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From the editor:

I am very pleased to see that our fight with Weymouth Town Council for its proposal to take over large parts of Chickerell has now been resolved by Dorset Council with no change to the Chickerell boundaries.

We should give a big thank you to our two Dorset councillors Jean and John for their hard work for Chickerell over the last year.

Unfortunately, last month, when we published pictures of the new seats on the Willowbed field, we did not have the news report from the town council which is published this month on the town council's page. Well done to Mrs Sharyn Hibbs for providing a happy to chat seat on the field in memory of her late husband Robbie. We hope many people use the seat and enjoy chatting.

Thank you and welcome to our Contact team Mr Andy Adams, for taking over the task of delivering Contact to Clare Avenue and the Alexandra Road area. Once again our thanks to Steve Hallam for his cartoons and my congratulations to him for winning a national accolade in the press.

Tickets are still available for the Wessex Musical Theatre production of The Addams Family at Weymouth Pavilion from 31st May to 3rd June.

Finally, at the time of writing this editorial, the sun is shining. We are hoping for a good summer for us all to enjoy.

John Dean

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JUNE DIARY DATES

For more see local group entries & events on following pages

1st: Luncheon Club.

2nd: Bingo, Victory Hall, Charlestown. Doors open 6.30pm eyes down 7pm.

3rd: Coffee Morning, Chickerell Community Library, 10am-12noon.

3rd: Meet your Dorset councillors, outside Wessex Pharmacy, 1.30-4pm

8th: Walkers Club. Meet Portland Heights, 10am.

17th : Village Café, Willowbed Hall, 10am to 12.30pm. Spirit of Chickerell.

17th : Right Royal Birthday Party Summer Fair, Chickerell Primacy Academy, 11am-2pm.

17th: Walkers Club. Meet Mission Hall, Sutton Poyntz, 1.30pm.

23rd: Walkers Club, Meet 1.30pm, Willowbed Hall, to arrange car share.

24th: Coffee morning, Chickerell Methodist Church Hall, 10am to 11.30am.

28th: Walkers Club. Meet 10am, Peto Garden.

30th: Bingo, Victory Hall, Charlestown. Doors open 6.30pm eyes down 7pm.

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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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BOUNDARY NEWS: From Dorset councillor Jean Dunseith: "Chickerell estates will NOT be going into Weymouth – Dorset Council voted for Chickerell boundaries to stay as they are. At Dorset Council meeting Jean & John (*Dorset councillors for Chickerell*) spoke against a last-minute attempt by Weymouth to extend the consultation for another eight weeks. After one whole year and three public consultations, we think Chickerell has had enough. We leafletted, knocked on doors, had meetings and put articles in Contact for residents to respond – and you did!! Outcome – no changes to boundaries, no extension for comments. Good job Chickerell."

- **Meet your Dorset Councillors:** Jean and John are holding a street corner meeting outside Wessex Pharmacy, Lanehouse Rocks Road on **Saturday 3rd June from 1.30pm to 4pm**. Come along for a chat.

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PARTY TIME AT SCHOOL: Chickerell Primary Academy's PTA is offering the community a **Right Royal Birthday party from 11am to 2pm on Saturday 17th June**, to honour King Charles' official birthday celebration day. The summer fair will be royally themed and promises hook a duck, hoopla and a bouncy castle plus tombolas, a BBQ, lollies, refreshments, a raffle and fun and games in the arena. Entry is £1 for adults and free for children, who must be accompanied by an adult. All are welcome.

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CHICKERELL VILLAGE SHOW - SATURDAY 15th JULY 2023: It's now just a few weeks until the annual village show at the Willowbed Hall: Categories include cut flowers, pot plants, fruit and vegetables, children's, cookery, handicraft, floral arrangements, photography and novice. Show programmes are available to collect from Chickerell Library or can be emailed on request from chickerellshow@gmail.com. Staging of classes will take place from 6pm to 7pm on Friday 14th July and from 8am to 10.30am on Saturday 15th July. Judging will take place at 10.45am on Saturday 15th July. Could all previous winners please ensure that trophies are polished and returned by 10am on Saturday 15th July, or earlier by prior arrangement. The raffle proved to be very popular last year. If you have any unwanted gifts or items that would make good raffle prizes, please let us know at chickerellshow@gmail.com (or by contacting us on the numbers below) and we will be happy to come and collect them. Many thanks. We look forward to seeing you there. Rachel & Kate.

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ROAD CLOSURE BY SCHOOL: Concerns over the safety of children arriving and leaving Chickerell Primary Academy has led Dorset Council, in conjunction with the school, to agree a ban on school traffic entering and leaving the Fairfield estate cul-de-sacs at school pick up and drop off. Residents of the 50 plus homes and flats on the estate were informed by letter that a barrier will be in place from **8.15am to 9am and 2.45pm to 3.30pm every school day**. The reason given, apart from the safety of the children, was to reduce air pollution and avoid danger to anyone using the roads. **The barriers will be in place from June 5th.**

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UPDATE ON BATTERY STORAGE SYSTEM: As Contact goes to press, a planning application is expected for a large battery storage system that could cover the fields north of Chickerell's electricity station up to Coldharbour. The company behind the scheme, Statera, was also planning a solar farm as part of its plans but this was scrapped following an environmental impact assessment and comments from the community.

At the public open day at the end of April, similar concerns were raised over this part of the scheme, particularly from residents who fear a risk of fire. Representatives from Statera were keen to point out on the open day that the company had a fire safety strategy: The battery system would be in 'air-conditioned containers', the 'latest technology' would be used and the units would be 'closely monitored'. The company had also invited Dorset Fire and Rescue to view its existing sites elsewhere. Green spaces have been promised all around the proposed site with a 'bund' to screen it from the houses along Coldharbour.

The proposed site will also include a small substation that will link into, through underground cables, the current Chickerell electricity station, which is part of the National Grid.

The aim behind the scheme is to store surplus energy generated by the National Grid so that it can be used when needed. If planning permission is granted the company estimates that during construction, there will be nine deliveries per day (18 two-way movements of traffic) using School Hill/Putton Lane/Glennie Way.

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QUIZ RESULT: From Sue Adams, St Mary's Church: "Thank you to everyone who took part in the quiz 'Items of Clothing'. The winner with only one incorrect answer was Chris Soper. £19 was raised for church funds. Watch out for the next quiz, coming soon!"

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WILLOWBED HALL, Putton Lane & THE SPORTS PAVILION, Lower Way: Available for hire. Queries and bookings: Town council number above. CCTV is around the Willowbed field and is monitored.

IMPORTANT AND USEFUL COUNCIL DETAILS

REFUSE/RECYCLING, RUBBISH BIN PROBLEMS, FLY TIPPING: Call Dorset Waste Services on 01305 221040 or report online via dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/bins-recycling-and-litter and follow the link.
The main number for Dorset Council West Dorset Services, which covers this area is 251010. **HIGHWAY ISSUES:** Roads, verges and hedges, public footpaths, streetlights, road signage, winter maintenance and bus timetables – if you have any queries regarding any of these contact Dorset Council. **DOG WARDEN:** 01305 252244. **STREETLIGHTS:** Streetlight out: 0800 0684145. **FLOODING:** For sandbags please call 01305 251010, ask for emergency planning who will advise on sandbags.

Water emergencies: Report to Wessex Water – 0345 600 4 600. **Electric Emergencies: 105.**

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 since last edition and as Contact went to press: **P/FUL/2023/02545 Land between 478-480 Chickerell Road:** New dwelling incorporating garage and car barn.
P/PASO/2023/02526: Tecan Components, Tecan Way, Granby Industrial Estate: Installation of roof mounted solar panels pursuant to Class J, Part 14, Schedule 2 of The Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015.
P/PAEL/2023/02201: East Street, Chickerell DT3 4DT: Proposed 5G telecoms installation: H3G 15m street pole and additional equipment cabinets. Prior approval refused. Decision date: 11.5.2023.
P/RES/2023/02219: Land and buildings known as North Ground Piggery, School Hill, Chickerell. Erection of 9 dwellings and formation of access (reserved matters application to determine landscaping following the grant of Outline planning permission number P/OUT/2022/03523).

THE TWO DORSET COUNCILLORS FOR CHICKERELL are Jean Dunseith and John Worth.
Cllrjean.dunseith@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk **Coun John Worth:** 01305 835805/ 07787229052. Email: cllrjohn.worth@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk Coun John Worth's is not holding a surgery in June due to 'street corner' meet up (see first news page) Anyone needing help, please call above number or contact by email.

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NEWS FROM CHICKERELL TOWN COUNCIL, Released 12th May:

Chickerell Town Council is pleased to see two new benches installed on the Willowbed Field. The first, sited next to the Jubilee Tree, is in commemoration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, and was provided by the town council. The second is a memorial bench, *(pictured*) a 'Butterfly & Bee' bench, chosen and donated by family and friends in memory of local resident, Robbie Hibbs. It is sited above the Willowbed play park and carries the inscription of 'Happy to Chat'. Happy to Chat benches are designed to combat loneliness and encourage community interaction by breaking down social barriers that allow us to say Hello.

Mrs Sharyn Hibbs said: "We as a family are thrilled to have had the support of the Chickerell Council to install this lovely bench, which reflects well-being by sitting within nature and the opportunity to have a chat with someone. May I thank all our family, friends, and all who made a donation in the loving memory of Robbie; please enjoy this bench."

Mayor of Chickerell, Coun John Worth said: "I'm delighted to see both benches now installed to enhance our open space. Following approval by the Town Council, the project has waited to be complete due to supply and a requirement for new bases. Since installation, they have been enjoyed by many and I hope the 'Happy to Chat' bench is utilised to its fullest." Chickerell Town Council's bench policy can be found on its website.

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NEWS FROM LOCAL GROUPS, CLUBS & SOCIETIES

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

Village Café, Willowbed Hall, on Saturday 17th June from 10am to 12.30pm with homemade cakes & hot bacon/sausage butties, plus stalls selling quality craft items and Avon products. Pop along, have a drink and snack meet up with friend for a chat and browse the stalls for that special gift. If you would like a stall call Pam on 01305 835805. If you are a local organisation or charity and could benefit from some extra support, please contact John on 07787229052 for further information. Details next month of Party in the Park and Village Show.

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

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our Easter Collection for Water Aid. We have raised around £100 so far and there is still some money to come in. Our next fundraising event will be our stall and Tombola at the Village Show and Party in the Park on Saturday 15th July on Willowbed field. Any Tombola items will be gratefully received. Please ring Hilary on 01305 772817 for collection or bring them to 11 Randall Close. Thank you.

We are sorry to say goodbye to Rev Matt Renyard, who, having completed his curacy, is moving to his own parish in Hemel Hempstead. We wish him all the best for his ministry there. We are pleased to welcome a new curate, Dan, who will live in the Rectory in Chickerell with his wife Abby and dogs Maurice and Chester. He has come to Chickerell from just outside Durham, where he has been studying at Cranmer Hall and before that, the couple lived in Royal Wootton Bassett, at the northern edge of the Salisbury Diocese.

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

Easy: Orchid Walk, meet 10am, Thursday 8th June at The Heights, Portland. Park & meet in hotel car park. Circular walk including both sides of the island – 3.5miles.

Easy: Open gardens & valley walk, meet 1.30pm, Saturday 17th June, Mission Hall, Sutton Poyntz. Free car park off Plaisters Lane. £5 admission to gardens, proceeds to charity.

Medium: Hardy's Monument to Chickerell walk, Friday 23rd June, meet 1.30pm, Willowbed, to arrange car share to the start. On return lifts to car drivers back to their cars at Hardy's Monument. Eight miles.

Medium: Country walk, meet 10am, Wednesday 28th June, Peto Garden (by Chickerell Community Library). Barr Lane, through wood, then make way back to School Hill. Three and a half miles.

CHICKERELL LUNCHEON CLUB – First Thursday of the month at the Turks Head pub, East Street

How quickly the months fly by! Last month we had an excellent roast beef carvery and then a delicious apple crumble and custard. How spoiled we are by The Turks Head; Debs and Mark and all their staff. Thank you so much. We also had our outing in May. It was a fabulous day out at Ottery St Mary's garden centre, followed by a visit to The Donkey Sanctuary; how happy they are in the fields! For our **June meal we are having salad with quiche** and potato salad, followed by **fresh fruit** salad. Why don't you join us; I have a few places to be filled. It is a very friendly social occasion. For any queries or cancellations please phone Ann 783002 or Ruth 785364.

MARSHALLSAY COURT: Events in the communal lounge in the flats in Marshallsay Road

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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: We held a very successful Coronation tea party for about 50 people in the hall on Sunday, 7th May (*for picture see above film news*). Thanks to all the committee for their hard work. We have sought advice from the Charity Commission regarding our AGM and will not be holding one this year. However, our accounts are always open for anyone to see, by appointment. To this end we are looking for younger members, so if anyone would like to join our committee, please contact a member of the present one **by 14th June at the latest**. **Bingo 2nd and 30th June** and Whist every Wednesday at 2pm. As usual any queries regarding the Hall contact Joe Castleman on 01305 789125 or me Marion Hardcastle on 01305 761744.

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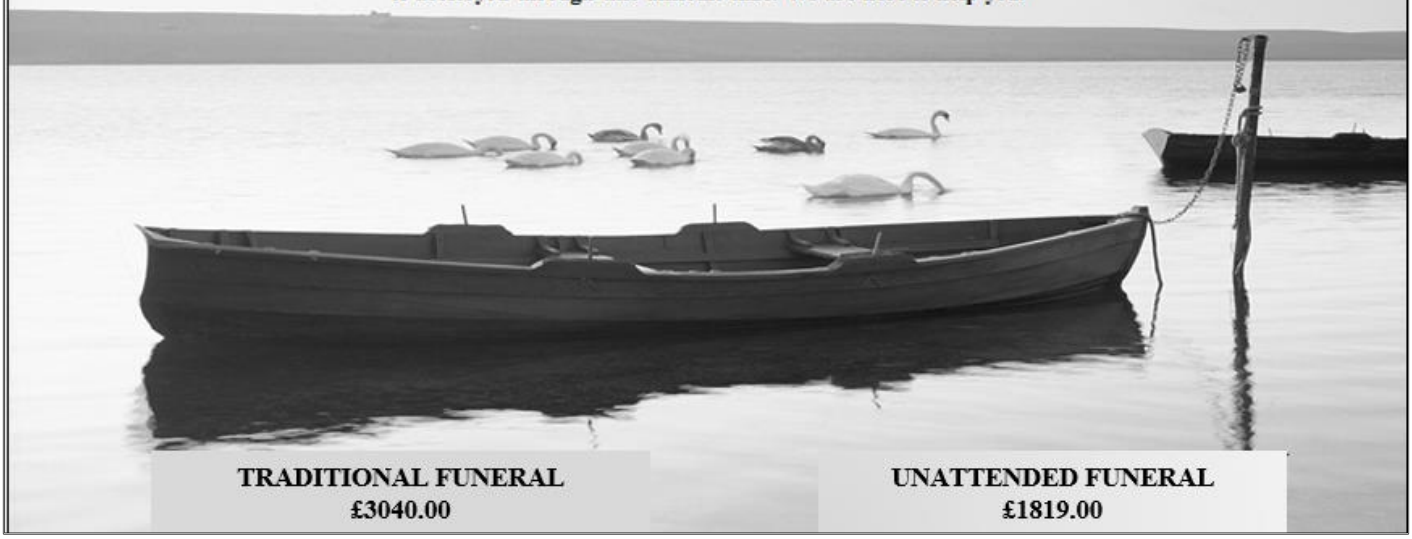

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MORE FROM LOCAL GROUPS, CLUBS & SOCIETIES

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

Chickerell Moonfleet WI had its very own Strictly Come Dancing at the May meeting. WI member Chris and her husband Vic put on a wonderful demonstration of ballroom dancing and talked about the history of each dance and the music they played. They even managed to get everyone up to dance alongside them with much fun and laughter all round.
For more information about future meetings contact Shelley on 07962 139441 or Sheila on 07809 680593.

NEWS FROM CHICKERELL METHODISTS: CHURCH & HALL corner of North Square and West St

Craft and Chat: 2pm in the Chapel on **Wednesday 7th & 21st June**. Bring your own craft and enjoy a chat with friends or perhaps learn something new! Crafty Sew & Sews: 7pm in the hall on **Friday 9th & 23rd June.**
We welcome new members to our craft groups or just come along for a chat.
Our next **Coffee morning is on Saturday 24th June from 10am to 11.30am** in the hall. Coffee/tea, cakes and raffle. All welcome.

CHICKERELL FOODBANK Email: placemarys4@gmail.com

The foodbank is in need of the following if you are able: Tinned meat (hot dogs, meatballs, mincemeat); tins of tomatoes, small tins of potatoes, tins of carrots. Also tinned puddings.
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Thanks to all who donate food; without you we wouldn't be able to help those in need in our community. If you or you know of anyone who needs a helping hand, please call 07591851075 and leave a message, we will get back to you as soon as we can.
Donation points are: 56 Lilly Lane, Chickerell Primary Academy, Chickerell Library, when open; 11 Randall Close and Victory Hall, Charlestown. Blessings to you all – Jacqui & the team.

MORE LOCAL GROUPS

FRIENDS OF WEYMOUTH LIBRARY (FOWL) Travel talk on **Saturday June 3rd** by Ian Williamson, who has travelled in Australia and trekked across the Cradle Mountains in Tasmania. The talk begins at 10.30am, refreshments provided, and all are welcome. Tickets £2 for members of FOWL and £3 for non-members. Tickets from Weymouth Library.

WYKE REGIS HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY: It has been a very busy spring at the 'Horti' with a huge demand for compost, leading to some varieties being sold out! New stock now in. Summer bedding plants are also in stock and we are sowing more vegetables. The Club House is in Rylands Lane and you can join for £10 a year. Gardeners share information, advice and encouragement over coffee, while buying seeds, canes, compost and other requirements. The Trading Post is open Wednesdays 2-4pm and Saturdays 9.30am-12.30pm. To join, just pop in when we are open. For more information, enquiries@wrhs.org.uk or leave a message on 01305 759668.

SOUTH DORSET RADIO SOCIETY: Meets on second Friday of the month at the Weymouth West Scout Hall, Granby Close, DT4 0SR from 7.30pm. For more information see the website – search Ham Radio South Dorset.

WEYMOUTH & DISTRICT PROBUS CLUB: For retired men. Meets on the second Wednesday monthly at The Brewers Fayre, Lodmoor, starting with coffee. Varied programme of talks (photography & local history recently) occasional quizzes; some stay for lunch. New members very welcome. Details: Secretary 01305 771822.

WEYMOUTH AND PORTLAND LADIES PROBUS: Meetings held on the fourth Wednesday in the month, 10am, at Brewers Fayre, Lodmoor (except July & August).

SOUTH DORSET CALEDONIAN SOCIETY: Holds weekly Scottish Country Dancing classes including Ceilidh dance practice at the **Willowbed Hall, Chickerell on Monday afternoons 3.30 to 5.45pm.** Beginners welcome. £3 per head, includes tea/coffee. You do not need a partner. The society also holds other events such as: St Andrews Day celebrations, Burns Night, & Ceilidhs. Contact: 835075. franktough2@btinternet.com

REPAIR CAFÉ – LAST CHANCE BEFORE SUMMER BREAK! Weymouth Repair Café is at the Top Club, off Louviers Road, Littlemoor, on **June 10th from 10.30am to 12.30pm**. It's the last chance to get a sewing, electronic, electric or glue repair before the Weymouth café takes its summer break for July and August – it returns on the second Saturday in September. Last month's café, part of the national Big Fix, saw 83 repair items come in. Expert volunteers repair items for a donation. There is a free car park adjoining the site.

GREEN SPOT – from Chickerell Primary Academy

The children are looking forward to discussing 'boomerang bags' at their next Pupil Voice Group meeting. This will embrace the group's focus of supporting green issues, recycling, and saving energy. The children will find out more about this initiative and then discuss ways to promote it throughout school. Watch this space to find out how many times a plastic bag can be reused!

Editor's note: Boomerang Bags are a global movement to help stop single-use plastic bags. They are usually made from donated or recycled materials and are designed to be used many times.

Nature Notes – what has been seen in and around Chickerell

Contact was intrigued to hear about a strange bird that has been seen around the area, and heard singing, over the past few weeks. It was spotted locally in a garden in Littlesea, where it spent a day singing its heart out. A photo taken on that day showed a bird with a black crown to its head, a red/orange chest and a grey back, with a distinctive white flash across its tail. Nothing in any of our bird books looked like it. Research among other bird watchers locally has found it to be a **Brahminy Starling**, an escapee that has, apparently been seen around Weymouth, Wyke Regis and Chickerell.

On a different note, we hope to see a good number of butterflies over the summer after spotting a **Holly Blue** up in North Square at the end of April. It was darting about over the ivy up by the start of Barr Lane. Ivy is a popular plant for butterflies. Another Holly Blue was seen on the edge of the Willowbed field in more recent weeks and a Red Admiral at the end of Lower Putton Lane, just by the stream.

Butterfly Conservation, the national charity based in East Lulworth, has released the State of the UK's Butterflies Report 2022 and declared that 80 per cent of the butterflies in the UK have declined since the 1970s, due to loss of habitat.

Finally a **cuckoo** was heard over towards the electricity sub-station just as we were going to press. These migrants are becoming quite rare now in this country and have always been an evocative sound of summer.

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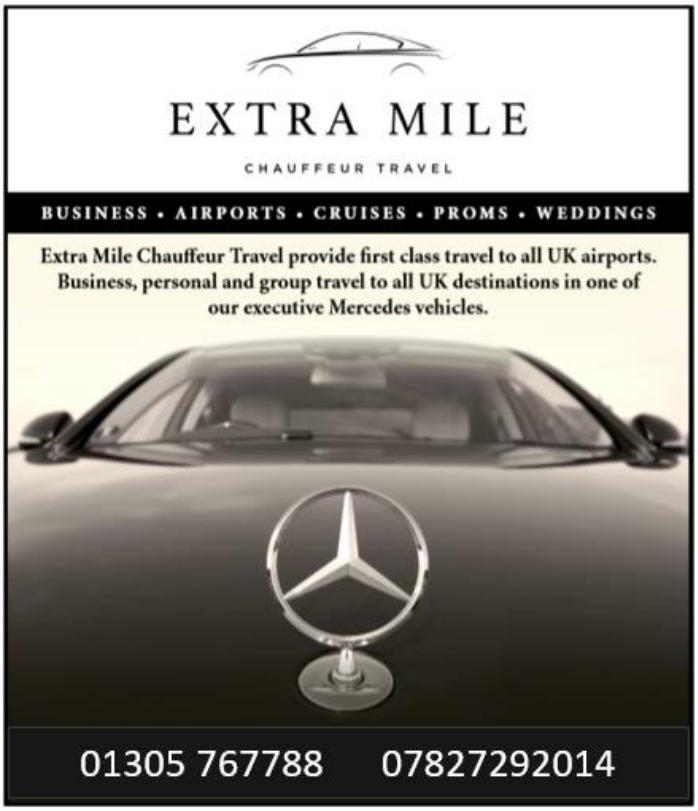

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NEWS: Are you are a member of the library? If not, you can join today! It is free, for all ages and it is easy. Just ask one of our friendly volunteers about joining and what the library can do for you. Your library card can access the public computers apart from getting books out, and you can use your card in all of Dorset's libraries. Chickerell Community Library is run by volunteers and if anyone is interested in helping in the library, please call 07778961363 for further information.

Knit and Natter at the library: June 14th & 28th, 10.15am-12.15pm. Lego Club: 30th May, 1.30-3pm. Come and finish your models or make new ones. We have Duplo Lego, for the young children, as well as ordinary Lego.

Craft club: Over half term we are holding a craft morning for children too: **Thursday June 1st 10am-11:30am.** Come along and make something or perhaps plant cress seeds to see how they grow.

Date for your diary: Chickerell Community Library Summer Fete, to celebrate our 10th anniversary: Saturday 8th July, 2-4pm in the Peto Gardens (next to library). Stalls, tea and cakes; come along and have a bit of fun!

Next Coffee morning: June 3rd 10am-12noon.

Thrillers are a good June read! We have an array of top titles, so pop into the library for a good book. Happy Reading!

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DUCKLINGS PRE-SCHOOL: Methodist Church Hall, North Square, Chickerell DT3 4DX
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DUCKLINGS SESSIONS: All sessions from September 2023 are now full. If you would like an application form for September 2024, please get in touch! It is never too early to put your child's name down!

Full days: Monday to Friday 8.45am-2.45pm. Mornings: Monday to Friday 8.45am-11.45am or 12.45pm.

For further information about registering your child with us or if you would like to view our setting, please call Michelle or Sharon.

INFORMATION: The children thoroughly enjoyed the King's Coronation celebrations at Ducklings; we made ribbon sticks, crowns, decorated cakes, learned about the culture of London and read many stories about London and King Charles. We are now having monthly 'Sing, Sign and Play' sessions with Sandra. The children have been listening and following her instructions well and are enjoying this fantastic extra-curricular activity.

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: The warmer weather has arrived and children can enjoy more outdoor learning along with our school trips, always the highlight of the school year.

Our Reception children recently visited Vurlands Farm Park and had a brilliant time! Their project for this half term is animals, so this visit linked in perfectly and they came away full of new facts and knowledge about the animals they had seen. The children were an absolute pleasure to take out for the day and members of the public commented on their super behaviour throughout the day!

Our Year 2 and Year 6 children have now completed their SATs (Standard Assessment Tests). We are delighted with the way our children approached these and are very proud of them all. Our teachers made sure that following each test, the children had some time to 'let their hair down', relax and have fun.

Our School Effectiveness Partner, an ex Ofsted Inspector, recently came into school to find out how we teach early reading and phonics. He was very impressed with everything he saw and commented that our pupils' behaviour was 'exemplary'. Our children certainly get off to a flying start with their reading! We are so proud of our dedicated teachers and our wonderful children!

Please save the date of our school **summer fete Saturday 17th June**; we would love to see you all. Every penny of the money raised on the day is spent on our children.

The children, staff and governors hope that you are all keeping safe and well.

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NEWS FROM DORSET TRADING STANDARDS: Protected Food Names. Did you know that Champagne, Parma Ham and Scotch Whisky are all protected food names? If you did, you may not know that our region has protected food names too, such as: Dorset Blue Cheese, West Country Farmhouse Cheddar Cheese, West Country Beef and Lamb and New Forest Pannage Ham. There is also the Cornish Pasty, Exmoor Blue Cheese, Wiltshire Cured Hay, Fal Oysters from Cornwall, Cornish Clotted Cream and Cornish Sardines. Anyone wishing to produce a food that carries a protected food name must be audited against a published specification before they sell the food. Trading Standards typically carry out these audits to help protect food names and the interests of local food producers.

Dance, music, theatre, cinema and film news

WESSEX FOLK FESTIVAL is all set for **Saturday June 3rd and Sunday June 4th** around Weymouth harbour. Music will be on two stages with Morris Dancing and street traders around the south side of the harbour.

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WEYMOUTH Pavilion (Box office 783225) : Wessex Musical Theatre's The Addams Family opened at the Pavilion on May 31st and continues until June 3rd. Tribute bands this month include: Neil Diamond, Shakin' Stevens, Abba, and Take That. Something a bit different set for June 9th is a chance to dance the night away to 1980s film soundtracks such as Footloose, Flashdance and Dirty Dancing during the Time of Our Lives production. There is also a charity rave party (over 18s only) in the Ocean Room to raise money for Motor Neurone Disease on June 30th with local DJs taking part.

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FILM NEWS: The latest Spiderman and Transformer films dominate screens in June. Event cinema (reserved seating) at Dorchester Plaza and Weymouth Cineworld: ROH Live Opera Il Trovatore on 13th June and National Theatre Live Fleabag (2023 Re-Release) with Phoebe Waller-Bridge on June 15th. Cineworld is also showing Matthew Bourne's Sleeping Beauty on June 28th, The Official Take That musical Greatest Days on 16,17 & 18 June and a special restored edition of Thelma and Louise on 7th June.

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A Look back to Contact Magazine - JUNE 1991

- Chickerell Parish Council chairman was urging all residents to attend a public meeting at Budmouth School over plans for two roads; one that would cut a swathe through Buckland Ripers and Coldharbour and then go to the roundabout at Wessex Stadium and the other along the Fleet to Portland, cutting through a large part of the Cerne Villa Caravan site on its way.
- News came that the Woodland Trust would be developing the land east of Glennie Way by planting trees and shrubs, 'creating a new wildlife habitat, rides and glades for public enjoyment'.
- The parish council decided to name the new road on the Laing development 'The Bindells'.
- The Fisherman's Arms (*used to be on Lower Putton Lane*) announced it would be reviving the village darts open knock-out with singles, pairs, mixed pairs and mixed fours, £1 per entry.
- Chickerell County Primary School achieved some success in the Technology Fair at Purbeck Middle School with two pupils coming third in the 5-7 age group and another second in the 7-9 age group with their 'sorting machines'. A commendation was also achieved for three boys in the 9-11 age group for their 'automatic plant watering device'.

A LOOK BACK TO THE OLD DAYS – Putton Farm, Lower Putton Lane

Very many thanks to Charlie Oldridge for the loan of this historic photo

View in 2023

Our historic photo this month is of Putton Farm in Lower Putton Lane; only one building remains today.

The name Putton dates back to the 15th century, but its roots are Anglo-Saxon, based on the word Podingtun, a settlement of the people of Pod or Poda.

The fields of the manor of Putton were sandwiched between Putton Lane and East Chickerell (now the electricity sub station). The farm itself was documented from the 18th century; the historic picture above was taken in 1960. Note the car in the farmyard. The land immediately surrounding the farmhouse was developed from the 1980s onwards.

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Sunday Services at 9.30am, with coffee/tea and chat afterwards**.**

JUNE

4th All Age Service with Nigel Uden **11th Rev Jo Haine**
18th Rev Matt Renyard **25th Rev Richard Simmons**

2nd July: All Age Service with Jacqui Meadows. *Enquiries for baptisms, weddings & funerals: Please contact the Parish Office on 01305 786043 or leave a message.*

Holy Trinity, Fleet: Our next monthly service will be taken by **Fr Gregory** from 9am on **Sunday 11th June** (Based on our usual 30 minute said Eucharist service). Fr Gregory will also hold a service in the **old original Fleet church at the end of Butter Street on Sunday 25th June at 9am**. There is no parking at the old church so please park at the new church (Holy Trinity); there will be a shuttle service between the churches up to 8.55am and again after the service. We would like to welcome Anthea Spearing who joins John Coombe as Wardens of the two churches and thank Karen Huntley for her many years of service to the church as she steps down this year. We look forward to seeing the many new members of the congregation that have joined us in recent months, but there is still room for many more. 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

JUNE

4th Richard Lownsbrough **11th Pam Woodland**
18th Rev Ruth Lownsbrough (Holy Communion) **25th Rev Brenda Stephenson**

Services start at 10.30am and coffee is served afterwards. Masks are worn at your own discretion.
See Methodist Church news for craft group dates; short time of prayer in the chapel after coffee morning on June 24th followed by usually share lunch in a local hostelry.

CHICKERELL GOSPEL HALL: Corner of Chickerell Road/East Street. Services Sundays 3.30pm

PRAYERHOUSE CHICKERELL, East Street, (by library). Contact David and Caroline White at chickerell@theprayerhouse.co.uk or 01305 759968 www.prayerhousechickerell.

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JUNE Gardening Notes – from Carrie Dalby, Wyke Regis Horticultural Society

Are we warm yet? Everything is growing faster than we can keep up! No-mow May has given lush growth and flowers to our lawns; only mow where access is required and let the flowers feed the pollinators. Raise the blades and cut long to start with, gradually lowering as greening returns.

Lawns need feeding with nitrogen to encourage green growth. If you have used a lawn weed control, don't put the clippings on the compost heap.

Regular watering for all plants is essential; aim to soak the roots, not the leaves in the evening or early morning. Use recycled or rainwater where possible. Consider installing soaker hose through the beds. Ventilate greenhouses and keep them damp.

Direct sow seeds into final sites and plant out seedlings. Harvest Hellebore seeds and sow them now in pots; leave them somewhere shady, keep damp; they won't germinate until spring after a frost. Containers have vine weevils and the slugs are rampaging; nematodes are the best solution. Aphids (*greenfly*) feed predators and birds. Spray with hand soap solution (not detergent, which damages the plants).

Deadhead regularly, or do a Chelsea Chop; cut back stems of herbaceous perennials before flowering to promote more side shoots and more flowers. Take softwood cuttings potted into gritty peat-free compost. **Water from below; peat-free compost dries on the surface and should be kept damp at root level**. Add Vermiculite to hold moisture and nutrients in seed compost.

Straggling shrubs can be trimmed after flowering, but don't disturb nesting birds.

CONGRATULATIONS TO CARTOONIST: Steve Hallam, whose cartoons feature here in Contact every month, has won a national accolade. He was in the Daily Mirror in May as one of the winners with the cartoon below & the caption: 'So what's the problem, Mr King?'

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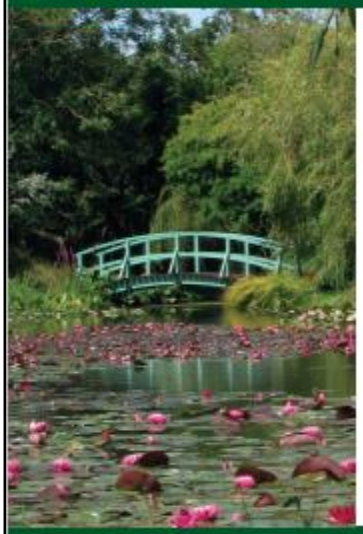

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PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND ENFORCEMENT: Dorset Council on 01305 251010. See website www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk and follow links to planning section. Chickerell is in the West Dorset area.
PLANNING APPLICATIONS since last edition and as Contact went to press: **P/FUL/2023/02545 Land between 478-480 Chickerell Road:** New dwelling incorporating garage and car barn.
P/PASO/2023/02526: Tecan Components, Tecan Way, Granby Industrial Estate: Installation of roof mounted solar panels pursuant to Class J, Part 14, Schedule 2 of The Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015.
P/PAEL/2023/02201: East Street, Chickerell DT3 4DT: Proposed 5G telecoms installation: H3G 15m street pole and additional equipment cabinets. Prior approval refused. Decision date: 11.5.2023.
P/RES/2023/02219: Land and buildings known as North Ground Piggery, School Hill, Chickerell. Erection of 9 dwellings and formation of access (reserved matters application to determine landscaping following the grant of Outline planning permission number P/OUT/2022/03523).

THE TWO DORSET COUNCILLORS FOR CHICKERELL are Jean Dunseith and John Worth.
Cllrjean.dunseith@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk **Coun John Worth:** 01305 835805/ 07787229052. Email: cllrjohn.worth@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk Coun John Worth's is not holding a surgery in June due to 'street corner' meet up (see first news page) Anyone needing help, please call above number or contact by email.

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NEWS FROM CHICKERELL TOWN COUNCIL, Released 12th May:

Chickerell Town Council is pleased to see two new benches installed on the Willowbed Field. The first, sited next to the Jubilee Tree, is in commemoration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, and was provided by the town council. The second is a memorial bench, *(pictured*) a 'Butterfly & Bee' bench, chosen and donated by family and friends in memory of local resident, Robbie Hibbs. It is sited above the Willowbed play park and carries the inscription of 'Happy to Chat'. Happy to Chat benches are designed to combat loneliness and encourage community interaction by breaking down social barriers that allow us to say Hello.

Mrs Sharyn Hibbs said: "We as a family are thrilled to have had the support of the Chickerell Council to install this lovely bench, which reflects well-being by sitting within nature and the opportunity to have a chat with someone. May I thank all our family, friends, and all who made a donation in the loving memory of Robbie; please enjoy this bench."

Mayor of Chickerell, Coun John Worth said: "I'm delighted to see both benches now installed to enhance our open space. Following approval by the Town Council, the project has waited to be complete due to supply and a requirement for new bases. Since installation, they have been enjoyed by many and I hope the 'Happy to Chat' bench is utilised to its fullest." Chickerell Town Council's bench policy can be found on its website.

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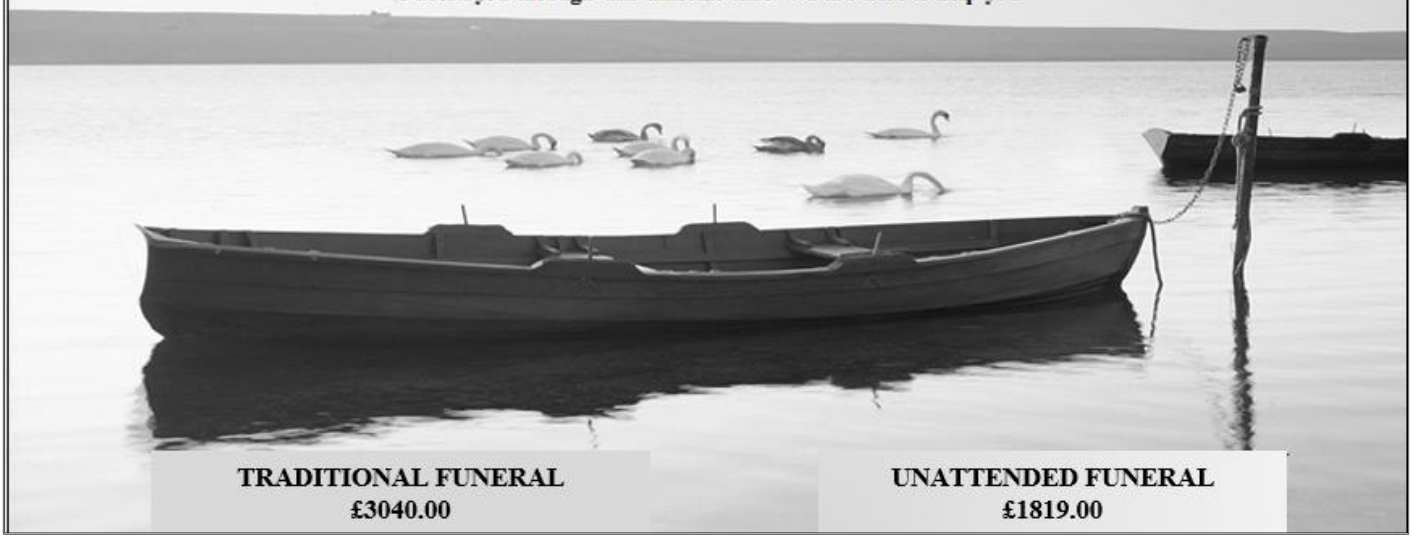

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CHICKERELL MOONFLEET WI: Meets 7pm on second Monday of each month at Willowbed Hall

Chickerell Moonfleet WI had its very own Strictly Come Dancing at the May meeting. WI member Chris and her husband Vic put on a wonderful demonstration of ballroom dancing and talked about the history of each dance and the music they played. They even managed to get everyone up to dance alongside them with much fun and laughter all round.
For more information about future meetings contact Shelley on 07962 139441 or Sheila on 07809 680593.

NEWS FROM CHICKERELL METHODISTS: CHURCH & HALL corner of North Square and West St

Craft and Chat: 2pm in the Chapel on **Wednesday 7th & 21st June**. Bring your own craft and enjoy a chat with friends or perhaps learn something new! Crafty Sew & Sews: 7pm in the hall on **Friday 9th & 23rd June.**
We welcome new members to our craft groups or just come along for a chat.
Our next **Coffee morning is on Saturday 24th June from 10am to 11.30am** in the hall. Coffee/tea, cakes and raffle. All welcome.

CHICKERELL FOODBANK Email: placemarys4@gmail.com

The foodbank is in need of the following if you are able: Tinned meat (hot dogs, meatballs, mincemeat); tins of tomatoes, small tins of potatoes, tins of carrots. Also tinned puddings.
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Donation points are: 56 Lilly Lane, Chickerell Primary Academy, Chickerell Library, when open; 11 Randall Close and Victory Hall, Charlestown. Blessings to you all – Jacqui & the team.

MORE LOCAL GROUPS

FRIENDS OF WEYMOUTH LIBRARY (FOWL) Travel talk on **Saturday June 3rd** by Ian Williamson, who has travelled in Australia and trekked across the Cradle Mountains in Tasmania. The talk begins at 10.30am, refreshments provided, and all are welcome. Tickets £2 for members of FOWL and £3 for non-members. Tickets from Weymouth Library.

WYKE REGIS HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY: It has been a very busy spring at the 'Horti' with a huge demand for compost, leading to some varieties being sold out! New stock now in. Summer bedding plants are also in stock and we are sowing more vegetables. The Club House is in Rylands Lane and you can join for £10 a year. Gardeners share information, advice and encouragement over coffee, while buying seeds, canes, compost and other requirements. The Trading Post is open Wednesdays 2-4pm and Saturdays 9.30am-12.30pm. To join, just pop in when we are open. For more information, enquiries@wrhs.org.uk or leave a message on 01305 759668.

SOUTH DORSET RADIO SOCIETY: Meets on second Friday of the month at the Weymouth West Scout Hall, Granby Close, DT4 0SR from 7.30pm. For more information see the website – search Ham Radio South Dorset.

WEYMOUTH & DISTRICT PROBUS CLUB: For retired men. Meets on the second Wednesday monthly at The Brewers Fayre, Lodmoor, starting with coffee. Varied programme of talks (photography & local history recently) occasional quizzes; some stay for lunch. New members very welcome. Details: Secretary 01305 771822.

WEYMOUTH AND PORTLAND LADIES PROBUS: Meetings held on the fourth Wednesday in the month, 10am, at Brewers Fayre, Lodmoor (except July & August).

SOUTH DORSET CALEDONIAN SOCIETY: Holds weekly Scottish Country Dancing classes including Ceilidh dance practice at the **Willowbed Hall, Chickerell on Monday afternoons 3.30 to 5.45pm.** Beginners welcome. £3 per head, includes tea/coffee. You do not need a partner. The society also holds other events such as: St Andrews Day celebrations, Burns Night, & Ceilidhs. Contact: 835075. franktough2@btinternet.com

REPAIR CAFÉ – LAST CHANCE BEFORE SUMMER BREAK! Weymouth Repair Café is at the Top Club, off Louviers Road, Littlemoor, on **June 10th from 10.30am to 12.30pm**. It's the last chance to get a sewing, electronic, electric or glue repair before the Weymouth café takes its summer break for July and August – it returns on the second Saturday in September. Last month's café, part of the national Big Fix, saw 83 repair items come in. Expert volunteers repair items for a donation. There is a free car park adjoining the site.

GREEN SPOT – from Chickerell Primary Academy

The children are looking forward to discussing 'boomerang bags' at their next Pupil Voice Group meeting. This will embrace the group's focus of supporting green issues, recycling, and saving energy. The children will find out more about this initiative and then discuss ways to promote it throughout school. Watch this space to find out how many times a plastic bag can be reused!

Editor's note: Boomerang Bags are a global movement to help stop single-use plastic bags. They are usually made from donated or recycled materials and are designed to be used many times.

Nature Notes – what has been seen in and around Chickerell

Contact was intrigued to hear about a strange bird that has been seen around the area, and heard singing, over the past few weeks. It was spotted locally in a garden in Littlesea, where it spent a day singing its heart out. A photo taken on that day showed a bird with a black crown to its head, a red/orange chest and a grey back, with a distinctive white flash across its tail. Nothing in any of our bird books looked like it. Research among other bird watchers locally has found it to be a **Brahminy Starling**, an escapee that has, apparently been seen around Weymouth, Wyke Regis and Chickerell.

On a different note, we hope to see a good number of butterflies over the summer after spotting a **Holly Blue** up in North Square at the end of April. It was darting about over the ivy up by the start of Barr Lane. Ivy is a popular plant for butterflies. Another Holly Blue was seen on the edge of the Willowbed field in more recent weeks and a Red Admiral at the end of Lower Putton Lane, just by the stream.

Butterfly Conservation, the national charity based in East Lulworth, has released the State of the UK's Butterflies Report 2022 and declared that 80 per cent of the butterflies in the UK have declined since the 1970s, due to loss of habitat.

Finally a **cuckoo** was heard over towards the electricity sub-station just as we were going to press. These migrants are becoming quite rare now in this country and have always been an evocative sound of summer.

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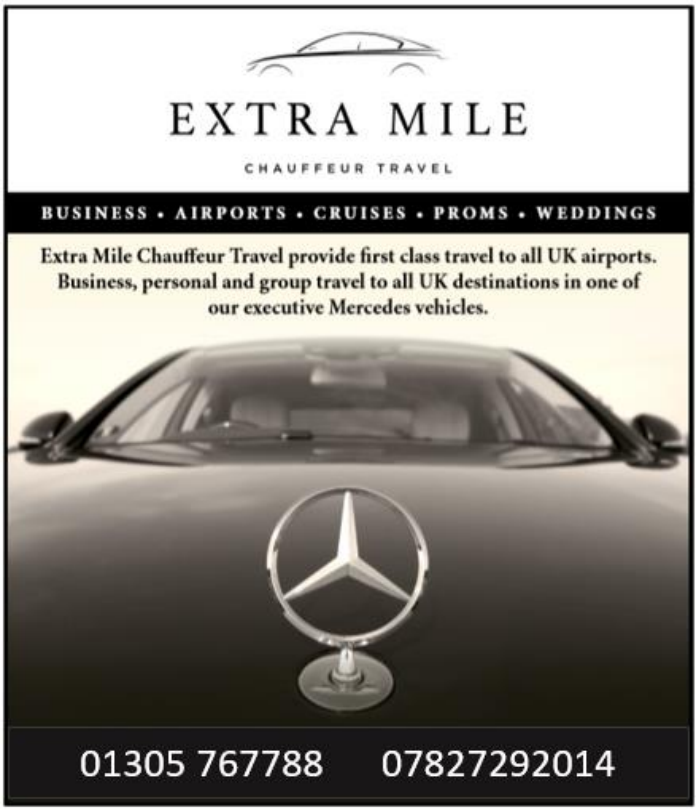

Photo shows the coronation party at Victory Hall, Charlestown. It included a quiz & a toast to His Majesty.

NEWS FROM DORSET TRADING STANDARDS: Protected Food Names. Did you know that Champagne, Parma Ham and Scotch Whisky are all protected food names? If you did, you may not know that our region has protected food names too, such as: Dorset Blue Cheese, West Country Farmhouse Cheddar Cheese, West Country Beef and Lamb and New Forest Pannage Ham. There is also the Cornish Pasty, Exmoor Blue Cheese, Wiltshire Cured Hay, Fal Oysters from Cornwall, Cornish Clotted Cream and Cornish Sardines. Anyone wishing to produce a food that carries a protected food name must be audited against a published specification before they sell the food. Trading Standards typically carry out these audits to help protect food names and the interests of local food producers.

Dance, music, theatre, cinema and film news

WESSEX FOLK FESTIVAL is all set for **Saturday June 3rd and Sunday June 4th** around Weymouth harbour. Music will be on two stages with Morris Dancing and street traders around the south side of the harbour.

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WEYMOUTH Pavilion (Box office 783225) : Wessex Musical Theatre's The Addams Family opened at the Pavilion on May 31st and continues until June 3rd. Tribute bands this month include: Neil Diamond, Shakin' Stevens, Abba, and Take That. Something a bit different set for June 9th is a chance to dance the night away to 1980s film soundtracks such as Footloose, Flashdance and Dirty Dancing during the Time of Our Lives production. There is also a charity rave party (over 18s only) in the Ocean Room to raise money for Motor Neurone Disease on June 30th with local DJs taking part.

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FILM NEWS: The latest Spiderman and Transformer films dominate screens in June. Event cinema (reserved seating) at Dorchester Plaza and Weymouth Cineworld: ROH Live Opera Il Trovatore on 13th June and National Theatre Live Fleabag (2023 Re-Release) with Phoebe Waller-Bridge on June 15th. Cineworld is also showing Matthew Bourne's Sleeping Beauty on June 28th, The Official Take That musical Greatest Days on 16,17 & 18 June and a special restored edition of Thelma and Louise on 7th June.

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A Look back to Contact Magazine - JUNE 1991

- Chickerell Parish Council chairman was urging all residents to attend a public meeting at Budmouth School over plans for two roads; one that would cut a swathe through Buckland Ripers and Coldharbour and then go to the roundabout at Wessex Stadium and the other along the Fleet to Portland, cutting through a large part of the Cerne Villa Caravan site on its way.
- News came that the Woodland Trust would be developing the land east of Glennie Way by planting trees and shrubs, 'creating a new wildlife habitat, rides and glades for public enjoyment'.
- The parish council decided to name the new road on the Laing development 'The Bindells'.
- The Fisherman's Arms (*used to be on Lower Putton Lane*) announced it would be reviving the village darts open knock-out with singles, pairs, mixed pairs and mixed fours, £1 per entry.
- Chickerell County Primary School achieved some success in the Technology Fair at Purbeck Middle School with two pupils coming third in the 5-7 age group and another second in the 7-9 age group with their 'sorting machines'. A commendation was also achieved for three boys in the 9-11 age group for their 'automatic plant watering device'.

A LOOK BACK TO THE OLD DAYS – Putton Farm, Lower Putton Lane

Our historic photo this month is of Putton Farm in Lower Putton Lane; only one building remains today.

The name Putton dates back to the 15th century, but its roots are Anglo-Saxon, based on the word Podingtun, a settlement of the people of Pod or Poda.

The fields of the manor of Putton were sandwiched between Putton Lane and East Chickerell (now the electricity sub station). The farm itself was documented from the 18th century; the historic picture above was taken in 1960. Note the car in the farmyard. The land immediately surrounding the farmhouse was developed from the 1980s onwards.

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4th All Age Service with Nigel Uden **11th Rev Jo Haine**
18th Rev Matt Renyard **25th Rev Richard Simmons**

2nd July: All Age Service with Jacqui Meadows. *Enquiries for baptisms, weddings & funerals: Please contact the Parish Office on 01305 786043 or leave a message.*

Holy Trinity, Fleet: Our next monthly service will be taken by **Fr Gregory** from 9am on **Sunday 11th June** (Based on our usual 30 minute said Eucharist service). Fr Gregory will also hold a service in the **old original Fleet church at the end of Butter Street on Sunday 25th June at 9am**. There is no parking at the old church so please park at the new church (Holy Trinity); there will be a shuttle service between the churches up to 8.55am and again after the service. We would like to welcome Anthea Spearing who joins John Coombe as Wardens of the two churches and thank Karen Huntley for her many years of service to the church as she steps down this year. We look forward to seeing the many new members of the congregation that have joined us in recent months, but there is still room for many more. 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

JUNE

4th Richard Lownsbrough **11th Pam Woodland**
18th Rev Ruth Lownsbrough (Holy Communion) **25th Rev Brenda Stephenson**

Services start at 10.30am and coffee is served afterwards. Masks are worn at your own discretion.
See Methodist Church news for craft group dates; short time of prayer in the chapel after coffee morning on June 24th followed by usually share lunch in a local hostelry.

CHICKERELL GOSPEL HALL: Corner of Chickerell Road/East Street. Services Sundays 3.30pm

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18th C Warren **25th Rev R Lownsbrough – Holy Communion**

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