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News & Views from the Parish of FONTMELL MAGNA

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Fontmell Magna Community Land Trust

On Monday 20th May a public meeting was held in the Village Hall to present the newly established Fontmell Magna Community Land Trust (CLT). Over 60 people attended. Dick Stainer, who chaired the meeting, said that the trigger for the CLT came from Pen Hadow (Bedchester) when he voiced his concerns for the Village Shop.

Until now, no legal entity has existed which would enable the parish to hold any land or other asset for the community. In the case of the Middle Mill dam and its water chute, a separate legal vehicle (a charity) had to be created. To avoid hand-crafting legal bodies for each occasion, a CLT offers a legal shelter to house any future asset, be it a village shop, pub, land, farm, playing field or anything else. Hitherto, if someone was generous enough to bequeath to the village a field, we had no easy means of accepting it. Now we do.

The cornerstone of a CLT (enshrined in an Act of Parliament) is that any asset should be held and managed by the CLT's members for the benefit of the community. Our CLT is registered with and governed by the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) and is permitted to attract grants, apply for loans and raise share capital. If it makes a profit, that must be used for the benefit of the community. Dick said that there were growing numbers (running to hundreds) of CLTs throughout the country; probably the nearest to us being community shops in Semley and Hindon. CLTs are flexible entities and are established for many purposes. As well as shops and pubs they can hold land on which to build affordable housing for the community benefit. The key principle of a CLT is that it allows the membership – i.e. the residents of Fontmell parish – to control what the CLT does. It is also the community that benefits from the CLT. A powerful argument for community-wide membership.

Dick invited those at the meeting to become members of the CLT by subscribing £25 to buy 25 shares (the minimum). This would be a one-off payment some of which would be consumed by start-up costs. He stressed that a wide engagement of the community was essential for the CLT to fulfil its purpose. If the CLT were to raise grants or loans the first thing that funding organisations would ask would be "Do you have the backing of the community?"

If you wish to join, please contact Robert McCurrach (812077) or email robertmccurrach@aol.com and he will send you a CLT membership form. For those who have already filled in a form, we shall contact you about the £25 payment when our bank account is open, expected to be the first week in June.

The present directors (Dick Stainer, Robin East, Robert McCurrach and Roger Thomas) said their objective was not only that parish residents would want to become members, but they would also be willing to become directors or volunteer to help with individual projects. With that in mind, and now that the CLT is in place, the directors want to put it to work.

The parish has expressed concern about the future of the Village Shop. This needs to be addressed – the CLT wants to set up a steering committee (5-7 people) to take on this specific project. Anyone interested in being a member of this committee should contact Roger Thomas (811440) drthomas.mfh@gmail.com or Robin East on (812349) robinm47@gmail.com

The Annual Parish Meeting was held on Monday 13th May at 7.00pm in the School Hall. Short presentations were made by or on behalf of eight organisations: Fontmell Films (Moviola), the Fontmell Magna & District Society, the Fontmell Magna Public Amenity Site Trust (owners of the Middle Mill site), the Archive Society, the Church, the Garden Club, the Village Hall and The Gossip Tree. A draft of the PC's Annual Report was made available and, once finalised, will be placed on the PC's website along with reports by the other organisations. Reports by two of these organisations are included (one below, and one by the Garden Club on page 3). The reports by the other organisations will be included in the July Gossip Tree. The Annual Meeting of the Parish Council (see page 2) was held following the Annual Parish Meeting.

Moviola

Another good year for Moviola, although audience numbers have dropped some 5% on the previous year. Our most popular film was 'The Bookshop' starring Bill Nighy. We think the cold winter did not help to encourage people to leave home and we are also mindful that different films will appeal to different people; we try to select a variety in the hope that there will be something for everyone.

The bar continues to be a popular feature of the evening! As always thanks must go to our audience for their continued support, the committee, Perry's for their help with the posters and Rick and Jan for kindly acting as our "Box Office". We will receive the new Autumn film menu in June and full details of the future programme will be published in The Gossip Tree once the titles have been confirmed.

Libby Gendall

Notices – June 2019

St. Andrew's Church

Sun	2nd	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
		9.00am	Sunday Breakfast (Village Hall - see page 2)
Sun	9th	10.00am	Benefice Service - St. Andrew's
Sun	16th	9.30am	Holy Communion with Choir
Sun	23rd	9.30am	Holy Communion (CW)
Sun	30th	10.00am	Benefice Service - Ashmore

Prayers each Monday at 9.00am

Parish Council Meeting

No meeting this month. Next meeting Mon 8th July at 7.00pm. Parish Clerk:

Marianne Wheatley clerk@fontmellmagnapc.co.uk

The Surgery

Tue 8.00am to 12 noon. Enquiries 856700

Village Shop & Post Office

Mon - Fri 8.00am to 6.00pm

Sat 9.00am to 1.00pm; Sun 9.00am to 12.00 noon

Enquiries 811201

Coffee in the Café

Tue at 10.00am

The Fontmell

Enquiries 811441

St. Andrew's School

Mon 3rd - Back from Half Term

Fri 19th July - Break up for Summer

Fontmell Magna Toddler Group

Details Kelly Oakley 07792 425609

Fontmell Magna Under 5's Breakfast Club

Every morning for St. Andrew's pupils from 7.45am at the Under 5's.

Details 812773

Friday Coffee

Every Friday in St. Andrew's Church social area from 10.30 until 12 noon. All welcome.

Iwerne Valley Walking Group

Sat 22nd June - Midsummer's Eve walk starting at 6.00pm from Old Shaftesbury Drove at top of Bishopstone Hill Grid. ref: SU081287. Please bring a picnic. Leaders: Pauline Morphy (811972) & Helen English (853472).

Bell-ringing

Tue at Shroton - practice 7.30 to 8.45pm.

Details Chris Bellers 811734

Bin Collection Dates

W/C 10th & 24th - Recycling & Food

W/C 3rd & 17th - Rubbish & Food

Village Hall events - see over

Events in the Village Hall

Sunday Breakfast

Sun 2nd at 9.00am. Run by St. Andrew's Church. All welcome. Details Janet Smith 811904

Archive Society

Thu 20th 4.00 to 5.30pm. Details Roger Hillman 811878

Garden Club

Tue 25th - Visit to the Sub-tropical Gardens of Abbotsbury Details Briony Long 812513

Fontmell Magna Art Club

Tue 2.00 to 4.00pm. Details Sandra Jelbart 812468

Carpet Bowls Club

Thu 7.30pm. Details Gerry Bone 811814

Dru Yoga

Fri 9.30 to 11.00am. Details Kirsty Elliot 829281

Pilates

Mon 5.30-6.30pm, 6.30-7.30pm. STOTT Pilates Matwork & props. Details Vicci Gillett 07940 961221 www.stable-bodies.co.uk Tue 9.15-10.15am, 10.30-11.30am. Details Lyn O'Neill 07989 192424

Taekwon-do

Tue 8.00-9.00pm, Fri 6.00-7.00pm. Details Sam Donohoo 07584 039351

Zumba

Thu - Zumba Fitness 9.00-10.00am. Community Fitness 10.15-11.00 Details Abby Down 850867 zumbawithabbyd@gmail.com

To book the Hall, please contact Pippa Bealing on 812132 or email booking.fmvh@gmail.com

Wessex Morris Men

This year's visit to Fontmell Magna by Wessex Morris Men will be on Monday 17th June. They will dance outside the Fontmell at 7.30pm. So, if you can miss East Enders, and it is not raining too hard, why not come and watch us for 30 minutes?

Morris dancing may not be exotic, but it is good English fare and the dancers would really appreciate your support.

David Pritchard



2019 Cricket World Cup

The Cricket World Cup starts on Thursday 30th May, when England play South Africa.

The 10 countries are in one group and will all play each other once over 50 overs, with the top four teams progressing to the semi-finals, starting on 9th July.

England have been made favourites – which probably means an early exit.

Parish Council Annual Meeting

There were no questions from the public. Cllr. H. Horstead (Chairman) and four parish councillors were present - Cllr.s C. Bellers, M. Humphreys, J. Long, and A. Newbury – along with the newly elected Dorset Cllr. Jane Somper and 15 members of the public. Cllr. Bellers was elected Chairman for the year 2019/20 and Cllr. Humphreys was elected Vice -Chairman. The outgoing Chairman Howard Horstead received a round of applause. The following responsibilities were assigned for the year 2019/20:

Planning (planning applications, Neighbourhood Plan, Planning Working Group) – Cllr. Humphreys.

Trees (applications for tree works, encouraging tree planting) – Cllr. Long.

Highways (A350/C13, road maintenance, signage and potholes, traffic management, speed watch, strategic planning) – Cllr. Long.

Environmental Protection (flood protection, snow clearance, grit/salt bins, verges, litter and fly tipping, grass cutting, grounds and hedgerow maintenance) – Cllr. Newbury.

Social Infrastructure (maintenance of PC assets, Best Kept Village, Home Watch, defibrillators, broadband and mobile coverage, recreation, allotments, Village Hall) – Cllr. Newbury.

District Liaison (police, health and medical services e.g. Patient Partnership Group, Dorset Clinical Commissioning Group, Shaftesbury Hospital, DAPTC, neighbouring parish councils, Compton Abbas airfield) – Cllr. Humphreys

Footpaths – Cllr. Bellers.

Governance (new councillor recruitment, induction and training, Annual Parish Report, PC documents and policies) – Cllr. Bellers.

With only four councillors, there are vacancies for three new councillors to join the PC. The PC appealed for residents to come forward to fill these councillor vacancies so that the PC can run effectively.

Report from County Councillor

Cllr. Somper had little to report as the new unitary council, Dorset Council, was still to have its first meeting. She has 12 parishes in Beacon Ward, and will sort out a rota to ensure she gets around them all.

Reports from Parish Councillors

Planning - The PC supported the application in respect of Woodbridge Farm. In respect of 75 Penn Hill, Bedchester, the PC decided that objections from a neighbour carried weight and that it would therefore object to the application. The PC was also aware of three applications for discharge of conditions, two in respect of Springhead Farm. The PC has contacted the Enforcement Team concerning the removal of the hedge in Mill Street and awaits a response. Cllr. Humphreys reported that there was no update on the possible development in Mill Street. The possible development on land south of Home Farm has been delayed with the change in Council, though it appears that the developer will be expected to meet the original level of Section 106 contribution.

The PC agreed the PWG's Terms of Reference and also reviewed the PWG's membership and its term. Cllr. Humphreys will place a copy of the Terms of Reference, and all reports made by the Group, on the PC's website.

The PC then discussed the draft Planning

Application Policy. Some changes were agreed and a final draft will be put before the PC's next meeting.

Trees - The PC had no objections to tree works at Land south of Parsonage Street, Badger's Bank, 15 Orchard Close and Knapp House. Although the PC is not formally consulted on treeworks, it was agreed that the PC should continue to consider tree applications in case any were not in the community's interest.

Highways - Cllr. Long reported that Dorset Highways are aiming to reopen the C13 on 31st May. Durweston Bridge will be closing from Saturday 22nd June to Sunday 21st July. Zig Zag Hill will be closed for resurfacing shortly. The Police & Crime Commissioner will be holding a public meeting in due course about speeding on the C13/A350.

Environmental Protection and Social Infrastructure - Cllr. Newbury reported that the Litter Pick in April had been a success and that she hoped to hold litter picks as a regular event twice a year. She will be reporting fly-tipping in the Chalk Pit carpark on Fontmell Hill. She had investigated the need for more grit bins but feedback suggested there was limited interest. New signs to prevent dog-fouling are available to post around the village.

District Liaison - Cllr. Humphreys reported on his attendance at DAPTC meetings and also at the Shaftesbury & Fontmell Magna Patient Participation Group. The Fontmell surgery is now only open on Tuesdays. Cllr. Humphreys suggested the village, as in Bedchester and East Orchard, might establish a response team of 12 volunteers, to be on call to collect the defibrillator and take it to an incident should the rare but urgent need arise.

Footpaths - Cllr. Bellers said that the broken stile on the footpath behind the school to Sutton Waldron had been reported and remedial work was awaited. He had also asked for the vegetation on the footpath from the school to the A350 to be cut back.

It was agreed that, for future meetings, councillors will prepare short written reports for consideration at the meeting.

Finance

The PC started the financial year April 2018-March 2019 with a balance of £8,041 and closed with a balance of £8,924. Sections 1 and 2 of the Annual Return for 2018/19 were approved and signed. The payment of bills was agreed.

Other matters

War Memorial - The Clerk is still awaiting receipt of all the quotes.

Bench for Bedchester - Some Bedchester residents had requested a bench at the crossroads to provide a community focal point, as there are several in the village. Cllr. Newbury will circulate a simple questionnaire to Bedchester residents to gauge support and to see how much residents are prepared to contribute.

Springhead distillery - Promotional information online clearly suggests that a retail outlet is planned, even though one of the conditions of planning consent is that the site should not include such an outlet. Laura Scott-Walby offered to see if this was something the Financial Conduct Authority could look into.

The meeting closed at 9.05pm. The next PC meeting will be at 7.00pm on Monday 8th July in the School Hall, when there will be a talk on Cyber Crime Prevention.

North Dorset Wildlife Trust

Saturday 8th June: Chesil Beach Walk and Boat Ride on the Fleet to see Little Terns and other coastal birds. Led by DWT warden, Mark Smith. Meet at 2.00pm at the Chesil Beach Centre. Cost £5 per person (including boat trip). Numbers are limited to 12 people, so booking is essential. Please telephone Roy Davies on 01258 880 699.

Friday 5th July: Morning Walk on Fontmell Down led by North Dorset DWT Warden, Steve Oliver. Meet at 10.00am at the National Trust car park – as space is limited, please car share if possible. Numbers are limited to 20 people – please telephone Roy Davies on 01258 880 699 to reserve your place. There is no charge for this event, but voluntary contributions are welcomed.

Saturday 27th July: Evening bat walk with local bat expert, Chris Dieck. Meet at 8.30pm at Stour Meadows car park, Blandford Forum (near Tesco & behind brewery). Limited to 20 people (£3 per person) so please telephone Roy Davies on 01258 880 699 to book your place.

Saturday 3rd August: Bat Walk – this date will only be used if more than 20 people wish to attend the first walk in July.

Springhead

Ninebarrow folk duo with support from Will McNicol

Sunday 14th July at 6.00pm (outdoor performance - gardens open from 4.30pm for picnics). Adults £13 in advance, £15 on door. Friends and U 17 £11 or £13 on the door. See <https://www.springheadtrust.org.uk/events/> for more information and booking or phone 811853. Kate Partridge

Iwerne Valley Walking Group

Evershot Walk, from Acorn Inn - Easter Saturday 20th April

Easter Saturday was a gloriously hot and sunny day and the mud we had encountered on our 'recce' was well and truly dry, the garlic was abundant and the bluebells were out in the woods. We also spotted our first wild orchid of the season. We only had 10 people and, unusually, no dogs, which was probably just as well as much of the walk was within the Melbury Estate in which dogs were to be on leads and we encountered multiple lambs, some who had ventured away from their mums and we witnessed much bleating and emotion as lambs and ewe were re-united.

This was listed as a 4.6 mile walk (although a fitbit showed 5.2) mostly on flat terrain apart from a climb near the deer park (no deer in evidence). We walked through woods, past a pond, a lake, hill views, on stepping stones through a stream then a bridge, through a tunnel and along a passageway into Melbury Osmond with its thatch roofed cottages. Then we wandered the long drive to Melbury House. There were no stiles but some cattle grids and kissing gates and we left the estate through a staircase in the gate wall. Azaleas and rhododendrons provided a deep contrast to the green grounds.

At the time we knew nothing of Melbury House's history but this is what was googled afterwards: until 1964, Melbury House was the seat of the Earl of Ilchester, having been acquired by Sir Henry Strangways in 1500 when he married the widow of the former owner, William Browning. It was almost entirely rebuilt by his great grandson, Sir Giles Strangways, Henry VIII's right-hand man when it came to the dissolution of the monasteries in Dorset. It's famous for its hexagonal tower which looms behind the main house with its mock battlements on the roof and ornamental filials. It was the inspiration for Thomas Hardy's 'King's Hintock Court' in both 'A Changed Man and Other Tales' and 'A Group of Noble Dames'. It has 300 hectares (just over 1,235 acres) of deer park and surrounding woodland. Henry Fox Talbot, pioneer of photography, grew up in Melbury House.

We had our lunch in the garden at the Acorn Inn and it was so hot some had an umbrella for shade. Claire Watson

Garden Club

At our AGM last November, we had four officers from the committee stand down and being still two short on said committee it gave us quite a challenging start to the year. I am pleased to report however our meetings have gone extremely well with some excellent speakers, a new photo competition each month and a very supportive membership which has now grown to about 64.

We have an outing planned in June to visit the wonderful Subtropical Gardens at Abbotsbury and plans are well under way for the Garden Show on Saturday 10th August.

We have also forged a relationship with the school and I am pleased to say our first joint venture will take place shortly with 36 children visiting four gardens in the village as part of their 'Gardener's World' project. We are also encouraging the school to partake in some of the categories at the Garden Show.

I finish this report with a plea to the village - like so many organisations in communities such as ours, we are reliant on volunteers to step forward. Like the beautiful countryside all around us, it is managed and cared for and it flourishes and is enjoyed by us all; surely that is what we need for our councils, clubs and our neighbours. Sue East

Beware – thieves - During the night of 9th/10th May, items were taken from at least three cars (in Church Street, Crown Hill and Orchard Close). Make sure you do not leave cars outside unlocked.

Village weather for April 2019



A wet chilly start, then some almost cloudless sunny days with night frosts. A really warm sunny Easter, followed by more normal cooler but mainly dry weather, interrupted by Storm Hannah with gales.

11 rain days. 9 ground frosts. 2 air frosts. 2 gales. 1 hail.

Comp. Figures	2019	2018
Rain (most 20.6 mm on 4th)	61.9 mm	165.3 mm
Sunshine	180.4 hr (av. 6.0)	103.0 hr
Max mean temp. (highest 25.5 °C on 21st)	16.4 °C	13.9 °C
Min mean temp. (lowest - 3.4 °C on 3rd)	4.9 °C	8.7 °C

According to the Met Office, April started off with a cold and unsettled spell for the first five days. Easterly winds then persisted until mid-month, initially bringing warmer weather but it turned colder again from the 9th to 14th. The weather turned dry, sunny and very warm for most between the 17th and 22nd, coinciding with the Easter weekend. The last week was more unsettled. The mean temperature for April was 0.7 °C above the 1981-2010 long-term average, although it was mostly near normal in the east and above normal in the west. Rainfall was near normal in most western areas but well below average in the east and south-east, while sunshine was mostly above normal except in the south-west. Overall, England had 64% of average rainfall and 116% of average sunshine.

Full Moon – Monday 17th June

The Full Moon is the Full Strawberry Moon, also known as the Full Rose Moon, Full Green Corn Moon, Full Mead Moon or the Full Honey Moon.

In some European countries, it's traditional to gift mead or honey to a newlywed couple during their first moon of marriage. The name Honey Moon used to refer to the honeymoon holiday that couples go on right after they're married. Newlyweds would go on a sweet romantic holiday around the time of June's full moon, because the moon phases were seen as a symbol for the phases of a marriage, with the full moon signifying the fullest and happiest part, the wedding itself.

The Solstice is on Friday 21st June, the first day of summer.

On Monday 10th June, Jupiter will be at its closest approach to Earth, known as 'Jupiter at Opposition'. Its face will be fully illuminated by the Sun and it will be brighter than any other time of the year. With a good pair of binoculars it should be possible (clouds permitting) to see Jupiter's four largest moons, appearing as bright dots on either side of the planet.

Compost Corner

There was a time when a red pepper was an ingredient that only the most adventurous cook would consider. Now we are spoilt for choice with all sorts of unusual fruit and vegetables available pretty much all year round. The latest trend is to include a sprinkling of flowers on various dishes and it's not unusual to munch on a delicate violet, peppery chive or scarlet nasturtium; some cooks have assumed (wrongly) that virtually any flower can be scattered onto a dish with careless abandon. Recently, a Bake Off finalist adorned a delicious looking cake with a glorious floral display which included ranunculus flowers. Sadly, it wasn't a wise choice; they may look delicious but are in fact really poisonous.

However, I recently discovered two flowers that I didn't realise were edible: firstly, the flower of the three-cornered leek which looks a bit like a white bluebell and has the flavour of a garlicky onion; and secondly the gorse flower which tastes like it smells, of coconut. But whatever you do, check and double check that you are absolutely sure that you have identified a flower correctly - white bluebells do indeed look like the three-cornered leek but must be avoided at all costs as they are extremely toxic.

Alison Main

Council Elections

Our Councillor for the new Dorset County is Jane Somper (Conservative). She received 1,020 votes, ahead of the Liberal Democrat candidate (423 votes) and the Labour candidate (142 votes). Turnout was 42.6% (slightly higher than the county average).

Farewell - A sad farewell to Christina McNeill Brodie 'Kirsty', of Sherstone, West Street, who died on 16th April, aged 87.

Hey Day 2019

Child Okeford Hey Day is on Saturday 22nd June, 12.00 to 4.30pm. Jazz & Ukulele Bands. Fancy dress parade. Circus workshop. Children's entertainer. Classic cars. Welly throwing. Coconut shy. Village, Charity and Trade Stalls. Raffle. Silent auction. Food stalls. Ice creams. Teas. Beer, Cider and wine tent. Free admission. Queen Elizabeth Playing Fields (next to the school). Geoff Sparrow, Chairman Hey Day committee 07970550017

Thomas Stark (1830-1927) – Gamekeeper

In the cemetery across the road from St. Thomas' Church, Melbury Abbas, is a headstone inscribed:

To
Thomas Stark
A Scot
Died April 23rd 1927
Aged 96
A Fine Athlete
A Splendid Horseman
A Perfect Gentleman
A Man

For nearly 50 years, Thomas was head gamekeeper of the Glyn estate in Fontmell. Thomas was born in 1830 in Lanarkshire, Scotland. He married Christina (1840-1926) in 1860 and they had 5 children. The eldest, (Ann) Margaret Stark, was also born in Scotland (in 1863). Soon after she was born, the family moved to Fontmell, living at Keeper's Cottage (now Croft Farm). There, Thomas and Christina had four sons: Charles (1864-1905), John (1865-1880), Thomas (1872-1896) and (William) Richard (born 1874).

Both John and Thomas died young, aged 14 and 25 respectively, and are buried in St. Andrew's Churchyard. Charles followed his father's footsteps and also became a gamekeeper, working on the Pains Hill estate, Cobham. He is also buried in St. Andrew's Churchyard. Richard became an Innkeeper (at the Cashmoor Inn) and later a Hotel Bailiff in Brecon. He married Annie Bennett in 1900. Two months later, they had a daughter, Dorothy Blanche Campbell, and they went on to have four further children.

Meanwhile, Margaret Stark (1863-1946) had married Harry Albert Tuffin (1856-1944) and they ran the Catherine Wheel (now the City Lodge Hotel) in Milford Street, Salisbury. They had a daughter, Edith Olive Cameron Tuffin (1886-1960) who appears to have married Henry Ledger in 1907.

In 1911, Thomas retired as head Keeper and he and Christina moved to Well Cottage, Melbury Abbas. They lived there with two of their grand-daughters: Edith Ledger, now aged 24, and Dorothy Stark, now aged 10. Dorothy was the daughter of their youngest child, William Richard, and was presumably living with them because she was born 'out of wedlock'. She remained with them until she died in 1920, aged 19.

Thomas was replaced as gamekeeper by Sidney Matthew Cannell (1882-1948), who had moved from Suffolk. He was accompanied by his wife Betsy (née Hill), and their children Herbert, Alex, Donald and Percy. In the 1911 census, they are recorded as living at Crofts, which appears to have changed its name from Keeper's Cottage.

In all, Sidney and Betsy had nine children (two of whom died in infancy). Their seventh child, Armond, was killed in 1941 and is buried in a Commonwealth War Grave in St. Andrew's Churchyard. Their eighth, Reginald (1916-1994), later took over the tenancy of Croft Farm when Sidney became the farmer at Prystock Farm, Twyford.

Readers might recall (August 2018 Gossip Tree, Issue 294) that, in August 1922, all parishioners or former parishioners in the neighbourhood over 80 were invited to the annual Rectory party at Fontmell. Thomas Stark was one of those invited and appears in both the over 80's and over 90's pictures. Despite being over 80, Christina was not included in the over 80's gathering. She was buried on 20th January 1926, aged 86. She does not appear to have had a memorial.



Shooting party c.1914 – Thomas Stark standing, Sidney Cannell driving, Jacob Cannell on the back. Thomas had only three fingers on his left hand

Chris Bellers, Fontmell Magna Village Archive Society

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