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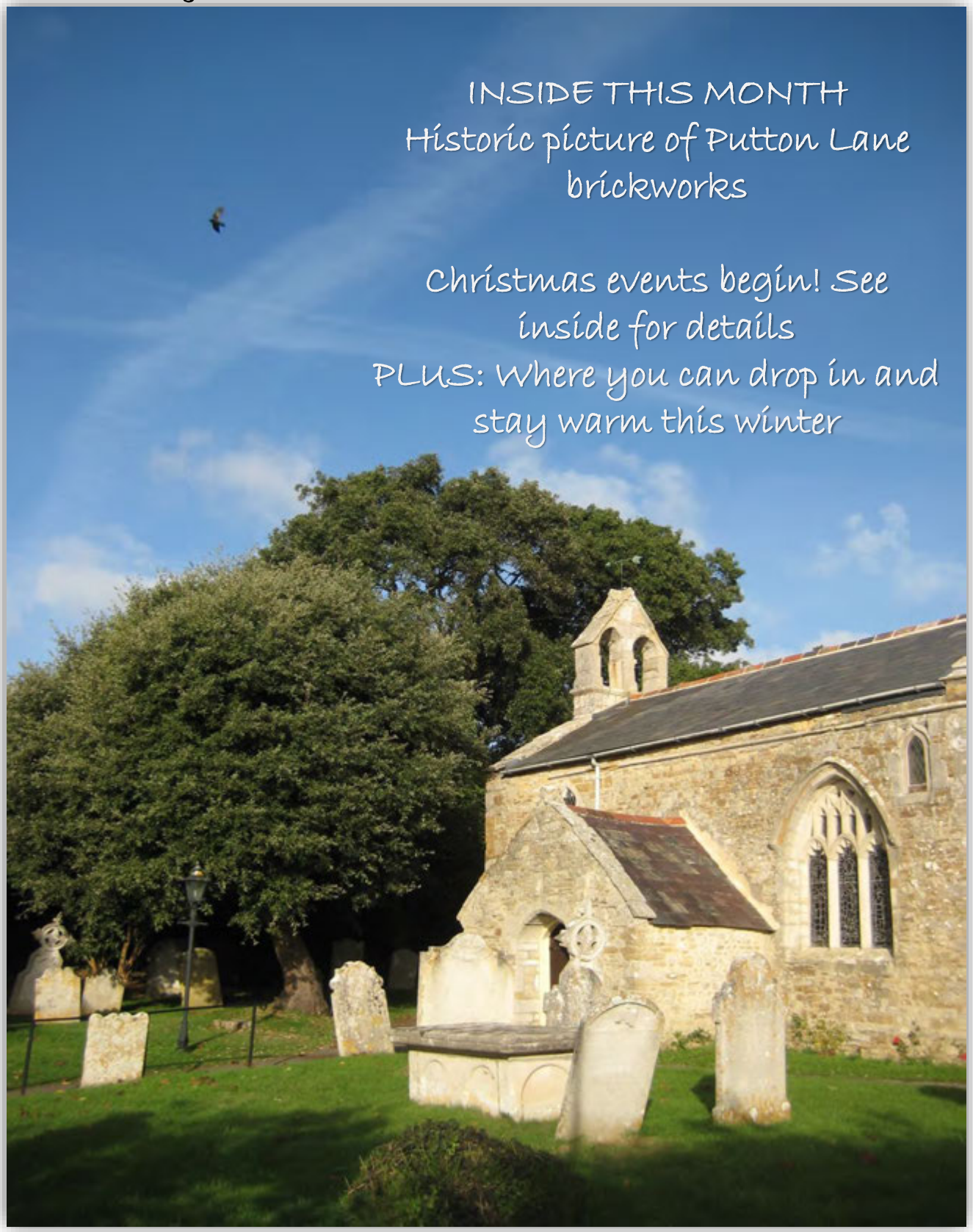

St Mary's Church, North Square, Chickerell; minus the bells that need repairing. Fundraising has started!

From the editor:

Once again Dorset Council is reviewing the proposed take over by Weymouth Town Council of large parts of Chickerell.

As a born and bred Chickerellite, I am very passionate about this proposal. Never in the history of Chickerell has any part of this town been a part of Weymouth. Dorset Council says this has nothing to do with money, but it would mean a loss from council tax of more than 500 homes; also losing our identity; all the land south of Chickerell Army Camp; affecting homes in Littlesea, Clare Avenue and Cobham Drive. I urge you to read Councillor Jean Dunseith's message on the next page as this is very important to our town.

At the town council meeting last month, I was asked to mention in Contact a message to all dog owners using the football field (in Lower Way) to exercise their pets that it is against the law to exercise animals on a marked play area. New signs are to be erected at the entrances and it will be monitored by the dog warden.

Well done to the four people who walked and raised more than £1,000 for St Mary's Church bell repairs and to Chickerell Food Bank, which is now at the Pavilion on the football field.

Last year Mrs Sue Seal started delivering Contacts to Chesil Reach. The round is still growing and this month she will deliver nearly 90 copies. To all the residents in the new estate, welcome to Contact and I hope you find it informative and interesting.

Next month we will be publishing our December 2022 and January 2023 joint edition. Please make sure you have all your articles for these two months sent to Caroline by **19th November**. Finally, to all smokers, be careful who you buy your tobacco from – see trading standards notes in this issue. **John Dean**

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

From Coun Jean Dunseith: WILL WEYMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL TAKE OVER CHICKERELL'S Littlesea & Budmouth estates plus Cobham Drive? Have Your Say! New Review runs from **1 November** to 28 December. Lots of residents commented last time; it's important to comment again.
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RAISING MONEY FOR CHICKERELL'S CHURCH BELLS: On a blustery but dry Friday in late September four members of St Mary's congregation – Joyce Oinns, Dot Sholts, Norman Hawker and Sue Adams all completed a five-mile sponsored walk along the Rodwell Trail and Portland Beach Road to The Boat That Rocks on Portland. Due to the generosity of sponsors, they raised £1,026.30 for the Church Bells Repair Fund. The walkers would like to thank all who supported them and to Yvonne for the ride back home, meaning the downpour was missed!

- Sue Adams would also like to thank everyone who took part in the recent 'Animals' quiz, which helped raise £30 towards the Church Bells Repair Fund. There were three correct entries: Chris Soper, Yvonne Watmore and Gwen Clarke. The winner, selected at random, was Mrs Clarke of Somerton.

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PLEASE HELP THE ANIMALS: From Rosie: "To all friends and residents of Chickerell and Charlestown: These times are hard on a lot of us, especially the charities that try to help people struggling. I also like to remember the animals; those that are waiting for forever homes; so please, if you can, spare some food, biscuits, a toy or treats for the animals at The Margaret Green Animal Rescue. It would be very much appreciated. I will be taking the animal food and toys for the animals in to them for Christmas. No matter how small your donation, it will be appreciated. It all adds up; the charity caters for everything from guinea pigs to horses. Thank you so much." Rosie and Jess the dog, 43 Lower Way, Chickerell.
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WEYMOUTH SETS THE DIGITAL PACE: A project to demonstrate how 'digital tech' can make towns 'smart' places to live and work has been tested in Weymouth. Unveiled at Dorset Council's Festival of the Future' in October, the project, with the aid of local digital champions, local businesses and tourism students, showed how digital technology in the relatively near future could help: Local businesses; improve visits to Weymouth's Nothe Fort and help patients access health information in GP surgeries in and around the Weymouth area.
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DORSET POLICE has announced a new Country Watch Dorset website to act as a 'one stop rural resource centre' for all things related to rural crime across the county. Dorset Police and Crime Commissioner David Sidwick says it was launched in response to people wanting one place to report or get information about rural issues. The website follows on from the increase in the number of police officers in the rural crime team and the new Rural Crime Reduction Board (RCRB). Information on the site includes how to report fly-tipping, heritage crime or wildlife crime plus information on crime prevention and advice and support if a victim of crime. Mr Sidwick said he hopes it will all make life a little easier for Dorset's rural communities.
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NEWS FROM DORSET TRADING STANDARDS: Warning over illegal tobacco: Trading Standards is warning of the dangers of buying fake or unknown brands of cigarettes and tobacco that has not had duty paid on it. It says genuine tobacco products are made under strict quality control procedures. Anyone buying fake or unknown brands risk contaminants in the product. Apart from this, trading standards estimates more than two billion pounds of tax duty, imposed on cigarettes to help deter people from smoking, is lost. This money, it says, helps pay to fund hospitals, schools and other services. Trading Standards adds that when its officers deal with illegal tobacco sellers, who can also target children, they often discover involvement with other criminal activity. This includes drugs, stolen and counterfeit goods and abuse of the benefits system: "Profits from the sale of illegal tobacco are then fed back into the criminal activities. These issues can have a negative impact on local communities.
"All genuine tobacco products sold in the UK must be sold in standardised (olive coloured) packaging. If tobacco is cheap, then the chances are it is illegal. You can report illegal sales to Trading Standards via the Citizens Advice consumer helpline on 0808 2231133."

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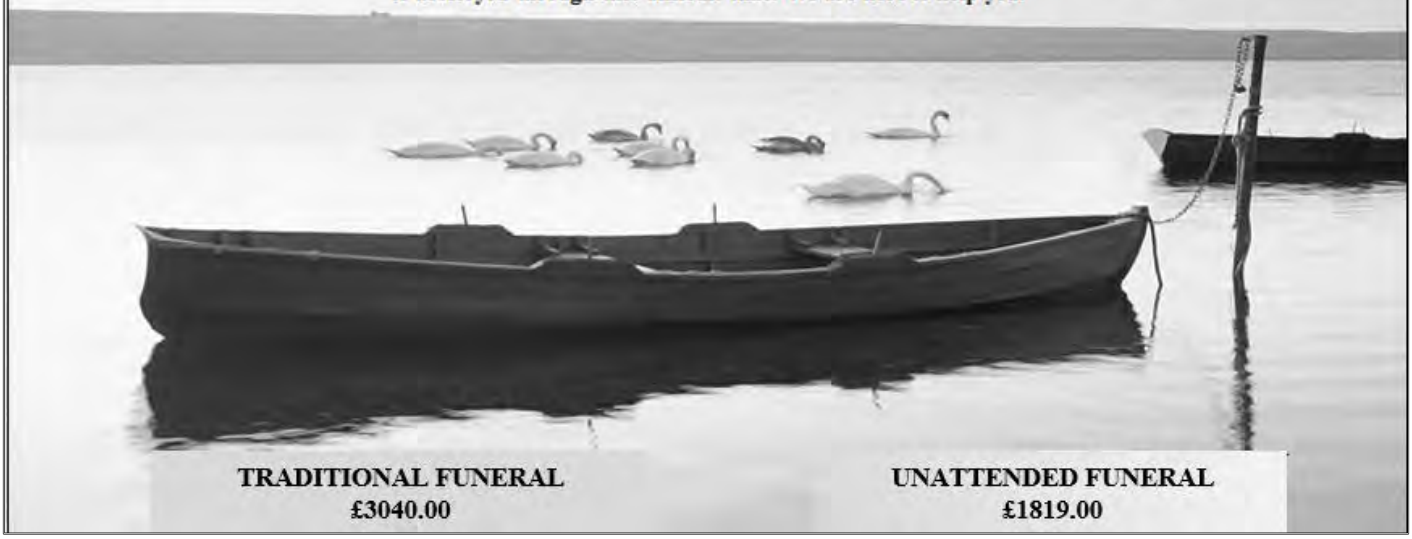

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NEWS FROM LOCAL GROUPS, CLUBS & SOCIETIES

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

The Spirit of Chickerell Village Café is on **Saturday 19th November**, from 10am to 12noon. We will be serving our usual range of hot snacks and homemade cakes plus hot drinks. We have a new stall this month selling reproduction copies of the late Queen Elizabeth 11's funeral programme. These are being sold in memory of The Spencer Bates Charity for Motor Neurone Disease. We will also have our usual range of craft & gift stalls.
The annual Spirit Carol Service is set for Friday 9th December at the Willowbed Hall with music supplied by Weymouth Concert Brass and featuring the Chickerell Primary Academy choir.
The Spirit of Chickerell Community Christmas Lunch has a new format & new venue; The Lugger Inn, on Thursday 8th December from 12noon for a 12.30pm start. The menu will be traditional turkey with all the trimmings (nut roast available) followed by Christmas Pudding or mince pie with custard or cream, tea or coffee. The cost is £13 per head. To book call John or Pam on 01305 835805 or 07787229052. A £5 deposit is required.
For details of the warm hub outlined in last month's Contact; with free drinks; see the Town Council news page.

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

Thank you to everyone who supported our Indoor Car Boot Sale on 24th September. We made £384.55 for church funds. A big thank you also to the refreshment team, normally on catering duty at the monthly Village Cafes and did us proud by contributing £133.60 to the total sum. We may do another Indoor Car Boot Sale in the New Year, so watch this space. Our Quiz on 15th October was also a very good evening, despite only having about half the usual number of teams. We raised £390 at that event, so thank you to everyone who took part and the willing team of helpers. Our final fundraising event for the year is our **Bazaar on Saturday November 26th** from 2-4pm in the Willowbed Hall. We are delighted that the Chickerell School Singing Stars are hoping to join us. We would still be pleased to accept clean teddies for the teddy tombola, Christmas themed items or donations of items for the raffle or tombola. Please contact Hilary and John on 01305 772817 or email johnben33@gmail.com if you would like anything collected or bring them to 11 Randall Close (off Rex Lane). Thank you.

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

During the winter there will only be two walks per month. Club Walk: Meet 10am **Friday 11th November** at Peto Garden (by Chickerell Library, East St). Circular route via the Fleet and Moonfleet; more than five miles.
Slow Walk: Meet 10am, **Monday 21st November**, Wellworthy Social Club. Please park in Dumbarton Road. A walk along the Rodwell Trail to Weymouth harbour; visit RNLI shop and then The Nothe.

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

Looking forward to seeing you all on **November 3rd** for our roast beef and Yorkshire Pudding followed by crumble. For any queries or cancellations please phone Ann 783002 or Ruth 785364.

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

DIARY DATES Monday: pm: Ballet; Modern Tap* (WSB) Evening: Dorset Phoenix Folk Dancing (telephone 568674 for more details). **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: "Bingo dates for your diary: 4th & 8th November, doors open 6.30pm, eyes down 7pm. These are popular evenings and a lot of fun. There has been some confusion over our **whist** afternoons. The committee would like to clarify these continue every Wednesday at 2pm. Come along even if you have not played before. We were pleased to welcome a new player last week and our regulars are also willing to help in their normal friendly way. Look forward to seeing you.
"Sadly, we are still having problems with the occasional irresponsible dog owner not clearing up after their pets. We are in discussions regarding CCTV cameras being installed and any adult recognised will be reported. Such a shame we may have to take this action when the majority of owners are so responsible, for which we and all the users of the grounds are very grateful."
Queries; please contact Joe Castleman on 01305 789125 or me, Marion Hardcastle, on 01305 761744.

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MORE FROM LOCAL GROUPS, CLUBS & SOCIETIES

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

At the October meeting, Chickerell Moonfleet WI was shown amazing photos of the Jurassic Coast, all taken from the sea by Steve Belasco, an off-shore photographer and ambassador for the Jurassic Coast Trust. He brought along his latest book, The Jurassic Coast from the Sea, giving a spectacularly different view of this coast.
For information about future meetings and events please contact Shelley on 07962 139441 or Sheila on 07809 680593.

WHIST GROUP: Ann Gill's whist on a Wednesday afternoon at 2pm now at Fiveways Hall, on the corner of Chickerell Road and Radipole Lane, opposite Alf's fish and chip shop. Refreshments and raffle. All welcome. Proceeds to Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance.

SOUTH DORSET CALEDONIAN SOCIETY: Holds weekly Scottish Country Dancing classes including Ceilidh dance practice at the **Willowbed Hall, Chickerell on Monday evenings**, 7.30 to 9.45pm. Beginners welcome. £3 per head. Includes tea/coffee. You do not need a partner. The society also holds St Andrews Day Celebrations, Burns Night, Ceilidhs and other events. For further details contact: Frank 01305 835075.

NEWS EXTRA……NEWS…..NEWS…..NEWS….NEWS….NEWS….

From Mary's Place: FREE COMMUNITY CAFÉ at Chickerell Football Pavilion, Lower Way, Every Wednesday from 12noon to 4pm.
Come and join us for free tea/coffee with home made cake and biscuits. Come for a warm, a chat or to read.
If you want to bring your knitting, stitching, colouring, or any craft to do while chatting, or to share your skill with others, that would be wonderful. All are welcome, all ages.

CHICKERELL FOODBANK

Thank you to all who support us; without you we would be unable to help those who need a helping hand in these unprecedented times. Thanks to Chickerell Town Council, Sgt Bun, Chickerell Co op and our collection points. **Note the change in collection points; they are now**: Chickerell Community Library; Chickerell Primary Academy; Victory Hall, Charlestown; 56 Lilly Lane Chickerell and 11 Randall Close Chickerell. If you or anyone you know needs support please come to the football hut on Lower Way every Wednesday 12-4.
At present we are in need of: Coffee, sugar, tinned meat, tinned puddings, biscuits, jam, tinned peas, tinned carrots, tins of soup and Cup-a-soup. Microwave rice; pasta; pot noodles. As it is getting to that time of the year, can we also request anything 'Christmassy'.
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MORE GROUPS & SOCIETIES IN THE AREA

WYKE REGIS HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY: The Garlic is in! Have you seen the variety of compost we now stock? Come and see what else we have! The Trading Post in Rylands Lane is open Wednesdays 2 - 4 pm and Saturdays 9.30am - 12.30pm. You have to be a member to buy anything, but membership is £2.50, valid until March! There will be a wreath-making workshop on Wednesday 14th December from 10am for £20 per person; coffee and materials provided. Limited spaces. The Trading Post will close on 17th December, reopening on 12th January 2023. enquiries@wrhs.org.uk or 01305 759668

FRIENDS OF WEYMOUTH LIBRARY (FOWL): Talk by Brian Margetson on his Search for a Lost Farm in Germany, 10.30am **Saturday 5th November** in Weymouth Library. To support the library's events and activities. Booking essential on 01305 762410 or email weymouthlibrary@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk £2 for members, £3 for non-members.

HARDY QUILTERS; quilting and sewing, talks and workshop group. All abilities welcome; Osmington Village Hall, Shortlake Lane, Osmington, fourth Friday of the month from 9.30–12.30 am.

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LIBRARY NEWS FOR NOVEMBER: The library is now a drop-off point for Chickerell Food Bank; please bring your donations in during opening hours; don't leave anything outside of the library; thank you.
If you are out for a walk, why not pop into the library for a browse and a cup of coffee while doing a puzzle or looking through a book.
Volunteers needed: Is there anyone out there who would be interested in running a mother and toddlers rhyme time in the library? If you are, could you please get in touch on 07778961363.
Author of the month: Ellie Gray. Mystery novels; we have a lot on the shelves; come and have a look!
Date for your diary: Chickerell Community Tree Lighting outside the library on 1st December, with carols & refreshments afterwards; starting around 4.30pm.
Christmas ideas: Why not put a library card in a stocking? A present for the children or an adult. Library cards are free and taking out books and puzzles is free, so it's a good choice!
Coffee morning: **November 5th from 10am to 4pm**. Donations of £1 for coffee & biscuits. Happy Reading!

CHICKERELL PRE-SCHOOLS

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DUCKLINGS SESSIONS: Full days available: Monday to Friday 8.45am-2.45pm. Mornings available: Monday to Friday 8.45am-11.45am or 12.45pm. For September 2023 sessions, please contact us for an application form.
INFORMATION: We are really proud to announce that we have joined the national group of settings who have received **ICAN accreditation** through supporting all children's speech, language and communication skills. We have been working towards this during the past two years and we are delighted to have received our accreditation.
Thank you to all the 'Ducklings' parents that came to our 'Hallowe'en' coffee morning; the children thoroughly enjoyed showing you around and spending time with you at Ducklings! The children have been enjoying the warm weather with lots of outside play; exploring the local woods and parks with their families, filling up their 'Autumn Treasure' bags. They have been bringing in leaves, sticks, pumpkins, conkers, acorns, and bones to show their friends! If anyone has any time to help us keep our garden tidy, then please let us know.
Photos and a short video clip of the setting can be seen on Ducklings Facebook page. Please call/email Michelle or Sharon for further information.

NEWS FROM CHICKERELL PRIMARY ACADEMY PTA: Up and coming public events at the school:
Christmas Shopping Night: Tuesday 29th November 6pm – 8pm.
BINGO on Friday 2nd December. Doors open 6.30pm, eyes down at 7pm.

CHICKERELL PRIMARY ACADEMY Rashley Road. School office: 01305 783876

Well, the first half term at school has flown by and we are now looking forward to our half term break! The children have been really immersed in their learning and have thoroughly enjoyed their projects; they are always so excited to share their learning too. Our governors visit regularly and always speak to the children; this is the best way for them to find out about what is happening and how the children are enjoying their learning.
Our Year 5 children have enjoyed a wonderful residential trip to Leeson House with their teachers. They had so much fun together, undertaking environmental studies alongside developing teamwork skills plus having the experience of being away from home in a safe and supportive environment. We are committed to promoting the personal development of our children. This half term we have started Friday enrichment afternoons with Years 1-6 able to participate in a range of activities, from music to the arts and to using ICT & sports. The children love working in mixed groups with new friends and trying new activities. Our children leave school for the weekend with big smiles on their faces! We have also established our Pupil Voice Group for this academic year; these children represent their classes at meetings and have the important job of influencing decisions made in school. This year they would again like to focus on green issues and linked to this, they want to come up with ideas to help save energy in school. After they have discussed these issues they will be writing a 'Green Spot' for the Contact so that they can let our local community know about their work in school.
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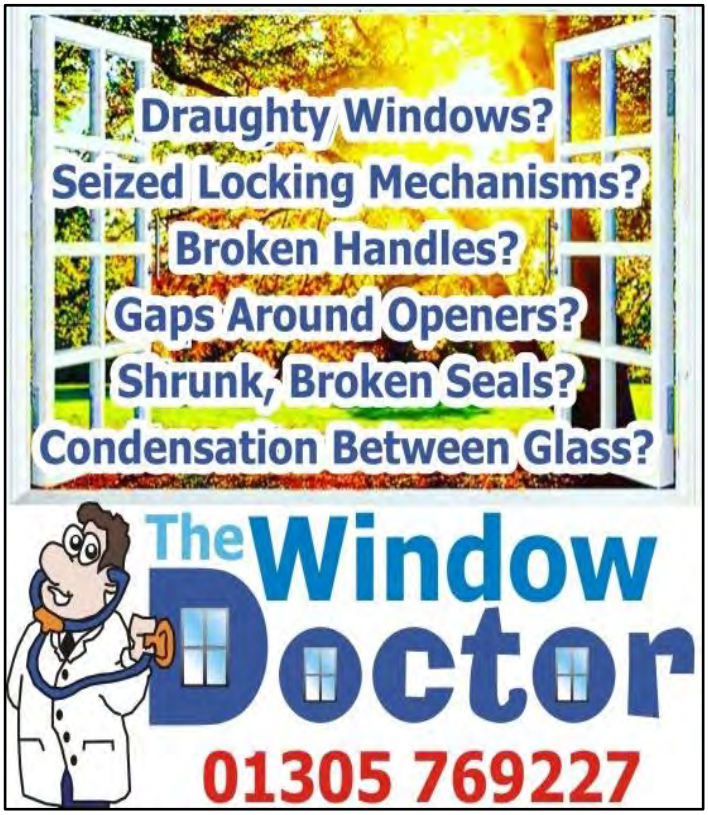

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- Check over electric heaters and electric blankets, if not used for a long time. Watch out for loose wiring, scorch marks, hot plugs and sockets, blown fuses or circuit breakers that trip for no obvious reason.
- If a tumble drier is not used and clothes are dried indoors, there is a fire risk if a heat source is too close.
- Ensure microwaves and air fryers are kept clean and manufacturer's instructions followed.
- Keep chimneys swept if using a wood burner or an open fire to reduce the risk of chimney fires. Green (unseasoned) wood may be cheap but does not create much heat and creates a residue that can catch alight within the chimney.
- A well maintained, regularly serviced boiler is more efficient and reduces the danger of carbon monoxide poisoning.
- Only use the correct charger for mobile devices. Cheaper imported unofficial chargers can have poor quality components that fail to meet UK safety standards. They can cause injury, electric shocks and even fires.
- Follow the manufacturer's instructions when using wheat bags in the microwave; don't heat for too long or at too high a temperature.

The fire and rescue service offers free Safe and Well advice, which can include a home visit and the provision of smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. To request this service, you can call 0800 038 2323 or see the Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service dwfire.org.uk website under the safe-and-well-visits section.

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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..
..and are open to the public when not held on Zoom

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.
Remember, if a crime is in progress or life in danger call 999.

CCTV is around the Willowbed field & is constantly monitored

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The main number for Dorset Council is 221000. The main number for Dorset Council West Dorset Services, which covers this area is 251010.
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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/FUL/2022/06145 Field south of Meadens Caravan site, Knights in the Bottom, Chickerell: Retain existing structures as a goat shelter and additional feed store, retain fence and earth bank.
P/FUL/2022/04436: Coldharbour Nursery: Conversion of existing agricultural barns to a 4 bed dwelling house, a 3 bed holiday let and creation of 5 permanently sited holiday cabins/eco pods.

COUNCIL NEWS……NEWS…..NEWS…..NEWS….NEWS….NEWS….

News from Dorset Councillor Jean Dunseith Cllrjean.dunseith@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk
Let's Talk Libraries Second Phase: This consultation runs to 22 December; about the future requirements/uses of libraries. This does not directly affect Chickerell Library as we are a Community Managed Library. But please make any comments about future library service especially if you use other libraries; Weymouth, Wyke Regis or Dorchester. There is the online survey at www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/lets-talk-libraries to fill in or paper copies will be available in libraries. Alternatively write to the Library Service Team, County Hall, Dorchester DT1 1XJ.

COUNCILLOR JOHN WORTH : Coun John Worth is holding his regular monthly surgery at **Chickerell Community Library on Tuesday 22nd November from 10am to 11.30am.** Anyone needing help at other times please call 01305 835805/ 07787229052.

SPIRIT OF CHICKERELL in partnership with the town council is opening the Sports Pavilion on the football ground in Lower Way as a warm hub every Monday from 7th November between 11am and 2.30pm, serving free tea, coffee, biscuits, cakes and bowls of homemade soup & a roll. This is open to all residents who would like to meet others in a cosy environment. If you would like to help please contact Coun John Worth.

THE GREEN SPOT

GIVE OR TAKE FOR FREE: The Church of the Latter Day Saints (LDS Church) hall on Chickerell Road (opposite Budmouth) is hosting Dorset Council's next Give or Take event on **November 12th** from 9.30am to 12.30pm.

As highlighted in Contact last month, Give or Take events aim to swap the things you do not want for things you do want, for free; with the aim of reducing waste and reusing items, helping the environment.

Examples of what can be brought along: Small furniture, kitchenware and other household items; tools, DVDs, CDs, videos, bicycles, toys, books, clothes, linens such as curtains and sheets and bric-a-brac.

What not to bring: Any electrical or gas appliances, duvets or pillows, items that cannot fit in a car, are not reusable or are toxic/hazardous.

Dorset Council's Recycle for Dorset team says anyone who has nothing to bring can come along anyway but sorry, no dealers or traders. Items can be dropped off from 9am to noon. Items left at the end of the day will, where possible, be saved for the next event, donated to charities or furniture reuse centres or recycled.

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REPAIR CAFÉ Weymouth will be running from 10.30am to 12.30pm on **Saturday November 12th**. The venue is Littlemoor's Top Club, (off Louviers Road). 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. Christmas decorations that need fixing ready for next month are also welcome. There is a free car park and refreshments are available including home made cake. Next café is December 3rd – same venue, same time.

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FOOD WASTE: You may have noticed the big signs on the council's refuse vehicles reminding us of how wasting food can harm the planet, but do you know why? Waste food should not go into landfill because it releases methane, a damaging greenhouse gas. This is why waste food is collected from the roadside, in the special, separate food waste bins. Food waste has to be either composted, undergo anaerobic digestion or burned. Dorset's waste food undergoes anaerobic digestion, producing energy and fertiliser. But ideally the council would not like us to waste food at all. There is a lot of information on the Dorset Council website to explain what needs to go in the food waste bin and how to reduce waste. Here are some tips kindly sent to Contact:

- Make a list of what you need before you go shopping; plan meals ahead if you can.
- It's easy to cook too much rice or pasta but a bother to weigh it out uncooked. A good estimate: A quarter of a standard mug of uncooked rice will feed one once cooked; for pasta, two generous handfuls per person.
- Food stored correctly lasts longer. Bread should be kept in its original packaging in the cupboard; potatoes should be taken out of plastic packaging and keep in a cool, dark spot.
- If you have a freezer, freeze what you don't eat. Bread and milk can be frozen. Packaging will tell you what you can and cannot freeze.
- Food has to be eaten by its 'use by' date for safety. Best before, display until and sell by dates are to do with quality and food can be eaten after these dates; it just won't be at its best.
- You can eat the skins on potatoes and the stalks on vegetables; they have nutrients too.
- There are lots of ideas on what to do with leftovers on websites such as lovefoodhatewaste.com

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Nature Notes – what has been seen in and around Chickerell

It was lovely to see **Swallows** still on the wing at the bottom of Lower Putton Lane in early October.

It was also interesting to read about the state of British butterflies in October. Butterfly Conservation, the national charity based in East Lulworth, reported **fewer butterflies were spotted overall this summer** in the annual count, which covers gardens, parks and the countryside. Gatekeeper was the most common butterfly seen along with more Common and Holly Blues. Numbers of Red Admirals and Meadow Browns were down on last year, which was noticed in and around Chickerell too. It was also recorded that Large Whites had declined since last year. I have to say, however, that caterpillars of the Large White seem to be in abundance locally.

Note: Butterfly Conservation has three reserves in Dorset, including Broadcroft Quarry on Portland. For more information see the website: butterfly-conservation.org

Finally late news – a relatively rare **female wasp spider has been spotted** in the field opposite the Willowbed. The body of this female spider is striped just like a wasp and it has an impressive web.

CHURCHES PAGE FOR NOVEMBER

ST MARY'S CHURCH, CHICKERELL & HOLY TRINITY, FLEET

www.stmaryschickerell.co.uk Parish Office: 01305 786043

St Mary's, Chickerell: : Thurs 3rd November: Short BCP said service; Rev David Wilson. Coffee & chat after.
Sunday Services at 9.30am: November 6th: All Age Service with Jacqui Meadows
November 13th Remembrance Sunday. Service with Communion at 9.30 led by Rev Jo Haine, finishing about 10.30 with time for coffee in church before assembling by Cenotaph for Act of Remembrance, 10.50 for 11.00.
November 20th Rev Matt Renyard **November 27th** Rev Jo Haine
From November the church will be open only at weekends from 10am-3pm for private prayer or as a quiet space.
Holy Trinity, Fleet: Monthly 2nd Sunday of the month service: Starting at 9am on **Sunday 13th November.** Based on our usual 30minute said Eucharist service. The service will be taken by Fr Gregory Lipovsky, Priest designate. Our congregation is still maintain an average of about a dozen at each service. All are welcome, so please join us. Please note both Fleet churches are open every day through the autumn and winter, from 10am to 4pm for quiet contemplation or just to admire the historic architecture**.** Christmas Carol Service: 5pm Sunday December 18th. Hopefully with special musical accompaniment in addition to mulled wine & mince pies.
More details next month. For any general queries contact Geoff Taylor, secretary on 01305 782757.

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

November 6th: Peter Jenner (Holy Communion) **November 13th** Pam Woodland (Remembrance Sunday)
November 20th Angela Gardner **November 27th** Rev Ruth Lownsbrough
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 2nd & 16th November**. 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 11th & 25th November.** We welcome new members to our craft groups, or just come along for a chat. Our **Christmas Coffee Morning is on Saturday 26th November, 10am to 11.30am** in the hall and chapel. Coffee/tea and cake, extra stalls, tombola and raffle. All welcome.
Due to unforeseen circumstances, the **Church Council** meeting had to be postponed and will now be held in the chapel on **Tuesday 8th November** at 2pm. Anyone can attend but only members can vote on issues.

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

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LANEHOUSE ROCKS METHODIST CHURCH Lynch Lane, Weymouth. Services 10.30am Sundays

November 6th: R Phillips **November 13th** T Wells; Holy Communion
November 20th P Woodland **November 27th** P Brown
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QUAKERS: Call 01305 788452 for more information.

NEWS FROM CHICKERELL UTD FC

Chickerell United won a goal thriller in the County Cup by winning 6-4 away to Portland Town; this result was followed by 1-1 draw at home to Bisterne and a 3-0 victory against Westland Sport Reserves. The reserves started the season with a crushing 11-0 defeat to Maiden Newton & Cattistock reserves & followed this up with improved 4-0 loss to Silvercross.

These results currently see the first team 5th in the Senior League and unfortunately the Reserves bottom of Division 5, with plenty of time for improvement! **The reserves are still looking to recruit to their squad and any potential players will be welcomed to attend training sessions**. Player sponsorship is available at £40 if you have a business you would like to promote, or a favourite player. Please note that after 29th October, KO will be at 2pm; The First Team, however, are at Home in the next round of the County Cup on 5th November against Blandford Utd First team and the KO will be at 1.30pm. The following week on 12th, the reserves are at home in the Cup against Verwood Athletic which will also be a 1.30 KO.

On 3rd December there will be an interactive quiz at the Willowbed Hall stating at 7.30pm; Smart devices will be required to play. Please contact through Facebook or e-mail on the Chickerell Utd Website for ticket details or alternatively turn up and pay on the night; there will be prizes and a licensed bar. The committee would like to thank all ongoing sponsors for their support, and look forward to your continued support at The Stalls. ***Scoop***

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WEYMOUTH PAVILION (Box office 01305 783225): Talented local youngsters will be taking to the stage once again this month when **WOW celebrates its 40th anniversary**, showcasing a whole range of musicals; everything from Cabaret to Mary Poppins, from November 17th to 19th, with a Saturday matinee.

The big news is the annual pantomime: **Sleeping Beauty**, running from December 10th to 2nd January, with adults only performances on 1st and 2nd of January. Stevi Ritchie, who was in X Factor and Celebrity Big Brother, is in a starring role. Weymouth's own Charlotte Allen stars as Princess Aurora.

FILMS TO WATCH OUT FOR AT LOCAL CINEMAS: The big family film of the month is set to be **Roald Dahl's Matilda The Musical (PG)** set to launch on November 25th and starring Emma Thompson. Can Matilda stand up to the scary Miss Trunchbull? Before this **The Menu**, on 18th November. Ralph Fiennes is a chef with something up his sleeve for a couple arriving at his smart restaurant in what is billed as a dark comedy (rated 15).

EVENT CINEMA this month (live streamings to book) Includes: at the Dorchester Plaza: ROH Live: Royal Ballet, A Diamond Celebration, on November 16th and The Nutcracker on December 8th. At Weymouth Cineworld there is set to be a special showing of Matthew Bourne's The Nutcracker on November 20th.

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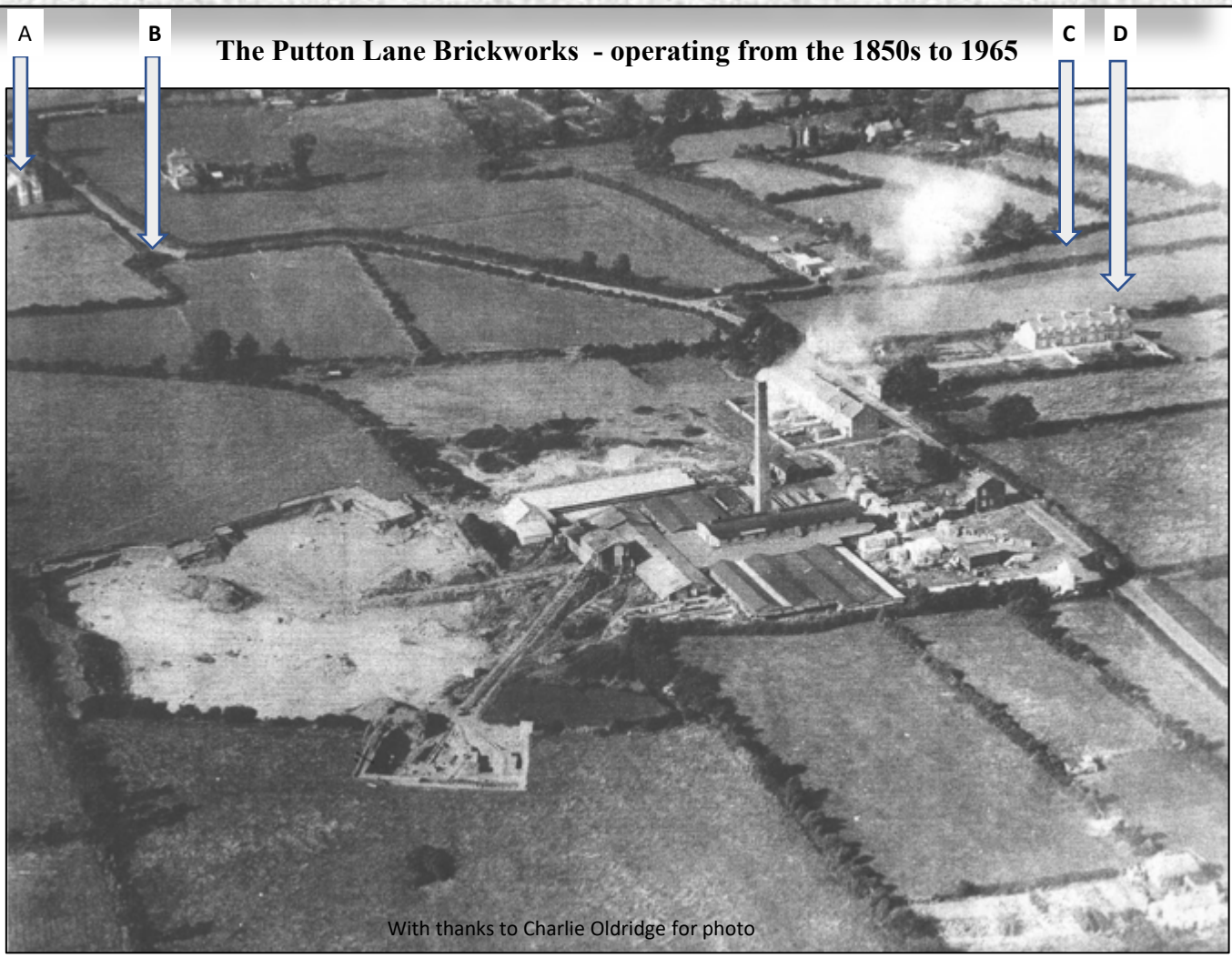
A Look back to Contact Magazine NOVEMBER 1990

- The Lugger and the Victory Hall at Charlestown were both holding Bonfire night parties this month in 1990.
- In the parish council report, nine new elderly persons bungalows at Australia Road were set to be completed by the end of 1990. The council appealed to any elderly person living in a council house to 'seriously consider moving into one of these new bungalows' as if no local people were prepared to do this, they would be allocated to people from outside the Chickerell parish.
- Two of the council's volunteer footpath officers had walked between them 33 footpaths within the parish. Problems found, including broken stiles and missing waymarkers, had been reported to the county footpath officer for action.
- The Transport and Engineering Department of the county council had agreed to put in zig-zag warning markings outside the school entrance on School Hill. The parish council added that Lower Putton Lane would also be resurfaced before the end of March 1991.
- Chickerell Utd thanked local people who had supplied new crossbars, new post fittings, new socks for the team and had been working on the clubhouse.
- Chickerell County Primary School reported a 'spirited defence' of the South Dorset Fishing Trophy, won in 1989. In 1990 a team of four caught a total of 84 fish in one hour 15 minutes from the Stone Pier and finished as runners-up to the winners, Westhaven Junior School. The school had also entered football and netball teams in all the local competitions with the 'A' football team winning three matches.

LOOKING BACK AT CHICKERELL IN THE PAST

The Putton Lane Brickworks - operating from the 1850s to 1965



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In the 1920s Putton Lane Brickworks (as pictured above) was owned by Charles Dean, grandfather of Contact Magazine's Editor, John. Charles sold the works to a Bournemouth family on his retirement. The site and most of the fields are now covered with houses. Note Fairfield House (pictured, A); where Putton Lane now joins Glennie Way (B); an ancient green lane (C) & the brick workers' terrace (D) at Brown's Crescent. The chimney came down in 1980. Glennie Way was built to drive through the Chickerell Downs development in the late 1980s.

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Gardening Notes – from Carrie Dalby, Wyke Regis Horticultural Society

NOVEMBER

Some plants are as confused by the seasons as we are; even pear trees are in flower! The soil is now soft and still warm enough to lift and divide perennials when they have finished flowering.

WEEDING

Weed well before applying a thick mulch around established plants. Do not compost perennial weeds; bindweed, dandelions and couch grass will grow instead of rotting, and diseased leaves will infect the compost; put them in the council recycling tip. Mulch can be rotted manure or compost.

REMEMBER THE WILDLIFE

Leave habitat for wildlife; piles of twigs and leaves, or a few logs, tucked behind shrubs or in corners will give winter protection. Remember to put fresh water out for them, especially during frosts. Encourage birds into the garden by feeding them; they will pick off pests for you.

Before lighting bonfires, please check them thoroughly for sleeping wildlife. If possible, build the fire the day you light it.

GARLIC & ONIONS & WHAT TO SOW, PLANT & TAKE CUTTINGS

Over-wintering garlic and onions are on sale now. Choose a sunny patch. Break up the garlic bulbs as you plant and sow the cloves two inches deep, six inches apart. Garlic can be grown in pots! Elephant garlic should be three to four inches deep.

Plant tulip bulbs deeply now to let them develop over winter. Sweet peas and broad beans can be sown, too. Remember windowsill salads!

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