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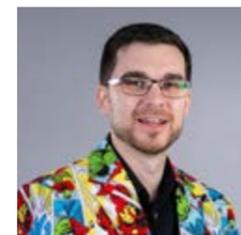
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It takes about 40 people, all of whom are volunteers, to collate and deliver The Marnhull Messenger to every home and business in the village. We are extremely grateful to this dedicated team, without whom the magazine simply would not flourish.

Whilst we always aim to deliver the magazine by the 1st of the month, from time to time illness, family commitments and a myriad of other personal issues can sometimes get in the way, resulting in the occasional late delivery. Recently, there have been a few complaints from villagers, because they felt their copy of The Marnhull Messenger was delivered late.

It might be worth pointing out that if it is essential to you to receive the Marnhull Messenger by a particular date and it hasn't arrived, then the Church, the two pubs and all the businesses in the village have spare copies available.

Ian Gall – Chairman, The Marnhull Messenger Steering Group.



**WELCOME TO YOUR  
MARNHULL  
MESSENGER**

**CHRIS RYU**  
Messenger Editor

**WELCOME BACK MARNHULL!**

Another busy month and in some ways it almost feels a bit more "normal".

It's quite strange, but as I've been less active in the village during Covid, I've been finding it hard to think of what to write in this intro. It's really nice to see events starting back up, even if it is in a different format, but what with the new office, etc it'll be a while until I'm venturing out weekly!

**NEW PAPER TRIAL**

Some of you will notice that the Messenger feels thinner this issue - don't panic! It's the same number of pages, but we're trialling a thinner paper for the rest of this year. Surprisingly, this doesn't carry any real cost savings, but it does bring other benefits.

Firstly, the magazine is lighter, so our generous distribution volunteers won't end up looking like Popeye! Each magazine is nearly 40% lighter and when you are carrying 25 it'll be noticeable ;-)

This also has a knock on effect - more magazines will fit in a box now, making it easier to move around the village and the reduction in weight will of course also reduce our carbon footprint.

We did have a couple of comments when we went full colour, that some residents found it difficult to read under a lamp due to the gloss coating, so this trial paper carries a matt finish.

The glossy paper was easily recycled and this matt finish is recycled in the exact same manner - just pop it in your recycling bin, line pet cages, protect work tops, etc just like you always do.

**NEW EDITOR STILL REQUIRED**

A new Editor is still being looked for, but for the time-being I'm delighted to continue... just with the help of some of my lovely team at Dorset Tech.

**Stay safe Marnhull - looking forward to seeing you all soon**

**SUBMIT YOUR EVENTS INTO  
A LIVE CALENDAR**

On the messenger website and they'll be added to this diary in the next issue!

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**STURMINSTER NEWTON MEDICAL CENTRE**



**Staff**

Another experienced GP has joined the Practice, Dr Amabelle Mitchell-Innes and this takes the total number of GPs to 15. It's interesting to note that in addition to the GPs, other Practice staff who can be consulted include -

- 4 Nurse practitioners
- 2 Paramedics
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- 7 Health Care Assistants

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Social prescribing works for a wide range of people, including people:

- with one or more long-term conditions
- who need support with their mental health
- who are lonely or isolated
- who have complex social needs which affect their wellbeing.

Also Dr Julia Cornish and Sara Froud, Practice Manager are now Partners of the Blackmore Vale Practice.

**Walking For Health**

The Practice organise a walk every Monday at 2.00 pm starting at Sturminster Newton Medical Centre. There are usually three leaders, one at the front, one in the middle and one at the back and they make sure everyone is well looked after.

If there are a lot of people, the walkers are sometimes split or those who cannot walk as well as others, may go off on a shorter walk. The walk is usually for about an hour and is suitable for most people. Sometimes just around Sturminster if it is muddy underfoot and sometimes across fields. For more information contact Babs on 07857 302101

**Accessing Mental Health Support**

Coronavirus has changed life for all of us. For some people, these changes can be difficult to cope with. Health concerns, ongoing uncertainty or financial difficulty can all lead to us feeling much more stressed, worried or low. Everyone's situation is different but talking about what you are going through, can help. This could be to a friend, relative or a colleague. If you're struggling to cope, Dorset has a mental health helpline called Connection, which is on hand 24/7 to give advice and support with any mental health concerns you have. You can also speak to them if you are worried about someone else. Call Connection on 0300 123 5440 or visit the Connection website for more information.

**Facebook Live!**

The Practice has been using Facebook to have live conversations with experts about a variety of conditions and concerns, which include patients' questions. Follow these on Facebook, or the Practice website where you will receive notifications of upcoming sessions and then watch them live on [www.facebook.com/bvpgps](http://www.facebook.com/bvpgps) or [www.TheBlackmoreVale.co.uk](http://www.TheBlackmoreVale.co.uk) and you can also send in your questions in advance. Recordings of previous sessions are available on the Practice website and Facebook page.

**Covid 19 Testing**

It is really important to stress that the Practice is unable to arrange a test for Covid 19. If you need to access a test, then please call 119 or go to <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>

**VILLAGE HALL UPDATE**

It's been a quiet month at the Village Hall, the Contractors have been waiting for the gas pipe to be redirected to allow completion of some internal work and this was completed at the beginning of September.

They have also been waiting for the delivery of the fixtures and fittings for the new toilets together with the glazing for the hall extension. Now that these have arrived you will see by the time you read this, huge improvements to the Hall together with the new Terrace going out from the extension.

Behind the scenes new Health & Safety Policies are being drawn up and COVID procedures completed to allow the hall to be used safely. It is hoped by next month we can report on all this improvements and hopefully start considering when the hall can be re-opened.

The Village Hall Trustees



**VILLAGE HALL UPDATE OF BUILDING WORK**

From the Hall Trustees

Work has been forging ahead over the last few weeks. If you have been up to the Rec you will see that the framework and glazing on the new extension is now completed and makes a fantastic improvement.

Inside the main hall the new windows give so much light. The new floor to this extension is being completed.

Inside, all the building work for the new toilets has been completed, just the usual finishing off and painting.

The original men's toilets has been turned into a storage area and now that plastering has been completed, the hanging of the doors and painting can be started.

So, what's left to do, still a long list but the end is in sight:- the wooden cladding to the new extension, the new flooring to the main hall, fixtures and fittings to the toilets and painting, these are just the main areas. Very soon work on building the new terrace in front of the extension will commence.

Behind all this work, Chris Drake and her fantastic team have been raising money which will go towards buying and paying for all those items not covered in the building budget, such as; new main curtains, chairs & tables, paving for the terrace etc.

All the Terms & Conditions for hiring are been updated and new H&S policies being prepared.

The Trustees are working on the Covid safe strategy for when the Hall reopens.

And the burning question as to when the Hall will re-open is it is hoped the end of Nov - but with all building work there could always be the unexpected delay.

**THE VILLAGE HALL FUNDRAISING GROUP**

Undaunted by the ever changing Covid regulations, that appeared faster than any weeds in the garden, the Fundraising team managed to still organise several successful events over the summer, that raised over £2,000.00 towards the Village Hall Building Fund.

The first initiative, which was the inspiration of Helen Butler, was the **GARDEN CAFES**.

A total of 74 villagers visited ten Marnhull gardens in small groups of just 5 people and enjoyed morning coffee, afternoon tea or early evening drinks. A grand total of £780.00 was raised through these events. Social distancing proved a source of amusement to many in its inventiveness, more akin to Mrs Overall in the tea shop in the TV comedy "Acorn Antiques".

On the 19 August, which proved to be one of the wettest days of the year, we held our first **POP-UP PICNIC** at the Village Hall Recreation ground and raised £886.00, including some individual donations. And what an amazing day it was and such a success. From the start we knew we were going to get wet but that was a lot of rain.

At 12 o'clock the first, rather bedraggled customers, walked up to the Car Park but were greeted by such happy, smiley volunteers that they couldn't refuse our invitations to part with their money! And they just kept coming steadily after that for the next two hours. The 'Sponsor a Slab' towards the terrace costs proved to be an enormous success, although Phil Calcott observed we would need a lot more slabs than we had on the board, but the idea captured the imagination of everyone who came and we were soon adding multiple names to slabs.

The vendors did a terrific job in setting the atmosphere and success of the event. They were all delighted by the amount they sold, again much more than they had anticipated, which bodes well for our fundraising. Gia from Box Pizza said he sold more pizzas than a usual Friday or Saturday night and Dan from the Happy Meat Company, with his first ever Hog Roast, was delighted with sales. Alan Mash underestimated the bulldog nature of Marnhull villagers as he sold out of pies within the first hour and was worried about having to go home and start baking for the next day's market sales!

We had barely had time to dry our clothes when we were asked if we would like to run another picnic! Our band of volunteers from the Marnhull Community Choir kindly offered their services again to run a second event.

On 26 September, which was thankfully a sunny, dry day, we set up in the Rec for the **FOOD HEROES DRIVE-IN PICNIC**. Gia and the Box Pizza and Dan from the Happy Meat Company returned and were joined by the Arctic Cow with their fresh rolled ice cream. All three vendors again generously donated 10% of their sales to the fundraising effort. Unfortunately, the Truckle Truck had to pull out at the last minute and there were a few disappointed customers who had been looking forward to the Raclette with potato!

There was a new spin on the Sponsor a Slab with a colourful wheel inviting customers to spin to identify the value of their donation. The fine weather helped with bar sales raising double on the Pop-up sales. There were 132 attendees during the afternoon, and we raised £621.00.

Covid has certainly challenged us all over the past seven months but we have enjoyed running the events and been able to operate within all the government regulations, keeping our customers and volunteers safe whilst enjoying themselves. It made it all worthwhile when we received the following message from one of our customers who attended the Pop-up Picnic .....

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Would just like to express my thanks for a wonderful lunch time experience. Met some wonderful people, enjoyed delicious food, and felt proud to live in such a community spirited village. Thank you so much to everyone involved for making this possible. The rain did not matter.

**LOOKING AHEAD**

The Village Hall Committee has told me that along with other grants and donations our fundraising group's efforts and all the generous support we have received, have so far enabled the Village Hall to proceed with two significant additions to the main works:

- The terrace (including of course slabs!) with a balustrade with access from the Hall and leading directly onto the recreation ground
- Upgrading to the existing building, specifically the main hall decor and the entrance lobby.

As has long been known, at the end of all the work, further fundraising is needed to bring everything up to the standard of the new toilets and the extension. The remaining items include:

- New gable end wall curtains giving natural light, privacy and black out facilities depending on users' varying needs
- Additional tables and chairs for the increased space.
- Replacement main entrance doors
- Further interior improvements

The total cost is up to £10,000, and we are looking forward to your continuing support in raising some of this. Thank you Marnhull for all your support and we will be back with more exciting ideas and events to entertain you, whilst raising funds for the Village Hall.

The Fundraising Team





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**MARNHULL GREEN TEAMS**

Marnhull Green Teams - Taking the environment around Marnhull seriously - Have been making good progress as this strange year goes on.

Printed copies of our recycling guide for the Marnhull area are now available at the village shops and at The Hub: We ask for a minimum donation of £2 a copy to cover the printing cost and raise funds for our other work. You can also find the guide online at [www.marnhullmessenger.org.uk/green-marnhull](http://www.marnhullmessenger.org.uk/green-marnhull), or you can request a free PDF copy by emailing us at [marnhullgreen@outlook.com](mailto:marnhullgreen@outlook.com).

At the Sodom Lane Allotments our community plot continues to thrive, and our fruit trees project is coming along nicely too. Meadow grass has now been sown, and we will soon be planting the trees. This project will:

- Conserve traditional and local fruit varieties
- Be managed organically
- Be wildlife-friendly
- Be accessible to all at reasonable times
- Enable sharing of horticulture and wildlife support skills, and
- Offer a fruit harvest that can be shared, leaving a tithe for wildlife.

Would you like to be involved? We need a few more sponsors to help us buy and look after the trees, and volunteers to help with planting and ongoing care. Any and all help gladly received!

We still have oak saplings for sale, although over 60 have already found homes. Want to join in? We have team members who can advise on where to plant and how to look after them, if that's needed. Contact details are below.

As this month's Marnhull Messenger goes to press, so will Marnhull Green Teams! We are experimenting with the production of pasteurised Marnhull apple juice this year. If the experiment works there should be some bottles of juice for sale, and we hope to increase output next year. Another plan for the future is to arrange an eco trail, adapted to social distancing guidance, of course. The idea is to have people with experience of green matters - whether it's solar panels or an electric car, making a meadow or caring for trees, the 3 R's (Reducing, Reusing, Recycling) or anything else that helps the environment - available at home or other village locations on a specific day, to answer questions and share ideas. This is a work-in-progress: Watch for further details!

Finally, as winter advances, would you like to know where your house is leaking heat? One of our members has a thermal camera which will help you check. You can arrange a visit in exchange for a small donation to our funds.

Every and any donation helps with our work. Marnhull Green Teams have a justgiving page - or you can make a direct bank transfer. Please email [marnhullgreen@outlook.com](mailto:marnhullgreen@outlook.com) or phone (01258) 268714 for our bank details - or if you'd like to plant an oak or buy a bottle of apple juice, book a heat-loss check, pick up a recycling guide, or express interest in our eco trail!

And please do get in touch if you'd just like to know more about Marnhull Green Teams. Everyone's welcome. Let's make Marnhull even greener.



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Despite being the 80th Anniversary of the Battle of Britain our sortie rate for fund raising this year, as with all charities, has been sorely curtailed by Covid-19. With crews grounded there has been no patrolling superstores and businesses, no friendly passes house to house, no festivals for targets, yet, we have managed to make approaching £5000 for the welfare of those that serve, have served and their dependents. The response to initiatives and the selfless personal generosity of so many has been both incredibly inspiring and deeply humbling. Our deepest and most sincere gratitude goes to all that have made this mission success possible.

Thank you! We will get airborne again!

Ad Astra

Tony Edmunds

**ROYAL BRITISH LEGION**



We have a small piece of good news to report this month. We have a volunteer to take over from Brian Green as Club Treasurer. In fact amazingly we had two applicants, but the one chosen is a Marnhull resident which will make life much simpler. We will announce the name following the AGM in November. Brian will be a hard act to follow but after 27 years he has done 'his bit' and more and we all wish him well.

As the deadline for this issue is the 14th October arrangements for Remembrance Day are still not finalised but rest assured there will be something but obviously not as it has been done for decades past. It will be outside at our usual time of 3pm and there will be an opportunity for wreath laying by organisation that wish to do so. The best I can say is watch out for announcements on the Marnhull page on Facebook. Whatever it is please wear masks and observe social distancing. We have been comparatively disease free here so let's keep it that way.

As most of you should be aware now Poppy Appeal Organiser Val Eslick has been told to curtail the appeal this year but she has some 2020 Poppy badges for a suggested donation of £2. You can contact her on 820619 or me on the number below if you would like one. Other donations can be made online if you like to travel that route.

Remembrance Sunday is November 8th and it would be nice to see some flags or something in windows as our normal observance ceremony will not be possible.

There will also be the two minutes silence at the memorial on November 11th at 11am social distancing again please.

The Club is still opening on Fridays and Saturdays with the 5pm opening on fish n chip day proving quite popular.

Keep well and stay safe

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**ST GREGORYS CHURCH**



On September 11th 2019 I was licensed by the Bishop of Sherborne to this parish of St Gregory's Marnhull and, although only 16 miles away from my previous incumbency in Yeovil, to a totally different diocese and deanery. During these past 12 months we have seen extraordinary changes within British society, including the final Brexit plans, widespread winter flooding and summer heath fires and then the emerging new COVID-19 global

pandemic, with the resultant nationwide 3 month lockdown, the deathly impact on nearly 50,000 people and their families, as well as on every aspect of life- including the life of the Christian church. So it's been an interesting first year here -especially when full national lockdown meant no gathered church worship for 4 months, including the major festivals of Easter and Pentecost.

Practically speaking, the pandemic has thrown us all onto technology far quicker than a lot of us would have imagined; it has caused clergy to re-imagine worship, prayer and pastoral care as well as mission and general ministry as being both online and live and to this end, I set up a weekly email letter, a pastoral care phone contact system and have used the newly updated website and Facebook pages to communicate to the parish, with the help of a number of willing volunteers- thank you to you all. I have also transferred school worship onto Zoom this term, as well as having had school governors' meetings online.

During this year we have seen some comings and goings including Sue as our administrator and Stephen as our organist. Our heartfelt thanks to them both. We have also had to say a final sad goodbye to two much loved retired priests Dave Treby and Peter Colebrook and several other well respected villagers whose funerals took place over the year. We have had one wedding before lockdown affected the summer weddings and I hope that in the coming year we will see an increase in both weddings and baptisms which are wonderful life affirming events.

As a PCC we have had to meet online via Zoom as well as being given permission to make smaller decisions with consensus via email. However we have been able to see a few jobs done including the leaking sacristy roof and the Safari-style church Fete was a resounding success. The summer Fete and autumn Gift Day which this year to be on Advent Sunday 29th November (see below) are our main way of topping up the funds to enable us to meet our financial obligations to the Diocese of £3000 per month in Parish Share, as well as the heating, lighting and maintenance bills etc. all of which has to be found from the congregation alone. As for many churches this has been a challenge during covid19 which has adversely affected our income. If you are able to support our Gift Day that would be very much appreciated. I would like to say a very big thank you to Stephen and Pat our Churchwardens, Elizabeth our Sacristan and everyone who has been involved in some way with the life of our church over the past 12 months and in these unusual and challenging times- humour, efficiency and pragmatism have been evident in abundance.

One of my first responses to the pandemic was to affirm the timelessness of God, expressed in Hebrews 13:8 Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever because it reminded me that although human life may change, sometimes very rapidly, the nature of God never changes, the person of Jesus Christ continues to open his arms to the world and the Holy Spirit continues to speak into our hearts and minds.

With every blessing  
Revd Gaenor Hockey, Associate Priest.

**Live Church Services for November 2020**

**Sunday 1st November. All Saints and All Souls**

8am - Traditional Communion  
10am - Parish Eucharist  
4pm - All Souls Service

**Wednesday 4th November**

9am - Morning Prayer  
11am - Monthly Holy Communion

**Sunday 8th November. Remembrance Sunday**

8am - Traditional Communion  
10am - Parish Eucharist  
3pm - Remembrance Service outside the War memorial (limited numbers only)

**Wednesday 11th November**

9am - Morning Prayer  
10.45am - Armistice Day service outside the War memorial (limited numbers only)

**Sunday 15th November**

8am - Traditional Communion  
10am - Parish Eucharist

**Wednesday 18th November**

9am - Morning Prayer

**Sunday 22nd November**

8am - Traditional Communion  
10am - Parish Eucharist

**Wednesday 25th November**

9am - Morning Prayer

**Sunday 29th November Advent Sunday Church Gift Day**

8am - Traditional Communion  
10am - Family Advent Service

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**FROM THE BISHOP OF RAMSBURY**



**Though the grass may wither**

Autumn arrives and, with it, Creationtide - as our extended harvest season is now known. The lawn's still growing, though - a job I'll miss when things turn colder. For such a noisy task, I have

always found mowing the grass an ideal aid to reflection.

This is partly because doing so brings me close to my late father, with whom I shared mowing duties at home. The smell of four-star slugging into an old Mountfield, its snarling start-up (after several sweaty tugs on the recoil cord) and a gardening jacket itched with clippings: these things ground me, somehow. Our years, we are reminded by the Psalmist, 'fade away suddenly like the grass. In the morning it is green and groweth up, but in the evening it is cut down, dried up and withered'. I have read these lines - with their evergreen hook, 'the days of our age are threescore years and ten' - at untold funerals over the years, placing the seasons of life into the hands of our creator. And there is comfort indeed in knowing the Lord's great faithfulness in all things. A simple task, close to the soil, is a great opportunity to pray. The physical exercise keeps us just occupied enough to divert the usual distractions, leaving the mind and heart free to ascend a little. Being with God at such times - in quiet awareness of his company, or in ordinary conversation - is a settling thing and I commend it to you, while the weeks allow us still to be outside. Thus grounded, we shall be able to face whatever the winter brings.

Andrew Rumsey

**THE METHODIST CHURCH**

**Sunday Worship**

We are beginning to get more used to the twice a month 'Covid-19 limited' services which we have been holding in our church. Not being permitted to enjoy the great Methodist tradition of congregational hymn singing remains a big disappointment for most of us, but our trio of musicians, Hayden, Pam and Sally, have wonderfully accepted the challenge of providing beautiful music on the organ or piano to welcome us as we assemble and to accompany a time of reflection before we depart. We have also been learning to study and consider the words of some of our hymns while we read them together with more care than we sometimes take when we are concentrating on singing. The reminder of the sheer poetic beauty of the verses and of the deep meaning behind them has been a welcome re-discovery. Listening to the tune played by one of our musicians after reading the verses helps us to appreciate even more the way the two art forms work together to glorify God.

On the Sundays when we are not meeting in church, service notes prepared by the Methodist Church are available by e-mail or hard-copy so that we may continue to pray and study in our homes at the usual service time of 10:00 am as we have done throughout the past months. These notes are also available to anyone who is unable to attend the services in the church under the Covid-19 restrictions.

The other major disappointment of the social distancing restrictions is that we are unable to accommodate more people than our regular congregation. This hit us particularly hard as we planned our services for the remainder of this year when we normally welcome many friends from other churches and from the village. We shall be particularly thinking of you all and praying for a return to happier times next year on the following occasions.

**Harvest. 25th October**

Led by Mr. Geoff Chapman, we shall once again consider God's gifts to us through the harvest and remember especially those people and areas where food supply is limited and difficult. Because of the problems of collecting and distributing gifts of food under Covid restrictions, this year we are holding a special collection of money which will be sent to help supply and distribute food in Yemen where the war has caused the world's worst humanitarian disaster. This will be sent via the Disasters Emergency Committee.

**Remembrance Day. 8th November**

Rev. Margaret Oxenham will lead us in a service beginning at 10:30 instead of the usual 10:00. This will allow us to join with the whole country in the two minute silence at 11:00 to remember the victims of all wars, past and present.

**Church Anniversary. 6th December**

What a different world we live in from last year when we joined with the Marnhull Community Choir, celebrity soloists and many friends from the village in that wonderful evening of music to celebrate the 120th anniversary of our church building! This year, as a congregation, we shall remember with love and thanks all those who have served our church in past years and commit ourselves to continue to serve God in worship and service whatever the future holds.

**Youth Work**

Girls Brigade continues to meet weekly from 6.00 pm on Wednesdays via Zoom. They also hope to meet in person once a half term. For more information, contact the Captain, Rachael Findlay on 07771 897262.

**Hire the Hall.**

At present our church hall may only be used by arrangement with groups or organisations who can guarantee to follow all Covid-19 government regulations. For information, contact Mrs. Marlene Plowman on 01258 820869.

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**Significant dates in November**

**1 - All Saints**

The Solemnity of All Saints celebrates all those who are in Heaven, in the light of God's face - both those recognised by the Church as saints and those known only to the Lord. We ask for their intercession and we strive to follow their example, so that we too can fulfil our vocation to be saints.

**2 - All Souls**

Today we pray for the souls of the faithful departed and remember particularly those we have known and loved.

**8 - Remembrance Sunday**

For all those who have died through war, or acts of violence in defence of our country.

**9 - Dedication of the Lateran Basilica**

The Church celebrates the feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica, the oldest of the four major basilicas in Rome. The Basilica of St. John Lateran is the cathedral of the diocese of Rome, the official ecclesiastical seat of the Holy Father, the Bishop of Rome, not St. Peter's Basilica as so many mistakenly believe. In ancient Rome this was the church where everyone was baptized. It is the oldest church in the West, built in the time of Constantine and consecrated by Pope Sylvester in 324.

**15 - World Day of the Poor**

For the protection and assistance of the poor.

**22 - Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**

The last Sunday in Ordinary Time

**22 - Youth Day**

For young people, may they grow in Christ; and for all who work with young people, that they show leadership and compassion.

**29 - First Sunday of Advent**

**30 - Saint Andrew, Apostle**

St Andrew (1st C) was born in Bethsaida and was a fisherman. He was originally a disciple of St John the Baptist before following Christ, bringing with him his brother, St Peter. After Pentecost he zealously preached the Gospel and was crucified at Patras (Greece).

**Parish People**

**Elizabeth Strachwitz-Hamilton** died on the 7th of October.  
**Theresa Mortimer** died on the 10th of October.

May they rest in peace.

**ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL**



St. Mary's Catholic  
Primary School

It is always wonderful to greet the children after the summer break and see them settle in their new routines however, this year was particularly special! Although we managed to get 85% of the school back before the summer, for some there had been a six month break, to have our entire family back together has been amazing. Despite the fact that the classes can't mix, the children have settled in well and we have managed a quick Zoom so all classes could give each other a wave.

I have been amazed and proud at how resilient our children have been. They have come back full of confidence and joy, telling tales of the things they enjoyed during lockdown. The press keep telling us that this could be 'the lost generation' but I can assure you, the children of St Mary's have come back bigger and better!

We have welcomed a new teacher to St Albans class. Mr Nathan Young will be teaching year 5/6 this year and we are all very excited to be working with such a creative teacher.

The whole school have started a new topic – All about me! We have been thinking about the children's experiences both recent and in the past. It has been wonderful to hear about their memories and begin to build some more through the new school year.

With the deadline for new parents to make choices on a school for their four year olds, we will be having an 'open door' policy at school. Any prospective parents are welcome to call the school on 01258 820417 to talk to us about what we can offer your child. We also have places in Preschool. We look forward to welcoming you to our school community.

Best wishes,  
Charlotte Targett  
Headteacher

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The children of St Mary's have had a great half term! I have been amazed and proud at how resilient our children have been. They have come back full of confidence and joy, telling tales of the things they enjoyed during lockdown. The press keep telling us that this could be 'the lost generation' but I can assure you, the children of St Mary's have come back bigger and better!

St Francis Class came back to school fizzing with energy and have already enjoyed creating a Magic Box to put their amazing poems in and loved our "Let's Get Creative" topic launch with pebble painting, drama and digital music composition. Artwork has taken off with fantastic number art creations. All the children have really enjoyed seeing what has been growing in the garden over the summer – we have harvested lots of beans, giant courgettes, cucumbers, tomatoes and raspberries. We are looking forward to having an even better harvest next year!



St Alban's class have been busy producing many fantastic pieces of work. They have written their own suspense stories inspired by their class novels 'The Nowhere Emporium', explored the most populated countries around the world in Maths, as well as using all four operations to solve problems. As part of their topic this term, they have also been making their own Maya inspired masks out of clay and creating their own musical theme tunes on the chrome books.

In St Anthony's, our Reception/Year One mixed aged class, it's lovely seeing the older children supporting the younger children's transition into school. They have been amazingly caring towards their peers. They have enjoyed books with a monstrous theme, 'The Colour Monster' was an opportunity to explore all our weird and wonderful emotions. It was lovely hearing the children's advice for the colour monster explaining how to handle his mixed up emotions. Their next whole class book was 'Emily Brown and the Thing' and the children could really relate to the Things' bedtime troubles and enjoyed discovering some magical story settings. It was fun visiting the 'Weird Witches' cavern and mixing up our own medicines. This then also enabled them to discuss the safety rules related to medication. Computers and technology are used to support many different areas of the curriculum, the children particularly enjoyed exploring where they live using Google Earth and were delighted to find our school. In RE they have reflected on the importance of their family and thinking about how they show love to those in their home and school families.



St Mark's class have been thoroughly enjoying their weekly music lessons and have been learning how to play a musical instrument, through the Dorset Music Service. The children have each been given their own Ukulele to learn and play, during these weekly sessions. They have been learning about the four different strings and familiarising themselves with how they can create different sounds, beats and pitches using the Ukulele. The children have had the opportunity to work as a whole class to perform a selection of short songs and have taken great pride and enjoyment from playing individually and as a whole class. They sound fantastic and it has been wonderful to see them learning an exciting new skill. With the deadline for new parents to make choices on a school for their four year olds, we will be having an 'open door' policy at school. Any prospective parents are welcome to call the school on 01258 820417 to talk to us about what we can offer your child. We also have places in Preschool. We look forward to welcoming you to our school community. This is my final contribution to the Marnhull Messenger as Headteacher of St Mary's. After 8 very happy years at the school I will be moving on. I have enjoyed every minute of my time both in school and with the Marnhull community. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all who have supported the school over those years and will enjoy watching it continue to go from strength to strength!

**Charlotte Targett**  
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The children have enjoyed exploring colours and emotions using our class book 'Colour Monster'. It's a lovely book which supports the children in developing the vocabulary to communicate their feelings to others. The children were able to sort by colours and some could name their colours. We have introduced a Curiosity Corner to our setting to promote curiosity, communication, investigation and discussion. The focus within the corner changes every two weeks. Some of our favourites so far have been an old cuddly bear and the electrical components from a computer.



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**Hedgehog Blog**



**FIRST DAYS.** Hedgehog class have now had a few weeks to settle in and our brand new reception children have done remarkably well, here they are resplendent in their new uniforms. We are certain they will love their journey throughout their time at St Greg's, and what better way to start school life than with Mrs Barge.



The class has a theme this half term - Paws, Claws and Whiskers, they've been talking about their own pets and have created this wonderful art work, what a talented bunch they are. Perhaps lockdown has allowed for some artistic license at home?

From home animals to more wild and even dangerous creatures, our theme has broadened to Zoo animals and Monsters. A particular high point was a dance created by the children entitled 'Going to the Zoo.'



**Owls on the Prowl**

Our topic this half term is Street Detectives, our budding sleuths started in earnest during the second week of term, on a very balmy Tuesday morning. Mrs Cook-Paine dressed in a trench coat/rain mac, donned a cap, magnifying glass, notepad and armed with a pen in hand led the class to all corners of the village. The chief goal was for the children to discover the village up close rather than just through photo's. A photo trail was laid for the children to follow, using obscure parts of buildings, sign posts and areas along our walk for the children to spot. To be a detective you need to be observant!



We had a lovely time meeting locals, at a social distance of course, and discovering new facts about our local environment. One such encounter was in the churchyard, meeting a grandparent of a boy in class; Isaac's Nanny led the class to the back of the church and pointed out a tiny piece of glass in the back wall that had been placed there by his great-great-Grandfather to detect if the church was suffering subsidence. A chance encounter with a local Master Thatcher plying his trade, led to an impromptu Q&A session about his work, helping stimulate a discussion about old and new houses in the village. All in all a lovely morning exploring the history and sights of Marnhull. Class have also linked their English writing to this topic launch and created instructions on how to be a street detective. Design and Technology work has been to create models of the important landmarks around the village so that we a model village of our journey can be created. In P.E. we have been learning new tennis skills especially how to control the ball using the racket and hitting the ball over a net to our partner.

Fiddly finger activities continue to be a daily focus developing the important skills needed later for writing and drawing. It was great seeing the children using tweezers to free the bugs from our spider web, they showed great determination and super precision. The children have enjoyed exploring the great outdoors and the children have been delighted to find conkers under our trees.

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



**ST GREGORY'S C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL**



**JOKE OF THE MONTH selected by Hedgehogs class.**

Q. What's black and white, black and white, black and white?  
A. A penguin rolling down a hill.

**THERE'S NO TIME LIKE PLAYTIME - IT'S THE HAPPIEST TIME**

During the summer holidays our playground undertook a transformation. We waved bye-bye to the lifeless concrete jungle of last year and hello to a vibrant and engaging space that encourages the children to stay active during playtime! I'm sure you'll agree that it makes for a cheery sight. Along with our swimming pool we look forward to a time when all of our outdoor facilities can be used to their full potential.



**#HELLO YELLOW** St Greg's fully supported World Mental Health Day on the 6th October – how did we do this, well a call to yellow was answered by the children as they all turned up to school resplendent in yellow. Our children's mental health and wellbeing has been truly tested these last 8-9 months, all have shown a resilience that is hugely uplifting. We should not and do not take our children's health for granted and this was a great occasion to just remind ourselves that our children, despite appearing spirited, still need to know they have many people looking out for them. We raised £85 for this wonderful cause so well done everyone.

**THE VOICE OF THE PEOPLE SHOULD BE VOICED** Our new Pupil leadership team has been busy planning events for each of the schools safety bubbles, life goes on despite the restrictions. This year's team is led by Beatrice, Taylor and Cody, each of whom have taken on roles with great enthusiasm and with a commitment to ensuring that all children at St Gregory's have a pupil voice. Mrs Field very much looks forward to working with them this year.

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**GIFT DAY - ST GREGORY'S CHURCH**

**An invitation to contribute to St Gregory's Church Marnhull GIFT DAY - SUNDAY 29TH NOVEMBER 2020**  
SERVICES AT: 8AM - TRADITIONAL COMMUNION & 10AM - FAMILY WORSHIP FOR ADVENT

Standing like a sentinel over the village and its surroundings, the tower of St Gregory's Church reminds us of our past, of the way our community holds together in the present, and it bids us look forward hopefully to the future.

It is there for everyone in the village, whether they come week by week to join the congregation, or whether they pop in alone for a moment or two of quiet reflection, or come to mark key moments of life, such as a marriage or a funeral.

During the pandemic the church is open for Sunday services and private prayer on Wednesday morning and the congregation (together with those of our sister churches in the village) take seriously our duty to offer worship and prayer on behalf of all parishioners, day by day and Sunday by Sunday.

The maintenance of such a special building is no small responsibility. We need to ensure that it is safe, accessible and fit for purpose for 21st century use.

To this end we are still looking to re-wire the church, to renovate the kitchen area and create a new social space for when we can gather again. This is why we ask you, together with all those people of good will in the parish, to help us through our Gift Day once again this year.

Please give as generously as you are able. Cheques, made payable to St Gregory's Church PCC, can be taken to the church on Gift Day, 29th November during the services only.. Alternatively, your gift could be left at the Rectory or in the envelope supplied with this letter, at any time.

If you would like to help St Gregory's in other ways, or if we can help you in any way, please do not hesitate to get in touch: my telephone no. is 01258 821605.

With very best wishes,  
and thanks in anticipation of your help,

Revd Gaenor Hockey

**ST GREGORY'S CHURCH SAFARI FETE**

Do you remember way back to August Bank Holiday Monday and our Safari Fete?

We had a wonderful day, the weather was great, the people of Marnhull turned out in great numbers and everyone enjoyed themselves.

Cakes were sold out very quickly, raffle tickets were bought, the churchyard was explored, masses of plants were purchased and there was a real buzz around the Church.

As a result of your great generosity over £2,000 was raised for Church funds.

A big thank you to everyone from us all at St. Gregory's for all your support of our "new look" Church fete.

Thanks too for supporting the scarecrow competition it was wonderful to see how creative everyone had been.

**THE VALE PANTRY****The Vale Pantry – Press release**

The Vale Network (Blackmore Vale Partnership & Gillingham Medical Practice) and Cllr. Carole Jones have been busy over the last few weeks preparing for the opening of North Dorset's first community food pantry.

'The Vale Pantry' will be opening in Market Place, Sturminster Newton in early November in the shop previously occupied by Spear Travels, initially on Thursdays 5pm – 8pm and Saturdays 9am – 12pm.

For a weekly membership of £4.50, members will be able to choose a selection of food with a value of approx. £20 - £25 each week. The pantry's purpose is to help people top up their weekly shop, and the variety of food available will include fresh fruit and veg, store cupboard favourites, bread, dairy products as well as frozen items.

The Vale Network are delighted to be finance this much needed scheme which will provide a choice of good quality food to those who may for whatever reason need a little bit of help with their weekly shop. Jane Dawes, Managing Partner of The Blackmore Vale Partnership said 'The Vale Pantry will provide volunteering opportunities and also reduce food waste and we are delighted to be able to support our local community with this initiative.'

The shop premises have kindly been made available due to the generosity of John Romans Park Homes Ltd and Spear Travels.

**How do I become a member?**

Membership forms and full details will be available to download on The Vale Pantry website or Facebook page very soon. There will also be a couple of sign up days at the shop. Please keep an eye on social media for updates or make contact by telephone or email, details below.

**How can I help/be involved?**

Volunteers are required to help with accepting food deliveries, sorting stock, admin and helping in the shop. Please do get in touch – training will be provided.

The Pantry's food supply will initially come from the national charitable food redistributor 'Fareshare'. However, if you have an allotment or are a local business which finds itself with surplus food supplies, The Vale Pantry would love to hear from you.

**Contact Details**

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**1ST MARNHULL COMPANY OF THE GIRLS' BRIGADE**

I don't know about you, but I have been determined that the Corona Virus, is not going to undermine everything that I hold precious, value and enjoy.

There may have been some staple parts of life which have been changed, maybe forever but the things that are in my control to care for I have tried to manage and pull through intact. One of those things is the Girls' Brigade group I run in Marnhull, affiliated to the Methodist Church.

I have been in GB all my life and have been the Team Leader in Marnhull for 20 years, the group starting in 1993. One of the joys of GB for all the leaders, is helping the girls who attend to learn about getting the best out of life, through faith, family, friendships, community and their own health and wellbeing.

It's hard to say how many girls from Marnhull and the surrounding villages and towns have been through GB, one day I'll work it out but right now, my priority has been to ensure that GB keeps going and keeps providing fun for many more girls into the future.

And that is why I am writing...

I have a huge thank you to announce to the Marnhull Messenger Committee who have given Marnhull Girls' Brigade a grant to help fulfil our covid-safe survival plan.

Like other groups, businesses and meetings, everything came to a sudden stop back in March. After a few weeks to get our heads into gear and to realise that this was going to be longer than a pit-stop, GB started trialling meeting via Zoom. It's not ideal but with so much to lose we couldn't just walk away.

Over the summer Risk Assessments were formed, agreements signed and plans made, all looked good for some face-to-face meetings and regular Zoom but one thing stood in our way - the cash! Girls' Brigade orientates around activities - games, craft, colouring, drawing, creating and the like.

The only way to do this on Zoom is to ensure the girls have craft packs at home to utilise during the sessions and then, to ensure no one shares equipment when we meet at the church, individual craft packs are the new 'in thing' for youth groups.

Who would believe how expensive buying so many individual sets would be! Add to this the price of ZoomPro, PPE and the shortfall from last year and money seemed to be the survival crunch point.

Anyway, the Marnhull Messenger came to the rescue, packs have been bought, Zoom is underway and when we can, face-to-face meetings are happening.

We are extremely grateful that our group is seen as having value within the village and we totally appreciate the support that is allowing us to battle Covid-19 and continue to providing entertainment and fun and friendship for our girls and any others who join us in the future.

We will pull through! Best wishes and blessings to you all,

Rachael Findlay on behalf of the Marnhull GB Leaders

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**PLEASE CALL: 07434 638485**

Marnhull Village Care Transport Service will provide drivers for hospital and surgery visits to all residents of Marnhull for a small charge (to cover motoring costs).

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If there is no answer on the above number, leave a message - including your number - and you will receive a call back as soon as possible.

It may also be possible to arrange transport for other uses, for example, eye tests, visits to the bank etc if alternatives cannot be found. Please call to discuss your requirements and we will help where possible.

We are a volunteer organisation, founded in the 1970's, to welcome newcomers into the village as well as offering help and support to all residents wherever possible.

For information regarding Road Contacts, please contact Trevor Vaughan: 01258 821636

For further information on MVC, please contact our administrator, Hilary Parker: 01258 821667

**CHRISTMAS CHILD OKEFORD ART TRAIL**

**November 27, 28 and 29, 2020  
11 am to 4 pm**

To bring some Christmas cheer to our village, 16 Artists, painters, potters, glass blowers and scarf makers are offering open studios to see and buy their work in a socially distanced way. Look out for our Child Okeford Art Trail Map which will be available in local shops etc and will help you stroll around our arty village. The cafe and pubs offer refreshments and will be open for the majority of this time. Please do come and support our event which will be in accordance with government guidelines.

**Admission Free****POPPIN CAFE**

Oh dear, as we write this piece COVID-19 seems to be on the rise again but despite this there is good news in that the Village Hall Extension and Improvement Project is coming on really well and we have no doubt that the finished product will be amazing! We are all so looking forward to the day when we can get back in to the hall and get it all set up with our spotty tablecloths and get serving coffee, teas and home-made cakes to you all! However, we are under no illusions that this may still be some way off but it will happen for sure! Until we all meet up again, keep safe everyone! Linda, Sue, Rosie, Jill, Lynda, Anne and Audrey.

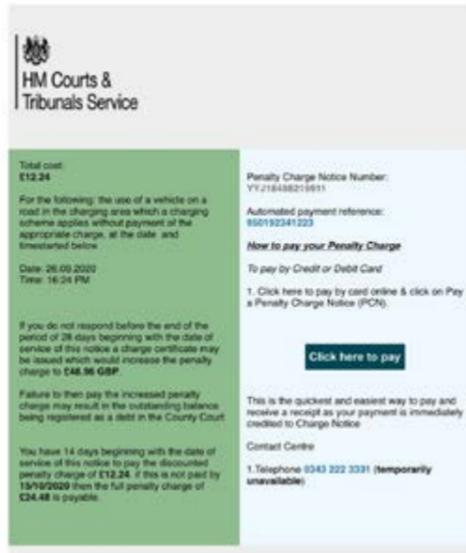
**SCAM EMAILS**

Two recent scam circulations have been brought to my attention which I thought I would pass on so you are aware and can advise vulnerable relatives:-

**1. Alleged Parking Violation.**

Attached (scam 1) is an image of a parking penalty notice being circulated electronically which, on the face of things appears valid until one examines the detail where it can be seen vehicle details are not shown etc. Retired colleagues may not necessarily fall for this one but friends and relatives might especially in these troubled times when highway authorities are creating all manner of additional restrictions (cycle and bus lanes etc). I thought it worth passing on to you.

Your fixed penalty notice Ref: YYJ18488219911



**2. Fake Delivery Advice.**

With the approach of Christmas and, indeed, a significant increase in home deliveries Royal Mail and Trading Standards are drawing attention to a repeat from last year of fake delivery notices being left in doors advising of a 'missed delivery' and inviting the recipient to call a premium number, which will result in a very high cost. Details are shown in the attached (scam 2). Worth noting and advising relatives and friends.



Finally, Amazon Brushing Scam

There is a warning of a new Amazon Brushing Scam doing the rounds. Caution is recommended if you receive unsolicited/unordered packages from Amazon Prime. In brevity it can suggest that you are a victim of 'identity theft' and you should change the credit card and associated password/PIN as soon as you are aware. If/when I get more concise information I will advise.

Best wishes,  
Tony Suter

SPRCA Welfare Coordinator

**NEWS FROM NICK**

Only 2 incidents to report since my last article; a smashed windscreen and criminal damage to a property.

**BANKING SCAM**

This scam was recently brought to my attention where a person purporting to be from the Fraud Team from Barclays bank contacted a resident, by phone, initially stating that there had been suspicious activity on their account, monies were transferred to an account to allegedly catch the fraudster. These callers are very convincing and can lull you into a false sense of security. Do not let these fraudsters steal your hard-earned money!

Your bank would **NEVER** contact you by phone and ask you to transfer funds.

**DO NOT ENGAGE WITH UNKNOWN CALLERS - YOU DO NOT KNOW WHO YOU ARE TALKING TO!**

**HANG UP ON FRAUDSTERS!**

The nights are drawing in..... Winter is approaching fast, dark mornings and evenings are upon us, as well as poor visibility there will be icy and muddy roads to contend with. Keep yourself and other road users safe by ensuring your vehicle lights are in working order, regularly check your tyre tread and pressures as well as keeping the screen wash topped up. Remember to drive to the conditions of the road.

**CYCLISTS**

If you or a member of your family is a cyclist, please make sure that your cycle is roadworthy with working lights and brakes. Wear a high visibility jacket as well as a cycle helmet for added protection. **KEEP SAFE!**

See what your local NPT have been up to by following our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/NorthandEastDorsetRuralPolice>

**PLEASE BE VIGILANT AND REPORT ANY SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY**

Report suspicious activity either to 101 or via the police website <https://www.dorset.police.uk/do-it-online#report>

If you need to contact your local NPT the email address is below this however is **NOT** for reporting crimes as it is not monitored 24/7.

If you need to report a crime the email address is above or you can phone 101. If a crime is occurring or a life is in danger phone 999.

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**Selling Fireworks Safely**

Guy Fawkes night is approaching, and many businesses are taking delivery of fireworks ready to supply their customers. Did you know the Explosives Regulations 2014 require businesses storing fireworks and other explosives to have a licence and to store fireworks safely?

Trading Standards grant licences according to the amount and type of explosive a business wants to store. Most fireworks sold to consumers are classed as 'hazard type 4' and a licence from us allows storage of up to 250kg of net explosive content. We also inspect business premises to ensure the proposed store is safe and compliant.

The outer transport packaging that fireworks are delivered to shops in help to keep fireworks safe. Ideally in shops fireworks should be kept in those same closed transport packages inside a locked storeroom that is used exclusively for the storage of fireworks.

It sounds obvious but fireworks should be stored away from combustible material such as cigarette lighters, but that includes other sources of ignition such as electrical fuse boards.

If a dedicated locked storeroom is not available then fireworks should be stored in their closed transport packaging away from the sales area in a fire-resistant cabinet, container, or suitable cage.

A lesser amount of fireworks can be displayed in a suitable display case in the shop floor area for customers to see, but no fireworks should be on display for sale outside of any shop display case.

It is also right to remember that it is illegal to sell fireworks or sparklers to any person under the age of 18 years old.

We want to help keep people safe while allowing businesses to sell fireworks in a safe and legal way. So, if you see firework sellers storing fireworks in a way that appears to you to be unsafe, or selling to people under 18 years old, then we'd like to hear about that promptly please.

You can report it to us via the Citizens Advice consumer helpline on freephone 0808 223 1133.

If you are a business thinking of selling fireworks then further advice on how to do that safely can be obtained from our website:

<https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/business-consumers-licences/licences-and-permits/explosives-licences/explosives-licence.aspx>

or by calling our business advice line on 01305 225063.



**FLOODING - NEED FOR URGENT ACTION**

We are very fortunate to live in a beautiful and verdant part of Dorset with the village located in the Blackmore Vale – Thomas Hardy's Vale of the Little Dairies. The greenness and productivity of the land is largely due to our climate and to regular rainfall.

As the village has been extended over the years and as agricultural practices have changed there have been more regular occurrences of flooding some of which has materially impacted residents.

Weather patterns have also changed with extreme weather events occurring more often. Combine this with cuts to budgets for Dorset Council in terms of maintaining highways and surface drainage and flooding is something we need to mitigate against as a community.

Now that Autumn approaches it is appropriate to highlight the responsibilities we all have for watercourses that run within our boundaries as residents. Maintaining these watercourses can help us minimise the impact of flooding.

A watercourse is any natural or artificial channel above or below ground through which water flows, such as a river, brook, beck, ditch, mill stream or culvert. If you have one of these within your boundary you are a "riparian landowner" with certain responsibilities for the watercourse unless it is clearly stated on your property deeds that the watercourse is the responsibility of a third party.

These responsibilities are fully set out in the Environment Agency publication "Living on the edge" and there is a wealth of information available via the Environment Agency subsection of the Gov.uk website including a flood risk resource whereby you can enter your specific post code and it will provide details on flood risk resource whereby you can enter your specific post code and it will provide details on localised flooding he likelihood of localised flooding.

So what should we all be doing to our watercourses before the weather turns and rainfall increases?

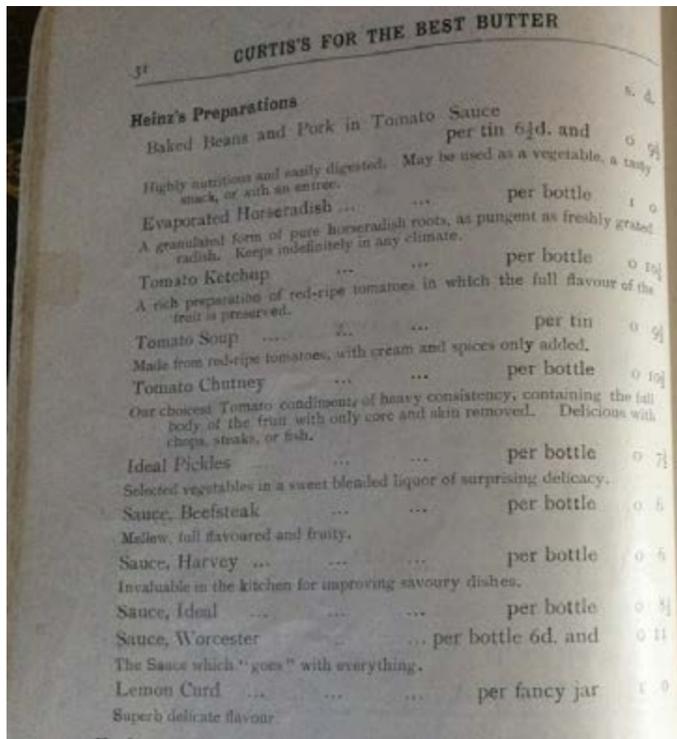
- Ensure the watercourse is maintained and that trees and shrubs growing on the banks are not impeding water flow and that debris is removed from the banks;
- Allow water to flow without obstruction, which may mean clearing debris from the watercourse (this is particularly relevant with culverts and ditches), even if the debris did not come from your land;
- Keeping bank and any structures clear of obstructions that could increase flood risk either on your land or downstream if it is washed away;
- Managing your own flood risk whilst seeking the relevant approvals for any structural changes.

This is something we need to actively embrace as a community.

The only certainty with our weather is it is unpredictable, but if we all ensure we maintain our watercourses we can minimise the adverse effects of flooding in our beautiful village.

**Steve Winder, Flood Warden, for and on behalf of Marnhull Parish Council**

**CURTIS'S STORES MARNHULL - 1913**



At the turn of the century Marnhull boasted a veritable department store where we now have The Curtain Man, James Colmer and The Hub.

Graham Humphreys found a copy of its catalogue from 1913 and here is one of the pages with the products on sale then, and I'm sure some of which can still be bought from Robin Hill Stores today.

What better to take a look at than Heinz to see how things have changed.

Anyone want to calculate the Heinz 57 price index from 1913 to 2020? Tomato ketchup and baked beans are obviously firm favourites over the generations, but whatever happened to Evaporated Horseradish?

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Do you need help with shopping, going to hospital or dentist for treatment or visiting a relation, feel lonely, just want a chat or some company for an hour or so? Whatever is of concern to you and you live in Marnhull Marnhull Village Care can help, we have a number of volunteers and professional people that are available all you have to do is ring any of the following numbers.

Car journeys Mrs Ann Davis 07434 638485  
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Behind closed doors and endeavouring to look after your pets can be a challenge as you advance in years or find an illness has restricted your ability to cope in the way you were once able, at any age. Recent events have sharpened our focus and it's great to be able to help members of the community, rewarding for all parties involved.

The Cinnamon Trust is a charity that slots perfectly into this space, helping out both pets and owners and also those of us who appreciate taking some exercise with a dog for company. If this sounds interesting please read further for more details and contact numbers.

**The Cinnamon Trust**  
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- Dog Walking
- Care - Any day to day pet care the owner can't manage.
- Short Term Fostering - For pets whose owners face a spell in hospital.
- Long Term Fostering - For pets whose owners have died or moved to residential accommodation which will not accept pets (by prior arrangement).
- The Pet Friendly Care Homes Register - The Trust's guide to care homes and sheltered housing that will welcome residents and their pets.

If you are interested in learning more about The Trust and how we could help you, please contact us at:  
Tel 01736 757 900  
Email: [volunteer@cinnamon.org.uk](mailto:volunteer@cinnamon.org.uk)  
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**DOWN** 1. Acute 2. Charleston 3. Taiiga 4. Flora 5. Riding 6. Arvo 9. Ravel 10. Orris 12. Matterhorn 13. Agate 14. Aphid 18. Arable 19. Ibrox 20. T'wain 22. Derby 23. Yawl

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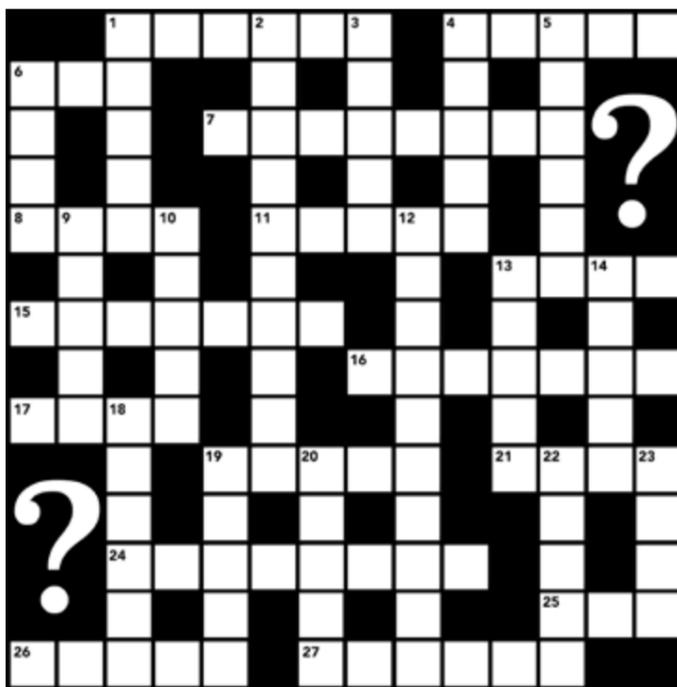
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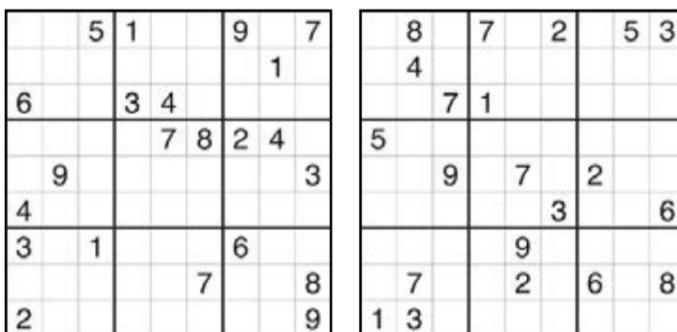
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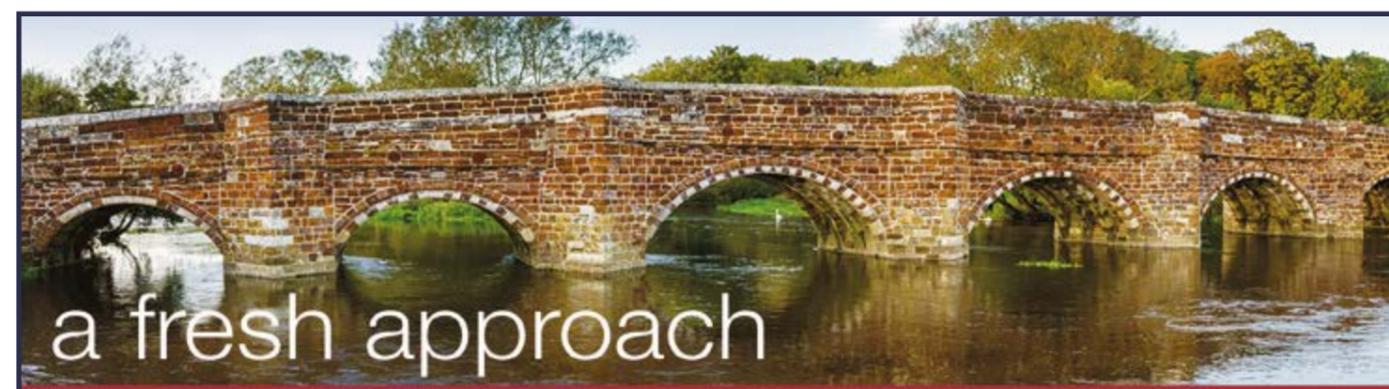
- 1) Long legged black and white wading bird. (6)
- 4) Islands in the North Atlantic whose name means shie in Old Norse. (5)
- 6) A curve forming part of the circumference of a circle. (3)
- 7) Plant of the daisy family with yellow flowers. (8)
- 8) Chocolate biscuit with cream filling. (4)
- 11) Andean pack animal of the camel family. (5)
- 13) Gelatinous substance obtained from various seaweeds. (4)
- 15) Mountain named after a 19th century Governor General of India. (7)
- 16) Person on the staff of an Ambassador. (7)
- 17) Poetic expression of grief. (4)
- 19) Prefix of a famous Italian football club. (5)
- 21) Circular movement of water causing a small whirlpool. (4)
- 24) Oily substance used to flavour Earl Grey tea. (8)
- 25) Unit of sound intensity. (3)
- 26) French phrase that means involving two people. (5)
- 27) Age reached by a nonagenarian. (6)



**DOWN**

- 1) An angle of less than ninety degrees. (5)
- 2) Dance named after a city in South Carolina. (10)
- 3) Swampy coniferous forest of the northern latitudes. (5)
- 4) The plants of a particular region. (5)
- 5) Former division of Yorkshire. (6)
- 6) In Australia the afternoon. (4)
- 9) Composer of the Bolero. (5)
- 10) Preparation of the roofstock of the iris used in perfumery. (5)
- 12) Mountain straddling the borders of Switzerland and Italy. (10)
- 13) Ornamental stone typically banded in appearance. (5)
- 14) Small bug that sucks the sap from plants. (5)
- 18) Of land, suitable for growing crops. (6)
- 19) Football stadium, the home of Glasgow Celtic. (5)
- 20) The surname adopted by author Samuel Clemens. (5)
- 22) In America a bowler hat. (5)
- 23) Two-mastered fore and aft rigged sailing boat. (4)

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