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## LETTER FROM THE RECTOR

Dear Friends,

The observant among you may have noticed that we have been using a new logo for the Benefice. The old logo was a simple clip-art picture. Our friend Lynda Appleby, who you will know is an exceptionally talented artist living in the Donheads and is one of our elected Parochial Church Councillors, has designed a new one for us.

Lynda worked through several drafts trying to incorporate various architectural features of our six churches. We then looked at combinations of maps and other features. Lynda in the end came up with an image of St Bartholomew himself.

In one way it is incredibly simple; in another sense it conveys several intricacies and connections. The image created by Lynda is a depiction of a statue of St Bartholomew on the Great West Front of Salisbury Cathedral. The statue was made between 1867-69 by James Redfern. It is therefore a reminder to us that as all the churches and communities are connected through the Benefice, we have a wider connection through our Deanery and Diocese. We are connected wider still to all the church. We hope that this simple logo of an image of our Benefice patron will also be a continual reminder of our interconnectedness and mutual need for each other.

On the border between Semley parish and Donhead St Andrew there stood a Chapel, now incorporated into a house. St Bartholomew's was a Roman Catholic Chapel served from Wardour and opened in 1887. Mass was said each Sunday from at least 1938 and it closed in 1960. I think it is a good thing that our benefice reminds us also of the connections in faith with our brothers and sisters across the family of the church. On that note may I encourage you to attend a talk by Fr Luke Bell of the Order of St Benedict from Quarr Abbey on the 21st October at Tisbury Methodist Church - talk starts at 11.30 with refreshments beforehand.

And a big thank you to Lynda!

Finally, on Sunday 29th October at 4pm in St Mary's, East Knoyle we are having a service of remembrance for our departed loved ones. If you would like anybody remembered by name, please leave their details on the sheet in Church or alternatively, contact the Benefice office: [admin@benofbart.org.uk](mailto:admin@benofbart.org.uk)



Yours ever,  
Richard

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# CHURCH SERVICES

## October and November 2017



### **1st October – Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity**

08:30	BCP* Communion	Donhead St Andrew
09:30	Family Service	Charlton
09:30	Sung Eucharist	Semley
09:45	Pilgrim Service	East Knoyle
11:00	Matins	Donhead St Mary
18:00	Harvest Evensong	East Knoyle

### **8th October – Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity**

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

### **15th October – Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity**

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

### **22nd October – Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity**

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

### **29th October – Last Sunday after Trinity**

09:30	Benefice Sung Eucharist	Sedgehill
11:00	Benefice Family Service	Charlton
16:00	All Souls Service	East Knoyle

### **1st November – All Saints Day**

10:00	Eucharist	Semley
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### **5th November – All Saints Sunday**

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

**11th November – Armistice Day**

10:50 Remembrance Service at W. Mem. Charlton

**12th November – Remembrance Sunday**

08:30 BCP\* Communion Sedgehill  
09:30 Remembrance Service Semley  
10:55 Remembrance at W. Mem. Donhead St Andrew  
10:50 Remembrance Service East Knoyle  
18.00 Evensong Donhead St Mary

**19th November – Second Sunday before Advent**

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

**26th November – Christ the King**

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

**3rd December – Advent Sunday**

09:30 Family Eucharist Charlton  
09:45 Pilgrim Service East Knoyle  
11:00 Matins Donhead St Mary  
18:00 Advent Carols Semley

\* Book of Common Prayer

*More information on services and the churches of the Benefice is available on the Benefice website at [www.benofbart.org.uk](http://www.benofbart.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



St. Andrew's



St. John's



St. Mary's

# FROM THE REGISTERS



## Baptisms

Semley	02.07.17	Edward George Gorton Baker
East Knoyle	09.07.17	John Michael Shortman
Donhead St Mary	05.08.17	Oliver Robert McLean
Semley	19.08.17	Edward Daltrey

## Weddings

Sedgehill	15.07.17	Matthew Hayes & Katherine Hughes
Semley	29.07.17	Jonathan Usherwood & Kathleen James
Donhead St Mary	05.08.17	George McLean & Emily Bartlett
East Knoyle	09.09.17	Jack Colchester & Lara Scott
Semley	23.09.17	Michael Curry & Lucy Hull

## Funerals

Donhead St Andrew	01.08.17	Barbara Jeffery
East Knoyle	11.08.17	Peter Stratton



## All Souls Service

Sunday 29th October - St Mary's, East Knoyle - At 4pm  
This will be a quiet reflective time to remember those we see no more.  
Music, candles and a time for refreshment afterwards.

## Fireworks at The Rectory



Sunday November 5th  
Come along at 7.30pm  
Bring a bottle  
or a firework!

## Remembrance Services

**11th November**  
Charlton – 10:50  
at the War Memorial  
**12th November**  
Semley – 9:30  
Donhead St Andrew – 10:55  
at the War Memorial  
East Knoyle – 10:55





## FIELD NOTES

On the grey, autumnal afternoon of September 6th a house martin nest not far from the church in Donhead St Mary was still occupied by a chick. Its dark and white head stuck out of the nest hole under the eaves as it surveyed the world of light air in which its parents were flying with their usual speed and ease. Occasionally one of the parents swooped up to the nest, whereupon the chick gave a loud chirrup of a call which the parent bird instantly answered. Or maybe it was the other way round - the two calls were almost simultaneous. It was hard to see if the chick was being fed, an insect passing quickly from one beak to the other, or whether the parent house martin was urging the chick to leave the nest and try out its wings. Don't be afraid, it's easy.

One thinks of house martins as summer migrants, but they often have two broods each year, and sometimes three or even four. If so, they delay their departure until well into October. Swallows are the same, although I have the impression that this year many of the Donhead swallows had only one brood and, probably encouraged by the rainy weather, were gone by the end of August. Others remained; well into September there were hundreds of birds lining up on the telegraph and electricity wires strung along the lane near North Down farm above Wincombe.

I don't know exactly when the telephone reached the Donheads, but the erection of the poles and wires must have significantly changed the appearance of the landscape. It's hard to think that everyone was in favour, although maybe the convenience of the telephone and the prospect of electric light trumped aesthetics. Yet for swallows the wires were extremely

attractive, and it begs the question: how did they manage before? Where did they congregate before migrating? The answer, to judge from 19th century observers, is that they used branches, preferring dead trees without leaves, and in a way, for a swallow, a telegraph wire must be a long and very thin branch.

Other species of birds also like the wires. Wood pigeons edge along them, claw after claw, often during their endless courtship pursuits; and spotted flycatchers - of which we have only a very few in the Donheads each summer - perch very upright, and loop out to catch insects. In winter, the rooks that roost in the Wincombe woods often assemble in long lines of black on the North Down wires. Then there are buzzards, which stand on the tops of the poles for periods of an hour or more, and regally ignore the cars passing below. Occasionally I've seen pheasants trying to balance on the wires, never very well, and though squirrels run along them they too look ill-at-ease. It's interesting to think of the birds that don't use the wires, among them tits and robins and dunnocks. For them, a wire is too exposed, too dangerous; they need more cover.

Very likely, with changes in technology, the poles and wires will eventually come down. In the meantime they're part of the scenery, and no doubt very handy to a bird like a young house martin that is still not that confident in flight. The one mentioned above had left the nest by 8th September, and is probably now heading south for warmer climes. How did house martins manage before houses? That's another question.

Chris Nicholson



Regular contributor to the Donhead Digest 'Field Notes',  
Christopher Nicholson's latest book  
'Among the summer snows' (September Books) is out now in hardback.



## DONHEAD ST MARY BELL-RINGERS

When I was a teenager, my parents always despaired at my habit of leaving everything to the last minute. They say that with age comes wisdom. So it is that with only an hour or two to the deadline for submitting my copy to the editor, I am writing on the same day as the Guild Striking Competition.

I have written before about the Salisbury Diocesan Guild of Ringers. Both Donhead towers are affiliated to it and one of its five aims is to advance the art of ringing and to cultivate Change Ringing. Before the Victorian reforms, bell ringing was an unregulated activity, which had evolved from the days of the 17th century Puritans. They had realised that bell ringing is very enjoyable, and as you were meant to devote yourself to pious works and thoughts on Sunday, enjoyment was frowned upon. Thus, bell ringing was allowed on any day except Sunday. So it was that the English style of change ringing emerged. In those days, ringers were paid to ring the bells for church events, including Sunday services. On other days, great competitions were held in towns in the 17th and 18th centuries. Bands of ordinary ringers strove to outdo one another. On days of competition the ringing was often preceded by a large meal at the local pub and followed by the presentation of a 'good hat' or a pair of gloves to each ringer in the band that had

performed the best. By the 18th century, standards of behaviour deteriorated with bell ringers described as layabouts and drunks. Attendance at church services was considered no part of bell ringing.

By the early 1700s, the science of being able to ring peals for 3 hours had developed and at Leicester in March 1731 one of the ringers commented; "we upon bells completed the whole peal of Grandsire Triples in three hours and two minutes to the great satisfaction of thousands both in town and country". Over the years, change ringing fell in social esteem, and there were frequently great arguments between ringers and clergy. By the 1880s, the clergy were regaining control of the belfries and reformed the activity.

Today, the Mere Branch of the Guild hosts our competition. The event now encourages ringers to improve their ringing by having a goal to aim for. We shall not win a good hat or a pair of gloves, but our name on the cup. No large meal or drunken revelry today, but a marvellous tea of cakes and scones, whether we win or not!

(I am grateful to <http://www.bellringing.org/history> for the above historical details.)

Christopher Sykes  
[www.donhead.sdgr.org.uk](http://www.donhead.sdgr.org.uk)



## THE DONHEADS GARDENING CLUB

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

It seems contra to all hopes and expectations to fast forward through August to October in the Garden. I am writing this in August and you are now reading this in October. To zip through those precious months seems almost sacrilegious. We spend all winter dreaming of summer months in the garden but how quickly they pass and how the deep mid-winter months drag. Mind you the weather we are currently experiencing (rain, rain, rain) is probably no different to January or February.

So first thoughts of autumn have to be bulbs. And indeed it is a necessary task to order those bulbs and get them in the ground or pots because we all know just how much pleasure and enjoyment they give us in the dark months of February/March. The first daffodils have to be Rijnvelds Early Sensation. They are frequently in flower with me on my cold wet clay in Semley early to mid January. They are very yellow, the catalogues say 'golden yellow' but they are very uplifting at that time and a joy to see. Followed on by February Gold and Tete-a-Tete, they all seem to help to speed the winter months up somehow and re-assure us that Spring will come, eventually. I prefer a paler colour of daffodil later on. The smaller miniature species seem to sit easier in the garden such as Minnow, Jack Snipe, Jenny and my favourites which come later in April, the Triandrus Daffodils such as Hawera, Petrel, Silver Chimes and best of all Thalia. All these will do well in pots as well as in the ground. I use a lot of pots these days. You can keep the pots in a shed/garage during the colder months to preserve the pots themselves from frost damage, the bulbs not requiring light until their 'snouts' are peeping through, then move them out in January/February when

hopefully most of the frosts are over. Then you can move them around as the flowers come and go.

We had a Wedding this spring and I spent some time last autumn researching the latest flowering Tulips. I was assured that Maureen (marble white) and Queen of the Night (maroon) were the very last tulips to flower. I planted up lots of tubs with these. Maureen looked absolutely splendid three weeks before the Wedding! (mid May). Spring was early of course and it is always a gamble. However they were early enough for Simon and I to enjoy them and then enable me to renew the pots in time for the Wedding with some more 'seasonal' bedding things which looked just as jolly. I would particularly recommend Maureen, especially in some shadier/darker spots in the garden where she will shine out glowing in the dark.

Alliums too must be planted in the autumn. They lift any border out of the spring doldrums with their wonderful height and spectacular globes in hues of purple coming mid/end May/early June, depending on the season. I seriously do not think you can have too many. Allium Purple Sensation and A. hollandicum aflatunense mixed together in drifts through a border are a joy. Then there is A. sphaerocephalon, the Drumstick Allium. This comes much later in July/August and has a small, rich blackcurrant head, adding zing to the front of the border or lining paths. There are so many varieties of Alliums available now and it is great fun to experiment with a few new ones each year. So do not forget to add these to your bulb order.

Happy planting.  
Freddie Yorke

Ernest was killed in action on 1 November 1917 and is buried in the Canada Farm Cemetery, which is near Ypres and named after a farm used as a dressing station during Passchendaele.

Ernest was born in Donhead St Andrew and baptised in the church on 5 April 1896. His parents were Frederick John King, a farm labourer, and Emma Jane (nee Gray) who in the 1901 Census are shown as living in Scots Hill together with Ernest (aged 5), Percival (aged 3)

and Reginald (aged 2 months). Ten years later in the 1911 Census Ernest (aged 15) had left school and was working as a farm labourer living in Haygrove Tisbury, lodging with John Hardiman, a cowman, and his family. In the same census Ernest's parents are recorded as living in Donhead St Andrew together with their children Reginald (aged 10), Florence (aged 8) and Arthur (aged 2).

Andrew Traill

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## Tea@thechurch

Tea@thechurch meets most Mondays at St John's Church Charlton, any time between 2.30pm - 4.30pm Do come along - all most welcome.

### Future Dates

**October** 2nd, 9th, 16th - **November** 6th, 13th 20th and 27th

**December** 4th, 11th and 18th\*

\*December 18th will be extra special with our Christmas Party followed by Informal Carols at 3.30pm.

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## 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 email:  
amitychairman@aol.com  
or phone Ann Danby: 01747 828640

# Donhead St Mary Parish Council

The next meeting for Donhead St Mary Parish Council will take place on Wednesday 8th November 2017 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.

## Consultations

- Do you use the mobile library service which currently stops at Ludwell? There is a consultation on the route, please look on the Wiltshire Council website or ask the librarian on your next visit to the mobile library.
- Another important consultation is on the future of waste and recycling in Wiltshire. Details are on the WC website under rubbish and recycling.
- There will also be a consultation on car parking charges across Wiltshire.

Please go to [www.wiltshire.gov.uk](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk) to respond to these consultations.

## 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.

## 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.

## 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.

Parish clerk; Mrs Clare Churchill  
1 Tower Farm Cottages, Quidhampton, Salisbury.  
SP2 9AA  
Tel: 01722 743027



# The Donhead Apple Company



What a great job the villagers and this year's Wassail Princesses have done, scaring away the evil spirits in January in our annual wassail. This looks set to be our biggest ever year for cider and eating apples. Each tree is laden and our extended family of honey bees have done an excellent job in pollinating. The hot weather that we had in June has brought forward the season by around 3 weeks.

This is where we need your help, please to come and collect and help pick apples.

**We will be holding an Open Orchard weekend on Saturday 14th & Sunday 15th October from 9-5pm, Berrywood Lane, Donhead St. Mary.**

We will provide the nets for the apples to go into, all we ask is that you wear suitable clothing and bring gloves. Please check the weather beforehand.

We will also provide light refreshments in the apple barn, but you are more than welcome to bring your own food, picnics etc.

If you have any questions or would like further information then please contact myself either at: **Kevin@donheadapple.com** or mobile: 07815813629

In actual fact it has been a very good year so far for us. Back in May we found out that we had been awarded one of only 7 gold medals in the world in this year's International Cider Challenge for our English Sparkling Cider. Our English Sparkling Cider is made using 'Method Traditionele' and is a great alternative to champagne or prosecco. Then, within the last few weeks we have been shortlisted in the Taste of Dorset awards for Best Cider Company...we will know in November if we have been successful.

If you haven't tried our award-winning cider yet then you can find it at Ludwell & Semley Village Stores; Pythouse Kitchen Garden; The Beckford & Bottle Shop, Tisbury; The Forester, Donhead St. Andrew and Shaftesbury Wines to name a few. Or check out our online shop at **www.donheadapple.com** and we will deliver for free.



*Kevin and Gavin - The Donhead Apple Company*

## DONHEAD ST MARY VILLAGE HALL

Writing this and looking out of the window at the alternating sunshine and heavy rain reminds me of the Summer BBQ we hosted at the hall on 22nd July. Anxious monitoring of the weather forecast in the days leading up to the event necessitated the rapid creation of a wet weather plan, or risk having to cancel the whole show. This we were keen to avoid, because it is one of our regular social features of the year and the surplus funds generated are vital for the upkeep of the hall. As so often with these concerns about the English weather, and in stark contrast to the recent weather induced devastation in South Asia, the Caribbean and the United States, its bark turned out to be worse than its bite. The only rainfall was whilst we erected the tent prior to the start of the BBQ, but as a precaution we set up the hall so that villagers could eat inside instead of on the lawn. This was just as well because it was rather chilly on the night and the atmosphere in the hall was all the more convivial as a result. I would like to thank all those who generously prepared and brought along both salads and, for the first time, puddings. I really think that these contributions make our village BBQ particularly special, so I think home made puddings will now be the norm too! Special thanks too to both Buttlings for providing the first class burgers, sausages and koftas and to Ludwell Stores for donating the raffle prize, bread rolls and buns.

Thank you for your responses to last edition's request for indications of interest in a Film Club at the hall. Anna McDowell will have updated individuals separately and we are hoping to be able to progress the idea, now that we have a better handle on the level of support. As a precursor to the Film Club, I am most grateful to Hilary



Griffiths for suggesting and facilitating the showing of a couple of vintage films about the local area - a full report will come in the next edition.

Work starts on the kitchen refurbishment on 23rd October and I am grateful to our regular hirers - Tracey Scott-Masson (Pilates), Gina Dinely (Vinyasa Flow Yoga), Amity, the Donheads Gardening Club and Donhead St Andrew Parish Council for their patience during these works. We are very confident that the outcome will more than justify the disruption and we are very much looking forward to showing the results to the community. The improvements will make the hall even more of an asset to the village and we eagerly anticipate the additional uses that the community can find for the hall.

If you would like to book the hall please contact Karen Ecclestone on 01747 829261.

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](mailto:gee0205@me.com)

Richard Ecclestone, Chair of Trustees  
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**LOTTERY FUNDED**



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**August** – Coach Trip to Tetbury and Highgrove Gardens.

34 members and friends went by coach, first to Tetbury for a little shopping and lunch, and then on to Highgrove Gardens – the Royal Gardens of Their Royal Highnesses The Prince of Wales and The Duchess of Cornwall. We were split into two groups for our two hour walk around and were blessed with good weather. Both guides were excellent and the over riding feeling was of how talented and ‘hands on’ His Royal Highness is.



TETBURY



HIGHGROVE

## **Forthcoming Meetings**

**Thursday 12 October - Donhead St Mary Village Hall at 2.30pm**

A talk titled – ‘Augustus Pugin and His Architectural Origins in Salisbury’ by David Richards (a blue badge guide). Pugin was one of Britain’s greatest architects and much of the design of The Houses of Parliament and Big Ben were his. Pugin’s early years were spent in Salisbury and, amongst other things, we will learn of his involvement in the design of what is now the Cinema.

**Thursday 9 November – New Remembrance Hall, Charlton at 2.15pm\***

AGM followed by a talk titled ‘The training and work of Medical Detection Dogs’ by Pam Crook. This will be a fascinating talk drawing our attention to the part that dogs are now playing in the detection of diseases such as cancer and diabetes.

\*Change of venue due to refurbishment of St Mary’s Village Hall.

Our talks are always followed by a good tea and time for a chat.

We are a Ladies Club who welcome visitors so if you haven’t been to one of our meetings or would like to find out more about Amity do visit our website [www.amityclub.co.uk](http://www.amityclub.co.uk) or give me a ring.

Ann Danby, Chairman

01747 828640

[admin@donheadsamityclub.co.uk](mailto:admin@donheadsamityclub.co.uk)

## Donhead Happy Gathering Club

Our annual club outing this year was a visit to the Milestone Museum in Basingstoke. We left Shaftesbury at 9.30am on a beautiful sunny day, and travelled to the Mayfly Inn by the river, near Stockbridge.

Our members all enjoyed having their coffee by the beautiful river Test, with its abundance of trout swimming by.

Soon it was time to board the coach and continue on to Basingstoke. When we arrived we were all surprised to see such a vast building.

We soon found ourselves stepping back in time, seeing the network of Victorian and 1930s streets, complete with shops, houses and vehicles, 21,000 objects in all. Lunch was a welcome break, and time for ice creams later before we left for home at the end of an enjoyable day out.

The August meeting, New Forest Owls, sadly had to be cancelled at the last minute, due to a very heavy storm in our area. Cherry Barlow was unable to bring her Owls due to such bad weather. Hopefully we can book her to come next year.

Four of our members bravely took to the floor and gave a short talk on their working experiences, which proved to be very entertaining, and saved the day! A most enjoyable tea followed, and everyone seemed to enjoy the unplanned speakers.

Jill Laker,  
Secretary.

### Our Villages in Bloom your chance to leave a lasting memory



A generous donation has been received for daffodil bulbs to be purchased to brighten up our village areas next Spring and for the years to come.

In order to make the planting of circa 1200 bulbs less onerous we need at least 25 volunteers, (48 bulbs each), to be responsible for the planting of an area.

**The bulbs do not need to be planted one at a time.**

Having done a batch last year we found it is easiest to cut a strip of grass with a spade, fold the grass back and plant a number in the trench before covering over.

It would be nice not to leave 4 of us septuagenarians to do the planting, as happened last year! We need some of you younger fitter ones to volunteer.

The bulbs have been purchased and ideally it would be best to plant towards the end of November.

We could have a group planning meeting to discuss the best locations?

Tamsin and I look forward to hearing from you by email or phone.

**anndanby@aol.com** Tel: 828640

**tamsinlee@btinternet.com** Tel: 828525





# **Ludwell Primary School**

## **A small school with a big heart**

### **Happy New Year!**

Our wonderful children are back for another exciting year at Ludwell School after the summer holidays. It is always so lovely to see the children greet each other on the first morning like long lost friends which, to them of course, they are. We welcome them all back and especially those who are new to our school, including our Reception children. This year we only had two who were upset on the first morning, both of whom were parents! Perhaps we need to extend our very effective transition sessions to the parents too.

We've had some big changes, due to our rising popularity, and have decided to grow a little by adding a new reception class. We have building work going on at the moment to create a wonderful purpose-built learning space for our youngest children which leads straight onto their outside learning area. However, we promise we haven't lost our 'Small School with a BIG Heart' status! If you would like to come and visit, please give the office a ring on 01747 828519 to find out about our Open Afternoon on Thursday 28th September. This will be

especially useful if you have a child due to start school next September. We look forward to meeting you.

Our class names have changed this year to bird names, starting with Wrens for Reception, Robins for Years 1 and 2, Owls for Years 3 and 4, and Kites for Years 5 and 6. For the first time we are able to teach our classes within a single Key Stage and with the same curriculum, which makes life easier for pupils and teachers alike. The teachers have planned some amazing topics for the children, starting this term with 'Survival of the Fittest' which will encompass, amongst other subjects, different periods in history. I look forward to seeing them sharing their work with us all in our Celebration Assembly on Fridays.

By the time you read this we will have held our Harvest Festival on Tuesday 19th September at 2pm in St John's Church. We always like to involve the community to our special events, so, if you came along, it was lovely to see you.

Sue Evans  
Headteacher

### **Donhead Digest - OnLine**

You can now read the Donhead On Line - Editorial Only.

Visit: [www.donheaddigest.co.uk](http://www.donheaddigest.co.uk)

# Donhead Sports Club

The Sports Club has carried out refurbishment of the kitchen thanks partially to the 4 Villages fête's generous donations over the past 2 years; it certainly needed doing after many years of use.

A grateful thanks to the committee and club members who gave their time and expertise in carrying out this project in a short time to allow the club to re-open for the winter season of sport.

This season we have an U11s as well as U15s Football plus two senior football teams at Donhead, so the field will be in continuous use during the winter.

We know many of you dog walkers are very good at picking up the dog mess but there seems to be an increase in cars arriving, when getting dark and letting the dog loose, so please be vigilant as we have to clean up before a game starts.



The cricket season ended with Donhead finishing bottom of the Ranston League, most of the games were well fought but just seemed to end up on the wrong side of winning; but the enthusiasm is there so will be ready next season ...

We are lucky to have 5 skittle teams again this season 17/18 as well as a crib team in the Shaftesbury League who will be honing their card sharpening skills again. The Netball team is as always well supported under the guidance of Viv Budd. The tennis courts are being used by young and old alike so we look forward to a good sporting season.

We hope to have a bonfire and fireworks party as usual this year, but details are yet to be arranged so please see posters nearer the date.

Secretary  
Richard Gray

Donhead St Mary with Charlton PCC

is pleased to invite you to:

## **An Evening with Crispin Black**

**Saturday 14th October**

6.00pm at the New Remembrance Hall

Crispin Black has stories to tell from his time as a platoon commander in the Falklands War, through membership of COBRA on 9/11 as a member of the intelligence community and now as a successful author of both fact and fiction.

Crispin will also be signing copies of his recent books.

Tickets available from Ludwell Village Stores, Tony Gowers (829188), Bob Thackray (829035), after services in both churches, or at the door if still available.

# Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service

## Fire Service offers free fire safety checks

Free fire safety checks and smoke alarms are being offered by Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service.

As part of its ongoing focus on preventing fire-related incidents in the home, Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service is providing one-to-one advice in the home, which incorporates fire safety and health and well-being. Wiltshire residents can arrange for a member of the Fire Service to visit them at their property and provide smoke alarms and safety advice as part of a Safe and Well visit.

The visit will identify potential risks within the home and how to reduce or prevent these risks. It covers electrical safety, escape plans, cooking, smoking, personal safety and the immediate installation of smoke alarms, if needed, all free of charge.

If you live in a thatched property, or are over 65, or smoke, or have mobility or long-term health problems, or have children under 5, please call 0800 038 2323 or visit **[www.dwfire.org.uk](http://www.dwfire.org.uk)** to request a free Safe and Well visit.

Specific information about thatched properties is also available.

For further information, please contact:  
Karen Pearson, Safe and Well Advisor (Devizes),  
Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service,  
Five Rivers Health & Wellbeing Centre,  
Hulse Road | Salisbury | SP1 3NR  
Tel: 01722 691259 | Mobile: 07515 187345  
@DWFireRescue [www.dwfire.org.uk](http://www.dwfire.org.uk)



DORSET & WILTSHIRE  
FIRE AND RESCUE

## TRULY SCRUMPTIOUS



The season for blackberries and game get going at vaguely the same time, which is quite handy as they go together so well. They also make for gorgeous autumn puddings, so two recipes for you that use this juicy harbinger of the autumn hedgerow. If you have time, and they are still on their spiny branches, go out and pick wild blackberries - although cultivated / frozen work well too and are not as 'pippy'. aif

### Blackberry braised Red Cabbage

(freezes beautifully, so make in preparation for Christmas or a winter Sunday Roast.)

Serve with Venison, pheasant or Christmas turkey. Serves 6.

#### Ingredients

1 tbsp	butter	5 tbsp	balsamic vinegar
3 tbsp	soft brown sugar	1 tsp	mixed spice
1 tbsp	Redcurrant jelly	175g	blackberries
1	Red onion, thinly sliced	2 tbsp	crème de mure or crème de cassis (optional)
1	Small red cabbage (about 600g cored and thinly sliced)		

#### Method

1. Melt the butter in a large saucepan, add the onion and cook slowly for 10 minutes until really soft.
2. Add the cabbage, vinegar, sugar, mixed spice and the redcurrant jelly along with 100 ml of water; then season and cook for 40 mins over a medium-low heat.
3. Add the blackberries and the crème de mure or cassis, if using.
4. Continue cooking, uncovered for 5-10 minutes until the liquid has evaporated and the blackberries have broken down slightly.

### Blackberry and whisky bread and butter pudding Serves 8.

#### Ingredients

400 ml	full fat milk	400 ml	double cream
1 tsp	vanilla extract	5	whole eggs plus 1 yolk (large)
150g	caster sugar	300g	blackberries
250g	soft white rolls or brioche (sliced)	100 ml	whisky
50g	butter		icing sugar for dusting

Heat the oven to 180°C / Gas mark 4 / Aga bottom shelf, top oven.

#### Method

1. Bring the milk, cream and a pinch of salt to the boil in a heavy bottomed pan, then remove from the heat before adding the vanilla extract.
2. Beat the eggs, yolk and sugar in a bowl, then pour the milk mixture on to this, stirring all the time.
3. Butter the bread/brioche and layer it, buttered side up in a 2 litre ovenproof dish, sprinkling on the blackberries and sloshing the whisky as you go.
4. Pour on the custard through a sieve and leave to sit for half an hour (this makes it lighter) - make sure no blackberries are sticking out of the custard as they will burn.
5. Put the dish in a roasting-tin and pour boiling water around the dish.
6. Bake for 40 - 45 minutes until golden and set. Serve with a dusting of icing sugar.

*Truly, truly scrumptious Autumnal dishes.*

# DONHEAD ST ANDREW PARISH COUNCIL

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

News Update – September 2017

## Latest PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Parish Councillors supported the following applications:

**17/05505/FUL** - Park Cottage, West End Lane, Donhead St Andrew SP7 9DZ

Removal of bedroom dormer window and part roof at first floor front elevation, raising part front elevation and roof to form enlarged bedroom and additional en suite bathroom. Erection of zinc roofed open porch at front door.

**17/06834/FUL** - Clover Cottage, Overway Lane, Donhead St Andrew SP7 9LH

Demolition of existing conservatory/extension & replacement with new single storey rear extension, construction of glazed lean to at side of property.

And had **no objections** to the following applications:

**17/06935/TCA** - Dairy Cottage, Barkers Hill, Donhead St Andrew SP7 9EB

1. Cut down Holly; 2. Top shrubs to 1.5m; 3. Yew - Top & prune to 2m; 4. Top & prune shrubs including Holly, Bay & Gatowiastra to 1.5m.

**17/06962/FUL** - Donhead House, Barkers Hill, Donhead St Andrew SP7 9EB

Repair works including damp, roof, stonework, heating systems, providing a staircase, reinstating entrance to south façade and adjoining kitchen and dining room.

**17/07405/lbw** - Donhead House, Barkers Hill, Donhead St Andrew SP7 9EB

Repair works including damp, roof, stonework, heating systems, providing a staircase, reinstating entrance to south façade and adjoining kitchen and dining room.

**17/06860/FUL** - Meadowbank House, St Bartholomews Street, Barkers Hill, Donhead St Andrew SP7 9EB

Minor external alterations to existing domestic annexe within domestic curtilage of main house. New external wall infill to enclose inner space. Slight increase in floor area due to radiused corner. Addition of bifold doors.

## Overgrowing Hedges

Please don't forget to trim back any hedges, especially those on the Highway and Footpaths.

## Reporting Defects on the Highway

Don't forget you can report potholes, faded highway markings, missing signs etc through the **My Wiltshire** system on the Wiltshire Council website:

<http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/parkingtransportandstreets/roadshighwaysstreetcare/mywiltshirelogin>

The report made can be made anonymously or you can register as a user and be able to monitor the status of your report.

The next Parish Council meeting is on Friday 17th November 2017 in Donhead St Mary Village Hall.

# ST ANDREW'S CHURCH FÊTE

**August Bank Holiday Monday**

**Stoney Hills Field, Sans Lane**

In the days leading up to the Fête, the weather gradually improved, after a couple of weeks of cold, often wet days. From Thursday morning onwards, preparations began. First the marking out and roping off of the field. Then the arrival of the generator, sound system and portaloos. Then the putting up of the marquees and tents and the delivery of tables and chairs. A break on Sunday morning for the Patronal Festival Service in St Andrew's Church and then the final preparations.

At 8.00 am on the morning of the Fête, there wasn't a cloud in the sky. Stoney Hills Field looked perfect in its glorious setting. Soon the villagers started to arrive and by 9.30 am the field was filled with people, cars and trailers unloading and setting up.

By 12 o'clock all was ready. Time for a team photo around the flagpole and a quick lunch from the array of delicious things on sale and then back to the stalls to await the start.

At 1.00 pm, in blazing sunshine, the Bell Street Jazz Band struck up, the queue of about 250 visitors awaiting the opening rushed into the Fête and off we went.

The Bric a Brac, Cakes, Preserves, Toys & Gifts, Pictures, Plants, Clothes and Books Stalls were all amazingly stocked and did a wonderful trade. The Friends Stall did a good trade in early purchases of Christmas cards.

The Amusements, including Duck Shoot, Skittles, Coconut Shy and Crockery Smashing provided children and adults alike with noisy fun.

The Raffle, Bottle Tombola and the 'Guess the Value of the Wine in the Church Warden's Wheelbarrow' were all kept busy and the Live Auction produced a good sum for the five loads of seasoned logs that the Jeffery family had prepared for us. New this year was a Silent Auction that was highly popular and did very well.

Our visitors were well fed and watered by delicious teas and savouries; the BBQ featuring Buttlings' burgers and sausages; the Cider & Beer Tent offering Donhead cider and Ringwood beers; a Soft Drinks Stall and the very welcome ice creams from Great Aunt Lucie.

What an amazing attraction the Classic Car Show is! There were over thirty fabulous cars and bikes with their proud owners standing by to tell the history of their vehicles.

The Dog Show had more entries than ever before and gave everyone forty-five minutes of terrific entertainment.


The team on the Gate reckoned that about 1,500 visitors came to this year's Fête. As always, there was no charge for entry; we relied on the generosity of our visitors to support this year's charities.

Sponsors from the village community and from local commercial businesses were also incredibly generous and between them covered the cost of putting on the Fête.

This year the commercial sponsors included: Natural Woodflooring, Natural High Travel, Sans Farm Kennels, St Swithuns Building & Conservation and Eyres Master Thatchers, Catchpole Law, Farnfields Solicitors, Ludwell Village Stores, Wren Classics, Proctor Watts Cole Rutter Architects, M.A.B. Heating, Richmond Bell Architects, Wessex Fire & Security, Guild Anderson Furniture Makers, Andrews & Palmer Chartered Accountants, Carol Buttlings Physiotherapy, Hawes Arborists, Merefield & Henstridge Funeral Directors, Middle England Estates.

Other companies that provided their products or helped us in other ways included:

Ringwood Brewery, Donhead Apple, Rob Beale, Buttlings The Butcher, Rushmore Golf Club, Hall & Woodhouse, Rural View Estate

*Continued overleaf* 

Agents, La Fleur de Lys Restaurant, Ted Martin Flowers, The Grosvenor at Shaftesbury, The Forester Pub & Dining, Shaftesbury Co-Operative Funeral Care, Ansty Farm Shop, The Grove Arms, Turnbulls of Shaftesbury, HW White Estate Agents and Property Management.

The Fête Committee is very grateful to them all. At 5.00 pm the Fête closed. All over for another year! Monday evening and Tuesday morning were spent clearing the field and returning it to the Jeffery Family for another year. Our thanks to them for their help in so many ways and not just for allowing us to use this wonderful field.

What a marvellous day! Over 250 members of the village coming together over many weeks to put the Church Fête on. Great team work and a lot of fun in spite of the effort. The Committee would like to thank everyone involved.

On the evening of Friday 8th September seventy villagers met together in St Andrew's Church for drinks and to watch a video of the Fête. They then heard the financial outcome of the 2017 Fête.

Since then, further income has come in. The figures below are an update on what was reported at the Party on 8th September. There may still be more to come.

<b>Total cost of putting on the Fête</b>	<b>£2,672</b>
Income from Village and Commercial Sponsors	£3,508
Fête takings	£12,648
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>£16,156</b>
<b>Net Profit</b>	<b>£13,484</b>

This is about £100 more than the profit from the 2016 Church Fête.

This sum will be distributed between Wiltshire Air Ambulance (County charity), Tisbus (local charity), Happy Gathering (local charity), St Andrew's Church Development Appeal and to support the work, mission, charitable giving and running costs of St Andrew's Church.

*Richard Warhurst, Simon Cooper, Tim Harry, John Hill, John Jeffrey, Alistair Stoker, Michael Hockney (Chairman)*

*St Andrew's Church Fête Management Committee.*

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## **ST ANDREW'S CHURCH PATRONAL FESTIVAL**

### **27TH AUGUST 2017**

St Andrew's Patronal Festival was celebrated on Sunday 27th August 2017 with a Festal Sung Eucharist at which the Preacher was the Very Reverend Dom Andrew Johnson OSB, the Prior of Alton Abbey in Hampshire. The Celebrant was the Rector, the Reverend Richard Warhurst.

The Benefice Choir, now numbering twenty, sang an Introit by Frederick Gore-Ouseley, 'How Lovely Are Thy Tents, O Jacob' and, during Communion, 'Love Divine All Love's Excelling' by Sydney Nicholson. The Choir also sang the Mass of St Thomas by David Thorne, former Sub Organist of Portsmouth Cathedral and a splendid Festal Amen by John Stainer.

After the Service, the 80-strong congregation enjoyed coffee and celebration cake.

### **Barbara Jeffery - Eulogy**

A copy of the Eulogy given by Fran Smart on August 1st at Donhead St Andrew's Church, is available upon request.

If you would like a copy, please email Fran on: [franpsmart@gmail.com](mailto:franpsmart@gmail.com)



# ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH DEVELOPMENT APPEAL

## ST ANDREW'S CHURCH, DONHEAD ST ANDREW UPDATE ON THE DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

### APPEAL UPDATE

Following the granting of a Faculty by the Chancellor of the Diocese of Salisbury in May 2017, the Friends Committee set about writing applications to those Trusts and Foundations that required us to have the Faculty before we could apply. These included a number of Trusts which could potentially give substantial grants. The Committee also wrote to Trusts which allowed a second application in a situation where all the required funds had not been raised. All these applications were completed by the end of July 2017.

In July, we were delighted to receive a second grant, of £3,000, from the Allchurches Trust. Then, in late August came the news that the Heritage Lottery Fund had awarded us a grant of £67,600; 100% of what we had asked for. The Committee is very grateful to the Allchurches Trust and to the HLF and to all Lottery players for these grants.

With these two grants included, that takes the sum raised as at the 9th of September to £402,000.

The PCC, Development Committee and Friends Committee now await the outcome of the applications to the remaining Trusts and Foundations.

*George Lisle  
Chairman  
St Andrew's Church  
Development Committee*

*Michael Hockney  
Chairman  
The Friends of  
St Andrew's Church*

### FORTHCOMING FUNDRAISING EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

#### **The Village Produce Stall**

The stall is open every day until the end of October at Crossrivers and sells a variety of plants, cuttings, seeds, fruit, vegetables and cut flowers. Do have a regular look at what's on offer as the stock changes daily. Chris York (828739) welcomes any contributions for the stall.

#### **Later in the year.....**

there will be the very popular Quiz Supper and 'Call My Wine Bluff', an evening of wine tasting with three expert bluffers.

#### **DEVELOPMENT APPEAL WEBSITE**

The Development Appeal website is regularly updated with the latest news about Appeal events and activities, the funds raised and the architect's drawings for the Project. There is also a short video which gives an impression of what the church will look like once the project has been completed.

You can find the website at

**[www.sacda.uk](http://www.sacda.uk)**

Our thanks to everyone in the village for their tremendous support.





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\* 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](http://www.donheadsgardeningclub.co.uk/Calendar.html)

• tea@thechurch is on most Mondays

## **PLANTS – Free to Good home**

We have a surplus of the following plants which need good homes rather than being chucked on the compost heap:

Michaelmas Daisies, Golden Rod, Montbretia,  
Crocsmia Lucifer (like Montbretia only bigger and flame coloured),  
Autumn fruiting raspberry canes, Garden mint

**If you are interested please contact Theresa on 01747 829188.**

## **Attack on Swan**

On 16th June two male trespassers used an airgun to shoot and severely injure a swan at ponds in Donhead St Andrew. They also vandalised a camera. Fortunately the swan has since recovered and security cameras have now been installed.



Cranborne Chase  
Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty

## **CRANBORNE CHASE COUNTRYSIDE CENTRE Volunteering and Environmental Activities Survey**

Cranborne Chase Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) Partnership is looking into the long desired potential to create a Countryside Centre in the middle of the AONB in the Tisbury /A30 area.

It is proposed to be a base for volunteering activity, linked with local rural projects and accredited training courses, primarily in countryside management related skills, informal countryside skills and traditional crafts courses. Additionally, it would be home to an information and interpretation centre for visitors to the AONB and local residents, with a flexible meeting space for groups to use.

We are looking to better understand how the proposed Countryside Centre may be used by people living, working and volunteering within and around the AONB. This will help us tailor the services we hope to provide – so if you could please take a few minutes responding to our survey at <https://tinyurl.com/y8oayjyx> it would be very helpful, thank you for your participation.

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Should you wish to send articles for consideration for inclusion in the Donhead Digest, please send copy by email to:  
**digest@nickrobson001.co.uk Telephone: 01747 828032**

Copy for December/January issue by  
**6.00pm on Saturday 11th November 2017**

## Wiltshire West Community Policing Team

Summary of daily crime updates from local beats for the period mid August 2017 to mid September 2017



### **Barford St Martin: 20 August 2017:**

**Criminal Damage and Poaching:** At approximately 9.25am offenders cut fence to access land for hare coursing. When challenged by landowner, two offending vehicles (a green Suzuki Vitara and a gold Honda CRV) drove off at speed, one colliding with owner's vehicle causing damage.

### **Bowerchalke: 20 August 2017: Theft:**

Between 6pm and 10pm) offenders were disturbed in the course of stealing diesel from bowser; they made off in silver Peugeot 206.

### **Broadchalke: 1 September 2017: Criminal Damage:**

Overnight, an offender caused damage to tyres and window of a parked car.

### **Broadchalke: 11 September 2017:**

**Burglary:** Between midday on 10 September and 9.30am on 11 September, a barn was broken into and a large number of high value items stolen including sheep weighing scales, sheep hurdles, a chainsaw, red diesel, petrol, and fifty bales of hay.

### **Chilmark: 21 August 2017: Burglary:**

Suspects entered a quarry by cutting the metal bars to a ventilation shaft and two gas sealed doors that had been previously locked. Copper wiring and equipment was stolen from the location.

### **Chilmark: 14 September 2017: Arson and Criminal Damage:**

Suspect(s) entered the mines, damaging protective railings in seeking access.

### **Dinton: 14 September 2017: Theft:**

Between 4.10pm and 4-30pm offender smashed rear window of parked vehicle and stole briefcase and its contents.

### **Donhead St Mary: 30 August 2017:**

**Burglary:** Suspect entered the victim's dwelling and stole a set of car keys that were hanging just inside the door.

### **Fonthill Bishop: 9 September 2017:**

**Burglary:** Padlock to shed forced open and entry gained; nothing appears to have been stolen.

### **Hindon: 16 August 2017:**

### **Arson and Criminal Damage:**

A group of suspect(s) entered the school grounds, pulled up the goal posts on the playing field, and kicked a football against a mobile classroom making muddy football marks on the windows and causing cracks and holes to appear on the hard outer protective skin of the building.

### **Semley: 31 August 2017: Action Fraud:**

The informant received a scam call from a number claiming to be from NatWest Fraud department. The informant was advised to set up a separate account with a different bank, and transferred a large sum of money, at the advice of the caller.

### **Tisbury: 31 August 2017: Burglary:**

Known suspect is believed to have entered part of a property and stole jewellery and other items to the value of £2000.

### **Tollard Royal: 16 August 2017: Theft:**

Unknown suspect(s) broke rear window of reporting person's vehicle and stole a handbag containing cash and a mobile telephone.

### **West Knoyle: 30 August 2017: Vehicle offences:**

Suspects gained entry to the victim's vehicle using unknown means. They stole several items that were kept in the locked boot of the vehicle.

### **West Tisbury: 13 September 2017: Theft:**

Unknown person(s) entered a wooded area where pheasant pens are located. Approximately fifty birds have been taken and a further fifty have been shot and left by the pens.

**Footnote:** If you are interested in receiving (or just reading) these alerts directly from the Community Messaging Service, please access <https://wiltsmessaging.co.uk> and follow the instructions.

For a detailed breakdown of the crime in your area visit:

<https://www.police.uk/wiltshire/>

## CLUBS, SOCIETIES and ASSOCIATIONS within OUR AREA

<b>DONHEAD SPORTS CLUB</b>			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 &amp; Thursday evenings</i>		
Ladies Team (1)	<i>Tuesday &amp; 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>Tuesday evenings</i>		
Happy Gathering	Diana Valler		01747 852170
	Jill Laker		01747 811545
	<i>3rd Friday each month</i>		
Pilates	Colette Sykes	01747 828497 / 07752 492344	
		<a href="http://www.pilates-evolution.org">www.pilates-evolution.org</a>	
	<i>Thursday mornings 9.30–10.30am</i>		
Pilates	Sam Whitford	07740 906515 / 01747 811035	
	<i>Wednesdays 9.15–10.15 &amp; 10.30–11.30am</i>		
T'ai Chi	Sue Marks		01747 838470
	<i>Monday afternoons</i>		
The Blackmore Stroke Group	Chris Davies		01747 853428
	<i>2nd &amp; 4th Tuesday of month in term time</i>		
The Shaston Sequence Dance	Mr & Mrs Arthur		01747 854011
	<i>Thursday evenings as well as occasional Saturday Group evenings</i>		

### ACTIVITIES IN DONHEAD ST MARY VILLAGE HALL

Contact	Karen Ecclestone		01747 829261
Amity Club	Ann Danby		01747 828640
	<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

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## CLUBS, SOCIETIES and ASSOCIATIONS in and around SHAFTESBURY & GILLINGHAM

Abbey Shaftesbury, Friends of		01747 852910
Age Concern – advice	Shaftesbury Gillingham	01747 853966 01747 825639
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 Fillylloo	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 ( <i>meets at Fleur de Lys Monday evenings</i> )	Mr P Deakin	01258 450861
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 ( <i>meets in Town Hall Wednesday evenings</i> )	Julia Markus	01747 854225
Shaftesbury Club for Young People		01747 853195
Shaftesbury Flower Club, Shaftesbury Town Hall ( <i>3rd Monday – not August</i> )	Eileen Woodward	01258 820537
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		<a href="http://www.sgu3a.org.uk/index.html">www.sgu3a.org.uk/index.html</a>
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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