



# THE GOSSIP TREE

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News & Views from the Parish of FONTMELL MAGNA

*Sponsored by Jean & Robin Cleal who moved away to Winchester last December, in thanks for 27 happy years in Hartgrove and in the community of Fontmell Magna and St. Andrew's Church.*

## Urgent – a new Editor needed!

Chris told us in September that soon he will be moving to Devon to be near his family. The Gossip Tree has had six editors since it started in March 1994, over 300 editions ago, and now we need a seventh by **Monday 7th October**. Without a new editor there will **no longer be a Gossip Tree**.

So much of the operation is firmly established - the layout, regular contributions which make up almost all of the content, proof reading, printing, the collection and delivery system run by Sue, the financial management (which is healthy) and sending out the email version. The editor collates and sets the monthly editions and makes all editorial decisions. It's important to say that format and content are not set in stone and anyone with ideas or suggestions is welcome to discuss them with us.

There will be wholehearted support for a new editor from everyone involved in The Gossip Tree. Our small committee meets once a year only, because almost all communication is by email including supply of the text, checking and forwarding to the local printers.

Being editor of The Gossip Tree requires being organised, enthusiastic and having basic computer literacy skills. It's a good feeling to make a contribution to a community like that which comes from producing this monthly newsletter. If it sounds a bit daunting a suggestion might be for a couple of people (or more) to work jointly or consecutively. The advantages of sharing the time commitment and opportunity to develop new ideas are obvious.

This edition is the last Chris prepares. He will be available to handover until the middle of October but, **if no one comes forward by 7th October, the next Gossip Tree will not be published.**

If you are interested in the editorship, or in becoming one of a team of editors, please contact Barbara by email [blueletterbox@btinternet.com](mailto:blueletterbox@btinternet.com) or speak to Chris 811734 – urgently! Thank you from Amelia and Barbara – Treasurer and Chair.

## Jo Burt – Acoustic by Candlelight

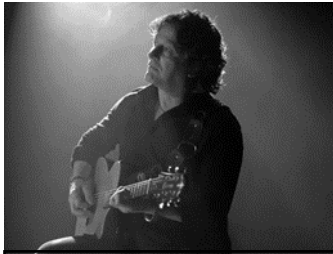
Friday 18th October at St. Andrew's Church.

Jo Burt has been a professional musician and songwriter for over 40 years, having performed with Freddie Mercury, The Troggs, Black Sabbath etc. in days of yore – which some of us will indeed remember. However, the Acoustic by Candlelight concert at Fontmell is far removed from heavy rock!

Jo now presents a show with stories from his time touring and recording with some of the biggest names in music, illustrated on an acoustic guitar

with a backing group and with special lighting effects. Previous events have been sell-outs and described as 'magical', 'extraordinary' and 'phenomenal' – not to be missed, then!

Tickets £10 in advance from Fontmell Magna Village Shop; Shaftesbury Tourist Information Centre; by phone from David (of Bedchester) 01747 811176 or online at [skiddle.com](http://skiddle.com) (search Jo Burt). Tickets at door £13. Doors open 6.30pm for bar, raffle tickets and to grab the best seats! The raffle will include a 1966 bottle of *Baron de Sigognac* Armagnac. Barry Roberts



*Jo Burt (photo by Graham Trott)*

## Friday Coffee

With the arrival of October, it is time for Friday Coffee in St. Andrew's to take a break until the spring. Replacing the weekly event will be a monthly coffee morning, which will be held in various Fontmell homes from 10.30am to 12noon. The first one will be on Friday 4th October and will be kindly hosted by Judy and Peter Westgate at Greensands, Mill Street. Any queries in Jan Cobby's absence should be addressed to Janet Smith (811904).

## Fontmell Magna Community Land Trust

Sincere thanks to the many of you who responded to our village/community shop survey. We received 124 responses, with an almost equal split between online and printed. The survey shows there is strong community support - over 40% of the responses indicating a willingness to be directly involved as volunteers in one form or another. The full results will be available online via our website [fmclt.org](http://fmclt.org) shortly. The Village Shop Working Group

## Notices – October 2019

### St. Andrew's Church

Sun	6th	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
		9.00am	Sunday Breakfast (Village Hall - see page 2)
Sun	13th	9.30am	Morning Worship
Fri	18th	6.30pm	Jo Burt - Acoustic by Candlelight
Sun	20th	9.30am	Holy Communion with Choir
Sun	27th	9.30am	Holy Communion (CW)

Prayers each Monday at 9.00am

### Parish Council Meeting

No meeting this month. Next meeting Mon 11th November at 7.00pm in St. Andrew's School.

Parish Clerk:

Marianne Wheatley [clerk@fontmellmagnapc.co.uk](mailto: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 (8th to 21st 9.00am to 1.30pm) ; Sat 9.00am to 1.00pm; Sun 9.00am to 11.00am (13th & 20th closed). Enquiries 811201

### Coffee in the Café

Tue at 10.00am

### The Tea Room Crafters

Wed 9th and 23rd at 2.30pm. Details Barbara Humphreys [blueletterbox@btinternet.com](mailto:blueletterbox@btinternet.com)

### The Fontmell

Enquiries 811441

### St. Andrew's School

Fri 18th - Break up for Half Term

Mon 4th November - Back from Half Term

### 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 4th 10.30am to 12noon at 'Greensands' by kind invitation of Judy and Peter Westgate. Please do come and join us! Note - 'Friday Coffee' in church finishes on Friday 27th September.

### Iwerne Valley Walking Group

Sat 19th, starting at 10.15 a.m. from The Mitre Inn, Sandford Orcas, nr. Sherborne DT9 4RU. Leaders: Jane & Neil Davies (811627).

### Bell-ringing

Tue at Shroton - practice 7.30 to 8.45pm. Details Chris Bellers 811734

### Bin Collection Dates

W/C 14th & 28th - Recycling & Food  
W/C 7th & 21st - Rubbish & Food

### Village Hall events - see over

### Do Not Forget!

The clocks go back on Sunday 27th October, as we move back on to Greenwich Mean Time (GMT). This means lighter mornings and darker evenings.

**Events in the Village Hall**

Fontmell Magna & District Society  
Fri 4th at 7.30pm - Organic farming  
by Tom Mettyear.  
Details Dick Stainer 811153

Sunday Breakfast  
Sun 6th at 9.00am. Run by  
St. Andrew's Church. All welcome.  
Details Janet Smith 811904

Fontmell Films  
Wed 9th 'Red Joan'.  
Doors open 7.00pm  
Details Libby Gendall 811551

North Dorset Wildlife Trust  
Wed 16th at 7.30pm 'Wildlife of  
Kingston Lacy through the Ages' - an  
illustrated talk by David Smith  
Details Anna Davies 01258 880699

Archive Society  
Thu 17th 4.00 to 5.30pm.  
Details Roger Hillman 811878

Garden Club AGM  
Thu 17th at 7.30pm.  
Details Sue East 812349

Fete AGM  
Wed 23rd at 7.30pm.  
Details Alix Austen 812690

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

Carpet Bowls Club  
Thu 3rd, 10th, 24th & 31st and  
Fri 18th 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](http://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](mailto:zumbawithabbyd@gmail.com)

**To book the Hall, please email**  
[bookings.fmvh@gmail.com](mailto:bookings.fmvh@gmail.com)

**Buddleia tidying** - Help welcomed to  
cut back the buddleias in preparation  
for the winter gales. 10.00am to  
4.00pm, 1st to 3rd October, at Princes  
Field. Any questions Judy 811302

**Welcome** - We welcome Geoff and  
Sue Morgan who have moved from  
Kingston-on-Thames to Yew Tree  
Cottage, 66 West Street. Geoff's  
parents (Bob and Irene Morgan) lived  
at 61 West Street for many years.

**Parish Council Meeting – Monday 2nd  
September at 7.00pm**

There were no questions from the public.  
Cllrs. C. Bellers (Chair), M. Humphreys and J.  
Long were present – along with Marianne  
Wheatley (Clerk), Dorset Cllr. Jane Somper  
and 11 members of the public. Apologies for  
absence from Cllr. A. Newbury.

**Co-options**

The Chair reminded everyone that, if there  
were less than three councillors, the PC was  
not quorate and thereby powerless, and again  
asked for people to come forward and join the  
PC.

**Minutes and matters arising**

The minutes of the last PC meeting on Monday  
8th July were agreed. Matters arising:

*Operation London Bridge* – It was confirmed  
that the PC's website should be altered  
respectfully on the death of the Queen and not  
for any other Royal.

*VE Day 75th Anniversary* - This will be  
commemorated on 8th, 9th and 10th May  
2020, with the early May bank holiday moving  
to Friday 8th May. Discussions are under way  
for a street party and dance and the PC agreed  
to support this event including potentially  
providing a grant.

*Community Land Trust* – Having clarified that  
it could legally become a member, the PC  
agreed to demonstrate its support for the CLT  
by paying £25 and applying for membership.

*Website* - The PC's website has been updated  
and may be upgraded next year once new  
accessibility requirements come into force.  
Much of the material on the Neighbourhood  
Plan has been archived.

*Access on Mill Street* – The PC had received a  
response from the Enforcement Team which  
did not appear to address the drainage issues.  
The Clerk will write again and ask them to  
confirm that the developer has discharged all  
the conditions.

**Report from County Councillor**

Cllr. Somper reported on how the new Dorset  
Council is progressing (there have now been  
two full Council meetings).

**Reports from Parish Councillors**

*Planning* - Cllr. Humphreys reported that the  
PC had objected to the proposed two storey  
extension at 2 North Street, but had no  
objection to the proposal to erect boundary  
fences at the School. Having made its decision  
in respect of the School, the PC was contacted  
by two residents objecting to the application.  
The PC supported the application at Gupples  
Farm to erect three new dwellings, subject to a  
biodiversity report being produced. The PC  
had no objection to the discharge of conditions  
at Bedchester House or to the variation in  
respect of land to the south of Little Orchard,  
Parsonage Street.

Regarding the application on land south of  
Home Farm, Pennyfarthing Homes advised  
that agreement is nearing on the terms of the  
S.106 contribution. Residents of properties  
directly adjoining the proposed development  
site have requested that when sewerage  
infrastructure is installed for the new  
development it should be designed so that  
adjoining properties can be given the  
opportunity to connect to it at a realistic  
cost. The PC will request that the developer  
looks into this request (as well as the request  
noted at the last PC meeting for an Electrical  
Vehicle Charging Point).

The PC responded to Dorset Council's  
consultation on a Statement of Community  
Involvement, using a template response  
provided by the A350 Community Group, and  
will be responding to a consultation on the  
North Dorset Area Strategic Landscape and  
Heritage Sensitivity Assessment Study.

While not in the parish, the PC were made  
aware of the application in respect of Melbury  
Business Park where there had been a recent  
fire. The PC will comment on health & safety  
issues and the need for more resources to fight  
fires (fire hydrants in Fontmell had to be used).

*Trees* - The PC had no objection to tree works  
at Moores Farm, Fernlea Cottage (Mill Street)  
and Cleeve Cottage (Church Street).

*Highways* - Cllr. Long reported that, according  
to Roger Bell from Highways, some dressing  
work had been carried out on Mill Street and  
repairs had been made to the Twyford to  
Bedchester road ready for dressing next year.  
Roger will also examine the pot hole in Mill  
Street (identified by Gary Payne) to see if it  
has been fixed. A resident in Lower Hartgrove  
had requested a 40mph speed limit  
on the B3091 between Black Venn Cottages  
and The Old Vicarage. Cllr. Long will discuss  
with Roger to see if it is worth the PC putting  
in a formal request and will also raise the poor  
condition of Gupples Lane.

*Environmental Protection & Social  
Infrastructure* - Cllr. Newbury reported (in  
absentia) that she had had meetings at  
Bedchester crossroads both with concerned  
residents to discuss the lime tree and verge  
erosion, and with three tree surgeons to discuss  
cutting back the lime tree.

Following a meeting with Highways, it was  
made clear that we cannot replace the missing  
verge nor have double yellow lines or logs or  
large boulders to prevent further erosion. Any  
barrier marking the edge of the verge must fall  
over easily if hit by a vehicle so the only  
option is to put in place short wooden posts at  
least one metre from the edge of the tarmacked  
carriageway and these will be priced up.

The dog waste bin in Mill Street was broken  
during emptying and has been temporarily  
repaired by Gary Payne. Dorset Waste  
Partnership will provide litter picking  
equipment for a community litter pick on  
Sunday 3rd November at 10.30am. All waste  
will be collected from the Village Hall during  
the following week.

*Footpaths/Governance* - The Chair reported  
that the 50-mile circular walk (the White Hart  
Link) connecting Blandford, Shaftesbury,  
Gillingham, Stalbridge and Sturminster  
Newton has now been completed – the final  
link, from Fontmell to Shaftesbury, was  
officially walked on Monday 24th  
August. The stile referred to in the last  
meeting has still not been repaired.

The Clerk is in the process of reviewing all our  
governing documents and will produce final  
drafts for agreement at the next PC meeting.

**Finance**

The PC has a current balance of £8,412.94.

**Other matters**

The PC agreed to a request for a grant of £400  
by the church towards the maintenance of the  
graveyard.

The meeting closed at 8.15pm. The next PC  
meeting will be at 7.00pm on Monday 11th  
November in the School Hall.



**Iwerne Valley Walking Club**  
**August walk – Wareham marsh**

On a perfect summer's day, nine of us (not quite as many of us as usual because of a clash with the Iwerne Minster Show and a lot of people away on holiday) and three dogs set off from The Kings Arms in Stoborough along a stretch of road into Wareham. It was market day and one or two of us had a quick peak at the stalls



before we continued on past the church and between two cemeteries, along footpaths and a bit more road until we reached the Wareham marsh. From there we came to the River Frome and walked on a path alongside it through lovely reed beds, hoping to spot some bird life. Disappointingly there wasn't much to see that morning; nevertheless

everyone seemed to thoroughly enjoy the variety of scenery afforded by the walk, in the warm sunshine.

After that, there was a chance for another look round the market before a few people had a well-earned lunch at the pub, sitting outside in warm sunshine. Helen English

**Events at Springhead**

Thursday 3rd October, **SERO charity lunch** to raise funds for local children, £25, 12.00 noon [info@serocharity.org.uk](mailto:info@serocharity.org.uk). Welcome drinks and canapes before lunch and coffee, after which well-known photographer Edward Parker will talk on Springhead's history. Guests can explore the gardens, and there will also be a licensed bar, raffle, and a chance to buy from SERO's stall.

Sunday 13th October, 6.00pm, Time & Tide Theatre in **To Win the Day**. A powerful folk-drama about the women left behind when the Tolpuddle men were convicted and transported told through traditional tunes and folk song. Tickets £10 for adults, and £8 for Friends of Springhead and under 18s. Kate Partridge

Springhead Trust, Mill Lane, Fontmell Magna, SP7 0NU, 01747 811853. [www.springheadtrust.org.uk/events](http://www.springheadtrust.org.uk/events)

**Fontmell Film Night**

Our film on Wednesday 9th October is 'Red Joan' starring Judi Dench, Sophie Cookson and Stephen Campbell Moore. The film is based on a novel of the same name by Jennie Rooney, which in turn was inspired by a true story.

Joan Stanley (played by Judi Dench) is a widow in her 80's living out a quiet retirement in the suburbs when, shockingly, the British Secret Service places her under arrest. The charge is providing classified information to the Soviet government for decades. As the interrogation gets under way Joan relives the dramatic events that shaped her life and her beliefs.

Tickets are £6 from Fontmell Village Shop or £6.50 on the door. Doors open at 7.00pm and the film will start at 7.30. We look forward to seeing you and please don't forget your cushions! For more information please call Libby on 01747 811551

Future film dates: 13th November 'All is True'; 11th December 'Yesterday'

**Fontmell Magna & District Society**

The season of Friday Meetings starts on 4th October with a talk on organic farming by Tom Mettyear. He runs Angel Cottage Organics which is based at Haddon Cope Farm in Dorset. His objective is to return to a simpler, slower way of farming, one that is inspired by, works with, and enhances the environment on which it relies. With his partner he runs the farm in a sustainable and organic manner. They produce meat with love and care for sale to local people. Tom feels passionate about our relationship with the environment. He feels that organic farming practises are vital to mitigate our pillage of the earth's resources and he will explain to us how he is doing this at Haddon Cope Farm.

In November we will learn about the deployment of the Royal Navy's first hovercraft to the Falkland Islands and in December we are going to hear about the history of glass-making and have the opportunity to inspect some historic and valuable pieces.

Next year we have talks about the looming Climate Catastrophe and hopefully Pen Hadow will share some of his arctic adventures with us. Dick Stainer

**Fete AGM**

The AGM for the Fontmell fete will take place in the village hall on Wednesday 23rd October at 7.30pm.

Sadly, we have not had a fete in the village this year due to a lack of volunteers. The event was certainly missed and also means that a number of our amenities will not have received the crucial funding provided by fete revenues.

This meeting will be an opportunity for the community to express its opinions and ideas about the future of the fete – getting involved is a wonderful way of meeting people and really engaging with life in Fontmell Magna. Refreshments will be provided. Alix Austen

**Village weather for August 2019**



Some sunny summer weather. Gales and an unsettled wetter week followed by more hot sunshine. Less rain than further north of the country.

13 rain days. 2 gales. No frost, hail or thunder.

Comp. Figures	2019	2018
Rain (most 15.6 mm on 8th)	51.2 mm	57.9 mm
Sunshine	166.1 hr (av. 5.4)	179.0 hr
Max mean temp. (highest 30.0 °C on 25th)	22.1 °C	22.05 °C
Min mean temp. (lowest 7.0 °C on 20th)	11.5 °C	11.41 °C

According to the Met Office, the provisional UK mean temperature in August was 15.8 °C, which is 0.9 °C above the 1981-2010 long-term average. Mean temperatures were boosted by a hot sunny spell between the 21st and 27th August setting new record temperatures for the bank holiday: a maximum August temperature of 33.4 °C was recorded at Heathrow on the 27th (the temperature exceeded 30 °C for all three days of the bank holiday weekend). In fact, Heathrow is often the hottest place in the UK during the summer. This is down to the sprawling mass of runways, roads and buildings across the airport which absorb the solar energy of the sun and radiate it like a domestic radiator, forming what's called an urban heat island. Other factors include aircraft exhausts and the distance from the cooling influence of the sea.

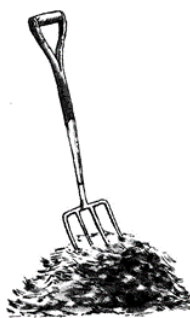
**Full Moon – Sunday 13th October**

The October Full Moon is known as the Full Hunters Moon, otherwise known as the Travel Moon or the Blood Moon.



*Hunters Moon over the Dorset coast 2018*

On 8th October, the Draconids meteor shower (producing about 10 meteors per hour) will be at its peak - the best viewing is in the early evening. On the night of 21st October and the morning of 22nd October, the Orionids meteor shower (producing up to 20 meteors per hour) will be at its peak. It is produced by dust grains left behind by comet Halley.

**Compost Corner**

My previous article referred to WW2 and how my mother's family managed to feed themselves during the war years and how they stored and preserved food. There was one aspect though which has been queried and questioned - how on earth was jam made bearing in mind that sugar was rationed?

In 1940, sugar was rationed at 8oz per person per week so it wasn't a commodity that could be wasted. With four of them in the family, my grandmother had 2lb sugar per week so she would save up their sugar allowance and sometimes swop her hen's eggs for more sugar; none of the family added any sugar to their tea, thus she was able to have sufficient sugar to make her preserves.

The government was very keen to use all available food supplies and was well aware that it was difficult to preserve fruit without sugar so the ration would sometimes be doubled at harvest time. Additionally, the Government allowed the WI to buy extra sugar and as a result 1,631 tons of preserves were produced by them in 1940.

I have also found a jam recipe for mixed soft fruit that only uses 1lb sugar for every 2lb fruit ('Wartime jam - The 1940s Experiment') and apparently it is excellent. Give it a go if there are still any blackberries or Autumn raspberries still available.

Alison Main

**Fireworks**

With the firework season approaching, the Gossip Tree Legal Department were asked to explain the legal background. Rather unhelpfully, they said that the law on fireworks is contained in the Firework Regulations 2004. The law does not apply to party poppers, crackers etc. and applies to a lesser extent to sparklers. Certain fireworks are banned in the UK, including bangers, air bombs and jumping jacks. When pressed for more detail, they reluctantly explained the following:

**When fireworks may be let off**

Fireworks may be let off at any time of the year and on any day of the week (including Sundays). The only legal restriction is that fireworks, other than sparklers, may not be let off between 11.00pm and 7.00am. However, there are a number of exceptions to the 11.00pm rule. Fireworks may be let off until midnight on 5th November (Bonfire Night/Guy Fawkes) and they may be let off until 1.00am on New Year's Eve, Diwali and the Chinese New Year. Local authorities may put on displays outside these times for local purposes and for national and commemorative events such as the Queen's Jubilee. Though it rarely seems to happen, it is courtesy to notify your neighbours if you are having a display especially if it is not on 5th November or New Year's Eve.

**Where fireworks may be let off**

It is **illegal** to set off or throw fireworks (including sparklers) in the street or other public places. You should only let fireworks off on private land such as your garden or on land where you have the landowner's permission. It is also illegal to let fireworks off on the beach (not least because the fireworks could be mistaken for distress flares).

**Buying fireworks**

Fireworks (including sparklers) can only be sold to persons aged 18 years or older. It is **illegal** for under 18s to possess fireworks in a public place. Fireworks may only be sold by registered sellers for private use on these dates:

15th October to 10th November;

26th to 31st December; or

3 days before Diwali and the Chinese New Year.

At other times you can only buy fireworks from licensed shops. You can be fined up to £5,000 and imprisoned for up to 6 months for selling or using fireworks illegally. You could also get an on-the-spot fine of £90.

There is no legal requirement to have any kind of licence or training to buy fireworks. However, for larger displays which are insured, some form of training may be a requirement of the underwriters. Only bona fide professional fireworks companies with all year insurance and licenced storage may buy professional fireworks. There is a noise limit of 120db on all fireworks, other than professional fireworks.

**A word of warning**

Last year, a resident reported that, some time before the school firework display on 10th November, pieces of a large rocket landed nearby. This could have caused serious injury or damage, not to mention a fire with so many thatched cottages in the area. So, as well as notifying neighbours of forthcoming firework displays, particularly if they have small children or pets/livestock, please bear in mind that what goes up has to come down somewhere.

**Village Hall – Playground Appeal****Children's Competition - Win a Prize**

Calling all children. We would like you to design a logo for our Playground Appeal. The winning logo will feature on all our fundraising advertising and leaflets. Competition entry is FREE! Your design should be original, distinctive and fun! You can draw it by hand or using a computer, but your design needs to be square, or in a square frame, and measure at least 10cm x 10cm. To enter this free competition, you need to create your design on a piece of white paper. On the back of the paper please write or print **your** name and age and the name of your parent or guardian and their contact telephone number.

Return your entry to St. Andrew's Primary School, to the Village Shop or to Kim Masters, Playground Representative FMVH, 3 Church Close, Fontmell Magna (just off Church Street). The Closing date is Monday 11th November. The winner will be announced at the Christmas Fayre on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2019 at the Village Hall. **GOOD LUCK!**

Parents/Guardians: If you have any queries or would like more information please contact [playground.fmvh@mail.com](mailto:playground.fmvh@mail.com) or ring Kim Masters: 01747 811 708

Local cleaner required in Mill Street - negotiable weekly or fortnightly hours. Contact Gary Coleman on 07947586661

**Starting Early**

This autumn the Tea Room Crafters will be making **Christmas decorations** for sale in the Tea Rooms at Fontmell Magna Shop. Baubles, stockings, wreaths and garlands are on the 'to do' list and all proceeds will go HeadSmart, the charity which raises awareness of the symptoms of brain cancer in babies, children and young adults [www.headsmart.org.uk](http://www.headsmart.org.uk)

Tea Room Crafters are a friendly group with mixed crafting abilities who will welcome anyone who likes sewing, crochet, knitting, embroidery, paper craft or drawing to join us in this project. We meet on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month in the Tea Room at 2.30pm and, if that is not a convenient time but you would like to contribute small hand-made decorations, we will be very appreciative. The Tea Room has access for people with limited mobility and we can provide transport by arrangement.

Jenny 07790 253189 and Sue 01747 811822 have more information, or contact Barbara by email [blueletterbox@btinternet.com](mailto:blueletterbox@btinternet.com) or text 07711 677198

***This is the last issue until The Gossip Tree has a new Editor.***

*We will contact regular contributors if and when that happens. In the meantime, please email Barbara ([blueletterbox@btinternet.com](mailto:blueletterbox@btinternet.com)) or contact Chris Bellers (e-mail to [chris.bellers@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:chris.bellers@hotmail.co.uk) or phone 811734) by Monday 7th October if you would like further information.*

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