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## WELCOME TO YOUR MARNHULL MESSENGER

**CHRIS RYU**  
Messenger Editor

### WELCOME BACK MARNHULL!

Well who would have thought we'd be back in lockdown. I hope you're all ok and have managed to get some kind of normality in your lives.

We'd just about managed to get back on track and opened the new office, then two days later lockdown number 2.0 was announced - sometimes I think we can't win.

### NO DECEMBER DEADLINE

Just a reminder that this is your double issue and so there is no deadline in December.

We'll be back with another double issue at the end of January with fresh refreshed adverts from local businesses new & old.

### 2021 ADVERTISING

Rosie has started contacting current advertisers to book next years advertising. If you would like to advertise your local business, or organisation, please contact her as soon as possible to allow plenty of time to organise artwork. Hurry to avoid disappointment as spaces are limited and places have sold out the last few years.

### NEW PAPER TRIAL

Thanks for all your feedback on the new paper. It seems like it was well received.

### 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 the printed one when it returns in the near future

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

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### MARNHULL MESSENGER DELIVERIES

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.

## STURMINSTER NEWTON MEDICAL CENTRE



### Key Messages from the Practice -

- The Practice is open, just working differently to keep patients and staff safe. Please continue to attend any face to face appointments that you have already made.
- GP and Nurse Practitioner / Paramedic Practitioner appointments will still all be via telephone or video consultation, they will then decide if you need to come into the Practice. Contact is via telephone or eConsult on the Practice website. Please do not just turn up at the surgeries without an appointment.
- All clinicians seeing patients face to face will be wearing protective equipment and all patients attending the surgery should wear a face covering, wash their hands and wherever possible maintain a 2 metre distance. If a clinician needs to examine you they will do so with full PPE on and will disinfect the room once you leave.
- Patients who are experiencing Covid 19 symptoms and who need to be assessed face to face, will be asked to attend our Hot Site at Marnhull. We have a separate section of the building that is Covid secure with two suitable rooms for managing patients.
- If you are asked to attend Marnhull surgery and you have Covid 19 symptoms, please wait in your car until we call you to let you in. We need to keep to one patient with symptoms at a time. This allows clinicians to ensure that they have the correct equipment on and for cleaning and disinfecting the rooms when finished.
- At present we are still able to see patients for routine appointments at Marnhull but this may change if the numbers of people testing positive for Covid 19 continue to grow.
- 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>

The Practice thanks everyone for your ongoing support and they will endeavour to do all they can to keep our patients, our community and our staff as safe as possible. Keep safe.

## THE MARNHULL HUB



### COVID-19

We have been closed during November as part of the government lockdown. Hopefully we will reopen Saturday 5 December 10-12. Watch for notices round the village, on facebook and at [www.marnhullhub@org.uk](mailto:www.marnhullhub@org.uk).

### CURRENT COVID DEVELOPMENTS

We now have a signing-in process for visitors, either by using your NHS Test and Trace App or signing our COVID book managed by Steve Foot at the door. The other development is that we can now take contactless payments too!

We have had cake and tea or coffee again and there are lots of people who are finding reason to pop into the hub once again.

If there are too many people in the future then some will need to go out to our covered area which has heaters for when it gets a bit colder. So come with your warm coats!

### RE-USE AND REPAIR

We have a new aspect to The Repair Cafe: knife and flat blade tool sharpening. This has been incredibly popular already. A great way to extend the life of your tools.

The Repair Cafe should continue as it did through the first lockdown but not in the hub. If we are still in lockdown in December please call Sioban on 820853 and I will put you in touch with the relevant repair person.

Due to the present situation any repairs may take a little longer. However if you are available to join our happy team of repairers, particularly if you have electronic repair skills, please get in touch - [sioban@marnhullhub.org.uk](mailto:sioban@marnhullhub.org.uk)

Also don't forget our wonderful clock and watch repairer Simon. He also has clocks to sell at amazing rates between £20-40; All we ask is that you add something as a donation to the hub.

There are watches too - you can see all these in the window of the hub these range from £5-10. A perfect Christmas present! Contact Sioban if you can't get to the hub in december.

Don't forget to bring in bikes for service and repair. Our resident bike expert Chris is more than happy to get your bike ready for use in the spring (or over winter for you tough ones!).

### RECYCLING

We have some supplies left of laundry liquid and washing-up liquid. Contact Celia (01258) 268714 if you would like to pick some up.

Recycling will now be on Saturdays from 10-12, or 2nd and 4th Wednesday mornings.

Remember that we can take things that the council can't:

- Crisp packets, including multipack wrappers
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- Toothpaste tubes, toothbrushes & plastic packaging
- Baby food pouches & baby snack packaging
- Pet food pouches (clean and dry, please) and dry pet food & treat packaging
- Dishwasher tablet & salt packaging, and dishwasher cleaner & freshener outer packaging
- Cleaning wipe packaging (but not baby wipes - sorry)
- Laundry tablet packaging & tinted fabric conditioner bottles
- Plastic air freshener containers & cartridge caps
- Writing instruments
- Tassimo and L'or coffee packaging; and
- Some personal care and beauty packaging

Keep an eye on The Hub website, [www.marnhullhub.org.uk](http://www.marnhullhub.org.uk), The Hub's facebook page and The Hub noticeboard and window for updates.

## THE HUB'S AUTUMN QUIZ

This was launched in september and is due to back on Saturday 14th November. Due to limited access we will now set the end date as 9th January 2021. Get your copy from the usual places, The Spar, The Post Office and The Hub.

## REFILLING MYRTLE AND MARIGOLD

Now there is a filling station that visits The Hub every 2nd and 4th Wednesday 10-12. This refilling station has soaps, shampoos, conditioners, household cleaners, laundry liquids etc. The Hub is open on these two mornings for our usual teas and coffees and you can also bring your recycling.

## DO IT YOURSELF WREATH MAKING KITS

Sue Carter is not able to do her wreath making workshops this year so instead she has made up some kits. Contact Sue if you would like one: 07517 735907 or [info@oldchapelflowers.co.uk](mailto:info@oldchapelflowers.co.uk)

## TWENTY LIME TREES AND A FENCE

Many thanks to all who have purchased their copy and for the wonderful comments that you have made on this delightful record of a year in the life in Ashley Farm Lane. This has been so popular it is being reprinted. There are still a few left in the post office.

The booklet costs £5.00, with all proceeds very generously donated to The Hub. You can get your copy at the Post Office or Marnhull Stores or buy via Paypal: <https://www.stephenboypoetry.com/other-writing>



## HAVE YOU MOVED HERE SINCE OCTOBER 2019?

### If so, we need to hear from you?

For a number of years Marnhull Village Care has welcomed new people to the village by holding a Social Evening in October. Sadly, as we are all aware this year is a bit different however there will be a time when we can again hold social events and with that in mind, we would like you to contact us with the following information.

Names of all those in your household

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Contact telephone number.

Email address

So, we can compile an invitation list to this most prestigious event. Please send details or contact our Secretary as follows:

Secretary: Hilary Parker 01258 821667.

Email: [hilaryjparker85a@gmail.com](mailto:hilaryjparker85a@gmail.com)

*Hilary Parker*

Chairman

## MARNHULL VILLAGE HALL



As you can see work on the Village Hall is now at it's finishing stages, mainly decorating and the usual fixtures and fittings to be completed.

With the outside wooden cladding now fitted it really shows off the new glazing. Apart from the main hall looking really fantastic with it's new floor and redecorating, the new toilets, additional storage areas and the Lobby are bright and fresh.

During these bright Autumn days the roof solar panels are producing electricity for the hall.

So what's left to do; the new curtains and blinds have been ordered and should be fitted early December.

Outside, the Terrace with balustrade is due to start together with the new path.

The contractors still hope to be finished and out by the middle of November, which leaves the Trustees and volunteers to replace all the items stored away in various places and to ensure that all the necessary Covid Safe aspects are put into place.

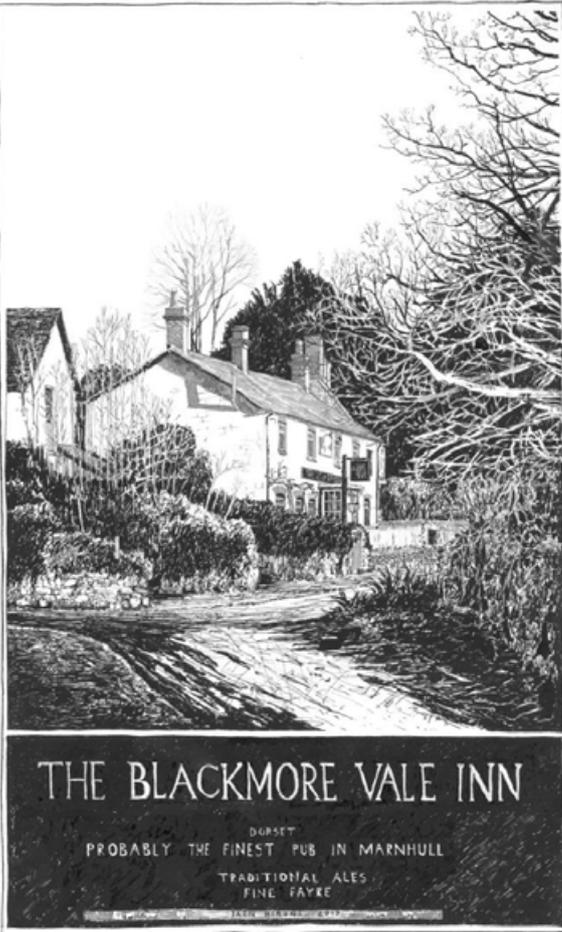
However! Due to the current lockdown this aspect of preparing the Hall for us all to get back in will now be put off until after the 3rd December, so because of this it has been decided to hold off the reopening until early in the New Year.

We hope, subject to Government Guidelines to hold a walk through in mid-December so people can see all the new work which has been completed.

the Fund Raising Group is working on new ideas to start in spring as we have things we would like to buy to help with the new look hall,  
Replace Stage Curtains  
Chairs & tables  
New front door

We look forward to seeing you during the 'walk through' in December.

The Village Hall Trustees.



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## MARNHULL GREEN TEAMS

### WE'RE DREAMING OF A GREEN CHRISTMAS!

Well: Here's hoping. And, as well as a green(er) Christmas, Marnhull Green Teams - taking the environment around Marnhull seriously - Are, like everyone else, hoping for a better year next year. We're planning already. Want to join?

We will be arranging an Eco Trail in the spring. The idea is to have people with experience of anything green at venues around a published village trail - Their own homes or other village locations - on a specific day or days. These volunteers will be available to answer questions and share ideas, about solar panels or an electric car, making a meadow or caring for trees, the 3 R's (Reducing, Reusing, Recycling) or anything else within their experience that helps the environment.

If you have something to share and would like to volunteer to be on the Eco Trail, please get in touch, by email at [marnhullgreen@outlook.com](mailto:marnhullgreen@outlook.com) or by phoning (01258) 268714. You don't have to be an environmental expert, just willing to share you experience. And if you'd like to follow the trail when it happens, watch the Marnhull Messenger for further details.

Our fruit tree project at the Sodom Lane Allotments is coming along nicely. The trees have been ordered and should be delivered at the end of November, and we will be involving village children in the planting. It's their future, after all.

Our own trees haven't fruited yet, but Marnhull Green Teams have produced some apple juice already. It's the time of the year when boxes of apples appear outside many village houses. You may not have enough to do a full pressing yourself, but how about combining with your neighbours next year? The juice we've produced is pasteurised, so should last a year or so, and it's been confirmed to be very tasty.

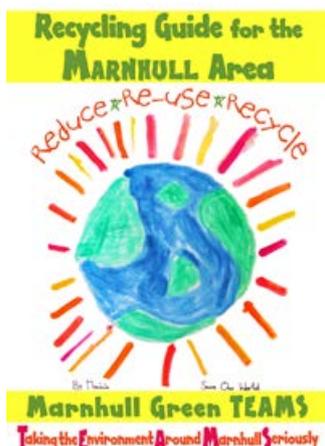
Speaking of trees, we still have some oak saplings for sale. Let us know (contacts above and below) if you'd like one (or more!). We have experts on our teams who will help you with any questions you may have on how and where to plant them, and how to look after them afterwards.

Printed copies of our Recycling Guide For the Marnhull Area are still available at the village shops and at The Hub (when it re-opens). 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).

Winter is upon us, just like Christmas. We have some spare insulation sheets available to put behind radiators to save energy. Get in touch if you'd like some, including help with installation if it's needed. And 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, book a heat-loss check, pick up a Recycling Guide, express interest in our Eco Trail - or if you'd just like to know more about Marnhull Green Teams!

Season's Greetings to you all, and here's to a green new year!



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Are you a person struggling either practically or emotionally with everyday life? Do you know someone who is vulnerable and in need of some assistance with shopping, getting to hospital, Dentist or Doctor?

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General help: Hilary Parker 01258 821667.

Trevor Vaughan 01258 821636

*Trevor Vaughan*

Chairman

## ROYAL BRITISH LEGION



It was a strange Remembrance Sunday with no parade and no Church service but with the Reverend Gaenor Hockey's kind efforts we had a limited service and silence around the memorial. Of necessity we had to keep attendance down to a minimum, so with wreath layers and various representatives there were twenty people gathered to hear the bell organised by Keith Woodward ring out to mark the day. After some prayers the exhortation was recited and Adrian Stone with an extra job this year in the absence of the band played the Last Post, this was followed by the silence which was broken by the Reveille and the reciting of the Kohima Epitaph. Then wreaths were laid by Marnhull RBL, Marnhull Parish Council, The Lions, the Army Cadets and the Girl's Brigade. Some final prayers and then Adrian came to the fore again by playing the National Anthem, sadly without the band to drown us out we could hear ourselves sing. A thank you also goes to Rob Vitali for filming the event and posting it on Facebook.

The 11th November service at the memorial with everybody masked and socially distanced followed the usual format and it was nice to see a small contingent from St Gregory's come and lay their tributes on the memorial. Well done to everyone who attended or contributed to making both events as good as possible in the circumstances.

As you are aware it was decided because of Covid and most of our collectors being of a vulnerable age not to collect for the Poppy Appeal this year but despite this Val Eslick our Poppy Appeal Organiser has banked £1,470, an amazing total given the circumstances. Well done Marnhull.

At the moment the Clubhouse is not opening on Fridays. The fish n chip van will however still be in the car park dishing out the best takeaway for miles around. Tip from me try the veggie burger.

Fingers crossed the Club will be open in December and hopefully for Christmas and New Year.

Keep well and stay safe

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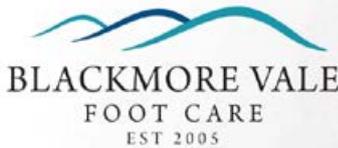
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## ON BEHALF OF MARNHULL CHURCHES



*"We make a living by what we get but we make a life by what we give."*  
Winston Churchill



In the run up to Christmas most people will be thinking about gifts- getting the right one, at the right price, getting it in time or what might they receive. The relentless advertising around us creates a real tension between expectation and reality, which can damage the very simple idea of a gift to share. This year we face Christmas within the covid pandemic, so probably some of our practical thoughts are already on how we get presents to family and friends if there is a possibility we may not be able to gather together...

But this year we are forced to 're-think Christmas' in how we will celebrate, how we will be in touch with those we love and maybe how we will cope with the extra strain the pandemic has brought on our lives. This year we need to go beyond the material gifts and share something different, something more of ourselves with the ones we love.

We have seen the amazing compassion and generosity of the British people over the past 8 months through the phenomenal response to national volunteering including our own Marnhull Helpline, the huge amount of money raised to support NHS workers instigated by Captain Tom, food banks being overwhelmed with donations and much more.

All this wonderful practical care for those around us. And it is right to give thanks to God for this wonderful response and pray that this compassion and generosity will continue as the national need continues -but also that it shows in our immediate lives.

So this year I encourage us to see beyond all the glitzy gifts that we are being persuaded to buy and look at what we can give of ourselves to those we love and value most, whether in person or on the phone, in an email or on a Zoom call!

Like offering undivided attention and genuine interest to those we talk to, truly appreciating the uniqueness of the other person (rather than our expectations of them), forgiving them even when forgiveness isn't being asked for, saying you're sorry first in an argument and surrendering the things that are out of our control and enjoying the present moment.

As we give of ourselves, we may well find we receive back- a restored friendship, a more mature relationship, a new insight and a fresh appreciation of others.

And within this 're-thinking Christmas' is the one gift that is not affected by the pandemic, is always given with unconditional love, is completely free, suitable for all ages and that is given not just at Christmas but on every day of the year.

It is the Gift of God's love, born as human baby, whose name means 'The One who rescues' and this Gift, Jesus, has the nature of the Giver; to heal, to restore, to encourage and strengthen, to bless and to forgive the whole of humanity.

Whatever and however we decide to give to others this Christmas, may we know the Gift of Christmas who is Jesus Christ and as we walk towards the new year may we receive all the fullness of God through him.

Ephesians 3:16-19.

With every blessing in this holy season

Rev'd Gaenor Hockey

On behalf of Churches Together in Marnhull:  
St Gregory's Church, the Church of Our Lady, Marnhull Methodist Church

## FROM THE BISHOP OF SHERBORNE



November is a time for remembrance and 11am on the 11th is always a poignant time as the nation stops for 2 minutes to remember those who have lost their lives in war. Last month I was walking by South West Coastal path in Dorset, and

I heard two boys speaking as they were running towards the cliff edge, what they said shocked me. One warned the other not to go too close to the edge of the cliff, and the other said 'What a perfect way to die!' They then proceeded to sing a song by Alicia Keys. That song itself is about a victim of gun crime, about his death and those left behind. It is interesting that if you put the words of the song into a certain search engine, the number for the Samaritans comes up on screen.

What is life, when we have become somewhat immune to death? It is tragic that even children are wondering what the point of it all is and when we look back at the numbers of those killed in war - 20 million in the first world war, and 70 - 85 million in the second world war, and 17 million in the holocaust, it is easy to skate over them.

Covid-19 is making us all think, and I hope it helps us think differently. So far over 1 million people have died, and every death is someone's child, parent, grandparent, brother or sister. Life is precious as we protect ourselves, and our neighbours particularly the elderly and the most vulnerable. Everyone is made in God's image, and death is definitely not nothing at all, as we are discovering as we anger over not being able to visit loved ones in nursing homes and are so grateful to those who have held hands of relatives dying in hospital.

Many have found comfort at such a time from a prayer, anointing with oil or holding a cross in their hands, because God's love promises much more than sentimental songs. Christians stand alongside those in the trenches, those in hospital, those at the graveside because life is precious, death is hard and hope eternal.

Let us take the opportunity to make November a month when we truly remember everyone who had died and enable our local communities to remember too, not just with the sounds of bugles and silence, but by reminding people of God's promises, that everyone is special and 'that neither death, nor life, nor angels, not rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord'. Romans 8:38,39.

Karen Gorham

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**THE METHODIST CHURCH****Sunday Worship**

It has been a great disappointment to have to stop our services in church again during November. Rev. Margaret Oxenham, who had been planning to lead our Remembrance Sunday service, kindly and efficiently provided details of the service she had planned by e-mail so we were able to follow it in our homes and know that we were all sharing in it from 10:30 on 8th November. We are very grateful that Rev. Margaret has also offered to send us service notes for the rest of November. As has been the case throughout the past months, hard-copies of these notes will be provided for people not on e-mail so that our congregation can continue to pray and study in our homes at our usual service time of 10:00 am. At the time of writing, we are praying that we shall be able to hold at least the two services we have planned for December. We should know by the time you are reading this!

**Harvest. 25th October**

Mr. Geoff Chapman led us in the last service we were able to hold in church. As a former farmer, he was able to bring to life our thinking about God's gifts to us through the harvest. We also listened to recordings of some of the well-known harvest hymns. As mentioned last month, because of the problems of collecting and distributing gifts of food under Covid restrictions, this year we held a special collection of money to help supply and distribute food in Yemen where the war has caused the world's worst humanitarian disaster and many are starving. This collection allowed £210 to be sent via the Disasters Emergency Committee.

**Remembrance Day. 8th November**

As we were unable to decorate the inside of the church with poppies in honour and remembrance of the victims of war, we set up displays in the entrance porch and notice board using some of the many poppies made by the Craft Club for the 100th anniversary of the end of the first world war two years ago. We hope that that you have appreciated them as you passed by.

**Church Anniversary. 6th December**

Methodist congregations have a tradition of celebrating the anniversary of the founding of their church building and, for Marnhull Methodist Church, that is 6th December. This year, as a congregation, we shall again 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. Thinking of the many people in our country who are finding it difficult to celebrate Christmas, we plan to have a collection of "treats" which the local Food Bank can include in their parcels over the Christmas period. We hope this will be in a service in church but, if this is not possible, shall collect from our member's homes.

**Christmas Service**

Sadly, whatever the pandemic restrictions by then, we shall not be able to hold our traditional candle-lit service this year. We pray that, as a congregation, we shall be able to meet in church on Sunday 20th December to celebrate the birth of our Saviour with the traditional hymns and readings. We wish you all a peaceful and healthy Christmas and an easier 2021.

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**NO PUBLIC MASSES during the Covid-19 lockdown****Significant Dates in December****8 – The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

Mary was conceived without original sin and it was this grace that enabled her to say "yes" to the request conveyed to her by the Angel Gabriel, that she should consent to be the mother of the incarnate God.

**25 – Christmas****26 – Saint Stephen, the first Martyr**

St Stephen the Protomartyr was one of the seven deacons who assisted the Twelve. Denounced to the Jewish authorities as a blasphemer, he was stoned to death outside Jerusalem. He died praying for those who killed him. Present at his martyrdom was Saul of Tarsus, who became the Apostle of the Gentiles.

**27 – The Holy Family**

Today we celebrate the Holy Family as the model and exemplar of all Christian families.

**28 – The Holy Innocents, Martyrs**

The Holy Innocents were the young children of the neighbourhood of Bethlehem (all under the age of two) who were put to death by Herod in his attempt to kill the Infant Jesus.

**29 – Saint Thomas Becket, Bishop, Martyr**

St Thomas (1118-1170) was Henry II's Chancellor and later became Archbishop of Canterbury. His defence of the rights of the Church led to disagreements with the King. He was exiled for six years and shortly after returning to Canterbury, Thomas was murdered by agents of the King (29 Dec 1170). Canonised three years later, he is honoured as patron of the pastoral clergy in England.

**Significant Dates in January****1 – Mary, Mother of God**

The Octave of Christmas ends on the first day of the New Year, which is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin, venerated as the Mother of God.

**6 – The Epiphany of the Lord****10 – The Baptism of The Lord****25 – Conversion of St Paul**

This feast commemorates the conversion of Saul of Tarsus while he was on his way to Damascus to persecute Christians. He was blinded by a dazzling light and thrown from his horse to the ground, hearing the words of the Risen Christ saying, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" Saul (who became Paul) was tasked with proclaiming the Gospel to the Gentiles.

**Parish People**

Peter Timoney died on the 3rd of November. May he rest in peace.

A socially distanced Service of Remembrance was held on the playing fields of St Mary's Primary School at 11am on the 11th of November.

## ST GREGORYS CHURCH



We will continue to open church for individual prayer during Advent (29 November - 23rd December) every Wednesday morning 9-11am.

A VERY big thank you to everyone who has given donations for our annual Gift Day -on behalf of the PCC and everyone at St Gregory's Church.

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Facebook page @stgregschurch

### December Services

Advent and Christmas 2020

### All subject to covid restrictions

#### Advent Sunday 29th November

10am Facebook Advent All Age Service  
Churches Together Advent windows begin

#### Weds 2nd December 7.30pm

Advent Study on Zoom begins for 4 weeks Advent for Everyone. A journey with the apostles : Tom Wright

#### Sunday 6th December

8am BCP Communion  
10am Eucharist

#### Sunday 13th December

(distribute Comfort and Joy booklet to congregation)  
8am BCP Communion  
10am Eucharist

#### Sunday 20th December

8am BCP Communion  
10am Eucharist

#### 6pm Lights, music & mince pies in churchyard

Christmas Eve. Thursday 24th December  
4pm Crib Tableau in West Porch (children encouraged to dress as Nativity characters)  
11pm Midnight CW Communion (ticketed) with choir/solo

#### Christmas Day. Friday 25th December

8am Christmas Day BCP Communion (ticketed)  
10am Christmas Day CW Communion (ticketed)

### Services for January (covid restrictions dependent)

#### Sunday 3rd Jan Epiphany

8am Holy Communion  
10am Parish Eucharist  
4pm Family Tea Service

#### Weds 6th

11am Monthly Communion

#### Sunday 10th Baptism of Christ

8am Holy Communion  
10am Parish Eucharist

#### Sunday 17th Epiphany 2

8am Holy Communion  
10am Parish Eucharist  
(18-25 January Week of Prayer for Christian Unity)

#### Sunday 24th Epiphany 3

8am Holy Communion  
10am Parish Eucharist

#### Sunday 31st Presentation of Christ in the Temple

8am Holy Communion  
10am Family Service of the Word

## FROM THE BISHOP OF SALISBURY



From Bishop Nicholas...

Christmas is going to be different this year. We all know it even though we don't know exactly how it will work out at home and everywhere.

This year churches have become very good at working with the provisional and adapting plans at the last minute but it is hard to make sure that everyone is included. This Christmas it will be difficult to make sure that everyone knows that church continues to be available for the whole community. I am looking forward to seeing how we all do it.

Necessity is the mother of invention!

I wonder what this looks like from God's point of view? It's probably not that different to usual. The world is making a bit of a mess of God's beautiful creation. There have been some lovely examples of people caring for each other better but we haven't even used the crisis of a global pandemic to build better international relations and God can see there are other challenges coming at us - the economy, climate change and the environment, and all those issues facing people about the balance between me and us and who we mean by us.

From God's point of view it looks pretty obvious that we human beings need to do more together which is why he sent his Son to teach us a few simple truths about what it means to be human. At Christmas, light came into darkness, love came among us and peace was offered to a fractured world. From God's point of view if people lived in response to that it might be exactly what is needed now as always!

So here we are going into Advent and heading for Christmas. We have all the ingredients of a story we know well and have told often but our circumstances this year are different. It might just be that we hear it fresh and feel it's power new because the Christmas story is not just a retelling of what happened when God came among us in Bethlehem just over 2,000 years ago. The point of the story is what God does now.

The hope of Advent that leads to Christmas is of our seeing the glory of God come among us full of grace and truth. The hope, and the challenge this and every year, is in how we live in response to such a precious gift.

Nicholas Sarum

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And of course, you will be doing your bit in the effort to reduce food wastage!

North Dorset Liberal Democrats thought that this was an excellent idea, so have taken the initiative to set up a Community Fridge in Sturminster Newton.

The project is in its final stages, the venue has been confirmed, the food business has been registered with Dorset Council and the supermarkets, volunteers are being recruited and trained and all the paperwork is well underway.

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At the start of the year the team opened a new office on Gillingham High Street with the objective of being the most accessible agencies around. Continued growth since then allowed the agency to invest heavily at the start of the March lockdown, reacting to changes in the world and increased demand (2,000%). Adding new services such as PC Repairs, 3D Printing, Data Recovery and Cyber Security allowed the small business to create 9 new full time jobs. While some of these positions are remote, the ones that require working from the office, coupled with social distancing forced the team to expand yet again.

The team have now taken over the former Nourish Cafe - a victim of Covid - transforming it in a month of extreme renovation. Along with dedicated Tech Repair facilities, the office allows up to 6 additional Website/App Developers to work safely with Covid restrictions.

The "Tech Bar" is now open for Click & Collect orders and contactless tech repairs. Repairs so far have ranged from the usual phones, tablets, games consoles and computers all the way to the more unusual vintage Stingray toys and high-tech drones.

In typical founder Chris Ryu fashion, the company is giving back, both in some upcoming discount schemes for people on benefits and their repair donation box. Being based on the high street, the team get lots of small 5-15 minute repair/help requests - rather than charging for these, they suggest a donation in the box. The current cause is Monkey World Ape Rescue Centre in Wareham and a selection of good causes will be selected throughout the years. £200 has been raised for Monkey World so far.

As part of the renovation the team have invested in various energy efficiency initiatives and partnered with a Kenyan tree planting organisation to offset all Carbon Emissions, including for remote team members.

The new office is also the home of the group's "Back to the High Street" initiative. Launching shortly the scheme will give high street village shops a new route to market. The new shopping platform and app allow shops without feature packed websites to list for free and for those that have ecommerce websites already, the site integrates with their existing store to save them having to re-enter stock and special offers.

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## ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



St. Mary's Catholic  
Primary School

We say a farewell to our Headteacher of six years, Mrs Charlotte Targett. Charlotte joined St Mary's eight years ago as the Year 2 Teacher. Within two years she had been promoted to Headteacher. In this role she led a complete turnaround in St Mary's fortunes. Surrounding herself with outstanding staff the school was soon growing and within a couple of years the roll had nearly doubled as St Mary's reputation as a friendly, loving and effective school spread. Charlotte oversaw many innovations and improvements across all aspects of the School: for example the introduction of our pre-school, St Mary's Explorers for 3 and 4 year olds as a fully integrated part of the school led by fully qualified teachers - something that remains unique in the area. Charlotte's next role is on promotion to become an Education Support Manager to eight other Academy schools in Dorset.

Charlotte leaves the school with the immense gratitude and affection of all the children (past and present), their parents and staff. We wish her all the very best in her new role and look forward to seeing her back at St Mary's on occasions.

My name is Alan Frame and I am delighted to introduce myself as the new headteacher of St Mary's in Marnhull and I am looking forward to building on the success of the school. I have been given a warm welcome (despite the current climate and restrictions) from all at the school. It has been a busy first week with lots going on.



We had a short service to commemorate Remembrance Day and the whole school took part in the two minutes silence. Due to the current conditions, this took place on our spacious school field. The weather was kind to us and it was a thoughtful time. The children also all contributed to a display with art work and poems on the theme of remembrance.



The children have been enjoying the new track that has been put in around the edge of the playing field. This is allowing us to keep fit and keep going with the 'Daily Mile'. The Daily Mile is a world-wide initiative which is now undertaken by over 2,000,000 children. More information can be found at <https://thedailymile.co.uk> if you would like to explore this further.



We had a non-uniform day to help raise money for Children in Need. The children have been enjoying different fun activities including some joining in with the Joe Wicks PE challenge. This was strongly supported by the school community including one child who gave her tooth fairy money. We don't have a final figure but will let you know how much money was raised. The school also raised money just before half term for CAFOD.

In St Mark's class this week the children have spent time learning all about Remembrance Day and why this is such an important date in our history. The children enjoyed a creative afternoon, using paper collage to design and create their own Poppy pictures, which were then shared as part of our Remembrance service on Wednesday. Having spent time building an understanding of what the poppy symbolises and represents, the children have taken great pride and care over their beautiful poppy pictures. Across the school, the children have enjoyed painting pictures, writing poems and prayers to mark this important date in history.



## ST. MARY'S EXPLORERS

### St Mary's Explorers



The excitement of fireworks was sky high this month at Explorers. The children watched a display in the comfort of the classroom using the interactive whiteboard. Following this they exploded with creativity painting their own firework pictures using cutlery and marbles to paint with.



The children marked Remembrance Day painting poppies and discussing the importance of peace. They thought of ways to spread peace in our school and came up with some lovely ideas. These included using kind hands and sharing. They also joined the whole school for 2 minutes silence and we were so impressed with the way they took this in their stride.

This term we have been busy discovering the treasures of autumn! We began our topic with the story 'Leaf Man' it tells the tale of autumn days, gusty winds and a Leaf Man drifting through the countryside. The children loved listening to the story and then went searching for their own leaf person.

We continue to work on building the children's vocabulary with objects of the week - this month's objects have included winter squashes! The children talked about the different parts of the fruit, how they are cooked and how they grow.

St Mary's Explorers is open from 8:45 am - 3:15pm every weekday during term time and spaces are available for children aged 3+ with wraparound 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.



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## ST. GREGORY'S C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL



### JOKE OF THE MONTH selected by Owls class.

Q. What do you call a dog magician?  
A. A labracadabrador

### FOR THE FALLEN!

Has there ever been a time since the end of the second world war that so many people are acutely aware of how fragile life can be?



And so, with added poignancy, Foxes class delivered a very moving and thought-provoking service to both the school and Reverend Gaenor.

Imogen Mogridge (Foxes class) represented the school at the church service on Remembrance Sunday. This was followed on Remembrance Day itself by a school wreath and hand-crafted poppies being laid at the memorial outside St Gregory's church. The school through poppy sales was able to raise £140 for the Royal British Legion as well as Animal Remembrance. We take great pride in our children's understanding and awareness of remembrance and of course their efforts to raise money for good causes.

### THINKING OF OTHERS!

Along with Remembrance and the ongoing effects of Covid 19, our children's thoughts have turned to those in our own community, villagers that are still living on their own and are largely isolated from society. They are keen to bring some of the school to the letterboxes of those isolated folk – keep an eye on your doormat, you could be a recipient of some amazing work that the children have completed.

Thoughts and prayers to everyone in our wonderful community- which St Gregory's staff and children are so very proud to be part of.



### Hedgehog Blog

### BEWARE, CREATURES ARE ABOUT!

Hedgehogs class have had such fun throughout last half term – you can rely on our youngest children to carry on regardless and have fun at every turn.

Their theme - Paws, Claws and Whiskers has kept everyone entertained. Children have shared lots of wonderful stories including Dave, Dear Zoo and How the Elephant got its Trunk.

By far the highlight was creating wonderful facemasks (below). Each child designed and made their chosen animal masks and went on a scavenger hunt seeking clues in an effort to find escaped zoo animals.



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### GRANDMOTHER, WHAT BIG TEETH YOU HAVE!

The theme for the final part of this year is The Enchanted Forest. Children have been reading Little Red Riding Hood, acting out the story in Grandma's Cottage (see image).

What else is there to discover in the forest!



### Owls on the Prowl



### GIVE US TODAY OUR DAILY BREAD!

Owls must be the luckiest class in the world. They've baked bread not once but twice in recent times. The end of last term was of course harvest time, class marked this by baking Shabbat bread rolls to accompany their learning of Shabbat (The Sabbath) and its importance within the Jewish faith.



Later Owl bread was created and I'm sure you'll agree it looks both unique and yummy!

Class also designed their own special meal and shared this together with candles and squash to represent wine. Next Topic for Owls is Heroes and Villains, readers can look forward to news on this next month.

### "AUTUMN SHOWS US HOW BEAUTIFUL IT IS TO LET THINGS GO"

Owls have enjoyed Forest school with Mrs Bell, they've been exploring our outside area and taking advantage of the great autumnal weather. It really is the best time of the year, so much colour, the crisp mornings, the beautifully lit skies. Happy Autumn folks!



### Fox Vox

### GOD SAVE OUR GRACIOUS QUEEN (VICTORIA)!

Foxes class this term is enjoying a Victorian era theme named Revolution. Class braved a Victorian style school day, beginning with everyone lining up and singing a hymn – All Things Bright and Beautiful (I bet you're humming it right now), and then recited the Lord's prayer and national anthem.

A mercifully sunny morning greeted class for their daily drill – another feature of a Victorian school day.

Once back inside, class recited: Kings and Queens and their dates and discovered which countries comprised the British Empire, later in the day they practiced writing some well-known Victorian sayings such as, 'Children should be seen and not heard'. Stay tuned for more Victorian themed Fox Vox in the future.



## STURMINSTER NEWTON LITERARY FESTIVAL CALENDAR

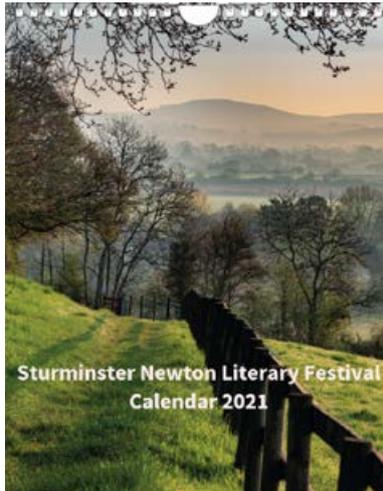
A beautiful calendar of scenes in and around Sturminster Newton has been produced to help fund the town's literary festival. The calendar features quotes from the works of Thomas Hardy and William Barnes to accompany the illustrations and is an ideal Christmas gift.

The photography was kindly provided by local photographers Marilyn Peddle and Adie Ray and production was sponsored by Rutters Solicitors. All proceeds will fund Sturminster Newton Literary Festival in 2021 which will attract visitors to the town and surrounding area.

Calendars can be ordered by contacting the project co-ordinator Rachael Rowe on [strulitfest1@gmail.com](mailto:strulitfest1@gmail.com) or 01258 861979.

Calendars are priced at £7.50 each (pre payment with a local collection point due to Covid 19) or can be posted anywhere in the UK for £10. We have a limited home delivery option for people who are shielding to Sturminster Newton and surrounding villages.

Sturminster Newton Literary Festival focuses on the writing of Thomas Hardy, William Barnes and Robert Young as well as Dorset writers. The 2021 festival will be held from 14-20th June.



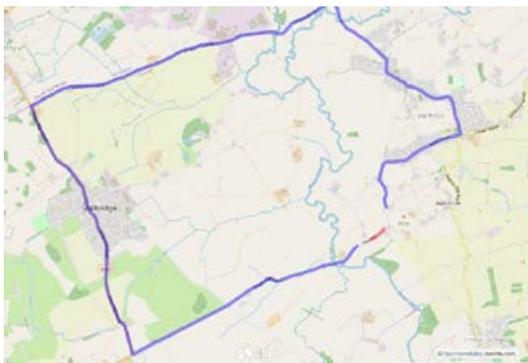
## TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF COX HILL, MARNHULL

I have received an application from BT to close Cox Hill, Marnhull between Common Lane to the road leading to Yardgrove Farm (in both directions), a distance of approximately 220 metres. The closure has been requested to allow BT to lay 90 metres of duct within the carriageway. These works are programmed to commence from 08:00, 8th December 2020 until 17:00, 10th December 2020.

BT will publicise the road closure in a number of ways: they will place information boards on the road in this area to inform the travelling public of the works; they will carry out a letter drop to local residents directly affected by the works; and they will sign a vehicular diversion route using the local road network. The following map shows the extent of the closure and diversion route.

This document is for information only, however if you have any concerns about this proposal, please contact Tom Faulkner, ([trafficteam@dorset-council.gov.uk](mailto:trafficteam@dorset-council.gov.uk)) by 20th November 2020

View all roadworks in your area - [dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/roadworks-events](http://dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/roadworks-events)



## THE VALE PANTRY



The Vale Pantry opened to members in Market Place, Sturminster Newton on 5th November and a big thank you to all who helped get ready for the opening, with our stock deliveries and being in the shop. It went very well indeed - hopefully you will have seen the feedback on social media. Here is just one example:

*I just wanted to say a massive thank you to you and all the volunteers of the pantry. It's hard to accept help when it's needed and sometimes admit defeat and I was worried I'd be judged and frowned upon for coming into the shop today but instead I was amazed to be met with warm, smiling faces and uplifting chatter. Thank you from the bottom of my heart for all you are doing and have done this week for so many families. You have no idea how much you've changed this week for me and my children. Thank you x*

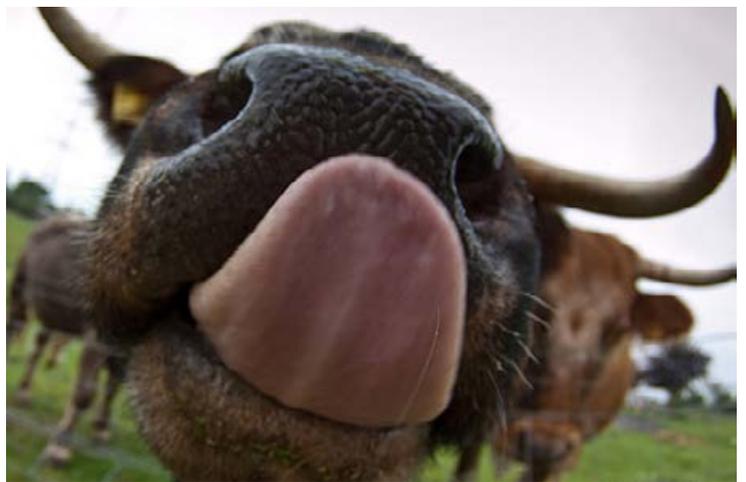
The Vale Pantry is a community food store providing good quality food at the most affordable price to its members. Run by the local community, members pay a small weekly membership of £4.50 and choose their food with a value of anywhere between £15 - £25 and indeed some weeks, the value is higher. A choice of staples, fresh and frozen food will be available and is sourced from Fare Share. Local growers & producers can donate any excess produce and that will be warmly welcomed.

The Vale Pantry creates a sustainable and long term solution to food poverty and applications for membership from any household in North Dorset are welcomed.

The current opening times are Thursdays 5pm - 8pm & Saturdays 9am - 12pm. To date, more than 70 members are registered and word is spreading so we expect to get busier each week.

For more information. Email - [thevalepantry@gmail.com](mailto:thevalepantry@gmail.com) or call 07968 348481.

## MARNHULL CAFE SCI



In normal times Marnhull's Cafe Sci held its meeting on the first Tuesday of the month at The Blackmore Vale Pub. Lockdown of course stopped us for a while, but Zoom zoomed to the rescue and we have continued meeting up from time to time online.

The latest talk was by Anthony Wilkinson who talked about his work to eliminate Rinderpest in Yemen, leading on to the challenge of the 2001 Foot and Mouth epidemic in the UK which, as a viral disease, has many similarities to the challenges of COVID-19.

While we are all becoming expert in these online technologies, we do hope to start meeting face to face when it is possible. If you would like to be put on the distribution list to find out about upcoming talks, please email Ros on [rseveleigh@gmail.com](mailto:rseveleigh@gmail.com).

## DORSET JOINS COVID-19 VACCINE SEARCH

NHS organisations across Dorset are playing their part in the search for a COVID-19 vaccine, with the opening of a key vaccine trial in Bournemouth. The trial, taking place in Dorset's new research hub at Royal Bournemouth Hospital (RBH), sees the people of Dorset come together with their NHS to find a way out of the coronavirus pandemic.

Over 500 Dorset residents will take part, helping confirm the safety and effectiveness of a promising new vaccine developed by US biotechnology company Novavax. They will join 10,000 volunteers across the UK in helping researchers to understand how well the vaccine protects against coronavirus infection across a wide range of people.

Dr Patrick Moore, a Dorset GP and the local investigator of the study, said: "This important research will help us to find a safe and effective vaccine for COVID-19, to protect us all more quickly and end the pandemic sooner. In Dorset, we are particularly looking for people in the most at risk COVID-19 groups. Those with stable, pre-existing health conditions, those over 65 years old and those from Black or Asian ethnic backgrounds."

Those taking part in the study will either receive the Novavax vaccine or a placebo (a saline injection), so that the immune response caused by the vaccine can be confirmed. The vaccine being tested cannot give volunteers the virus and volunteers will not be exposed to deliberate infection.

After immunisation, volunteers will be regularly monitored over the next 12 months to understand the longevity of the immune response and the degree of protection given.

Those wanting to be contacted about this study, and future studies, can sign up to the NHS COVID-19 Vaccine Research Registry at [www.nhs.uk/researchcontact](http://www.nhs.uk/researchcontact)

Further information about COVID-19 vaccine studies is available via the NIHR's Be Part of Research website: [www.bepartofresearch.nihr.ac.uk/vaccine-studies](http://www.bepartofresearch.nihr.ac.uk/vaccine-studies)

## AN UPDATE FROM THE SPRINGHEAD TRUST

I am sorry not to have been in touch for some time but, as I am sure you realise, Springhead has effectively been closed since March. Sadly, we will not be able to host the Christmas Garden of Delights this year.

However, through the hard work of our team, we have secured government funding and grants from private trusts which will enable us to continue over the next few months, as well as renovating some of our buildings and improving both the ornamental and productive gardens.

We will be in touch in a couple of weeks with more details of what has been happening in the background at Springhead over the summer and our plans for the future. In the meantime, here are a couple of photos to whet your appetite.

Best Wishes,  
Kate Partridge  
Coordinator - Friends of Springhead



## POPPIN CAFE



Here we are moving rapidly towards the end of 2020 and what a year it has been! Our last POPPIN Cafe event was held at the end of February but by the time the March event was due to be held, it was very obvious that COVID-19 was about to turn all our lives upside down and we made the decision to cancel. During this year it has been so exciting to see the Village Hall extension and improvement

works continue, against all odds and it is now at a stage where it will not be long before the doors can open and the beautiful new space will be ready for everyone to enjoy.

It is likely that the kitchen area will remain out of use in the first instance and so the POPPIN is unlikely to be re-opening until early next year. None of us can foretell what the coming months will bring and so it is really a matter of staying patient and waiting until it is safe to finally go ahead and re-open the POPPIN.

Until then we wish you all, Hope, Love, Peace and Joy over the holiday season and let's hope next 2021 is brighter for us all. Linda, Sue, Rosie, Jill, Lynda, Anne and Audrey.

## NEWS FROM NICK

There are no crimes to report this month.

Christmas is fast approaching and preparations are already in place, cakes and puddings are hastily being made and fed with brandy..

### DRINK DRIVING

Please be mindful when enjoying all the excesses of Christmas food and drink. Don't forget that food such as cakes, puddings, brandy butter will contain alcohol and may take you over the limit.

### DRINK OR DRIVE YOU CAN'T DO BOTH!

### CHRISTMAS CRIME PREVENTION

Do not leave Christmas presents on view whether at home under the Christmas tree or in your vehicle awaiting delivery.

Ensure your doors and windows are secured - don't forget to lock your vehicle too!

If you are offered a quality product at a bargain price - ensure the source is genuine as they could be stolen goods.

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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## DORSET JOINS COVID-19 VACCINE SEARCH



We are excited and grateful to announce that Stagecore Productions was one of 1,974 companies to receive a grant from The Culture Recovery Scheme.

We are pleased to share that part of this grant will be used to open a Performing Arts and Production Academy for Young People in Dorset!

Stagecore Productions has supported the arts for many years. We are responsible for the audio production for Glastonbury's South East Corner, and working with artists such as Liam Gallagher, Echo and The Bunnymen, Spandau Ballet and many more alike.

This grant will allow us to keep our business afloat, allowing us to diversify during this unprecedented time, and turn our skills to teaching, instead of touring.

As a result of this, we have launched The Artori Academy, a training academy for all aspects of the industry. We are passionate about educating the young people of the very town we ourselves grew up in.

From acting to scenic artistry, singing to sound engineering, or even dance to puppetry - the whole world is available to our students, and we are here to guide them every step of the way.

With industry professionals coming to teach our young people, we are excited to use part of this grant in a way to benefit our local community, and to keep passion for the arts alive.

Our training academy will be open to students between 11-13, and 14-17. Like and follow our facebook page to find out more about our venues and locations in Dorset!

Watch this space to hear more about our open auditions!

Website: [www.artoriacademy.com](http://www.artoriacademy.com)

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/theartoriacademy](https://www.facebook.com/theartoriacademy)

## CHRISTMAS CHILD OKEFORD ART TRAIL

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11 am to 4 pm

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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

## THE HUSSEYS AND NASH COURT

You may have seen the name Hussey at various locations across Marnhull, but do you know anything about the family. Mary Bradbury produced a booklet about the Hussey family and the Church of Our Lady in Old Mill Lane. The extract below is taken from this booklet.

The Hussey family came to Marnhull in the mid 17th century. George Hussey bought Nash Court in 1651, with extensive property, farmhouses and lands amounting to 380 acres which were systematically added to over subsequent years. As Lords of the Manor they were highly influential in the village and beyond. Through the conversion of George Hussey's second wife Grace, probably in the early 1660's, the whole family became staunch Catholics.

For the next 200 years they were to be the mainstay of the Catholic community as it developed and grew in Marnhull and the surrounding area. They provided a refuge for the priest, housing and employment for their Catholic workers and their home, Nash Court, though less impressive than the grander houses of the great Catholic families, the Arundells, Welds and Webbs in other parts of the region, nonetheless became a focal point for Catholicism in this northern part of Dorset.

From this time onwards there would always be a priest in Marnhull, either as chaplain to the family at Nash Court, or as a visitor possibly on missionary work in the area. The family continued as benefactors of land and finance to the Mission until the end of the 19th century.



## MARNHULL HUB SHOEBOX APPEAL

For local people facing hardship or homelessness this festive season.



This Christmas, more than ever, will be a time of isolation and sadness for many. Our aim is to reach out to those suffering hardship and homelessness in our area with a caring Shoebox.

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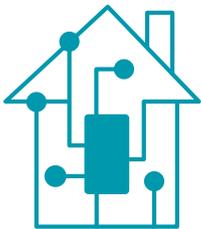
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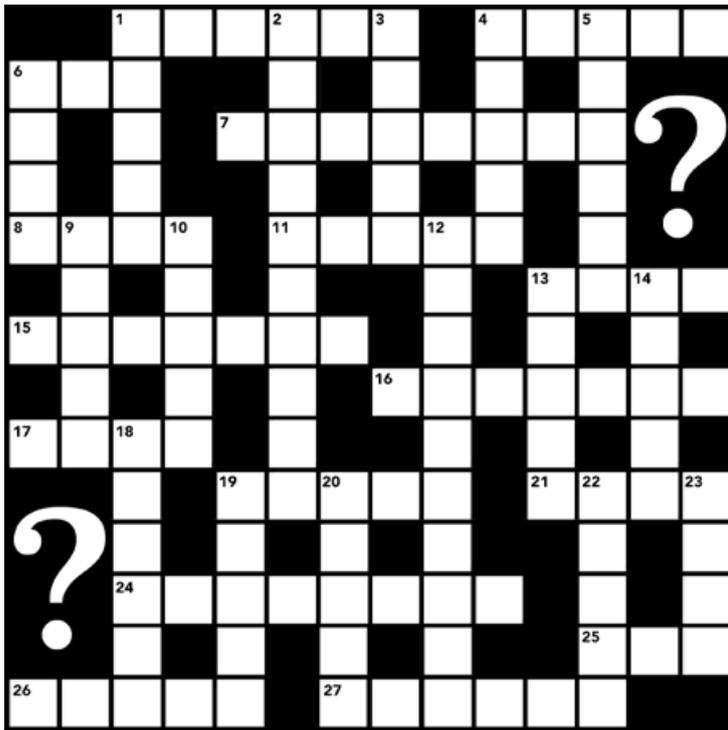
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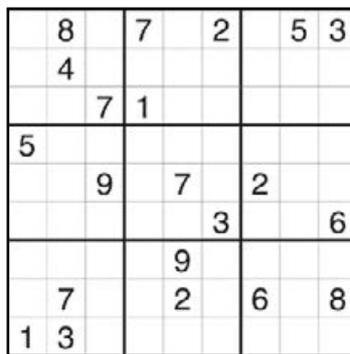
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## ACROSS

- 1) Large treeless plains in South America. (6)
- 4) Simple shoe hollowed out from a single block of wood. (5)
- 6) Cathedral city in Cambridgeshire. (3)
- 7) Fish commercially used for caviar and its flesh. (8)
- 8) Type of protein derived from the beans of an Aslan plant. (4)
- 11) Tool resembling a large corkscrew used for boring holes. (5)
- 13) Abbreviation denoting a kind of brandy. (4)
- 15) 1,000,000,000. (7)
- 16) Parliament of the Isle of Man. (7)
- 17) Heraldic Insignia. (4)
- 19) The smallest city in wales hasa cathedral dedicated to this saint. (5)
- 21) Member of the indigenous people in the extreme north of Scandinavia. (4)
- 24) Shrub also called the butterfly bush. (8)
- 25) Large northern deer. (3)
- 26) A shooting sport. (5)
- 27) Measure of capacity equal to 8 gallons. (6)

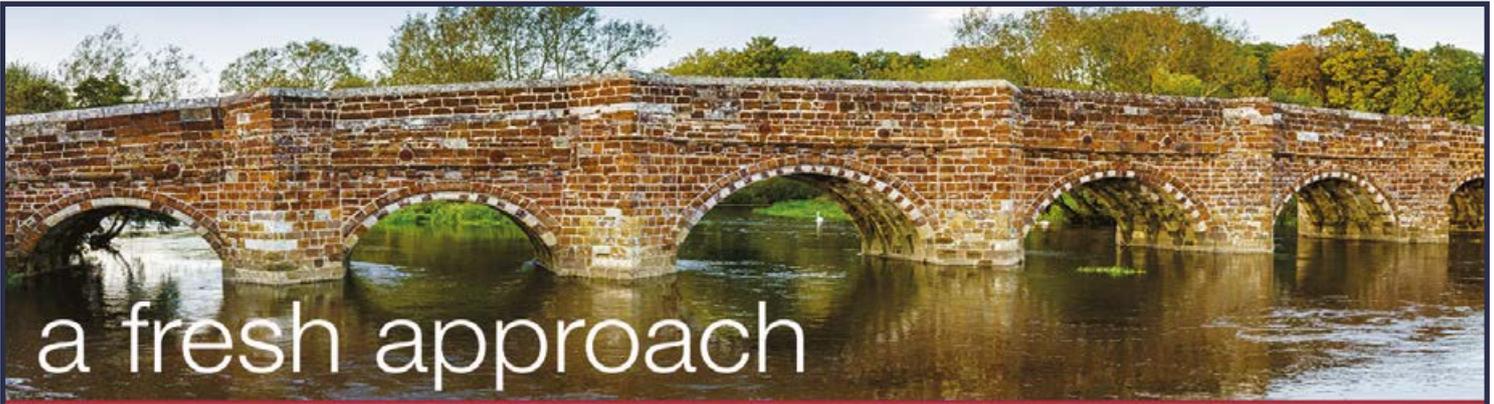


## DOWN

- 1) Member of a people of short stature in equatorial Africa. (5)
- 2) Name of an ancient Greek philosopher and mathematician. (10)
- 3) Nickname for a military recruit or trainee. (5)
- 4) The male side of a family. (5)
- 5) Pair of small drums held between the knees. (6)
- 6) In Greek mythology the god of love. (4)
- 9) Small willow of damp habitats with long flexible shoots used in basketwork. (5)
- 10) Book of maps or charts. (5)
- 12) Pop duo consisting of Annie Lennox and Dave Stewart. (10)
- 13) Each of the A, E, I, O, and U are on of these. (5)
- 14) Woodland primula with yellow flowers. (5)
- 18) Hard form of limestone used in sculpture and building. (6)
- 19) Relating to hearing or sound. (5)
- 20) Perform in public without preparation. (5)
- 22) First name of the husband of Tess of the d'Urbervilles. (5)
- 23) Collective noun for canines. (4)

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