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Apples in the Squibb Garden, Cerne Abbas.

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4 October	<i>Isaiah 5.1-7; Matthew 21.33-46</i>		
18th after Trinity	Minterne Magna	10am	Holy Communion
	Cerne Abbas	11.15am	Holy Communion
	Buckland Newton	6pm	Harvest Festival

11 October	<i>Isaiah 25.1-9; Matthew 22.11-14</i>		
19th after Trinity	Buckland Newton	9.45am	Holy Communion
	Godmanstone	10am	Matins
	Cerne Abbas	11.15am	Morning Service

18 October	<i>1 Thessalonians 1.1-10; Matthew 22.15-22</i>		
20th after Trinity	Godmanstone	9.45am	Holy Communion
	Cerne Abbas	11.15am	Holy Communion
	Buckland Newton	4pm	All-Age Service
	Minterne Magna	6pm	Evensong

25 October	<i>Nehemiah 8.1-4a (5-6) 8-12; Matthew 24.30-35</i>		
Last Sunday after Trinity	Buckland Newton	9.45am	Holy Communion
	Cerne Abbas	11.15pm	BCP Matins

Morning Prayer: Cerne Abbas 9am Tuesdays



81-year-old Ride & Stride rider, signing in with Jane Still at St Mary's, Cerne Abbas.

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From The Vicarage

Dear Friends,

Sometimes I look at past magazine articles, and I was amazed to find this from October 2015:

"I sit in changed and blustery weather contemplating the end of summer and looking forward to October as the month of harvest.

"This is the harvest of the warmest year the world has ever recorded. Next year is already predicted to exceed it again as an extended 'El Nino' – a cyclical ocean current and wind reversal in the Pacific – sets in for the next year or perhaps two. The impacts of this event will be felt worldwide.

"Harvest rarely predicts the future, rather it reflects the consequences of the past. However, it does remind us that the consequences of our present policies and actions always follow, but we are very rarely adequately prepared to meet them. If only we could truly learn to heed the signs and plan ahead."

Well, I can hardly believe that I wrote that 11 years ago!

I have just come back from a morning at Lyscombe, between Piddletrenthide and Cheselbourne. It has been launched as No.16 of 25 'King's Series' National Nature Reserves. These stretch all over the country as a celebratory outworking of the 2023 Coronation of King Charles.

Together with the new National Trust holdings at Cerne Abbas, and the hope to link the two with corridors of wildlife-friendly land management, this part of Dorset is witnessing a subtle change.

What is encouraging is that this change leads to greater human involvement in the living landscape, not less. It requires greater human attention and enlarged human care.

Lyscombe, No.16 of 25 King's Series National Nature Reserves.

It is therefore an opportunity to those who will take it up. I am myself a humble 'Cattle Checker' for the National Trust Red Devons, but there are many opportunities for involvement. Do step up and take a part.



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St Mary's Church

ST MARY'S PARTNER IN MISSION FOR OCTOBER – SUDAN MEDICAL LINK The Purpose of the Sudan Medical Link is "The Episcopal Churches of South Sudan and Sudan (ECSSS) and the Salisbury Diocese working together to improve Primary healthcare for all in South Sudan." The Link funds the training of clinical officers, nurses, midwives and other staff to provide high quality care. There is an urgent need for midwifery training in South Sudan, which has the world's worst maternal death rate as well as high infant mortality. The Link purchases and distributes primary health care kits (basic medicines) to clinics run by the ECSSS and some other NGOs. These kits contain basic medicines such as antibiotics, antimalarials and painkillers that often save lives as well as treating painful and crippling conditions. This equips the clinics' trained staff to do their vital work. See below how many people can be helped for relatively little cost.

The Link works with leaders of ECSSS to provide funding for health services to dioceses ravaged by years of civil war. In both countries, people may have to travel a long way to reach scarce health facilities.

Approximate costs: ● Paracetamol to control temperature of children with malaria (100 bottles): £20; ● Antibiotic syrup for children with pneumonia (100 bottles): £35; ● Antimalarials for adults (100 courses): £80; ● Antimalarials for children (100 courses): £100; ● Clinical, nursing and midwifery students: £2,200 per year. St Mary's Church is happy to support the ongoing work of Sudan Medical Link.



Cerne Abbas welcome party, Summer 2026..

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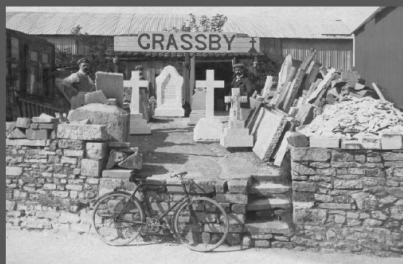


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Coffee, cake and chat

(CONTACT Moira Pinder **01300 341255**)

Please come and join us on Wednesday 7th October from 10.30am till 12 noon in St Mary's Church. This is always a cheerful and friendly gathering with delicious refreshments. Visitors and regular attenders are very welcome.

Cerne Abbas Theatre Club

(CONTACT Tom **07703 182191** or **01300 341940**)

Great shows are better with good company. If you've been wanting to catch more local live performances – or just need a hand with transport to get to the theatre – Cerne Abbas Theatre Club is here for you.

We gather once a month to chat about upcoming plays, organise lift-shares, and relax with a cup of coffee and plenty of biscuits.

OUR NEXT MEETING at the New Inn will take place on Tuesday 13th October at 11am. Whether you're a life-long theatre-goer or simply curious, pull up a chair and join us!

Cerne Abbas Village Hall

(BOOKINGS **07508 039280**, cernebookingsecretary@gmail.com)

We are pleased to announce that the Cerne Abbas Village Hall will be hosting BBC Radio 4's *Any Questions?* programme on the evening of Friday 4th December. The event is open to all, and details of how to apply for the free tickets (issued on a first-come-first-served basis) will be published soon. We hope that the village will support this event with enthusiasm.



*Tea party
in aid of
Macmillan at
Barton Farm,
Cerne Abbas.*

Jane Tearle

Cerne Abbas Society for Horticulture

(CONTACT Fiona Hyden **07914 208057**, fmhyden@gmail.com)

The Autumn series of evening talks began in September with a talk on restoring Hestercombe Gardens. Two further talks in the Village Hall are scheduled, the next one on Tuesday 20th October, when Steven and Lindsay Lister, who are passionate about sustainable gardening to support nature, will be demonstrating how we can blend wildflower planting into our outdoor spaces.

Members are encouraged to collect any remaining daffodil bulbs supplied by Gold Club, plant them in a pot, and tuck them away in the garden somewhere, ready to bring back to share at our first spring meeting – no doubt some blooms will be just right, others will be in bud, and perhaps others will still be a pot of green leaves – isn't nature wonderful! We might all be taking stock of what survived well in the drought this summer, and what changes we might have the opportunity to make for the next growing season.

We are already starting to plan and prepare for the Annual show next August, so if you have any feedback on this year's show, or bright ideas for existing as well as new classes, do please get in touch. Just like the plants, we want our Society to flourish, for the benefit of everyone. Do you have ideas for new floral art creations, new poems for the children, new recipes for home baking or perhaps inspiration for something entirely different?

Cerne Abbas Crafty Ladies

(CONTACT craftyladiesceneabbas@gmail.com)

Come and join us on Mondays at 2pm in the Church. Everyone welcome, Crafty or not, for a cup of tea/coffee and biscuits. Please contact Val **01300 342124** or Lesley **01300 341996** for details, or email above.

Other village News

PUBLIC MEETING REGARDING 34 HOMES PROPOSED FOR SIMSAY FIELDS, CERNE

ABBAS on Saturday 10th October, 2pm in St Mary's Church, Cerne Abbas.

C G Fry & Son is proposing 34 dwellings within the Dorset National Landscape. This meeting sets out a community counter-argument to the proposal, which we believe will cause harm to the setting of Cerne Abbas. All residents welcome – for or against – for this independent community meeting.

CERNE ABBAS OPEN GARDENS Following a well attended and enthusiastic Open Meeting

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in August, a new working group has been formed to take forward plans for Cerne Abbas Open Gardens 2027. The dates for next year's event have been agreed as Saturday 12th June and Sunday 13th June.

Regular updates will appear in the *Benefice News* as preparations progress. Anyone interested in getting involved is warmly invited to get in touch at carolinemanson02@gmail.com

THE CERNE ABBAS LITERARY GROUP will run on Wednesday afternoons 2pm-3.30pm at the Village Hall, starting on Wednesday 7th October. Further details from Liz Merry on **01300 341118**.

CERNE ABBAS BREWERY EVENTS If this newsletter reaches you in time, you could join us on Saturday 26th September for Octoberfest at 7pm. Tickets available to book online at www.tickettailor.com/events/cerneabbasbrewery For October we have: ● Friday 2nd October, 7pm, Voulez Two Abba Tribute. ● Saturday 3rd October, 3pm, Harry James Elvis Tribute. ● Tuesday 6th October, 7pm, Quiz Night. ● Saturday 10th October, 3pm, Aethling (local band). ● Sunday 11th October, 10am to 4pm, Apple-y Day (Mummers play, stalls, Dorset Phil and The Old Boston Tea Party music). ● Friday 16th October, 7pm, Psycho Acoustic Goat. ● Saturday 24th October, 2pm, Men of Cerne and Sea Shanties by Bridport Broadships. ● Saturday 31st October, Halloween Family Party.

A LITTLE HELP GOES A LONG WAY! Volunteers from Cerne are going out to Kenya in early 2027. They are collecting new or used pencils, pens, pencil crayons and school uniform (any colour or logos) to take to the primary and secondary schools they support in Kenya. One of the schools is linked with Cerne Abbas First School. Your donations will be very much appreciated. Thank you so much for your

kindness and support! Please contact Fiona on **07986 915275** for collection or delivery.

RIDE & STRIDE Thank you sponsors. Cerne riders/striders raised £260. Richard Miles rode to many churches on a 50-mile plus circuit, Laurel Spooner strode 15.3 miles visiting all five Benefice Churches – five historic treasures!

PEOPLE'S EMERGENCY BRIEFING ON THE CLIMATE AND NATURE CRISIS This eye-opening film, presented by Chris Packham, features nine leading UK scientists and experts updating us on the latest in the climate and nature crisis and its impacts on

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Left: Laurel Spooner outside St Mary's Cerne Abbas, one of her final three churches during Ride & Stride



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BARNARDO'S CHRISTMAS FAIR will be held at Cerne Abbas Village Hall on Tuesday 3rd November 10am-2pm. Entrance £5 (includes coffee and biscuits). Soup lunch £5 served from 11.30am.

Cerne Valley NEWS

Cerne Valley Parish Council

(CONTACT Parish Clerk, Yasmeen Moore clerk@cernevalleyparishcouncil.gov.uk, www.cernevalley.co.uk, tel 07482 520980)

NEW COUNCILLOR We have co-opted and welcomed Laura Foot as a new councillor.

SIMSAY FIELDS DEVELOPMENT During the public discussion period, several residents raised concerns about development in Simsay Fields. Although we have concerns and have sent a response regarding Pre application predisposition, it will not be our final response until the full or outline application is put before us for comment.

TREES As a result of the car park tree inspection undertaken by DC, one tree by the entrance needs to be felled and some more need attention.

MOWING IN BURIAL GROUND Finally, someone has without Council permission mown a path in the burial ground extension; whoever you are, you have broken the law.

THE NEXT FULL COUNCIL MEETING is on Thursday 14th October starting 7pm.
FRED HORSINGTON

Cerne Abbas Surgery

FLU VACCINATION CLINICS With autumn here, we will shortly be holding our annual flu vaccination clinics at the surgery. We currently have appointment slots still available on Saturday 10th October, so if you are eligible for a flu vaccination, please contact us to book your appointment. *Who is eligible?* The NHS flu vaccination is available to: • pregnant women; • those aged 65 years and over; • those aged 18 to under 65 years who are in a clinical risk group; • people living in long-stay residential care homes; • carers who receive Carer's Allowance, or those who are the main carer for an elderly or disabled person; • close contacts of immunocompromised individuals. All flu clinics will be held here at Cerne Abbas Surgery. If you are unable to attend one of our initial clinic dates, we will be holding mop-up clinics in November. We ask that patients who need a November appointment contact the surgery after 1st November, when we will have the additional dates available. *How to book your flu vaccination:* please either visit reception or telephone the surgery on 01300 341666.

COVID VACCINATIONS We will also be holding COVID vaccination clinics at a later date. We are not currently taking bookings for COVID vaccinations. We will contact patients who are eligible in due course.

Cerne Historical Society

(CONTACT Ian Denness **07717 773834**, **mr_denness@yahoo.co.uk**
or **cernehistoricalsociety@gmail.com**)

The Cerne Historical Society's autumn programme of talks continues with a presentation by Jack Durie on Thursday 29th October. The subject of his talk is 'The Danes in Dorset: A Crash Course Through 300 Years of Viking Britain' and will focus on the Viking presence in the county during the 8th to 11th centuries. Jack is a recent graduate of Bournemouth University who lives on Portland, where he works as a volunteer at the island's Museum. This is a great opportunity for members to support a young archaeologist at the start of his career gain valuable experience in public speaking. We look forward to seeing you there.

Admission to the meeting is free for paid-up members and £5 for visitors. Wine and soft drinks will be available at a modest charge from 7pm onwards. If you haven't paid your £10 subscription for 2026, or haven't yet joined the Society, you will be able to do so on the night.

Cerne Abbas CE VC First School

(CONTACT **office@cerneabbas.dorset.sch.uk** or **01300 341319**)

HOPES & DREAMS WEEK We are looking forward to our Hopes & Dreams Week, from 19th to 23rd October, when we invite people from our community to talk to the children about their jobs, careers and life experiences. In the past, we have welcomed doctors, nurses, firefighters, police officers, military personnel, a personal trainer, a wedding shop owner, seamstress, vet, Monkey World staff and a train conductor! We would love to hear from anyone who could spare a little time to inspire our children. Please get in touch with the school if you could help, or know someone who might.

COME AND SEE US! Our Open Morning is Friday 16th October, 9.30-10.30am. Although primarily for prospective new families, everyone in our community is welcome to come along, see the school in action and experience our wonderful small-school community. Lessons will continue as normal.

We also welcome community members to our Crosslinks meetings, where parents, governors, staff and members of the community come together to discuss school life and share ideas. Topics have included uniform, school trips and communication. Our next meeting is Wednesday 7th October at 2.30pm. Everyone is welcome.

BUBBLES & SQUEAKS We have loved taking part in the Bubbles & Squeaks Community Arts Project, celebrating Dorset's rivers and chalk streams. The children have been learning about our local waterways and creating artwork, and

we are excited to join the parade on Saturday 26th September at 3pm, starting in the cornfield below the school. If you get this newsletter in time, please come and join us!

SATURDAY SCHOOL JOBS! Without a site manager, we are relying on our wonderful community to help keep our school looking loved and cared for. Our future working mornings are scheduled for Saturday 21st November and Saturday 23rd January, 9am–1pm. Drop in for as little or as long as you can to help with sweeping, weeding, painting and general jobs. Priorities include making our new pond safe and accessible for the children, including some decking. If you have relevant skills or know someone who could help, we would be very grateful. Please contact the school. Please remember that you can follow us on our Instagram account. Here is the link: <https://tinyurl.com/amtfxTue> (or scan the QR code right). CATHERINE CRESSWELL, HEADTEACHER



NOW Cerne

(CONTACT Janine Ryan (nowcerne@gmail.com))

NOW is an independent group for women of all ages, with a varied programme arranged each month. For details email as above. We meet on the second Wednesday of the month in the Village Hall, usually from 7.15pm, for some good company and a glass of wine.

In September, we had a fascinating and enlightening talk by General Sir Jeremy Mackenzie, about a business opportunity that ended up building The Haven School for SEND Teenagers.

For our next meeting on Wednesday 14th October, we are looking forward to a talk by Jules Linee.

New members are always welcome.

General Sir Jeremy Mackenzie giving a talk to NOW Cerne.



Jane Tearle

Artsreach

(CONTACT Jane Still **07823 778758**, Eleanor Gallia **07779 299541**
www.artsreach.co.uk)

JON DORAN AND THE NORTHERN ASSEMBLY at 7.30pm on Thursday 22nd October in the Village Hall. A collaboration between BBC Young Folk finalist Jon Doran and Northern Assembly (<https://www.youtube.com/@JonDoran>). They've been heard on Radio 2. They are "a vibrant band which aims to breathe new life into old stories from across the British isles, injecting the energy they feel these narratives deserve". Tickets £15, under 18 £6.50.

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Tickets for both are available online or by contacting Jane Still (**07823 778758**, jane.still58@gmail.com), and will be in Cerne Stores from Thursday 1st October.

The logo for Artsreach, featuring the word "Artsreach" in a stylized, handwritten-style font with a thick black underline.

Cerne Valley Youth Club

(CONTACT Tom Carter **07866 780445**, cernevalleyyouthclub@gmail.com)

The Youth Club has had a fantastic start back after the summer holidays! It's been lovely to see both our new and existing young members returning and enjoying their Friday evenings at Cerne Valley Youth Club.

We have a fun-filled programme planned for the lead-up to Christmas, and we're also hoping to arrange another exciting visit to the pantomime for our young members.

If you're aged 9 years and over, you're very welcome to come along and join the fun! At Cerne Abbas Village Hall, Friday evenings, 6.45-9pm.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY Our annual Christmas Bingo will be held on Saturday 28th November. More details will follow, but any donations towards bingo prizes would be greatly appreciated.

Cerne Valley Cricket Club

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Milborne St Andrew. Recent notable performances included 50s from Oli Hand, Mike C (Witchampton, Shillingstone respectively), and a four-wicket haul for G Wilkes (vs Witchampton). Possibly most pleasing of all was 15-year-old Will H's introduction to Sunday team: he has made an instant impact with his bowling and deservedly won the Young Player of the season award at our Awards and celebration of season evening at the Brewery on 11th September. The over-arching theme of the seasons' reports seemed to be one of injuries. That said, the league teams ended with a range of results: Saturday XI 7th/10 teams, Ladies 2nd/six, and evening league 5th/seven. The season was not devoid of awards as the Evening League team was awarded The Reg Stansfield Trophy, for the most sportsmanlike team. It has been great to see people using benches at top of ground to take in the spectacle of cricket being played in our wonderful setting. Dave P and his grounds team were recognised by the Chairman in being presented with the Clubman's award. We are, as always, very grateful to the Minterne Estate for use of such a wonderful space to enjoy our sport.

The club year will officially transition from one to the next at the AGM on Wednesday 4th November, at the Village Hall, starting 7.30pm.

Sustainable Cerne Valley

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Laurel Spooner **07785 537767** (laurelspooner@msn.com)

THE WOODLAND PROJECT (FROM LEONORA AND MATT) We have started the programme of autumn work to create flower rich, glades, including cowslips. We are greatly appreciate the help from our amazing village and are hosting scheduled work groups. We rejoice to see how this is enriching nature and people's lives, children especially. Our thanks to Wren Franklin, ecologist, for visionary leadership. Next scheduled group, see below, dogs very welcome.

VISITOR FROM SIERRA LEONE Our friend, Chernor Barrie, visited us; his first time in a plane on his first foreign trip and straight to Cerne Abbas! He was touched at the welcome having run into Jonathan and met at least 25 well-wishers. He is chief volunteer responsible for distributing children's books, school materials, laptops, clothing, glasses and bras from Cerne Abbas shipped out free by Karim Kamara, Village Bicycles project, in his bike container. Chernor reinforced to us how important these donations are – increasing literacy, estimated at 49% for men, 29% for women. Bras enable the poor to provide the necessary status and protection to stay in schooling. Chernor visited Cerne Abbas and Buckland Newton schools, where the

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children and Chernor were equally amazed to meet each other. He was deeply moved by the welcome from staff.

SCV VOLUNTEERING AND EVENTS ● Emerald Ant's procession and pledge making. ● *The Tree Growers' Club* – could you grow ash and elm saplings and cowslip plugs? Please get in touch! ● *National Trust Focus Group* – led by Robin Mills working with Cerne Abbas Warden, Ben Tasker, for whom we provide weekend cattle checks for the friendly Red Devons grazing National Trust land. ● River monitoring. ● *Simsay Fields plans and new electricity substation proposal* – the former is strengthened by geologist John Charman's analysis. Richard Spooner's report shows new substation is a boon for Cerne. ● Richard Gueterbock's rural advocacy group called '*Equal Grounds*' has been set up ahead of the Government's devolution reforms (please contact him urgently via richard@foodchains.co.uk). ● *Repair Café* – see below. ● *Screening of People's Emergency Briefing* (www.nebriefing.org – see below and page 14).

RECYCLING NEWS Fiona Florance writes about some good news: "Your ink cartridges have already raised an amazing £130.70 for our local Charles North Charity through Recycle4Charity and you have kept all those cartridges away from landfill or incineration." There has been an excellent response to the appeal for unwanted hearing aids and associated equipment. Boots' and Superdrug's in-store blister pack recycling schemes are back to full strength.

Sadly, we must stop collecting used batteries as new safety regulations require different types to be separated and all terminals taped. Please return to putting them out in any small clear plastic bag on recycling collection days, or take to supermarkets, Robert Dyas, etc.

IMPORTANT DATES ● Monday 5th October at 6.45pm: Sustainable Cerne supper and meeting at Chescombe Farmhouse, DT2 7JL. ● Sunday 11th October, 10-10.30am: woodland tour. ● There is no group meeting in November. ● Tuesday 24th November People's Emergency Briefing, Village Hall. ● Thursday 21st January 7-9pm: Repair Café, Village Hall.

Short Mat Bowls

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The Summer Blackmore Vale League team played its last three matches. The team took a maximum six points at home against Odcombe. This put the divisional championship in Cerne's hands. Four points in their penultimate match away against Stalbridge Harriers would guarantee winning the division. A good performance from the team, which included three less experienced players, gave them just that.

The team's final match was away against championship rivals Hazelsticks, who were keen to show who's best and did indeed win all six points. However, Cerne still won the championship by a single point. This is an especially notable

achievement considering our policy of including a mixture of experienced and less experienced players, prioritising development rather than results.

Winning the division qualified the team for a play-off against Milborne Acorns, who won the other division, to determine the overall Summer champions. Cerne lost the first leg away at Milborne by only a single shot, 2-4. If they win the home leg 4-2 by more than a single shot, they will be overall champions.

The Presidents Cup is a competition in which winners of Dorset Leagues play each other over a day. Last year our Premier Division evening league team, Cerne Giants, surprised themselves by winning it! This year Giants were invited to compete as holders. They performed creditably, finishing second out of six teams, with 24 points out of a possible 30. The winners, Hazelbury Bryan, once again champions of both the major leagues in Dorset, had 27 points.

Godmanstone NEWS

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TALK AND NIBBLES EVENING on Friday 6th November, 6.30 for 7pm. The talk will be by a local metal detectorist.

Minterne NEWS

MINTERNE MAGNA PARISH COUNCIL The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 18th November at Minterne House at 7.30pm. Everyone welcome!



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THE OBSERVANT DOG WALKER The year is marching by so fast! We have now had rain to green our yellow lawns and fields and get the well, pond and streams flowing again. The volunteer teams have cleared the stream gully at the bottom of Piddle Lane and also the weedy Snicket. Team efforts are to be appreciated by everyone in the village. Ben is going to update the National Trust activities in the valley and I am keeping in touch with him to record any changes that may be occurring in the name of health and safety. Ash dieback is taking its toll after the eight years

we (Paul Heron and I) have been observing some of our well-loved trees annually. On Beauvoir, the swing tree is now looking very sad (see left). (This is not under the National Trust jurisdiction.) I am looking forward to the Emerald Ant procession on Saturday 26th September at 3pm. Several hundred children and families are expected with their chalk stream creatures held aloft! More of that in the November magazine, with pictures. JANE TEARLE

NATIONAL TRUST UPDATE It is a busy time in the Cerne Abbas countryside! Essential ash dieback work will affect trees along the foot of Giant Hill and lower part of Priest path. This will be completed as soon as possible. We aim for work to be as sympathetic to nature as possible, only dealing with trees if they are

Jane Tearle

The swing tree, on Beauvoir.



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within reach of footpaths and show greater than 50% canopy loss. If of interest, we could arrange a walk at Cerne Abbas to point out what we will be doing and why.

Over the summer, we carried out surveys led by National Trust Ranger/ecologist Adam with excellent support from volunteers, ecologists and specialists. The data gathered (particularly Duke of Burgundy feeding signs and marsh fritillary webs) has been used to target our habitat management work that we undertake this winter.

In other news... We have two new volunteers who will be working with me on a practical front at Cerne Abbas. An application to join Countryside Stewardship is in progress.

This is an agri-environment scheme designed to help us improve the natural environment. We are also applying for a grant from Dorset National Landscape to improve access at Cerne Abbas. Thanks for your continued support. BEN TASKER, NATIONAL TRUST AREA RANGER FOR CERNE ABBAS. ben.tasker@nationaltrust.org.uk

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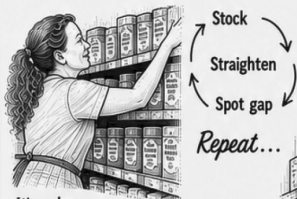
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Do not replace.



CHOCOLATE RESERVE
Football size.
Do not touch.
Seriously.



AWARD-WINNING BAKER
Horticultural Show
trophy holder.
No, you can't buy
the cakes here.

SHOP HOTLINE 07518 744087

Our landline went digital.
It also went slightly pear-shaped.
So pop this number in your phone.
Need us to reserve, cancel, add, order or deliver something?

CALL • TEXT • WHATSAPP

Message us whenever it occurs to you.
Even if that's five minutes after we've closed.

BREAD: Order by lunchtime for next-day collection
and we'll guarantee it.
Remember at 10pm? Message us anyway — we'll do our best.

*Our memories
aren't what they were.
Messages are
considerably better.*



CERNE ABBAS – OPERATING NOTES

For visitors and recent arrivals



- ① Population: 800-ish.
Dogs: considerably more.
Opinions: unlimited.
- ② Mobile signal: theoretical.
Best enjoyed as a digital detox
(whether you want one or not).
- ③ The Giant: still naked.
Please don't ask — nobody knows.
- ④ Village shop: open 364 days
a year.
We take Christmas very seriously.

— Small shop. Big village. ♥ —

Dates FOR YOUR DIARY

Date Event and page

OCTOBER

- 2 CA Brewery Voulez Vous (ABBA tribute) 14
- 3 CA Brewery Harry James (Elvis tribute) 14
- 3 CA Litter pick
- 4 BN Harvest supper
- 5 Minterne Autumn concert 28
- 5 Sustainable CV supper and meeting 27
- 6 CA Brewery Quiz Night 14
- 7 CA Coffee, cake, chat 9
- 7 CA Literary Group course starts 14
- 7 CAFS Crosslinks meeting 18
- 10 CA Brewery Aethling (local band) 14
- 10 Minterne St Andrew's coffee morning
- 10 CA Surgery annual flu vaccines 17
- 11 CA Brewery Apple-y Day 14
- 11 Sustainable CV woodland tour 27
- 13 CA Discussion Club meeting
- 13 CATC meeting 9
- 14 CVPC Full meeting 17
- 14 NOW Cerne meeting 19
- 16 CA Brewery Psycho Acoustic Goat 14
- 16 CAFS open morning 18
- 17 Bubbles & Squeaks procession, P'stock
- 19 CAFS Hopes & Dreams week 18
- 19 Benefice News deadline
- 20 CA Public meeting re Simsay Fields 10
- 22 CA Artsreach Jon Doran band 20
- 24 CA Brewery Men of Cerne/Sea Shanties 14
- 24 Minterne St Andrew's coffee morning
- 24 BN Games in the Village Hall
- 27 CA Artsreach Curious Creatures show 20
- 29 CHS Talk on Vikings by Jack Durie 18
- 31 CA Brewery Halloween Family Party 14

NOVEMBER

- 3 CAVH Barnardo's Christmas Fair 17
- 4 CVCC AGM 23
- 6 Godmanstone VH talk and nibbles
- 7 CA Litter pick
- 10 CA Discussion Club meeting
- 14 Minterne St Andrew's coffee morning
- 21 CAFS maintenance/working morning 19
- 24 CAVH People's Emergency Briefing 14
- 28 Minterne St Andrew's coffee morning
- 28 CVYC Christmas Bingo 20
- 30 Benefice News deadline

DECEMBER

- 4 CAVH BBC *Any Questions?* from CA 9
- 5 CA Litter pick
- 5 CA Street Fayre
- 5 BN Christmas Fayre, Holy Rood
- 8 CA Discussion Club meeting
- 12 Minterne St Andrew's coffee morning

JANUARY 2027

- 12 CA Discussion Club meeting
- 21 Sustainable CV Repair cafe 27
- 23 CAFS maintenance/working morning 19

FEBRUARY

- 9 CA Discussion Club meeting

MARCH

- 9 CA Discussion Club meeting

APRIL

- 13 CA Discussion Club AGM

JUNE

- 12 CA Open Gardens 10
- 13 CA Open Gardens 10

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VIA EMAIL Tuesday 20th October 12 noon.

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