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Wild flowers growing freely on the verge off Putton Lane, looking up to School Hill; a little haven for grasshoppers and butterflies in the hot summer sun. Inset: a close up view

From the editor:

I am very sorry to report on the loss of Jay Oldridge, wife of Charlie who is a good friend of Contact with his historic photos of Chickerell. Jay and Charlie had been married for more than 60 years. To all the family, we send our sincere condolences.

Rising paper prices has resulted in two increases in on our printing bill this year. The only income we receive is from advertisements. We have managed to keep our prices the same since 2018 but we will have to put up our charges by the end of this year. To our advertisers we say sorry but please stay with us.

Looking back to September 1990 the parish chairman was congratulating the Chickerell Carnival Committee on the success of the carnival in the August of that year. What a shame we cannot have such good days now. Incidentally the committee never reached the target for the Community Centre but the money raised, along with West Dorset 106 agreement fund, plus Parish Council savings held for a purpose built office, was put into the building of the council office and Willowbed Hall.

Thank you again to Charlie for his interesting photos.

I remember dancing to Wally Randall and his band at the old women's guild clubroom on the main road, opposite Bakehouse Corner. Wally always played for the Charlestown Pantomime at Charlestown Victory Hall in the 1950s.

Finally thank you to the person who found my glasses outside the council offices and put them on the office window sill for me to find the next day**.** **John Dean**

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Closing date for articles: 5pm on the 19th of the preceding month.

Closing date for adverts: (including amendments to current adverts) 5pm on the 15th of the preceding month.

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You can also view us online in colour at the Chickerell website every month (details below).

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….

IRONMAN RETURNS THIS MONTH WITH ROAD CLOSURES: Sunday September 18th is the date for the Ironman bike challenge in and around the east of Weymouth, up to Dorchester and including some of the villages to the east and north of Dorchester. In Weymouth **Preston Beach Road between Westerhall Road and the Overcombe roundabout will be fully closed** between 4am and 6pm; **Preston Road and Overcombe will also see eastbound closures in the morning** from 6.30am. Essential access between the Overcombe and Chalbury roundabouts will be allowed with escort from 6.30am to 2pm. **Littlemoor Road will also be closed eastbound from 6.30am to 1.45pm**. There will also be parking restrictions along Littlemoor Road from Saturday evening until Sunday lunchtime. Anyone visiting Came Down Golf Club will have to access it from Dorchester via Winterborne Herringston. The main route in and out of Weymouth – the Ridgeway – will not be affected by closures. For more information see www.ironman.com or email Weymouth@ironmanroadaccess.com

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CHARLESTOWN POST OFFICE has now been closed for more than a year, with no sign (*as Contact went to press)* of re-opening. The 'for sale' sign which went up last year has been replaced by a 'to let' sign with 'alternative uses considered subject to planning permission' underneath. Initially it was only thought to be a temporary closure due staff shortages. A 21st August 2021 notice stating closure has remained on the door.

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FLEET PARISH WALK Saturday 10th September: As part of Dorset Historic Churches Trust Ride & Stride event, there will be a parish walk starting at 10am at the old church, Butterstreet to Moonfleet via the coast path, returning to the new church, Holy Trinity, about an hour later with refreshments and donations collected.

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REPAIR CAFÉ Weymouth returns from 10.30am to 12.30pm on **Saturday September 10th** after its summer break. The venue is Littlemoor's Top Club, (off Louviers Road) where it can be found on the **second Saturday of every month, at the same time,** from now until next summer. Repairs are carried out by expert volunteers for a donation towards Repair Café Weymouth's running costs. Sewing repairs, items that need gluing, garden tools that need sharpening and clocks, electronics and electrics that need to be mended, are welcome. There is a free car park.

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DORSET POLICE is urging people to think if it is the police they need before calling or contacting the force after receiving a big increase in demand over the summer months. This is particularly the case, the force adds, in 999 calls, which should only be dialled in an emergency; if there is a crime in progress, or immediate danger to life. (*For Police contact information other than 999 see town council information page in Contact every month*).

"If you're calling us about something we can't help with, such as abandoned cars, lost or found dogs, loud music, rowdy or noisy neighbours or barking dogs, you might be stopping someone who we can help from getting through. All these examples should be reported to the local authority."

Superintendent Pete Browning said he would like provide reassurance that genuine emergency calls will receive a prompt response: "Our contact officers review all reports for threat, risk, harm and vulnerability to ensure we are using our resources as effectively as possible and responding to those most in need first.

"We want to remind members of the public that our teams should be treated with courtesy and respect. They are doing their best to help you in very challenging circumstances and we won't tolerate any abuse towards our hard-working team."

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COULD YOU HELP A HOMELESS YOUNG PERSON? Youth homeless charity Step by Step is asking people if they could consider providing a roof over the head of a young person in need, such as a homeless teenager leaving care. The Supported Lodgings Scheme seeks people that can provide a spare bedroom and offer guidance, support and compassion for the young person who needs it. Training and support will be provided for those willing to help. If you would like to know more call 01252 346100 or see the Step by Step website.

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FROM DORSET TRADING STANDARDS reminder about romance scams: Trading Standards is reminding people once again to be aware of on-line scammers, who are looking out for hearts to break. They can set up fake profiles, fakes photos and pretend they are a successful, thoughtful and caring person looking for love. Once a relationship is established, the scamming begins and then the plea for money comes in.

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NEWS FROM LOCAL GROUPS, CLUBS & SOCIETIES

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

After the summer break, the Village Cafe and table top sale returns to the Willowbed Hall on **Saturday 17th September** from 10am to 12noon.
As usual there will be a great range of stalls and the cafe will be serving home-made cakes and hot bacon and sausage butties. Come along and meet up with friends, buy some early Christmas gifts and relax over a hot drink and a tempting morsel! To book a table for the sale call Pam on 01305 835805; tables cost just £4.

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

Want to shift some of your unwanted items? Why not book a table at our **Indoor Car Boot Sale on Saturday 24th September at Willowbed Hall.** Open for sellers from 9am and for customers from 10 – 2pm. Tables are £5 each. Please contact Hilary and John on 01305 772817 or email: johnben33@gmail.com to book a table. We shall also have a table to raise money for the church.
The Quiz at Willowbed Hall on 15th October is already booking up, so please contact Hilary and John on the number/email above to secure your table.

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

Fleet Walk: Tuesday 6th September. Meet 10am at Willowbed Hall. Circular walk to Mandeville Road; hills & stiles with good views of the Fleet & the sea; under six miles.
Hardy's Monument: Tuesday 13th September. Meet 1.30pm at Willowbed Hall and arrange car share to Hardy's Monument. Seven mile walk over hills & valleys back to Chickerell. Then a car service to take drivers back to their cars.
Slow walks: **Moreton Tea Walk:- Thursday 22nd September**. Meet 1.30pm at Moreton Tea Rooms. Circular three-mile flat walk over a long bridge and through some quirky countryside. Come back for tea in the restaurant.
Country Walk: Wednesday 28th September. Meet 2pm at Peto Garden (by Chickerell Community Library) Circular three-mile walk.

NEWS FROM CHICKERELL LUNCHEON CLUB – First Thursday monthly at the Turks Head pub

Wow! What a wonderful meal in August. The beef melted in our mouths and we had a carvery with five different vegetables, roast potatoes and Yorkshire Pudding. The Turks Head is really spoiling us; thank you so much to Debs, Mark and all the staff.
In **September** the meal is our favourite; home-made **Steak and Ale pie** with chips, peas and mashed swede followed by fresh fruit salad.
Please remember to bring any raffle prizes; even if they don't get used this month, they will be safely stored for future months. Any queries or cancellations please phone Ann 783002 or Ruth 775364.

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DIARY DATES

Monday: pm: Ballet; Modern Tap* (WSB) Evening: Dorset Phoenix Folk Dancing. **Tuesday:** pm: Ballet; Modern Tap* (WSB) **Wednesday:** am: Cygnets & Swans Ballet* (WSB); pm – WHIST. **Thursday:** pm - Gymnastics* (WSB) **Friday:** Evening - BINGO (fortnightly) **Saturday**: am Cygnets Ballet* (WSB).
*additional dance sessions available with WSB (Weymouth School of Ballet) contact: Lisa 07703463974.

NEWS FROM MARION: "As I write we actually have some welcome rain, I feel like going to stand out in it! Things have been quiet at the hall in the heat; just general maintenance; but, of course, normal routine events still continue including bingo and whist; thanks to all the people who still came along in the very hot oppressive weather.
Can we remind all residents that any illegal or antisocial behaviour should be reported directly to the police.
We hope that you have all had a very enjoyable summer and look forward to letting you know our future plans.
Bingo dates for September: 9th and 23rd; doors open 6.30pm. Whist as usual every Wednesday at 2pm.
Any queries; please contact Joe Castleman on 01305 789125 or me, Marion Hardcastle, on 01305 761744."

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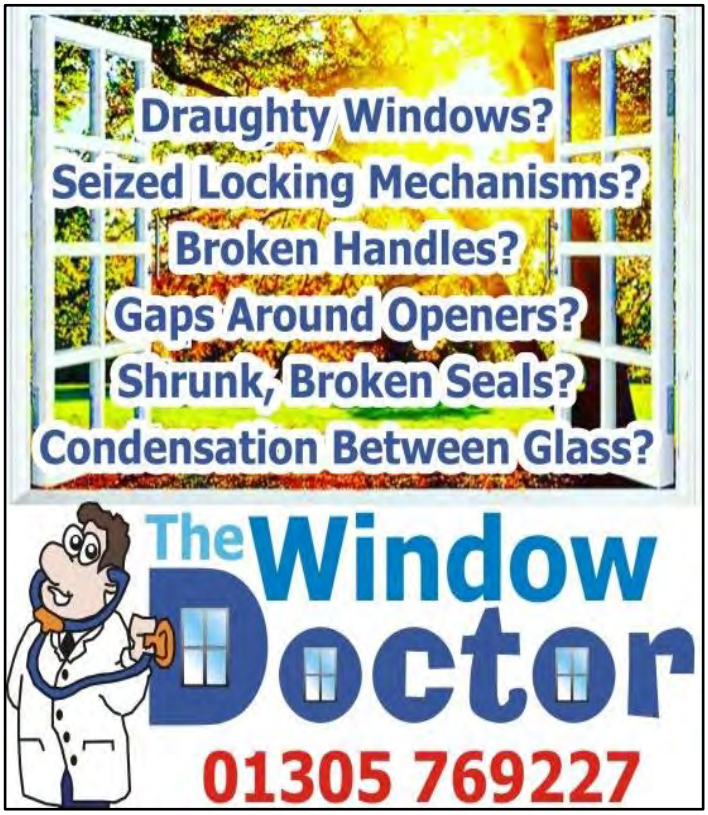

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MORE FROM LOCAL GROUPS, CLUBS & SOCIETIES

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

There was no meeting in August for Chickerell Moonfleet WI; a wicker workshop was held instead, attended by a large number of members. The event was a great success, with everyone proudly taking home wicker stars and other items made during the evening.
For information about future meetings and events please contact Shelley on 07962 139441 or Sheila on 07809 680593.

MORE GROUPS & SOCIETIES IN THE AREA

RADIPOLE & SOUTHILL HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY: Meets at Southill Community Centre on **Tuesday 13th September** from 7.30pm. Martin Young will be talking about Hostas, Hesperanthas and Heucheras. The event is open to members and non-members and further information can be obtained on 01305 788939.

WYKE REGIS HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY: The Trading Post will re-open on Saturday 3rd September following building refurbishment. Open Saturdays 9.30am-12.30pm and Wednesdays 2-4pm. Membership is £5 a year.
Annual General Meeting is on Thursday 8th September at 7pm. Free Cheese and Wine served from 6.30pm. All welcome. Come and hear how well the Society has survived exciting plans for the future.
There are new stocks of plants and vegetables for sale...and new compost is in.

FRIENDS OF WEYMOUTH LIBRARY (FOWL): Hosting a talk by Richard Hutley, ex Dorset Police Officer, on the history and future of policing on **Saturday 3rd September at 10.30am** in Weymouth Library, in support of the library's events and activities. Booking is essential. Please contact Weymouth Library on 01305 762410 or email weymouthlibrary@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk

THE BUXTON MEMORIAL SERVICE ON BINCLEAVES GREEN: The Thomas Fowell Buxton Society's Annual Memorial Service will be at the Buxton Monument on Bincleaves Green, Weymouth on **Sunday 11th September at 3pm.**
Carl Whitehouse will lead the service, following the pattern established in 2020 and 2021. James Buxton, Anne McKechan and Joyce Fannon will be readers. The Mayor of Weymouth Town Council, Cllr Ann Weaving and her guest Mr Rodney Wakefield, will also attend.
The new Society Book 'Invincible Determination – the Legacy of Thomas Fowell Buxton' will be on sale at £6. There will also be the latest newsletter, offprints and marmalade for sale.
All are welcome, both members and non-members. If the weather is fine, there will be an opportunity for a picnic.
Editor's note: Thomas Fowell Buxton of Weymouth was an MP who had a prominent role in the abolition of slavery. His family built Buxton House, a grand house with extensive grounds between Weymouth and Wyke Regis that in its day attracted royal visitors. All of its grounds are now built on.

C'SIDERS: Weymouth and Portland Cancer Support Group for anyone affected by cancer, meets 3rd Monday of the month, 7-9pm at Moonfleet Bowls Club, Knightsdale Road, Weymouth. The group can be contacted on 07430 695462.

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.

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

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LIBRARY NEWS FOR SEPTEMBER: We have been busy in August, hosting Carers Support, Dorset to a drop in session for those caring for someone at home who need to be able to access information and support. We hope to have more of these over the coming year.

Summer Reading Challenge: The reading challenge is in full swing; we already have a few children who have completed it; well done! There is still time to join as **the challenge finishes on 17th September**.

We are running a fundraising tombola at the next Village Café: We would like donations of bottles, cans or any other suitable prizes. If you can help please drop off at the library during opening times (see above) for the attention of Pam Worth; thank you.

Photo copying: Photocopying facilities in the library. 10p for black-and-white copy; 50p for colour copy.
Just come in to the library when it is open.

Puzzle library: We have a large selection of puzzles to borrow free of charge, so come in and pick one up.

Author of the Month: Clive Cussler.

Next **coffee morning is September 3rd 10am-12noon**; £1 donation to library funds for coffee, tea and biscuits. Thank you and Happy reading!

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Referrals have tripled since the beginning of the year and we are currently providing on average 180 meals per week to families, couples, singles and pensioners.

We are short of the following at this time: Tuna in oil, tinned veg including potatoes, soups; tinned and packet; tins of meat, microwave rice, long life milk, coffee, sugar, pasta sauce, tinned tomatoes, and biscuits.

Drop off points are: Chickerell Pharmacy, 15 Marshallsay Court, 56 Lilly Lane, and 11 Randall Close.

Don't forget if you or anyone you know needs help, please contact us by text phone or email on 07872861523.

Email: placemarys4@gmail.com Thank you and God Bless

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NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING: from Coun Jean Dunseith: "I attended a briefing with Dorset's Police and Crime Commissioner and he was very interested in neighbourhood policing. I checked the Neighbourhood Policing webpage giving names of officers/areas, but there was no mention of Chickerell; the Neighbourhood Engagement Officer has just included Chickerell on the www.dorset.police.uk webpage: /neighbourhood-policing/weymouth/ Officers covering Chickerell (including Littlemoor, Upwey & Preston) are: Sergeant 2445 Emily Foster; PC 2965 Tom Arnold; PCSO 5958 Maria Diniro; PCSO 5992 Richard Latham. (*Coun Jean Dunseith is a county councillor and can be contacted at* cllrjean.dunseith@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk)

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PRAISE FOR COUNCIL WORKERS: Chickerell's litter team has been observing the litter bins around Chickerell and said a big thank you to the county's Waste Department for keeping litter bins from overflowing. The team said there has also been noticeable litter improvements on Chickerell Road, Chickerell Link Road and the country roads leading into Chickerell.

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Council offices adjoin Willowbed Hall, Putton Lane. Office open Mondays and Thursdays 9.30am to noon with restrictions. Masks must be worn at all times. Tel: 01305 767458.
Website: www.chickerelltowncouncil.co.uk email townclerk@chickerell-tc.gov.uk

Town Council monthly meeting
Normally (non pandemic) **every third Tuesday of each month at 7pm** in the council offices, Putton Lane.
Full council meetings and committee meetings are public meetings..
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Anti-social behaviour: Please report all incidents no matter how small immediately to the police either online : The website is dorset.police.uk - see the Contact Us section (where you can report crime online) Or by calling 101. This is the non-emergency number available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.
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CITIZENS ADVICE: Details on website www.westdorsetca.org.uk

PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND ENFORCEMENT: Dorset Council on 01305 251010. See website www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk and follow links to planning section. Chickerell is in the West Dorset area.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Applications since last edition and as Contact went to press:

P/OUT/2022/04882: 478-480 Land between Chickerell Road: Erect 2 dwellings (outline application to determine access, appearance, layout and scale).
P/VOC/2022/04845: 479 Chickerell Road: Erection of 3no. detached dwellings (variation of condition 1 of planning permission P/VOC/2021/05256 – amended plans).
P/OUT/2022/03523: Land and Buildings known as North Ground Piggery, School Hill: Erection of 9 dwellings and formation of access (outline application to determine access, appearance, layout and scale only).

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

TWO NEW COUNCILLORS CO-OPTED ONTO CHICKERELL TOWN COUNCIL: At a special council meeting in August, two new councillors were co-opted for the Chickerell Village and Charlestown and Littlesea areas. Coun Andrew Reid will be covering Chickerell Village and Coun Neil Hudson Charlestown and Littlesea. The council is now back to 10 members. Co-option is the usual way to fill such post-election vacancies and public notice was given. There were four applicants for co-option to two seats. The town council would like to thank all four for their interest and congratulate Coun Reid & Coun Hudson on their co-option. The next monthly meeting of Chickerell Town Council is scheduled to take place on **Tuesday 20 September** 2022. Further details and latest information can be obtained from https://chickerelltowncouncil.co.uk/

COUNCILLOR JOHN WORTH : Dorset councillor John Worth will be starting his surgeries again at the **Chickerell Community Library on Tuesday 6th September from 10am till 11.30am**. "If you can't make it to the surgery you can email me at cllrjohn.worth@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk or phone me on 01305 835805/ 07787229052. I'm happy to help."

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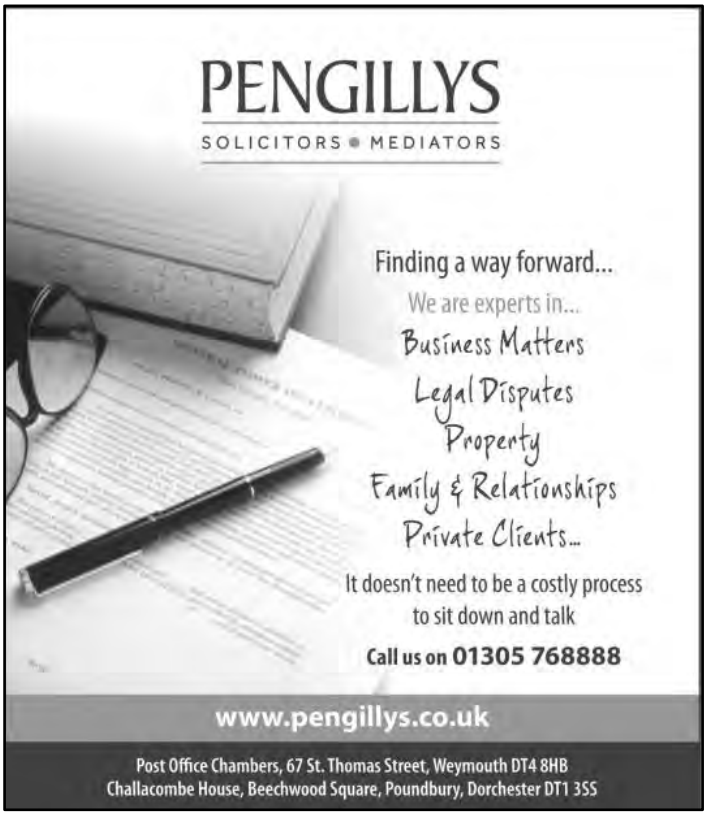

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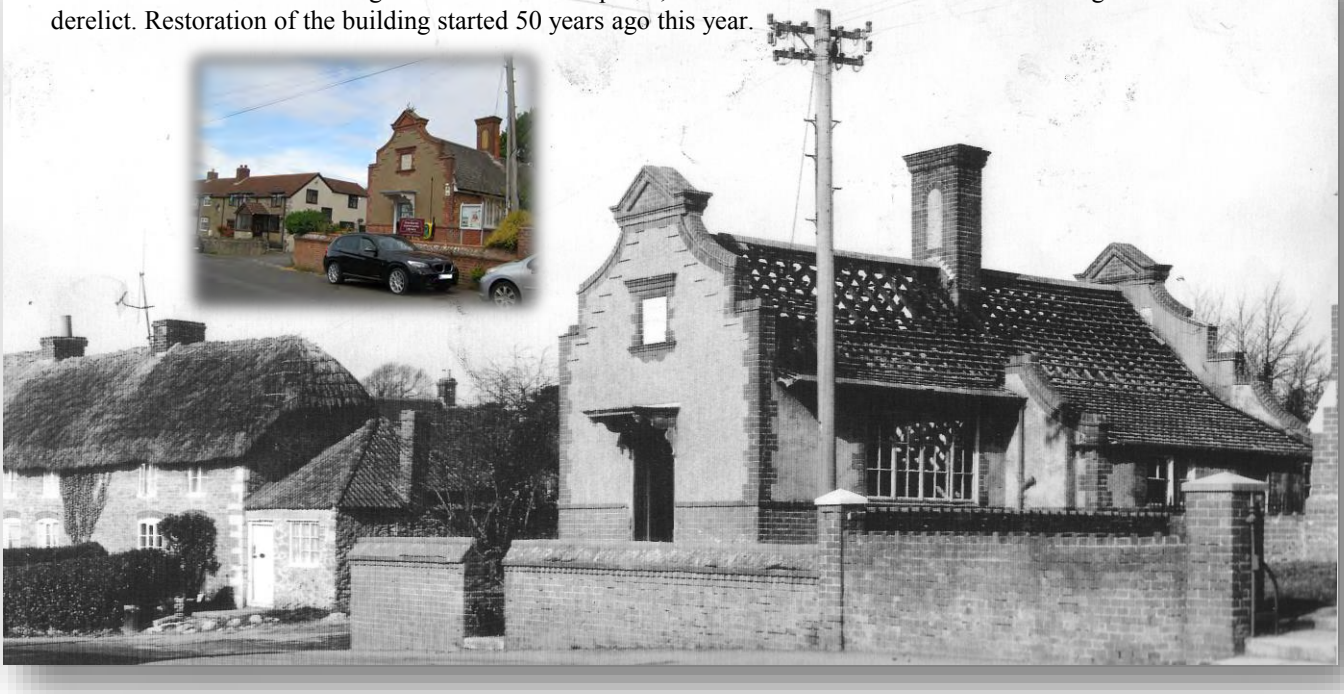
LOOKING BACK AT CHICKERELL IN THE PAST

With thanks to Charlie Oldridge for the loan of the photo, taken when the 'Peto Memorial Reading Room' was derelict. Restoration of the building started 50 years ago this year.



Chickerell Library has been a well-known local landmark since it opened as a reading room in 1890. **It was gifted to the people of Chickerell and Fleet** by Sir Henry Peto in memory of his father, an internationally renowned civil engineer who cared about the welfare of his workers.

Sir Henry Peto, who lived at Fleet House nearby for a while, left the building in the care of a charitable trust, made up of local people. Sir Henry was very keen on encouraging people to put their spare time to good use and was involved in the beginnings of the county's library service.

Unfortunately, from the 1950s-60s the building, which also had a games room, started suffering from vandalism. Two disastrous fires finally put it out of use. The picture above shows the **Peto Memorial Reading Room** after this damage. Chickerell Parish Council took over responsibility for the building from the surviving trustees and worked with Dorset County Council to turn the building into the library we know today (*inset photo*). It is interesting to note the cottages next to the building used to be thatched.

If you are interested in the full story behind the library, local resident Derek Woodland penned and published 'The Peto Memorial Reading Room,' in 1996 as the first part of his Chickerell Chronicles; a series he planned to write over the coming years. It was printed by Creeds.

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Nature Notes – what has been seen in and around Chickerell

The heatwave and the hot weather has certainly roasted all the landscape and gardens in and around Chickerell. Thankfully there has been some shelter for the birds in the hedgerows and trees in and around the village. The heat has been putting a strain on the trees with many dropping their leaves because of the lack of rain.

On and around the Willowbed field a **Green Woodpecker** was heard in the Primary Academy school grounds. Up to 30 House Martins have also been seen flying over the field, probably gathering to set off home. One brood used an old nest up in our eaves this year. It shows the value of not clearing these nests away or creating nests for them. I noticed earlier this summer the Swifts made good use of a Swift box put up for them in a house in East Street.

The **Jersey Tiger Moth** has done well this summer, with three seen at once in the Willowbed field area plus in North Square and at the top of Rashley Road. These remind people of the old Vulcan RAF bombers with their swept back wings – but not the same markings – they are strikingly black and cream with an orange underwing.

Hawkers (dragonflies) have also been seen in fives and sixes in the Willowbed field up by the trees on the edge of the field and in the field going towards Southill, viewed from the public footpath.

Butterflies have not been in great abundance but the Comma, Painted Lady and Red Admiral have been seen along the stream by the edge of the Grey's Field estate; down by Lower Putton Lane.

CHURCHES PAGE FOR SEPTEMBER

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Services 9.30am Sundays:

September 4th All Age Service with John Bennett **September 11th** Rev Jo Haine
September 18th Rev Matt Renyard **September 25th** Rev Jo Haine

Enquiries for baptisms, weddings or funerals; please contact the Parish Office on 01305 786043.

October 2nd: Harvest Thanksgiving with Jacqui Meadows: Donations for our Harvest Festival will all be very welcome, especially non-perishable items which will be donated to our own food bank. Please bring them to the service, or leave in the porch during the week before. Church is usually open from 10-4pm.

Holy Trinity Fleet: Our monthly service (**2nd Sunday of every month**) will be on **Sunday 11th September starting at 9am.** (This will be based on our usual 30 minute said Eucharist service). The service will be taken by **Fr Gregory Lipovsky,** our Priest designate for all future services. Our congregation is still growing and all are welcome. Both Fleet churches are open every day through the summer 9.30am to 6pm for quiet contemplation or just to admire the historic architecture. For queries: Geoff Taylor PCC secretary for Holy Trinity, Fleet on 01305 782757. **Fleet Parish Walk** starts 10am from the old church to coast and back to Holy Trinity (with refreshments at end) on **September 10th.** Any queries to A Spearing on 01305 778080.

CHICKERELL METHODIST CHURCH: DT3 4DX On the corner of North Square & West Street Home to the Ducklings Pre-school

September 4th Tim Wells (Holy Communion) **September 11th** Jean Churchill
September 18th Gill Bumphrey **September 25th** Pam Woodland

Services start at 10.30am and coffee is served afterwards. Masks are worn at your own discretion.

Craft & Chat meets at 2pm in the Chapel on **Wednesdays 7th & 21st September**. Bring your own craft and enjoy a chat with friends or perhaps learn something new. Crafty Sew & Sews meets at 7pm in the hall on **Fridays 9th & 23rd September.** We welcome new members to our craft groups, or just come along for a chat. Our usual **Coffee Morning will be on Saturday 24th September 10am to 11.30am** in the hall. Coffee/tea and cake and raffle. All welcome.

CHICKERELL GOSPEL HALL: www.chickerell-gospel-hall.co.uk

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QUAKERS: Call 01305 788452 for more information.

Music, theatre, cinema and film for SEPTEMBER

LIVE MUSIC IN CHICKERELL: The Lugger is offering live music across the first weekend in September including popular local band The Leggomen on the Saturday when there is also a fancy dress party, and acoustic solo musician Hamish on the Sunday. There is also live music on the 8th and 17th of September – see advert below.

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WEYMOUTH PAVILION (Box office 01305 783225): There's a wide choice of entertainment at the Pavilion this month from **The Drifters in concert on September 15th** – to an evening with a hypnotist (10th), an evening with a psychic medium (21st) and the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra (BSO) taking to the stage on September 8th to play classical favourites. A famous face from the television (*Mock the Week*) is comedian Angela Barnes and she stars at the Sunday night comedy on September 25th.

Tribute shows include and cover stars from Elvis (9th); to Neil Diamond (11th); Tina Turner (29th) and Bon Jovi (October 1st).

Plus the Ocean Film Festival for fans of the sea is on 20th September at Weymouth Pavilion.

EVENT CINEMA this month (to book): In early September Weymouth Cineworld is celebrating the 40th anniversary of ET with special showings and if you have finished your sea swimming for the year you may not mind 'the frights' of a special showing of Jaws in 3D over the evenings of September 9, 10th and 11th.

Opera fans can see the Royal Opera House production of Madame Butterfly beamed into Weymouth Cineworld and Dorchester Plaza on September 27th.

Dorchester Plaza's event cinema this month also includes: National Theatre live: Much Ado About Nothing (8th); Glyndebourne: La Boheme (11th); and Royal Shakespeare Company's Richard III (28th).

FILMS TO WATCH OUT FOR IN SEPTEMBER: George Clooney and Julia Roberts star as a divorced couple keen to stop their daughter getting married on a tropical shore in romantic comedy **Ticket to Paradise**.

At the end of the month Lesley Manville is the 1950s widowed cleaner who sets her sights on a designer gown in the French capital in **Mrs Harris Goes to Paris**. Based on Paul Gallico's 1958 novel Flowers for Mrs Harris.

Hearthrob Harry Styles stars in another film due for release this month: **Don't Worry Darling**. It is a thriller set in a 'Stepford Wives' 1950s environment with a wife suspecting her husband harbours a dark secret.

Finally Daniel Craig returns as the American detective Benoit Blanc in what was termed Knives Out 2 and is called **Glass Onion: A Knives Out Mystery** – hopefully in the cinemas at some point this autumn – may be September! Craig's detective Benoit Blanc made quite an impact in the original Knives Out movie, with his southern drawl and quirky way of getting to the truth and finding the murderer; a murderer among a host of red herrings in true Agatha Christie style.

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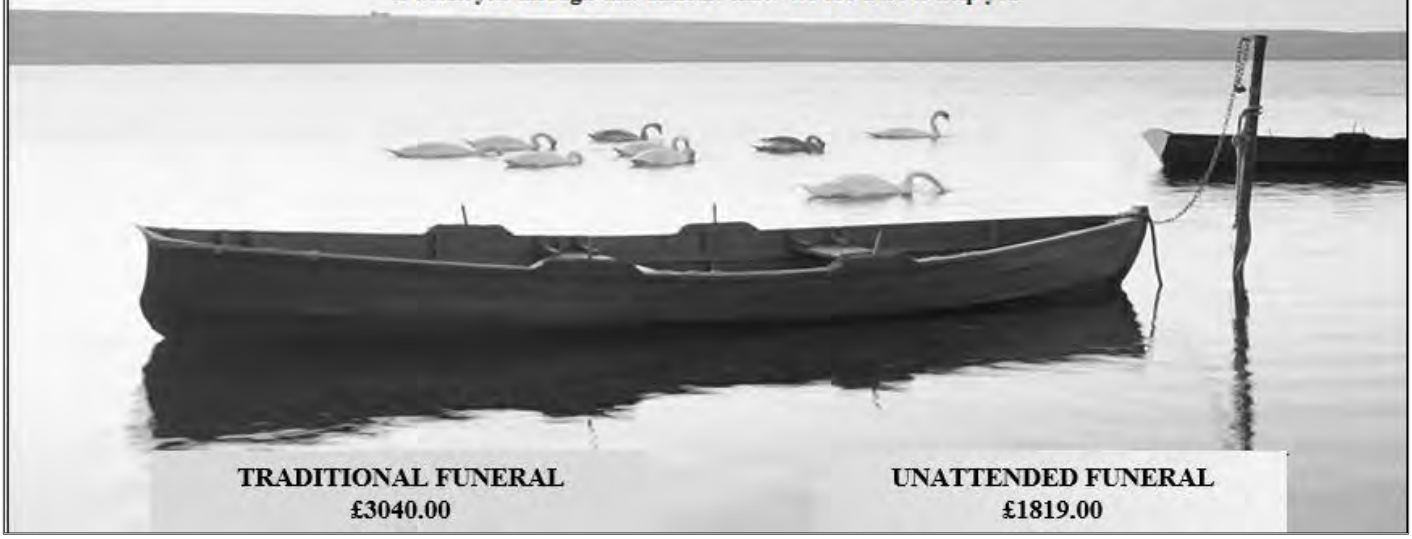

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- Charlestown Victory Hall committee was looking forward to the AGM. A sell off of part of the land was under consideration, which was 'regrettable' but there were 'just not enough people interested in maintaining the grounds'.
- Chickerell Carnival Committee declared a net income of £2,200 from the 1990 carnival.
- The Chairman of the Parish Council congratulated the 'dedicated group of stalwarts' who worked extremely hard to make Chickerell Carnival such a resounding success: 'Over the years, the carnival committee have made this event the highlight of the year in the life of our village. This has not been achieved without a tremendous amount of hard work by all concerned. They have also raised a considerable sum of money toward the provision of a community centre and I hope that in the very near future they will see their efforts rewarded in a tangible way with a start being made on the building of Chickerell's Community Centre. When that day arrives, we shall be able to acknowledge the debt of gratitude that we owe to all those who have served on this committee over the years.' (*Editor's note: and it was built – the Willowbed Hall in Putton Lane*)
- Friends of Chickerell School (FOC) reported the school fete raised £803.93 for school funds and the paper skip raised £34.40. The district council gave £2 for every ton saved. 'The aluminium collection will begin again next term. All aluminium cans, pie dishes, old saucepans, milk bottle tops and ring pulls will help raise money for the school and save energy.'

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REMEMBERING WALLY RANDALL AND HIS BAND

With many thanks to Charlie Oldridge for the loan of all the photos on this page

Wally Randall (*marked in above photos*) was a popular local musician before he died in the 1980s. A reader in Contact July 1985 recalled how Wally was the person to ask if music was required: "Even if you had no piano, he would bring along his squeeze box and sit with his eyes shut, pipe in mouth, playing for hours, even calling out the instructions in the old dancing days. He must have played in all the dance halls in Dorset, large and small. He would always say: "Never mind the sheet music, hum me the tune and I will play it." Wally and his band could be in Yeovil one week and a dinner dance in Weymouth the next." Does any reader know the names of the rest of his band? Please let us know if you do and your memories of Wally if you have them. Thank you!

SOMEONE HAD TO DO IT: Pictured left is the man and his horse and cart – the 'dung pot' who used to collect the dung from the cow sheds. Do your know his name or the name of his horse? He is pictured here on his way up West Street just up from the corner of North Square.

In the old days long before the main sewer came in, the 'violet cart', travelled round the village at midnight collecting night soil (waste) from all the end of the garden privies (outside toilets).

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Gardening Notes – from Carrie Dalby, Wyke Regis Horticultural Society

SEPTEMBER

After the ravages of the heatwaves, our gardens are looking a bit ragged. With more frequent rain, the soil is gradually becoming manageable and the weeds will be germinating again, so keep hoeing. Dig in fibrous material to retain moisture; soil conditioner made from wood is excellent. Laying a two inch blanket of mulch can save digging.

Herbaceous perinnials and evergreens

Many herbaceous perennials are over early, so cut back to ground level and cover them with a good layer of mulch to reduce the moisture round the roots. They can be divided now, if big enough. Decide which plants to move or replace. Bring in those new plants you have been coveting, so they establish while the soil is warm. Prune evergreen hedges and shrubs. Semi-ripe cuttings can be taken, especially of evergreens and Pelargoniums, to be brought on under glass during winter.

Lawns

Lawns will be starting to turn green again, so let them grow and mow high: repair patches with seed. Autumn feed is high in Phosphorus and Potash to encourage root growth.

Compost; remember the wildlife - and harvest!

Make your own compost with the greenery from the borders, mixed with lawn mowings and manure. Check for wildlife in existing heaps, when moving it to your beds. A wide range of peat-free composts is on sale to boost your supplies.

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