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Fontmell Magna Neighbourhood Plan 2017-2031

Referendum – Thursday 15th November

For over three years, a Working Group of volunteers resident in the parish have been preparing a Neighbourhood Plan for Fontmell Magna on behalf of the Parish Council.

Under the North Dorset Local Plan, Fontmell Magna is expected to find space to build enough dwellings over the period 2017-2031 to meet local needs. The Parish Council therefore decided that it was important that the local community had a say in the amount and type of new development and where it might be sited. In June 2016, the Working Group's Housing Needs Assessment considered that a reasonable housing target to meet such local needs would be a maximum of 40 new dwellings.

The Working Group has made every effort to inform and gather the views of residents on the location and design of new homes. The intention is to value the past and the important heritage aspects of the community, both built and landscape.

After researching possible sites, it was clear that there were no convenient small sites which could provide enough housing. The Working Group consulted residents and the consensus was to focus on a single site to the south of Fontmell Magna village near Home Farm. This site will:

- minimise any impact on the rest of the village;
- deliver considerable benefits in terms of easing the congestion on West Street, particularly at the start and end of the school day;
- be within easy and safe access to village facilities;
- potentially reduce traffic speeds along the A350 owing to the construction of a new access.

Provisions have been made in the Neighbourhood Plan to:

- limit the maximum number of housing units on the site to 30;
- reduce the risk of surface water flooding;
- create a substantial buffer zone alongside the A350;
- create an attractive transition from

open field to settlement.

The Working Group believes that such a housing development, sympathetic to the built heritage and landscape, will provide significant benefits to the village and wider parish and ensure our community continues to thrive. At the same time, the Neighbourhood Plan contains many policies designed to preserve and protect local green spaces, heritage assets, the local landscape character and the chequer pattern of open spaces, as well as policies to shape the locations and style of housing.

During the several consultations with parishioners and other official bodies (NDDC, Natural England, Historic England, Environment Agency, Wessex Water, Cranborne Chase AONB etc.) all the comments and recommendations that have been made have been carefully studied. In response to them various amendments have been made to the policies contained in the Plan to arrive at a consensus which has the support of almost everyone. The final version has been approved by an Independent Examiner and will be put to the Parish in a referendum on 15th November.

Whilst not everyone will agree with all aspects of the Plan, it has to be realised that, if we ourselves do not determine the limit to the number of dwellings and where they should be built through a Neighbourhood Plan, developers will try to gain planning consent for developments of a size or location over which the village will have no control.

A **drop-in session** will take place on **Saturday 10th November** which will be a final opportunity before the referendum to ask questions about the Plan. Copies of the Plan are available at the School, Village Hall, Tea Shop, Church and Pub; also, at www.fontmellmagnapc.uk, with supporting documents,

The question in the referendum on 15th November is likely to be:

Do you want North Dorset District Council to use the Neighbourhood Plan for Fontmell Magna to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?

We hope that you will vote and answer 'Yes'!

Dick Stainer, Chair, Fontmell Magna Neighbourhood Plan Working Group

Notices – November 2018

St. Andrew's Church

Fri	2nd	7.00pm	Requiem Service at Iwerne Minster to remember our loved ones
Sun	4th	8.00am 9.00am	Holy Communion (BCP) Sunday Breakfast (Village Hall - see over)
Sun	11th	10.00am	Remembrance Service concluding at the War Memorial at 10.50am
Sun	18th	9.30am	Holy Communion with choir
Sun	25th	10.00am	Benefice service at Ashmore
Fri	30th	11.00am	St Andrew's Patronal Festival followed by lunch in the church

Prayers each Monday at 9.00am

Parish Council Meeting

Mon 12th at 7.30pm in St. Andrew's School. The meeting is open to all members of the public and starts with Public Questions. Parish Clerk: Marianne Wheatley clerk@fontmellmagnapc.co.uk

The Surgery

Mon - Thur 8.00am - 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

The Tea Room Crafters

Wed 14th & 28th at 2.30pm. Details Barbara Humphreys blueletterbox@btinternet.com

The Fontmell

Thur 22nd 7.30pm till late - Game Night.
Enquiries 811441

St Andrew's School

Mon 5th - Back from Half Term
Fri 21st December - Break up for Christmas

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

'In Home' Coffee Morning

Fri 2nd 10.30am to 12 noon at 'Chessells', The Mead. Please do come and join us!

Iwerne Valley Walking Group

Sat 17th, AGM. Meet at 2.00pm at DWT's small quarry car park (Grid ref: ST884168) at top of Fontmell Hill for a walk along Littlecombe Bottom and back. Followed at 3.15pm by AGM at Hartgrove Farm. Further details from Helen English 853472

Bell-ringing

Tue 20th - Practice 7.30 to 8.30pm
Details Chris Bellers 811734

Bin Collection Dates

W/C 12th & 26th - Recycling & Food
W/C 5th & 19th - Rubbish & Food

Village Hall events - see over

Christmas Fayre at the Village Hall (Registered Charity: 301129)

Saturday 1st December, 11.00am to 4.00pm. We will have refreshments, Father Christmas, stalls selling arts and crafts, gifts and local produce. Anyone interested in taking a stall should contact: Lisa Le Druillenc 812500. Book your visit to Santa: Appeal.FontmellMagnaVillageHall@mail.com All proceeds raised from this event are being donated to the Playground Appeal

Events in the Village Hall

Sunday Breakfast

Sun 4th at 9.00am. Run by St. Andrew's Church. All welcome. Details Janet Smith 811904

Fete AGM

Wed 7th at 7.30pm
Details Hannah Lister 811568

Fontmell Magna & District Society

Fri 9th at 7.30pm - 'I Selfie Therefore I am' by Jethro Lyne
Details Dick Stainer 811153

Neighbourhood Plan Drop-in Session

Sat 10th 10.00am to 4.00pm.

Fontmell Films

Wed 14th - 'The Bookshop'
Doors open 7.00pm
Details Libby Gendall 811511

Neighbourhood Plan Referendum

Thu 15th 7.00am to 10.00pm

North Dorset Wildlife Trust

Wed 21st at 7.30pm - 'Wildlife Crime in Dorset', an illustrated talk by PC Claire Dinsdale.
Details Anna Davies 01258 880699

Archive Society

Thu 22nd 4.00 to 5.30pm.
Details Roger Hillman 811878

Garden Club

Thu 22nd at 7.30pm. AGM and social evening.
Details Robert McCurrach 812077

Fontmell Magna Art Club

Tue 2.00 to 4.00pm.
Details Sandra Jelbart 812468

Carpet Bowls Club

Thu 1st, 8th, 15th and 29th, and Fri 23rd at 7.30pm.
Details Gerry Bone 811814

Dru Yoga

Fri 9.30 to 11.00am.
Details Kirsty Elliot 07783 780128

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

Mon 7.30-8.30pm, Thu 9.30-10.30am.
Details Abby Down 850867
zumbawithabbyd@gmail.com

To book the Hall, call Catherine Allard on 812047 or email catherineallard1980@hotmail.co.uk

Village Carol Singing

This year the carol singing around the village will be on **Friday 21st December**, starting at the Village Hall at 6.00pm and ending in the church for mulled wine and Christmas nibbles at 7.30pm. Do put the date in your diary. More information in the December Gossip Tree. Janet Smith

Fontmell Magna and District Society

Friday 5th October – Giles Henschel of Olives et Al – 'The Accidental Entrepreneur'

Our new season of talks opened with a dazzling display of stories and anecdotes about the events that led to Giles and his wife starting 'Olives et Al'. In this chain, the crucial link was the appearance of a strippergram girl covered in wet plaster of Paris who went on to work at The Fox in Ansty.

Their interest in olives began when Giles and his wife, Annie, travelled round all the countries bordering the Mediterranean on motorcycles. Wherever they found themselves, the one common ingredient in their diet was the olive. Back in England in 1993 they found that they could not find a decent olive. They began to cure their own using recipes they had brought back from their travels. They sold these at agricultural and craft shows and from small beginnings have grown into the successful business they are today. They are based just outside of Sturminster Newton where you can visit their HQ Deli and enjoy their delicious fresh dishes on six days a week and purchase all their products as well as a selection of local favourites.

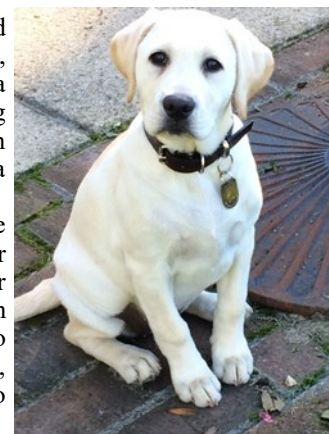
Our next meeting this year, on Friday 9th November, is entitled "I Selfie, Therefore I Am". Jethro Lyne will give us a brief illustrated history of self-portraiture. Michael Goldberg

Tilly – Guide Dog for the Blind – in training

Tilly, a beautiful yellow Labrador puppy with coal-black eyes and nose, arrived at our home in August, complete with a thick manual, collar, lead & large bag of puppy food. She is training to be a Guide Dog for the Blind and her first year will be spent undergoing her initial training with us. At a year old she will leave us to go on to senior training for a further year to learn the skills to work as a guide dog.

She is very friendly, inquisitive and playful. In this first year, like all puppies, she will be learning to walk calmly on the lead. Her lead has a blue and yellow guide dog flash and when she is on her lead she is also learning that she is "working". Like all dogs in training she will be learning to concentrate on her walking and to not be distracted by children, adults, other dogs, leaves, smells, wrappers, chewing gum & fag ends ... who knew there were so many!

Throughout this first year we'll be in and out of local shops, supermarkets, town centres, trains, buses, lifts, shopping centres, hospitals, museums, theatres, restaurants, pubs etc. to build Tilly's experience and confidence. Thankfully she'll also be enjoying a good run around in our local countryside. At present it's all brand new to both Tilly and me and surprisingly exhausting for both of us! Sue Keen



Brilliant Duo Performance at Church Concert

Spellbound is the word which comes to mind to describe the audience at St Andrew's church during the concert on Friday 28th September, given by the well-matched duo of Gisele Boll (violin) and Colin Howard (piano), who enthralled us with a range of music covering four centuries.

The opening sonata displayed the confident counterpoint of Bach and set the marker for all that followed – we were in for a delight! The subsequent Mozart sonata evoked the memory of Rosalind Richards who, many will remember, lived at Springhead and where Colin regularly made music – one could imagine the conversation as between violin and piano and Rosalind's delight in this musical repartee. The first half concluded with the more romantic music of Dvořák.

The music after the interval brought us into the twentieth century with the mysterious and electrifying *Fratres* by the Estonian composer Arvo Pärt with soaring harmonics skilfully played on the violin, giving at times an almost eerie quality. This was followed by the exciting *Suite Italienne* by Stravinsky, with references to his ballet *Petrushka* (and did you know that this impish character was the source of our cheeky character 'Punch'?). Giselle and Colin continued with a musical journey from Russia into Europe with De Falla's suite of dances and Andalusian



music of southern Spain, full of excitement and vigour. This masterclass of skill and coordination concluded with the very gentle Berceuse by Fauré. Throughout we were aware of the sensitive responses to each other's musical contribution and absolutely flawless timing.

The audience's comments afterwards were very appreciative with the word 'brilliant' being the simplest way to summarise this concert. What has the generous acoustic of St Andrew's church got in store for us next?

Barry Roberts

St Andrew's Patronal Festival with Holy Communion

Friday 30th November 11.00am. Followed by a hot lunch in the church at 12.00noon. Everyone is of course welcome. If you would like to join us for lunch, please sign the list in the church or contact Sue Keen: 812282

Iwerne Valley Walking Group**Saturday 22nd September**

It was a relief when 16 walkers, plus four dogs, arrived at the Red Lion. We knew constant light rain wouldn't deter them but we'd had to change the starting point to a pub which gladly accepts same day lunch bookings. Luckily they'd all received the fairly late message. We walked through the pretty village, Charlton Marshall, to the A350 which we carefully crossed to follow the lane towards Almer.

By the time we turned right onto a bridleway we'd walked a good three quarters of a mile. (The start of this track was cluttered with rubbish). We followed the track gently uphill then turned right onto a grassy path which passed under power cables (luckily all intact) and afforded us good views despite the rain. Then it was downhill and back to the main road which we crossed to enter a concrete drive close to a pumping station. We entered a bridleway, passing some interested ponies, and continued through really tricky conditions - lots of brambles and nettles. Soon we were on a field that runs parallel to the old railway line. About halfway along we entered a spinney where we were sheltered for a while. Gently downhill we went, then reached a tarmac drive going over a very old bridge.



Here we posed for our regular group photo then continued to the village where a few visited the lovely St. Mary's Church. 15 of us enjoyed excellent food, drinks and service. Sadly, one walker had to leave for the sake of a shivering dog - not as tough as the rest of us! Pauline Morphy & Helen English

Fontmell Films

Our film on Wednesday 14th November is 'The Bookshop' (PG) starring Emily Mortimer, Bill Nighy and Patricia Clarkson. The film is based on the novel of the same name and tells the story of a young widow who puts grief behind her and risks everything to open up a bookshop, the first such shop in the sleepy seaside Norfolk town. In doing so she meets opposition from the local less prosperous shopkeepers and unintentionally crosses the town's embittered alpha female!

Tickets £6 from Fontmell Village Shop or £6.50 on the door. Doors and the bar open at 7.00pm with the film starting at 7.30pm. We look forward to seeing everyone and don't forget your cushions!

Future date for your diary: on Wednesday 12th December we are showing 'The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society'. Do join us for complimentary mulled wine and mince pies! For more information please call Libby on 811551

Springhead Trust, Fontmell Magna SP7 ONU

Friday 23rd - Sunday 25th November, 10.00am-4.30pm - *The Garden of Delights* returns with its collection of stalls with gifts handmade by artists - ideal Christmas presents. Admission £2. The café will be open for refreshments and light lunches.

Thursday 29th November, 7.30pm, an Artsreach production, Pip Utton - At Home with Shakespeare. Tickets £10, £8 u18s, £25 family from www.artsreach.co.uk or send a cheque payable to The Springhead Trust with a stamped addressed envelope. Details: Tel.811853 www.springheadtrust.org.uk Email:info@springheadtrust.org.uk

Wednesday 28th November and Friday 7th December 10.00am to 2.00pm.

Pan Asian Cookery Classes with Teruko Chagrin. £50 per person.

More info: 07804 425429 www.tekos-kitchen.com

Flood Action Campaign 2018

The Environment Agency runs an annual campaign to encourage people to know what to do to protect themselves and their property in a flood. This campaign will be run for a week this winter when rain or flooding is on the news agenda because this is when people are most likely to take notice of the information and take flooding seriously. This year, the campaign is aimed at young people aged 18 to 34, particularly renters and young families.

We are fortunate that the risk of flooding in the parish from overflowing rivers is small. However, because of the high water table here, there is a significant risk of flooding from water run-off, particularly from surrounding fields. As well as taking action to protect your property and possessions from flooding, you should be aware of the following facts:

- Avoid driving through flood water. Just 30cm of moving water can float an average family-sized car - it's even less for smaller cars.
- Driving through flood water is the number one cause of death during flooding.
- Over three-quarters of cars that are rescued from flood water have to be written off.
- Just one egg-cupful of water sucked into your engine will wreck it.

For further information, go to www.gov.uk/environment/river-maintenance-flooding-coastal-erosion

Village weather for September 2018

A dry warm start and colder dry end to the month. Unsettled in the middle with some rain and gales from the edge of Atlantic ex-hurricanes.

9 rain days. 8 ground frosts. No air frosts. 4 gales. No thunder or hail.

Comp. Figures	2018	2017
Rain (most 21.3 mm on 22nd)	38.1 mm	61.0 mm
Sunshine	136.7 hr (av. 4.6)	86.2 hr
Max mean temp. (highest 24.7 °C on 3rd)	19.2 °C	17.2 °C
Min mean temp. (lowest 0.4 °C on 25th)	8.39 °C	8.76 °C

"September dries up ditches or breaks down bridges" goes an old saying. In fact, this September was both dry (in the south and east) and windy (in the north and west). Three storms, the remains of Hurricane Helene, Storm Ali and Storm Bronagh, brought high winds, heavy rain and gloomy skies to the north and west. The south and east largely escaped the wetter and cooler weather, and the lack of rain could spell trouble if water reserves are not recharged over the winter and we have another hot and dry summer next year.

Full Moon - 23rd November

The November Full Moon was known by early Native American tribes as the Full Beaver Moon because this was the time of year to set beaver traps before the swamps and rivers froze. It has also been known as the Frost Moon and the Trading Moon. Traditionally, the last Full Moon before the winter solstice has also been named Mourning Moon, which pagans are said to celebrate as a means of cleansing their souls. This year, the winter solstice is on the 21st December, while the December Full Moon is on 22nd December. Therefore, the November Full Moon in 2018 is the last Full Moon before winter and is indeed the Mourning Moon.

RIDE+STRIDES

Saturday 8th September was the annual Ride & Stride in aid of the Dorset Historic Churches Trust. Four sponsored participants with their escorts from the parish raised the staggering sum of £1,885, 50% of which goes to St Andrew's Church. Grateful thanks to all sponsors so enabling us to reach this sum. Thanks also to those who manned St Andrew's Church throughout the day with refreshment to visiting riders and striders. Gerry Bone

Pam Collin

Pam, widow of Reg Collin, and formerly of Watermill Cottage, passed away on Tuesday 16th October at St Denis Lodge, Shaftesbury.

Compost Corner

Imagine being a young gardener tending a beautiful garden in a peaceful hidden valley of south Cornwall, raising flowers and vegetables even pineapples and melons; the blue sea just visible through the lush, fern clad valley. And then being transported to the trenches of WW1. This is what happened to some of the gardeners from The Lost Gardens of Heligan, near Mevagissey. Thirteen outdoor staff went off to war but only four returned. The youngest to die was a 21-year old gardener called John George Barton; his body was never found. After becoming totally overgrown and neglected the gardens have been beautifully restored and now resemble how they were a hundred years ago. But the most poignant memory of the gardens for me wasn't the flawless planting but seeing the names of young men scratched onto an outhouse wall, some of whom would never see that magical place again. Alison Main

David Henry McDowell and the Royal Marines in Russia

Sunday 11th November 2018 will commemorate 100 years since the signing of the armistice between Germany and the Allies in France and Belgium. The First World War did not end officially between the two sides until the Treaty of Versailles was signed on 28th June 1919. Britain continued to be involved in conflicts around the world, and not all troops were demobilised until some time after 1918.

In February 1918, the Representation of the People Act 1918 received Royal Assent. The Act tripled the size of the electorate. Not only were women able to vote for the first time (if over 30, with a property qualification) but so were all men over 21 (or 19 if they had been, or were, serving in the armed forces) with no property qualification. Those serving overseas were included in the Electoral Register in Absent Voters' Lists, meaning that they could vote by proxy or by postal application. (The first general election since the 1918 Act was on 14th December 1918; this was also the first general election since December 1910).

Around 90 men from Fontmell Magna served in WW1. The Absent Voters' List for 1918 includes 39 names for Fontmell, these being those still serving overseas (although the Lists are not necessarily complete). Absent Voters' lists continued to be published. The list for Spring 1919 included 28 names, and that for Autumn 1919, 19 names. In 1920, there were still two soldiers serving (Hubert Ford of 5 North Street and Stanley Merrifield of 3 North Street), in 1921, three soldiers (the same two plus Tom Still of 52 The Cross – now Brook House) and in 1922, two (Hubert Ford and Tom Still). It is not known when they returned home.

One of those included on the Fontmell Absent Voters' List for 1918 and Spring 1919 was David Henry McDowell. He was born in Belfast on 11th March 1890 and joined the Royal Marines on 22nd January 1908, Service No. 14336. He was therefore officially under age when he joined, and he must still have had some growing to do – his height when he joined was recorded as 5ft 5in. and as 5ft 9in. when he was eventually discharged.

Although his address in the Absent Voters' Lists is 'Stumples', Fontmell Magna, he appears only to have stayed in Fontmell briefly. One such occasion was when he attended St Andrew's Church to marry Dorcas Nellie Andrews in February 1918. It is unclear how David and Dorcas met, but it is possible that he was stationed for a time at Blandford Camp.

Dorcas was the daughter of Edward Charles and Phoebe Andrews. In 1901, the family was living at 'Stumples', Mill Street and Edward was described as a plumber. In 1911, the family's address was recorded as 34 Mill Street, and Edward was described as a painter. Dorcas' younger brother was Albert Edward Andrews, known as Charlie, who later lived as 31 Mill Street (Charlie's Cottage) and worked on the Springhead estate. In 1922, Dorcas and David had a daughter, Elsie Elizabeth Ellen who was baptised in St Andrew's Church on 19th March. It is not known whether David was present at the baptism.

David had a long, if relatively undistinguished, career in the Royal Marines, serving throughout WW1 and, in fact continued serving in the Marines until 1930. On leaving the Marines, David appears to have become a chauffeur and lived with Dorcas in Reigate. He seems to have re-joined the Marines in 1938. Later he and Dorcas returned to the West Country – they both died in Templecombe, Dorcas in 1959 and David in 1969.

In August 1918, David McDowell was included in a company of Royal Marine Light Infantry (RMLI) who had volunteered to go to Murmansk, ostensibly to guard from the Germans the huge stockpiles of supplies and arms supplied to Russia before the Revolution. In a confused campaign, the marines found themselves fighting not the Germans but rather 'White' Finns and 'Red' Russians (Bolsheviks).

The March 1919 edition of the Fontmell Magna & West Orchard Parish Magazine included the following:

"Letter from North Russia

A most interesting letter has been received from Lance-Corpl. D. McDowell, R.M.L.I. He was for some time near Murmansk engaged in the operations against the Bolsheviks, and was eventually wounded by a Bolshevik with a clubbed rifle, and is on a Hospital Ship. He says that the cold is intense. 22 degrees below Zero. They use Skis a great deal in pursuing the enemy over the snow. These are like very long toboggans which are strapped to the feet like skates. They often hear the wolves as they are ski-ing along at night "too cold and tired" to talk. Of sport they get bear hunting and also go out after silver fox. The Port of Murmansk has been made by us during the war; they have the largest ice breakers in the World from St. Lawrence to keep the harbour mouth open. Ice 14 feet thick! There is very little grumbling, and they take it all as if born to the climate. The Russians, he says, cannot understand their cheerful endurance."

David appears to have survived the campaign with his person and reputation intact. The same could not be said of some of his compatriots in 6 RMLI. Composed largely of former prisoners of war (who had not had any home leave since being released) and young semi-trained recruits, who had been expecting to undertake guard and ceremonial duties in Europe, this unit had not (unlike the other British troops there) volunteered to be in Russia and they certainly did not want to be there. One of its companies mutinied following a disastrous attack on a village held by the Bolsheviks. This resulted in the court martial of 93 men and 6 RMLI was later disbanded.

Chris Bellers, Fontmell Magna Village Archive Society

Shroton Armistice 100

Saturday 10th and Sunday 11th November, 11.00am – 4.00pm, Shroton Village Hall.

Village history display - our commemoration to the people of this parish who served in WW1. Refreshments available. Free admission.

Also Saturday 10th November, 7.30-10.00pm - 'Take Me Back to Dear Old Blighty' - an evening at Shroton Village Hall of WW1 Poetry, Memoirs, Music and Quiz and includes 'The Last Post'. Tea and coffee available but bring plate of your own food and drink. Tickets £2.50 from Judith Hewitt 861565 or trevandjude@btinternet.com

All funds raised to SSAFA (the Armed Forces Charity) and Blind Veterans UK.

Poppies and WW1 Exhibition

Thank you to all those who knitted poppies in remembrance of the Armistice. They will be on display in St Andrew's Church in time for the service on Sunday 11th November which will start in the church at 10.00am and conclude at the War Memorial at 10.50am.

From Saturday 3rd November there will also be a display in church concerning those from the parish who died in the First World War. Do call in and have a look. Janet Smith

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