal Organiser Val Eslick. The Appeal runs this year until Armistice Day on Saturday November 11th so if by chance you get missed all the shops will have boxes in between those dates so you can always contribute.

All are invited to come and share in a short service and two minutes silence at the memorial on Armistice Day. The silence will commence and be broken by bugler Adrian Stone who has generously given his time to perform this service for many years now. Then on Remembrance Day Sunday November 12th we will have the parade from Butts Close at 2.45pm followed by a service at St Gregory's to which you all are invited, then following the wreath laying it is all back to the Clubhouse for a snack and a drink if you are of a mind.

Branch business contact Jack Whitehead on 01258 820800 or email whiteheadjack51@gmail.com

Women's Institute



When popular King George III suffered his first attack of porphyria in 1789 he was urged to avail himself of the wonder-cure of the day: sea bathing. The much respected Ralph Allen, reformer of the postal system, had a house in Weymouth where he occasionally entertained royal visitors so this is where George decided to try out this novel therapy. The tale is told that when George emerged from his bathing machine for his very first dip the neighbouring machines burst open to reveal a band which played "God Save the King." Evidently the king enjoyed the whole experience and became a frequent visitor to the resort, buying his brother's house, called Gloucester Lodge. (It is now an hotel.)

Excited by this royal patronage, the town council went into overdrive, cleaning up the beaches, paving the streets, installing street lighting and recruiting a force of firemen and watchmen to keep their patrons secure. Weymouth became the resort where people of quality came to socialise and amuse themselves during the summer months.

Rachel Knowles, dressed in a white frock with brilliant scarlet spencer jacket and pretty fawn bonnet and carrying her scarlet reticule, brought the story of the Regency period to vivid life. She might have stepped off the set of any Jane Austen film, and indeed it was that author who had sparked her interest in the period as a child.

What did these leisured people do to entertain themselves during their Weymouth holidays? They would certainly go to the Assembly Rooms where they could read newspapers, play cards, drink tea or merely chat. They would visit the subscription library and sign in. The important point here was to scrutinise the list of other subscribers and see who of importance was in town, and to ensure that their own name was on display. There were frequent balls in the larger hotels. Etiquette was strict: formal dress required and ladies to wear only white gloves. Officers from the nearby garrisons added glamour to the evenings with their scarlet uniforms. The theatre (Sarah Siddons was a frequent performer) put on plays three nights a week, and during the day there were walks and outings to nearby places of interest.

Rachel's talk was full of interest and for those who wish to learn more she told us of her two books: "A Perfect Match" (a novel) and "What Regency Women did for Us" in which she reviews the lives of five outstanding women of the time.

Next month Dr Francis Burrows' talk is entitled "Don't put your daughter on the stage!"

YV

Gift Day Recital

The annual Gift Day at St. Gregory's Church on Saturday 7th October will conclude with an attractive and varied programme of organ music played by Stephen Binnington at 7.00pm.

The recital will end with a wonderful five-movement Suite by Percy Whitlock who spent much of his life in Bournemouth. All proceeds will go towards church funds.

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From The Surgeries



Flu Clinics

This year's clinics at Marnhull Surgery are as follows -

Wednesday	October 4th	9:30-12:30
Friday	October 6th	2:00- 4:30
Thursday	October 17th	9:00-11:30
Friday	October 20th	2:00-4:30
Thursday	October 26th	9:00-11:30

There is also a Saturday Flu Clinic on October 14th at Sturminster Newton, from 9.00-12.30. Other, weekday morning, afternoon and late appointments spread across the sites will also be available. Please make an appointment in the usual way.

If you are attending the practice for an appointment from the beginning of October and you are eligible for a vaccination please ask the clinician you are seeing and they will be happy to administer the vaccine.

Do I need to see the Doctor or the Nurse Practitioner?

The Practice now has a team of Nurse Practitioners, all highly trained specialist nurses who can provide treatment and advice for many problems for which you may have seen a doctor in the past.

They can assess and examine you, make a diagnosis and provide advice and treatment including a prescription if required. They can refer you to a hospital doctor or other health care professional and admit you into hospital when necessary and of course, they liaise frequently with your GP about your care. They also manage many long term conditions.

A recent survey found that about 40% of patients who visited a GP, could have been dealt with by another health professional, including Nurse Practitioners and Pharmacists. In many cases, they could have treated themselves with over the counter medication, or accessed the wealth of healthcare advice on www.nhs.uk.

It's essential that we make better and more appropriate use of these other health professionals, leaving GP appointments for those who really need them.

Also, when booking an appointment, it really helps if you can tell the receptionist the general nature of the problem so that they can arrange for you to see the most appropriate clinician. If you are in reception and would like some privacy, please just ask!

A Big Thank You

Whilst walking my dogs on the morning of Thursday 14th September I came across a medical emergency in the field next to Ham Lane. I did not have my mobile phone with me but found help from two men working in the field next to Lovell's Mead.

I would like to thank them both for their calm and caring help and support in what was a very stressful situation.

I understand that one of the men might be called Barney. I am not sure of his friend's name but if anyone knows who they are, could you contact me as the patient's family would like to thank them personally.

Fiona Nelson - 01258 821036

Marnhull POPPin Cafe



By the time the next POPPin comes around on - **Friday October 20th** - we will be heading well into the winter months. We are always delighted with the continued turnout each month and it is lovely to see some new faces coming along as well.

We have been thrilled by the fantastic support everyone has given the Cafe since it opened one year ago. Due to your support we have recently been able to donate a cheque for £500 to the Village Hall renovation and extension fund – so thank you.

Through the summer we have been busy planning themes for the months ahead and in October we will be celebrating Diwali (the Indian Festival of Light). There will be some interesting tweaks to the village hall décor and if you have any Indian clothing lurking in your cupboard then why not give it an airing - we promise you won't be on your own! There will also be the opportunity to purchase cards in support of the Help for Heroes Charity and Dora Stockley and her friends will be selling some yummy cakes for you to buy in support of her chosen charities and take home for the weekend. As we swing in to the winter months, for November the cafe will be supporting the Children in Need event with a few bear ideas.

Thank you to everyone who comes along, we hope you enjoy it as much as we do! It is always good to chat, enjoy a nice mug of coffee or tea and some home-made cake – so put every third Friday of the month firmly in your diary. Everyone is welcome, so if you are a new mum/dad, parent or grandparent – in work and have a day off, out of work, retired or even just at a loose end, please POPPin, we would love to see you. If you know someone who would like to come but needs help with transport, why not offer them a lift and come along together!

We hope to see you soon!

Linda, Jill, Audrey, Sue and Joy

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We recently invited applications for Marnhull Messenger Grants. Due to good management and careful stewardship of resources over the past decade, a reserve fund had been accumulated which we wanted to offer to village organisations and societies.

We are delighted to announce the following organisations and projects have been successful with their application.

St Gregory's Primary School PTFA

Funds towards a bespoke, all weather awning to enable classes to be held outside, all year.

Marnhull Methodist Church

Funds towards Display and Notice Boards and an additional microphone.

The New Marnhull Players

Funds for costumes and props for forthcoming productions.

Marnhull Baby & Toddler Group

Funds towards a Sensory Play project, including Aquaplay, a treasure basket for the baby area, textured and light up toys and gym mats.

St Gregory's Church

Funds towards the refurbishment of the kitchen area in the Church.

Marnhull Cricket Club

Funds towards a Junior Bowling Machine to improve the quality of training.

We very much hope that these Grants make a real difference to the organisations and we look forward to hearing more about the projects in future editions of the Messenger.

Ian Gall

Chairman – Marnhull Messenger Steering Group

Ashley Farm - Planning Application

A planning application for change of use at Ashley Farm from residential to nursery and pre-school, which included relocation of the Jungle Hut, has been withdrawn by the applicant following large scale objections by local residents who were concerned at the impact the amount of additional traffic the proposal would have on both Ashley Farm Lane and Sodom Lane.

The Marnhull Parish Council considered the proposal at a meeting on 25 May and recommended the proposal be rejected as did the Dorset Highways Department. Following rejection of the proposal NDDC planning have confirmed that the objections lodged by local residents and the Highways Department will remain on file and will be considered in the event of any future planning applications for Ashley Farm.

The residents of Ashley Farm Lane, who would have been most significantly affected if the proposal had been approved are very grateful that the applicant has taken into account the views of them and the many other local residents in Sodom Lane and the Crown Estate who lodged objections.

Although the Ashley Farm Lane residents objected to the proposed change of use we would, in fact, be pleased to see some form of development at Ashley Farm to protect the fabric of the iconic farmhouse and its gardens so long as any development is reasonable in scale and sympathetic to the location and neighbouring properties.

Yours truly

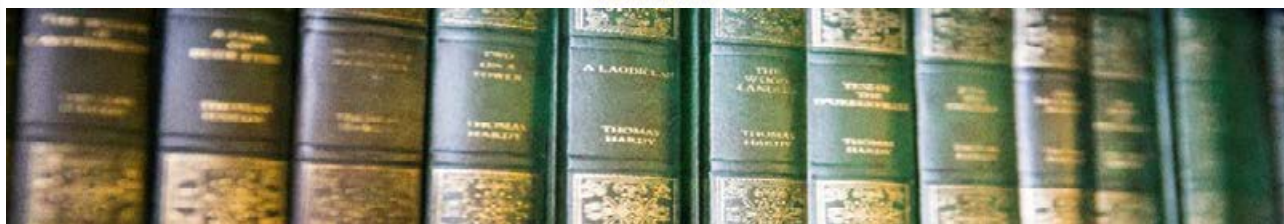
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Marnhull WI Secretary

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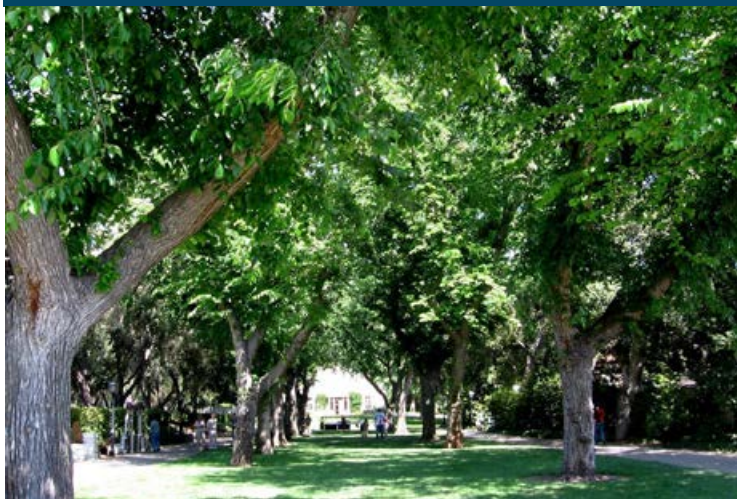


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The Marnhull Elms "100" (Tme100)



Time for New Trees

Further to articles in the Marnhull Messenger about the missing elm trees and following discussions with residents and specialist tree nurseries, a core group of tree enthusiasts has decided to launch the TME100 project.

The initial objective is to plant up to 100 proven disease-resistant elms in Marnhull, where they were previously thriving before Dutch Elm Disease struck.

These elms created dramatic backdrops for many areas in the village. The group has named the project "The Marnhull Elms 100" and wishes to hear from anyone who is interested in:

- Helping to plant and maintaining the trees.
- Having a tree/s planted in a particular area/on their land.
- Donating funds towards the new disease-resistant elms being reintroduced to the original major sites within the Parish.

We have found 2 or 3 tree nurseries who can sell us disease-resistant trees. We now need to know how many locals are interested in helping us in any of the above three ways, before we can submit a plan to the various organizations who help with grants for such a project.

We hope these organizations/charities will provide us with at least 70% of the cost of each tree but this depends on the level of local support. "This is a major project aimed at restoring this great village to something like its best. Our budget is £20,000 to buy the trees and £20,000 to transport, plant and maintain them for at least 5 years.

The more support we can get, the more likely we are to receive grants", commented Tim Eveleigh, the originator of the project. The Parish Council has been notified of this initiative and is supportive of the aims. It is also the intention that as the 5 year project develops, there will be other community activities celebrating trees.

The idea started when Tim came across official Council correspondence in the 1969 Dorset County records showing that Marnhull was famed for its "many hundreds of trees, mainly elms". By the mid-1970s, these hundreds of trees had all largely died and were sadly never replaced.

TME100 would be delighted to hear from anyone who has historical records, maps, or knows where original elms were located to kindly contact TME100 - Tim Eveleigh tim.h.eveleigh@googlemail.com or Tel 821049. Alternatively, talk to other members of the group which consists of: Jeremy Watson; Tel 821484, Elizabeth Sturges; Tel 821241, Stephen Boyce; Tel 820853 and Francesca Pratt

We hope to start planting in late autumn 2019, but need to hear from interested parties now. As the time between application and receiving funds can be quite lengthy, we have to prepare presentations for applications to raise grants promptly.

Francesca Pratt, The Grange, Burton St.

Mother's Union

Twenty members and four visitors attended the September meeting. We welcomed Mary, chair of the trustees of Salisbury Women's Refuge who gave a very interesting talk. Their mission is to provide a safe haven for women and children who experience domestic violence and to support them in leading an independent life. 1 in 4 women experience domestic abuse, 60% of incidents are witnessed by children and nationally 2 women a week are murdered- horrifying statistics. There are also men who suffer domestic abuse, problems in gay relationships and elderly abuse.

The latest government definition of domestic abuse is "any incident or pattern of incidents of controlling, coercive, threatening behaviour, violence or abuse between those aged 16 or over who are, or have been, intimate partners or family members regardless of gender or sexuality."

The building that houses the refuge in Salisbury was originally purchased by a benefactor and opened as a mother and baby home. After the introduction of the contraceptive pill and less of a stigma attached to unmarried mothers there was a reduced need for a mother and baby home. So, in 1984, with financial help from the Soroptomists the use of the building was changed to a refuge.

The Refuge does not have to pay rent for the house and garden but has to keep up with the maintenance. At present its income is from Council funding, housing benefits and fund raising. The women are responsible for their own children, keeping their rooms clean, cooking their own meals and some communal chores. The children are settled in to local schools as soon as possible.

There are computer facilities available for the children and for the women seeking jobs. Each woman has a support worker to monitor progress and help her move on with her life.

At our next meeting on October 11th our speaker is the Venerable Tony Wilds, visitors are always welcome.

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Thoughts from the Methodist Minister...

Dear Friends,

In 'Lady Windemere's Fan', Oscar Wilde had Lord Darlington quip that a cynic was, 'a man who knows the price of everything and the value of nothing.' As with so much of what Wilde wrote or said, it's more than just a nice turn of phrase, it is a sharp comment about the way people lived at that time, but his observation sounds as poignant today as when he wrote it more than a century ago.

As I write this article the new (plastic!) £10 note is being released. There has been a great deal of comment about the image of the novelist, Jane Austen who will be the first woman (apart from the Queen) to feature on one of this country's bank notes. One article I read said that ten pounds was the amount that Austen received as a commission from her publisher for her first novel, so it is a nice touch to have her face on that particular note.

Of course the intervening years have had a significant impact on the value of the 'tenner' paid to Jane Austen. Taking inflation into account, that commission today would have the equivalent purchasing power of about 13p (!) which would not sustain a budding writer for long today.

Money and the value it has for us, is a part of our daily narrative – whether we are muttering about the price of our weekly shopping, lamenting the poor rate of interest on our savings account, or checking the midweek lottery numbers! Workers in the public sector have not had their salaries 'cut' – but recent years have seen income fall in real terms because of the cap on pay and the continuing eroding power of inflation. This puts a significant burden on home finances.

In the gospels there is a story which takes place when Jesus is in Jerusalem. He notes how some wealthy people give significant amounts to the Temple, but an elderly woman puts just a couple of small coins in the collection box. Jesus draws the attention of bystanders to this scene and comments that the widow has put in much more than the other donors because, '...all these people gave their gifts out of their wealth; but she out of her poverty put in all she had to live on.' (Luke 21. 4)

The words of Lord Darlington in Oscar Wilde's play chime exactly with the challenge of Jesus – can we pause to consider the true value of the money we have? When we do this, as individuals and as a society, we will better value what we have and those who serve us.

By way of a final comment, I would like to acknowledge the generosity of the Marnhull Messenger steering group who have given the Methodist Church a grant which we will use to better serve those who use our premises week-by-week. We are deeply grateful for this generous gift from the community... we will use it to bring added value to our village.

Peace,
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 October 2017

Please note: Morning Prayer is now held daily
Tuesday to Friday at 8.00 in the Hussey Chapel

Sunday 1st – Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

08.00 – Holy Communion [said]

10.00 – Parish Eucharist

Wednesday 4th

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

Coffee served before and after service

11.00 Eucharist [said]

Sunday 8th – Harvest Thanksgiving

08.00 – Holy Communion [said]

10.00 – Parish Eucharist

Wednesday 11th

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

Coffee served before and after service

Sunday 15th – Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

08.00 – Holy Communion [said]

10.00 – Parish Eucharist

16.00 – Choral Evensong

Wednesday 18th

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

Coffee served before and after service

Sunday 22nd – Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

08.00 – Holy Communion [said]

10.00 – Parish Eucharist

Sunday 29th – Last Sunday after Trinity

08.00 – Holy Communion [said]

10.00 – Parish Eucharist

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From the St Gregory Registers

Marriage

Congratulations to Isobel Ruth Sides and Alistair Woolley Walker who were married here on 2nd September 2017. We wish them every happiness in the future

Baptism

Jaya Elizabeth Grace, daughter of Simon and Grace Lewis, was baptised at St Gregory's on September 24th 2017. Our prayers and best wishes go with Jaya, her parents and godparents, as she grows up in the faith.

Funerals

We extend our sincerest condolences to the family and friends of Simonne Patterson, of Dorchester, formerly of Marnhull, whose funeral was held at St Gregory's on 6th of September 2017. May she rest in peace.

We extend our sincerest condolences to the family and friends of Michael Reginald Dennis of Marnhull who died on the 14th of August and whose funeral was held at on 8th of September 2017. May he rest in peace.

We extend our sincerest condolences to the family and friends of Mary Creswell (Molly) Johnston of Marnhull who died on the 23rd of August and whose funeral was held at on 21st of September 2017. May she rest in peace

Our Lady's Church



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

www.marnhullandgillinghamrc.org.uk

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

Significant dates in October

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

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

7 – Our Lady of the Rosary

Commemorates the Battle of Lepanto (1571), when a Christian fleet reciting the Holy Rosary defeated the Turks.

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

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

18 – Saint Luke, Evangelist (Feast)

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

28 – Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles (Feast)

St Simon (1st C) is usually called 'the Canaanite' and 'the Zealot', suggesting he belonged to the Jewish party of the 'Zealous of the Law'. St Jude or Thaddeus (1st C) has a short epistle in the New Testament ascribed to him and is invoked as the patron of hopeless causes. Tradition says that after Pentecost they evangelised, Simon in Egypt, Jude in Mesopotamia, and then both in Persia where they were martyred. Their names appear in the Roman Canon.

Bishop's Visitation

The Right Reverend Mark O'Toole, Bishop of Plymouth, will visit our parish during the weekend of 7-8 October. He will say Mass on the Sunday and there will be an opportunity for individual parishioners to request a personal meeting with him. If you wish to have an appointment with the Bishop, please let Father Martin know as soon as possible.

Spiritual Development

The highly acclaimed series of talks (CDs) by Fr Dennis McBride, entitled 'Jesus and the Gospels' is currently running in the Chapelroom of Our Lady's Church on Tuesday evenings at 6.30pm. It's free and all are welcome. Each talk stands alone, so you can join in at any stage. Details are on the Parish Website (www.marnhullandgillinghamrc.org.uk)

Parish People

Veronica Pettitt died on 8 September and her funeral took place at Our Lady's on 20 September.

The Parish Harvest Supper will be held at Gillingham Methodist Hall on Saturday 14 October (details in the Newsletter).

Dorset Historic Churches Trust

The annual 'Ride & Stride' for cyclists and walkers around the historic churches of our area took place on Saturday 9 September. It was a wet and miserable day, nevertheless, Chris Gassmann, David Minto and Tony Moore cycled 33 miles as they visited churches in Marnhull, Todbur, Margaret Marsh, East Orchard, West Orchard, Manston, Hammoon, Child Okeford, Shillingstone, Okeford Fitzpaine, Belchalwell, Ibberton, Wooland, Hazelbury Bryan, Fifehead Neville, Sturminster Newton and Hinton St. Mary. These valiant cyclists raised a total of £470 in sponsorship. A magnificent effort – well done!

The Methodist Church



Sunday Service

Sunday Service. Everyone is welcome to join our service at 10:00am every Sunday and for tea or coffee in the hall afterwards.

We apologise that the fun quiz evening planned for the 8th September had to be cancelled at short notice due to the serious illness of our quiz setter (and organiser of many other church events!) Sally Williams. We pray for her continuing recovery, for her husband and family at this difficult time, and thank God for the skill and care of the Intensive Care Unit at Yeovil Hospital.

We remind you that our harvest celebrations will continue with a Thanksgiving service in church on the Sunday, 1st October. Please note, on this day only the service will start at 11:00am. The service will be led by Rev. Denise Binks and will be followed by lunch in our hall.

Hymn singing has a long tradition in the Methodist Church. Sunday November 5th is an opportunity to join us in some of our favourites in a Songs of Praise service at 10:00am. If you want your favourite to be included, please phone Barbara on 820371 in advance to let us know.

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Marnhull Garden Club



The September meeting, following our August break, opened to a packed hall and the chairman welcomed 10 new visitors (hopeful members?). We learned that the stall at the Marnhull Fest raised over £700 for the village hall and also enough to give a large bunch of flowers to Jeanne Baker whose garden provided many of the items we sold.

The garden party in August had been a great success despite the pouring rain, it seems to be the club's fate to do things in the rain this year.

The chairman welcomed our speaker, Malcolm from Castle Gardens who kept us fascinated with his talk about trees and tree planting. The trees which Castle Gardens sell are all pot grown and are excellent for wildlife. Most people however, buy them as screening and for noise protection. In borders they are also valuable to provide height while still allowing underplanting with shade loving plants.

We were told that a tree should be planted as far away from ones house as the height the tree will eventually reach, to prevent moisture extraction from the house foundations. This time of year is ideal for planting trees to give them a chance to establish before winter.

We learnt that the hole in which the tree is to be planted should be square and not round!! This is to encourage the tree roots to spread out otherwise they will just stay in the round shape of the pot! A fact that surprised most of us! The hole should have some fertilizer like VitaxQ4 spread in it and then filled with good compost, either garden or bought.

Follow on care takes the form of lots of watering and in spring/summer a sprinkle of Vitax and later on, bonemeal. Grass should not be allowed to grow round the tree as it takes up too much moisture and nutrients out of the soil. Trees should be staked at an angle about half way up to allow the top to move in the wind which strengthens the new trunk.

We were told how the trees are rooted and grafted, taking up to 3 years before they are ready for sale. Malcolm then went on to show us many different trees (he had brought the majority of the Castle Gardens stock with him!), including a fascinating crab apple with very dark, almost purple leaves and a single stemmed giant magnolia with enormous leaves.

Finally he answered a barrage of varied questions ranging from how one should plant a cordon to what to do about a wind damaged fruit tree.

Following a round of applause the chairman brought the meeting to a close, reminding everyone of the cheese and wine party on Friday 27th Oct and the annual skittles night in December.

RH

Retirement & Sale of The Curtain Man



After 13.5 years of trading in Marnhull Patrick Dunham (The Curtain Man) has decided to retire.

When I first viewed the shop it was a cold January day in 2004, but my first thought was what a lovely village Marnhull was as well as the surrounding area. I made a decision that day to take over trading in Burton Street.

I would like to thank all of my customers over the years and say that it has been a privileged to supply curtains, carpets and blinds to everyone during that time. One cannot forget the customers and characters I have met over the years, some of whom, sadly, are no longer with us.

I would also like to thank the three ladies who have worked in the shop for me over the years, I could not have done this without you, so Helen, Sue and Fiona, thank you all very much for your help.

Looking forward, I am pleased to announce that a brother and sister, Anthony and Anna, are going to take over the business. They have had many years in the soft furnishing industry and I know that they will be able to help with your curtains, carpets and blind enquiries just as I have over the years. I shall still live in the village and for a while will help Anthony and Anna settle into the business.

Once again, thank you everyone for your custom over the years. I think you will all agree that living in the Blackmore Vale area and Marnhull in particular, we are very lucky to have Doctors Surgery, Post Office and village shops, hairdressers, butchers as well the Curtain Shop. There are not many Dorset villages who can boast of having all of these facilities.

I am sure I will see you all around the village from time to time. Best Wishes and thanks to you all.

Patrick - The Curtain Man

Marnhull Lunch Club

Owing to circumstances beyond our control there will not be any lunch in October. We will hope that our problems might be resolved in time for November.

Marnhull Lunch Club Committee.

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St. Mary's Catholic School



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

Our first event of the new term was our topic launch – 'Reach for the Stars'. The children had the opportunity to come to school dressed in their future working attire and spent the day discussing career targets for their adult life. We opened the gate to teachers, vets, bankers, athletes and even a Lego designer as part of the autumn term topic 'Reach for the Stars'. Staff joined in the fun too thinking about what they thought they would grow up to be when they were at primary school age – the answer for one, a Unicorn!

St Mark's Class have had an exciting start to our topic Reach for the Stars with a quick trip to space. They put on their space boots and helmets before boarding a rocket and zooming off to the moon! After a bumpy landing, the children floated down to the moon to explore, thinking carefully about words that could use to describe our visit. After a visit to Shackton's Crater where they learnt how meteors had crashed into the moon and made big holes, they visited the Space Shop to buy postcards which they wrote to their friends back on Earth to tell them all about the visit to the moon. Just an average day for our year one and two children!

In Year 5/6 the children have been busy in Maths exploring angles and designing and making peppermint cream pentagrams. In their Science work they have begun to investigate forces. Mrs Higgs luckily escaped being soaked by a bucket of water as the children were able to suggest that she swung it over her head by attaching a skipping rope to it and allowing the centrifugal force to prevent the water from falling out. Phew!!

With the deadline for new parents to make choices on a school for their four year olds, we will be having an 'open door' policy at school. Our official Open Day will be on Monday 16th October however, any prospective parents are welcome to call the school on 01258 820417 to organise a tour or just pop into the school office and take a look around at any time. There is also more information available on our website or our Facebook and Twitter sites. We look forward to welcoming you to our school community.

Best wishes,

Charlotte Targett

Headteacher

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

We welcomed lots of new families to St Gregory's at the start of this academic year. Children have happily settled into their new classes and there is a real buzz in the air of being in new classes, with new teachers and high expectations from all staff for their classes.

We saw the launch by our Year 1 teacher Mrs Cook-Paine of our half term whole school theme 'On your Doorstep Dorset'. This will offer the children many opportunities to explore the beautiful area in which they live, find out about its' history and geographical elements. Reception and Year 1 children will be exploring Marnhull through maps and visits and you may have seen them on one of their walks where they have been discovering what facilities and wildlife are around the village. Year 2 children will be looking at the history of Hambledon Hill and are having a great time finding out about Oliver Cromwell and his battle with the Dorset Clubmen before their visit later in the month. Children in Years 3, 4 and 5 will be focusing on rivers and our local river, the River Stour. Our Year 6's are busy reading and writing folk tales based in Dorset. They are learning how to book bind to publish their own stories as well as producing leaflets about the Jurassic Coast. At the end of this half term each class will be exhibiting their work to share their learning with parents and their peers.

This half term our Christian value is COURAGE and our learning power linked to this is CONFIDENCE. Many of our assemblies and church services will be based on these. We value our links with the church and community and hope to build on these relationships during the year.

From all at St Gregory's

Jungle Hut Pre-school



The Jungle Hut Pre School have had a great week back. The children have had a lovely time going for walks around the village. We visited the Church and investigated inside. We collected leaves, sticks and conkers that the children put in their very own backpacks. The children then arrived back at Pre School and painted using the natural materials they found.

We've had a great time going around to St Gregory's School and playing on the School field and joining Reception class in their welly walks. We're very excited to be visiting the School hall to dance, sing songs and make our own obstacle courses.



All the children have enjoyed making our new bug hotel and have been investigating to see what they can find. On our walks we have been finding worms, woodlice, spiders and slugs to put in our bug hotel. This term we're learning 'All about me', we will be making our own family trees, talking about where we live and our community and about our pets; we're even having our pets visit us at The Jungle Hut, which we are very excited about. The Jungle Hut will be visiting The Fire Station and the dental nurse will be visiting us to teach us about who helps us.

Please telephone The Jungle Hut if you require spaces for your child. Telephone - 01258 820096 and ask for Claire.

Claire and The Jungle Hut Team.

St. Mary's Explorers

St Mary's Explorers



Here at Explorers the children have all enjoyed a good rest and have come back to preschool full of energy. It's really lovely being back at Preschool and seeing how much the children have grown over the summer holidays. We have been delighted at how well they have settled back into their daily routines. It is also our pleasure to welcome some new faces to our class.

Our new term has exploded as we reach for the stars! Two weeks into the term and we are already very busy exploring space. The children have made rockets, enjoyed our space station role play and created their own stories in our space small world. We have shared books like 'How to Catch a Star!' and 'Q Pootle 5' and enjoyed singing 'Twinkle, Twinkle!'



This term we are introducing a daily fiddly finger work out! The children will participate in activities which will strengthen their hand muscles. This is really important for preschool age children as it prepares them for writing. The children have really enjoyed the first few activities which have included using tweezers, threading beads and kneading playdough.

Our home corner is always a popular area in the classroom as the children enjoy imitating what they see at home. This week we have been really lucky to receive a donation from a family in our Parish to add to the area. The Harrow family have donated two beautiful dollies Rosie and Ruby who are dressed up in hand knitted outfits. The dollies were delivered all tucked up in an adorable pram. We are really very grateful to the family for this donation which will enhance the children's play.



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

Marnhull Baby & Toddlers



We had our last summer baby and toddlers on 24th August where we played with gloop and said goodbye to our oldest children that are going to school.



On the 7th September we started back to every week, we saw lots of new faces and some more babies started with us. We have Diana with her Pheonix cards coming in to visit us on 5th October which we are all looking forward to.

Usborne books will be back to visit us on 19th October with all the Christmas stock. Half term is on 26th October so we will not be open.

We will be back on 2nd November which will be our Halloween party and firework activities. Then we have remembrance activities on 9th November. We also have happy huggers joining us on 16th November. Our Christmas party will be on 14th December.

Emma and Dee

Churches Together

Harvest Festival Supper

By the time you are reading this the Churches Together Village Harvest Supper of 'Pies, Peas and Poetry' will be over. We hope you enjoyed it – and have recovered from the excitement! Any comments and ideas for future celebrations will be gratefully received by any of the church members.

World Peace Prayers

Churches Together in Marnhull continue to pray for world peace. The next gatherings will take place at midday on Friday, as follows:

13 Oct	- Methodist Church	- Rev Paul Arnold
10 Nov	- St Gregory's Church	- Canon Tony Wilds
8 Dec	- Our Lady's Church	- Rev Fr Martin Budge
9 Feb	- Methodist Church	- Rev Paul Arnold

Advent Service

Note for your diary! The churches will be combining for an Advent Service at 3:00pm on Sunday 3rd December. Please join members of all three churches for this peaceful start of the Christmas season.

Interfaith Calendar

1 Oct – Ashura – A day of fasting marking the day Noah left the ark and the day that Moses was saved from Pharaoh by dividing the Red Sea. (Islam)

13 Oct – Simchat Torah – Rejoicing in the Torah. Marks the end of the yearly cycle of weekly Torah readings. (Jewish)

1 Nov – All Saints Day – Day honouring all saints and martyrs. (Christian)

Committee

The next Churches Together Committee meeting will be held at Tapshays Barn on 18 January, at 2.30pm.



Garden Reflections for the month of... ...October

I would like to tell you about my recent 'lightbulb moment'. We moved into our house with a field where a garden should be 17 years ago. We drew up a design and implemented it with enthusiasm. A large number of big beds were created and we then went mad planting them. We made the classic mistake of overplanting to fill up the empty beds.

Over the years we were vaguely aware that the garden had 'grown up' and that many of the shrubs had got rather big. We kept things under control by giving them the occasional haircut.

However, it was only when we visited a friend's garden in the village that we had our 'lightbulb moment'. This garden was simply laid out with clean lines, minimal planting in the few beds and beautifully kept lawns. We thought it looked lovely.

We came home, looked at our garden and agreed that something drastic had to be done to simplify the garden and lighten the workload. It was decided that a large number of the overgrown shrubs had to go. We arranged for a local garden company to remove them, which they did quickly and efficiently, taking all the rubbish with them.

It looks so much better already and now I am inspired - a man on a mission. I am gradually taking out more large shrubs and replacing some of the beds with lawn. Bearing in mind that I am not as young as I was, this will make garden maintenance much easier in the future.

We both feel that the new look garden is a great improvement. It looks larger and the remaining shrubs have regained their shape now that they are not being crowded by so much over planting.

I am now extending this approach to the vegetable and fruit garden and doing some severe thinning out. We always grow far too much of everything and I am not sure why. Once again it has just evolved over time.

Another aim is to cut down on the watering. Gardening and watering go hand in hand. There is no getting away from the fact that gardens grow shadier and needier while those of us who care for them grow older!

I am confident that cutting back the plants and thus cutting down on the work is the route to truly enjoying our garden again. A simplified garden, thoughtfully planned, can be every bit as rewarding and satisfying as a more complicated, labour-intensive one.

Hopefully my garden is no longer in charge of me - I am in charge of it. Now where did I put that holiday brochure?

Marnhull Garden Club

Marnhull Music Society

The Marnhull Music Society were lucky to choose a warm and dry day in August for their annual garden party.



Marnhull Players - Pantomime Group

On the 20th August we had our Tea Dance I would like to thank everyone who came and supported us, It was a great success. We had a mix of ballroom and disco as it was a family friendly event. It was a brilliant afternoon everyone got up and had a dance and we learnt a few dances as well.



We stopped the music half way through and had tea/coffee and a selection of scrummy cakes which we put on each table. There will be another tea dance next year which will be on Sunday 13th May 2018, so if you didn't join us this year you can put it in the diary now for next year.



We joined in Sturminster Newton's carnival which was so much fun, we really enjoyed our walk round. We came 2nd in our group which was fantastic and had quite a few people interested in helping us.

Our casting workshop went very well on Sunday 17th September, we had a few new faces to come and see us which was fantastic and the casting is just being finalised then we can start rehearsing. We feel we have a good cast and it will be a great performance for you all to come and see.

Reminder of some dates that are coming up:

Our bingo evening is on Friday 10th November Marnhull village hall at 7pm.

Cinderella Christmas Ball is on Saturday 9th December Marnhull Village hall at 7:30pm.

Cinders performances Friday 2nd February 7pm, Saturday 3rd February 2pm and Sunday 4th February 2pm.

Thank you for your support

All the cast.



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PARISH MUTTERINGS

The top topics being discussed this month:

Dog fouling campaign

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

The Council is considering possible locations for more Dog waste bins.

Group Parish Councils re various problems

We are joining forces with at least eight other Parish Councils with the backing of District Councillors in an attempt to get a response in connection with reducing the speed limit in our villages. If you have a view we would like to hear it.

Gathering in the Recreation Ground by the Skate Park

End of August

Were you there or do you know who was as The Parish Council would like to know as they were responsible for clearing up broken glass bottles, tin drinks cans, remains of a fire, drinks bottles with urine in. The sign that was used as a base for the fire will have to be replaced at extra cost.

Those responsible know exactly who they are and should by now have realised that the 'whole incident' was unacceptable and irresponsible and potentially very dangerous.

If that was not enough glass was found in the children's sand pit within the play area so it had to be closed while it was cleaned.

Youthful exuberance following exam results is the likely cause of this event but that is no excuse for causing possible injury, criminal damage, distress and extra work for people who have better things to do than clear up after irresponsible young people who may have had good results in exams but have very little common sense.

Allotments Available

There are vacant plots available on the parish allotments on Sodom Lane. Annual rents are very reasonable so if you like the idea of taking up an allotment and growing your own produce as spring comes along, then contact the clerk to the parish council who will sign you up on 821231

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 821231 or email mpcclerk@sallyupshall.f2s.com

Recruiting Councillors are you interested? Contact The Clerk Sally Upshall on 821231 or email mpcclerk@sallyupshall.f2s.com

Samaritans Are Here For You

The Marnhull community, like many other caring social groups is brimming with people who volunteer their time to a variety of causes (some of you already volunteer at Samaritans), and in addition there will be those in any community who in their hour of need would welcome a talk with someone who is detached from their immediate surroundings.

And like the callers themselves, Samaritan volunteers come from all walks of life. We would love to hear from you if you would like to be able to make a difference and take on this demanding voluntary community role.

Find out more about being a Samaritan and our exceptional training programme by coming along to one of our Volunteering Information Sessions held at 25 The Park, Yeovil, BA20 1DG at 7.00pm on the first Tuesday of each month (Mar – Dec inclusive) - if this seems daunting; bring a friend. Or leave a message on our answerphone: 01935414015 and we will return your call quickly; or go online at www.samaritans.org to register your interest.

Reporting Issues With Our Roads

At our Parish Council meetings, we sometimes have members of the public relate issues pertaining to our roads. Whilst we would never want to stop people doing so, there are ways to report such things yourself directly with Dorset Highways.

There are a couple of advantages to doing this:

- (1) You can report it as soon as you see it and
- (2) the information Dorset Highways will receive will be first hand and probably more accurate than if reported via the Parish Council. It needs to be pointed out that an issue reported by the Parish Council does not receive any greater priority than one reported by yourself!

If you are online, you can go to www.dorsetforyou.gov.uk and then select "Roads and Transport" and then "Report Problem". On that page you can, amongst other things, report blocked gullies or drains, damaged manholes, potholes (any pothole over a foot wide and more than two inches is generally considered urgent), overgrown hedges or verges, damaged signs etc.

The site will then take you step by step through the information you need to report and then at the end, you will receive an incident number that you can use to follow up. You will also receive email progress updates. If you happen to spot an issue whilst out walking and you have your mobile phone handy, it is often useful to take a photo or two of the problem as you can upload these on the site.

If you are not able to get online, you can contact Dorset Highways via County Hall on 01305 22102 or you can write to Dorset County Council, County Hall, Colliton Park, Dorchester, DT1 1XJ.

If you have previously reported an issue and feel that it is not being dealt with expediently, then by all means contact any Parish Councillor or the Clerk of the council, Sally Upshall on 01258 821231 or via email at mpcclerk@sallyupshall.f2s.com, providing the incident number you have been given or simply attend our next meeting. We can pursue an existing reported issue with our Dorset Highways contact.

Marnhull Fest

Well I hope there's been enough time for everyone to dry out since the Fest & Flower Show and although it was a bit soggy, ok a lot soggy! I think everyone who made it had a lovely time!

I must always of course say a big thank you to the committee for without whom the whole event wouldn't happen. To the very small army of people who turn up, and go out of their way to get the Fest up and running during the week before the event, this includes committee members and all the extras who take time off work to help, thank you sooo much!! It goes without saying that a huge thank you also goes to all the sponsors for this year, AJN, The Crown, Marnhull & Riverside Stores, Adrian Curtis, R M Mogridge, Bramall Gardens, Robin Hill Stores, James Colmer, Andrew Plowman, Revsol Property Services, and Camelot Builders, you are all Fest Stars!!

This year the Fest made some big purchases, we have bought a container for the storage of all of our equipment, and a place we can call our own, therefore not having to worry about where we are going to store it on a yearly basis. A big thank you to those who have housed our equipment up until now! We have also purchased a new smaller marquee, it will be used for the Fest in different ways over the coming years I'm sure. But we are also looking into hiring it out to villagers for private functions during the year, more on this to follow. We have also made a number of smaller donations this year, due to our big expenses and poor weather we haven't been able to donate as much as we would like without breaking the bank, and being able to put on another show.

Our AGM takes place at the Pavilion at the Village Hall on Friday 20th October at 7.30pm. We look forward to seeing you there!!

Lisa Woodhouse - Marnhull Fest Chair

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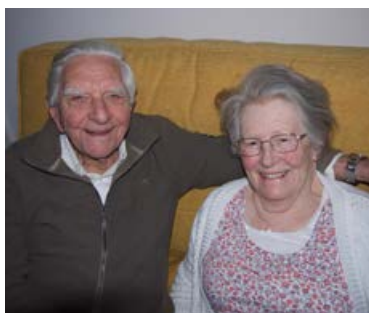
100 Years Young!

A Marnhull resident, Mr Roy Cooper will be celebrating his 100th birthday later this month, on the 29th of October. He and his wife Mary have lived in their bungalow, Shalom, since coming to live in Marnhull 27 years ago.

Roy has had a varied and interesting life. It is amazing to think that he was born during the First World War and is now one of the dwindling numbers of veterans of the Allied invasion of Normandy in June 1944 in the Second World War. As a committed Christian he worked in his younger years as a Southern Counties Evangelist, preaching in England and abroad. He was the founder and director of Newbury Youth for Christ and was in charge of the counselling for the American evangelist Billy Graham.

After his distinguished war service in the Royal Navy he became managing director of a garage and still found time to keep bees, breed Arab horses and sheep. He is also an accomplished artist and musician. He has so many stories to tell - it is a privilege to hear them.

Roy likes to keep busy and relishes a challenge. His latest project - started at the age of 96 - was to build a substantial pond, seven feet deep in his back garden. He built a bridge over the pond and had an oak gazebo fitted. The pond is now complete and home to 16 Koi carp. He has had some help but the majority of work he has done himself.



He still finds the time to drive to do the weekly shop, care for Mary and look after the garden. It's hard to imagine anyone else of his age that is so fit, physically and mentally with such a positive outlook on life.

He will be celebrating this very special birthday with family and friends and we wish him a very happy day and wonder what new project he has for his 101st year!

Andrew and Rosemary Rowden.



Marnhull Resident Roy Cooper Pictured With His Latest Project





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In all 21 cases the victims were given a quote, the work then started and as it progressed the trader would find 'extra' work needed. Expert witnesses that looked at the work on behalf of Trading Standards Services reported that the real value of the work was often a fraction of the sum charged, while in some cases the work was never carried out at all. In one case a victim was charged £7,500 for work worth just £170.

No cancellation rights were given to the victims, the sparse paperwork given did not include an address and the telephone number was unobtainable so the victims had no means of contacting the trader.

If you pay or agree to pay over £42 for any services or goods that are sold to you in your home, then you have 14 days to cancel the agreement. If you cancel, any monies that you have paid should be returned to you.

The trader must give you a written notice of your cancellation rights when you agree the contract. If the trader doesn't provide you with this information, they commit a criminal offence.

You can show you do not want to receive visits from cold calling doorstep traders by displaying a 'We do not deal with uninvited doorstep traders' door sticker available from libraries across Dorset or by calling the Citizens Advice consumer helpline on 03454 040506. This is also the number to call if you would like consumer advice, or to report something to Trading Standards.

Dorset Wildlife Trust

Owls of Dorset and their Habitat

Paul Sturgess was once a farmer, but since then, his love of rambling in the Dorset countryside has led to a career in wildlife photography – strictly using film, not digital cameras.

His camera bag contains a couple of cameras, several focal lenses, a macro lens, tripod and other kit that most 'point and shoot' photographers can only dream of.

Equally important in his daily routine is his diary, where he details locations he's travelled to and his thoughts on what season might be the best time to re-visit.

He's often up before the birds, taking a 3am start in his stride in order to capture the perfect light and ambience for his subjects. Studying weather forecasts and tide tables ensures he is seldom 'caught out'.

Paul has huge respect for our Dorset countryside, never trespassing on private land or disturbing wildlife, but despite all the meticulous planning and research that goes into his work he admits that 'lady luck' sometimes plays a part in providing that 'perfect shot'.

Paul Sturgess will be giving an illustrated talk on 'Owls of Dorset and their Habitats' at Fontmell Magna Village Hall (SP7 0PF) on Wednesday, 18th October at 7.30pm. Entry is still just a £2 donation (to help defray our expenses) and includes coffee/tea and biscuits (sometimes cake!). There is no charge for children under 16 years.



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CROSS

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DOWN

1. Paris 2. Palindrome 3. Macaw 4. Local 5. Gopher 6. Bard 9. Upper 10. Tacho 12. Eisteddfod 13. Aspen 14. Volta 18. Eczema 19. Brest 20. ASLEF 22. Eliza 23. Pawn



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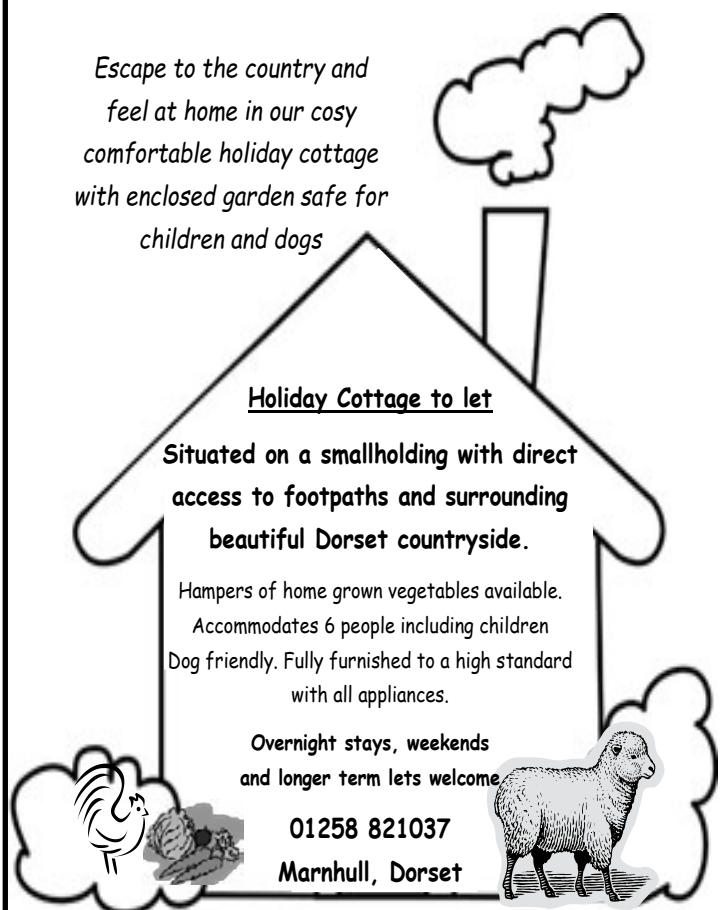
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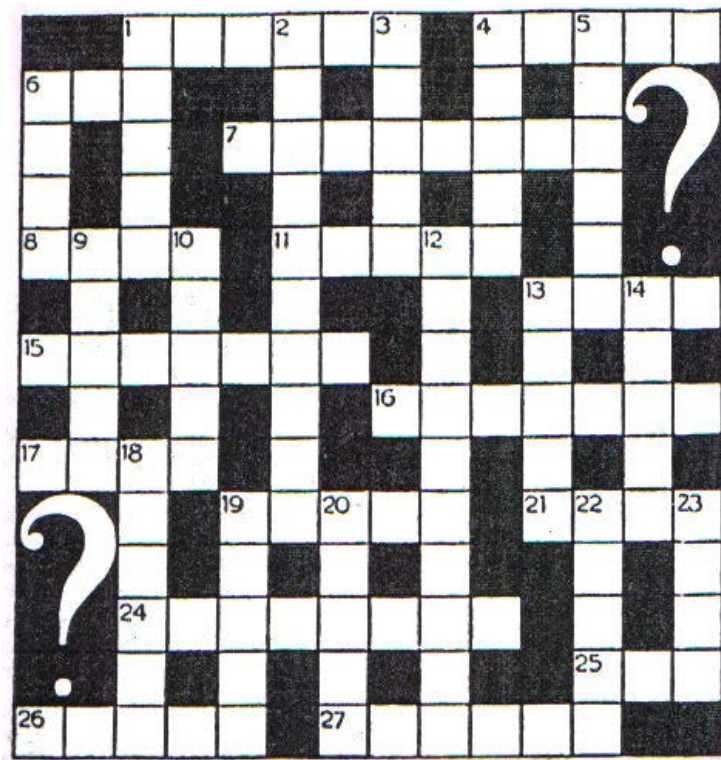


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Child Okeford Flower Arranging Club

Our next meeting will be at 2.15pm on Tuesday 17th October in Child Okeford Village Hall when there will be a practical workshop with the theme 'Berry Bliss'. Everyone is most welcome. For further details please contact Sue Brown 01258 863775.

ACROSS

- 1) Dahlia, chrysanthemum or aster with small tightly clustered petals. (6)
- 4) River on which Belfast stands. (5)
- 6) Large snake which kills by constriction. (3)
- 7) Warbler so called because of its head markings. (8)
- 8) Khaki is a Urdu word meaning coloured like this. (4)
- 11) Top or bottom supporting post of a stair rail. (5)
- 13) In Australia the afternoon. (4)
- 15) Global terrorist and criminal organisation in James Bond novels. (7)
- 16) Painting with small dots or specks. (7)
- 17) US chocolate biscuit with cream filling. (4)
- 19) Ironically the surname of the clean shaven member of ZZ Top. (5)
- 21) Tide which has the least difference between high and low water. (4)
- 24) Military command to turn the head in salute. (4-4)
- 25) Japanese school of Buddhism with an emphasis on meditation. (3)
- 26) Fashion designer who shares her name with a pole for propelling a punt. (5)
- 27) Low soft felt hat with a curled brim and the crown creased lengthways. (6)

DOWN

- 1) In Greek mythology the kidnapper of Helen. (5)
- 2) Kayak for instance (10)
- 3) A large brightly coloured parrot. (5)
- 4) Convenient pub. (5)
- 5) Burrowing American rodent. (6)
- 6) Title given to the winner of a prize for Welsh verse at a 12D). (4)
- 9) and 14D) Former name of Burkina Faso. (5 - 5)
- 10) Colloquially an instrument that measures the speed of an engine. (5)
- 12) Festival of poetry and music in Wales. (10)
- 13) Poplar tree known for trembling in the wind. (5)
- 14) See 9D).
- 18) Medical condition in which the skin becomes inflamed with blisters that causes itching. (6)
- 19) City in Brittany the site of a naval base. (5)
- 20) Acronym of a rail workers union. (5)
- 22) Forename of the heroine of My Fair Lady. (5)
- 23) Chess piece that can be taken en passant. (4)

All puzzle answers on page 28

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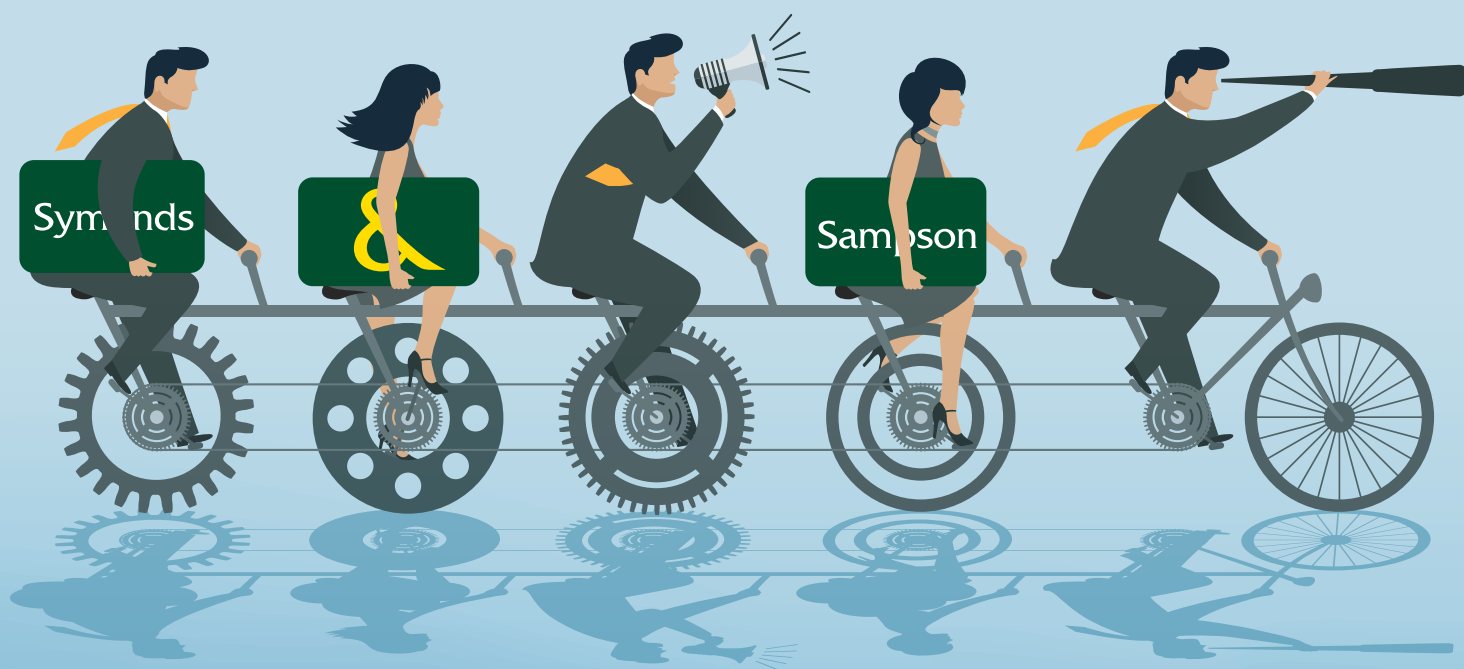
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