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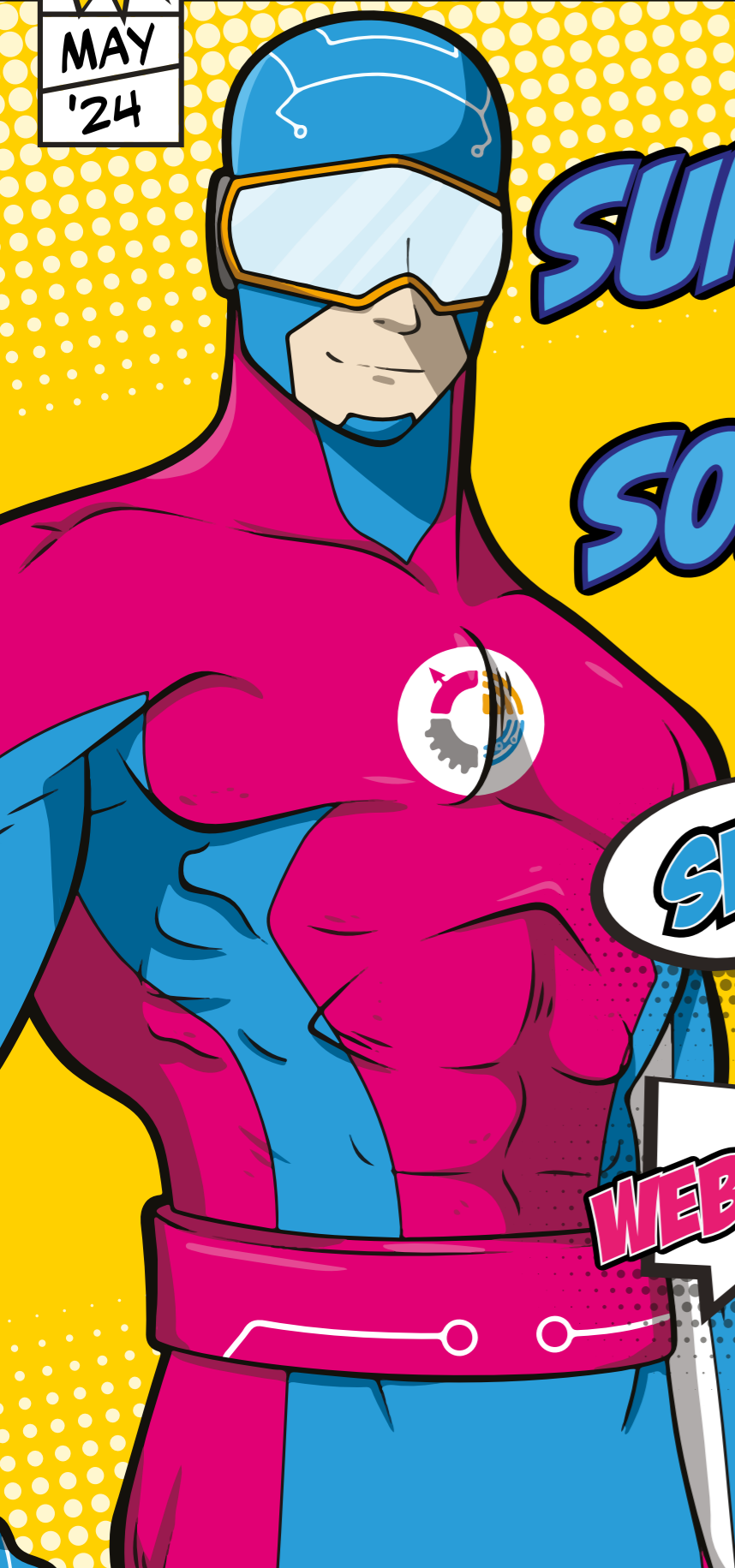
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CHRIS RYU
Messenger Editor

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MID-DAY 14th May

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Welcome back to the new look Messenger!

I'm struggling to think of what to write in my intro this month. It's been a really busy month and so I've not been around the village as much as usual.

As some of you will probably be aware, I returned to martial arts after 20 years away from competing at international level. It's been a bit shock to the system, but I wanted to get fit and the arts have always been very important to me. Due to the length of time out and my poor flexibility, I figured I'd start from scratch, but I was recently invited to re-grade for a Tae Kwon Do black belt in May. It's in a different style than I studied all those years ago, so I've had to cram 5 years of study into 9 months! It's been a lot to work on, but it feels like it's finally starting to pay off. I had the honour of training with the Grand Master in Leicester this week and he's coming down to train in Poole this week.

Mikey and I are preparing for an intensive martial arts training seminar with the highest ranking Sensei in Japan. The Master doesn't speak English, so this preparation includes taking daily Japanese lessons.

Wish me luck!

REMINDER: NEW POLICY FOR EVENT ADVERTS

You can still have a free listing in the diary and a free text based article, but coming later this year, if you would like an image based advert placed in the Messenger you will need to pre-pay for the space on our website. There is an exception for organisations in the village. We believe this change will either free up valuable space for articles, or will help cover our print costs.

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 This is offered for door to door transport for the elderly, disabled and unemployed for essential trips with a set scale of modest donations.

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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.

ANNUAL DIARY 2024 *All events are held at the Village Hall unless otherwise stated.*

May

<p>1st - Wednesday Fitsteps dance and exercise @ 11:15 Table Tennis - Wednesday @ 14:00 Community Choir @ 18:30 Pound Fitness @ 19:00 British Legion</p> <p>2nd - Thursday Craft Club @ 10:00 Methodist Hall</p> <p>3rd - Friday Lunch Club @ 12:00</p> <p>4th - Saturday Hub and Repair Café @ 10:00 Marnhull Hub The Beagles @ 20:30 British Legion</p> <p>6th - Monday Table Tennis - Monday @ 14:00</p> <p>7th - Tuesday Art for Everyone Summer @ 09:00 Bridge Club @ 14:00 Methodist Hall</p> <p>8th - Wednesday Fitsteps dance and exercise @ 11:15 Table Tennis - Wednesday @ 14:00 Tea with Friends @ 14:30 Methodist Hall Community Choir @ 18:30 Pound Fitness @ 19:00 British Legion</p> <p>10th - Friday Being here for each other @ 10:00 Methodist Hall Blackmore Vale Art Group @ 10:00</p> <p>11th - Saturday The Marnhull Hub and Repair Café @ 10:00 Marnhull Hub</p> <p>12th - Sunday Art for Everyone Annual Exhibition @ 11:00</p> <p>13th - Monday Pound Fitness @ 09:30 British Legion Table Tennis - Monday @ 14:00 Lyn's Bingo @ 19:00 British Legion Club Women's Institute - Resolutions & Beetle Drive @ 19:30</p> <p>14th - Tuesday Art for Everyone Summer @ 09:00 Bridge Club @ 14:00 Methodist Hall Marnhull Garden Club @ 19:00</p> <p>15th - Wednesday Fitsteps dance and exercise @ 11:15 Table Tennis - Wednesday @ 14:00 Community Choir @ 18:30 Pound Fitness @ 19:00 British Legion</p> <p>17th - Friday Marnhull Community Cafe @ 10:00 Talk 'Spiritual Art - Ancient to Modern' + light lunch @ 11:00 Methodist Hall</p> <p>18th - Saturday Giveaway & Takeaway Day @ 10:00 Marnhull Garden Club - Plant Sale @ 10:00 The Marnhull Hub and Repair Café @ 10:00 Marnhull Hub</p>	<p>18th - Saturday Originals @ 20:30 British Legion Club</p> <p>20th - Monday Pound Fitness @ 09:30 British Legion Table Tennis - Monday @ 14:00 Marnhull Music Society @ 19:15</p> <p>21st - Tuesday Bridge Club @ 14:00 Methodist Hall</p> <p>22nd - Wednesday Fitsteps dance and exercise class @ 11:15 Table Tennis - Wednesday @ 14:00 Community Choir @ 18:30 Pound Fitness @ 19:00 British Legion</p> <p>24th - Friday Figure Drawing @ 10:30</p> <p>25th - Saturday The Marnhull Hub and Repair Café @ 10:00 Marnhull Hub Abba and Everley Brothers Tribute Night @ 20:30 British Legion</p> <p>27th - Monday Table Tennis - Monday @ 14:00 Lyn's Bingo @ 19:00 British Legion Club</p> <p>28th - Tuesday Bridge Club @ 14:00 Methodist Hall Moviola - One Life @ 19:30</p> <p>29th - Wednesday Fitsteps dance and exercise class @ 11:15 Table Tennis - Wednesday @ 14:00 Community Choir @ 18:30 Pound Fitness @ 19:00 British Legion</p>	<p>Table Tennis - Wednesday @ 14:00 Community Choir @ 18:30 Pound Fitness @ 19:00 British Legion</p> <p>6th - Thursday Craft Club @ 10:00 Methodist Hall</p> <p>7th - Friday Lunch Club @ 12:00</p> <p>8th - Saturday The Marnhull Hub and Repair Café @ 10:00 Marnhull Hub St Gregory's School and Jungle Huts Family Fun Day. @ 12:00 St Gregory's primary school Alto @ 20:30 British Legion Club</p> <p>10th - Monday Pound Fitness @ 09:30 British Legion Table Tennis - Monday @ 14:00 Lyn's Bingo @ 19:00 British Legion Women's Institute - Wildflower & Cultivated Flowerpots @ 19:30</p> <p>11th - Tuesday Bridge Club @ 14:00 Methodist Hall Marnhull Garden Club - Ron Biggs - The Wonder of Honey Bees Part 2 @ 19:30</p> <p>12th - Wednesday Fitsteps dance and exercise class @ 11:15 Table Tennis - Wednesday @ 14:00 Tea with Friends @ 14:30 Methodist Hall Community Choir @ 18:30 Pound Fitness @ 19:00 British Legion</p> <p>14th - Friday Being here for each other @ 10:00 Methodist Hall Blackmore Vale Art Group @ 10:00</p> <p>15th - Saturday The Marnhull Hub and Repair Café @ 10:00 Marnhull Hub The Dale Fender Band @ 20:30 British Legion Club</p> <p>17th - Monday Pound Fitness @ 09:30 British Legion Table Tennis - Monday @ 14:00 British Legion</p>
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FROM THE SURGERIES

Pharmacy First

Going to your local pharmacy offers an easy and convenient way to get clinical advice on minor health concerns, and now community pharmacies can offer treatment for seven common conditions without patients needing to see a GP, as part of a major transformation in the way the NHS delivers care.

Highly trained pharmacists at more than nine in ten pharmacies can now assess and treat patients for earache, impetigo, infected insect bites, shingles, sinusitis, sore throat, urinary tract infections (UTIs) for women aged 16-64 - without the need for a GP appointment or prescription.

Community pharmacy teams are highly-skilled, qualified health professionals who have the right clinical training to give people the health advice they need. Patients don't need an appointment and private consultation rooms are available. Pharmacy teams can also signpost to other relevant local services where necessary.

Pharmacists have always helped patients, families and carers in their communities stay healthy and are well placed to offer treatment for health conditions. By expanding the services community pharmacies offer, the NHS is aiming to free up GP appointments and give people more choice in how and where they access care.

Don't wait for minor health concerns to get worse – think pharmacy first and be seen by your local pharmacy team.

For more information, visit nhs.uk/thinkpharmacyfirst

Dentistry in Dorset

In February 2024 NHS England launched a national plan for NHS dentistry services in England. Here in Dorset, we recognise that things need to improve and welcome the plan which aims to give better access to dental services, setting out the steps to make accessing dental care easier and faster, including:

- £200m of new national funding from the Government
 - Creation of up to 2.5 million more appointments nationally
 - Up to 1.5 million more treatments in NHS dentistry
- In the plan there are three main areas of focus:
- Improving Access
 - Growing and supporting the workforce
 - Supporting prevention

Services throughout the county have been under pressure for some time despite teams working hard to meet the rising demand, and while we have seen some improvements in access, more needs to be done to ensure that everyone who needs to see a dentist, can do so.

In Dorset we are:

- Planning improved dental access in underserved areas. This includes improving access to urgent and stabilisation programmes
- Improving access for people who have not been to a dentist in two or more years

- Encouraging dentists to work in areas which historically have been difficult to recruit to
- Increasing the minimum unit of dental activity (UDA) value from the £23 to £28 from April 2024
- Dorset has been named one of a handful of areas in England who will be part of a national programme to introduce a dental bus.

As plans develop, updates will be published on the website - www.nhsdorset.nhs.uk

Swap 2 Stop initiative in Dorset

Public Health Dorset is launching a new Swap 2 Stop offer to support residents to quit smoking and improve public health across the county.

The Swap 2 Stop scheme, part of a government funded programme, encourages adults who smoke to switch from smoking to vaping, which is much less harmful to health.

LiveWell Dorset will deliver the programme by offering smokers a voucher for a free vape starter kit, from a trusted supplier.

Smoking remains the single biggest cause of preventable death in the UK; it kills up to two out of three long-term users and around 64,000 people each year. While nicotine is the addictive substance in cigarettes, almost all of the harm from smoking comes from the toxic chemicals in tobacco smoke, the vast majority of which are not present in vapes.

Vaping is much safer than continuing to smoke and people who do switch should eventually look to quit vaping too once they're sure they won't return to smoking, which we know poses a far greater risk to health.

You can get advice on this from your pharmacist or LiveWell Dorset - www.livewelldorset.co.uk or on freephone 0800 840 1628.




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MARNHULL GREEN T.E.A.M.S

Taking the Environment Around Marnhull Seriously

Giveaway and Takeaway Saturday 18th May 2024

10.00 to 3.30

!! New format More options New Treasure !!

Marquee base point at the recreation ground (the Rec) A marquee(s) beside the Village Hall will offer the luxury of under cover wind-free no cost browsing, giving and taking, all with Green Teams staff on hand.

A huge map (for mobile photography) will indicate the usual home garden-based treasure sites plus a suggested easy walking Village route with exciting offshoots for those after real gold.

Broad descriptions of the treasure waiting at each home garden will also be on display in the marquee.

To add to the morning excitement the Gardening Club plant sale (not free but excellent value) will be 'next door', along with the Hub refreshments and Repair Shop in the Hall / on the terrace.

Givers have three options this time:

- 1 Marquee Bring and leave a small quantity of small items at any time up to 1.00 pm.
- 2 Marquee Book an under cover pitch up to Thursday 9.00 p.m. (After that space undercover is not guaranteed). Bring your treasure and own table or groundsheet on the day between 9.00 and 10.00. By all means combine with friends. You do not have to stay.
- 3 Home/garden Much as in previous years. We suggest 10.00 to 3.30 min.

The marquee(s) will be 'staffed' and there is no requirement as such for any givers to attend their treasure all day. However, Rec based givers will be asked to label their individual items or table/groundsheet with name and mobile/landline. Labelling materials will be provided if needed. All rec based givers are asked to remove remaining items at 3.30 to allow dismantling.

Please get in touch for further guidance and info through the contacts below. We look forward to a happy useful day for all, and making a small contribution to avoiding landfill and maximising use of existing resources.



Community Energy Week is coming up! Are you interested in the idea of a community-scale energy conservation or generation project? We are just beginning to look at this, at the request of the Neighbourhood Plan team, who found keen interest expressed in the idea in the recent village survey. If you have suggestions to make and/or expertise in this area we would really like to hear from you. Please email us at marnhullgreen@outlook.com.

Marnhull Green Teams Lead Maintenance of the Fruit Trees



Would you like to lead on the maintenance of the Marnhull community fruit trees? The trees are in the Sodom Lane allotments with some planted by village schoolchildren a few of years ago. The trees are all doing well, but these things do not look after themselves. And you may be looking for some gardening to do in No Mow May...!

Space is available in the Community Allotment if you would like to grow a row of onions or runner beans. To find out more about the fruit trees or the community allotment call 01258 821049.



Giveaway and Takeaway Day Saturday 18 May 2024

at Marnhull Recreation Ground and around the village
- the 'Re-use' part of 'Reduce Re-use Recycle'!

To register your interest in this event and/or to receive further information
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This month an update on some old scams and some new ones that have appeared recently.

Funeral Scam

I didn't think the scammers could stoop much lower but there are a number of reports of the recently bereaved being specifically targeted. On the day of a funeral family and friends are sent a link on social media that looks like it comes from legitimate funeral directors and claims to let those unable to attend watch the service online. Those who click on the link are asked for payment details. The scammers even go so far as to copy pictures of the recently deceased from real funeral directors' sites and actively seek out and target the families involved on Facebook.

Funeral directors will never ask for mourners to pay to live stream a funeral.

DVLA Scam

A scam email claiming to be from the DVLA is doing the rounds again telling you that 'you are not up to date with your current vehicle tax' and threatens you with a fine or other penalties if you don't pay. A link is included to complete a form to 'be up to standard with the DVLA legal requirements'. The form is, of course fake, and is simply a way for the hackers to steal your data.

DVLA will never send e-mails of this kind. If in doubt contact them directly via www.gov.uk

Action Fraud has issued a warning about social media hacking after 22,530 people reported that their accounts had been hacked in 2023. With access to your accounts, fraudsters can contact your contacts, sell your info on the dark web and try to steal your identity. Action Fraud has reported that some victims of email and social media hacking have been extorted by criminals who've stolen their private photos and videos.

There are a number of ways a hacker can gain access:

Data breaches: this is when hackers gain access to a system that holds confidential data on people. Fraudsters can then use this data to gain access to accounts.

Responding to a phishing message: scam messages that impersonate legitimate companies and contain links leading to malicious websites can be used to harvest personal details. Links can download malware to your device that steals your personal data, or cons you into entering your information on a website.

On-platform chain hacking: a fraudster posts links to dodgy websites in the comment section of social media posts, which then asks the victim to enter their social media account details, thereby giving the fraudster access to these details. The fraudster may also message the victim impersonating one of their contacts to try and get them to share their two-factor authentication code.

Credential stuffing: this is when hackers use a password they've stolen for one account to access other accounts from the same person because they have not used different passwords.

Shoulder surfing: this is when a scammer looks over your shoulder and watches you log in to an account.

Malicious apps: dodgy apps created by fraudsters that install malware

on your device, which is then used to steal login information for your accounts.

Advice on how to avoid your accounts being hacked can be found in my previous Marnhull Messenger articles. But if you do get hacked what should you do?

Beware of recovery scammers contacting you on social media telling you that they can get your account back. They can't, and this is just another scam.

Go to the help page of your account provider and find out who to contact to get assistance with a hacked account. Ensure you change your password and log out of your account on all devices.

Check to see if any new 'rules' have been set up on your email account that you haven't created. These can control where emails about your account are forwarded to.

Let your contacts know that you've been hacked and that any messages they receive are not from you.

Make sure you change passwords on other accounts in case fraudsters have also hacked into them, and check your bank statement for unauthorised transactions.

If you notice any unusual behaviour on your bank account, call your bank immediately using the number on the back of your bank card and report it to Action Fraud – The National Fraud & Cyber Crime Reporting Centre on 0300 123 2040 or at: www.actionfraud.police.uk/reportscam

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HAPPY 100th BIRTHDAY - ARTHUR DUDDRIDGE



Many congratulations to Arthur Duddridge who celebrated his 100th birthday with his family on April 14th. Arthur moved to Marnhull with his wife Jean in 1969 when he started his job as the headmaster of St Gregory's school. He worked there until his retirement in 1986.

Arthur continued to take an active part in village activities, especially in the life of St Gregory's Church.

Thank you to everyone who sent cards and kind messages, many from his past students at St Gregory's.

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**ROYAL
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On Sunday 28th April at 3pm we will present an illustrated talk by Lynne Fish about children who were boarded out here between 1891 and 1911 recording where they were before after and during WW1.

Entry is by donation to the Poppy Appeal and the bar will be open. All welcome hopefully the May edition will be with you before then. On April 5th we held a charity event in aid of the Alzheimer's Society where we raised a impressive total of £1,720. Ska band Pressgang put on a tremendous show and a great time was had by all who attended. Tony Junge as always did his usual great job organising the event and raffle.

On the 20th April Set Ready performed at the Club to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the Club opening. Sadly the print deadline does not allow me to report on the event but food was provided free and hopefully it was well attended. On the 25th May there will be a tribute to the Everly Brothers and ABBA. An unexpected combination but it should be an interesting walk down memory Lane for those of a certain age. Unfortunately we will have to charge an entry fee of £5 but we are hoping for another great night.

- May Entertainment**
- Saturday 4th May – Beagles
 - Saturday 11th May – Jack's Quiz
 - Monday 13th May - Bingo 7pm
 - Saturday 18th May – The Originals
 - Saturday 25th May – ABBA and Everly Brothers tribute £5 entry
 - Mon 27th May – Bingo 7pm

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Or whiteheadjack51@gmail.com
Club business contact Tony Junge on 01258 820397

ART FOR EVERYONE SUMMER EXHIBITION 2024
Marnhull Village Hall
Sunday 12 May - 2pm to 4-30pm
Free admission - Refreshments available

Marnhull Art for Everyone group will once again be holding a summer exhibition of paintings. I would like to invite you to come along and see what we have been up to during the last year. Meet the very talented artists, vote for your favourite painting and of course enjoy some delicious refreshments, it seems artists are amazing bakers too!

I'll look forward to seeing you there.

Deborah Chisman - tutor

Art for Everyone meets on Tuesdays in Marnhull village hall during term time and each term we explore a wide range of subjects, materials and techniques, both traditional and experimental. The sessions are structured and fully tutored with a mixture of demonstrations, step by step instruction and individual advice. We all enjoy meeting up with a common interest, sharing ideas and supporting each other in our creative endeavours.

deb_chisman@hotmail.com

Tea With Friends

Do come & join us for cuppa, cake & the chance to chat.

Wednesday May 10th 2.30 to 4pm
Methodist Church Hall

Marnhull Music Society

Michael Wilkins started his presentation with the surprisingly gently allegretto from Haydn's Military Symphony. Belying the work's title, this movement begins with soft woodwind over the distant drums. "O Fortuna" from Carl Orff's "Carmina Burana" is an exquisite tune for the soprano voice and Mike followed with the 2nd movement of Beethoven's 9th symphony which, he assured his audience, had never been played in a MMS programme before.

A traditional piece from Jamaica followed, and very jolly it was too. Several of us commented that it could easily have been mistaken for an Irish folk tune which was an intriguing puzzle. In total contrast was the Russian Creed which followed, with the hypnotic monotonal chant backed by the haunting and almost cavernous rumble of a large choral ensemble. The effect was almost visual and could not have been anything but Russian.

In the second half of the programme Mike's love of Gilbert and Sullivan showed through, and for those of us, like myself, who were brought up on these delightful and pithy little jewels, it was a special treat. He interspersed the operatic interludes with some John Barry and a movement of Mendelssohn's piano concerto No. 1 as well as Bryn Terfel singing Schubert, and wound up the evening with Van Gellis' "Conquest of Paradise."



JOIN THE
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INTER-CLUB
QUIZ!

28 June 2024

Your hosts, Marnhull Community Choir, invite all Clubs and Community Groups in Marnhull to submit a team of up to 6 to compete for the Inter Club Competition Shield
Entry fee: £12.00 per team of 6

At the Royal British Legion, Marnhull
Doors open: 7pm - Quiz starts 7.30pm
Drinks from the bar



CALLING ALL MARNHULL QUIZZERS!

If you belong to any Marnhull group or society, you are invited to submit a team to take part in the 2024 Village Inter-Club Quiz. Your hosts, Marnhull Community Choir, invites all Clubs and Community Groups to submit a team of up to 6 to compete for the Inter-Club Competition Shield.

DATE OF QUIZ: Friday 28th June 2024
WHERE: Royal British Legion, Marnhull
TIME: Doors open 7pm. Quiz starts 7.30pm
ENTRY FEE: £12.00 per team of 6

**Submit team entries, with fee, to Ros Eveleigh on email
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Closing date for entries: Friday 14th June



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Dear Fellow villagers,

As our village experiences a significant increase in traffic, especially with the ongoing construction on Burton Street, it's crucial for us to stand united in ensuring that the safety of all road users, particularly the vulnerable ones.

We are thrilled to announce an upcoming event on June 22nd aimed at promoting road safety and solidarity with our community. Whether you walk, run, cycle, push a pram with children, ride a horse or drive a horse carriage, your presence and support are invaluable.

Event Details:

Date: June 22nd

Location: Marnhull village

Distance: Less than 3 miles

Start & Finish: near the Crown

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2. BE PATIENT: Refrain from honking your horn or revving your engine.

3. KEEP A DISTANCE: When passing vulnerable road users, maintain a distance of at least 2 meters.

4. DRIVE AWAY SLOWLY: After passing, particularly with horses, please drive away calmly and considerately.

Let's come together to make our roads safer and more enjoyable for everyone. Mark your calendars, spread the word, and let's make a positive impact on our community now and especially for the future. For more details call or message 07711 089403.

ones. To support Weldmar, we're asking you to make a Flower Pot Person - or People - and display it in your garden or outside where it can be seen from the road. You can be as creative as you want! Photos of the entries will be taken in the run up to the Show and the winner chosen by public vote on the day.

We've got our fingers - and everything else - crossed for sun this year, as we have a great day planned, with lots of tea, cake and ice cream, as well as entertainment from the Shaftesbury Ukulele Band, the Wessex Morris Dancers and the Marnhull Community Choir. Weather permitting, we're even hoping for a Classic Car display, but what really makes the Show a success is you, so do have a look through the Schedule and decide which classes you want to enter. There's something for everyone!

MARNHULL ENTERTAINS

The true story of Sir Nicholas 'Nicky' Winton, a young London broker who, in the months leading up to World War II, rescued 669 predominantly Jewish children from the Nazis. Nicky visited Prague in December 1938 and found families who had fled the rise of the Nazis in Germany and Austria, living in desperate conditions with little or no shelter and food, and under threat of Nazi invasion. He immediately realised it was a race against time. How many children could he and the team rescue before the borders closed? Fifty years later, it's 1988 and Nicky lives haunted by the fate of the children he wasn't able to bring to safety in England; always blaming himself for not doing more. It's not until a live BBC television show, 'That's Life', surprises him by introducing him to some surviving children - now adults - that he finally begins to come to terms with the guilt and grief he had carried for five decades.

Marnhull Village Hall
28 May 2024
at 7.30pm
Doors open 7.00pm
Tickets: £5.00
Available from:

Robin Hill Stores: 01258 820959 or Marnhull Stores: 01258 820116

Marnhull Flower Show

Marnhull Flower Show
Schedule of Classes



Saturday 6th July 2024
Marnhull Village Hall and
Recreation Ground

The countdown has begun! There's now only two months to go to the Flower Show on Saturday 6th July, so do look out for the Show Schedule which will be available from the Spar in New Street and Robin Hill Stores from the beginning of May. In it you'll find the full list of classes for the Show and information on how to enter.

There are classes for everyone - no matter what you like to grow, make, bake, paint or take. There are the old favourites, such as the Great Marnhull Bake Off, where this year you can compete against your friends and neighbours to bake the best Coffee and Walnut Cake, as well as new introductions for 2024, including classes for Kombucha (a fermented tea) and Dorset Buttons.

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In addition to flowers, fruit and vegetables, there are classes for all types of craft, as well as ones for art and photography, and we're expecting lots of entries in the Sunrise/Sunset class, where there have been some fantastic images shared on Facebook. There are also classes for those who haven't entered before, so don't be afraid to give it a go. You can follow us on Facebook 'Marnhull Flower Show' for more information and updates.

Every year we have a Charity Class. This year our chosen Charity is Weldmar Hospicecare, based in Dorset, which provides specialist end of life care for adults with a life limiting illness, and support for their loved





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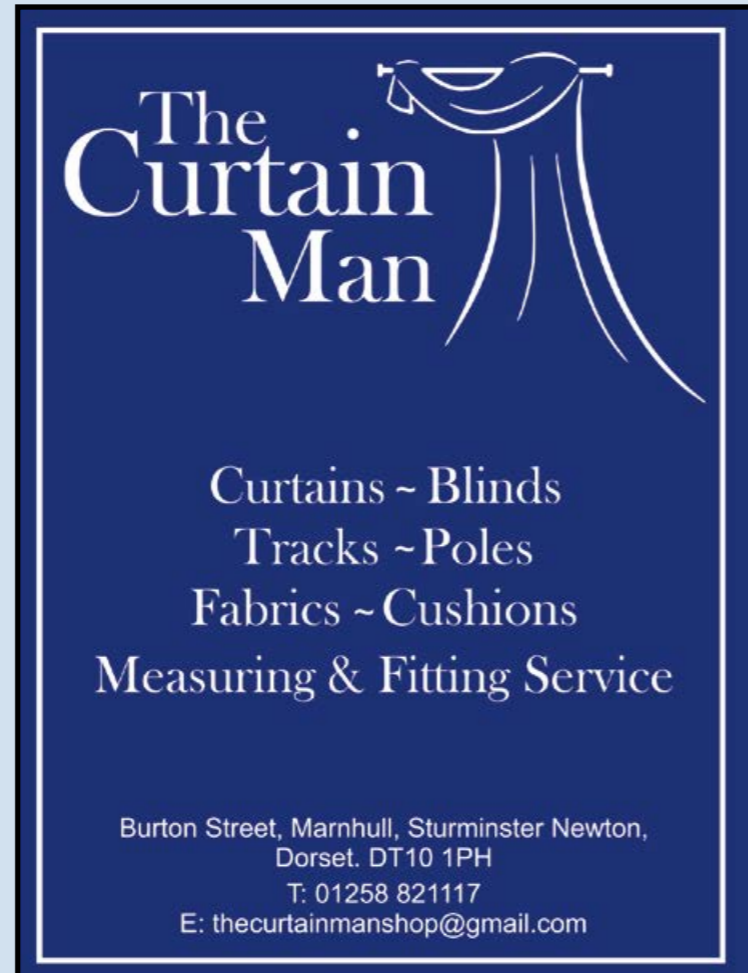
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Animal Awareness



A HOLISTIC APPROACH TO HOME ENVIRONMENT RISKS TO PETS

SALLY PALMER-WALTON
Wild Life Wellness

In a few of my recent communication readings with animals I've been asked to convey to their owners the health risks they're being unwittingly exposed to at home. We tend to forget that a dog's sense of smell is 10,000 - 100,000 times more acute than a human's and, surprisingly, a cat can smell out scents over four miles away!

With that in mind, imagine living in a house where air-fresheners, disinfectants, perfumes, polish, and detergents are used regularly. We might not notice the smell of a plug-in freshener constantly on, but they do, and they can't always indicate when they're feeling overwhelmed, nauseous or dizzy from the constant assault on their senses.

So many of these products contain volatile organic compounds (VOCs) - chemicals that quickly evaporate compromising air quality. Many VOCs are carcinogenic and even low exposure holds a potential risk especially when regularly using common household products. We naturally ensure our pets avoid certain houseplants, prescription medications, and human foods like chocolate and raisins, but what not-so-obvious dangers lurk around our homes?

Household Cleaning Products:

Many conventional cleaning products contain chemicals such as ammonia, bleach, and phthalates, which are toxic if ingested or inhaled. Even if they're stored away from your pet, residues left on floors and surfaces can be absorbed through their paw pads or fur, leading to potential health issues. Small changes can make a big difference. Use pet-safe, environmentally friendly cleaning products or natural alternatives like vinegar and baking soda which are effective and cheap. Detergents and fabric softeners cling to clothes and bed linen and are designed to give a longer-lasting scent - just the type of overload pets don't need. Laundry eco eggs, baking soda, and plant-derived washing products reduce pet olfactory discomfort and allergies. Steam cleaning floors, fabrics and work surfaces is 100% chemical free, and proven to kill 99% of bacteria in our homes, along with dust mites and other allergens.

Air fresheners emit large levels of VOCs and are therefore a potential health risk for all the family. There are many natural alternatives to air fresheners e.g. activated charcoal for odour neutralising. Regularly airing your home is also a form of odour control and arguably essential if you're an indoor smoker. Cigarette smoke produces high levels of VOCs leading to respiratory issues and other health problems, and animals are extremely sensitive to this form of pollutant.

Indoor Air Pollution:

Smoking isn't the only in-house air pollutant. Long-term exposure to mould is extremely dangerous and the quicker the problem is addressed the better. In the meantime, ventilate your home well and keep pets away from areas with visible mould growth, particularly black mould, which releases harmful mycotoxins, causing severe health problems if inhaled by pets or humans.

Fragrant candles, wax melts and reed diffusers are also pollutants and may cause respiratory irritation in pets. Cheap products are usually made from low grade paraffin wax and fragranced synthetically, which contain phthalates (endocrine disrupting chemicals). Swap over to soy or bees

wax candles with natural fragrances - but do check whether any essential oils used are toxic to pets.

DIY:

Please consider your pets when decorating. We can smell when a room has been freshly painted, so imagine what it's like to have to live in a newly painted enclosed environment with a highly developed sense of smell. VOCs evaporating from conventional paint as it dries can cause irritation to your pet's eyes and respiratory system, as well as nausea, dizziness and possible allergic skin reactions. Try to decorate at a time of year when you can have windows and doors open for most of the day. Opt for water-based paints as these contain a lower level of VOCs. You can even buy antibacterial and odour-free paints. And of course, remember in the prep work, that mould spores might be dislodged.

Garden Pesticides and Herbicides:

There are many chemical pesticides and herbicides applied to lawns, gardens, and even indoor plants to control pests and weeds. Pets may inadvertently ingest these chemicals by licking their paws or fur after contact with the treated areas, leading to poisoning and other adverse health effects. Where possible, choose pet-friendly pest control methods and always keep pets away from chemically treated areas for at least 24 hours.

We have a responsibility to our pets to ensure their safety and well-being. They can't tell us they're feeling under the weather but there may be signs of short-term VOC exposure: eye/nose/throat irritation, nausea, vomiting, dizziness, itching/rashes. Long-term exposure may lead to cancer or liver/kidney damage. By understanding the potential hazards of home environmental toxins and taking some simple proactive steps to reduce their use we can create a safer living environment for our pets - and ourselves.

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Sturminster Newton Heritage Trust

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For further information please contact the parish priest Fr. Joseph or Deacon James on Email: James.Mackain-Bremner@prcdtr.org.uk

BISHOPS LETTER

May is exam month for my youngest daughter, who is undergoing her 'A' Levels this summer – the last of our three to pass through that ordeal. I still recall (as I'm sure many of you do too) the sense of elation – almost disbelief – when these were over and a new chapter of life could begin. Somewhere in my loft, I still have the ring file I flung into the air when it was all over!

This transition to a new stage of life feels appropriate as Easter turns to Pentecost and the church waits on God to provide all that she needs to serve him in the world. Given the seemingly constant need to find people to help in church life, it is always encouraging to remember how the Lord can take the scraps we offer and make them sufficient. When offput from commencing an apparently huge task, I sometimes say to myself: 'just do a little' and, having offered my mite to God, leave the multiplication to him.

In annual meeting season, it may be that you are reviewing your responsibilities and wondering about stopping some and starting others. If so, can I encourage you to consider standing for election to deanery or diocesan synod?

Synods are our way of sharing the governance of the church and making sure it attends to the things we truly care about. We'd love your involvement and trust that God will work through us 'to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think' (Ephesian 3:20).

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Diocese of Salisbury are running a new campaign to encourage more people to think of standing for synod #ChurchChangemakers. Diocesan Synod is made up of ordinary people who are committed to sharing the news of Christ's transforming love with our communities. To stand for synod this May, you need to be aged over 16 and on a church electoral roll. In return, you'll be able to hone your skills in debating, decision making, and shaping a Church which serves a million people in this area alone. See here for more information: <https://www.salisbury.anglican.org/whoweare/governance/church-changemakers-diocesan-synod-elections-2024/>

THE METHODIST CHURCH

It was good to see the Church and the Church Hall fulfilling their purpose by hosting events which help to deepen understanding as well as spreading the good news about the Christian faith. The Lent Talks followed by the Lent Lunches, all organised by Marnhull Churches Together, were enjoyed and appreciated by those who came along and the sum of £518.17 was raised from donations. This will be given to a Dorset based charity which helps the homeless. Thank you very much to all who donated so generously and to everyone who set to, made soup and helped out on the days – a great joint effort all round!

The next event to be held in the Church Hall, also organised by Marnhull Churches Together, is a talk to be given by Mrs Jacintha Bowe titled

'Spiritual Art – Ancient to Modern.'

The date is 17th May at 11.00 in the Methodist Church Hall. It will be followed by a light lunch (donations) so please do come along and bring your friends.

Jacintha gave a fascinating talk last year on 'What it Means to be Human' and I'm sure that this talk will be equally engrossing as it explores how art was eventually embraced by world religion, despite the commandment forbidding images of the divine, and how different cultures and philosophies, in turn, shaped it. I'm very much looking forward to hearing this one and hope that you are free to come too.

The Girls' Brigade continues to meet on Wednesday evenings from 6.15 pm to 7.30 pm, in term time, for girls aged 4 and over. New girls are always welcome, for further information please contact Mrs Rachael Findlay on 07771 897262

Sunday services continue at 10.00 with refreshments afterwards.

"Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love endures forever." Psalm 118 v 29

MARNHULL GARDEN CLUB



In April Morgan Antell came to talk to us on the subject of 'old tools'. We didn't know quite what to expect but we all had a thoroughly enjoyable evening playing along with a 'Call my bluff' style game. Morgan, ably assisted by Steve and Eric, gave us some colourful and comical explanations of what these various objects might be used for. Members then had to guess which of the three were telling the truth amidst much good natured heckling on all sides. These three gentlemen were all natural comedians, and indeed incredibly good liars, because the majority of members were invariably wrong on their answers.

I think we all thought it would be impossible to follow that performance in May. Fortunately we are incredibly lucky to be welcoming the renowned Charles Dowding who will be presenting his sold out 'no dig' talk on the 14th May.

We also had an evening at Castle Gardens in April where members enjoyed refreshments and a demonstration of various items for sale with members receiving a 25% discount for purchases made that evening.

We also have our plant sale coming up at the Village Hall on the 18th May from 10am to 12pm, so if you're wandering around the village for the Giveaway and Takeaway Day organised by the Marnhull Green Teams, add us to your journey and get some bargains.

If you would like to join this friendly group and enjoy the experiences and benefits described above you would be most welcome. No gardening knowledge is required and we have a few experts and keen amateurs who will advise you and share their experiences. With over 100 members it's also a great opportunity to meet other people in the village and become more involved in the local community. Members enjoy various discounts and special offers at local garden centres, can participate in organised trips to local gardens and can come to the occasional social event. Full membership costs £20 for the year or you can attend as a day member (without these benefits) for just £3 on the door.

We meet in Marnhull Village Hall at 7pm (talk starts at 7.30pm) on the second Tuesday of each month except August.

And now some gardening tips for May.

Primroses - If you have ten minutes to spare May is a good time to lift and divide primroses once flowering is finished but leaves are still looking healthy. Lift the entire clump then pull the clump apart into several sections before planting somewhere new in semi shade.

Sweet peas - Use garden twine to tie in the young sweet pea shoots that are beginning to reach out from their supports. Sweet pea stems will sprawl away and drop if left to their own devices and, later, the weight of the flowers will weaken the stems more if they are not well supported. Tie young shoots in close to the supports and they'll create a good structure for flowers to grow and newer shoots will grip with their tendrils.

Basil - grow a few young basil plants close to your tomatoes. Both like the same conditions as well as complementing each other in salads. The scent of basil may also help repel pests such as whitefly.

PLANT SALE

Perennials, annuals and bedding plants for sale.

Saturday 18th May

10am - 12pm

Marnhull Village Hall

Refreshments and cakes available

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D Day to Douglas Adams. Sturminster Newton Literary Festival Celebrates Dorset and Wessex Writers.

Sturminster Newton Literary Festival is in its fifth year and has organised a diverse and ambitious programme for 2024. The festival runs from 8th -16th June and includes a special event dedicated to D Day. This year the festival includes a talk on one time Stalbridge resident, Douglas Adams' early work from his colleague Kevin J Davies.

Bridport Prize winner, Fiona Williams will be speaking about her novel, The House of Broken Bricks, set in the Somerset Levels. Colonel Guy Deacon will talk about his inspirational journey driving alone from London to Cape Town while living with stage three Parkinson's Disease.

Local people have contributed testimonies from family members who experienced D Day. These will feature in a special exhibition in The Exchange during festival week. On Sunday 9th June, two speakers, Taylor Downing and James Porter will speak about the deception around D Day and the role of the Dorsetshire Regiment, and some testimonies will be read to mark the official opening of the exhibition.

In the 150th year since Far From the Madding Crowd was published, there will be a special screening of the 2009 Gryphon School film and an opportunity to meet some of the actors. Walks at Bere Marsh, Marnhull, and Bagber combine writing and local literature with the outdoors. On 15th June, Sturminster Newton will be turned into a (legal) crime scene with a special Crime Writing Day.

A writing workshop and competition along with talks by authors Mark Bridgeman, Jane Labous, and Paula Harmon are likely to be popular with thriller fans. Local writers are speaking on a wide range of subjects this year, including Celia Brayfield speaking about Anna Sewell and her contribution to animal welfare, the Royal Navy through the eyes of author Jim Carter's father, the legend of Inanna and Gilgamesh from Cerne Abbas based writer Emily Wilson, and nature themed poetry from Robin Walter.

Derbyshire based Joanne Burn will join the festival via Zoom to discuss her latest novel, The Bone Hunters, set in Lyme Regis. Festival chairman Pauline Batstone said: "Each year the Sturminster Newton Literary Festival gets better and better and we look forward to greeting even more visitors to this our fifth Festival".

MARNHULL NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE

Parish Survey

If you've not yet caught up with the results of the Parish Survey you can find these at the Village Hall or on Marnhull Parish Council website - marnhull-pc.org.uk. Your responses are guiding the work we're doing and helping shape the future of the parish, so thank you for contributing.

Parish Meeting Wednesday 29 May

You can hear a thorough progress report on the neighbourhood plan at the parish meeting on the evening of 29 May - look out for further details. We'll also be seeking your views on key proposals concerning conservation areas, road safety, housing and other important topics. Please come along and have your say.

What we're doing

- We've made considerable progress on reviewing the conservation areas to ensure the character of the village is maintained -

something you told us really matters. Similarly we are continuing to review green spaces and local views and our friends at Marnhull Green Teams are helping us by undertaking an ecological survey.

- We have now received the final draft of Design Guidance & Codes which help ensure that new buildings are designed sympathetically and to high standards.

- We are undertaking a survey of possible road safety measures using the Traffic in the Villages Toolkit designed by Dorset AONB (now National Landscapes Dorset).

- Recent events have prompted the need for a closer look at flood mitigation as a key topic within the plan. If you'd like to alert us to particular issues please contact Mark Turner at mark.turner@marnhull-pc.org.uk

- We are continuing to consult with landowners and businesses around the village to understand their needs and aspirations, and are liaising regularly with Dorset Council.

- A early draft of some sections of the plan is being progressed.

Funding

We are hoping to secure a further government grant for the work we need to carry out during 2024. As we don't yet know when the funding will become available the Parish Council is being very supportive and has allocated an interim amount so that work can continue.

Volunteers

There are a number of activities where volunteers can play a valuable role in helping carry forward the neighbourhood plan. If you're interested in offering some time to assist please contact us at marnhullndp@gmail.com

Being Here For Each Other

If you are grieving over someone or something you have lost - perhaps a loved one, a job, your health, a pet or future dreams - come and join our friendly, informal group to find support and explore ways to cope.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Friday 9th May, 10-11.30am (monthly)

Marnhull Methodist Church Hall, Burton St DT10 1PS

For more details please contact End of Life Doulas

Flora on 07778 431264 or Nicola on 07975 570381

MARNHULL LUNCH CLUB

The Marnhull Lunch Club was formed almost 20 years ago and continues to go from strength to strength.

The club is run entirely on a voluntary basis and whilst we are grateful to those who give up their time to set tables and collect and serve lunch, we would welcome more drivers to bring some of our less able guests to the club.

The club meets on the first Friday of every month in the Village Hall, except January. If you were able to offer help as a driver you would join a roster and would not be obliged to commit to every monthly meeting.

Our guests who require help are collected from Marnhull, Sturminster Newton and Todber at about 12 noon and then returned to their homes after 2pm when lunch finishes. You would be asked to collect and return to only one location, but perhaps more than one guest en route.

If you think you might be able to help, please contact:

Liz 01258 821378 or Dawn 01258 820642

Thank You



Spiritual Art -Ancient to Modern-

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by J. BOWE RGN, BA(HONS), PGCE,CCRS.

11.00 Friday 17th May

@ Marnhull Methodist Church Hall

followed by a light lunch (donations).

-Marnhull Churches Together-

This talk will focus on the relationship between art and Christianity and how art has provided a narrative and a lens through which people are given a window onto the divine. Acknowledging the commandment forbidding images of the divine, it explores how art was eventually embraced by world religion.



POUND CLASSES

Pound is a cardio jam session inspired by the infectious, energising and sweat-dripping fun, Instead of listening to music you become the music in this exhilarating full body workout that combines cardio, conditioning and strength training with yoga and Pilates-inspired move using ripstixs and a exercise mat, also B'Active with Hayley which is a little body conditioning with small weights and resistance bands along the way pm for more details Email hayley.sandell@gmail.com

MARNHULL PLAYERS PANTO

We have our AGM on Friday 3rd May at 6:30pm at Marnhull Village Hall, followed by all the Marnhull players sitting down and watching the panto with refreshments. This should be an enjoyable evening laughing at ourselves.

Once the AGM is done then we should know more about our plans for the year and I can fill you all in on the details.

Would you like to be involved in this fun pantomime group? Even if you don't want to be on stage, there's plenty of roles to help out with - no experience needed, we would love to have you on board. Contact Emma at marnhullplayers@gmail.com

Thanks

The committee and Cast

GRANT FROM NHS CHARITIES TOGETHER



A major grant from NHS Charities Together is enabling the Stars Appeal to fund projects helping local people with cancer and to support staff at Salisbury District Hospital.

The funding, totalling £88,000, is for two separate projects that are providing support for cancer patients and hospital staff.

Cancer patients are benefitting from an enhanced prehabilitation and rehabilitation service which supports their physical and mental wellbeing before or after their treatment or surgery. The grant is funding a 12-session pass for a local leisure centre, which enables patients to continue the fitness activities they have started with the Hospital's Cancer Therapy team.

Consultant Haematologist and Stars Appeal Hospital Ambassador, Dr Effie Grand, said: "The prehabilitation and rehabilitation service is vital for patients. It is not something every hospital does and thanks to the Stars Appeal and this grant from NHS Charities Together we can offer our patients even more support. It makes a huge difference not just to their mental wellbeing during a very stressful time, but also their physical recovery from operations, chemotherapy and other cancer treatments. We're so grateful to NHS Charities Together for this generous grant, which will help us do so much for local cancer patients."

Charles McGrath, who is in remission after receiving intensive chemotherapy for acute myeloid leukaemia, has welcomed the initiative which will help his ongoing recovery. He said: "Going to the gym and staying active has helped me recover physically and mentally from intensive chemotherapy and a five-week spell in the Intensive Care Unit. That's why I'm delighted with the introduction of this 12-session fitness pass, which will ensure I can keep as physically fit as possible and will be vital if I need any more treatment."

The grant has also funded the Stars Appeal staff counselling service for a further year to continue supporting Hospital staff. The service employs two dedicated staff counsellors who provide 100 counselling sessions each month.

Stars Appeal Staff Counsellor Pamela Kirkham said: "To know we have secured funding for a further year from NHS Charities Together is wonderful."

"Taking care of our own mental health is essential in order to continue providing high quality care for the local community. It is known that early intervention reduces the risk of time away from work, and this service offers prompt and easy access for staff to receive support during difficult times. It is a privilege to be able to offer this extremely valuable service to the staff at Salisbury Hospital and this funding will enable myself and my team to continue to do so."

NHS Charities Together is the national charity caring for the NHS, working with a network of over 230 NHS charities, including the Stars Appeal, to help the NHS go further for staff and patients.

Dave Cates, of the Stars Appeal, Salisbury Hospital's Charity, added: "We're so proud to be a member of NHS Charities Together and to have their support. This is one of a number of grants they have provided to us over recent years which are making a big difference to local patients, families and hospital staff."

MUM TREATED FOR BREAST CANCER TO TAKE ON LONDON MARATHON!



A Salisbury mum who was treated for cancer is taking on the London Marathon to support the Stars Appeal, Salisbury Hospital's Charity.

Jo Cullen, who was diagnosed with breast cancer in 2022, wanted to run the marathon on Sunday, April 21, to "give back" to the Breast Unit at Salisbury District Hospital for the care she received.

The 50-year-old did a virtual London Marathon in 2020 so this will be her first time doing the event in London. She had been due to run it in 2022 but was forced to pull out after receiving her cancer diagnosis.

"Getting my cancer diagnosis was a big shock but I was very lucky to catch it early," explains Jo, who had surgery to remove the lump followed by a mastectomy and reconstructive surgery. "Nearly two years after my diagnosis, with all my treatment behind me, I am finally able to run the London Marathon after having to defer my entry twice due to surgery. I just want to finish and raise as much money as I can for the Breast Unit."

The Stars Appeal Breast Unit, which opened in 2017, is Salisbury Hospital's first-ever dedicated unit for breast patients providing dedicated diagnostic equipment along with treatment and counselling rooms in a beautifully furnished and dignified environment. It enables patients to have their diagnosis and follow-up care delivered in one place, reducing the need for patients to visit other departments in the hospital.

"We're very lucky in Salisbury to have such a wonderful Breast Unit on the doorstep. The nurses and consultants were absolutely amazing from the moment I was diagnosed to all my operations. They are still at the end of the phone to answer any questions or concerns. It feels like you're not alone, and they've got you under their wing."

She also praised the lovely décor and furnishings in the unit, which she says make it feel "very special".

"I'm so grateful for all the work the Stars Appeal do. It is vital to people like me to have places like the Breast Unit. I really felt strongly about raising money for the Stars Appeal and to give back to a charity that has helped me and hundreds of other people," said Jo.

Sophie Bagshaw, from Ludgershall, who is a second year Adult Nursing student at Bournemouth University doing a placement at Salisbury Hospital, is also lacing up her running shoes to take on her first London Marathon in support of the Stars Appeal.

The 20-year-old said: "While doing my placement at the hospital it was a surprise to me how much was funded by the Stars Appeal and I wanted to contribute. Salisbury is also my local hospital that I've wanted for years so I wanted to give back."

To sponsor Jo visit <https://www.justgiving.com/page/jo-cullen-1710703883122>. To support Sophie go to <https://gofund.me/ecb711e2>

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FIRST: the door-to-door car service for people in the parish who cannot arrange their own transport for essential trips; medical appointments, for example. Passengers pay their volunteer drivers according to a mileage scale in line with HMRC regulations.

SECOND: our network of 'road contacts' - people who welcome newcomers to the village with a pack of information on village activities, and who are available to help their neighbours in case of need. In the event of a major electricity outage, to take one example, the road contacts can provide neighbours with updates on when service is expected to be restored and with information about alternatives for those with no power for cooking or heating.

THIRD: a list of supporting agencies able to help with various emergencies.

All of these services can be accessed by dialing the

NEW (not the number listed in the March edition of the MM!), dedicated Village Care number

(effective 03 April 2024):

07777 559076

And all these services are provided by village volunteers!

Volunteer Drivers: Can you help? We are always pleased to hear from new volunteer drivers. If you would like to join the team please call the number above. You will not be committing to particular days, times or trips: our coordinator will call you from time to time to see if you can do a specific run, and if not, that's fine!

Road Contacts: Can you help? We would also like to fill a few gaps in our road contact coverage if we can. Lesley Ruth is managing this. These are the areas we need to cover - can you help please?

If you would like to help, please contact Lesley by email: lesleyruth4@aol.com.

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- Sodom Lane
- Pilwell
- Ham Meadows nos 21- 37
- Dinhay
- Woodlands Mead
- Mowes Lane
- Cox Hill
- Common Lane
- Hardy Close
- Butts Close
- Moorside outer farms
- Trevor Vaughan, Chair, Marnhull Village Care

STARS APPEAL TREKKERS PREPARE TO FIND LOST CITY IN COLOMBIA

A group of intrepid trekkers will be hiking through the tropical rainforest in Colombia to raise money for the Stars Appeal, Salisbury Hospital's Charity.

The 34 fundraisers, aged from 80 to 23, are making final preparations for their walking adventure to the 1500-year-old Lost City of Teyuna.



They will trek for up to 12-hours a day in around 30 degrees heat and 90 per cent humidity, staying in simple communal bunkhouses.

To reach the Lost City they will have to climb 1,200 ancient stone steps.

To prepare for their challenge the trekkers have been doing 10-12 mile walks every weekend.

For three-time cancer survivor Colin Ford, from Salisbury, this will be his second Stars Appeal trek after trekking to Petra in 2022.

He said: "During my treatment I have had more than my fair share of opportunity to benefit from the many facilities funded by the Stars Appeal.

These include CT scanners, MRI scanners, specialist observation machines and equipment on the Pembroke Suite and Urology Department and the free Wi-Fi and tea and coffee stations on the wards. There's no doubt the work of the charity made the care I've received even better."

He will be joined by first time trekkers, Dr Helena McKeown and her husband Peter Ewing, from Harnham.

Local GP Helena said: "It's brilliant to be raising money for the Stars Appeal. I've had four children at Salisbury Hospital as well as having emergency procedures and referrals where I've received fantastic care. I have a lot to thank them for."

Helena could have been forced to give up her job as a GP after a rare complication caused after breaking her finger 10 years ago left her unable to use her right hand.

"I would have had to retire early," admits Helena, a GP for over 30 years. "I have the hospital and their staff at the fracture clinic and occupational therapy to thank for getting my hand working again and enabling me to return to the job I love."

For Jayne Prigent, from Wilton, the owner of JASHAIRGroup, this is her fifth trek for the Stars Appeal and her first time trekking with her daughter Alice. They will be trekking as a thank you, to the hospital and Stars Appeal for the care their family has received over the years.

The trekkers set off on April 20. All of them have paid for their own trek costs and together hope to raise more than £50,000 for the Stars Appeal.



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TECHNEWS



YOUR MONTHLY TECH UPDATE

CHRIS RYU
Dorset Tech

Welcome back to my new column where I give you a brief overview of what's changing in the world of technology and how it will affect you in Marnhull. We have a broad range of readers and so I'd love to hear your feedback on the level of detail I give and the types of technology I cover, so that I can adapt in future issues. Let's dive right in...



THE WORLD WAS NOT READY FOR IT

Humane AI have finally released their hotly anticipated "AI pin". The product is actually quite a good idea at it's heart. It's a small badge that you wear on your clothing, secured by a magnet inside. Using a built in camera, speaker and various microphones, it was supposed to make your life easier. It was marketed as a replacement to the mobile phone. The idea is to pull people away from apps and screens, as the AI can use the apps for you. If a display is needed for a set task, the pin can project the data onto your hand and using the camera, can pick out what option you want... or that's the idea anyway.

The concept is that it learns from you over time and so can begin automating tasks. It can make calls for you, send messages, manage your diary and lots of time saving, hands-free activities.

In reality the product shipped is far from the concept sold. By removing a screen, the user needs to learn an array of hand gestures. These have been shown to be far from reliable. It's slow, causing long delays between asking the pin a question and getting a Chat-gpt style answer. The answers lack logic sometimes

too in my opinion. There's reports of the device getting very hot - extra worrying when it's a device you wear. Most surprising to me was the company's lead developer saying publically that the device is annoying sometimes! They will push software updates and I'm sure it'll get better, but at £560 upfront and £20/m you can imagine why customers are so angry.

For comparison, a rival AI pin that's open for pre-orders, Rabbit R1 is £160 with no subscription. It takes a different approach using a screen and is currently performing much better in tests.

Apple Repair Improvements

As someone that previously owned an iPhone repair shop, I'm always moaning about their poor approach to repairs. The EU have been cracking down on Apple and are gradually forcing brands to allow consumers to have a right to repair their products. One of the most frustrating things about Apple repairs is "software locking". We could take 2 brand new iPhones, swap some parts over and both devices would report that we've used counterfeit parts, some features would be disabled and in some cases, performance limited.

To clarify; in most cases brand new parts will be detected as counterfeit as they weren't paired with the phone/tablet in the factory.

Apple have now announced that it will begin allowing repairs using used parts. This is great news and long overdue. This will extend the life of lots of Apple devices and rescue iPhones that have been abandoned in a drawer.

AI Round Up

It almost seems like there's a huge leap forward every month at the moment. I could probably fill the whole magazine! This month I just want to highlight one cool tool.

Udio is a really fun music generator. Using a few lines of text you can generate music in any genre, including lyrics and the quality is really surprising. It's in Beta right now, but it's already a lot of fun.

NEW TECH ROUND-UP

- Intel announced their latest processor socket design. It's not yet clear what all the new pins do, but I'm sure we'll find out soon enough.
- Google held their popular "IO" event and unveiled new devices. The Pixel 9 will get the emergency satellite calling made popular by Apple and the new 8a is a more budget friendly option
- Google's rather impressive AI photo editing tools that were exclusive to Pixel users are now being rolled out to all Google photo users - no subscription required. My favourite feature is being able to unblur photos, or reproduce old damaged photos.
- It's been leaked that Apple plans to overhaul the entire Mac line with new AI focused M4 chips. They're expected to be announced in the last quarter of this year. That's all for this month - see you next time!

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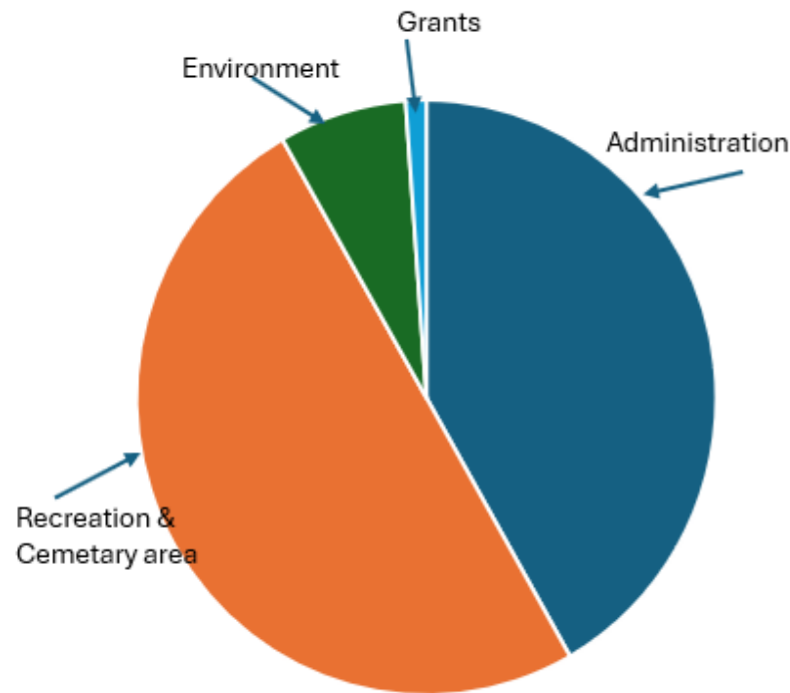
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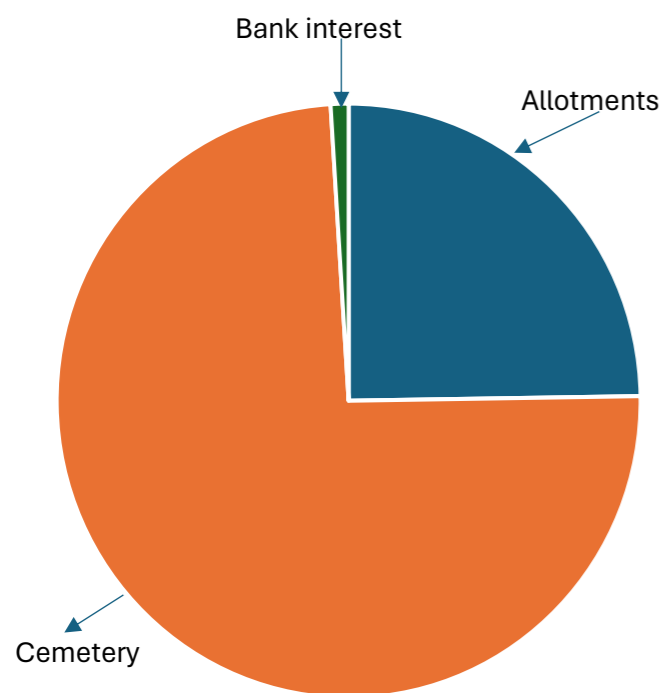
Please see below summary breakdown of the approved budget for 2024/25. A more detailed breakdown of costs by category can be found on the Parish Council website on <https://marnhull-pc.org.uk>



EXPENDITURE BUDGET FOR 2024/2025

Administration	£ 18,167.10
Recreation & Cemetary area	£ 21,750.00
Environment	£ 3,100.00
Grants	£ 500.00
Total Expenditure	£ 43,517.10

Total expenditure has been maintained at the same level as 2023/24.
 - An allocation of funds has again been made towards the development of the Neighbourhood Plan.
 - A new defibrillator has been budgeted and will be sited outside Robin Hill Stores



INCOME BUDGET FOR 2024/2025

Allotments	£ 500.00
Cemetery	£ 1,500.00
Bank Interest	£ 20.00
Total Income	£ 2,020.00

There are only two direct contributors to income – Allotments and Cemetery charges. The balance of expenditure is funded through Dorset Council, by way of the Precept. The Precept is the amount of money required from Council Tax payers in the parish and can be found on your Council Tax bill.

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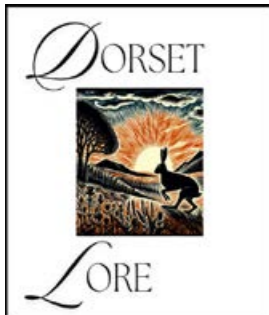
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DORSET LORE



THE FIRST OF MAY

CHRIS WALTON
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The First of May.

Welcome to Dorset Lore, a monthly column featuring the rich heritage of folklore, tradition, ghost stories and legends of the county of Dorset. This month we of course must explore May traditions.

I can find no record of a traditional Jack-in-the-Green parading through Marnhull, but one was recorded in Shaftesbury that was carried about with its retinue asking for pennies. In Sherborne on May Day the children would go around with garlands and they decorated themselves with chains of flowers, wore wreaths and chanted a song which began:

“The first of May
Is garland day
Please to remember
The King and Queen.”

For some unexplained reason May Day was held on June 9th in Shillingstone for several centuries.

“The Maypole, said at one time to be the tallest in England, was garlanded with flowers, and around the Maypole dancing was kept up far into the night. Besides the dancing there were booths, coconut shies, cheapo jacks [a seller of cheap or inferior quality goods], and all the appurtenances of a fair. But the last Maypole disappeared from the village green before the war of 1939-1945. At Cerne Abbas was another famous Maypole, which stood near the Giant on the hill”

“At Wyke Regis and Abbotsbury on May 13th and 14th the children used to make garlands of flowers and skip with them through the street and then hang them on the fishing boats. When the boats went to sea, the garlands were thrown overboard into the waters of West Bay.”

In Marnhull a feast day was held on the last Wednesday in May. It was:

“A great day for the whole of the village. Church bells rang early: members met at The Crown with ribbons and favours. And attended service at the church. They afterwards paraded the village with their flags and garlands and visited every house and farm-house of importance where they were plentifully supplied with ale and cider, and dancing was indulged in (the old fashioned four-handed reel being the favourite), after which they proceeded to The Crown for dinner where parson and squire, farmer and man, sat down together to enjoy the good things provided. In the evening the two breweries were visited, where ale was supplied and more dancing indulged in. No sports were held, but wrestling and cudgel playing used to take place.” This comes from the wonderful ‘Dorset up along and down along’ first published in 1935. I have already gathered lots of folklore specific to Marnhull and surrounding villages and would be very interested to hear what stories locals recall, what their sources are, and what variations there are of the stories I have already researched.

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NEWS FROM TRADING STANDARDS



Animal allergens in vegan and plant-based food

The Food Standards Agency is running a campaign to advise people with milk, egg, fish or shellfish allergies, or those who care for people with these types of allergies, to always check the label on vegan and plant-based food as it may not be safe to eat.

Foods marked as vegan or plant-based are not guaranteed to be free from products of animal origin, and therefore could still contain allergenic ingredients. This is because a vegan label is not a food safety label so risks remain of cross-contamination in manufacturing and production processes that might mean vegan or plant-based food is not safe for some people to eat.

Q: Do you know the difference between a ‘free-from’ and ‘vegan’ label?

A: A ‘free-from’ label guarantees the product doesn’t contain the named allergen. To use this label, food businesses must follow strict processes to ensure the allergen isn’t present.

However, these rules don’t apply to vegan or plant-based products, which means there could be a chance of cross-contamination with allergens such as milk, eggs, fish or shellfish.

Q: Do you have an allergy to milk, eggs, fish, or shellfish? Do you eat vegan food to help manage your allergies?

A: Vegan food isn’t always safe for people with these allergies because of potential cross-contamination during manufacturing and preparation processes.

For peace of mind that ingredients such as milk, eggs, fish, or shellfish aren’t present in vegan food or plant-based food through cross-contamination, always check for precautionary allergen labels such as a ‘may contain’ statement. This will help prevent an allergic reaction.

The Food Standards Agency advises - Never assume vegan or plant-based food is safe for people with certain allergies. Don’t take the risk. Always read the label.

More information can be found on the Food Standards Agency’s website where you can read in more detail about vegan food and allergens, cross-contamination and precautionary allergen labelling for vegan food, and steps to take to keep safe. Visit <https://www.food.gov.uk/safety-hygiene/vegan-food-and-allergens>



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MARNHULL TENNIS CLUB

Now that spring has truly arrived, the tennis season is in full swing. There is a lot going on in April for our members, including:

SEASON OPENING SOCIAL

April 21 from 2.00pm.

Get to know other members of the Marnhull Tennis Club over some friendly doubles at our season opening social. All skill levels are welcome, just grab your racket and come on down!

BEGINNERS AND RUSTY RACKETS

Every Wednesday from 6.00pm.

One of the club's most popular sessions, Wednesday evenings are dedicated to newbies and lapsed players looking to get back into the swing of things. All ages are welcome. Please contact John Seear (johnseear@hotmail.com) for more information.

REGULAR CLUB SESSIONS

Every Thursday from 6.00pm

Every Friday from 9.30am to 11.00am

Turn up and play every Thursday evening and Friday morning at our weekly club doubles. You'll get the opportunity to partner a variety of players over a series of light-hearted games.

AFTER-SCHOOL JUNIOR CLUB

Every Tuesday from April 9.

Our after-school club for junior members is up and running every Tuesday through to September, including holiday periods. Two separate age categories are available, although precocious younger players are welcome to join the older group. For more information, please contact Norma Amlot (dnamlot@icloud.com).

Beginners (ages 5 to 10): 4.00pm to 5.00pm

Seniors (ages 11 to 16): 5.00pm to 6.00pm

NOT SURE IF TENNIS IS FOR YOU?

If you aren't yet a member of the Marnhull Tennis Club but are considering picking up a racket, we have taster sessions for both adults and juniors.

Adults: Every Wednesday in April, we'll be hosting hits for beginners from 5.00pm. Balls will be provided and rackets are available on request. Please contact Jeremy Hamer (jeremyhamer7@gmail.com) if you wish to join in.

Juniors: Come along to two Tuesday after-school sessions for free before committing to a full membership. Just contact Norma Amlot (dnamlot@icloud.com) to sign up.

To see our full range of planned events, head over to www.marnhulltennisclub.net.

MARNHULL CRAFT CLUB

On Thursday 2nd May at 10.30 am, the Marnhull Craft Club is delighted to host a Presentation by Jules Mayhew, the founder of Crimson Peacock, in aid of the Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance. Inspired by the ancient handicraft developed and perfected in Rajasthan over centuries, Jules designs and produces cotton dresses and nightwear from hand block printed fabrics. Following the Presentation, there'll be refreshments, tea and cake, craft and other stalls, and a raffle, so please do come along to support us and to hear from Jules and see her wonderful designs.

Ahead of that, we also have our regular monthly meeting on Thursday 4th April at 10 am in the Methodist Church Hall, where Sue Hughes will be demonstrating Chaos Embroidery, using either stranded cotton on calico/cotton fabric or tapestry wool on an open weave like linen, plus beads.

The Craft Club meets at 10am on the first Thursday of every month, except August, in the Methodist Church Hall. We are a friendly, informal group, where you can discover new crafts, share your crafting experience with others - or just bring along anything you're working on and have a cup of tea and a chat.

If you're interested in coming along, we'd love to see you. For more information contact Sue Piper on 07787 299227.

MARNHULL WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

While in some regions of the country the Women's Institutes are suffering from reduced numbers, we in Marnhull are getting stronger and stronger. This is primarily due to the hard work and enthusiasm of our committee and so the re-election of this lively team was applauded by the membership at the recent General Meeting.

Nicola Denham agreed to stand again as Chairman and we can rely on her leadership to deliver another interesting and diverse year of activities.

A list of the goings-on is enough to ensure that no-one need ever feel alone or bored: we have three book groups, groups devoted to walking, kurling, craft and more. We go out to lunch as a group regularly and all this is in addition to our monthly talks and lectures.

If anyone new to the Village is feeling a bit isolated, here is the remedy. Come to our meeting in the Village Hall on the second Monday of the month and you will find a warm welcome.

MARNHULL MEN'S SHED

The Marnhull Men's Shed meets weekly at our workshop, where members can work on their own projects or work together on Community projects. There is also the opportunity to learn new skills or pass on skills to others. For those not project minded there is always the chance for a natter over tea and biscuits with friends old and new.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Please contact Alan Loukes
Alan@loukes.co.uk or 07767 817173

STURMINSTER CHORAL SOCIETY

If you would like to take up/return to choral singing, try us out! Sturminster Choral Society meets again on Monday 18th September, 7pm, at The Exchange in Sturminster to rehearse for its Christmas concert (9th December): Vaughan Williams' Fantasia on Christmas Carols. We would be delighted to welcome you - sopranos, altos, basses and tenors all; no auditions.

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Badminton Senior Night
 Thursday senior league night: 8.15-10.15pm
 The club is interested in players who wish to play at a league level.
 The club participates in the Salisbury district league - div2 mens and div2 mixed and div3 mixed

CONTACT:
 Robert Tulk - 01258 820728
 Meet at Riversmeet on Mondays, Tuesdays & Thursdays

MARNHULL LUNCH CLUB

Meets on the 1st Friday of every month in the Village Hall, except January. The club opens at 12 noon and lunch is served at 1pm. Transport can be provided to and from the Village Hall if needed.

Main Course, Dessert and Tea or Coffee £10.00
 For more information please call
 Liz 01258 821378 or Dawn 01258 820642

PASSIONTIDE CHAROALE PRELUDES

On Tuesday 19th March, Stephen Binnington will play a 30-minute programme of Chorale Preludes for Passiontide starting at 12 noon in St. Gregory's Church.

Perhaps this might be an opportunity to reflect on the period of Lent and Passiontide through the music of Bach, Brahms, Parry and others?

MARNHULL GARDEN CLUB

The Garden Club meets at 7.30pm on the 2nd Tuesday of most months, in the Marnhull Village Hall.
 Come and join us for refreshments and a chat.
 We usually have a guest speaker and learn some new gardening tips.

Contact Secretary Phil Silvester 01258 394288 / 07921 214591 marnhullgardenclub@gmail.com

MARNHULL MUSIC SOCIETY

Meets every 3rd Monday of the month (except July and August) at 7:15pm in the village hall. We listen to a varied programme of music (mainly but not exclusively classical) presented by one of our members and enjoy a social 'cuppa' during an interval.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:
 Please contact Alan Loukes on 01258 821629

MARNHULL AMBLERS & RAMBLERS

Short walk (amble) approx 3 miles
 on 2nd Thursday morning of the month
 Contact Anne Dowsett - dowsetanne52@gmail.com

Longer walk (ramble) 5-7 miles
 on last Thursday of the month
 Contact Elaine Spencer-White - elainesw48@gmail.com

MARNHULL CRAFT CLUB

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

THE METHODIST CHURCH HALL
 Relax, meet new and old friends for coffee and chat. Use your skills and learn something new, in a friendly and relaxed atmosphere.

More information from Sue Piper - 07787299227

MARNHULL BRIDGE CLUB

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

New Players always welcome.
 Call 01258 820036 for information

FRENCH & SPANISH CONVERSATION

Want to get those little grey cells working? Then come along to French or Spanish conversation! This can complement your work with Duolingo or refresh your memories of your O level days.

For more information contact Ros Eveleigh on 821049.

MARNHULL WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Meets on the 2nd Monday in the month (except Aug) At 7.30pm in the Village Hall

We look forward to seeing new and old members
 President: Nicola Denham - 01258 821343

BLACKMORE VALE ART GROUP

The group meets monthly on the second Friday at 10:30am in the Village Hall.
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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT
 Yvonne 820247 or mikyon@aol.com



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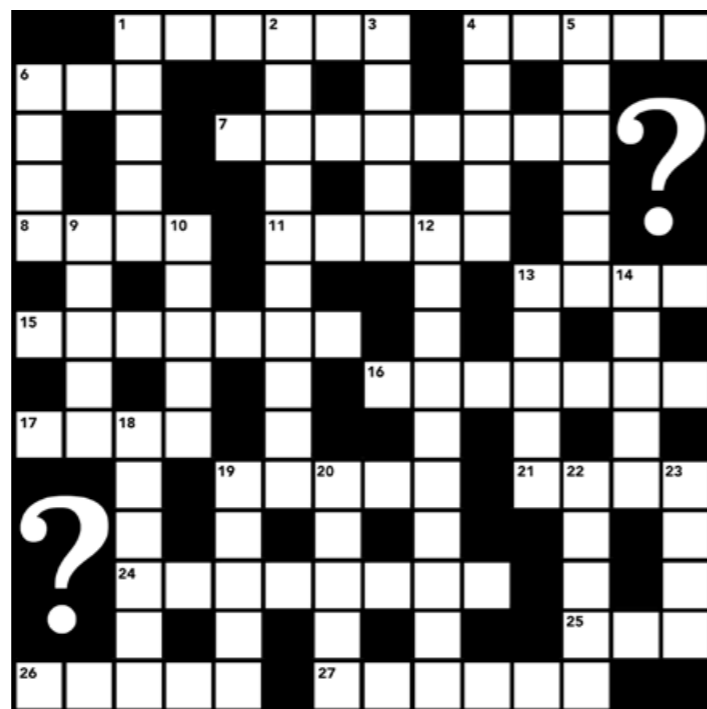
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- 4) In Buddhism how the sum of a person's actions in one life effects their future lives. (5)
- 6) Acronym used for the rock group formed by Jeff Lynne and Roy Wood in Birmingham in 1970. (3)
- 7) Foot soldiers collectively. (8)
- 8) Old Testament fratricide victim. (4)
- 11) Simple knot used to fasten one thing to another temporarily. (5)
- 13) West Asian country whose capital is Muscat. (4)
- 15) Member of a Muslim fraternity known for their wild rituals. (7)
- 16) A member of any of several cavalry regiments in the British Army. (7)
- 17) Stage name of singer Cherilyn Sarkisian. (4)
- 19) Prehistoric circular stone tower in northern Scotland. (5)
- 21) In a well known proverb a friend in what is a friend indeed. (4)
- 24). Device that controls the flow of fuel to an engine. (8)
- 25). The nickname of US President Dwight D. Eisenhower. (3)
- 26). A nut obtained from a hickory tree. (5)
- 27) Wolf like wild dog of North America. (6)



DOWN

- 1) and 23D. Catholic cathedral in Paris. (5-4)
- 2) Ancient capital of the kingdom of Wessex. (10)
- 3) Single celled fungus capable of turning sugar into alcohol. (5)
- 4) Two masted sailing boat. (5)
- 5) Regular repeated pattern of sound. (6)
- 6) Mediterranean island which was the site of Napoleon's first period of exile. (4)
- 9) Large tree with smooth grey bark. (5)
- 10) Human organ that neutralises toxins. (5)
- 12) Cheese named after the Welsh town where it is made. (10)
- 13) A large musical instrument having rows of pipes supplied with air from bellows. (5)
- 14) Clay used to make sun dried bricks. (5)
- 18) A substance that causes vomiting. (6)
- 19) A member of the lowest order of UK nobility. (5)
- 20) Relating to the eye or vision. (5)
- 22) Computer the selects Premium Bond winners. (5)
- 23) See 1D.

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