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From the editor:

This month we publish news of the Life and Soul Trust Local Hero Awards in November. Please read the details. Chickerell Library is looking for volunteers. Our library is such as asset to the town and needs our support. Charlestown Victory Hall is also an asset that needs our support.
The Chickerell Town Council is pleased to announce Yoga on the Green resumes this month. Interestingly, I see in my records that a Yoga Club applied to the old village school for rooms in 1986.
We send our sincere sympathy to the Warwick family of Fleet for the sad loss of Alex. Please see the obituary in Contact this month.
There will be a memorial service on May 25th at the US Memorial on the seafront. Many of the men who went from Weymouth and Portland in the summer of 1944 were stationed at Fleet and at Chickerell Camp.
And finally, now is the chance to have your say if you have concerns about planning applications to the east of our town.

John Dean

DIARY DATES - MAY
For more see local group entries

1st: Library coffee morning 10-11.30
1st: Bingo, Charlestown Victory Hall, open 6.30pm, eyes down 7pm.
4th: Walkers Club meets, 10am,Weymouth Park & Ride.
4th: Book & Bric-a-brac sale, 10-2pm, Randall Close (if wet, on 25th)
5th: Colour & Chat, library 2-4pm.
6th: Craft & Chat, Methodist Church Chapel, 2pm.
7th: Chickerell Luncheon Club.
8th May: Quiz Night, Chickerell Primary Academy.
9th: Free yoga on Willowbed Field, 9.30am. Supported by town council.
11th: Coffee morning, Charlestown Victory Hall, 10am-11.30am.
11th: Peto Book Club, library, 2pm.
13th: Craft Group library, 10.15-12.15
15th: St Mary's Coffee morning in the church, 10am-12noon.
15th: Bingo, Charlestown Victory Hall, open 6.30pm, eyes down 7pm.
16th: Walkers Club meets, 9am, Lugger. Monthly one hour social.
16th: Hedgehog Fair, Methodist Church, North Square 11am-2pm.
19th: Colour & Chat, library 2-4.
20th : Craft & Chat, Methodist Church Chapel, 2pm.
22nd : Walkers Club meets, 9.30am, Willowbed Hall. Walk to Weymouth.
23rd: Life & Soul Race Day, Lugger. Gates open midday.
27th: Craft Group library, 10.15-12.15.
30th : Coffee morning, Methodist Chapel, 10-11.30am.
26th: Walkers Club meets, Southill car park, 9.30am for circular walk.

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CHICKERELL WEBSITE By James Bennett: Find us at www.chickerell.com and view Contact Magazine including past issues.

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NEWS……NEWS….. see News Extra and town council news also this month

VILLAGE SHOW IS BACK!

Chickerell's annual village show is all set for Saturday 8th August in the Willowbed Hall from 12.30-4pm - in conjunction with Picnic in the Park. Categories will include cut flowers, pot plants, fruit and vegetables, children's section, cookery, handicraft, floral arrangements, photography and novice section. Show programmes will be available soon and previous exhibitors will receive a programme through their letterbox in the coming weeks. For more information contact chickerellshow@gmail.com

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HOMES ON FIELDS – HAVE YOUR SAY: From a Chickerell resident: "Please visit the Dorset Council planning applications website and leave your comments (Green Fields east of Chickerell & South of Coldharbour Application No: WD/D/20/002569) on this revised application for more new housing developments in Chickerell, again all on green field sites. This might be your last opportunity to voice your opinion before Dorset Council approves this development for 328 houses." **The closing date for comments is 15th May**. Thank you. Carol Dadds. (*See planning permission detail on town council news page under planning applications*)

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Chickerell Hedgehog-friendly Town Group - Spring Fair in aid of local hedgehog rescue centres.

Chickerell Methodist Church, North Square on Saturday May 16th, 11am to 2pm.

Information about hedgehogs, stalls and hedgehog novelty gift items. Refreshments available - hot and soft drinks. Cakes, biscuits and Bacon butties. (Vegetarian, GF and dairy free available).

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EAGLES SOAR OVER CHICKERELL: Local people have been thrilled to see White Tailed Eagles soaring overhead in the local area, specifically around School Hill. The eagles come from a reintroduction on the Isle of Wight a few years ago now and juveniles, particularly, are known for flying hundreds of kilometres. If any reader hears a lot of noise from gulls rising high into the air, it is worth looking up into the sky because they have may have been spooked by a bird of prey such as an eagle, flying overhead. Sea Eagles have an unmistakable outline – they are very large with a big wingspan that includes 'fingers' on their outer edge. It is only the adults that have a white tail. *For more on what has been seen locally, see Nature Notes*

FROM THE LIFE & SOUL COMMUNITY TRUST :

The Life and Soul Trust's DEBUT

Local Hero Awards!

Who would you nominate as a local hero?

Every community has its heroes. They are the people who show up when it matters most. The ones who give their time, lift others up, and make a difference, often quietly and without expectation of recognition. This November, The Life and Soul Trust proudly brings these stories into the spotlight with its very first Local Hero Awards Evening. Taking place on **Saturday 14th November** at Willowbed Hall, it will be an evening dedicated to celebrating the individuals who make our community such a special place to live.

Whether it's someone who has supported others through difficult times, a volunteer who goes above and beyond, a young person making a difference, or a local business giving back. This is an opportunity to recognise those who truly embody the spirit of our village.

Award categories include: *Community Hero of the Year (our overall winner)***;** *Young Hero Award; Lifetime Contribution Award; Volunteer of the Year***;** *Caring Heart Award***;** *Community Spirit Award***;** *Green Champion Award***;** *Community Sports Hero***;** *Local Business Award.*

And this is where you come in...

Some people don't realise they're heroes… until someone else tells their story.

Nominations will open in May, giving everyone the chance to put forward someone from the local area who they believe deserves to be recognised. Just tell us why your nominee stands out, and why their contribution matters. **More details, including nomination forms and categories, will be shared soon.** Keep an eye on The Life and Soul Trust Facebook page, look out in local businesses, or email **lifeandsoulheroawards@gmail.com** for more information and to request a nomination form.

The awards evening itself will be a fun and uplifting event, bringing the community together for a night of recognition, pride, and connection. We can't wait to see you there!

Until then, start thinking. **Nominations close on 28th June**, so don't miss the chance to recognise someone who deserves it. Because behind every strong community are the people who make it what it is—and this is our chance to say thank you.

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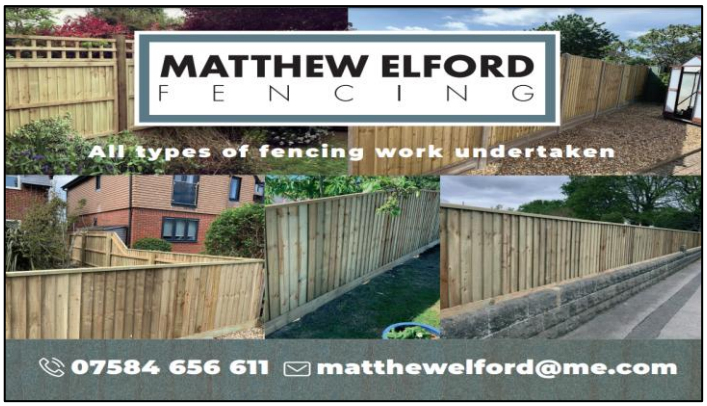

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NEWS FROM LOCAL GROUPS, CLUBS & SOCIETIES – more overleaf

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

The 100 Club winners for April were numbers 70, 10 and 23. Anyone still wishing to join the 100 Club can pay £9 for May for inclusion in the following monthly draws from June through to February 2027. Entry forms should be on the front pew in the church or contact Hilary on 01305 772817 or email johnben33@gmail.com. The coffee morning in March raised £134; thank you to the cake makers, the customers and the 'staff'. **Our coffee morning in May in the North Aisle Café in church is on Friday 15th.** If you have any jigsaws, paperback books or bric-a-brac that you would like to donate to church funds, please contact Hilary, as above, for collection or bring to 11 Randall Close. Thank you.

Bank Holiday Book Sale with Bric-a-Brac at 11 Randall Close on Monday 4th May 10am-2pm if the weather is fine or if not, on Bank Holiday Monday 25th May; providing that is fine!

NEWS FROM THE LIFE & SOUL COMMUNITY TRUST

The annual **Life & Soul Race Day fundraiser is being held on Saturday 23rd May**. This hugely popular family event is once again taking place in the Octopus's Garden at The Lugger where pre-recorded races will be shown on a large outside TV. There will also be a Tote for small, fun bets, a Gin, Pimms & Prosecco bar, a tombola and a Ladies Day best dressed competition. As with previous events, racegoers will be able to sponsor races, 'buy' horses at auction and reserve tables in advance in a designated hospitality area. Please contact Liam at The Lugger to book a table as these go very quickly. Following racing, That Covers Band will be performing live and during the day a barbecue will be available. Gates open at Midday and first race will be at 1.30pm. For more information, please follow the Life & Soul Community Trust Facebook page.

The next Life & Soul Village Café is on **Saturday 20th June** at the Willowbed Hall. 10am to Midday. Unfortunately, due to venue availability issues, there is **NO CAFÉ IN MAY.**

LIFE & SOUL WALKERS CLUB: Group walks organised each month for those who like walking

We are blessed in this area with appealing walks and lovely views. An interesting fact; British coastal path stretches 2,700 miles and all footpaths in Dorset add up to 3,000 miles. **Monday 4th May:** Lorton Meadow Walk. Meet 10am at Park & Ride Weymouth. Circular walk including woods and good views. Medium, four mile walk.

Saturday 16th May: The Popular One Hour Social Walk. Meet 9am at the Lugger.

Friday 22nd May: Fleet Walk to Weymouth. Meet 9.30am at Willowbed Hall. Coffee stop at Sandsfoot Garden then to Weymouth & catch the bus home. Medium five to six miles walk. **Tuesday 26th May:** Brunch Walk. Meet 9.30am at Southill car park. Circular walk via the country, bird sanctuary & promenade. Stop for brunch on return. Easy four mile walk.

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

Another superb meal we had in April. Thank you very much to all the staff at The Turks Head Inn. We are now taking bookings for our **spring mystery outing on May 27th**. Last day for signing up is our next **meeting on May 7th**. In May we are having roast pork carvery, roast potatoes and lots of vegetables, followed by fruit crumble and custard. If you would like to join us, please phone Ann; we do have a few vacancies.

For any cancellations or queries, please phone Ann 07387 223339 or Ruth 775364.

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:** am: Move it or Lose it, 10am-11am. Pm: Ballet; Modern Tap* (WSB). **Wednesday:** 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: Bingo: Two dates for **May – Friday 1st and 15th. No Bingo on the 29th**. The next Coffee Mornings will be **Monday 11th May** and 1st June. Preparations are underway for the AGM (date to be confirmed). If you are interested in joining the committee, please contact the Secretary on 07512760905 **by 13th May** for information. The Victory Hall field has had the first cut of the season, and the committee was pleased to see children playing football and various sports over the Easter school holidays. Booking enquiries: Contact Joe on 01305 789125.

STOP PRESS: **FREE CPR and defibrillator training at Charlestown Victory Hall on Monday 11th May at 11.30**. Please register interest with the chairman on 07921509490.

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

Members really enjoyed joining in with twirling pompoms, balancing bean bags and shaking maracas, all to toe tapping music at the April meeting; 'Feel fabulous from your seat'; a series of exercises to keep fit both physically and mentally and a great giggle! Jay, E & M Wellbeing and a WI member, went through one of her classes as advertised in Contact, and a super time was had by all.
For more information about future meetings/events, please contact Jacqui on 07870 411721.

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

The Craft and Chat group will meet at 2pm in the Chapel on **Wednesdays 6th & 20th May.** Bring your own craft and enjoy a chat with friends or perhaps learn something new. We welcome new members to our craft groups or just come along for a chat. Our next Coffee Morning will be on **Saturday 30th May** from 10-11.30am in the Chapel. Coffee/tea and cake and biscuits will be served and there will be the usual raffle. All welcome. Date for your diary: Arts & Crafts Fair at Weymouth Bay Methodist Church will be from 18th to 21st August, 10am-3pm.

MARSHALLSAY COURT: Events in the communal lounge in the flats in Marshallsay Road
Coffee mornings every Wednesday 10-11am with raffle.

THIS AND THAT AND A GOOD OLD CHAT – Wednesday 6th May. Join us for free tea/coffee and cake/biscuits. Bring any craft but most importantly bring yourselves. Tele/message 07591851075 for more details.

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We really need any of the following: Tea, coffee, semi-skimmed long-life milk. Cereal. Biscuits. Chicken in white wine sauce in a tin. Tinned minced beef. Tins of carrots, garden peas, sweetcorn, potatoes.
Our drop off points are: 56 Lilly Lane (shed if out); Chickerell Library (when open); Chickerell Primary Academy (term time only); Wisebuys, Lynch Lane; Victory Hall, Charlestown; 57 Oldridge Rd; 11 Randall Close (garage if out). Chickerell Town Council offices at the Willowbed Hall: The council can take donations Monday to Thursday, between 9.30 and 12noon.
Please telepone or message 07591851075 if you need help or if you have a donation but need us to collect.

COMMUNITY LUNCH – at Marshallsay Court 19th May for a special buffet lunch as we still have no cooker and many said you were missing us! Please tel/message 07591851075 for more details.

MORE LOCAL GROUPS & EVENTS

SOUTHILL GARDENING CLUB: Plant Sale & Seed Swop, 7.30pm, Tuesday 12th May at Southill Community Centre. Stock up for the new season and meet & chat with fellow gardeners. Members and non-members are welcome. Refreshments available. Further information on the show or the club in general can be obtained from Nigel Smith on 01305 788939.

WYKE REGIS GARDENING CLUB: It's May and time to plant! We have a variety of flower and vegetable plants available in the shop ready for you. The Clubhouse in Rylands Lane is open Wednesdays from 2pm to 4pm and on Saturdays from 9.30am to 12.30pm. Membership £10 per year. For more information Email: enquiries@wrhs.org.uk or call 01305 602137.

WEYMOUTH & PORTLAND LADIES PROBUS CLUB: Are you over 55 or semi-retired? Come along & join us at our sociable meetings on the fourth Wednesday of the month from 11am to 1pm for an interesting talk & lunch afterwards if you choose. First three meetings free! Phone Diana on 01305 785313 for details and a chat.

ANDYSMANCLUB Helping to get men talk, meets Mondays 7pm (except Bank Holidays) in the Dry Dock, St Thomas Street, Weymouth; at the Beehive, Portland and the Cadet Reserve Barracks, Dorchester info@andysmanclub.co.uk (National Charity).

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Can you spare a couple of hours occasionally? The library committee is looking for new volunteers to join the team! You can help as little or as often as you like. You can attend a session to see what happens before you commit to three training sessions and you are never left to work alone. A public consultation about the proposed plans for a small extension to the library will take place from 27th April to 6th June. Further details & a questionnaire is online via Chickerell Town Council's website and Facebook page. The plans are available to view at the library during opening hours and paper copies of the questionnaire available for completion. Please could as many of you respond. Thank you. Events: **Coffee Morning** 10–11.30am **Friday 1st May. Peto Book Club: Monday 11th May, 2pm.** The **Colour and Chat Group Tues. 5th & 19th May 2–4pm**. **Craft Group** (formerly Knit & Natter): **Weds. 13th & 27th May** 10.15-12.15. **Lego:** See Facebook page for more information.

CHICKERELL PRE-SCHOOLS

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Sessions: We are now taking applications for September 2026, with sessions available for three and four year olds and limited spaces from age two years six months. We accept Tax-free Childcare and 15/30-hour funded places.
Information: As we enter the summer term, **we are supporting children preparing for their transition to primary** school. Loose parts play continues to inspire creativity, with children building obstacle courses, rockets and more, while developing teamwork and problem-solving skills. **A recent interest in astronauts has led to exciting conversations about the Artemis II mission,** sparking curiosity and imaginative play among the children. For more information please visit our website or Facebook page, which are regularly updated.

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

POP UP CIRCUS in school field: The PTA has announced it is bringing a circus to the school field for one day – Friday 5th June – for two special performances for pupils and a one-off public performance at 4.30pm. Tickets are £5 each and are available from the school office or online via pta-events.co.uk/chickerell

CHICKERELL PRIMARY ACADEMY - Rashley Road.

School Office: 01305 579148 – please contact office if you are new to the area and would like to join our school

NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL: The children and staff returned to school feeling refreshed and relaxed after a wonderful, sunny Easter break. After a busy spring term, it was lovely to finish on a high before the holidays. We enjoyed a fantastic **talent show**, where our children showcased their amazing abilities, including singing, dancing, skipping (inspired by our visit from The Skipping Ninja), comedy and magic. The children were brilliant at entertaining us, and we are incredibly proud of them for having the confidence to perform in front of such a large audience. The children thoroughly enjoyed the performances and were wonderfully supportive throughout.
We also held a **Chase the Easter Bunny charity race around the school** grounds on the last day of term. Each class took part, chasing the Easter Bunny and enjoying plenty of fresh air and exercise. A huge thank you to our parents/carers for raising sponsorship money for this event, which supported the charity Comic Relief. Our wonderful PTA kindly treated every child to a chocolate bunny as a reward for their super efforts.
The children have settled back into school beautifully and are already excited about their **new projects, which range from 'Animal Safari' in Reception to 'Britain at War' in Year 6.** The summer term is also when many of our **educational visits** take place. These are always a highlight of the school year and really help to bring the children's learning to life. Our Year 6 children are working hard in preparation for their **SATs in May**. SATs are national assessments taken at the end of primary school to help schools understand how well children are progressing in reading, maths and grammar. During this time, we ensure that our children's wellbeing remains a priority, with plenty of opportunities for PE and creative, art-based activities so they can continue to enjoy a broad and balanced school experience. We are very much looking forward to a fantastic summer term with the children!

Date for Your Diary - Summer Fete – Saturday 20th June, 11am–2pm

A fun-filled event for the whole community — please don't miss it!

With best wishes from the children, staff and governors.

CHICKERELL TOWN COUNCIL

Council offices adjoin Willowbed Hall, Putton Lane.
Office open Monday to Thursday 9.30am to noon Tel: 01305 767458.
Website www.chickerell-tc.gov.uk Email: townclerk@chickerell-tc.gov.uk

The Town Council has responsibilities for Chickerell's **open spaces**, eg., Willowbed field, Claypits (off Glennie Way) and the land off Meadow Close. It is also responsible for the **hiring out** of the Willowbed Hall and Sports Pavilion (Lower Way); has responsibilities for the **local cemetery** (St Mary's), **bus shelters**, the **play area** on the Willowbed field and allotments**.** Please contact the council if there are any issues with these areas.

Town Council full council meeting 3rd Tuesday of every month, in the Willowbed Hall at 7pm.
Members of public welcome to speak in democratic half hour 7-7.30pm.

Anti-social behaviour: Please report all incidents to the police either online : The website is dorset.police.uk - see the Contact section (where you can report crime online) or by calling 101, 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.

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The main number for Dorset Council is 221000. The main number for Dorset Council which covers this area is 251010.
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DOG WARDEN: Contact by email: envhealth@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk
STREETLIGHTS: If there is a streetlight out, please phone 0800 0684145.
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Water emergencies: Report to Wessex Water – 0345 600 4 600.
Electric Emergencies: 105. Call this number for emergency help.
CITIZENS ADVICE: Details on website www.westdorsetca.org.uk

PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND ENFORCEMENT: Dorset Council on 01305 251010. See website www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk follow links to planning section and search for Chickerell to view applications.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS received by Dorset Council

WD/D/20/002569: Land East of Chickerell and South of Coldharbour: An outline application for up to 328 dwellings with full details supplied in respect of 143 dwellings (Phase A) including creation of new accesses onto School Hill and Chickerell Link Road (B3157), including details of the internal spine road, landscaping, drainage, car parking, public open space and associated works for Phase A. All other matters reserved in respect of 185 dwellings (Phases B and C) and land for a primary school, public open space including, landscaping and associated works.

TOWN COUNCILLOR SURGERY: 11am to 12noon on Saturday 16th May at the Marquis of Granby.

NEWS FROM CHICKERELL TOWN COUNCIL: FREE Yoga on the Green is back; returning to the Willowbed field every Saturday from 9th May to September starting at 9.30am; open to all ages & abilities. All welcome; just bring a yoga mat and a drink. The sessions will once again be led by Sukha (Emily Denton).
Annual Statutory Meeting and Election of Mayor will be held on Tuesday 19th May. Councillors will elect the Mayor and Deputy Mayor. Members of the public are very welcome to attend and observe the meeting.
Litter Pick Event – Council Clarification: Following a reader's letter published in the previous issue of *Contact* regarding the cancelled litter pick event, Chickerell Town Council would like to clarify the circumstances. The event was cancelled the day before it was due to take place due to circumstances outside the council's control. Ongoing works meant council equipment was unexpectedly inaccessible and attempts to loan replacement equipment were unsuccessful at such short notice. Once the cancellation was confirmed, the council updated its digital channels, amended the town council website and placed a notice at the council offices. These steps were taken to ensure residents were informed as promptly as possible with all reasonable communication measures used available within the timeframe.

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

QUIZ NIGHT FOR SCHOOL From the Friends of Chickerell Primary Academy: Put your knowledge to the test at what promises to be a fun-filled Quiz Night on **Friday 8th May.** Teams of up to six can enter for £60 per table, which includes a shared food platter for each team: The evening is BYOB and open to anyone aged 18 and over. Arrival is from 7pm, with the quiz starting at 7.30pm. Please contact the school in person or via our Facebook Page - Friends of Chickerell Primary Academy. Funds raised will help support the school.

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POSTBOX BACK: The postbox outside the old Charlestown Post Office is now back in operation – after it was sealed over in March temporarily. The look of the box is now different – complete with a solar panel on top. It now has a large drawer for parcel drop-offs, but still has a slot for letters at the top.

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HELP FOR OLDER PEOPLE: Age UK South West Dorset offers support for any older person who may be feeling lonely or isolated, by offering local social opportunities for those able to get out and about and for those housebound, information that can help including home visits from a volunteer. The charity can also provide a Good Neighbour volunteer that can help with a one-off task such as fixing curtains or taking some rubbish to the tip. It can also provide other support such as information on home support services, free home safety checks or fit a call blocker to a mainline telephone if people are troubled by nuisance calls. For more information call Age UK NSWD on 01305 269444 or email enquiries@ageuknswd.org.uk

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FIRE STATIONS – HAVE YOUR SAY: The ongoing public consultation into the potential closure of eight fire stations by Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service will run until **Friday 15th May.** They include Cranborne, Hamworthy and Maiden Newton in Dorset. The service says the closures are needed because of the challenging financial position and they want to know what the people of the county think before the final decision is made on 30th June. A consultation document and survey on proposed station closures can be viewed at the dwfire.org.uk website. A copy of the survey can be requested by calling 01722 691000 during office hours or by emailing consultation@dwfire.org.uk Concerns have been expressed how quickly the brigade will be able to get to the areas where these stations are based if they are closed. Crews and appliances from the stations under threat of closure also help back up other crews in major incidents across the county - including heathland fires.

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WORRIED ABOUT WATER ISSUES? Wessex Water is holding its next community drop-in at The Dry Dock, St Thomas Street, Weymouth (opposite the post office) from 10am to noon and 1pm to 2pm on **May 27th**. Residents can ask about bills, saving water, preventing blockages & water quality.

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REMEMBRANCE: There will be a special **US Memorial Day Service at 11am on Monday 25th May at the US Memorial on the seafront** to pay tribute to the American troops that sailed from Weymouth in the summer of 1944 - D Day. The memorial has been restored in recent weeks.

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OBITUARY: Alex Warwick: It is with heartbreak and unimaginable sadness that we share that our wonderful son Alex passed away peacefully on 14th March, surrounded by his loved ones at home in Fleet. He was a student doctor at Liverpool University Medical School and had been battling a grade 4 brain tumour since May last year. His funeral was held at St Paul's Weymouth, and he is buried in Old Fleet Church. During his last week we were brilliantly supported by local district nurses and the Weldmar Hospice.

After his diagnosis Alex campaigned on behalf of BrainsTrust, an Isle of Wight charity, receiving endorsements from many celebrity figures. He had several articles about his fight in national newspapers, on BBC News and Good Morning Britain. He had a meeting with the Secretary of State for Health about the newly launched Cancer Plan and to advocate for doctors to have greater professional curiosity for young people when presenting repeatedly with unexplained symptoms. The generosity and kindness he received helped keep Alex's strength and spirits high, and he continued to read messages on the fundraising page even during his last week. Over the last few months our family have raised almost £200,000 and we will continue his fight to help others. Contributions can be made at https://www.justgiving.com/page/alex-warwick-2025

Alex was a beautiful, kind soul whose dream was to become a doctor and help others, so it's fitting that the funds will be used to help others like Alex and families like ours. We are now working with BrainsTrust to consider how we can best honour Alex's extraordinary contribution and legacy. Ian and Indira

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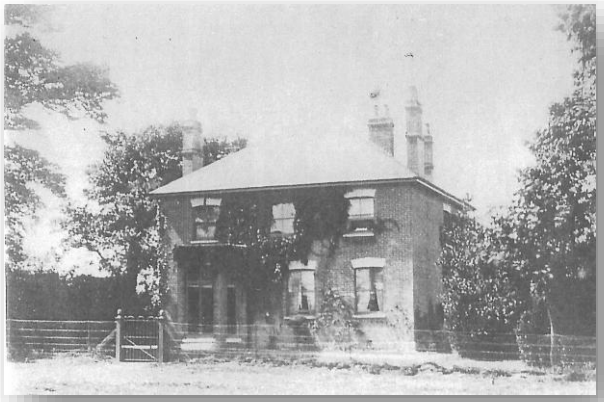
LOOKING BACK; WINTER ACTIVITIES From Contact December 1982 by Lyn Carry



The old Rectory stood at the end of East Street & was approached via a drive from the Main Road

When the Reverend Christie lived at the old Rectory (pictured, now demolished) his wife used to hold meetings during the winter months commencing in early September called Christian Endeavour. These were mainly attended by the girls of the Sunday School, and the main occupation was preparing articles and items for the Christmas Bazaar and Church Sales. We used to hurry along the Main Road (now Chickerell Road) just before dusk and down the Rectory drive at double quick speed, because the trees were dark and the shrubbery dense, to the welcome light of the Rectory porch. Once safely there we would gather round a large table in the kitchen warmed by an old-fashioned Aga stove and commence to knit dishcloths, tea cosies, woollen hats, scarves and mittens or sew or embroider tray cloths and chairbacks (*cloths for the backs of chairs*).

When the meetings were over, the Rector, his wife or daughter, would walk along the main road with us until we were met by one of our parents who escorted us the rest of the way. This precaution was necessary because certain high-spirited lads and boys, especially in the brickyard area, had a habit of hiding in hedges and behind walls and making weird animal noises, or worse still, jumping out and frightening the life out of any girls passing by! All harmless fun, of course. If it wasn't completely dark, you might sometimes see a parcel lying in the road - but when you went to investigate – it mysteriously moved of its own accord! If you were not too nervous to go closer, you would see it was attached to a piece of string which stretched along the ground and disappeared into the hedge from which would come much chuckling and giggles…

The photo was printed in July 2024 Contact courtesy of Charlie Oldridge

Nature Notes and news – including what has been seen in and around Chickerell

As the weather gets warmer and sunnier, it has been good to see more butterflies on the wing – a **Comma** – bright orange and brown speckled with ragged edges – on the verge up at the top end of old Putton Lane, and **Brimstone** butterflies along with **Speckled Woods,** in the older, larger hedgerows across Chickerell. There has been a **Blackcap** in the reeded area at the bottom of Oldridge Road where it meets the end of Lower Putton Lane. A male Blackcap, part of the warbler family, is a small, greyish bird with a distinctive black skull cap and it loves dense undergrowth. Best of all, the first **swallows** were seen zooming over the fields at the bottom of Lower Putton Lane on April 12th. It is said one swallow does not make a summer, but it is certainly good to see them fly in, knowing that summer is really on its way and this has been the case for centuries. I was also thrilled to see an **Oil Beetle** on the path up to the church. This small, shiny black beetle has blue-green oily sheen in the sun. The light also highlighted its black antennae that had little bright blue little blobs all the way up, similar to beautiful little beads.

A LOOK BACK TO CONTACT MAGAZINE 32 YEARS AGO

MAY 1994

- A special commemoration service and flag parade was to mark the 50th anniversary of the display of the US flag in the little church in Fleet. The flag was donated by the soldiers encamped in the woods & on the Warren at Fleet during World War Two and the service was to 'reflect on the events played out so courageously both here and in France all those years ago'. A display showing how the area was involved in June 1944 was also planned.
- A member of West Dorset District Council spoke to the parish council about how the area would be transformed from three councils (Dorset, West Dorset and parish/town) to just two (Dorset and parish/town).
- Building work was underway for the new Chickerell school. Some concern was expressed that it might increase flooding in the Rashley Road area. The parish council was to write to the district asking it to check this.
- Charlestown Victory Hall said people may have noticed the new colour of the Victory Hall, 'Terracotta' – to 'blend in with the houses'.
- An advert for the Chesil Bank and Fleet Nature Reserve's first publication, 'The Birds of Chesil Bank, The Fleet and Portland Harbour' was in the May 1994 issue with £1 from every book sold via the advert promised to Contact Magazine.

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EVENTS & ENTERTAINMENTS IN MAY

WEYMOUTH PAVILION: (Box Office 01305 783225) Website: weymouthpavilion

Big attractions this month include **Ronnie Scott's Jazz Club on Sunday May 10th** and Violin Virtuoso **Nigel Kennedy on May 30th**.

Tribute acts include: Genesis Connected (May 8th); Money for Nothing (Dire Straits tribute, May 15th); the UK Pink Floyd Experience (May 16th); Hello Again (Neil Diamond, May 21st) and The Ultimate Eagles (May 22nd).

Films include: 25th anniversary showing of Amelie (15) – the classic tale of the waitress who charms Paris - on May 5th at 4pm and on May 26th a 40th anniversary showing of Stand By Me (15) at 4pm – the tale of four boys, based on a Stephen King story, that touched a nerve with so many. Stars River Phoenix and Wil Wheaton.

Film News: Sequels are the big story in the cinema again with two famous subjects getting sequels – The Devil Wears Prada 2 is set to be out this month and Toy Story 5 is set to hit the cinemas next month (June). Both have modern-day updates. The second Devil Wears Prada again features tough cookie editor Meryl Streep, this time finding her way forward in the digital age. The fifth Toy Story sees Buzz and Woody facing a possible come-uppance from an electronic device – a frog-like shaped tablet called Lilypad.

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MUSIC ON WEYMOUTH SEAFRONT returns to Greenhill Gardens this summer thanks to the Friends of Greenhill Gardens with the **first entertainment of the season The Originals from 2-4pm on Sunday 31st May**. Events (subject to weather) run at the gardens on Sundays 2pm-4pm from May 31st to August 31st.

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OTHER WEYMOUTH EVENTS INCLUDE: Fayre in the Square over Saturday 23rd and Sunday 24th at Hope Square and Weymouth harbourside. **Wessex Folk Festival** is in the same venues on the **30th and 31st**.

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DORCHESTER town centre is set to be the venue for **The Thomas Hardy Victorian Street Fair from 11am to 4pm on Sunday May 31st** with a Thomas Hardy theme and crafts, stalls, performances and family activities.

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WEYMOUTH'S NOTHE FORT features: Artillery Displays from 12-3pm on May 10th; Cold war bunkers talks & tours on May 17th and from **23rd-31st May Pirate Half Term** 10am-4pm daily – includes pirate treasure hunt & parade ground pirate ship. For more details see nothefort.org.uk

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LOOKING AHEAD TO JUNE: CHESIL ROCKS PICNIC & PIMMS at Langton Herring in aid of The Samaritans is on Saturday June 20th from noon to 6pm. Entertainment by the Fabulous Portesham Ukulele Band. Guests are invited to bring their own picnic. Onsite bar and cream teas. Tickets (only around 100 people) via www.chesilrocks.com website.

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17th May Parish Eucharist with Rev Dan Harland 24th May Parish Eucharist for Pentecost - Rev Canon Jo Haine
31st May Family Eucharist for Trinity Sunday led by Rev Geoff Hebbern

THE BENEFICE OF WEYMOUTH ST PAULS WITH FLEET – Service at Fleet 2nd Sunday of the month

Holy Trinity Churches Fleet: The monthly service will be at **9am** on **Sunday 10th May** (based on our usual 30-minute communion service) in the New Church, taken by Fr Gregory.

Please note we are holding our APCM (AGM) **at 2.30pm on the same day - Sunday 10th May – in the new church.**
General queries: Geoff Taylor, Secretary 01305 782757.
Fund raising/events: 01305 778080 (churchwarden).

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3rd May Rev Deborah Cornish
17th May Shelagh Clift
31st May Pam Woodland
10th May Peter Jenner – Church anniversary
24th May Rev Helen Harrell (Holy Communion)

See more about Methodist Church groups and regular events in the Methodist Church news section each month

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The weather continues to be unpredictable and regular watering is essential, using grey or rain water where possible. **Summer bedding and veg seedlings can be planted out now if the ground is warm enough**; above 12'C.

Which **fertiliser**? To promote green leaves, plants need Nitrogen, but will grow weak and leggy unless a balance of Potassium (Kalium) is added to build a robust plant, developing strong roots. Phosphorus encourages the flowers and fruits. Always check the NPK. Spring lawn feed has a high level of Nitrogen. Use sparingly, do not waste or over feed.

MULCH AFTER WATERING

Bare soil should be mulched after watering to retain the moisture and suppress weeds. Don't cut or tie the leaves on daffodils and other bulbs; feed and water until they die down to build up the bulb for next year - or they can be dug up and planted in a spare bed.

Trim and feed early flowering plants to promote new growth. **Refresh and feed containers** and hanging baskets. Change the compost and trim roots on pot-bound plants.

Slugs and other pests are hungry - use nematodes as a safe control or pick off at night. **Spread cheap cat litter round seedlings to deter slugs - renew when wet.**

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

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