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YOUR LAST CHANCE TO HAVE YOUR SAY ON CHANGES TO CHICKERELL BOUNDARY

How your household budget could be hit – see editorial overleaf

Deadline for comments is May 23rd

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Photos by Nigel Smith

The Peto Garden in the spring sunshine. A team of volunteers helps maintain the community garden behind the library in Chickerell's East Street. More helpers welcome – see inside for details

Inside this month

Chickerell children caring for our environment

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Spotlight on Buckland Ripers

From the editor:

To all residents of Chickerell, Charlestown, Littlesea and Buckland Ripers…..

As I reported last month, Dorset Council is 'hell bent' on moving parts of Chickerell to Weymouth. This was proposed without warning to the residents with no proper consultation and has damaged relationships between the two town councils. Not only will those in the proposed area be affected by this change but it will have further financial repercussions on the rest of our town.

As you can see by the reports on page 3, Chickerell Town Council and our two County Councillors are very much against the proposal. The closing date for objections is the 23rd May. There are many ways to object and I urge all residents to have their say.

Good Luck to the Wessex Musical Theatre (WOS) in their up and coming centenary production 'A Night at the Musicals' at Weymouth Pavilion. Tickets now on sale!

Sadly I have to report the passing of three of our local residents; June Morgan, Fred Simmonds and Sam Chase. To their families and to all who have lost loved ones recently, we send our condolences.

Well done to Chickerell Primary Academy for the proposed 'Green Day' with our Mayor this month.

And finally, congratulations to our Printers, Print Shop Express located on Lynch Lane, Chickerell, on celebrating 10 years of business! We thank James Collins for his help, guidance and his exceptional standards producing our magazine.

John Dean

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CHICKERELL WEBSITE – By James Bennett: Find us at www.chickerell.com and view Contact Magazine including past issues, in case you missed a month!

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NEWS……NEWS…..NEWS…..NEWS….NEWS….NEWS….

CHICKERELL TOWN COUNCIL has issued a strong objection to plans for Weymouth to absorb parts of Chickerell: "The potential removal of such a large number of households from the parish of Chickerell will create major adverse impact on future provisions, such as a new health centre, a further sports facility, youth provision within Willowbed Hall and a skate park. Chickerell has accepted very significant residential development in recent years (many hundreds still to be built), for which more infrastructure is needed so Chickerell Town Council cannot afford a reduction in its tax base. If the proposed change to the boundary goes ahead the town council will have two choices: The projects do not get completed or the Council Tax has to increase significantly." The council added there was no evidence of the benefit of the boundary changes and requests the status quo should be maintained.

The Community Governance Review regarding Weymouth's proposals to take over a large part of Chickerell including Littlesea Estate, Everdene Drive, Clare Avenue and Cobham Drive, **ends on May 23rd**. Coun Jean Dunseith warns the proposal could result in council tax for residents going up over £100 for Band D properties.

How to have your say: Paper copy available at Chickerell Community Library, East Street

Online form survey: www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/community-governance-review

Write email to: cgr@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk

Write letter to: Electoral Services, Dorset Council, County Hall, Dorchester, Dorset DT1 1XJ.

Your Dorset Council councillors: Coun Jean Dunseith 01305 787557; Coun John Worth 01305 835805.

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SPEED LIMIT ON COAST ROAD: From Coun Jean Dunseith: "Good news we now have a 30mph limit on B3157 through Chickerell: traffic seems to be calmer.

Courage Way and above: It was planned that 30mph would start at the northern boundary because of the new estate, junction and increased traffic. For greater visibility I asked if the speed signs could be located further down the hill away from their present location and although it was looked at, Highways decided not to move them. For visibility and safety, I then asked for bars and SLOW markings which have recently been painted on the road surface on approach to Chickerell.

Crookhill/Glennie Way: I had expected that Highways would sign the lower speed limit or advise of changed limit, but they just removed signs, posts and burnt the roundels off the road, I know this caused confusion. I explained that if you left East Street and drove along coast road a short distance then went back you would never know the speed had changed. **Explanation**: "The reason why no extra signing has been put in is that the area is covered by streetlights. The Highway Code states that if a road is street lit it is covered by a 30mph limit unless signs tell you otherwise. Obviously, it used to be a 40mph limit hence the need for 40mph signs but now it has been reduced to 30mph no signs are needed."

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PETO GARDEN: CAN YOU HELP: From Brian: Volunteers help tend to the community garden by the library in East Street. It would help us in our work if anyone had an old wheelbarrow they don't use. It doesn't need to look pretty, as long it is functional! We love to encourage bird song in the garden with a feeding system for our feathered friends. If anyone would like to help with this, we would be very grateful too.

Please contact Brian on 770678 if you can help.

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THANK YOU: I would like to say a very big thank you to everyone that attended Yvonne's funeral. Her son John did her proud. She will be missed very much. To the people that have been trying to phone me and not got through, it is because I have only just got my old phone number back, which is 781059. Thank you for the cards and flowers too. Much appreciated. Rosie.

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WEYMOUTH'S REPAIR CAFÉ returned in March to a new venue in Littlemoor and is continuing to be popular with people seeking help to repair everything from electronic gadgets to ceramics, clocks, jewellery and clothing. Held on the second Saturday of each month except July and August, the May date is **Saturday May 14th** from 10.30am to 12.30pm at the Top Club, Louviers Road, Weymouth. There is a free car park and volunteers will repair broken items in return for a donation towards the café's running costs.

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NEW LEGISLATION ON BUYING KNIVES: Did you know that as from last month retailers and couriers are now legally obliged to ensure that knives and corrosives are not sold or delivered to those under the age of 18. Dorset Police says the new restrictions will also make it an offence to possess a corrosive substance in a public place. The legislation relates to the Offensive Weapons Act 2019.

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NEWS FROM LOCAL GROUPS, CLUBS & SOCIETIES

NEWS FROM ST MARY'S – Chickerell's historic, listed church in North Square

Thank you to all the Quiz teams and helpers, who raised £520 for church funds at our Quiz in March.
Our next event is the **Book Sale with CDs and DVDs, Plants, Bric-a-Brac, Raffle and Refreshments at 11 Randall Close, Chickerell on Bank Holiday Monday 2nd May, from 10am – 2pm** providing we are blessed with fine weather!
Yet again we have been very grateful to all the local clergy and our lay worship leaders for taking our services. The Rev Jo Haine will take her first service as our proper priest on **15th May** at **9.30am.** After this date all our services on Sundays will begin at this time. Please join us to welcome The Rev Jo to our village.

NEWS FROM CHICKERELL LUNCHEON CLUB – First Thursday monthly at Marquis of Granby pub

Another very good meal from the Marquis of Granby, especially the ginger and syrup pudding, my favourite. Thank you very much to our hosts Justina and Natasha and their staff.
In **May we are having roast beef, Yorkshire Pudding, roast potatoes and vegetables followed by roulade.**
The list is out for our outing, make sure you sign up!
For any queries or cancellations please phone Ann on 783002 or Ruth on 775364.

CHICKERELL WALKERS CLUB – Group walks organised each month for those who like walking

Now the warmer weather is here, it's a good time to experience the lovely local walks. Why not come on one of the club walks or one of the slow walks. The rules are simple; just turn up on an organised walk and ensure to be on time as we leave on the dot. If the weather is doubtful, the leader will be at the start and if others arrive, a decision will be made at that point. Well behaved dogs are welcome. Anyone can join in the slow walks but must respect the pace of the walk.
Club Walks: Friday 13th May: Meet 10am at Upwey Church Car Park. a circular walk from Upwey to Coryates village. Includes steep hills.
Saturday 21st May: Meet 1pm at Peto Garden. A coastal path walk to Abbotsbury. Fine views of the Fleet and sea. Perhaps tea & cake while waiting for the next bus home.
Slow walks: Thursday 5th May: Meet 1.30pm at Willowbed Hall. Cowslip Walk at Langton Herring.
To avoid congestion at the start, we can organise a car share. We will park and meet on the road to Langton Herring at the first turning into the village. There is a steep hill DOWN through the cowslip fields.
Planning ahead it is difficult to ensure seeing the flowers at their best. Continue walk on a country path to view the Fleet.
Thursday 26th May: Meet 10am at Willowbed Hall. Walk to Chickerell Hive, around the rifle range & return.

CHARLESTOWN VICTORY HALL, PUTTON LANE venue for classes, clubs and events

DIARY DATES

Monday: pm: Ballet; Modern Tap* (WSB); eve - Line & Partner Dancing (Dixie Six) **Tuesday:** pm/eve: Ballet; Modern Tap* (WSB) **Wednesday:** am & pm: Cygnets & Swans Ballet* (WSB); pm - WHIST; eve - Line & Partner Dancing (Dixie Six). **Thursday:** pm/eve - Gymnastics* (WSB) **Friday:** am - Early Movers* (WSB); evening - BINGO (fortnightly) **Saturday**: am Cygnets Ballet* (WSB) * additional dance sessions available. Enquiries: WSB (Weymouth School of Ballet) – 07703463974. Dixie Six - 01305 772668.

NEWS FROM MARION: "Bingo Dates - 6th and 20th May. Doors open 6.30pm, eyes down 7pm. All welcome.
Whist as usual every Wednesday afternoon starting at 2pm. New players always welcome.
Just a reminder about our Platinum Jubilee Tea Party on Sunday 5th June from 3 - 6pm. Please telephone Joe on 01305 789125 or me, Marion on 07972665323 to book your places. **We have had enquiries from some residents as to the cost; please note this is a free event**, **courtesy of the Victory Hall Committee.** We will need names and contact numbers and any dietary needs. We will need these as soon as possible so we know what number to cater for. Look forward to seeing you there on the day.
Now that the weather seems to be settling down (touch wood),goal posts and fencing are top of the priority list!
As usual - queries about booking the Hall ring Joe or Marion on the numbers given above."

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MORE FROM LOCAL GROUPS, CLUBS & SOCIETIES

SPIRIT OF CHICKERELL runs regular Village Café in Willowbed Hall, Putton Lane & other events

The village cafe and table top sale will be held on **21st May** at the Willowbed Hall from **10am to 12.30pm**.
There will be a range of stalls selling quality craft goods and bric-à-brac. The cafe will be serving hot bacon and sausage butties plus a rang of homemade cakes. We still have some space for extra stalls so if you are interested please call Pam on 01305 835805.
Don't forget Saturday 16th July 2022 has been earmarked for the annual Chickerell Show. There will be the usual classes of cut flowers, pot plants, allotments, fruit and vegetables, junior section, cookery, handicraft, floral arrangements, photography and novice classes for the annual Chickerell Show with exhibits displayed in The Willowbed Hall.

CHICKERELL MOONFLEET WI: Meets 7pm on second Monday of each month at Willowbed Hall

The April meeting was a Cheese & Wine Evening with an Easter Quiz and an Easter Bonnet Competition. At the next meeting on **9th May,** a local author is speaking on Fossils & Fossil Collecting along the Fleet. For more information contact Shelley on 07962 139441 or Sheila on 07809 680593.

MARSHALLSAY COURT COFFEE MORNINGS every Weds at the flats in Marshallsay Rd, 10-11am

NEWS FROM ST EDMUND'S CHURCH, LANEHOUSE: Our very popular Bingo with wonderful prizes is on **Saturday 7th May:** Doors open at 6pm for 7pm start. £5 per book of tickets. Raffle and refreshments available.
Our Rose Queen Festival is back on Saturday 9th July 1-4 pm! Free entry, come & join the fun. Big draw, stalls, teas & some entertainment. A service including the Rose Queen on her throne held in church at 11am the next day.

MORE GROUPS & SOCIETIES IN THE AREA

SOUTH DORSET CALEDONIAN SOCIETY: Holds weekly Ceilidh and **Scottish Country Dancing** classes at the **Moose Hall, Chickerell Road** on **Monday evenings**, 7.30 to 9.45pm. Beginners welcome. £3 per head. Includes tea/coffee. You do not need a partner. Learn easy Ceilidh and Scottish Country dances. The society also holds St Andrews Day Celebrations, Burns Night, Ceilidhs and other events. www.southdorsetcaledonians.org - For further details contact: Frank 01305 835075. Or email the secretary at: sdcssec@gmail.com

WYKE REGIS HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY: Spring is here at last; the time to get going in the garden. The Trading Post in Rylands Lane is open on Wednesdays 2 - 4pm and Saturdays 9.30am - 12.30pm. All your gardening and allotment needs for sale, plus advice if required. Peas, beans and a wide choice of seeds and fertilisers available. Happy gardening!

RADIPOLE & SOUTHILL HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY: Hosting a **Plant Sale** at Southill Community Centre on **Tuesday 10th May, 7.30pm**. Come along and find some bargains ready to get planting in your own garden. Advice will also be available from experienced gardeners. The event is open to members and non-members and further information can be obtained on 01305 788939.

DROP IN CAFÉ for people with Dementia and their carers at Weymouth Bay Methodist Church, Melcombe Avenue, DT4 7TH. Come and enjoy a cuppa and cake, music and activities. First Friday of each month from 2-4pm. £2 per person.

SOUTHILL SHORT MAT BOWLS CLUB meets at Southill Community Centre Mondays 2pm and Wednesdays 2pm and 7pm. £3 per session. First three sessions free. New members welcome.

INTERESTED IN THE HISTORY OF YOUR FAMILY? Somerset and Dorset (*Family History*) Society, Weymouth, meets third Friday afternoon each month at St. Aldhelm's Church Centre, Spa Road; Cost £2 per meeting. Contact John 01305 776008 to book a seat.

CHICKERELL COMMUNITY LIBRARY – East Street, Chickerell

Opening Hours

Tuesday 10am-12pm	**Friday 2-4pm**
Thursday 2-4pm	**Saturday 10am-12pm**

LIBRARY NEWS: We are very sorry for any inconvenience due to the library being closed when we had a water leak. We are back to normal now!

Book Club: We hold a book club on the second Monday of every month. At the moment we have a few vacancies for new members - if you are interested please ring Pam on 07778961363.

As the warmer weather is coming we think about our gardens, and what we can do to them. There are plenty of books on the subject; if you can't find what you are looking for, you can always order on line and have them delivered to the library for collection.

The Lego Club: As there were no bookings we were unable to hold it.

We will try again at next half term so watch out for dates!

Coffee morning: Saturday May 7th 10am-12 noon.

Happy Reading!

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For details about registering your child with us, please contact Michelle or Sharon.

CHICKADEES: Rashley Road (by Chickerell Primary Academy) Tel: 01305 773103.
Contact Jenny Lamming, pre-school manager. Email: pre-school@chickerell.dorset.sch.uk

CHICKERELL PRIMARY ACADEMY Rashley Road. School office: 01305 783876

NEWS: We have all had a wonderful and well-deserved Easter break after a challenging half term during which many staff and children were absent with Covid. Our amazing team worked hard to ensure the school stayed open, breakfast and after-school clubs continued and the children had no disruption to their usual school days.

TESTS

Our Year 6 children sit their SATs tests in May; their teachers have ensured they are very well-prepared. The children performed well in mock tests before Easter and we wish them all the very best for the actual tests. We will make sure they have as much time as possible to enjoy themselves throughout their SATs week; they will have extra outdoor PE sessions and a treat organised to celebrate the end of their tests!

CHILDREN JOINING US IN RECEPTION CLASS

We are now beginning our transition to school programme for the children joining us in reception classes in September. This year, as restrictions have lifted, we will be able to invite these new parents into school for a welcome evening. The children will be able to attend play sessions to become familiar with the school environment and teachers get to know them. The teachers will also visit the children's pre-schools to ensure they have a good picture of each child before they join us. We are very much looking forward to welcoming the children and their families into our school.

SUMMER IS COMING!

We are looking forward to a wonderful summer term ahead with some sunny weather to enjoy!
The children, staff and governors hope that you are all keeping safe and well.

Are you new to the area and do you have a child who would like to join our school? We are now able to welcome parents into school for tours again. However, to ensure we keep our children and staff as safe as possible, we are asking one parent only to attend a tour. This will enable us to avoid too many visitors in school when Covid cases remain high. Please contact the school office on 01305 783876. Our office staff will be happy to arrange a date for your visit.

See overleaf for academy's green initiatives…

Green update - written by some of Chickerell Primary Academy's Year 6 pupils

In the first term of Year 6, during the COP26 summit, we all as a class wrote a pledge for the planet on a leaf and sent it to the summit. We included things we would like the government to do and what we will do for the planet.

WALKING TO SCHOOL

We have also had lessons on plastic pollution and climate change. Since then, we have been more mindful about the things that we can do to 'be more green'. Some of us walk to school to reduce our carbon footprint and we have been litter picking in the local community.

GREEN DAY

We are really looking forward to the Mayor's Green Day soon; we think it will help others to focus on things they can do help the environment and look after our planet, as we would like it to be a beautiful place to live for future generations.

Looking back at Chickerell in times past

Here is another view of Mr Hawker's workshop on the corner of North Square which we featured in last month's Contact with the view today above left. This view shows the thatch has been replaced by tiles and a new window added in the gable end.

With thanks to the reader who supplied this historic photo

NEWS……NEWS…..NEWS…..NEWS….NEWS….NEWS….

FROM DORSET TRADING STANDARDS: Thinking of buying a puppy? Beware, says Dorset Trading Standards, which is trying to raise awareness of illegal puppy breeding. It says Covid 19 had led to more people working from home which has increased demand for dogs and raised prices. It has led to more puppies being sold from unlicensed breeders, too often, says trading standards, without any consideration of the welfare and needs of the puppy.

Dorset Council has updated its website so that people can check if breeders are licensed, to report unlicensed breeders and offer advice for people seeking a puppy. Apart from always seeing the puppy with its mother in the home of the breeder, it says no puppy should be sold under the age of eight weeks and should be microchipped, vaccinated and socialised: 'Buying from an unlicensed breeder could mean that your puppy may not have the right medical records and could have hereditary health issues which could lead to heavy vet bills'.

Anyone who suspects dogs are being bred illegally should report it to Trading Standards on 0808 223 1133.

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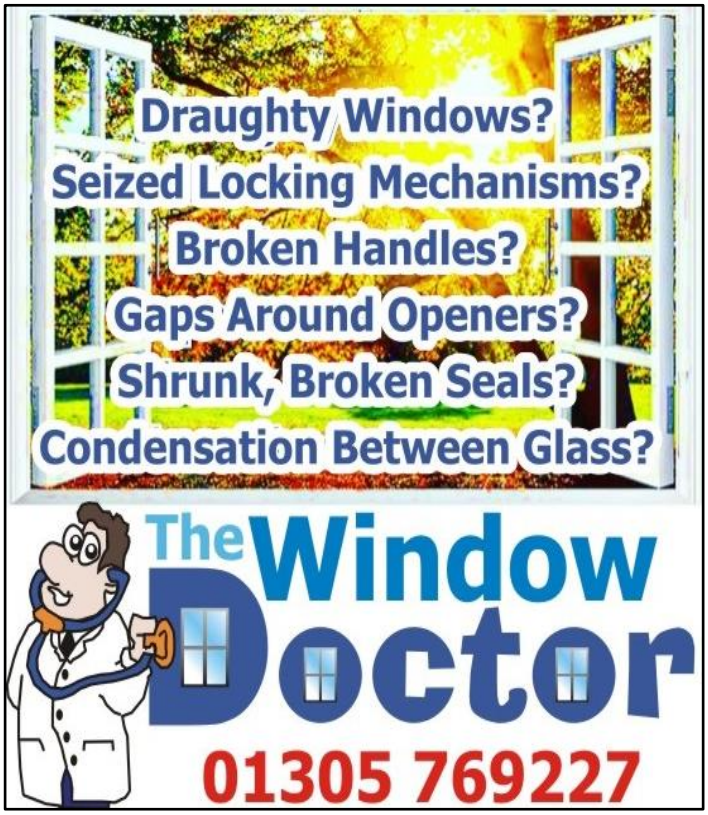

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Website: www.chickerelltowncouncil.co.uk email townclerk@chickerell-tc.gov.uk

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Normally (non pandemic) **every third Tuesday of each month at 7pm** in the council offices, Putton Lane.
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P/CLP/2022/01468: Handborough Park, Chickerell Road: Certificate of Lawfulness proposed to station one further caravan for all year round residential occupation. Taking total of caravans on site to 41.

COUNCILLOR JOHN WORTH: If you need to contact your Dorset Councillor, call or email John Worth on 01305 835805 / 07787229052 Email: cllrjohn.worth@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk
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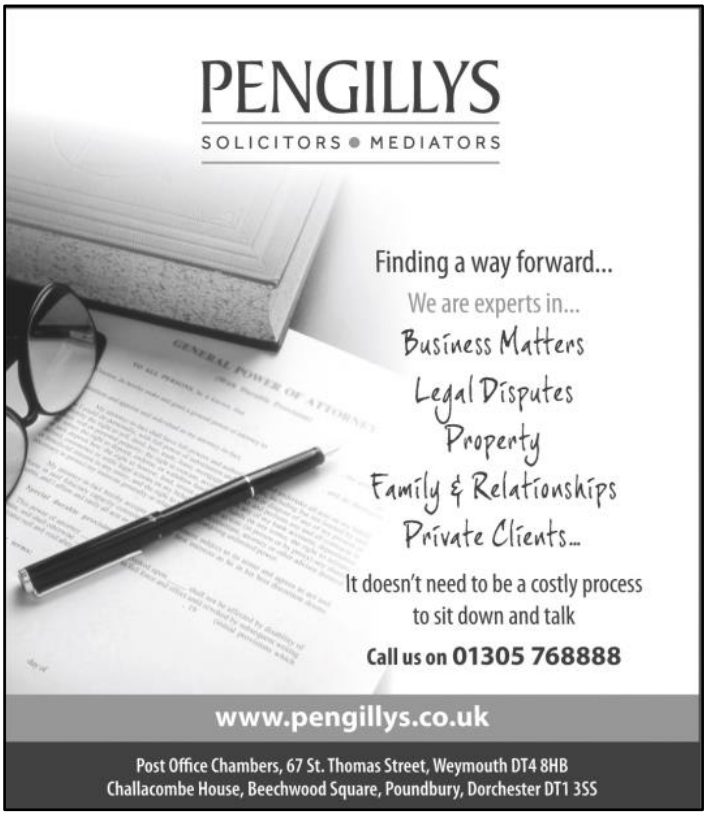

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Music, cinema, theatre and film

WEYMOUTH'S VERY OWN MUSICAL THEATRE HAS A SPECIAL PERFORMANCE NEXT MONTH

Weymouth Operatic Society, now known as Wessex Musical Theatre, is celebrating 100 years of performing with a special show at Weymouth Pavilion early next month. **A Night at the Musicals – 100 Years That WOS WMT**, celebrates everything from Gilbert and Sullivan to Cole Porter, Rogers and Hammerstein right up to date with Monty Python's 'Spamalot'.
It promises to be quite a night for the society, which is the oldest local theatrical company and has performed 139 main shows with only a short break caused by World War Two and Covid. There are performances every evening from June 1st to 4th with a Saturday matinee at 2.30pm.

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WEYMOUTH PAVILION (Box office 01305 783225). For fans of the sixties the original voice of The Searchers, Mike Pender, former members of The Tremeloes plus Dozy, Beaky, Mick and Tich plus The Fortunes and The Dakotas are all set to hit the stage on May 7th.
And Paul Merton (Team captain on Have I Got News for You) and his Impro chums are all set for May 10th.

Tribute shows this month celebrate the music of: Genesis (May 6th) Madness (May 7th) Bon-Jovi (May 14th), The Carpenters (May 15); Luther Vandross (May 19), The Kinks (May 21), Simon & Garfunkel (May 22) and George Michael (May 27th) There is also Soul Sisters, The Musical on May 21. Finally, fans of Bruce Springsteen may like to know the postponed performance by The Sound of Springsteen is now set for May 29th.

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CINEMA: At local screens from the end of April is the second big screen outing for Downton Abbey 'A New Era' (PG). It is also set for special audio described and subtitled performances at Weymouth's Cineworld (bookings needed) on May 1st, 2nd and 3rd. Remember how Tom Cruise hit the screens in Top Gun 36 years ago? Yes, it really is that long ago.. Well, he will be up in the skies again as from **May 27th** with **Top Gun: Maverick**. This time he is in charge of training a new bunch of select pilots for a heart-stopping mission.

EVENT CINEMA (bookings required): Both Weymouth Cineworld and Dorchester Plaza have Royal Opera House London Ballet **Live Swan Lake on May 19th** and **National Theatre Live: Straight Line Crazy on May 26th**. The NT production stars Ralph Fiennes in a tale of how a powerful man left his mark on New York.

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Walking from the end of Lower Putton Lane on the footpath up past the electricity sub station you can sometimes see a Peregrine high on one of the electricity pylons; it gives this fast bird of prey an excellent view and has nested here before. You can also hear the big black birds that inhabit the Tower of London, Ravens, as they fly high. Look up next time you hear gulls and other birds creating a racket and quickly going into the sky. One day we looked up after hearing such a commotion to see a Sparrowhawk and a Red Kite. Finally, you can hear Blackcaps in and around Chickerell and one of our smallest birds, the Goldcrest, was spotted high up in some pine trees on the footpath just near where it joins Chickerell Link Road from the end of Green Lane.

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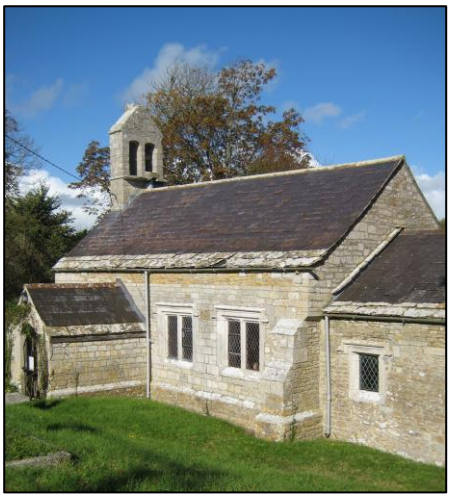
Spotlight on Buckland Ripers



Above & below – Views of the church of St Nicholas, Buckland Ripers.

Not many people outside of the area realise that the little community, or hamlet, of Buckland Ripers, has sat within the northern boundary of Chickerell since 1933 and can be reached by footpaths from Chickerell or by car from Nottington Lane, the road that connects Nottington to the coast road.

The settlement mainly consists of buildings gathered down a no through road, Church Lane, which has an offshoot to Middle Farm; Middle Farm House dates back to 1619 and is a listed building. At the end of Church Lane sits the attractive little church, dedicated to St Nicholas, with the manor house close to it.

The church at Buckland Ripers (*pictured left*) is medieval, dating, it is thought, to the 1300s but was damaged, along with the manor house, in a fire in the middle of the 1600s. The date of its rebuilding, 1655, is cut into the lintel in the entrance porch. It is a listed building. The church underwent some restoration in the 1800s which has since been regarded as unsympathetic to the original medieval style of the interior.

The manor house, also a listed building, was rebuilt after the fire and extended in the time of Queen Victoria. There is some Purbeck stone roofing on the old south wing. Purbeck stone tiles are a traditional roofing material on many old buildings in Dorset.

THE ORIGIN OF THE NAME

The name Buckland dates back to Saxon times when in the South of England, the Saxons built a kingdom and made laws administered by their king. One of the laws was the granting of bocland, land that was given under charter by the king. This land was different to the land occupied by the rights of common law. It is not a name unknown in Dorset – there is also Buckland Newton, north of Dorchester. The Ripers probably comes from the 13th century manorial family, the de Riuers or the de Ripariis.

Contact is distributed to Buckland Ripers each month so if any residents would like to add or amend to these notes on their community, compiled in the best of faith, please get in touch with us.

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A Look back to Contact Magazine 1990

Our archive this month is from the June 1990 issue for May 1990. Two events that took place before June are worth mentioning; the first, the Charlestown Youth Club 40th Reunion and secondly, the Chesil Area Society News which included a report of a guided, circular walk from Langton Herring to Rodden Hive and back that took place on 9th May 1990.

The youth club reunion took place at the end of April at the Victory Hall and it was estimated between 80 and 90 people attended. People came from far and wide to remember the club including Sixpenny Handley, Martock, Stockport, North Wales, Cornwall, Oxford and Dunstable. The music recalled the 50s and 60s and old photographs were handed round. Everyone had a 'jolly good sing song.'

The Chesil Area Society guided walk saw more than 30 different species of birds seen in two hours including blackbird, mistlethrush, robin, magpie, crow, rook, greenfinch, housemartin, swallow, swift, lapwing, linnet, whitethroat, goldfinch, shellduck, heron, chaffinch, godwit, tern, starling, sparrow, swan, cormorant, mallard, coot, skylark and green woodpecker. The 'highlight was a Roe Deer bounding across the fields close to the village and later, feeding at the Fleet edge'. How many of these birds could be seen now on a single walk from Langton Herring to Rodden Hive and back?

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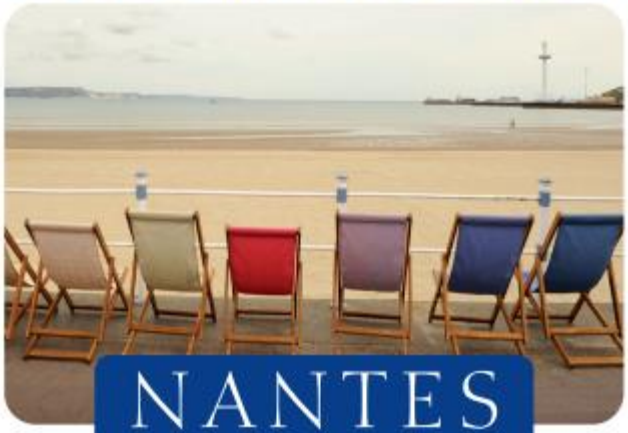

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CHURCHES PAGE FOR MAY

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May 15th 9.30am: Rev Jo Haine **May 22nd** 9.30am: Rev Jo Haine
May 29th 9.30am: Rev Geoff Hebbern June 5th 9.30am: Family Service. John Bennett

Our Annual Parochial Church meeting will take place after the service on May 1st at approx. 11.15am. Meeting is open to the whole parish. Enquiries for weddings, baptisms and funerals please contact our Churchwardens, Valerie Hale 01305 781096 or Elizabeth Eames 01305 774405.

Holy Trinity Fleet: Our May monthly service is at 9am on **Sunday 8th May** (Based on our usual 30 minute said Eucharist service) with **Fr Gregory Lipovsky** who it is planned will be our permanent Priest from now on. He has taken a number of our services and is getting to know the Fleet parishioners and they him. Please come and meet with him & get to know him. Queries: Geoff Taylor, PCC secretary for Holy Trinity Fleet on 01305 782757.

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We shall be celebrating the **Queen's Platinum Jubilee** on **Saturday 28th May from 10am – 4pm.** There will be an exhibition of crafts by our two craft groups in the chapel. Coffee and tea will be served all day together with a cream tea (take-away if you wish) and there will also be a raffle. Come along and see the craft work, chat with friends and celebrate the reign of Queen Elizabeth II with us. All are welcome.

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MAY

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When clearing old growth ready for new bedding, check for wildlife: hedgehogs, slow worms and birds may be nesting. Prune evergreen shrubs and hedges lightly after checking for nests. Cut out any green reversions from variegated shrubs.

The ground was cold in April and many plants, including vegetables, have been slow to get going, but will catch up. Seeds can be sown directly in situ now. Slugs and other pests are hungry - use nematodes as a safe control. Hygiene, especially in the greenhouse, will reduce infestation.

Refresh and feed containers and hanging baskets: change the compost and trim roots on pot-bound plants.

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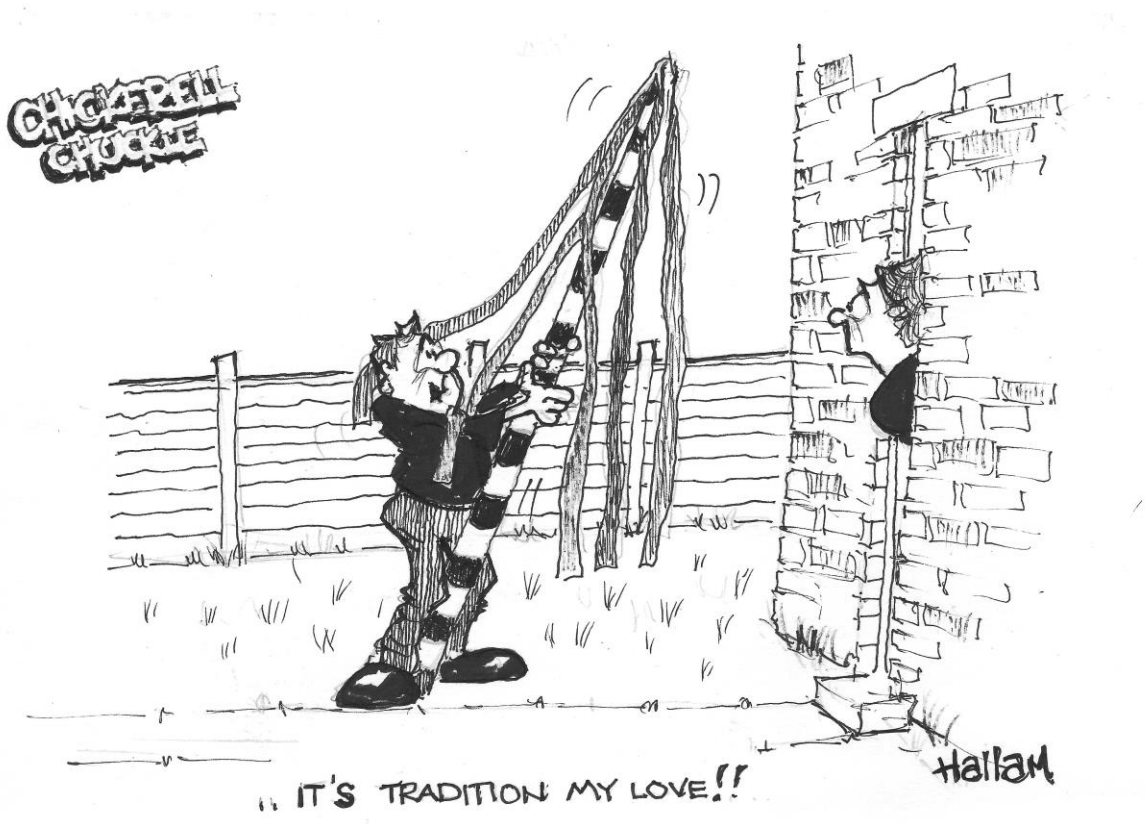

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