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News & Views from the Parish of FONTMELL MAGNA

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EFT, Emotional Freedom Therapist. Reiki Master & Counsellor.
EFT is a combination of Chinese acupressure and modern Psychology by tapping on acupressure points. It addresses both emotional and physical problems as well as phobias (spiders etc.), stress and anxiety, and emotional traumas. I can teach the process of pain management, so you can do this yourself at home. Reiki, a deep form of relaxation, will balance and strengthen your body. If you are stressed or worried about any problems, aches, pains or just feelings that are not quite right, an hour on my couch may do you the world of good. It can also help with major illnesses and the stress and anxiety that are caused within the body and mind that can delay the healing process. If you are waiting to go into hospital or are recovering, Reiki treatment can improve your wellbeing.

I moved to Fontmell a few months ago and have now settled in Brookland Cottage. I would like to offer my services as a therapist to you; I have over 25 years' experience in the holistic field. Sessions are £30 and last approximately one hour. If you would like more information, or to discuss how I can help you, please ring me on 811665. Dorothy Hayward, Holistic Energy Practitioner

Village Fete will not run this year!

Following an Extraordinary General Meeting last month, it has been decided that, due to a lack of volunteers, the Village Fete will not take place this year. A successful and vibrant Fete requires significant organisation and people willing to take responsibility for food and beverage, publicity, entertainments and the like. Despite numerous requests for help, there has been insufficient interest and it is now felt that the event cannot take place with the existing level of support. This is a big disappointment as the Fete usually raises between two and three thousand pounds for community projects – past recipients of grants have included the Church, Village Hall, Playground, Brookfield Wood and The Gossip Tree.

For the time being, Susannah de Ferry Foster and Alix Austen have agreed to remain in post as Treasurer and Secretary, until it has been decided whether we can resurrect the Fete in the future. We are extremely grateful to those who have helped organise this event over the years and hope that a way forward can be found. Anyone with ideas or comments should contact: Alix Austen on 812690 alix_austen@hotmail.com

Our Playground is Open Again!

Willing volunteers have been hard at work on our village playground. Huge thanks are due to Gary and Dick who, for the last three weeks, have repaired the equipment and made the playground safe again and to the other volunteers who, on a Saturday morning, shovelled, carried, wheeled and raked the rubber chippings into place to make a smart and bouncy new surface.

But there's lots more to do..... Some of the big pieces of equipment will soon need to be replaced so the fundraising continues. The cookbook is on schedule for production over the summer - but we need your recipes! Please send us your favourite family recipes - we need them by the end of **May**. You can email recipes to appeal.fontmellmagnavillagehall@mail.com or deliver them to 3 Church Close or to Blackmore Cottage on West Street.

And a date for your diaries....On Saturday 13th July there will be a Barn Dance in the village hall - Yee-haw! The money raised will be shared between local charities including the playground appeal. Lisa Le Druillene

Fontmell Magna Annual Parish Meeting

This public meeting, open to all residents of Fontmell Magna Parish, will be held on Monday 13th May at 7.00pm in St Andrew's School hall immediately before the Parish Council AGM and bi-monthly meeting.

All parish based clubs, societies and similar organisations are invited to report briefly (no more than 3 minutes) on their previous year's activities and their proposals for the next twelve months. Any representative from a club/society/organisation who wishes to give a report should inform the Parish Clerk by Tuesday 30th April, by email: clerk@fontmellmagnapc.co.uk. As in previous years, individual invitations will not be sent.

Road Closure - Durweston Bridge will be closing from 8.00am on Saturday 22nd June until 5.00pm on Sunday 21st July, but with temporary traffic management until mid-August. The road will be closed for 24 hours, 7 days a week. No night-time or weekend access will be permitted.

Notices – April 2019

St. Andrew's Church

Sun	7th	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
		9.00am	Sunday Breakfast (Village Hall - see page 2)
Sun	14th	10.00am	Palm Sunday Holy Communion (CW)
Thu	18th	5.00pm	Maundy Thursday Service at Sutton Waldron
Fri	19th	9.30am	Good Friday Act of Witness at the Gossip Tree
Sun	21st	10.00am	Easter Day Holy Communion (CW)
Sun	28th	10.00am	Benefice Service at Iwerne Minster

Prayers each Monday at 9.00am

Parish Council Meeting

No meeting this month. Next meeting Mon 13th May after the PC AGM and Annual Parish Meeting at 7.00pm. Parish Clerk:

Marianne Wheatley clerk@fontmellmagnapc.co.uk

The Surgery

Mon - Thu 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 Tea Room Crafters

Wed 10th and 24th at 2.30pm. Details Barbara Humphreys blueletterbox@btinternet.com

The Fontmell

Enquiries 811441

St. Andrew's School

Fri 5th - Break up for Easter
Tue 23rd - Summer Term starts

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 5th 10.30am to 12 noon at 'Cranbrook', Collyers Rise (Maureen & Gerry Bone). Please do come and join us!

Iwerne Valley Walking Group

Sat 20th - starting at 10.30am from The Acorn Inn, Evershot DT2 0JW.
Further details from Claire on 07708 473568.

Bell-ringing

Tue at Shroton - practice 7.30 to 8.30pm
Details Chris Bellers 811734

Bin Collection Dates

W/C 1st, 15th & 29th - Recycling & Food
W/C 8th & 22nd - Rubbish & Food

Village Hall events - see over

Events in the Village Hall

Fontmell Magna & District Society
 Fri 5th at 7.30pm - 'Working as a Royal Dressmaker' by Maureen Rose.
 Details Dick Stainer 811153

Sunday Breakfast
 Sun 7th at 9.00am. Run by St. Andrew's Church. All welcome.
 Details Janet Smith 811904

Fontmell Films
 Wed 10th - 'King of Thieves' (15).
 Doors open 7.00pm
 Details Libby Gendall 811551

North Dorset Wildlife Trust
 Wed 17th 'Dorset's Weird & Wonderful Fungi' by Bryan Edwards,
 Dorset Environmental Records Centre.
 Details Anna Davies 01258 880699

Archive Society
 Thu 18th 4.00 to 5.30pm.
 Details Roger Hillman 811878

Garden Club
 Thu 18th at 7.30pm. Social Evening.
 Details Briony Long 812513

Fontmell Magna Art Club
 Tue 2.00 to 4.00pm.
 Details Sandra Jelbart 812468

Carpet Bowls Club
 Thu 4th, 11th, and 25th and Fri 19th at 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
zumbawithabby@gmail.com

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

Springhead
a rural centre for creative and sustainable living

Garden Open and Creative and Sustainable Living Fair
 Bank Holiday Monday 6th May
 10.00am – 5.00pm
 Adults £3.50

Friends & Under 16 yrs free
 Plant & Craft Stalls

Light lunches – Cake – Tea & Coffee Available

Assisted Wheelchair Access
 Dogs on Leads Welcome
 Tel. 811853

Parish Council Meeting - Monday 11th March

Public Questions: Peter Gray was concerned about the situation of the village shop. Dick Stainer said that he was looking into setting up a Community Land Trust and had held a couple of meetings. The first step is to register a Community Benefit Society and he will be calling for a public meeting shortly to gauge the support of the community. The PC may be asked, in due course, to register the shop as an Asset of Community Value. Laura Scott-Walby raised questions about the PC's handling of planning applications and the role of the Planning Working Group – the PC's position is set out below under 'Development Control matters'.

Six parish councillors were present - Cllr.s H. Horstead (Chairman), C. Bellers, M. Humphreys, J. Long, A. Newbury and L. Williams – along with 16 members of the public. There were apologies for absence from DCC Cllr. G. Carr-Jones and NDDC Cllr. C. Langham.

Parish Council Election Thurs 2nd May 2019

Only four of the current councillors have put themselves forward to serve on a new Parish Council for the next four years starting in May. Cllr.s Horstead and Williams are stepping down and consequently there will be vacancies for three new councillors to join the PC. Cllr. Humphreys appealed for residents to come forward to fill these councillor vacancies in what will be an important period in determining the parish's future shape, particularly in respect of housing developments and village facilities.

Minutes and matters arising

The minutes of the last PC meeting on Monday 14th January were agreed.

Development Control matters

The PC had no objection to the applications in respect of The Turnery (Fontmell Hill), Lower Hartgrove Farm, Little Hartgrove Farm, Land at Fore Top and 59 West Street, and had no further comments on the appeal in respect of 3 Marshlands. The application in respect of Woodbridge Farm has been withdrawn. The PC also had no objections to tree works at Charlie's Cottage, Brookfield (Mill Street), Springhead, West Lea, 9 Penleas and 4 Collyers Rise. The ash tree by the school, which was identified as potentially dangerous in October, was finally felled earlier today.

In January, Pennyfarthing Homes, prospective developers for the South Street site, approached the PC for a meeting. This was taken forward via the Planning Working Group (PWG - successors of the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group) through a meeting on 6th February to gather information. Pennyfarthing stated that NDDC was asking for a Section 106 contribution of £430,000 and that this would have a substantial impact on the viability of the scheme. It was made clear that the PC would oppose any watering down of the policies in the Neighbourhood Plan in respect of housing numbers, density or affordable housing.

Following the January PC meeting, the PWG had met and had determined that, in assessing whether planning applications conformed to the

Neighbourhood Plan policies, it should not be part of its remit to speak to the owners of neighbouring properties who may be affected by a proposed development and other interested parties. This latter role therefore remains with the PC.

Cllr. Bellers said that, now the PWG is in place, he is preparing a policy on how the PC deals with planning applications so that the process is as open as possible and everyone has the opportunity to express their views. When this is finalised, it will be presented to the next PC meeting for approval and then posted on the PC's website. This meeting would also decide whether copies of all reports made by the PWG to the PC on planning applications, along with the PWG's Terms of Reference should be added to the PC's website.

Finance

Balance of £9,399.11.

Other Parish Matters

Highways - Cllr. Long reported that the roadworks at Dinah's Hollow may not be completed until the end of April (instead of 29th March). Traffic on the A350 has increased by around 50% during the closure. Durweston Bridge will be closed from Saturday 22nd June. Highways have promised that these two projects will not overlap. We still await a sign at the bottom of Mill Street that the road is not suitable for diverted traffic, metal bollards outside West Lea and the replacement of the South Street sign. Highways will be repairing the sunken road at 5 West View.

Village Hall request for grants - After some discussion, the PC agreed to a grant of £500 in respect of the annual running costs of the play area and a further grant of £1,500 towards the resurfacing of the play area.

War Memorial - A quote for £260 had been obtained. A further two quotes would be sought.

Grit bins - Cllr. Newbury reported that there was limited demand for more grit bins and there were no reports of accidents because of ice. In view of the cost of siting and filling the bins, no further action was agreed.

Great British Spring Clean - Cllr. Newbury said this would take place in the village and wider parish on Sunday 7th April. More information will be included in The Gossip Tree and on posters. Volunteers to collect litter are needed.

NDDC Dog Related Public Spaces Protection Order - New rules on the responsibilities of dog owners in public came into force in North Dorset at the end of March. The Clerk will check what signage is needed, as dog fouling is a continual problem.

It was agreed that the PC should invite the Police to give a talk on 'Cybercrime – Awareness and Prevention'.

The PC sincerely thanked Cllr.s Horstead and Williams for their many years of service. There was no other business and the meeting closed at 8.40pm. The next PC meeting will be on Monday 13th May following the Annual Parish Meeting and Parish Council AGM - all in the School Hall, starting at 7.00pm.

Tearoom Crafters - Are you someone who enjoys knitting, cross stitch, crochet, embroidery or any other table top hobby where you can sit down with a cup of tea and enjoy a natter? If you are, why not join the Tearoom Crafters in Fontmell Magna Post Office/ Shop on any 2nd or 4th Wednesday of the month, between 2.30 and 4.00pm. Contact Sue on 811822 or email Barbara at blueletterbox@btinternet.com. We look forward to meeting you soon.

Fontmell Magna and District Society

Friday 1st March – Dr Martin Price – “Drowning in Plastic”

The numbers involved in describing the amount of plastic waste we have accumulated are immense and therefore difficult to grasp. One plastic bag in the landscape is an eyesore; five hundred billion plastic bags is a statistic. In 2014, one hundred billion plastic bottles containing water were sold in the USA alone. Every day in this country we throw away 1.7 million disposable plastic contact lenses.

Dr Price went on to describe the effects of all this waste on our natural environment. Animals and plants are poisoned, oceans and rivers are badly polluted. We saw a picture of a dead sperm whale that had ingested over a thousand pieces of plastic.

Efforts are, however, being made to tackle the problem. Recycling can help but it would be more effective if plastic were only used when there is no alternative. Indeed, the evening ended on a positive note with a discussion on what each one of us can do to improve the situation even in a small way.

Our next talk will be on Friday 5th April. Maureen Rose will tell us about her life working for the dressmaker Norman Hartnell in a talk entitled “I dressed the Queen of England”.

Michael Golberg

Fontmell Film Night

Our last film of the Winter/Spring season on Wednesday 10th April is ‘King of Thieves’ (15). Released in September 2018 and starring Michael Caine, Ray Winstone, Michael Gambon and a host of others, the film is based on a true crime when a crew of retired crooks pulled off a major heist in London's jewellery district. What starts off as their last crime turns into a nightmare when greed overtakes them. Tickets are £6 from Fontmell Village Shop in advance or £6.50 on the door. Doors open at 7.00pm and the film starts at 7.30pm. We look forward to seeing you and please don't forget your cushions! A big thank you to all those that support us and film night starts again in September, the new film titles will be published in the August Gossip Tree. For more information please call Libby on 811551.

Iwerne Valley Walking Group

February Walk

On the morning of Saturday 16th February, we set out from The Compasses Inn at Chicks Grove for what was described in my booklet as a ‘gentle stroll, ideal for a languid summer afternoon’. Well, it wasn't quite that, but an almost-record 23 of us and 4 dogs walked for about two and a half miles under cloudy skies (not feeling cold though), down to the Sutton Mandeville Mill along the River Nadder, where once there had been seven mills along a ten-mile stretch supplying flour to local bakeries. From there we walked across fields till we hit an obstacle in the shape of a stile that the dogs could not get through, so we walked down the lane instead and reached the beautiful old Norman church in Sutton Mandeville with a four-sided sundial on a stone column dating from 1685 in the graveyard. After crossing a couple more fields and walking alongside a wood we came to ‘Sutton Motorcycles’ where all sorts of motorbikes are sold and repaired, and that brought us back to the lane and a final stretch down to the pub. It was incredibly busy, but the staff did a marvellous job of supplying all 23 of us with the excellent meals we'd requested before setting out. It was a varied walk through lovely scenery, which everyone said they'd enjoyed.

Helen English



Plan Your Garden!

If you're intending to plant peas or scarlet runners, remember that I shall be selling pea-sticks and bean poles from Brookland Wood, with the proceeds going to the Woodland Trust. Barry Roberts and I have been cutting an area of hazel there each year; as these patches sprout up again they create a perpetual diversity of wildlife habitats. Heavier cuttings go to the Dorset Charcoal Company, which pays the Trust in charcoal - available for sale in the Village Shop come BBQ weather. Further outlets for hazel rods are my hurdles and Clive Carter's thatching spars.

George Darwall 811888

The Great British Clean Up: Your Parish Needs You!

The Great British Clean Up in Fontmell, Bedchester and Hartgrove is on **Sunday 7th April**. Please **volunteer!** Meet at the Village Hall at 10.30am to collect equipment, refreshments will be provided back at the hall afterwards. For queries contact Annie Newbury 812149 or annienewbury@yahoo.co.uk



Buddleias – Outdoor Gym!

Help welcomed to spring prune the buddleias. Monday 15th to Wednesday 17th April. All welcome. Any queries contact Judy 811302.

Village weather for February 2019



A chilly, damp start, Storm Eric, then dry and relatively mild ending with really warm sunny days.

13 rain days. 1 day snow. 16 ground frosts. 7 air frosts. 2 gales.

Comp. Figures	2019	2018
Rain (most 11.4 mm on 18th)	46.5 mm	43.3 mm
Sunshine	95.2 hr (av. 3.4)	118.4 hr
Max mean temp. (highest 18.6 °C on 26th & 27th)	11.66 °C	7.2 °C
Min mean temp. (lowest - 6.4 °C on 3rd)	2.34 °C	- 1.75 °C

Last month was the second warmest and second sunniest February on record. The maximum mean temperature listed above is the warmest for a February since Fontmell records began in 1988.

Although February is one of the driest months of the year on average, February 2019 was unusually dry with rainfall 18% below the norm across Britain. In Fontmell, this February was actually wetter than the previous year. However, it was not as wet as in February 1990 when there was 184.65mm of rain, or as dry as February 1993, when there was just 4.6mm.

Full Moon – Friday 19th April

The April Full Moon is variously known as the Full Pink Moon, the Sprouting Grass Moon, the Growing Moon, the Egg Moon or the Full Fish Moon.

According to folklore, the period from the full Moon through the last quarter of the Moon is the best time for killing weeds, thinning, pruning, mowing, cutting timber, and planting below-ground crops. *A full Moon in April brings frost. If the full Moon rises pale, expect rain.*

On Thursday 11th April, the planet Mercury reaches its greatest western elongation of 27.7 degrees from the Sun. It will be at its highest point above the horizon in the morning sky and should be visible low in the eastern sky just before sunrise.

On the night of 22nd/23rd April, the Lyrids Meteor Shower is at its peak, producing about 20 meteors per hour. It is produced by dust particles left behind by comet C/1861 G1 Thatcher, which was discovered in 1861. Best viewing will be from a dark location after midnight. Meteors will radiate from the constellation Lyra, but can appear anywhere in the sky.

Friday Coffee

New season of weekly coffee mornings starts on 26th April with homemade cakes. Meet friends, make friends over a cup of fragrant coffee, 10.30am to 12 noon in St. Andrew's Church social area. All Welcome!

Compost Corner



The last snowdrops have now faded but what a spectacular sight they have been. If you happened to see them at Kingston Lacey you would probably have walked through the sunken fernery, planted in Victorian times and home to about 40 fern varieties in addition to the snowdrop collection. The Victorians loved ferns and not only used them in planting schemes but also to decorate all sorts of 'objets'. There is a fern variety for every situation and they are remarkably robust plants - here are some of the best:

- Damp soil (deciduous) - Osmunda regalis AGM (Royal fern)
- Damp soil (evergreen) - Polystichum setiferum AGM (soft shield fern)
- Dry shade - Asplenium nidus AGM (Bird's nest fern)
- Very wet soil - Matteuccia struthiopteris AGM (Ostrich fern)

And ferns make a good alternative to hostas having a similar form but do not succumb to mollusc attack; worth considering, especially with the impending ban on slug pellets in 2020.

Alison Main

Welcome

Welcome to Christine Scott who has moved from Ringwood to Pipers Mill Cottage.

Farewell

Francis Hughes 'Eileen' 1929-2019 passed away on 24th January just short of her 90th birthday. Eileen lived at Collyers Rise from 1997-2007 when she moved to Shaftesbury. As a keen dog lover, donations are to 'Margaret Green Animal Rescue'. Gillian Darwall

Food Banks

There are now at least 2,000 food banks in the United Kingdom and demand is increasing. UK food banks are appealing for volunteers and supplies since they fear an increase in demand for food as Universal Credit is rolled out further. So, what has this got to do with you? We are setting up a food bank depository in the shop of which **all** donations will go directly to St. Andrew's Church who will send the produce/items on to a receiving Food Bank to address local poverty issues. If you feel you want to help, please buy an extra item and deposit it with us. It may just alleviate a little suffering.

Rick and Jan

Missing Postbox

One of the 'highlights' of the Archive Society's Exhibition in 2015 was a display featuring the six postboxes of Fontmell. These were situated in Church Street (by the Post Office), the Knapp, Orchard Close, Pipers Mill, Bedchester and at the western and eastern end of Hartgrove. Sadly, we are now down to five postboxes. The one at the eastern end of Hartgrove was stolen in around June last year. This postbox was the oldest - a relatively rare example of a small Edward VII postbox, of a lamp box design with an arched or rounded top. It had been clasped to a wooden post by the entrance to Hartgrove Farm. Royal Mail have said that it will not be replaced. If anyone knows anything about its disappearance, please contact the Editor. Chris Bellers, Fontmell Magna Village Archive Society
The Archive Society's next Exhibition is in the Village Hall from Thursday 18th July to Sunday 21st from 10.00am to 4.00pm.



Garden Club

On Thursday 21st February, we had a very interesting and engaging talk about 'Abbotsbury Past Present and Future' given by Stephen Griffith. The meeting was very well supported and we heard about the early beginnings of the site and how the old walled section at the heart of the gardens today was originally the vegetable garden providing produce for the owners back in the early part of the 18th century. For anyone reading this who knows nothing of the Gardens it is worthy of a 'google'. We were treated to a slide show depicting some wonderful specimens which gave us a sample of the many different plants that have been collected over many years. Privately owned and maintained by a small number of gardeners it is truly a wonderful place to visit - with children - and dogs on leads.

On Thursday 21st March, we were given a very enlightening talk by Martin Young on 'Echinacea & Rudbeckias'. Both these plants originate from the American continent and are found in their wild form on open plains spreading down the centre of the lands. The Echinacea plant (also known as the cone plant) not only looks good, it makes a pleasant tea and has medicinal benefits, not a bad addition to any garden. Though hardy they do not like wet heavy soil over winter so need a little extra care. However, Rudbeckias are made of sturdier stuff and are also a delightful addition to any garden with their cheerful yellow petals and black centres. Martin brought along plants for sale, so members were able to pick up a treat on the night too. We had a good attendance again - thank you for your support - our next meeting is on Thursday 18th April which is our Social Evening.

Sue East

St Andrew's Church Spring Clean

The annual Spring Clean of our village church will once again take place over two mornings. On Monday 1st April, starting at 10.00am, Barry Roberts will be organising a team to tackle the harder to reach parts of the church. This will be followed by a traditional, floor level spring clean on Friday 12th April, starting at 9.00am. Refreshments will be provided on both days. Help on either day will be very welcome - no previous experience necessary, just enthusiasm! Details: Barry on 811906 about the 1st or Jan Cobby on 812115 about the 12th.



Able Community Care has had printed these door stickers which we are offering free to individuals or older people's groups. Statistics show that older people are being continually tricked by fraudulent tradesmen turning up on their door step. If you would like to receive one or more of these door stickers free of charge, please call us on 01603 764567. Able Community Care is a nationwide provider of Live-in Care Services. Established in 1980. www.ablecommunitycare.com

New Dog Rules

New rules on the responsibilities of dog owners in public came into force in North Dorset at the end of March. They make it an offence for someone who fails to clean up after their dog in public places 'without reasonable excuse', who allows their dog to enter certain excluded areas and who fails to put their animal on a lead of no more than two metres when told to do so by 'an authorised person'.

The North Dorset Dog Related Public Spaces Protection Order 2019 replaces existing rules and comes after a public consultation in which 800 people took part. While most owners are very responsible, a small minority who do not clear up after their dogs do cause a problem.

Dog mess is frequently encountered in public spaces in Fontmell. It is unpleasant and unsightly. Please, pick up after your dog!



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