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LETTER FROM THE RECTOR

Dear Friends,

Here we are in February... I wonder how many of us have kept to our new year's resolutions? Attending the gym, quitting smoking, reading the Bible cover-to-cover, or not eating chocolate ever again! Whatever it is, I wish you well with your resolve. However if we are honest, we know that so often the New Year resolution has not lasted until the end of January, least of all in to February. I would like to suggest that instead of resolving to do something drastic, that we each resolve to do very small things, every day.

It is tempting to wonder if doing small things can really be worth it. What difference can that little thing make? What difference can one person make? Surely it's only a drop in the ocean, so it will not be noticeable. I cannot do much about the big problems in the world, so why should my little actions make a difference? But, the ocean is made up of lots of little tiny drops. And what is more, God works through very small things. I believe that in the same way that God's weakness is stronger than human strength and God can somehow be more powerfully at work in small things done in faith, than in huge, great big, grand gestures.

So if we hear a simple, trusting prayer of a young child, we can know that God is at work. And God will be in the small things we can do each and every day. Whether it is giving a smile to a stranger in the street. Or in the prayer for a relative, that only God hears you say. And God is in the helping hand offered to a neighbour in difficulty, or in the kind word to a stranger that nobody else hears you say.

So as we prepare for all that God has in store for us in 2018 and beyond and for inevitable changes in our church, I suggest we remember some words from the poem 'God knows' by Minnie Louise Haskins.

*And I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year:
"Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown."*

And he replied:

*"Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the Hand of God.
That shall be to you better than light and safer than a known way."*

So I went forth, and finding the Hand of God, trod gladly into the night.

And He led me towards the hills and the breaking of day in the lone East.

Yours,

Richard

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NEW YEAR – NEW CHOIR

The new Roving Choir for the Benefice

- come and join us!

A new Roving Choir is being formed for the churches of Charlton, the Donheads, East Knoyle, Sedgemoor and Semley.

What is involved?

We will be singing at the main Sung Eucharist at 9.30am each Sunday with a short rehearsal at 9.00am, and an early-evening practice on Wednesdays:

1st Sunday of the month: St Leonard's Semley

2nd Sunday: Donhead St Mary (but will return to Donhead St Andrew when it reopens)

3rd Sunday: St Mary's East Knoyle

4th Sunday: Donhead St Mary

5th Sunday: St Catherine's Sedgemoor
(Occasionally we may sing at St John's Charlton instead)

There may be additional special services for major church Festivals, and possible invitations to sing at weddings. Wednesday practices are in the same church as the following Sunday's service - children 5.30-6.30pm; adults 6-7pm. New members are very welcome to join the choir at any time.

Come and join us and make a real contribution to worship in all our churches! It's open to adults and children from about 6 years old upwards - so long as you can read the words of straightforward hymns fairly well. If you can't read music already, we'll help you learn. Try it for a few weeks - we hope that you will enjoy it enough to want to stay.

Have fun making music with like-minded people, and learn musical skills that you can use throughout your life. Sing a variety of music from simple unison songs to full

harmony in the rich heritage of church repertoire - from Tudor music to living composers; the music will be chosen to suit the available singers. There will be opportunities to take part in festivals and training courses with other church choirs; and also for social and fun events.

Don't worry if you can't commit to every week, or would prefer to sing mainly at your "own" church - we'd rather see you sometimes than not at all. (But it will help us to plan if you let us know in advance when you can come).

All choir members still in full-time education will be paid £1 extra pocket money for each practice or service you attend (paid monthly), rising to £1.50 as you gain more experience!

Want to know more?

Contact Jill Caudle, Choir Director: 01747 830625; mail@jillcaudle.org.uk

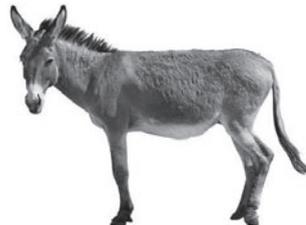
PALM SUNDAY

25th March

At St John's Church, Charlton

Come and join us at 09:30

To walk with a real donkey as we remember Jesus' journey to Jerusalem



CHURCH SERVICES

February and March 2018



4th February – Second Sunday before Lent

09:30	Sung Eucharist	Semley
09:30	Family Combined Service	Charlton
09:45	Pilgrim Service	East Knoyle
11:00	Matins	Donhead St Mary
18:00	Evensong	East Knoyle

11th February – Sunday next before Lent

08:30	BCP* Communion	Sedgehill
09:30	Sung Eucharist	Donhead St Mary
09:30	Family Service	Semley
11:00	Matins	East Knoyle
18:00	Evensong	Donhead St Mary

14th February – Ash Wednesday

10:00	Imposition of Ashes CW1	Sedgehill
19:00	Imposition of Ashes CW1	Donhead St Mary

18th February – First Sunday of Lent

08:30	BCP* Communion	Donhead St Mary
09:30	Sung Eucharist	East Knoyle
11:00	Family Eucharist	Charlton
18:00	Evening Prayer	Semley

25th February – Second Sunday of Lent

08:30	BCP* Communion	East Knoyle
09:30	Sung Eucharist	Donhead St Mary
11:00	BCP* Sung Eucharist	Semley
18:00	Evensong	Sedgehill

2nd March – Women's World Day of Prayer

14:30	WWDP Service	East Knoyle
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4th March – Third Sunday of Lent

09:30	Sung Eucharist	Semley
09:30	Family Combined Service	Charlton
09:45	Pilgrim Service	East Knoyle
11:00	Matins	Donhead St Mary
18:00	Evensong	East Knoyle

11th March – Mothering Sunday

08:30	BCP* Communion	Sedgehill
09:30	Sung Eucharist	Donhead St Mary
09:30	Family Eucharist	Semley
11:00	Matins	East Knoyle
18:00	Evensong	Donhead St Mary

18th March – Passiontide

08:30	BCP* Communion	Donhead St Mary
09:30	Sung Eucharist	East Knoyle
11:00	Family Eucharist	Charlton
18:00	Evening Prayer	Semley

25th March – Palm Sunday

09:30	Family Service/Donkey	Charlton
11:00	Sung Eucharist	East Knoyle

26th March – Monday of Holy Week

10:00	Eucharist CW1	Sedgehill
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27th March – Tuesday of Holy Week

10:00	Eucharist CW1	Charlton
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28th March – Wednesday of Holy Week

10:00	Eucharist CW1	Donhead St Mary
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29th March – Maundy Thursday

19:30	Watch of the Passion + HC	Semley
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30th March – Good Friday

14:00	Good Friday Liturgy	East Knoyle
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31st March – Easter Eve

20:00	Holy Saturday Vigil	Donhead St Mary
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1st April – Easter Sunday

09:30	Easter Service	Sedgehill
09:30	Easter Eucharist	Semley
11:00	Easter Eucharist	East Knoyle
11:00	Easter Eucharist	Donhead St Mary

* Book of Common Prayer

More information on services and the churches of the Benefice is available on the Benefice website at www.benefbart.org.uk

ROMAN CATHOLIC MASS TIMES

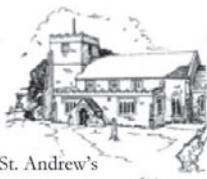
Sundays 9am at Tisbury, 11am at Wardour, 6.30pm at Tisbury

BELL STREET UNITED CHURCH

Sundays 10.30am, 6pm at Bell St, Shaftesbury

TISBURY METHODIST CHURCH

10.30am at Tisbury



FROM THE REGISTERS



Funeral

Charlton 29.10.17 James Denny

Baptisms

Semley 4.11.17 Grace Victoria Holmes

Semley 3.12.17 Harry Peter Dyson

Wedding

Semley 16.12.17 Thomas Sutton/Anna Williamson

JOHN JEFFERY'S 90th BIRTHDAY



There was a large congregation in Donhead St. Andrew church on Sunday 10th December 2017 to mark the last service before the church renovation starts. We also celebrated John Jeffery's 90th birthday and thanked him for his many years' service as Church Warden. Patience Bell helped John to blow out the candles on his birthday cake and a tribute was made. The photograph shows John, the oldest member of Donhead St. Andrew's congregation, holding Sophia White who is the youngest member!

Tea@thechurch

Dates for February/March

Tea@thechurch meets most Mondays

2.30pm - 4.30pm all welcome

5th February

26th February

5th March

12th March

19th March

26th March



FIELD NOTES

One fine afternoon in December I was walking up to the chalk downs from the Ludwell cressbeds. The sky was a pale winter blue, and the clouds tinged with violet. In the low sun, the mouldering stubble stalks on the rising ground were gold. The old man's beard in the straggle of elder seemed radiant with white light.

Then the footpath entered the wood, and the sun gave way to shadow. Elliot's Shed, below the downs, is predominantly a wood of sycamore, and its leaves lay grey and black on the ground. I was halfway through the wood when I became aware of a frenzied commotion. A big deer - a roebuck - was thrashing round, as if doing battle with an invisible enemy.

It took a moment to work out what was happening. The antlers of the deer had become entangled with trailing honeysuckle. Wild honeysuckle is common in the Donhead woods, climbing high into the trees, from which it falls in long strands that are remarkably strong. This buck had tried to escape by twisting and turning, which had only made matters worse. Its head was now held fast by a knotted cable thick as a man's arm. The deer still had plenty of energy, but its chances of escaping without help were zero.

I went closer and in fear it flung itself about, hooves flying. That made me wary - a large roebuck can weigh more than 70 lbs - and I fished out my mobile phone and called the RSPCA. But the light was beginning to fade, and so I also phoned my daughter, who happened to

be at home with a car. Ten minutes later she arrived with a pair of secateurs.

The deer was calmer, having grown used to my presence, and I edged close enough to cut the first strand, some six feet from its head. The sound of the cut was a loud snip, and I expected it to panic. Instead, to my great surprise, it lowered itself and lay in a sprawl on the ground, neck bent. Perhaps it was freezing, feigning death, as animals often do in extremis. I cut on closer to the head, until the secateur blades were within inches of the horns. The deer's face was held by the honeysuckle in a tight cage. One strand dug deep into its mouth.

By now the roebuck had had enough. In one convulsive movement it flung itself into the air and broke free. It hurtled away. I picked myself up, regretting that I had failed to finish the job and cut off all of the honeysuckle. I phoned the RSPCA and told them not to bother.

My daughter and I went on up Win Green. A few crows were strutting here and there. As we watched the usual kestrel hunting in the dusk, I thought of the way the deer had allowed me to cut so close to its head, and I remembered the medieval legend of the unicorn that lays its head in the lap of the Virgin.

On January 8th and 9th a great white egret was present at Pale Park Pond in Donhead St. Andrew. This is, as far as I know, the first ever record for the Donheads.

Chris Nicholson

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DONHEAD ST MARY BELL-RINGERS

Some of you may have read in the paper, seen on the telly or heard on the radio about the plans for the Nation's bells to ring out together to mark the Armistice Centenary on Sunday 11th November 2018. On that day, bells will ring out in unison from churches and cathedrals, in villages, towns and cities across the country. Big Ben will also strike at 11am to mark the centenary.

To mark the final year of the First World War centenary commemorations, 1,400 new bell ringers will be recruited in honour of the 1,400 that lost their lives during the First World War. Church bells across the UK remained restricted throughout the course of the war and only rang freely once Armistice was declared on 11 November 1918. The campaign to recruit bell ringers, Ringing Remembers, will keep this traditional British art alive in memory of the 1,400 who lost their lives – linking together past, present and future.

Here in the Donheads we were fortunate in that all the ringers who fought in that war returned. Two of the Donhead ringers, W & FJ Sansom, are listed in the Roll of Service (Guild members serving in combat) for the entire duration of the war. Fortunately FJ

Sansom (Jack), like the other Donhead ringers listed, returned, and survived to become Ringers' Captain, from about 1942 till 1970. His father, J Sansom, had been Captain from 1882 before him. It was Jack Sansom who taught me to ring when I was 16.

It is now our turn to ensure that these skills and traditions are passed on to the future. Ringing is a fantastic hobby for all ages from about 11 years old on. You need only to be tall enough to be able to reach the rope and have the coordination to control it. You do not need to be a weight lifter to do it! Equally, for the 'not so young' it is excellent medium exercise. Apart from that, it is great fun! You can enjoy all or part of what ringing offers, from musicality, rhythm and movement, being with friends, or tinkering about with the bell mechanics ("under the bonnet").

If you want to know more, feel free to come up to the tower at 7.30 on any Wednesday evening and you can watch and learn without committing yourself, to see what it is all about. My phone number is in the front of the Digest.

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THE DONHEADS GARDENING CLUB

Affiliated to the Royal Horticultural Society, The Wiltshire Gardens Trust and The Gardens Group, Sherborne

As we contemplate the passing of winter and look forward to spring, our thoughts turn to what we would like to grow in our garden in the coming months, whether it is vegetables or flowers. With this in mind, we have the opportunity to include both with companion planting.

Companion planting is essentially a method of growing two or more different plants together for the reputed beneficial effect they have on the crop you wish to nurture. This is mainly carried out in the vegetable garden to control pests, to attract pollination insects and to improve the growth of plants. Pungent herbs or flowers are excellent for growing alongside vegetables to disguise their smell from pests or to drive them away completely.

Carrots can be decimated by the dreaded carrot root fly, so stump the pest by sowing rows of seeds among onions, the scent of the bulb will confuse the tiny fly and you will make better use of limited space by giving you the opportunity to squeeze in more crops.

Elsewhere, dot strongly scented French marigolds around tomatoes, beans and sweetcorn. Not only will they add a splash of colour to the garden but they will help to repel whitefly and aphids. Thyme, marjoram, sage, coriander and parsley are other strong scented herbs that can be used to fill gaps around other plants.

A novel way of keeping crops pest free is to plant others nearby that you know will attract pests like a magnet. Nasturtiums are a great sacrificial lamb to lure pests away from those plants you want to nurture. Plant them around edibles and they will be attacked by blackfly, while the precious crops remain free from this pesky aphid. These trailing plants also attract the dreaded cabbage white butterfly, so plant them around cabbages, cauliflowers or broccoli to keep them free from caterpillars.

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In the greenhouse, find room for a pot or two of basil, not only will it give your tomatoes a beautiful flavour, it will attract whitefly preventing the tomatoes and even cucumbers suffering from attack.

We can not only think of warding off the pests. The yield of some crops can be poor if there is a lack of pollinating creatures, so to increase the chances of a better harvest, grow some nectar heavy flowering plants around the edibles.

A good plant partnership is sweet peas with climbing beans. Grow them together on a wigwam of canes or ornamental obelisk and the sweet peas will provide colour and interest to the structure, along with beneficial insects.

Sow seeds of poached egg flowers (*Limnanthes douglasii*) under soft fruits such as raspberries to attract bees, hoverflies and other creatures. Apart from improving the pollination of flowers, many of the creatures that are lured in by the pretty yellow and white flowers will vacuum up pests.

Plants that belong to the pea family, which includes lupins, peas, beans and sweet peas, benefit the soil by taking nitrogen from the air and storing it in their roots. Any excess is then made available to the plants growing alongside. To make the most of them try planting around fruit trees and in a fruit cage (if you have the space to erect one).

These and many other subjects are covered by talks given each month at the garden club meetings. If you wish to learn more or just interested in one aspect of gardening, do have a look at our website (www.donheadsgardeningclub.co.uk) to find out what garden subjects we have coming up in 2018 and if there is something there that is of interest please come along and enjoy the talks on offer.

Fran Robson



The Ladies Club where friendship matters

December is a time of celebrations for our ladies at Amity. We decorated St Mary's Village Hall in time for our Christmas Party on the 7th December. All the decorations were left in place for anyone using the hall, up until Christmas to receive the benefit.

We had some wonderful entertainment from Sheila Wise who hosted 'Name that Tune'. Sheila played a few notes on the keyboard and everyone had to guess the song and much hilarity was had by all. This was followed by a word search quiz which certainly got the grey cells going.

January's meeting gave us an excellent speaker Paul Connery. Although Paul by profession is a chiropractor, he also specialises as a life coach. His talk, which was entitled "Why Zebras don't get Ulcers - stress and how it affects us", showed how the human brain works in comparison to the animal brain. We were told how not only the food we eat, but how by making an effort

to join a friendly social group, such as Amity, is so beneficial to our general health in terms of sharing and support.

Thursday 8th February is the Annual Lunch which is being held at The Wyndham Arms in Dinton.

Forthcoming Meeting - **Thursday 8th March** - 'From the Chapel to the Beehive' The history of Salisbury Playhouse by Arthur Millie.

New members are always welcome, please contact **Anne Brake on 858927** and she will arrange to meet you and introduce you to the other members.

Amity is a Ladies Club which meets on the second Thursday of the month at Donhead St Mary Village Hall at 2.30pm. Please visit the website for further information

www.donheadsamityclub.co.uk

alternatively email Anita Keogh for further information **keoghanita@gmail.com**

Family Quiz Night

Saturday 7th April 2018

6.30–10.00pm

Hinton Hall, Tisbury SP3 6NH

A fun evening for all, with questions to suit ages 9 to 90 years

Teams of up to 6 people - Prize for winning team

Adults £12, Children £8 with supper included

To purchase tickets call: 01747 828525 or 01747 870541

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THE NEW REMEMBRANCE HALL, CHARLTON

The Annual General Meeting of the Hall Committee was held in November 2017 and Lynne Fish was re-elected as chair and Carol Blatchford was welcomed as a new committee member. Richard Gray presented the financial report which showed a profit of £2039 for the 2016-2017 year. Income from bookings was a record, £8653, but the expenditure was high as the re-furbishment of the toilet facilities was completed during this financial year and bills amounted to £6174. Grants from Donhead St Mary Parish Council and the Area Board of Wiltshire Council totalled £1072 and the £1000 donation from the 2016 4 Villages Fête helped to offset the costs of the refurbishment.

More work is planned in the current financial year; new fire exit doors have already been installed in the main hall and Ian Thackray is about to install some new railings at the front entrance. The existing railings were installed when the hall was built in 1990 and sadly have started to deteriorate with rust. Quotations are being obtained for the re-decoration of the interior of the building together with estimates for new curtains. There is always maintenance to be done and improvements are made whenever possible, so the committee is very grateful to our loyal customers who use the hall on a regular basis together with the occasional hirers.

Unfortunately the car park at the village hall continues to be a magnet for people and cars who are not hiring the hall and the litter and noise are not welcome. The committee has informed the relevant authority but little progress has been made; however the gate which the Parish Council installed at the side of the village hall has been a success as cars cannot now access the field at the rear of the building.

Ann Rossiter,
Hall Secretary.



4 Villages
spring fête

The 4 Villages Spring Fête

will be on
Sunday
20th May 2018
on the
Remembrance Field,
Charlton.

DONHEAD ST MARY VILLAGE HALL

The opening of the new village hall kitchen was an overwhelming success, with over sixty people coming to enjoy croissants and coffee on Saturday 18th November. Comments about the new kitchen were very positive, and the enjoyment and popularity of 'Saturday breakfast' at the hall was such that, with the help of other village members, we would love to repeat this. Watch this space!

Thanks to a most generous private donation, we now have four radiators which will act as secondary heating in the hall and outer lobby. This will enable hirers of the hall to turn off the overhead fan heater when talks or films require a quiet period and will add much to the comfort and general ambiance of the hall on chilly days.

On 8th December the Donhead Film Club ran its inaugural film, showing a recent adaptation of Daphne du Maurier's 'My Cousin Rachel'. The tickets sold out and it was felt to be a most successful and enjoyable evening. Thanks go to Paul Shilling for providing the excellent sound system and projector. By the time this goes to print there will have been another screening, 'Going in Style' starring Morgan Freeman, Michael Caine and Alan Arkin. Please look out for notices of future monthly screenings at Ludwell Stores, on the village website (www.donheadvillagehall.org) and on posters around the village.

Amity and the Donhead Gardening Club both enjoyed Christmas get-togethers during December; the hall having been beautifully decorated by members of Amity. The festive decorations were also appreciated by those attending two private parties and all those enjoying the marvellous Christmas Day Lunch organised by Phoebe Fortescue and described here in her own words:



"Donhead St Mary Village Hall was the perfect venue for our Community Christmas Day lunch hosted by the Smart and Fortescue families. Thanks to all those who volunteered on Christmas Eve to help arrange the hall, prepare the vegetables and pack the goodie boxes; and those on Christmas Day who ferried guests to and from the hall and helped to cook and join in the lunch.

After almost an hour of music and carols led by Emily Burridge and the Mackay family, 22 of us sat down to a traditional feast of turkey and flaming Christmas puds and mince pies and then enjoyed the Queen's Speech on the big screen. Thanks to those who donated food, crackers, napkins, chocolates etc and particularly to Ludwell Stores for their generous donation of all the veg, and pots of hyacinths which we put with the goodie boxes our guests took home. We also took flowers and goodie boxes to others on Christmas Eve who were unable to join us because of ill health or bereavement.

I would like to thank the hall committee for kindly waiving the hire fee and those who donated money - the surplus of which was sent to Crisis. The hall looked wonderful with the fire roaring and the new kitchen was superb."

How wonderful that so many people had a great Christmas in our village hall and we look forward to a year packed with further events.

Continued overleaf 

If you would like to book the hall please contact Karen Ecclestone on 01747 829261 / richardecclestone@btinternet.com

If you need more information about becoming a Friend of the Village Hall please contact me or Sarah Wright - 01747 828316 or email: gee0205@me.com

Richard Ecclestone, Chair of Trustees

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LOTTERY FUNDED

Arts Society - Nadder Valley

Many of you may know of and may well be one of the 90,000 members of the Arts Society formally known as NADFAS.

With inspiring monthly lectures given by top experts in their fields, together with study day events, educational visits and cultural holidays, The Arts Society is a great way to learn, have fun and make new and lasting friendships as well as supporting arts within the local community.

The belief that the arts have the potential to enrich peoples' lives is at the heart of everything we do.

We are hoping to launch a local branch of the Society in the Nadder Valley covering all communities in the area and holding our lectures at the Nadder Centre in Tisbury.

Over 100 people attended a 'taster lecture' at the Nadder Centre in Tisbury in October 2017 and expressed an interest in starting a new society and joining as founder members, so we are well on our way. We will need 150 members to join for us to be viable and launch. So we need to know if you would be interested.

The annual membership will be £40 per person. We plan to hold 10 lectures in our first year so that represents amazing value at £4 per lecture.

We are planning our inaugural lecture at **6.30pm on Friday 20th April 2018** at the Nadder Centre, Tisbury. The title of the lecture is **Red White and Blue - A story of three colours in Art**, exploring the symbolism, significance and spirituality of colour throughout the history of art.

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Our lecturer will be Alexandra Epps, Official Guide and Lecturer at Tate Modern, Tate Britain and the Guildhall Art Gallery in London. Alexandra's background is in design having practised as a graphic designer running her own design consultancy for many years.

If you are interested in joining and reserving a place at the inaugural lecture then please contact the Chair of Arts Society Nadder Valley, Sean Moran via email at seantisbury@icloud.com or call on 07929 609604.

We are currently creating a website and facebook page to keep everyone informed.

A Passage Across India

**AN ILLUSTRATED TALK
by RUPERT GREY**

Lawyer, Traveller, Photographer

HINTON HALL, TISBURY

Friday 16th March 2018

6.00 for 6.30pm

Tickets available in advance from
Kate Good Shop, Tisbury;

from East Knoyle Village Shop; and from
Katie Page (katiepage@btconnect.com).

Tickets will also be available at the door
on the evening.

Adults: £10, Children: £5 – Wine and soft
drinks will be available at a paying bar.



Save the Children

Donhead St Mary Parish Council

The next meeting for Donhead St Mary Parish Council will take place on Wednesday 14th March 2018 at 7.15pm
In the New Remembrance Hall, Charlton.

An agenda will be displayed on the village notice boards by the preceding Friday.
Please contact the Clerk for further information.

Members of the public and press are welcome to attend and there will be an opportunity for questions prior to the start of the meeting.

Councillor Vacancies

Donhead St Mary PC needs more Cllrs. If you are interested please contact the Clerk for further information of what the role involves or speak to one of the current Cllrs.

Trees to commemorate the end of the First World War Donhead St Mary will be taking part in the WC project to plant 10,000 trees and intends to plant up to 16 trees to mark this occasion, if you wish to help with the planting of these trees in 2018 please contact the Parish Clerk.

Defibrillator

Donhead St Mary PC has used some of the solar fund to purchase a defibrillator which will be kept in the redundant phone box at Ludwell.

Speed Indicator Device – the sign that flashes what speed cars are doing.

Donhead St Mary will be purchasing a SID that will be shared with Tollard Royal PC, the cost is being shared between the two parishes and also helped by a grant from the South West Wiltshire Area Board.

Fingerpost signs Donhead St Mary PC is aware that some of these need replacing and hopes to get these replaced soon.

Hedges and shrubs

A reminder that if you have a hedge bordering the highway you are responsible for cutting the road side as well as the part in your garden. This also includes overhanging trees which may cause damage to larger vehicles.

Parish Steward

The Parish Steward will continue to visit the parish on a regular basis and undertake minor tasks. If you spot any minor issues that can be undertaken by the Parish Steward please contact John Feltham who collates the task list for the Steward.

- Hand clearing and cutting of growth from drainage grips and drain gully covers.
- Hand clearing of blocked drainage gullies, grips, culverts, pipes and pits.
- Clearing storm debris from roads and pavements.
- Cleaning and straightening of small road signs, street nameplates and bollards.
- Securing of existing road signs, verge marker posts and supplied street name plates.
- Removal of limited graffiti from road signs, bollards and street nameplates.
- Repair of small potholes in roads and on pavements.

Reporting issues including potholes

Please can we remind you to report issues including potholes to Wiltshire Council ideally using the MyWiltshire app, this can be used on a smartphone or a computer and the issue is immediately on the system and the best way to get a prompt response. Wiltshire Council use a grading system for potholes so the more serious the quicker the response, some minor potholes can take a while before anything is done.

Planning

Donhead St Mary PC continue to discuss all planning applications at a meeting held in public, this may be at the scheduled meeting or at a special planning meeting which is held on a Saturday morning. All meetings are held at the New Remembrance Hall, Charlton, please check the notice board for details of planning applications to be discussed.

If you wish to make a comment on a planning application you are most welcome to attend the DsM planning meeting but you should send your comments to Wiltshire Council who determine the application.

Donhead St Mary Parish Council

Parish Clerk: Mrs Clare Churchill

I Tower Farm Cottages, Quidhampton, Salisbury SP2 9AA Tel: 01722 743027

Your Parish needs YOU!

Would you like to get involved with the grass roots level of local government?

Are you interested in your local area?

Local issues need local people to speak up for them.

Would you like to be involved in what happens?

There are currently vacancies on Donhead St Mary Parish Council.

To qualify you need to live or work within the parish or within 3 miles of the parish boundary.

Please contact a Cllr or the Clerk for further details.

Donhead Happy Gathering Club

Our November meeting (which seems a very long time ago now!) was very well attended, and we enjoyed Yvonne Wheeler's variety of ideas to decorate our homes and Christmas tables. The finished arrangements were auctioned and the proceeds amounted to £100. It was Yvonne's wish that this be donated to the Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance fund. The afternoon proved to be very entertaining and rewarding, with some of our members trying their hand at arranging prickly holly etc! We then all enjoyed a delicious tea and a chance for members to chat.

Dec 8th was Carol Singing time. Children from Ludwell School all came over to give us a wonderful hour of old and new carols; their young voices filling the hall was much enjoyed. The children had refreshments before returning back to their school, following lots of applause which was well

earned. Then followed a special Christmas tea, with a beautiful Christmas cake made by Yvonne King, one of our members.

Thank you to all members for all your support through the year. Sadly we have lost one or two old friends, but we are pleased to have welcomed some new faces.

We wish you all a very Happy Healthy and Peaceful New Year.

Forthcoming meetings.

Friday February 16th.

My life in Men's outfitters - Marion Baker.

Friday March 16th.

Talk on Gardening - Tom Crabbe, and AGM.

We welcome any visitors to come along and join us, please ring Jill Laker for any information.

Jill Laker, Secretary
(01747 811545).



Where friendship matters

Medical Equipment Loan Service

Thanks to our appeal we are pleased to say that we have the following items available for loan:

- Wheelchair
- Three-wheel walker
- Perching stools
- Shower stool

- Bed cradle
- Crutches
- Adjustable bed/chair table
- And other smaller items

To borrow any of these items or to donate items please phone

Ann Danby: 01747 828640

Tisbury History Society seeks a volunteer Archivist

Are you passionate about history, preserving artefacts relating to Tisbury and surrounding areas?

Have you got spare time and are prepared to help make our archives more accessible?

You will spend a lot of time looking through old documents and photographs therefore a love of history and interest in researching is really important.

We are hoping to move to the Nadder Centre in the Spring, and bring our archives into the 21st century by using the latest computer systems for archiving.

If you feel you can help please get in touch.

If you would like further information, please contact our Secretary,
Judith Hassey, on 871105 or juderoguk@btinternet.com.

Gain an out of this world experience at stargazing events



THE Cranborne Chase AONB's stargazing is always popular and this winter's season is no different; the opening event at Semley Village Hall earlier this month full to capacity with night sky enthusiasts.

If you missed the Semley event, there are plenty of others in various locations in our special stargazing series, during which astronomer and Cranborne Chase AONB Dark Skies advisor, Bob Mizon, regales the audience with stories of the astronomical wonders above their heads, while the AONB's director Linda Nunn details developments concerning the Cranborne Chase AONB's bid for prestigious International Dark Sky Reserve status. Afterwards, the audience join Bob and members of the Wessex Astronomical Society outside for a spectacular stargazing experience.

The series of stargazing events during 2017/2018 will be on:

- Thursday 15 February at Ansty Pick Your Own (Ansty PYO & Farm Shop, Salisbury, Wiltshire SP3 5PX)
- Thursday 15 March at Sutton Veny Village Hall (High Street, Sutton Veny, Wiltshire BA12 7AP)

All events commence at 7pm and last for around two to two-and-a-half hours, depending on weather conditions. The cost for adults is £5 each (cash or cheque on the night/includes a free tea or coffee), with no charge for children. Please book in advance, tel: 01725 517417, or email: info@cranbornechase.org.uk.

Additionally, on Monday 19 February, renowned night sky photographer Nigel Ball will be hosting a talk on the techniques used to capture fantastic night images and star trails using a standard digital SLR. The discussion includes planning, equipment and top tips for success. The talk will be held at Woodcutts Scout HQ, Sixpenny Handley. Tickets cost £10. To register your interest, email info@cranbornechase.org.uk.

For more information on stargazing in the Cranborne Chase AONB, log on to www.chasingstars.org.uk.



Ludwell Primary School

A small school with a big heart

I hope everyone enjoyed the Christmas festivities and had a joyful and peaceful New Year.

In school, we get two New Years - September and January. It is always a good time to start afresh and this term our children have come back with renewed energy and a wonderful attitude towards their learning. I love the spring term, despite the January blues, as this is the term you can really see the children taking great leaps forward.

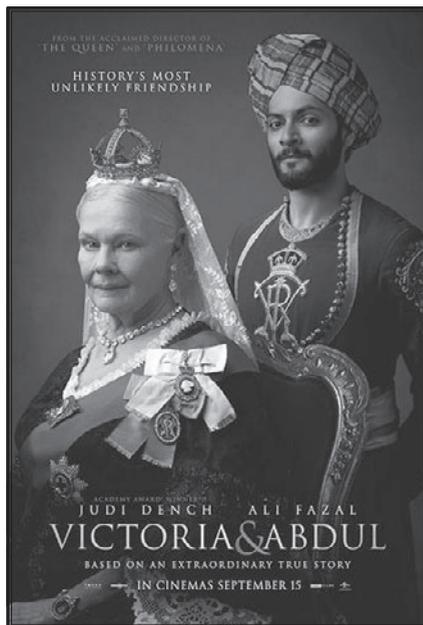
Our whole school topic this term is 'The Victorians' and the pupils are already fully engaged finding out about Queen Victoria, the workhouses, Charles Dickens and life at school to name a few. Ludwell must have seen a big increase in numbers in 1891 when all children were entitled to free primary schooling. The pupils love discussing the differences between times then and now and some truly believe I was the Headteacher when our school opened in 1875!

Our oldest pupils are about to embark on a residential trip to compare farming today with that in Victorian times. It is the first time we have ventured out in January, so we are taking lots of layers and will keep ourselves physically active on the farm. We will be making our own pizzas in the cob oven (my favourite activity), foraging for food (with expert guides) and meeting and helping with all the animals. This is before they learn that the wonderful Gloucester Old Spot Pigs are in fact the source of their breakfast sausages (and wonderful they are too).

It is always a pleasure to be with our children on residential trips as they respond so differently out of the school setting. Although the same boundaries are in place, the different situation makes things more relaxed and the pupils see the adults more human-like!

Keep your fingers crossed for decent weather for us.

Sue Evans
Headteacher



Donhead Film Club

Victoria and Abdul

Starring Judi Dench and Ali Fazal

Thursday 22nd February 2018

Donhead St Mary Village Hall

7.15pm start

Doors open at 6.30pm for refreshments

Tickets £5.00 each
from Ludwell Stores

Date of next film: Thursday 15th March 2018

Details to come

www.donheadvillagehall.org
annamcdo59@gmail.com

Registered Charity No. 305505

TRULY SCRUMPTIOUS



I have come rather late to the love of the ochre-red cured sausage, that is Chorizo, but my goodness I am making up for lost time. Having found one in my fridge that I am certain had been there some months, I have been adding chorizo to anything and everything, especially my shopping list. I'm trying as many different types of this addictive ingredient that I can find.

Until writing this month's 'Truly,' I wasn't aware that there are two types of Chorizos – Spanish and Mexican. The Spanish Chorizo is a cured, hard sausage made from coarsely chopped pork. The red colour of the Spanish Chorizo is due to the heavy amounts of paprika in the spice mix. This can be sweet or spicy, but usually always smoked giving it a deep rich flavour. Mexican chorizo is quite different. The meat is usually ground rather than chopped, and the sausage is fresh rather than cured. The red colour of Mexican chorizo usually comes from spicy red pepper rather than smoked paprika, like in Spanish chorizo. This must be cooked so doesn't have anywhere near the same fridge life as the cured Spanish chorizo.

It's the Spanish chorizo that I favour. We are familiar with seeing this sliced as part of a tapas assortment or meat platter. However I prefer to use it to add flavour and colour to cooked dishes like hearty stews, squash soups, with seafood (scallops in particular), paella, fried in chunks with left over potato, bacon, tomatoes and topped with a fried soft golden egg, or a current favourite, thrown in to the roast potato pan twenty minutes before serving and tossed about resulting in brick red crispy accompaniments to roast chicken and juicy peas. I am not overly fond of the Toulouse-type chorizo – bit fiery and smoky for me, I prefer something a little more subtle. Chorizos all vary too, whether you buy them in a farmers market, supermarket, Buttlings or Ludwell Stores. Steering clear of the dragon's breath authentic chorizo I choose a sweeter smokiness, enough spice to make itself known and enough colour to cut through any dish with waves of vibrant, husky warmth. Probably one of the most important qualities of this cooking chorizo, is that it won't fall apart when cooking, which can be a bit of a disaster in a wet dish, like a stew. I usually peel away the casings however, and break the sausage up on cooking.

This week I have added some quickly dry fried chorizo chunks to a bowl of pasta with some softened onion, shredded rainbow chard from the garden and a squeeze of lemon juice – this resulted in a satisfyingly silky delicious and quick late meal. You don't want to dribble it down your shirt however. The stain will never come out! So, warm up your dishes and give this scrumptious soup recipe a try, but most of all, add a good Spanish chorizo sausage to your shopping list this month.

Winter cabbage, chorizo and celeriac soup with baked sage croutons.

Serves 6-8 as a starter. All ingredients available at Ludwell Stores.

This is a bowlful of wonderfully warming soup, perfect for the current colder weather – chunky and hearty. A large portion at lunch can be a comforting main course, served with a warm baguette and slathers of sage/herb butter. This soup can easily be frozen at the end of stage 3.

Ingredients

- 2 tbsp extra virgin olive oil
- 1 red onion, thinly sliced
- 2 bay leaves
- 4 garlic cloves, sliced
- 200 g Spanish cooking chorizo, peeled and cut into small chunks/slices (Try the Bath Pig – British Chorizo – Dairy, Gluten and Wheat free)
- ½ tsp cumin seeds
- ½ celeriac, peeled and cut into 1cm chunks
- ½ savoy cabbage, thinly shredded (discard the stem and outer leaves)
- 400 ml can chopped tomatoes
- 12 fresh sage leaves – or use tarragon if you prefer
- 30 g salted butter
- 1 baguette or crusty bread
- 200 ml crème fraiche and small handful of flat leaf parsley – roughly chopped

Method

1. Heat half the olive oil in a large saucepan over a medium-high heat and cook the onion, bay leaves and garlic for about 6-7 minutes until golden, stirring frequently.
2. Add the chorizo and cumin seeds and cook until the fat runs out from the chorizo. Add the celeriac and cabbage and stir well.
3. Add the tomatoes and 400 ml of water (use the can to measure), bring to the boil, cover with a tight fitting lid, then lower to a simmer for 20 minutes, stirring occasionally.
4. Meanwhile, place the sage (or herbs) and butter in a bowl and add the remaining olive oil.
5. Mix together well and use to butter the baguette slices on one side, place on baking trays and cook in the oven for 12-15 minutes until golden and crunchy.
6. Stir the crème fraiche into the soup and bring back to a rapid simmer. Season well and ladle into warmed soup bowls together with a crunchy baguette slice and a sprinkling of chopped parsley.

A truly, *truly* scrumptious bowl of winter comfort food.



DONHEAD ST ANDREW PARISH COUNCIL

<http://www.donheadstandrew-pc.org.uk>

News Update – January 2018

Latest PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Councillors **supported** the following applications

17/10181/FUL

The Stables, Pains Hill, Donhead St Andrew, SP7 9EA - Single Storey Timber Conservatory to Rear

17/11666/FUL

Dairy Cottage, St Bartholomew's Street, Barkers Hill, Donhead St Andrew, SP7 9EB - Single storey extension, new dormer windows in roof, insertion of a bay window and alterations to the existing driveway access.

PRECEPT for 2018/19

Councillors set the precept at £8,000 for the third year running at the January 2018 meeting and have been told that capping any rises in the precept to 2% (as with Unitary/County Councils at the present time) will not take place in the period 2018/21. This would allow any significant rises to the precept, for additional maintenance or minor Highway schemes for example, to be levied without a referendum.

Councillors will aim to discuss any potential additional costs well in advance, at the Annual Parish Meeting held in March of each year, to gauge residents' views; so it is well worthwhile coming along to this meeting to find out what is going on in the village and let Councillors know what you think.

Annual Parish Meeting

This meeting will be held on Friday 9th March and will take place in Donhead St Mary Village Hall at 7pm.

Refreshments will be available and topics for discussion will include:

A **speed limit** for Donhead St Andrew - do residents want one? Potential costs/resources for an assessment and a Speed Indicator Device, Community Speed Watch initiative, speed signs, Wheelie Bin stickers throughout the village etc.

First Aid Training - Councillors would like to provide further First Aid Training to residents in the Donheads, if there is sufficient interest.

Spending - residents' ideas for the village in the next few years.

Next Parish Council Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting is on Friday 11th May 2018 in Donhead St Mary Village Hall; following the Annual Parish Meeting.

If there are any issues that you would like the Parish Councillors to consider, please contact the Parish Clerk, Sam Harry on 07539 600466 or email donheadstandrewpc@gmail.com.

Agendas / previous minutes are available by regular email distributions or can be found on the website:

<http://www.donheadstandrew-pc.org.uk>

Or even come along to the meetings! - there are 2 sessions for residents' comments at the start and end of each meeting.



ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH DEVELOPMENT APPEAL

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH, DONHEAD ST ANDREW

Form No 4a
(Rule 6.2)

PUBLIC NOTICE

In the Consistory Court of the Diocese of Salisbury

Church of: St Andrew

In the Parish of: Donhead St Andrew

NOTICE IS GIVEN that we are making application to the Consistory Court of the Diocese for permission to carry out the following

Re-roofing of the nave and chancel, incorporating the TLX Gold insulating system, and associated works

Copies of the relevant plans and documents may be examined at

CHASE HOUSE, ST BARTHOLOMEW'S STREET, DONHEAD ST ANDREW

(If changes to a church are proposed, a copy of the petition and any designs, plans, photographs and other documents that were submitted with it must be displayed in the church or at another place where they may be conveniently inspected by the public.)

Petitioners

(Each petitioner to give name and office held in block capitals)

1. REV. RICHARD WARHURST - RECTOR

2. MAJOR GENERAL SIR SIMON COOPER - CHURCH WARDEN

3. MR. GEORGE LISLE - ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH P.C.C.

Date *16th January 2018*

(here the petitioners are to enter a date on which this notice was first displayed.)

If you wish to object to any of the works or proposals you should write giving reasons for your objection to: The Diocesan Registrar at Minster Chambers, 42/44 Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts SP1 3TX

so that it reaches the registrar not later than *14th February 2018*

(Here the petitioners are to enter a date 28 days after the date given above)

A letter of objection must include your name and address and state whether you live in the parish and/or your name is entered on the church electoral roll of the parish or any other basis on which you have an interest in the matter. You may not object anonymously.



Dates for Your Diary

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5 Monday	Tea@thechurch•	17
8 Thursday	Amity – Talk ‘From the Chapel to the Beehive’*	27
9 Friday	Donhead St Andrew Parish Council - Annual Parish Meeting	45
10 Saturday	Deadline for contributions to the Donhead Digest (April/May)	1
12 Monday	Tea@thechurch•	17
12 Monday	Donheads Gardening Club - AGM & Bishop’s Palace Gardens - Talk* †	25
14 Wednesday	Donhead St Mary Parish Council Meeting	35
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19 Monday	Tea@thechurch•	17
25 Sunday	Palm Sunday - St John’s Church, Charlton	14
26 Monday	Tea@thechurch•	17
April		
7 Saturday	Family Quiz Night - Salisbury Hospice Charity, Hinton Hall, Tisbury	27
9 Monday	Donheads Gardening Club - Rosy Hardy (Talk)* †	25
20 Friday	Nadder Valley Arts Society	33
May		
11 Friday	Donhead St Andrew Parish Council Meeting	45
20 Sunday	4 Villages Spring Fête	29

* Reminders for club members:

The Donheads Gardening Club and Amity meet at Donhead St Mary Village Hall.

The Donhead Happy Gathering Club meets at the New Remembrance Hall, Charlton.

† See the DGC website for details www.donheadsgardeningclub.co.uk/Calendar.html

• tea@thechurch is on most Mondays

Wiltshire West Community Policing Team

Hello and welcome to the Community Policing report for January 2018.



Community Speed Watch

Community Speed Watch (CSW) is a scheme that gives local people the power to help reduce traffic speeds and improve the quality of life in their community.

As of 1st April 2017, there are 111 active Community Speed Watch teams across Wiltshire and Swindon, supported by some 1000 volunteers.

Speeding can be a real problem within our communities and by training as Community Speed Watch volunteers as possible, local residents have the opportunity to make their roads safer.

Volunteers are provided with special equipment and trained by Police Officers in the use of hand-held speed devices so that they can record the speed of passing vehicles.

Motorists caught speeding by volunteers are sent a warning letter from the police; approximately 26,000 such letters are sent out to motorists each year. Further action is taken against persistent offenders, who will receive a visit from Wiltshire Police.

The main objectives of CSW are:

- To secure a reduction in vehicle speeds, to prevent collisions
- To improve quality of life
- To reduce noise pollution
- To raise public awareness of inappropriate speed

Changing the attitudes of drivers is key to reducing speed. Community Speed Watch is about taking positive action, working together to improve the safety and quality of life for everyone in the community.

What to do next: Anyone can raise speeding issues with their local area board (Wiltshire Council) using Wiltshire's community issue system at www.wiltshire.gov.uk/council/areaboards.

You will be asked for details, including where exactly the speeding occurs. The issue will be investigated, in the form of a metro count. If it is found that the site meets the criteria for Community Speed Watch, the CSW Co-ordinator for Wiltshire Police will make contact to assist and you will be invited to gather a small group of volunteers together.

The CSW co-ordinator will also arrange everything you need to become a CSW volunteer. The schemes will be supported by the Police.

For more information on Community Speed Watch please email:

communityspeedwatch@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk

Each Wednesday, Inspector Fee chairs a 'Tasking Meeting' for the West Wiltshire Community Policing area. This meeting is attended by the team Sergeants, Community Coordinators, Police Community Support Officers, and local partner agencies.

The aim of the meeting is to identify issues that may be occurring within our communities and put a plan into place in order to tackle these. Over recent weeks we have introduced Community Speedwatch into this meeting. A representative from the Community Speedwatch Team attends the meeting, and highlights four locations to be targeted by officers over the following two weeks. The results from the metro count indicate which areas require targeting.

Other Information

Officers are investigating burglaries in Trowbridge, Melksham, Bradford-on-Avon, Westbury and Warminster. In the majority of these cases, offenders have entered a property through an unlocked door and stolen keys from the hallway, before returning later to steal the car. Cars are then being taken and dumped locally.

Inspector Andy Fee, West Wiltshire Community Policing Team, said: "With the night's drawing in and houses being left in darkness until residents are home from work, I would like to remind everyone of some simple ways to keep their property secure over the festive season".

- Lock your doors and windows every time you leave the house, and make sure you have approved locks or bolts on all doors and windows
- Use a timer to set lights to mimic your usual activity when you are not home.

Continued overleaf 

- If you buy large or valuable items such as a bicycle, ensure any serial numbers are registered with www.immobilise.com
- Ensure keys and handbags are not on display in your premises
- Always report any suspicious activity, note any vehicle registrations, descriptions of persons involved and direction of travel
- Make sure any bolts on garden gates are low enough so that they cannot be opened by reaching over the top of the gate
- Never leave a key in a hiding place like in a plant pot or letterbox – a thief knows all the hiding places.

South West Wiltshire Area Board's Community Safety Group

The next meeting is scheduled for 28 February 2018 at 18.00 in the Nadder Centre, Tisbury.

Team Contacts

Sector Head: Inspector 41 Andy Fee:
andy.fee@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk

Deputy Sector Head: Sergeant 1629
 Gill Hughes: gill.hughes@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk

Community Coordinator:

Pc 2446 Charly Chilton:
charlotte.chilton@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk

Local Pcs0: Pcs0 6192 Neil Turnbull:
neil.turnbull@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk

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<https://www.facebook.com/wiltshirepolice/>

For a detailed breakdown of the crime in your area visit: <https://www.police.uk/wiltshire/>

Thank you for your continued support to Wiltshire Police.

CLUBS, SOCIETIES and ASSOCIATIONS within OUR AREA

DONHEAD SPORTS CLUB			01747 828130
Secretary	Richard Gray		01747 828769
Crib Team	Brian Gray		01747 828160
Cricket Team	Richard Gray		01747 828769
	<i>Wednesday evenings April to July</i>		
Football	Chris Foster		01747 853925
Adults	<i>Saturday afternoons September to May</i>		
Tennis Club	Chris Foster		01747 853925
Skittles			01747 828130
Men/Mixed Teams (4)	<i>Monday & Thursday evenings</i>		
Ladies Team (1)	<i>Tuesday & Wednesday evenings</i>		

ACTIVITIES IN NEW REMEMBRANCE HALL

Contact	Ann Rossiter		01747 828252
Art Classes	Claire Thomas		01258 456474
	<i>Fridays</i>		
Blackmore Vale Amateur	Keith Chadwick		01747 851260
Radio Society	<i>every Tuesday evening summertime</i>		
	<i>2nd and 4th Tuesday wintertime</i>		
Happy Gathering	Diana Valler		01747 852170
	Jill Laker		01747 811545
	<i>3rd Friday each month</i>		
Pilates (Thursday)	Colette Sykes	01747 828497 / 07752 492344	
		www.pilates-evolution.org	
	<i>Thursday mornings 9.30–10.30am</i>		
Pilates (Wednesday)	Sam Whitford	07740 906515 / 01747 811035	
	<i>Wednesdays 9.15–10.15</i>		
T'ai Chi	Sue Marks		01747 838470
	<i>Monday afternoons</i>		
The Blackmore Stroke Group	Chris Davies		01747 853428
	<i>2nd & 4th Tuesday of month in term time</i>		
Dance Classes with Caron Parry	<i>Monday Evenings</i>		01747 828252
Blackmore Vale Bonsai Group	<i>2nd Friday of the month 7.30pm to 9.30pm</i>		01747 828252

ACTIVITIES IN DONHEAD ST MARY VILLAGE HALL

Contact	Karen Ecclestone		01747 829261
Amity Club	Anita Keogh		01747 828818
	<i>2nd Thursday afternoon in month</i>		
The Donheads Gardening Club	Fran Robson		01747 828032
	<i>2nd Monday of month</i>		
Pilates Classes	Tracey Scott-Masson		07866 552421

Tracey@pilates-fresh.co.uk

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Donhead Ramblers	Penny & Rodney Short <i>1st Saturday in month from September to May/June</i>	01747 828062
Chess Circle	Neville Pughe John Hill <i>Every Monday afternoon in private houses</i>	01747 828084 01747 828279
Thursday Club	John Hill <i>This is a men's gathering on Thursdays at The Forester at midday. No membership, no rules!</i> <i>All welcome</i>	01747 828279
Berwick St John Country Fayre	Louise Hall & Richard Pocock	01747 828272
Bowls – Short Mat Shaftesbury	D Micholls	01747 852483

(For any additions or amendments to this list or the list below, please email digest@nickrobson001.co.uk or contact Nick Robson on 01747 828032)

CLUBS, SOCIETIES and ASSOCIATIONS in and around SHAFTESBURY & GILLINGHAM

Abbey Shaftesbury, Friends of		01747 852910
Age Concern – advice	Shaftesbury	01747 853966
Agricultural Society, Gillingham & Shaftesbury		01747 823955
Archaeological Group, Shaftesbury District	Unity Sparrow	01747 852202
Archaeology, Junior Archaeology Group	B Moore	01747 852073
Army Cadets, Shaftesbury Unit		01305 263953
Arts Centre Art Group (members only)	Unity Sparrow	01747 852202
Arts Centre Film Society (members only)	Mr P Schilling	01747 853224
Ashmore Fillyloo	J & C Greig	01747 811413
Beekeepers Association, Shaftesbury & Gillingham	Andrew Kneller	07973 385957
Bell-ringers, Gillingham		01747 822812
Blackmore Vale Ramblers	Derek Mott	01935 872123
Bridge, Shaftesbury Bridge Club, British Legion Hall	01747 850060	
Campaign to Protect Rural England	Stephen Howard	01747 828249
Car Club	H Miller	01747 838274
Carnival, Shaftesbury		01747 850970 or 858218
Chess, Gillingham & Shaftesbury	Mr R Adams	01747 823387
Civic Society, Gillingham	Mr P G Fleming	01747 823011
Civic Society, Shaftesbury		
Civil Service Retirement Fellows	R Manning	01747 854880
Community Action, Shaftesbury	Dr G Tapper	01747 852872
Computer Club		01747 824884
Contact Magazine		
Craft, Camelot Group	Mrs A Swain	01747 851972
Crime Prevention Panel		01747 852231
D & FAS, Blackmore Vale	Mrs E K Bond	01747 855929
Dance Classes	Caron Parry	01747 858978
Day Centre for Elderly		01747 854959
Disabled Group, Shaftesbury	Mrs J Lowe	01747 854957
Dorset Philharmonic Orchestra	David John	01747 841130
First Source, at the Library	Cat Simmonds	01747 853182

Floral Club, Gillingham		01747 822539
Foresters Ancient Order of Foresters Friendly Society	Ms Krautschneider	01747 853258
41 Club, Shaftesbury & Gillingham	M Ford	01747 822046
Gardening Association, Shaftesbury	Mrs Val Saunders	01747 851822
Gardening Society, Gillingham	Mrs S Hague	01747 826672
Gillingham Arts Workshop		01747 826184
Gillingham Bowling Club		01747 824140
Gillingham in Bloom	Mrs S Hunt	01747 840333
Gillingham Football Club		01747 823673
Gillingham Imperial Silver Band	Mr C Birchall	01258 860999
Gillingham Leisure Centre		01747 822026
Gillingham Library		01747 822180
Gillingham Youth Community Centre		01747 822267
Gold Hill Museum		01747 852157
Guides, Gillingham	Mrs D Trevor	01747 813402
Guides, Shaftesbury	Mrs C Coney	01747 853429
Historical Society, Shaftesbury & District	R Simpson	01747 828229
Independent Order of Oddfellows	Mr J Rutter	01747 852903
Inner Wheel, Gillingham	Mrs S Curbishely	01747 851770
Inner Wheel, Shaftesbury	Mr I Homes	01747 852727
King Alfred's Housing Assoc	G Hughes	01747 852328
Karate: (Southern Shotokan), Shaftesbury & Blandford Leisure Centre		01793 690642
Ladies Circle, Shaftesbury & Gillingham	T Stanley	
Lions, Gillingham, Mere & Shaftesbury	Deborah Clarke	01747 854537
Local History Society, Gillingham	Mr D Lloyd	01747 823507
Manor Musicians	E Tolfree	01747 851434
Meditation Non-denominational		01747 852164
Medical Equipment Loan Service	Ann Danby	01747 828640
Mothers Union St Peters United Church Hall (1st Wednesday 2:45 pm)	Mrs Stanley	01747 850720
Music for Enjoyment Group (meets at Friends Meeting House)	Mrs Thomas	01747 853716
National Trust, Blackmore Vale & Yeovil Centre	S Evans	01747 841041
North Dorset Ramblers		01935 813809
Orbit Club, North Dorset	Mrs J Parks	01747 823096
Palladwr Bowmen	Anthony Rayner	01747 853810
Pigeon Racing Club, Gillingham & District	Mr C Glaze	01258 472433
Probus Ladies	Mrs E Wellwood	01747 850945
Probus, Gold Hill Probus	Ione Homes	01747 811532
Quilters, North Dorset	Mrs Pickard	01747 855243
Quilters, Blackmore Vale, British Legion Hall (on various days)	J Ripper	01747 853989
Railway Society, Shaftesbury & Gillingham	D Nicholls	01747 852483
REMAP, Shaftesbury Health Centre	Mr H W Hardy	01747 826424
Revellers Carnival Club	Heidi Anderson	01747 825344
Rolt Millennium Green	Mr P Schilling	01747 853224
Rotaract Club, Shaftesbury	Mr C Hill	01747 852254
Rotary Club, Shaftesbury	Mr P Deakin	01258 450861

<i>(meets at Fleur de Lys Monday evenings)</i>		
Round Table, Shaftesbury & Gillingham	Rob Curtis	01747 824338
Royal Air Forces Association	Mrs Mary Chesterfield	01747 853231
Royal British Legion, Gillingham (Womens)	Mrs F Mason	01747 822408
Royal British Legion, Gillingham		01747 822439 or 823384
Royal British Legion, Shaftesbury		01747 853484
Scout, Bourton	Mrs E Dunn	01747 822031
Shaftesbury & District Historical Society		01747 852157
Shaftesbury Arts Centre, Box Office		01747 854321
Shaftesbury Community Choir	Julia Markus	01747 854225
<i>(meets in Town Hall Wednesday evenings)</i>		
Shaftesbury Club for Young People		01747 853195
Shaftesbury Flower Club, Shaftesbury Town Hall	Eileen Woodward	01258 820537
<i>(3rd Monday – not August)</i>		
Shaftesbury Football Club, Coppice Street		01747 853990
Shaftesbury in Bloom	Mr D Beer	01747 853178
Shaftesbury Leisure Centre		01747 854637
Shaftesbury Orchestra	T Crump	01747 854420
Shaston Social Club, Bleke Street		01747 852348
Silver Band		01747 850598 or 852377
South Wilts Ramblers		01722 334329
South Somerset Ramblers		01935 421235
St James Brass		01747 856070
Stour Valley Search and Recovery Club	Mr M Hann	01202 738248
Talking Newspaper (Shaftesbury Area)	Gerald Tagg	01747 828106
Tisbury & District Sports Centre	see Contents	01747 871141
Toby's Young Peoples Project		01747 850860
Town Crier, Shaftesbury	Mr C Skey	01747 852420
Trefoil Guild	Mrs C Davies	01747 853428
Twinning Association	Mr J Nizan	01747 852421
University of the Third Age		www.sgu3a.org.uk/index.html
Weaving and Spinning	Mrs P Simmonds	01747 853182
Wessex Highlanders (Pipes and Drums)		01747 853182
Wessex Military Band		01308 425010
WI, Gillingham	Mrs B King (afternoon)	01747 825086
	Mrs B Setchall (evening)	01747 826149
WI Gillingham & WI Shaftesbury Country Markets	Mrs C Norton	01747 828048
WI, Milton on Stour	Mrs C Alexander	01747 824655
WI, Shaftesbury	Lesley Frost/Catherine	01747 853375
	Woolford (evening)	01747 850322
WI, Shaftesbury	Mrs M Pennell (morning)	01747 854869
Young Farmers Club, Gillingham & Shaftesbury	Julia Trim	01747 855906

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