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29th Oct -End of British Summer-time -
Clocks go back.

31st Oct. - Halloween



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Editor's Note:

October signals the end of British summertime, with the turning back of the clocks.

"Spring forward, fall back" so said the man from Kent who made daylight saving with the turning of the clocks possible.

Read more on page 48

Falling leaves, bonfires, Halloween and 'only' 85 days until Christmas!

My apologies go to Rev Nigel Candelent for misspelling his name in the last issue - definitely a senior moment

The 2nd to 8th October is Dyslexia Week. Find out more information about both Dyslexia and Dyscalculia (a condition I suffer from!) on Pages 56 /57

We have a full magazine this month, so do take the time to explore what's on, local news and views.

We hear the odd complaint about the number of ads in our parish news. Our advertisers, having faith in this publication, and being willing to pay to advertise, means we can continue to produce the magazine. And you must admit, when you need a local electrician, or a plumber or even a chimney sweep, it's useful to know you will be able to find them here!

Janine

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Every five years, the Blackdown Hills AONB Partnership creates a Management Plan to help guide the work and activities of all organisations, groups and individuals with a responsibility or interest in the Blackdown Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB).

They are currently undertaking a review of the current management plan to identify the key issues and opportunities that need to be addressed, to provide the focus for partnership action over the next plan period 2025-2030 and beyond. To help prepare the new plan, the AONB Partnership would be grateful if you could spare a few minutes to complete a survey.

Your views and knowledge of the area will help to identify what matters most to local people and inform what we can do to help protect and enhance the special qualities of the area while meeting future challenges.

The online questionnaire can be found on the AONB website;
blackdownhills.org.uk/managementplan

or via this QR code;



The survey will run until mid-December.

Any questions or for further information you can contact the AONB team at:

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St Nicholas Church

Church Services

11.00 am

(unless otherwise stated)

OCTOBER:

Oct 01:	Holy Communion	Rev'd Jane Penn
Oct 08:	9.30 am Holy Communion	Rev'd Nigel Candelent
Oct 15:	10.30 Songs & Worship at Throgmorton Hall	Barbara Simmonds
Oct 22:	Holy Communion	Rev'd Peter Robinson
Oct 29:	Mission Community Service 'Café Church' at Manor Rooms Upottery	Rev'd Nigel Candelent

NOVEMBER:

Nov 05:	Baptism Service	Rev'd Nigel Candelent
Nov 05:	3.00 pm Loved Ones Service at Throgmorton Hall	Rev'd Nigel Candelent
Nov 12:	Remembrance Sunday	Rev'd (TBA)

St. James the Greater, Sheldon - October

1 st	9:30 am	Harvest Festival & Lunch	Lay Led
8 th	9:30 am	Morning Prayer	Lay Led
15 th	9:30 am	Holy Communion	Rev Jane Penn
22 nd	9:30 am	Holy Communion	Rev Nigel Candelent

FROM THE PARISH REGISTER

On Wednesday 16th August the late Rosemary Lynch was buried in the Churchyard

HAVE YOU HEARD?

A Farmer and His Sons

(Anonymous)

Once a farmer had three grown-up sons. They always quarrelled among themselves. Their father advised them to live in peace, but it had no effect on them. He was worried about their future. One day the farmer fell seriously ill. He sent for his sons. He asked them to collect a handful of sticks which they did at once. He tied the sticks into a bundle.

Now, he asked them to break the bundle one by one. They tried hard to break it but none could. Then the farmer untied the bundle and asked each of them to break each stick. They did so quite easily. Their father said, "My dear sons, you could not break the sticks as long as they remained tied together but you broke each single stick quite easily. They were strong in bundle but became weak when separated from one another. Never forget that, united we stand and divided we fall."

This had a deep effect on the farmer's sons. They gave up quarrelling and began to live in peace.

Moral:

United we stand and divided we fall.

This applies not only to families, but also to friends, groups, communities, etc.

It does not mean we have to agree with each other all the time; we will have disagreements, no question about it! However, we can remain united if we have respect for the other's point of view.

As someone once said:

"I don't agree with what you say, but I will defend to the death your right to say it."

Carol Fouracre

Rev. Nigel writes....

All good gifts around us....

It has been a real gift to have had the summer to settle into our new surroundings and begin to get around the communities in which we serve.

I have enjoyed popping into the various flower and produce shows and visiting the Plymtree Country Fayre and horse show. They have all been really joyous occasions.



We are settling in well to our new home in Dunkeswell and have been very thankful for all the good wishes and warmth of welcome we have received.

One area at the Rectory that we are really enjoying is the garden. We have enlisted some help from our gardener who has spent time thinning out the wonderful rockery that needed a bit of expert attention.

When we were discussing the work he would do, he said he would be trimming back the blackberry bushes which had begun to take over, but recommended we did some picking before he did as there was a really good harvest of blackberries to be had. And there definitely was!



A wonderful gift, along with the fruits of an apple tree we have in the garden, we have had a number of blackberry and apple crumbles - very tasty. We have also enjoyed the gift of harvest from others with a wonderful jar of Blackberry Jam from a dear saint from one of our churches. That inspired us to make some ourselves

As we are now in the season of harvest, I have been reflecting on those wonderful gifts of nature, not just in our own garden but also around us, as we live in the heart of the countryside and are surrounded by farm land.

There is so much hard work and effort goes into all the farming, that, as Church, we take time during our Harvest Services to give thanks to God for all those good gifts brought in at harvest time. Our Bible readings and the hymns we sing remind us of God's blessing on us for the gift of creation and all that the land produces.

As I write these notes I am reminded that although we may feel the effects of climate change here in this country, it is nothing compared to other parts the world.

In the news recently we have seen the devastating effect of extreme weather conditions, causing tornadoes, forest fires, flooding and earthquakes.

We hold in our prayers all those communities, particularly those in Morocco and Libya.

As we thank God for the good gifts around us during this harvest time, let us keep in our hearts and minds those around the world, where extremities of the weather have made life very difficult and challenging.

Let us also be reminded of God's good gifts in our own lives and give thanks for all we have and offer them back to God through the support we can offer, whether it is locally, through the food banks and charities, or wider in providing support to the different worldwide aid agencies.

Whatever it is, let us do what we can with the gifts God has blessed us with.

Rev Nigel Candelent
Dunkeswell Mission Community

Sunday 5th November at 3 pm
Throgmorton Community Hall, Dunkeswell
‘LOVED ONES’ SERVICE

With Rev'd Nigel Candelent



A special day to remember family and friends who have passed on from their earthly life. Whether they died recently or many years ago they are forever remembered in our hearts.

Sometimes it feels as though our loved ones have been forgotten, as others never mention them, but it could just be that they keep silent for fear of causing pain.

THIS INFORMAL SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE WILL BE FOLLOWED BY REFRESHMENTS AND A TIME TO OPENLY SHARE FOND MEMORIES WITH ONE ANOTHER.

If you would like a candle lit in memory of your loved ones, please contact Carol (details below), before the 1st November if possible – but last minute names can be included on the day.

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Mission Community Service



Dunkeswell Mission Community
Dunkeswell, Broadhembury, Luppitt, Sheldon
Upottery and Plymtree

A WORD FOR TODAY FROM
UNITED CHRISTIAN BROADCASTERS FOR OCT. 23

Peter Horder 01404 890 094

1st. Psalm 130 v 4: 'There is forgiveness with you Lord, so that you may be revered.' God's forgiveness is worthless unless we receive it by faith ... and then forgive yourself, knowing that all sins of the past are forgotten – we only have a future. When we fail - as we all do – may we get up and try again, asking God to work alongside us.

2nd. Galatians 6 v 10: 'Whenever we have the opportunity, we should do good to everyone.' – helping them by connecting, and enabling them to move forward. To believe everybody has the potential to make a difference once they know Jesus,' and HIS power to assist their progress.

3rd. Luke 10 v 40: 'But Martha, in her busyness, was distracted.' Used properly, multi-tasking can make us more productive. Used wrongly, it can take our minds off what we are doing. Aim to form new balanced habits, being wise enough to stop and focus on the present moment.

4th. Philippians 1 v 6: 'He who has begun a good work in you will complete it.' God is fully committed to our spiritual growth. Along the way we will be tested, sometimes to our limits. God requires our whole and committed hearts – when our trials don't make sense, He will walk with us and bring forth good, by pouring His blessings on us.

5th. John 8 v 36: 'If the Son sets you free, you are truly free.' The key to victory in life is to draw on God's power every moment, by walking in the Spirit, and receiving everything we need for living a godly life, sharing God's divine nature, and escaping the world's corruption.

6th. Romans 14 v 1: 'Accept other believers who are weak in faith.' Not just to tolerate them, but to welcome, receive, acknowledge, and to make allowances for their opinions. Learn to respect fellow believers, not because who they are, but WHOSE they are, being devoted in love.

7th. Philippians 4 v 11: 'I have learned how to be content.' Know with certainty and firm conviction that God is able to meet our very need, so we don't covet anyone's position, property, possessions or personality.

8th. Acts 13 v 43: 'Continue in the grace of God,' was the message Paul and Barnabus brought to the first Christians in Antioch. We pray for strength to keep calm and carry on, no matter what we are facing.

9th. 1 Chronicles 16 v 11: 'Look to the Lord and his strength – seek His face.' As our needs change, let us be thankful for God's unchanging faithfulness. As the pressures of life increase, so we need to pray more. Our power, peace, joy and effectiveness are directly related to the time we spend in prayer. Have the discipline and desire to pray – just as Jesus did.

10th. John 4 v 14: 'Whoever drinks of the water that I shall give..... will never thirst.' To share our faith we must start where people are, not where we think they should be, using words they can understand – breaking the news of salvation with love and sensitivity.

11th. Matthew 6: v 5: 'When you come before God, don't turn that into a theatrical production, as the Pharisees' did. Prayer should be a relation-building exercise, showing an authentic expression from a loving heart, coming to God at any time or place; being humble and honest in our approach, and receiving His love and grace.

12th. Acts 27 v 20: 'When the storm continued raging, we gave up hope of being saved.' There are times in life when God seems distant – we feel abandoned, afraid and hopeless – the Apostle Paul was no different, but God assured him all those with him would be safe. We pray for people who are facing a storm, that God will be close to them.

13th. John 10 v 28 'They are protected from the Destroyer,' who will try to steal them and ourselves out of God's hand. Even when we make wrong choices that leave us spiritually and emotionally scarred, no situation can separate us from God's love and peace.

14th. James 3 v 17: 'The wisdom from above is peace loving.' It is pure, gentle at all times, and willing to yield to others. Live according to these scriptural principles, enabling you to make better decisions about your life, as well as your relationships.

15th. 1 Peter 5 v 5: 'God gives grace to the humble.' Pride disqualifies us from enjoying His favour; true humility makes us think of ourselves LESS, and reminds us that everything we are, we owe to God, everything we have – comes from Him. To God be the glory.

16th. Psalm 18 v 32: 'It is God who arms me with strength, and makes my way perfect.' He is a shield to all who trust in Him, arming us with strength for every challenge – making our feet like the feet of deer, setting us on firm high places. He subdues those who rise against us.

17th. Ephesians 2 v 6: 'He picked us up and set us down in highest heaven in company with Jesus.' To be an 'UP' person in a 'DOWN' world, aim to get to know God better, to recognise Satan's limitations, and to see yourself as God sees you and who He wants you to be.

18th. 1 Timothy 6 v 6: 'Godliness with contentment is great gain.' If our pursuit of material things is leaving no time for God, then we should re-examine our priorities, and start changing them while we can. Paul says contentment never comes from externals, but by knowing and serving God from a willing and obedient heart.

19th. 1 Corinthians 10 v 13: 'God will show you how to escape from temptations.' Obtaining satisfaction without God is Satan's ploy to get us to settle for less. The way to lasting satisfaction is the Way of the Cross, m—sacrificing ourselves to His Will, staying close to Him, living in His Word.

20th. Philippians 2 v 5: 'You must have the same attitude that Jesus had.' Unexpected storms of life can easily knock us out of alignment, so our attitude needs to be regularly checked and adjusted. To attain this lifestyle we should make it a priority and pursue it each day, by standing firm on God's Word.

21st. Joshua 1 v 8: 'Then you will have good success,' - by following God's Will for our lives, putting Him in first place, and allowing God to put every blessing together for us. Without God, all success will end in failure, and will not satisfy.

22nd. Deuteronomy 28 v 8: 'The Lord will command the blessing on all to which you set your hand.' A call for us to be more creative in our thinking – built into every obstacle is an opportunity – every question, an answer – every problem, a solution. So be bold to question methods, systems, asking God to show us a better, more fruitful way.

23rd. Philippians 4 v 5: 'Let your moderation be known unto all men.' To have a balanced life, try to live by these 2 Scriptures:- God cares for you, so turn all your worries to Him – and - Be on your guard and stay awake, as the devil is around to find someone to attack.

24th. Joshua 1 v 8: 'Meditate on God's Word day and night, then you will be prosperous and successful.' Examine it attentively to see God's wonderful truths, and from HIS viewpoint.

To succeed in things that really matter, we should follow the instructions for life in Scripture.

25th. Romans 12 v 3: 'Be honest in your evaluation of yourself,' in sober judgment in accordance with the measure of faith God has given you. Follow the example of leaders like Moses – although hesitant to respond to God's call – he showed humility and God's strength – not his own.

26th. Psalms 33 v 3: 'Play skilfully on the harp,' meaning to strive for excellence using your God-given talents, by denying many things that would keep you from doing your best – approach every task thinking how you can do it better. Others will gauge your character by the height of your ideals, your convictions and persistence.

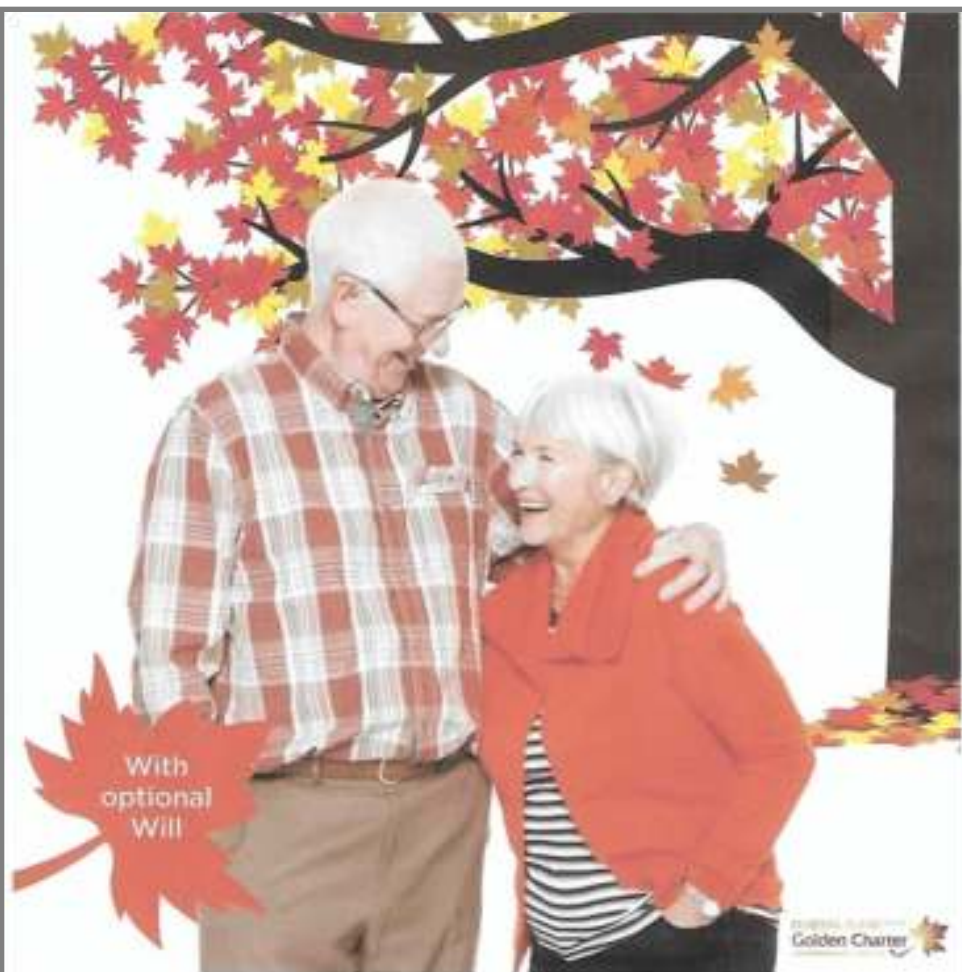
27th. Proverbs 27 v 19: 'A mirror reflects a man's face, but what he is really like is shown by the friends he chooses.' Friendships good and bad indicate the direction you are taking. Respect those whom God has connected to you to help you. Be wise to choose right friendships.

28th. 1 Thessalonians 4 v 17: 'Then the rest of us will be caught up with them into the clouds to meet the Lord.' Our calling is to reassure one another of Christ's 2nd coming – those who acknowledge Him as their Saviour will arise to celebrate the greatest reunion of all time, and be with the Lord forever.

29th. Ezekiel 37 v 9-10: 'Thus saith the Lord God – come from the four winds – breathe upon these and they lived – an exceeding great army.' God wants to do the same for us – as His eyes are set NOT on our past, but on our futures. May God breathe His Spirit into any part of our lives that feel broken and dry.

30th. Psalms 27 v 1: 'The Lord is the strength of my life! Obstacles and struggles are part of life – they make us appreciate success. If everything came easy, we would never know how it feels to succeed. Pray for a godly attitude towards success and failure.

31st. Romans 12 v 10: 'Honour one another above yourselves! When somebody shares their accomplishments, resist the temptation to jump in and minimise their joy – instead be complimentary, so that they feel you are really there for them, and care about their success. In a nutshell – avoid competing with them.



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Sun. 1st Mr T. Strizaker

Sun. 8th Hiscock

Sun. 15th Rev. John Young - Holy Communion

Sun. 22nd Mr. B. Cooper

Sun. 29th Circuit Service





Synopsis of the Minutes of the Meeting of Dunkeswell Parish Council held in the Village Hall on 18th September 2023

Next meeting -
Dunkeswell Village Hall - 7.30pm

Planning Planning Applications

a) **23/1669/VAR Orchard Cottage Apple Barrel Barn Dunkeswell Abbey EX14 4RP** - Variation of condition no. 1 of planning permission (20/5054/VAR Change of use of redundant barn to holiday cottage) to allow for the removal of condition no. 1 in relation to planning permission to enable the holiday home to be used for residential purposes. (expiry to comment 2.9.23)

In consultation with the Parish Council and utilising the Scheme of Delegation to the clerk, the following was submitted to Planning Online on 16th August 2023.

Comment: The council continue to be of the view that this should remain a holiday accommodation and do not support this application. As in the comments made in October 2020 on application 20/2054/VAR and subsequently taken to Appeal and dismissed, Original Comments copied in below.

" Comment Date: Tue 20 Oct 2020

The Council do not support this application, they determined that this could be seen as setting a precedent and agreed that the property should remain as per the original permission granted, as a holiday cottage."

The Council have concerns regarding the location of the property being approx. 3.5 miles to the nearest facilities and services and there are no walkways or pavements. The property is accessible along a narrow, unlit, one track lane and as far as the Council can see, nothing has changed in the time between applications to improve this.

The Council noted that within the appeal decision it is noted that application 20/2054/VAR, rather than removing the condition; EDDC varied it, and issued a new decision. The variation removed the tie between the appeal building and Orchard Cottage previously included within condition 02, but maintained the occupancy restriction for holiday purposes only. The Appeal then references the option of selling the property as a holiday home. From the documentation available within application 23/1669/VAR, the Council could not determine what effort has been made by the applicant to either rent out the holiday property or place on the open market, as holiday accommodation.

The Council are very concerned that should Officers be minded to approve this application, that a precedent may be set that could see many holiday homes, within Dunkeswell, seek residential status, without the infrastructure, services and utilities to support this.

Resolution: The council ratified the comments submitted

b) 23/1111/OUT Land Adjacent 1 Ball Knapp Dunkeswell Honiton EX14 4QQ - Amended - Outline application with all matters reserved for the erection of one dwelling. (expiry to comment 5.9.23)

In consultation with the Parish Council and utilising the Scheme of Delegation to the clerk, the following was submitted to Planning Online on 31st August 2023.

Comment: The Council continue to believe and maintain the view of the previous comments made as below and therefore do not support this application.

The previous application at this site (22/0889/FUL) was commented on as below. 'Comment Date: Tue 17 May 2022

The Council do not support this application, the house would sit inside the AONB and felt that this is an inappropriate space for a dwelling and that the design of the building does not fit well with existing buildings in the area. In addition, they felt that the space available is small and that it felt as if the building is being squashed into the space and will appear cramped. They felt that access to the parking area on the plan would be difficult and could potentially be an issue for existing properties, increasing vehicular traffic in a small lane. There was a discussion around the location plan, which was felt not to show the correct layout of the road with what appears to be a turning area, that isn't there. The visibility from the proposed parking area would be quite limited and although in a private single track lane could be a potential hazard, given the already cramped conditions.'

The Council continue to believe and maintain this view, and therefore do not support this application. In their opinion this site is not suitable for any development, due to its size, cramped conditions and lack of parking space available, and the current availability of houses and bungalows within Dunkeswell for sale; existing housing stock, or those in the process of being built.

Tree Decisions (for information)

Approved - 23/1568/TCA St Nicholas Church Dunkeswell - T1: Red Oak - prune branches to the West side. Cuts distal to previous cuts / points. 2m reduction clearance on the church side. T2: Cherry - crown reduce by 1-2m height and spread. Remove deadwood throughout. T3: Yew - reduce radial spread over the boundary by 1.5m length. - noted

Approved - 23/1466/TCA Carpenters Cottage Dunkeswell Honiton EX14 4RE - Oak tree approx. 7m to north of house - reduce the canopy on the south and east sides where it overhangs the dwelling and driveway respectively by up to 2-3m, pruning back branches to suitable growth points to accord with BS3998 2010 Tree Work Recommendations and good arboricultural practice - noted

Tree Applications (for consideration)

a) 23/1937/TRE 3 Jenwood Road Dunkeswell EX14 4UZ - T1, Ash with Ash Die Back : removal to the ground level (or very hard cutting); replacement planting. (expiry to comment 4.10.23) Resolution: There were No objections to this application

Highways

a) Issues to report - Potholes - Slope, Luppitt common side of Lakeview, Long Lane outside of Crudges (garage has had 3 people for tyres (today) caused by the potholes here)

b) The council are pleased that the resurfacing of the bottom part of Windgate Hill is planned, clerk to contact highways regarding possibility of having some of the planning for community use.

Community and Governance - Parks

i) NCP Shelter - quotes received for consideration

Resolution: This was discussed at length and it was agreed not to go ahead with a replacement shelter, this due to the cost and also the report that things appear to have improved in the Park since the removal of the old shelter, no bad/loud behaviour reported and much less rubbish to pick up. It was agreed that both Cllr's and clerk will look at a seat/bench in this location and consider at the next meeting. Whilst discussing the Park it was also agreed to purchase new Chains & Seats for the swings (4 x sets) in the NCP and Churchill Parks, Park wardens/Clerk to take measurements and order.

b) Marcus Rd/Flightway & other concerns - As agreed at the meeting in August a letter was sent to Richard Foord MP and copied to the other agencies. Cllr's met with Richard Foord at his surgery in Dunkeswell on 30th August. Reply from EDDC was received 24.8.23. For discussion.

Resolution: The council felt their meeting with Richard Foord went well and left feeling Richard would support them where he is able. The council were pleased to receive an update from Police regarding the issues reported and to know that concerns they had reported had proved worth further investigation. They were disappointed with the response from EDDC, a reply to be drafted. Cllr Brown has offered to enquire about progress on another issue within Dunkeswell. District and County Cllr's will take a look at the concerns the Council have with the soil heaps.

Business at the Chairman's discretion (no decision making during this item)

a) Overgrown hedges - reported to councillors, clerk to post the poster on noticeboards and the website and Facebook.

Email, web and social media enquiries have been responded to and councillors copied in, councillors are asked to consider if further action or correspondence is necessary.

Dates for meetings 2023 - 2024 can be found at <https://www.dunkeswell-pc.gov.uk/>
All Minutes & Agendas can found at <https://www.dunkeswell-pc.gov.uk/council-meetings/>

Next meeting - Parish Council Meeting Monday 16th October 2023, 7.30pm at Dunkeswell Village Hall.



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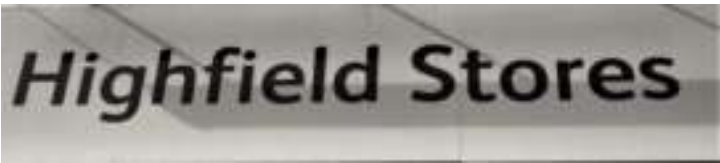
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MONEY MATTERS:

Free access to cash withdrawals to be protected

Under new measures by the Treasury, if a service is withdrawn and a replacement service is needed, then the rules state that the majority of people and businesses are set to be no further than three miles away from a way to withdraw cash. The policy statement sets out that factors such as the opening hours and distance to cash access services should be considered, as well as the need for in-person assistance.

What can I do if my local bank branch closes?

According to FCA figures, 27% of people with a bank account regularly use a branch, and include those with less confidence in or access to digital services (52%), those aged 75 or over (45%), those in poor health (37%) and the self-employed (37%).

Banking at the Post Office

UK finance estimates that 99% of

customers can carry out their basic banking needs at the local Post Office. These include withdrawing cash, checking your balance and paying in cash and cheques. Post Offices do not enable you to transfer money or seek advice from your bank, however.

Mobile banking vans, or banks on wheels (Natwest, Lloyds, Bank of Scotland)

Not to be confused with the kind of mobile banking that you do online,, mobile banking vans (also called banks on wheels) are to travel around the country, visiting specific locations and allowing customers to do their banking

The banking on wheels services available to you varies slightly between different banks, but they normally allow you to make withdrawals, deposits, enquiries, transfers and bill payments, as well as order foreign currency, manage credit cards and ISAs, and request statements.

Octopus Energy to buy Shell Energy UK – here's what you need to know:

Octopus Energy has agreed a deal to buy Shell Energy UK which, if approved, will see Shell's 1.4 million energy customers and 500,000 broadband customers moved to Octopus. For now, there are no changes and you should keep paying your bills as normal.

Shell says there will be no disruption to your energy supply or broadband service for now.

Under energy regulator Ofgem's rules, households will never be left without an energy supply during a change of supplier.

The situation is less certain for broadband customers as Octopus doesn't currently have a broadband business and hasn't offered these services in the past. However, under Ofcom rules for broadband, any loss of service that occurs during a switch between suppliers should not be longer than one working day and providers must compensate you if things go wrong.

Standard first-class stamp prices to rise from 2nd Oct

First-class stamp prices will rise by 14% for standard size letters, Royal Mail has confirmed. From Monday

2 October, the cost of a first-class stamp will be hiked to £1.25 (up 15p from £1.10). Other stamp prices will also rise, though standard second-class stamps will remain at their current price of 75p.

Direct Line Group to pay £30 million in refunds after over-charging some car and home insurance customers .

If you've renewed your Churchill, Direct Line or Privilege home or car insurance since 1 January 2022 you may be owed a refund. This comes after **Direct Line Group, flouted rules designed to prevent loyal customers from being charged more than new users.**

On 1 January 2022, the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) banned home and car insurers from charging existing customers more at renewal than they would pay when taking out a new policy with the same firm. Before these rules were put in place, many insurers hiked prices for existing customers – this was known as the 'loyalty penalty'. According to Direct Line Group, an error in implementing these rules across its three car and home insurance brands resulted in some customers paying a higher renewal price than they should have.

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The Dunkeswell Garden Society Summer Show:

The sun shone brightly over the Throgmorton Hall on Saturday 19th August as The Dunkeswell Garden Society held their annual Summer Show. There were a record number of entries from familiar faces as well as many first time competitors.

By 11am all the exhibitors had left the hall and the serious task of judging was underway. Jams were tasted, flower arrangements studied and long runner beans measured. Eventually the winners of each category were decided and points tallied up.

At 2pm the doors of the hall opened and we were happy to welcome the lovely people of Dunkeswell. The Ladybirds provided the delicious cakes and tea which everyone enjoyed.

At 3.30pm it was time for the winners to be announced.

Heather Connett from Connett's Farm was on hand to present the prizes, which were awarded to the following people:

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INSURANCE CLAIM FRAUD & SCAMS:

Claims fraud cost the insurance industry more than a billion pounds last year, according to new figures from the Association of British Insurers (ABI). While overall reports fell due to the introduction of new legal reforms to reduce personal injury claims, some specific forms of fraud appear to be on the rise.

'Crash for cash' scams - where fraudsters intentionally cause collisions to profit from insurance payouts - are the most notorious form of claims fraud, with the potential to cause physical harm. Some 14% of fraud victims believe they'd been targeted in such 'accidents'.

And new variations on the theme are emerging.

Admiral Insurance recently investigated nearly 20 **'wing mirror scams'** - all involving the same circumstances: fraudsters throw an object at a passing car to make an impact sound, then pursue the driver claiming they've clipped their wing mirror (which was already damaged) demanding cash at the scene, or initiating a claim.

An infographic titled "HAVE YOU BEEN TARGETED BY A 'CRASH FOR CASH' SCAM?". Below the title, it says "Here are the telltale signs that an accident has been staged to get an insurance payout - and what you should do if you're affected". The infographic is divided into two columns: "WHAT TO WATCH OUT FOR" and "WHAT TO DO".
WHAT TO WATCH OUT FOR:

- Icon: Two cars colliding. Text: "The other driver appears to be unfazed after the collision."
- Icon: A person with a speech bubble. Text: "They appear to exaggerate their injuries."
- Icon: A document with a checkmark. Text: "They hand over pre-written insurance information."

WHAT TO DO:

- Icon: A speech bubble with a checkmark. Text: "Don't confront the driver. Exchange details as legally required."
- Icon: A hand holding a phone. Text: "Make your insurer aware of the incident as soon as possible."
- Icon: A hand holding a document. Text: "Note as much information as possible about the driver, any passengers and circumstances of the collision. This can include written information, pictures, dashcam footage, CCTV and witness statements."

Scammers are impersonating Wilko etc. on copycat websites promising huge discounts

The retailer Wilko recently announced it had gone into administration, and fraudsters have been quick to capitalise.

Many dodgy adverts are now being seen on Facebook offering discounts of up to 90%. These ads lead to copycat websites that phish for your personal information and bank details.

Facebook is being flooded with ads for **Wilko 'clearance sales'**, which lure victims with the promise of discounts. These ads claim there is limited stock available to encourage you to act quickly.

When you click on an ad, you'll be taken to a website that advertises Wilko products and includes product descriptions to appear genuine. These sites also include 'about us,' 'contact us' and 'privacy policy' pages. On closer inspection, some pages are full of grammatical errors and the 'contact us' pages don't contain any real contact information. This is only the latest in a series of scams targeting troubled retailers

INVESTMENT SCAMS:

At a time of high inflation, there's a growing risk of having your head turned by the promise of high or guaranteed investment returns.

So-called investment schemes with an element of glamour or excitement, such as fine wine, cryptocurrency or holiday villas, can be particularly enticing to the unwary and inexperienced.

It's not always easy to tell the difference between a high-risk (but legitimate) scheme and an outright scam, and often the truth only emerges years later.

When considering an investment firm or adviser, the first step is to check they're registered with the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA). You can do this by looking at its Financial Services Register.

Is your investment 'adviser' putting you under huge time pressure? Have you been told you need to send money within hours or days or the 'deal' will vanish? At best, this is a hugely unethical practice which puts huge stress on you and prevents you doing due diligence. At worst, it's a sign of an outright scam. A firm or individual which employs this tactic is unprofessional in the extreme - don't pay them a penny.

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Dates for your diary



OCTOBER 2023

Sun. 1st	<u>±</u> 12 md	Harvest Lunch	Sheldon Village Hall
Tues. 3rd	11.00 am	TRIP Befriending Hub	Community Hall
Wed. 11th	10.00 - 10.30	Devon Mobile Library	Community Hall
	10.00 -12.00	Coffee Morning for Cancer Research	Highfield Social Club
Thurs. 12th	02.30 pm	Ladybirds meeting	Community Hall
Sat. 14th	09.00 - 12 md	Farmers Market	Community Hall
Sun. 15th	10.30 am	Songs & Worship	Community Hall
Wed. 18th	10.30 - 11.30	Blackdown Support Group -Coffee morning	Community Hall
Sat. 28th	10.00 - 12.15	Devon Mobile Library	Community Hall
	07.30 pm	Murder Mystery Dinner	Dunkeswell Village Hall
Sun. 29th	10.30 am	Café Church	Manor Rooms Upottery
Tues. 31st	07.30 pm	Theatre - 'Out of Focus'	Community Hall
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*The trees are in their autumn beauty,
The woodland paths are dry,
Under the October twilight the water mirrors a still sky.*

William Butler Yeats

What's Happening

Community Events
News & Notices

Dunkeswell Christmas light fund.

Thank you to everyone for attending/supporting our fundraising for the light switch-on.

The date for this our 3rd year, is **Wednesday 29th November**, and we plan a bigger and better event with Father Christmas, (courtesy of the Roundtable), live music, and free refreshments, and we very much look forward to seeing you all there.

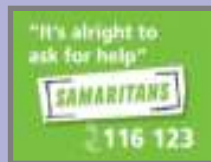
We have our fantastic quiz night planned again for **Saturday 7th October in Throgmorton Hall**, raising funds for more lights etc.

Our previous cash balance from fundraising/ donations £1724.76

Expenditure

Tree	£250.00
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Food & Drink	£189.99
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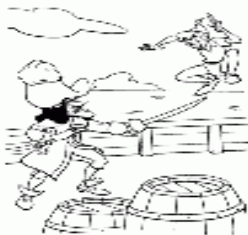
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BRITISH SUMMER TIME ENDS



'Spring forward, fall back'. In spring, the clocks go forward one hour and British Summer Time begins. In autumn, the clocks go back as British Summer Time comes to an end and the UK reverts back to Greenwich Mean Time (GMT).

But when did this practice begin, and why?

British Summer Time, also known as Daylight Saving Time, was the brainchild of a builder from Kent called William Willett. The story goes that one day on his way back from riding his horse in Petts Wood near his home in the early 1900s, he noticed many of the blinds and curtains in the neighbouring houses were still drawn, even though it was light. This led him to consider the idea of adapting the time to better fit daylight hours. Back then the clocks were set all year round to Greenwich Mean Time (GMT), meaning it was light by 3am and dark around 9pm in the summer.



Although he was not the first person to advocate this, he was perhaps the most driven, using his own resources to finance a pamphlet outlining his idea for adapting to daylight hours during the summer. His original proposal was for the clocks to be put forward by 80 minutes in total, in four steps of 20 minutes each Sunday at 2am during April and turned back in the same way in September. He argued that this would mean longer daylight hours for recreation, improving health and also saving the country money in lighting costs.



Through this leaflet "The Waste of Daylight" and his vigorous campaigning, in 1908 Willett got the support of the MP Robert Pearce who championed the idea, albeit unsuccessfully, in the House of Commons.

Sadly William Willett died of the flu in 1915 aged 58 and never lived to see his daylight saving ideas become law.

Rather fittingly, in Petts Wood there is a memorial sundial, set permanently to Daylight Saving Time, to honour him.

The idea resurfaced during World War One when the need to conserve coal made the suggestion of daylight saving more pertinent. The clocks went forward one hour on the following Sunday, 21st May.

The time changes were widely advertised in the press. To return to GMT on 1st October 1916, people were advised to put their clocks forward by 11 hours rather than turning the hands back an hour, as in those days this would break the mechanism.

During the Second World War, in 1941 Britain adopted British Double Summer Time, which saw clocks being put forward two hours ahead of GMT. The clocks were turned back to GMT at the end of summer 1945. However because of severe fuel shortages resulting from the harsh winter of 1946/47, the UK returned to British Double Summer Time during the summer of 1947.

Since its introduction, Daylight Saving Time has had both its advocates and critics. Advocates claim the lighter summer mornings save energy, reduce traffic accidents and get people out and about and more active.

Critics however claim that if adopted all year round (known as British Standard Time), this would result in darker winter mornings which would be more dangerous for children going to school and for those in the north and Scotland, the sun would not rise until well into the morning leaving farmers working several hours in the dark in winter.

The Harold Wilson government adopted British Standard Time between 27th Oct 1968 and 31st Oct. 1971 as a trial, but after a free vote, the House of Commons chose to end the experiment.

The Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents has proposed adopting GMT+1 during the winter and GMT+2 in the summer, meaning the UK would be in the same time zone as France, mainland Spain and Germany. They argue this would reduce accidents as a result of lighter evenings and called for the government to run another trial. Several attempts to amend or repeal British Summer Time have been brought to the House of Commons in recent years, however currently the UK retains the system first advocated back in the Edwardian era by William Willett. <https://www.historic-uk.com/CultureUK/British-Summer-Time/>



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In only our second year of running this fun doggy day out, we had a great turn out, lots of dogs came to enjoy the show, wow the judges



in pedigree and novelty classes, try their paws at agility, sniff work and racing – Roxy the greyhound won the timed dash with a lightning speed run of 3.66 seconds. In addition to the dog classes

we also held Junior handling classes in three age categories. The overall winner of Junior Handler was Molly O'Hara with her dog Peggy.



This year we were raising funds for **Veterans with Pets** in Exeter, and **Parkinsons UK**. We are thrilled that we managed to raise £1000 to split between them. Thank you to all who came to support.



"It's been an utterly exhausting weekend. Running this show is super stressful and really hard work.

But seeing the smiles on your faces and the enjoyment in the dogs, putting something on for the community and knowing it's all for charity makes it worth while. Huge thanks to you all for attending and supporting, To the farm, To the sponsors, the judges, the traders, our fab "show" team and families for their hard work. " – Jenny Walkingwoofs .

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If you'd like to get involved in next year's show, please get in touch.

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Dyslexia Week

2nd Oct to 8th Oct 2023

Organised by the British Dyslexia Association, Dyslexia Week is an annual event to raise awareness of dyslexia. Every year BDA produce resources and share information with teachers, employers and the public to highlight different dyslexia-related themes.

About dyslexia:

Dyslexia is a neurological difference and can have a significant impact during education, in the workplace and in everyday life. As each person is unique, so is everyone's experience of dyslexia. It can range from mild to severe, and it can co-occur with other learning difficulties. It usually runs in families and is a life-long condition. It is important to remember that there are positives to thinking differently. Many dyslexic people show strengths in areas such as reasoning and in visual and creative fields.



Dyslexia is a learning difficulty which primarily affects reading and writing skills. However, it does not only affect these skills. Dyslexia is actually about information processing. Dyslexic people may have difficulty processing and remembering information they see and hear, which can affect learning and the acquisition of literacy skills. Dyslexia can also impact on other areas such as organisational skills.

To find out more about the signs and symptoms of dyslexia go to:

[Signs of dyslexia - British Dyslexia Association \(bdadyslexia.org.uk\)](https://bdadyslexia.org.uk)

Dyscalculia - What is Dyscalculia?

Dyscalculia is a specific and persistent difficulty in understanding numbers which can lead to a diverse range of difficulties with mathematics. It will be unexpected in relation to age, level of education and experience and occurs across all ages and abilities.

People with dyslexia tend to have poor working memory, speed of processing and rapid retrieval of information from long term memory. These weaknesses will also affect maths learning.

How is dyscalculia different from other maths learning difficulties?

60% of learners with dyslexia have maths learning difficulties. They may develop gaps in their learning because of the hierarchical nature of maths, the lack of firm foundation skills can affect the learning of new skills.



Dyscalculia is at the severe end of the maths learning difficulties

Characteristics that are found with people with dyscalculia are:-

- Difficulties with maths are persistent and will have been present since the learner was young.
- Difficulties apply to arithmetic but not necessarily to other areas of maths such as geometry and algebra.
- Difficulties in maths but not subjects like English and subjects which do not involve numbers.
- Lack of an intuitive understanding of numbers and simple number concepts, for example the relationship between multiplication and repetitive addition.
- Lack of a fundamental understanding of how numbers relate to each other, for example 6 can be made from $5 + 1$, double 3, $4 + 2$ (flexibility of number) as well as a visual concept of the magnitude of numbers. They cannot make sensible references to numbers.
- Young children have difficulties with subitising, knowing how many items there are in a set. They need to count them one by one.
- Learners rely on following procedures which they may not understand, rote learning and simple ways of working out answers like counting on their fingers.
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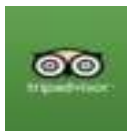
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Fri 6 Oct - 7.30pm - £18

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Thu 26 Oct - 7.30pm - Adults £7.50, U16's £6.50

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Fri 27 Oct - 2pm. Adults £7.50, U16's £6.50, Family x4 - £25.

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Our meeting in August was a very busy one! We had a 'hands on' flower arranging session. 17 members came clutching bunches of flowers and foliage gathered from their gardens together with a cup and or vase to make their personal arrangements. We also had one guest with us, Cathy, who seemed to enjoy herself and got stuck into the task with gusto. Our expert was Bob Sergeant who came with two assistants, Jenny and Brenda. Bob told us a little about themselves and gave a superb demonstration which was amazing. The time it took was very little but the final outcome was beautiful. With their help we were able to try to match their skills. Some of our members are very gifted in being able to make something out of nothing but even those with little knowledge or artistic flair managed to create something wonderful. At the end of the session we had a table covered by creative delights. Bob chose four from the number on show as his favourites but stressed that they were all very good indeed. Thanks to Bob, Jenny and Brenda and all the ladies who produced such lovely displays with so much fun, chat and laughter.

That's what we are about! Having fun and, maybe, learning from each other. We must thank those of you who bought refreshments from The Ladybirds at the recent Flower Show. We raised enough money to donate some to the Garden Society and to put aside for our charity; the Pre-School.

Now on to our next meeting which will be held on **THURSDAY 12TH OCTOBER at 2.30 in THE THROGMORTON HALL.**

This will be a cheese and wine afternoon. There will, of course be alcohol free wine for those who do not wish to dull their brains because it will also involve a fun quiz!

So why not join us for a tasty bite and to tax your brains. There will be a competition - a piece of wine memorabilia.

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Once again, we would like to say a huge thank you to absolutely everyone who supports us.

Our donation stall and bookstall have raised a massive £371 over the six weeks holiday. This will again be used directly for the children and is so important to us.

Over the holidays we have had several jobs done.

At our allotment we have finished the mound and put up a shelter, to protect the children if we have one of the heavy showers we have been getting recently. This is a really lovely space now and is improving all the time.



Preschool itself has had a new play-house installed, thanks to Olly Starr. This new space is fantastic for the children and has freshened up the outside area well.





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DUNKESWELL VILLAGE HALL EVENTS:

Why not join us and your fellow villagers for sociable get-togethers in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere. You will always be guaranteed a warm welcome; so do come and support us and join in the fun.

Dates for your Diary & Future Events:

Saturday, 28th October – Murder/Mystery – Hallowe'en theme.

Tickets in advance only. Light supper included. Please email us with your interest. Our previous murder/mystery events, hosted by the Moonstone Players, were a real hit and we're very pleased to have them return with another murder! dunkeswellvillagehall@gmail.com

The hall is putting together a **Charity Christmas Fair on November 25th.**

This will give people a chance to chat to the various charities, find out what they do, their mission and values and even purchase Christmas cards and gifts. Please do come and enjoy the day, and make it worth their while to be there. Refreshments will be available all day

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Murder Mystery Dinner



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Jess Meale, Community Relationship Manager for the charity across the South-West said "This is the first skydive I've organised at Dunkeswell and it would be lovely to have some local people come along on the day to cheer on those taking part. One of the charity's values is to be brave, and these 7 people are certainly living up to that!"

The day is due to start at 10am, but of course this will be weather dependent. If anyone would like to know more about the work of The Children's Society and what we can offer, please contact Jess at jess.meale@childrenssociety.org.uk or call 07715 510464.

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As we are all aware the weeds, grass etc which blight the pavements are an awful sight.

We also know that the council aren't going to do anything about it.

Some households have taken the problem into their own hands and have killed off the problem with weed killer.

Wouldn't it be nice if for example, several residents were to get together and solve the problem by joining forces and combining to rid the village of the awful sight of the weeds.

It wouldn't be expensive if for example, let's say 5 households got together and pooled a few pounds to solve the problem.

I don't know whether this could be put in the next months magazine but it may just get some people thinking.

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