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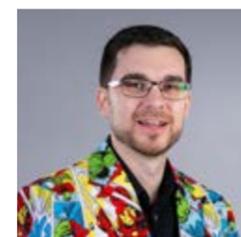
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It takes about 40 people, all of whom are volunteers, to collate and deliver The Marnhull Messenger to every home and business in the village. We are extremely grateful to this dedicated team, without whom the magazine simply would not flourish.

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.



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CHRIS RYU
Messenger Editor

WELCOME BACK MARNHULL!

We have some special new features in the Messenger this month and some new advertisers too!

I hope that lockdown hasn't been too tough on you and that like myself, you're seeing the "light at the end of the tunnel". This is sure to be another strange year with most large events already being cancelled or moved online, but we'll get through it and appreciate it all the more when we do :-)

It's been a busy month for us as a family, with kids homeschooling and the tech repair arm of our business in higher demand than usual, but we've taken the time to set ourselves goals. I won't bore you with my 10 goals for 2021, but I will share that one is learning the guitar. If you hear some odd cat like noises from our end of the village... it'll be me.

I'd love to hear what new years resolutions you've set yourselves - send them over.

2021 ADVERTISING

Rosie has worked hard to sort adverts out during the festive break and welcome to our new advertisers. There's a few spots left, so be sure to reach out to Rosie if you'd like to promote your business in the Messenger.

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

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STURMINSTER NEWTON MEDICAL CENTRE



The Vaccine!

The Blackmore Vale Partnership has started to vaccinate patients against the Coronavirus and the first session on Saturday 9th January went really well. Around 1400 vaccines were dispensed, which included about 1000 patients and NHS staff, and all care home residents and staff in Sturminster Newton, Shaftesbury and Gillingham. Since then there have been more sessions.

These have been made possible by a team of clinicians, admin and domestic staff and volunteers. This team will be in action for many more sessions into the future. Two GP Practices, the Blackmore Vale Partnership and Gillingham Medical Practice form The Vale Primary Care network (PCN) and the vaccination site for this area, is the Sturminster Newton Medical Centre.

The Department of Health & Social Care controls the vaccination programme and GP Practices are only informed that they are going to receive supplies of the vaccine, a few days in advance and also whether it will be the Pfizer and BioNTech or Oxford-AstraZeneca vaccine. They have no choice in the matter. The Moderna vaccine has also been authorised, but it won't be available until the Spring.

The key message is, please don't ring the Practice to ask about when you will receive the vaccine. Please be reassured - you will be contacted when it's your turn. They are doing all they can to deliver the COVID-19 vaccine to local people and in a way which means those who are most at risk will be invited to get their jab first.

Although there are a good number of volunteers, more will be needed as the clinics become more frequent. If you would like to help, then please email karen.rhys@dorsetgp.nhs.uk - Thank you!

Access to the Surgery

The Blackmore Vale Partnership encourages patients to contact them if they have any clinical needs. It's really important that if you are worried about any symptoms or health conditions that you get in touch, ideally by the online system - eConsult, for non urgent issues, through the Practice website. <https://www.blackmorevalesurgery.co.uk/>

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appointment at the moment due to the current situation and please don't just turn up at the surgery without an appointment.

The message is, the Practice is very much open for business, albeit working in a different way.

An important message from



We need your continued help, now. As set out in the Prime Minister's announcement our NHS services are under great pressure.

The new COVID-19 variant is spreading fast. We all need to play our part to stop the spread. The most important actions we can all take now are to stay home, protect the NHS and save lives. We are urging all Dorset residents to play their part and please stay home.

If we all follow the measures set out by the government, we will reduce transmission, and protect the most vulnerable in our communities, and our local NHS.

Please help us to help you. We all have a role to play, whether looking after our own health or accessing services wisely and safely. It's important to remember that your local pharmacists, GPs, Urgent Treatment Centres and Minor Injuries Units are still here for you if you need them. Minor Injuries Units / Urgent Treatment Centre in Weymouth, Bridport, Swanage, Shaftesbury and Wimborne can be reached direct by calling their dedicated phone number: <https://www.dorsethealthcare.nhs.uk/miu>

If you require urgent mental health support call the 24/7 Connection helpline on 0800 652 0190, or NHS 111, and you will be signposted to the right service for the support you need.

Please continue to attend NHS services for your booked appointment or procedure unless you are notified by us. If you cannot attend because you are self-isolating or do not want to attend, please contact the number on your appointment letter.

THANK YOU

Thank you Mike Nelson for supplying some lovely photos for this months issue!



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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VILLAGE HALL SUPPORTERS CLUB

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£50	227	Judy McTaggart
£30	376	Jeremy Watson
£30	6	Carol Rolls
£20	204	Yvonne Vintiner
£20	368	Helen & Keith Butler
£15	41	John W Pett
£15	229	Judy McTaggart
£10	112	MC & LA Ruth
£10	309	Peter & LynneWood

The next draw for the Club will take place at the Garden Club in March - in view of Covid, once again outside Robin Hill Stores, where i accost passers-by to pick a number.

For those of you who do not know of the VHSC, it is run to raise money for the Village Hall. Tickets are £6 per year (as many as you like), and half of the income is for the Hall and half goes back to you in the form of a prize draw every quarter. Most years the Hall benefits by £11 - £1200, and so do the subscribers.

Ticket Application Forms will be available in the Messenger and in the two following editions. The Club year starts on 1st March.

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MARNHULL GREEN TEAMS

The pandemic and its restrictions continue, as we all know only too well. But Marnhull Green TEAMS continue too - into a new and, we all fervently hope, a happier year.

MGT members have been meeting by Zoom more or less monthly throughout the winter. If you'd like to join in, please email marnhullgreen@outlook.com and we'll send you the joining details. Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 23 February, 7.30 pm. You can also receive our monthly one-page newsletter if you wish: it's all free and with no obligation!

The green village hall events we were planning this time last year are all still postponed, of course. So, instead, we are now planning a village Eco Trail.

Assuming the pandemic restrictions have lifted by then - here's hoping! - the Eco Trail will be in place on Saturday 24 April. The idea is that people will be able to walk or cycle to various locations around the village, to chat with neighbours with experience of a whole range of 'green' subjects. There'll be a Kids' Trail too; and refreshments!

Details are still being worked out but so far we have volunteer hosts ready to share their experience of ground source heating, solar panels, batteries, electric cars, e-bikes, meadows & wilding or rewilding, insulation, eco-dying & printing, wildlife gardening, composting, apple juicing and tree-planting.

Make a note in your diaries, and pass the word around. It should be fun. And if you would like to host a venue on the Trail, or have any other ideas for it, please don't hesitate to let us know. Email marnhullgreen@outlook.com or telephone (01258) 268714.

In other news, we have eight traditional fruit trees ready to plant at the Sodom Lane allotments, hopefully with the help of the village schoolchildren who will benefit from them in years to come. Like so many other things this is on hold just now - but watch for more news. We'll go ahead as soon as we can.

Two of our members have suggested links you might be interested in. Visit <https://messumswiltshire.com/exhibitions/online-talks-active-environmentalism> for information on Wednesday night talks on the general subject of 'Thoughts for the Future' - and if you would like to know more about hedgerow management in particular have a look at <http://www.hedgelinek.org.uk>.

Finally, although at time of writing the Terracycle recycling centre at the Marnhull Hub cannot open each Saturday, the team can still arrange to receive recycling (within the rules!) if you're unable to store it. Please call (01258) 268714.

You can consult our Recycling Guide to see what goes where. Paper copies of the Guide are available from the village shops (a small donation to help with printing costs will be welcome!) or we can email you an electronic copy for free. Empty medical tablet blister packs are the latest thing that can be recycled in this way, incidentally.

That's it for now. Stay safe, everyone - and keep green!

MARNHULL LUNCH CLUB

Every time we think we might be able to set a date, for sometime in the future, to start back again, along comes that nasty virus and puts us back to square one. But we will get our lunches back as soon as possible we promise!

The Village hall has been extended and with big new glass doors and a new floor, new toilets, amongst other things, you will all notice a difference when we eventually get back.

We are sorry to say that one of our long time members, Linda Cook has died. Linda, for those that remember her, always sat at the end of the hall under the window. She has had health problems for many years, which has prevented her from coming to the lunch club but we will remember her cheerfulness, in spite of her health, and gratitude for anything that was done for her and she was always interested in the doings of the club even though she couldn't be with us.

Please keep an eye on each other during this strange time, and we will meet again sometime!!!

Norval



ROYAL BRITISH LEGION



I see I wrote in the report for December that I hoped the Club would be open for Christmas and New Year. That was written before the publishing deadline of December 14th and we all know now that that was very optimistic.

There seems to be a glimmer of light at the end of the tunnel now with the advent of vaccinations for all mooted for this year. So maybe Easter?

Branch President Lt. Cmdr. Julie Vitali RNR raised £334 by making and selling face coverings a great effort that ended with us putting a total of £1,804 towards the Poppy Appeal. This is very much down on previous years but a good total considering all the circumstances.

This year's County Conference was held on the 12th of January and was done remotely by some computer magic that was beyond my comprehension so hopefully I will receive some written minutes that will tell me what I have missed.

Meanwhile stay safe Marnhull and get your jabs as soon as you are called so we can all get back to normal as quickly as possible.

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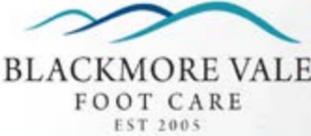
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St. Gregory's Church Marnhull

IMPORTANT UPDATE

As from **Wednesday 6th January** the church will be **open for private prayer only on Wednesday 9-11am and Sunday 2-4pm** for the time being under current lockdown restrictions.

There will be a short service on our **Facebook page @stgregschurch at Sunday 10am** but there will **not** be live Sunday Worship.

We will meet at **11am on Sundays for coffee on Zoom**. Please see website for access.

Worship resources and latest news can be found on our church website www.stgregorysmarnhull.org.uk under Our Sunday Service page.

School worship will continue to be on **Mondays at 2:45pm via Zoom**. Speak to school for details.

If you have a matter for prayer or pastoral concern please contact **Revd Gaenor 01258 821605 or gaenor@protonmail.com**

May God's peace be with you



Getting connected in lockdown-for free

Firstly does anyone have a tablet or laptop that they don't use (in reasonable condition and cleared of all personal data) that could be donated to families or individuals in the village who need them for schooling and/or communication with family and friends? Secondly, is anyone willing to be a contact point to help with informal IT support for these people? Please PM me - thank you in advance! From Revd Gaenor St Gregory's Church

UPDATE: Thank you so much for those who generously responded to this local appeal last week on Facebook after the announcement of a third national lockdown. We've already had a few devices donated and currently being refurbished by Chris Ryu and his team at Dorset Tech free of charge. And also three local offers to give informal IT advice to get going on them!

We would like to be able to help more people in the village get connected with IT so if you have a tablet or laptop in working order that you no longer use please get in touch by email gaenor@protonmail.com or Facebook @stgregschurch

And if you or someone you know in Marnhull doesn't have a computer and would like to learn how to use it for school, work or contacting family, you can receive a device and informal support **with no cost**. Please contact Revd Gaenor on 821605 or drop a note in at the Rectory on New Street.



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THE METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday Worship

Once again we have found it advisable to close our church services until such time as the situation with the pandemic makes it safe to do so. Sadly, it does not seem likely that this will be for some time but we invite you to keep an eye on the notice board by the Methodist Church where any changes will be announced.

Our Superintendent Minister, Rev. Paul Arnold, returned from his sabbatical at the end of November and once again will provide service notes for each Sunday by email so that we are able to follow the readings, prayers and his reflections in our homes and know that we were all sharing in them at ten o' clock. Rev. Paul also suggests hymns and usually provides a link to a performance on YouTube which is particularly welcome to Methodists deprived of communal hymn singing! Hard copies will be printed and distributed to people not on email.

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. The easing of Covid-19 restrictions coincided with the return of Rev. Paul Arnold and we were delighted to be able to welcome him back to lead this service for us.

We again remembered with love and thanks all those who have served our church in past years and committed ourselves to continue to serve God in worship and service whatever the future holds. We were particularly pleased to be able to include our planned collection of "treats" which the local Food Bank could include in their Christmas parcels to help some of the many people in our country who are finding it difficult to celebrate Christmas.

Christmas Services

On 20th December, Deacon Rebekah-Joy Spinks led us in a carol service.

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- 2 – The Presentation of The Lord (Feast)**
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- 2 – Day for Consecrated Life**
For Vocations to the Consecrated Life: that those whom God calls find a place of contemplation and nurture.
- 8 – Day for Victims of Human Trafficking**
For those who have, or are, suffering as a result of human trafficking; for those who offer support to victims; and for all agencies working to combat human trafficking.
- 11 – World Day for the Sick**
For all who are sick and for those who care for them
- 14 – Racial Justice Day & Peace in the World**
For justice and peace in the world; and for tolerance, respect and openness to neighbours and strangers
- 14 – Day of Prayer for the Unemployed**
For all seeking work; and for those who manage the economy, that they may always consider the poor and those who have least
- 17 – Ash Wednesday (Day of Fast and Abstinence)**
Ash Wednesday is the first day of Lent, the season of preparation for the resurrection of Jesus Christ on Easter Sunday.
- 22 – Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle (Feast)**
Celebration of the Cathedra Petri (Chair of Peter), recalls the ministry conferred by Christ on the Prince of the Apostles and continued in an unbroken line down to the present Pope
- 26 – CAFOD Lent Fast Day**
For the poor and hungry of the world, that they may have access to food they need to survive.

Parish People

Peter Waddington died on the 22nd of December.
Rosalyn Tivenan died on the 28th of December.
Mary Bradbury died on the 1st of January.
Thomas O'Connor died on the 5th of January.
Michael Ross died on the 9th of January.

May they rest in peace

Sadly, we were not able to sing the lovely and familiar hymns but Rebekah-Joy cleverly blended recording, hymn reading, music from our organist Hayden Williams and a solo carol sung by Ron Williams accompanied by Sally Williams with bible readings to produce a delightful beginning to Christmas week. We even finished up by gathering in a socially-distanced line outside the church to sing Oh Come All Ye Faithful. I hope our neighbours enjoyed it as much as we did

On Christmas Day, Deacon Rebekah-Joy was good enough to again lead us in a service. We lit the final candle on the Advent Wreath and shared in the memory of the beautiful story of our Saviour's birth. Again, we gathered outside in our permitted line to sing a final carol.

During the present difficult times our prayers are for everyone facing sadness, financial difficulties and education and work problems, especially for medical workers in our over-stretched hospitals.

Youth Activities

Our indefatigable Girls Brigade members have continued to meet on Zoom each week where they continue with badge work and fun activities. They even had a Zoom Christmas party! Well done ladies and many thanks to Captain Rachael Findlay.

FROM THE BISHOP OF Sherborne



2021 by Another Road

'They left for their own country by another road.'
Matthew 2:12b

I wonder what happened to the wise men. How were their lives shaped from that day when they left Bethlehem

and returned to their own country by another road? How did seeing the longed for Messiah change the rest of their lives?

It was really encouraging in the Autumn to engage with clergy and laity from across the diocese to look back at what the church life had been like in 2020. This time last year we would never have imagined or believed how the year would turn out, and yet amidst all the tragedy, the fear, the anxiety, the challenge, there have been many signs of hope, new life, creativity, energy, of discovering new ways to share the good news of Jesus Christ.

Our calling now is to go forward into this New Year, in the light of 2020, by another road. To take that which has been good, new and energising into our future, not just as a church, but also as individuals.

What may this look like? Well for me my first three and a half years in this role meant spending a great deal of time indoors and in the car. My challenge therefore going forward is to consider how I continue to reduce my mileage and create space to take time to enjoy God's creation. It is about deciding how I utilise the many benefits of Zoom without spending most of the week in front of a screen. It is about continuing to bring clergy and County leaders together around common topics whilst paying attention to the needs of the local church.

January 2021 will also be like no other January we have ever had. Whilst still taking care, with the possibility of being vaccinated by the summer, our resolutions can be about the life post-Covid we wish to retain and the new possibilities we need to grasp. So, what will returning by another road mean for you? The Wise Men knew to avoid returning the way they had come. We need to learn that lesson too because the year 2020 will have taught us nothing if we go back the same way.

Bishop Karen Gorham

FROM THE DEAN OF SALISBURY



According to ancient tradition (!) the probationer choristers of the Cathedral celebrate Shrove Tuesday by cooking pancakes in the Deanery kitchen. Boys, girls, and staff members crowd around as lemons are squeezed, sugar is scattered, and pancakes are flipped. Some are caught and

some are not: the presence of two Deanery tortoises in the corner of the room is always a significant distraction. Above the din I try to explain how once upon a time this was the day when all the household's butter and eggs were used up in readiness for the Lenten fast.

Pancakes eaten, we troop out into the back garden for a more solemn but no less fascinating ritual. The stacks of palm crosses collected from the congregation in previous weeks are thrown into a fire, and the probs are told about the ashing that will take place in the Cathedral the following day. Appetite and curiosity satisfied, the children return to school. None of that will happen this year. Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday fall within the earliest dates envisaged for the ending of our current lockdown, and it seems inconceivable that we will be able to observe Lent - or, for that matter, Holy Week and Easter - in anything like the manner to which we were once accustomed. Like the butter and the eggs, like the probationers' pancakes, our routines, our traditions, our habits are being devoured by a pandemic which seems to go on and on.

And, we might ask, when all these have been devoured, what is left? The answer is: the ash. The gritty, resilient, irreducible residue that clings to the bottom of the barbeque when the palm crosses have been burnt and the flames have died down. It's this gritty, resilient, irreducible residue that we daub on our foreheads on Ash Wednesday. Ash is what remains when everything else has been taken away.

It makes you think. Ash which cannot be destroyed; ash which endures. This year of all years, could there be any more potent symbol of God's gritty, resilient, irreducible love for us?

SALISBURY CATHEDRAL EXHIBITION

A collection of treasures that tell the story of Salisbury Cathedral's move from Old Sarum to its present site has been put on display.

The exhibition in the cathedral's north transept, entitled The Cathedral that Moved, is part of a programme of events to mark the 800th anniversary of the move.

The artefacts, from the library and archive, include the papal bull permitting the cathedral to move from Old Sarum, a 19-foot list of all the food eaten by the canon treasurer in the year 1256-57, and a book from the scriptorium at Old Sarum written in the early 1100s, making it older than the cathedral itself.

The papal bull - or letter- sent by Pope Honorius III, is bound into the Register of St Osmund, which contains documents from the cathedral's earliest history, including the 1091 foundation charter for the first cathedral at Old Sarum and a description of the laying of the present cathedral's foundation stones on 28th April 1220.

The exhibition, curated by cathedral archivist Emily Naish, includes two information boards and a four minute animated film by Bournemouth University students.

Also on show is an 'Indulgence' issued by Archbishop Stephen Langton around the time building began on the present site.

It grants forgiveness for 30 days of sin to anyone who contributes towards the cost of construction.

The exhibition runs until spring 2021.

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Cathedral archivist Emily Naish with one of the display cases housing some of the exhibition's treasures. (Picture copyright Katherine Shearing).

SALISBURY CATHEDRAL ENTRANCE CHARGES

The national lockdown imposed at the end of March, with restrictions lifted only in June and July, led to Salisbury Cathedral (in common with all churches) suffering a huge loss of income.

The cathedral's loss is estimated at £2 million for the year, while daily running costs remain at about £14,000.

The Cathedral Recovery Appeal was launched in the summer and the response has been good.

However, to boost the recovery, the Cathedral Chapter decided that from 1st September visitors would be charged £8 for entry to the cathedral.

Those attending worship or wishing to pray will not pay and other groups are exempt: cathedral staff and volunteers, members of the congregation, Salisbury residents, Salisbury Diocesan parishioners, members of the Friends of Salisbury Cathedral and the under-13s. There is a student rate of £5 for 13-18 year olds.

The ticket purchased by visitors will be valid for 12 months for return visits.

- The Friends of Salisbury Cathedral have paid for live streaming equipment to enable cathedral services to be viewed as they happen by those unable to attend in person.

SALISBURY CATHEDRAL INSTALLS SOLAR PANELS



More than 90 solar panels have been installed on Salisbury Cathedral's south cloister roof and are already pumping electricity into the building.

The 93 panels, covering 150 square metres, cannot be seen from the ground, but will be visible to those on tower tours.

It is estimated that they will produce more than 30,000kw hours each year, the equivalent of the usage of eight British households.

The project is part of the cathedral's aim to be carbon neutral by 2030.

Bishop of Salisbury the Rt Revd Nicholas Holtam said:

"The Church of England is working hard towards a net zero carbon footprint by 2030. As the Church of England's lead bishop for the environment I am delighted that Salisbury Cathedral is making a contribution that takes us towards this."

Other green initiatives include draught-proofing the building, moving to green tariff energy and installing LED lighting.

A display panel in the cathedral shop shows how much electricity the solar panels are producing.

Solar panels have been installed on the cathedral's south cloister roof. (Picture copyright Ash Mills).

THE MARNHULL HUB



COVID-19

Having opened for three Saturdays before Christmas, we are now once again closed due to the new Government lockdown. This is to keep our volunteers and you safe in this worrying time. Please watch for notices round the village, on Facebook

and at www.marnhullhub@org.uk for the new dates in the spring for reopening.

THE FUTURE OF THE MARNHULL HUB

It has come round fast but our use of the Old Butchers Shop is expected to finish in February 2022 as it is the end of Adrian Curtis's lease. We can't afford the full cost of the lease so will be unlikely to be able to stay. The landlords are currently advertising for commercial use of the shop. So we need to make plans in case this happens.

We are letting you know this because we have a year to find another way of providing a service which we know many village folk value.

These are currently the options:

1. We stay where we are but would need to raise an additional monthly sum to cover the current difference between what we pay and the cost of the lease (currently a gap of about £325)
2. We find another site that offers the same facilities, ie a good site, ideally near the shops, with a room (which would preferably be a bit larger) for the Repair Cafe and space to site the recycling which has been very popular.

If anyone has any other ideas please contact sioban@marnhullhub.org.uk

We have been unlucky that almost a year of our limited time at the Butcher's Shop has been curtailed due to Coronavirus. Nonetheless, we know there is great potential in the Hub.

MARNHULL VILLAGE ARCHIVE

Facebook has had many lovely old photos of the village carnival recently and I know that there were other photos in the village hall a while ago. It would be wonderful if a small group could get together and develop a village archive which could be partly online. This would contain photos, postcards, memories and other artefacts and records of village life. As this would be largely digital, the original material would be returned to whoever helps us. Do let me know if you would be interested in exploring this idea.

RE-USE AND REPAIR

The Repairs Cafe's work continues as it did through the first lockdown. If you have items for repair - particularly crockery and glass repairs, knife and flat blade tool sharpening please call Sioban on 820853 and I will put you in touch with the relevant repair person. Due to the present situation repairs may take longer than usual. 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 these range from £5-10.

Remember we can service and repair bike. 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!).

Also 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.

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RECYCLING

Contact Celia (01258) 268714 if you would like to bring recycling down. She has very kindly said she will open up the side doors for this.

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

- crisp packets, including multipack wrappers
- Pringles tubes (but only this brand, please)
- confectionery wrappers (sweets, chocolate, etc)
- snack packets
- peanut, pretzel & popcorn packaging
- biscuit, cracker & cake bar wrappers
- bread bags (stretchy plastic only)
- 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

THE HUB'S SPRING QUIZ

This will be ENTIRELY different! We are going to make it pictorial and will mean that you might need to get out walking. Watch this space, www.marnhullhub.org.uk and Facebook!

REFILLING MYRTLE AND MARIGOLD

This is suspended until the summer but if you want to get refills Georgie is doing them in Shaftesbury Thursday and Saturday am. See <https://www.facebook.com/myrtleandmarigold/>

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 has been reprinted. They are available from me: 820853 and in the Hub and Post Office once life is back to normal.

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.stephenboycepoetry.com/other-writing>.

MARNHULL VILLAGE HALL

A big thank you to all those people who were able to join the Trustees for The Walk Through of the hall on the 22nd December.

The hall is now complete, looking splendid and just waiting to be used. Let's hope that by the time you read the Messenger we will be in a better position to know when the doors of the hall can be opened for its Users. As you can see from the picture, the base of the Terrace is complete and again by the time you read this, the paving will have been laid and the balustrade put up.

The Village Hall Trustees



ST GREGORY'S C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL



JOKE OF THE MONTH selected by Badgers class.

Q. How do you make a tissue dance?
A. Put a little boogie in it.

A WORD FROM MRS FIELD! Alas, once again we find ourselves in a full lockdown, once again we must and will keep our children's education flowing. We will do this whilst observing safeguarding rules. Keeping our children and staff safe is a huge undertaking and without the support of staff, parent, and the children themselves it would not be possible.

The school is engaged on joint teaching fronts, with on site teaching of vulnerable children and those with keyworker parents taking place alongside significant remote learning. Our home teaching parents are now more engaged than ever before thanks to Microsoft Teams which is a virtual classroom. It has been a very steep learning curve for all concerned, come spring we will all be expoerts.

There will in future months be further updates of our lockdown life but for now I would like to invite you all to read a little further and enjoy our December activities. The school did a marvellous job of bringing some festive cheer not just to the school but also the community.

"IF YOU CAN'T FEED A HUNDRED PEOPLE, THEN FEED JUST ONE!"



Parents and friends of St Greg's donated food packets and Christmas food to the Gillingham food bank. Enough was donated to fill 7 hampers which I am sure you will agree is an amazing effort during this difficult year. The Worship ambassadors helped to sort the food so that every box had all the staples and then some Christmas goodies. Wonderful community spirit once again from Marnhull.

"THEY SAY IF YOU DREAM A THING MORE THAN ONCE, IT'S SURE TO COME TRUE"

During normal times the whole school would have travelled to enjoy a pantomime, sadly this was not feasible this Christmas. Happily, with the

help of funds raised by the PTFA we were able to bring the pantomime to St Greg's in the form of a bespoke personalised virtual performance of Sleeping Beauty. Ice creams accompanied the show, and the day was rounded off with a disco for each bubble.

SCHOOL TRADITION! Thanks to our pupil leadership team (Beatrice, Taylor & Cody) for helping organise a movie night for the children. Each class bubble enjoyed a separate film along with popcorn and a drink. How pleased we were to carry on what is now a firm fixture in the school calendar.

TREADING THE BOARDS! December would not be the same without the nervous goose bumps that live performance brings. And so, it came to pass that despite COVID-19's best efforts, the class bubbles proudly staged Christmas performances and showed some wonderful thespian zeal.

Theatre and song filled both the classrooms and church as each class bubble produced a video performance that the whole school and parents could enjoy. We hope that 2021 will see everyone once again congregated as a live audience to enjoy future shows, they really are the finest way to sign off the school year. Well done to all involved.

PTFA NEWS! Our wonderful PTFA once again defied the odds to raise ever valuable funds for the school. An incredible £647 was raised through a raffle with kind donations from local traders, thank you all very much for buying tickets and of course for the donators:

Dorset Dairy Company, Robin Hill Stores, Marnhull Spar, Olives Et Al, Mounters Gin, The Happy Meat Co, Barbers Cheese, Laura Eckett, Badger Ales, Bohemian Dorset, Box Pizza.



WITH SPECIAL THANKS! Christmas heralded the departure of two members of our wonderful staff at St Greg's. Sonia Bennett, one of our lunchtime supervisors and Mrs Palmer, a TA from Owls class have both waved goodbye, we wish them every success.

Also announced in December is the retirement of our long serving business manager Mrs Guy. She will be leaving the school at the end of February, thank you from the whole school for the many years you have served St Greg's.

To finish we would like to wish all involved with the school and the wider community all the best in these exceptional times.

HELP WILDLIFE SURVIVE THE WINTER

There are no hard and fast rules to follow when trying to encourage more wildlife in to your garden. It doesn't matter how big your garden is, there is always something you can do to help nature keep going. Most garden wildlife is still hibernating in February but you may still spot early bumblebees or hedgehogs that have emerged if the weather is milder. Frogs over the winter in log and leaf piles or beneath stones. They will all have gone without food for many months throughout the winter.

So to help and encourage them into your garden they need food, shelter and water to survive. The food at this time of year can be the dead heads that have been left on flowers and plants, berries and winter hedgerow fruits. If you haven't cleared all your leaves away, these areas always provide a good source of worms to be found underneath them. Birds also love fallen fruit so if you can leave some apples on the trees through the winter to naturally fall, even if some are rotted, they still taste good to the birds and they love them. Also remember to put up garden feeders where you can and keep your bird tables filled. On these grey days before we get to spring look around at the beautiful wildlife we have just on our own doorsteps - and enjoy!



ROCKIN ROBIN RED BREAST



It is often said that the Robin is the nation's favourite bird and for two years it was voted Britain's national bird; the first time was in 1960 and the second was in 2015. But it is yet to be made official. Robins are welcome visitors to our gardens all year round but especially in winter when their cheery red breast can brighten up even the dullest of days.

Its charming, chubby image adorns many a Christmas card as well. Male and female robins appear identical but their offspring are spotted brown and fluffy with no red breast until they are fully grown. Despite their cute appearance, robins can be aggressive whilst defending what they consider to be their territory from predators. Robins will sing all year round and often where there is artificial lighting they will sing at night too. They are often mistaken for nightingales who are the most common singing night bird.

In mild winters robins can start breeding as early as January, although their normal breeding season starts in March. They have been known to build nests in the most unusual places including post boxes, discarded shoes and boots, plant pots and one even built a nest in a WWII aeroplane! British robins are mostly sedentary though a few migrate to Spain and Portugal for the winter. Juveniles disperse from their home sites in May but very rarely move further than a few times. **Did you know?** The reason robins are used so frequently on Christmas cards is because during the Victorian era, when tradition of sending Christmas cards began, postmen wore red jackets, earning them the nickname 'robins!'

THE VALE PANTRY



Since opening the Vale Pantry in Sturminster Newton in early November, the number of people needing help with food has been rising steadily and are currently more than 500 each week. In addition, since the most recent lockdown was announced requests

for help have shot up. Many of the people I speak to about The Pantry are amazed that people in our area can be going hungry - unfortunately food poverty is very real - it can be hidden in plain sight! We are dealing with people of all ages, from young Mums to older pensioners. Some people have been made redundant, others on zero hour contracts with little or no work, those lucky to be on furlough have been managing with 80% of salary. Energy bills are at their highest and choices are having to be made between food, energy and countless other needs.

Some of the stories we hear have been quite emotional and I have to confess, I have shed a tear on more than one occasion listening to people's stories.

Through my work as the Councillor for Sturminster Newton on Dorset Council, I am able to help with signposting to services that are available to help in areas of fuel poverty, debt management and more. There is also a scheme coming online with the Citizen's Advice Bureau whereby we can refer someone for a specific issue and the client will be called within 48 hours.

We really do need all the help we can get to keep our Pantry stocked with good food - and we welcome donations of food and of course money. Whilst we purchase our Food from Fare Share, there are weeks when we just don't get nearly enough and need to purchase where we can from local providers.

The Pantry is staffed with volunteers and it truly is the most joyful place to work, we are getting to know our members and they tell us their visit into us, is the highlight of their week! We hope in due course, to open a second site in Shaftesbury.

For more information, call me on 07968 348481 or e-mail thevalepantry@gmail.com

Clr Carole Jones

A GREAT BIG THANK YOU!



During the run up to Christmas we appealed for help with filling shoeboxes for the homeless. This is a Charity that is run by two local people and is called Help for Homeless. Overall we produced about 90 boxes in total which were distributed in Yeovil, Bristol and Bath and have made a massive difference to both men and women and their dogs that live on the streets.

We were also given a super donation of £200 by Back2Market which allowed us to purchase much needed toiletries and items to top up our boxes. So a Big Thank You to everyone who helped and cared and to those who went that extra mile by writing lovely Christmas notes to go inside the boxes. Also to the team including Vicki Cooper Hammond, Anita Tacon, Pat Budden, Suzanne Targett, Rosie Gall and Ros Eveleigh - here's to next year!



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MARNHULL GARDEN CLUB'S 40TH ANNIVERSARY



In 2021 Marnhull Garden Club will celebrate the 40th Anniversary of the formation of the club. Looking back through the records, I can see that there have been many splendid garden parties, celebrations and other fabulous events over the years. In keeping with this, we had planned to continue these celebrations to mark this special anniversary but at the time of writing this is likely to be restricted by whatever COVID-19 restrictions we will be living under. If we can celebrate, then we will!

Our Club was formed on 16th February 1981. I was about 5 months pregnant then and my son also turns 40 this year so the calculations must be right! Also celebrating their 40th birthdays are Brittany Spears, Chris Evans and Megan Markle! In 1981 Ronald Regan became the 40th President of the United States of America. The Humber Bridge was opened by Queen Elizabeth II and, in Coronation Street, Ken Barlow married Diedre!

So what were the original Marnhull Garden Club members up to? The first Garden Club was formed at a meeting held in the Blackmore Vale Inn. Its name was the Burgess Close Gardeners Club, with an annual subscription of 50p per residence.

By July of 1981, Mr G Davidson was elected as the first Chairman, the membership was limited to 50 and opened up to residents beyond Burgess Close. The name became The Meadows Garden Club, the membership rose to 38 and the name was officially changed to Marnhull Garden Club, with club meetings being held on the first Thursday of the month, Subscriptions were £1 per year. A Christmas skittles social evening, was first arranged in this year.

In 1982, regular monthly meetings were held and more garden parties arranged. By 1984-1985 membership had reached 67, and a Garden Club shop was being run from the Blackmore Vale Inn and later from Dr Watts surgery.

A great time was had in 2006 when the club held a Silver Jubilee party at a member's garden. Everyone wore something silver and I have seen some stunning outfits evidenced in the photo library. Many photos were taken over the years. Since then all our snaps are stored on phones etc with little need to print. The old photographs have now been scanned to be kept safely for all time. And so it has continued Garden Parties, Flower Shows, Skittles Evenings, monthly meetings and outings to some great venues all making Marnhull Garden Club the wonderful group it is today. Marnhull Garden Club has contributed and donated to bulb planting, 'Kissing gates' on Marnhull's Footpaths, St Gregory's weather vane restoration fund, The Village Hall Extension Project, The Air Ambulance and lots more charities.

There have been around 20 Chairs of Marnhull Garden Club, a few more than the 13 Doctor Who's!... the latest serving Mrs Yvonne Vintiner, John Couzens, Mrs Shirley Blackford, David Andrews and Ian Pentland. Ben Miller took the club into the 21st Century in 2000 and the current chair is Mr David Bruce who as we speak will have served his first year without actually chairing a single physical meeting. Many more have served on the Committee over the years.

Many thanks to several members who shared their memories of Marnhull Garden Club with me.

John Couzens wrote "For several years I was outings organiser for Marnhull Garden Club. I started off very inexperienced and naive. One of my first outings was to RHS Rosemoor in Devon on a very hot summer's day. Trying to keep the costs down I booked the cheapest coach could find. It had over 100,000 miles on the clock and no aircon. The driver had obviously not been to Rosemoor before and we took forever to get there with the lanes getting narrower and narrower. However, it eventually proved to be a good day out." **Some things never change! (Viv)**

"We had an outing to Longstock, on the river Test, near Stockbridge. Again the weather was perfect, the gardens lovely and everyone enjoyed a very jolly communal picnic." **How come the sun always shone on those outings? (Viv)**

"Another memorable outing was to the Abbey Gardens at Malmesbury, where owners' claim to fame was that they were 'naked gardeners' due to their habit of working in the near nude. I still vividly remember seeing one of our elderly lady members having an in depth conversation about gardening with the owner who was dressed in just a thong." **I have seen this photo! (Viv)**

Jill and John Neal wrote

"Jill and I have lived in Marnhull for 12 years. On our second day of becoming residents we had a knock on our door from our neighbour 'Bill Miller' who persuaded us to attend our first Garden Club meeting and have remained interested ever since. We have many memories of the plant fairs in the Village Hall and, of course, the Marnhull Flower Show. As you may recall, Jill acted as speaker finder for more than 8 years and, in that time, certainly helped to grow membership numbers." **I have a few more 'Speaker Finder' years to do to beat that record! (Viv)**

So, here's to the next decade for Marnhull Garden Club and may we all be able to join in a toast to its continued success as soon as we are able to do so.

Viv Bruce



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BRING COLOUR TO YOUR TABLE WITH HOMEMADE MARMALADE



A cooking project can offer the perfect therapy to the Covid lockdown and what better way to cheer yourself up than to bring the colour and smell of Seville oranges into your kitchen, with a batch of home-made marmalade?

If you're quick, Robin Hill Stores, or local shop should still have supplies of Seville oranges, sugar and lemons just waiting for you! There are so many recipes for marmalade, but this is the one I find works for me.

Ingredients

- 900g (2lb) Seville Oranges, scrubbed
- Juice of 2 lemons
- 2.8 litres (5pt) water
- 1.5kg (3lb) granulated or caster sugar, warmed in a very low oven.

Equipment

You will need a preserving pan or deep stock pot, a piece of muslin or clean J-cloth (15 inches/38cm square), wooden spoon, a sieve, sterilised jars, labels

1. Pop 3 or 4 small plates into the freezer - you will need these later to check the set.
2. Scrub the fruit well, then halve the oranges and lemons. Squeeze the juice and pour into the preserving pan, making sure you reserve the pips, any white pith and the empty orange halves.
3. Put all the pips and any pith into a square piece of muslin. Most of the pectin that sets marmalade is found in the pips and the pith, which is why they are boiled with the marmalade.
4. Tie with string, leaving the string long enough to tie onto the handle of the pan - this makes it easier to get out later.
5. Slice the peel as thinly or as thickly as desired, or if you're short of time, chop in a food processor. Add to the pan with juice and pour in 2.8 litres water. Add the muslin bag and tie to the pan handle.
6. Bring to the boil, then reduce the heat and simmer gently for about 2 hours until the zest is very soft and transparent. Tip in the warmed sugar, stir well and with a wooden spoon and bring slowly to boil. Once the sugar has dissolved, boil rapidly until setting point is reached - about 10-20 minutes - or if you have a sugar thermometer, when the temperature reaches 105 °C.

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7. To test, take 1 of the plates from the freezer, spoon a little marmalade onto it and run your finger through the marmalade - if it is thickened and begins to wrinkle, it's set. If not, cook for about 3 more minutes and test again. You may need to test this a few times until the required set is reached. Remove the muslin bag and discard the pips.

8. Allow to stand and cool slightly for about 20 minutes to distribute the zest evenly. As with all preserves, jars need to be sterilised first. To sterilise the jars: Preheat the oven to 120C/ fan 100C / gas ½. Wash the jars in warm soapy water, rinse in clean water and dry upside down on a tray in the oven for about 10 minutes.

9. Use a jam funnel, if you have one, to ladle the marmalade into sterilised 6 x 450g jam jars. Top with a waxed disc and seal. Cool the jars, then label and date them.

POPPIN CAFE



We are once again in lockdown, thanks to our very unwelcome visitor COVID!! What a crazy world we're in at the moment but spring is coming, the snowdrops are peeping out and the evenings are lighter, so reasons to be cheerful - MANY!

The Village Hall is ready and waiting for us but we'll need to wait until we get a clear go ahead to do

that. As a committee we have chatted and dreamt of ideas and the whys and wherefores on how we could re-open the cafe but our priority is to make sure that we can do this safely - which is not just yet. POPPIN will be back and we can't wait to see everyone there.

Although we have all become accustomed to finding different ways of filling our days and maintaining some level of social contact with each other, we thought you may like to try this little fun filler! We will publish the correct answers in the next issue of the Marnhull Messenger but are under no illusions that the majority of you will have cheated by then and probably googled the answers anyway! Sorry - no prizes but we reckon the first visit to the POPPIN will be on us when that happy day comes!

Conditions on completing the POPPIN Quiz - a large slice of cake and a cuppa!!



STAY SAFE EVERYONE! Linda, Sue, Rosie, Jill, Anne, Audrey and Lynda.

POPPIN QUIZ QUESTIONS

1. What kind of cake does Miss Trunchbull make Bruce Bogtrotter eat in Roald Dahl's 'Matilda'?
2. Which icing is used to decorate or sculpt cakes (gets its name from the French word means "melting")?
3. A type of griddle cake or scone made in the north of England is called a "singing".... what?

4. What is the name of the Australian cake made from squares of sponge cake or butter cake coated in an outer layer of chocolate sauce and rolled in desiccated coconut?

5. What type of currant bun did Jonathan Swift write about in his journal on 28th April 1711?

6. What is the name of the French cake made with layers of almond sponge cake soaked in coffee syrup, layered with ganache and coffee French buttercream, and covered in a chocolate glaze?

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GOVERNMENT SHOULD RETHINK DAMAGING PLANNING PROPOSALS & PLAN BACK BETTER, URGES COALITION OF 18 ORGANISATIONS

The government should rethink major elements of its controversial planning proposals and work with stakeholders to deliver a planning system that puts people, climate and nature at its heart. The call comes from a broad and united coalition of 18 housing, planning, transport, environmental, heritage and public health organisations that have worked together to forge their own alternative 'Vision for planning' in response to the government's Planning White Paper, published in August last year. The government is expected to make a further announcement in March about whether and how it will take forward the proposals in the White Paper. The joint 'Vision for planning' was launched on 14th January at a virtual debate with speakers including the Housing Minister the Rt Hon Chris Pincher MP and was chaired by London City Hall's Night Czar Amy Lame. **Commenting on the new joint 'Vision for planning', Tom Fyans, deputy chief executive of CPRE, the countryside charity, said:** 'We're calling on the government to plan back better and work with us to develop a planning system that puts people, and tackling the climate and ecological emergencies, at its heart. We all deserve a home we can genuinely afford to live in, and to have a say in shaping the communities around us. And for over 70 years, a toolbox has been in place to make sure that can happen: the planning system. But as things stand, under the government's current proposals, the opportunity to influence what happens and where in our communities would be halved. Before Christmas, the government announced a welcome revision of its housing numbers 'algorithm'. However, this was only one small part of a range of potentially damaging proposals put forward by the government last year. That's why we're calling on Ministers to take an equally pragmatic approach to improving policies relating to community voice, affordable homes and access to green spaces. Together, we can develop a planning system fit for the 21st century.'

Peter Bowyer, Dorset CPRE Chair of Trustees, said: 'Building excessive housing can only be at the expense of our very special environment and our communities. Our environment is Dorset's greatest economic asset. Our communities need appropriate homes to meet local need, including truly affordable homes for young families whom we need to keep and attract to work here and so help grow Dorset's economy. Dorset CPRE supports a locally led democratic planning system rather than deregulated proposals.'

Julie Hirigoyen, Chief executive, UK Green Building Council, said: 'The government's proposed planning reforms do not adequately reflect the important role of the planning system as a key strategic vehicle for decarbonising the economy, enhancing climate resilience and reversing biodiversity decline. If we are to deliver new development that does not compromise our progress towards net zero, the planning system - as outlined in this vision paper - must ensure all new buildings are net zero by 2030 at the latest, with new homes to be net zero as soon as possible.'

Emma March, director of RSPB England, said: 'Nature is in freefall decline and we have a climate in crisis. Our wildlife is declining at an alarming rate with much loved species at a risk of extinction if things continue. A good planning system is critical not just for providing us with homes with access to nature-rich greenspace and the other services that we need, but also for ensuring that our amazing nature is protected and given the space that it needs to recover and thrive again.'

Shaun Spiers, Chief executive of Green Alliance, said: 'For a resilient society, we need environmental and climate priorities to be right at the heart of our planning system, so we hope the government takes careful note of this coalition's recommendations. To cut pollution and climate impacts, reforms to the planning system must ensure that every home has easy access, via public transport, walking and cycling, to amenities, green spaces and local workplaces. Good spatial planning

will be integral to the UK meeting its net zero carbon goal by 2050.'

Naomi Luhde-Thompson, senior planner at Friends of the Earth, said: 'Planning rules that protect people's voice and enshrine local democratic accountability on all development must not be removed or weakened. Without these rules we won't be able to fight the climate or ecological emergencies we are facing.'

Tom Platt, Director of advocacy and engagement at the Ramblers, said: 'During the pandemic, we've seen just how important planning is. Those fortunate enough to have easy access to a local park or green space, have benefitted physically and mentally. We have a chance now to learn from past mistakes and set a new course for greener, healthier, and more sustainable communities. The decisions we make today will impact the lives of millions for generations to come and the alternative Vision for Planning gives a solid foundation for this.'

Sarah Mitchell, Chief executive of Cycling UK, said: 'In recent decades, too many housing developments have been designed for car-dependency, with lots of road and parking space. This makes it really hard for children or anyone else to get around in ways that are healthy for themselves and the environment. Instead, we should locate and design new developments to make it safe and easy to walk or cycle to schools and workplaces, shops, public transport, parks and open spaces. We should plan for healthy living, for ourselves and for our children's future.'

Dr Sue Young, head of land use and planning and ecological networks at the Wildlife Trusts, said: 'Thousands of people have written to the Government asking for a better planning system that creates healthy places and communities in which both people and nature can thrive. It's time to integrate nature back into our lives - for the sake of wildlife and for our own happiness and wellbeing. The Wildlife Trusts believe that development can and should contribute to tackling the twin threats from biodiversity and climate crises, and leave a beneficial legacy for the future.'

Kate Ashbrook, General secretary of the Open Spaces Society, said: 'Government, local authorities and our communities must all work together to provide everyone with access to good quality green space close to home. This is a vital element of a green recovery following the pandemic. It is essential the government ensures that changes to the planning system are not at the expense of the open green spaces, which people value and visit in their neighbourhoods. These precious open spaces must be adequately funded and protected.'

Kit Stoner, Chief executive of the Bat Conservation Trust, said: 'The current planning system has been developed over many years and has benefits for people, business and wildlife that can and should be built on by careful reforms rather than by wholesale abandonment of existing policy. Planning reforms need to give support to the aims and objectives of the Environment Bill including Local Nature Recovery Strategies and Biodiversity Net Gain.'

PANDEMIC PONDERINGS - TERESA HEPWORTH

Lockdown x1
Slightly nervous, apprehensive, uncertain.
Glorious English spring, long days of sunshine,
outdoors - bird song,
peace and quiet -
What is waiting in the wings ready to pounce?
Is this going to be a poem or prose?
Just random thoughts reflecting the past few months...

Appreciation of our lives, appreciation of friends & family,
of a new life appearing mid lockdown,
unexpected contact with people far away.

Would we have done this before Coronavirus?
Am I going to sign this or stay anonymous?

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Mid July, relative freedom,
peeping out the front door,
not quite knowing what to expect lurking in the hedgerows,
meeting up with friends and family further afield,
essential tasks achieved -
hair cut,
nails painted,
tennis played,
teeth sorted -
in order of priority.

But social distancing a must and masks worn.
Dilemma - does one go designer or bog standard blue -
should it match one's outfit?
Crowds flock to the beaches in glorious sunshine
ignoring rules -
inevitably, cases on the rise and threat of future lockdown.
What is waiting in the wings ready to pounce?
Is this going to be a poem or prose?
Just random thoughts reflecting the past few months...

Lockdown x2
November 5th -
same time as American election
but that...is another story!

Second time around - it doesn't feel quite so confined -
able to go for longer walks &
braver about going into shops!

Are we becoming used to this extraordinary way of life?
'new normal' is the trendy expression -
annoying!!
Would we have done this before Coronavirus?
Am I going to sign this or stay anonymous?

Slightly nervous, apprehensive, uncertain.
Glorious English autumn, long days of sunshine,
outdoors - still bird song,
peace and quiet -

What is waiting in the wings ready to pounce?

Christmas is approaching -
ordered turkey crown hoping
to share our meal with family -
what to do?

Take it on the chin - go with the flow - keep calm and carry on.

Few lessons learnt -
live every day to the full -
don't put off anything
as you don't know what's round the corner -
be kind -
be thoughtful -
CARPE DIEM!!
Was this a poem or was it prose?
Just random thoughts reflecting the past few months...

MARNHULL FLOWER SHOW

17th July 2021
We are hoping to hold the Marnhull Flower Show this summer on Saturday the 17th July 2021, in line with the restrictions that may be in place. This will necessarily be different from past Flower Shows but we thought it might encourage you to start thinking about your entries. The

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classes will remain as they were advertised last year and more of these will be listed in future issues of the Marnhull Messenger. However, so that all our keen photographers have ample opportunity to take some really interesting photographs, the following is a reminder of the classes we will be holding:
Class 87 - Chimney(s)
Class 88 - Close-up - Pollinating insect on a flower
Class 89 - Work or craft
Class 90 - Black and White - Winter
Class 91 - 'Out in the mid-day sun'
Class 92 - A digital photograph - any subject. Exhibit to consist of the original photograph and a copy that has been digitally enhanced. To be mounted as a pair, mounting not to exceed 30cm x 45cm
Class 93 - Open Class

It would be interesting to see photographic entries about lockdown included in one or other of the classes above. If we have to cancel the event, we will try to organise photographs of as many classes as possible for the shop windows in the village. We have also included the following selection of classes from the Children's section of the Show to enable children to start planting, creating and taking photographs during lockdown.
Underr 5's
102 - Something I have grown from seed(s)
104 - Something I have made
Ages 5-8
109 - A small arrangement of flowers displayed in a decorated recycled container
111 - Plant from seed(s)
113 - Freelance Lego model
Ages 9 - 12
118 - Four different weeds and identify them
119 - A plant I have looked after
122 - Freelance Lego model
123 - Digital photograph - any subject
Ages 12-16
126 - Vegetable, fruit or plant I have grown
127 - Five different tree leaves and identify them
128 - Digital photograph - any subject
129 - Climate change poster

NEWS FROM TRADING STANDARDS

Having parcel delivery problems? You are not alone as half of British consumers have had parcel delivery issues since the first March lockdown.
1. Check delivery policies - before you place an order find out what the delivery times, costs and returns policies are of the items you have ordered.
2. If you're out of the house during delivery - Consider asking a neighbour or friend if it can be delivered to their address if you think it may be at a time or date you will not be at home. But beware, if you do provide details of a safe space or nominated neighbour, and something goes wrong, it may not be the seller or courier's responsibility.
3. Online trader or online marketplace? - Make sure you know if you are dealing with a trader or a private seller on an online marketplace as dispute processes may vary. If you have an issue with a trader, a dispute can be raised directly with them, but if it's a private individual it may be easier to go through a marketplace's dispute process.
4. Review traders - Check and review if the trader is genuine. It's always worth taking a look at reviews to gain insight as to how reliable the company is and how well they deal with missing parcel complaints and refunds.
5. How to deal with when a parcel goes missing - Your purchase and contract is with the seller. If your parcel goes missing you should speak with the seller to deal with the problem, not the courier company.

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The Dorset Local Plan Consultation

CALL TO ACTION!

Dorset County Council has released a consultation on a new Local Plan - an important document that will have an influence over all of us for at least the next fifteen years. Read on to find out why that is and how you can make a difference...

What is a Local Plan?

A local plan is a document prepared by a local planning authority that sets out strategic planning policies. It gives clear guidance on how proposals for development will be considered and is the main basis for making decisions on planning applications. It forms part of the development plan for an area and all planning decisions must be made in accordance with the development plan unless material considerations indicate otherwise.

Local plans provide certainty for local communities and developers about what development will be approved by setting out clear aims and objectives and include policies to guide the overall level of development, where it should go and how it should be designed.

What is the Dorset Local Plan?

Prior to the merger of the district councils into the unitary Dorset Council, each district had its own local plan. The North Dorset local plan is the one that has been used and is still currently being used in the determination of planning applications. However, as the districts no longer exist, Dorset Council must create a single, county wide plan - the Dorset Local Plan.

The process of creating the Dorset Local Plan began a while ago, with the gathering of evidence from a number of stakeholders, which included town and parish councils. This evidence has now been pulled together in a draft for consultation lasting until Monday 15th March 2021. The consultation is available to view and comment on the Dorset Council website as follows:

<https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/planning-buildings-land/planning-policy/dorset-council-local-plan.aspx>

On that page, you will also find links to documents that provide information on the stakeholder evidence gathering process.

Unfortunately, due to the Coronavirus pandemic and government guidance on social distancing, certain approaches to consultation (such as making paper copies of consultation material at council offices) will not be possible for now, so the only access to the document will be online.

Your Village Needs You...

To voice your views on how our village is treated in the new plan, there are two main avenues. The first is to provide your comments individually via the Dorset Council website through the above link.

However, the Parish Council is also to provide comments on the plan and is inviting you all to make your views known to them. How this will be done is still to be determined and may depend on the nature of the plan itself, which is not known at the time of writing. However, we know it is a large document, so enough individuals are interested, setting up certain groups (operating remotely, of course) within the community to provide comments on specific parts of the plan may be the way forward.

So, the first step would be for you to flag your interest in being involved by going to the Marnhull Parish Council Website comment form here:

<https://marnhull-pc.org.uk/contact/>, in the subject line, write Dorset Local Plan and in the message itself let us know if you have any particular interest or knowledge that may be useful to know if we do set up topic related groups. You can, naturally, also provide any other comments.

The Parish Council is keen to involve our community, so if you are at all concerned with how our village will develop over the next 15 years, now is the time to make your voice heard!

HAVE YOUR SAY ON DORSET COUNCIL'S LOCAL PLAN



Why is the local plan important?

The Dorset Council Local Plan sets out planning policies and allocations to meet the needs of the whole of the Dorset Council area until at least the year of 2038. Once adopted, the Local Plan, alongside any Neighbourhood Plans, will be the legal starting point in determining planning applications for the area. The papers and plan can be viewed at <https://modern.gov.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/mgAi.aspx>. If there isn't a Local Plan in place then the ability for Dorset Council to influence the location and character of developments is limited.

Why is consultation important?

Planning affects the future of Dorset. The council wants to be sure that everybody can be involved in both the preparation of the Local Plan and decisions on planning applications. Involvement of public and stakeholders through the plan making process is important, as it allows local knowledge and expertise to be gathered from a wide range of perspectives.

Who will be consulted?

The council is required to consult with a range of stakeholders including public bodies such as the Environment Agency and voluntary bodies such as local charities. The council will continue to consult town and parish councils, who can provide a wealth of local knowledge and represent the concerns of local residents. The Duty to Cooperate, a legal test that requires cooperation with neighbouring planning authorities, means that the council will be talking to neighbouring councils to ensure that all housing and employment needs have been met.

To ensure proposals are deliverable, the council will work with local landowners and the development industry, alongside infrastructure and service providers. The council believes that all residents and businesses operating in the area should have the opportunity to be involved in the plan making process and they are therefore invited to comment on the draft local plan.

When will this happen?

The first Dorset Council Local Plan consultation will begin in January 2021 and will last for eight weeks. There will be further opportunity to comment in late 2021 before the Plan is submitted for independent examination and adopted in 2023. **How can you have your say?**

The draft Dorset Council Local Plan will be available on the council's website at www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/dorset-local-plan. During the consultation, there will be displays in libraries where you can borrow a hard copy of the plan. A dedicated phone line will be available for enquiries from Monday - Friday. The council will also be holding virtual webinars on key themes within the Local Plan for residents to discover and ask questions about proposals.

There is also a series of podcasts that have been developed to help people understand key local plan topics such as consultation, housing, the Green Belt and infrastructure (including roads and public transport). These are available via Spotify, iTunes and Anchor. Cllr David Walsh, Dorset Council portfolio holder for planning, said: "We are planning for Dorset's future, for the future of our residents. It is so important that we understand everyone's view on the draft Local Plan as much as we can. We are working closely with all our stakeholders, our own councillors and town and parish councils to make sure we reach all parts of Dorset."

What will happen to the old local and neighbourhood plans?

The Draft Dorset Council Local Plan has used all the information gathered by the former borough and district councils. The Purbeck Local Plan is the only one that was at an advanced stage and, once it has completed a final consultation and been independently examined, it will form part of the Dorset area plan until the Dorset Council Local Plan is adopted. Neighbourhood plans will be used in conjunction with the overall Dorset Council Local Plan to inform planning decisions.

NEWS FROM NICK

There is only one crime to report since the last edition which was theft of power tools from a vehicle in November. In December there were 3 reports of Anti-social Behaviour (ASB) in the village, the first in the Ham Lane area of the village and 2 incidences in the area of the recreation ground off of Burton Street, the first youths were seen to climb on to the flat roof of the village hall and the other was noise relating to vehicles gathering in the car park area.

SCAMS

The scams continue please be on your guard as they continually change. There is a new scam to do with COVID-19 where a text message is sent telling the recipient they are eligible to apply for a vaccine. There is a link to a fake NHS website and form which asks for a name, address, date of birth, proof of address and bank details to prove identity. This is a SCAM the NHS would never ask for your banking information. If you think you are a victim of this type of scam please report to Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040 or visit www.actionfraud.police.uk.

GENERAL ADVICE FOR SCAMS

Please note and follow the general advice for telephone SCAMS please be vigilant do not give out any personal details. There are a few pointers below:

- **NEVER give out your pin number or bank details to ANYONE who calls you no matter who they claim to be or where they claim to be from.**
- **NEVER send cash in a taxi or via courier.**
- **NEVER send bank cards anywhere - always keep them with you.**

DO NOT ENGAGE WITH THESE FRAUDSTERS. DO NOT GIVE OUT PERSONAL AND BANK DETAILS. HANG UP ON FRAUDSTERS!

PLEASE BE VIGILANT AND REPORT AND 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 web address is above, or you can phone 101. If a crime is occurring or a life is in danger phone 999. Mandy Robinson - PSCO 5352 Sturminster Newton Town and Rural Policing Team North Dorset Rural NPT Email: northdorsetruralnpt@dorset.pnn.police.uk

MARNHULL TENNIS CLUB

The club now has a new website. Please log into marnhulltennisclub.net

Tennis has been re-started for a couple of months now and by the time you read this our courts will hopefully have been resurfaced and painted. We would love to encourage new members and beginners to come and try. We offer the following activities:

Club Sessions

Friday Mornings - play tennis for fun. Open to all members from 9:30am until 12:00.

Thursday Evenings - weekly Club sessions, all standards from 6pm until dusk - through to Autumn. **Please refer to website in order to view the new procedure to get involved.**

Coaching - Please see website where details can be found.

Court Bookings - Playing with friends or family is available through our website. Any problems please contact the club secretary, details below.

Ball Machine - Sadly we are still unable to offer the ball machine given continuing Covid 19 restrictions.

Subscriptions - With only half the season remaining we are offering half price membership through to March 2021.

Family - £45

Adult - £20

Adult concession (over 65) - £17.50

Junior (Under 18 or full-time student) - £6

Children receiving coaching - Free

There is also a monthly membership available at £10 per adult.

Visitors Fees (per person per hour): Adult - £2; Junior - £1.

Please attach new racket tag to your racket.

For membership forms and payment details please refer to our website.

End of Season Tournament

Due to Covid restrictions this is unlikely to take place this year

Club Officials

Chair - Jeremy Hamer, Great Down Farm, Marnhull. DT10 1JY, 07977234614

Deputy Chair - Helen Butler, Squirrel Bank, Love Lane, DT10 1PT. 01258 821767

Secretary - Chris Gregory Chalkhill, Stour Meadows, Manston. DT10 1DN. 01258 474646

Treasurer - Margaret Hunt, 15 Phillips Rd. DT10 1LF. 01258 821000

A BIG THANK YOU

A big thank you to Marnhull Stores, Robin Hill Stores and Cook's Garage for selling face coverings to raise money for the Poppy Appeal. Also, thanks to those who purchased the face coverings; together with other outlets, £334.00 was raised.

Marnhull residents are always generous in their support of the Royal British Legion and the Poppy Appeal and it is particularly appreciated during a National Crisis when normal fundraising activities were not able to take place.

President, Marnhull Branch, Royal British Legion



A PIECE OF VILLAGE SHOPPING HISTORY



We are really well served by our village shops and businesses, but even they would have been pushed to compete with Curtis's Stores who many years ago, were at the top of Burton Street where the Curtain Man, James Colmer's hairdressers and the Hub are now situated.

A copy of their price list, probably from the 1920s has come to light and although we have been unable to find much information about the business, the price list states that they had been established for over a century and one of the pictures is dated 1913.

Inside is a treasure trove of an immense range of products, from food and provisions, to clothing and shoes, drapery and millinery, china, glass and ironmongery - even furniture!

A 26 piece Marlot Dinner service, (in dark blue) would set you back 12s 6d (that's 62.5p for the young amongstus) or about £20 at today's prices. If you were looking for a bit of fine dining, perhaps some Lobster or Oysters, the Index points you towards "See Fish in Tins." Our four-legged friends were also catered for and Naldire's Worm Powders were a shilling and their Dog Soap was a mere 8½d.

William's 'Pink Pills' were launched in 1886 and were originally advertised as "Pink Pills for Pale People - tonic for the blood and nerves to treat anaemia, clinical depression, poor appetite and lack of energy. These cost 2s 3d - you were probably better off using Dog Soap!

It really is a wonderful snapshot of times gone by and if you know more about the history or have memories of Curtis's Stores, or indeed any other village activity, then we'd love to hear from you and share it with the village.

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Corinth Cream, Curr.	0 6
Current Pastry, P. F.	0 7
— Cream, Curr.	0 6
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— Chelsea, Mr. F. L.	0 4 1/2
— Crown, Mr. V. & P.	0 7
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— Full, P. F.	1 1
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Why would he want to live in a little village miles from any great city, I thought? Surely he'd be bored to death. How wrong can you be!

My first memory is a fishing trip we made to Weymouth back in the seventies. Nothing tastes better than a freshly caught mackerel - except perhaps the great beer in The Crown and Graham's home-grown tomatoes.

I have been back many times over the years. I remember being guest speaker at the Marnhull rugby club dinner in the seventies and Graham's President's Dinner for the Blackmore Vale Lions Club in 1981. Sadly, I missed his wedding to his lovely wife Sandy in 1985 because I was reporting the famine in Chad and Ethiopia.

Most recently I was in the village hall for his 80th birthday party, and that's when I truly realised how wise he had been to move to Marnhull all those years ago. What struck me so forcibly was the warmth and the kindness of the many friends he and Sandy had made over the years. Marnhull is more than a village. It is a real community. That's how you gauge what makes somewhere a truly great place to live.

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 Tel: 07733 085 077

MARNHULL TENNIS CLUB

Courts currently closed under COVID regulations.

For more information on the Club and news on court opening visit our website:

marnhulltennisclub.net

or phone John Seear on
 01258 269743

MARNHULL CRAFT CLUB

Meets at 10:00am on the first Thursday of every month (except August) in

The Methodist Church Hall

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Sadly, we cannot meet at present. Watch out for news of our return!

More information from Mary Palmer, 01258 820232

MARNHULL BRIDGE CLUB

Marnhull Bridge Club meets in the Methodist Hall every Tuesday at 2 pm to play Chicago.

New Players always welcome.

New Messenger Deadline: 14th FEBRUARY

E-mail all texts, announcements and other requests to: editor@marnhullmessenger.org.uk

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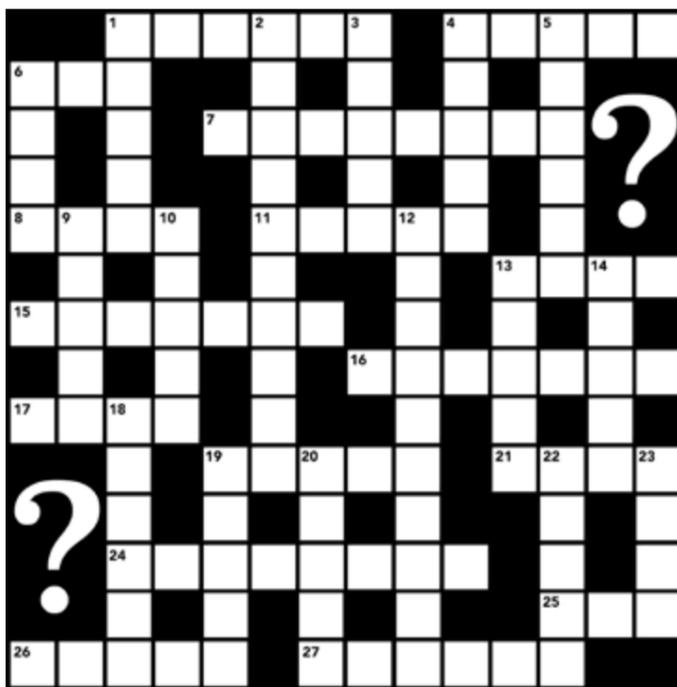


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ACROSS

- 1) Measure of capacity equal to 8 gallons. (6)
- 4) One of the four most prestigious professional golf tournaments. (5)
- 6) River that rises in Snowdonia and runs 70 miles through Chester to the Wirral peninsular. (3)
- 7) Large snake of South America. (8)
- 8) Metal with the chemical symbol Pb. (4)
- 11) Female name taken from the Greek goddess of peace. (5)
- 13) Kiln for drying hops. (4)
- 15) Dickens' character whose name has come to mean a miserly person. (7)
- 16) Sea that is a region of the Northern Indian Ocean bounded on the north by Pakistan and Iran. (7)
- 17) Eric former member of the Monty Python comedy group. (4)
- 19) Owl of the Arctic tundra. (5)
- 21) Pop duo who got to number one in January 2021 with a track first recorded in 1984. (4)
- 24) A thing composed of two or three elements. (8)
- 25) Short for a unit of information in computing. (3)
- 26) and 10D) Titular character in a book by R. D. Blackmore set on Exmoor. (5)
- 27) White mist produced with solid carbon dioxide as a theatrical effect. (6)

DOWN

- 1) Italian name meaning beautiful. (5)
- 2) Cambridgeshire town for which Oliver Cromwell and John Major have been the MP. (10)
- 3) Money especially dishonourably obtained. (5)
- 4) Small whale species. (5)
- 5) Female name used as cockney rhyming slang for a piano. (6)
- 6) Lower house of Parliament in the Republic of Ireland. (4)
- 9) National icon of Spain whose name means 'The Lord'. (2-3)
- 10) See 26A).
- 12) Communicating with the dead to predict the future. (10)
- 13) Loop formed by a horseshoe bend in a river. (5)
- 14) Military charity known by an acronym of its name. (5)
- 18) A cavalryman. (6)
- 19) Brazilian dance. (5)
- 20) Egg shaped. (5)
- 22) Neolithic stone or wood circle. (5)
- 23) Arch enemy of Flash Gordon. (4)

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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

Address

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:

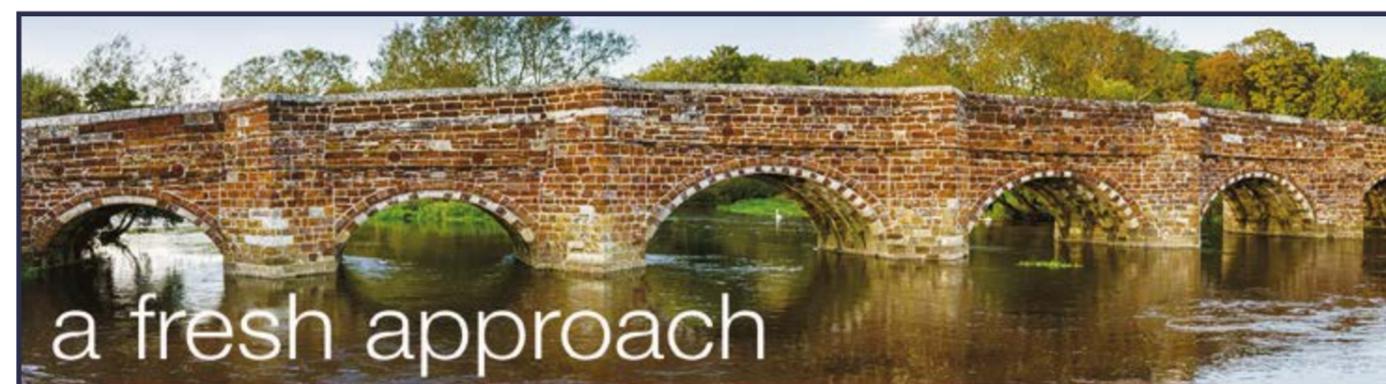
Secretary: Hilary Parker 01258 821667.

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