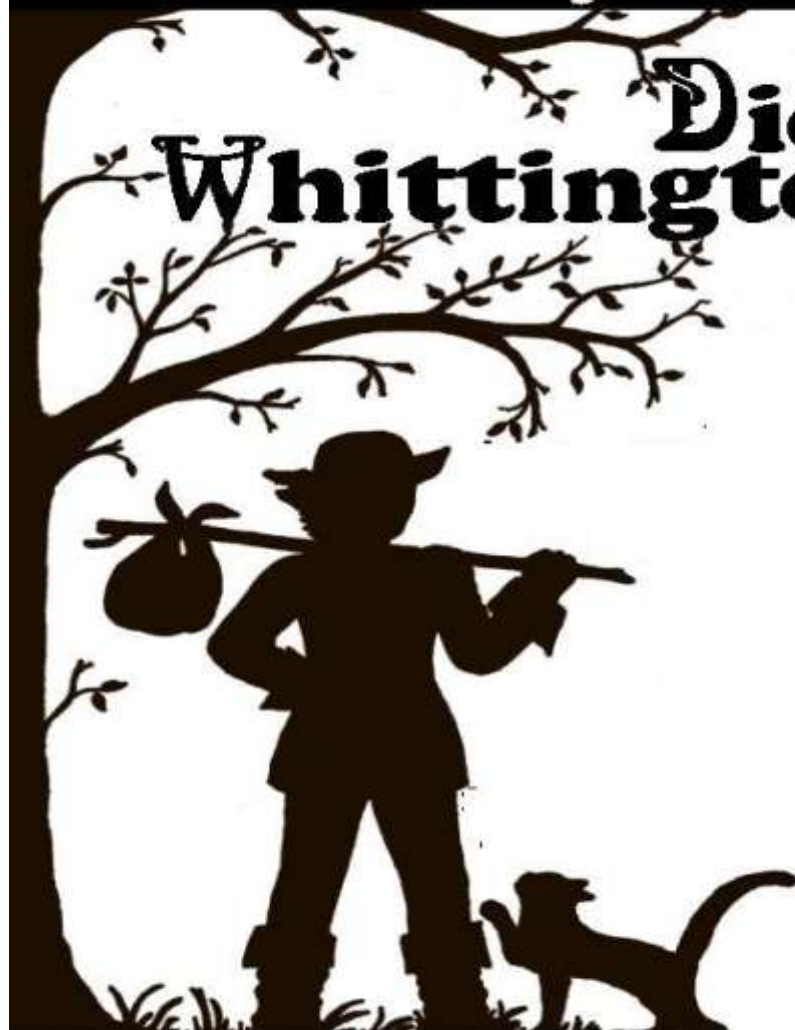




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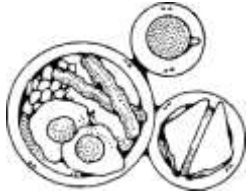
SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAM SURGERY PCSO 5326 Kathy Holmes or PC Jeremy Cuff from Dorchester Rural East SNT are able to answer and assist with your community policing queries. First Tuesday of the month 14.30—15.00 at Crossways Library, Old Farm Way, Crossways Please come along and speak to either your PC Jeremy Cuff or PCSO Kathy Holmes about any issues that are concerning you and your community.

CHURCH NEWS

Rector: Revd. Jacquie Birdseye, The Rectory, 17 Warmwell Road, Crossways, Tel: 01305 854046 Email: j.birdseye@btinternet.com

Licensed Lay Ministers: Mr Harry Taylor, 01305 852082 Mr Will Spackman 01305 852663

Rector's Letter



When we get up in the morning we 'break-fast', having not eaten since the day before. Fasting, however, is not really a matter of going without food altogether, but of limiting your

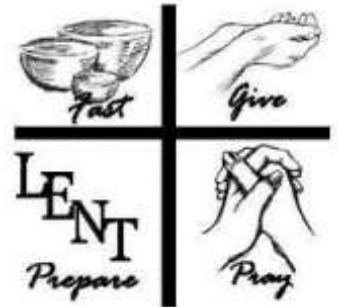
intake, or denying yourself certain foods - meat in particular. During the forty days of Lent (not counting Sundays) which starts on Ash Wednesday, Christians are encouraged to strengthen their faith by self-discipline and giving generously to others.

40 always seems to have been a significant number. When I was a child, anyone reaching their 40th birthday was 'over the hill', heading towards their three score years and ten. Nowadays we're told 50 is the new 40. I don't know about that, but I do know that a 40-day span occurs again and again in the Christian Year. There are 40 days from Christmas to Candlemas, the 40 days Jesus spent in the wilderness, the 40 days of Lent, and later on, the 40 days between Easter Day and Ascension Day. The

Bible is full of references to 40. It rained on Noah's Ark for 40 days, Moses spent 40 days on the mountain, the Israelites wandered in the desert for 40 years and David reigned for 40 years.

The number 40 also appears in Islamic writings and stories. We all know how many thieves Ali Baba had to deal with! The ancient Egyptians embalmed their dead for 40 days before burying them, and for centuries any ship suspected of carrying infection was placed in quarantine, which means 40 days. The 40 days of Lent offer us a challenge. How will you interpret them for the modern

age? What will you try to give up (or preferably take on or begin) for the next 40 days? We have until Ash Wednesday, 22nd February to prepare, and Easter Day as our target. All the best!



Jacquie



Baptisms: Charlotte Emma Roberts on 20th November at Crossways

Weddings: None recorded

Funerals: Betty Irene Sindle on 21st December at Woodsford

All enquiries about baptisms, weddings, funerals or burials call Revd Jacquie Birdseye. For other church business contact the Churchwardens.: *Crossways* Peter Buckroyd 01305 849423; Chris Warren *Moreton*: Mrs Sandra Clooney *Tinctleton*: Mr Ken Knight 01305 848371; Mr Peter Smith 01305 848063 *Woodsford*: 01305 854046 **Articles for the church**

Church Services THIS MONTH

Key: (Ch) Choir

Date	Season	Crossways (Youth Centre ,Old Farm Way)	Moreton – St Nicholas	Tinctleton - St John the Evangelist	Woodsford - John the Baptist
29 Jan	Candlemass	10.30am United Benefice Communion at Woodsford (ch)			
5 Feb	3rd before Lent	10.30am All Age Service	9am Holy Communion	6pm Evening Prayer (ch)	
12 Feb	2nd before Lent	10.30am Eucharist with Kidz Club	6pm Evening Prayer (ch)	9am Holy Communion	
19 Feb	Sunday before Lent	10.30am Morning Prayer	10.30am Morning Prayer (ch)	9am Holy Communion	
22 Feb	ASH WEDNESDAY	7pm Eucharist with Ashing at Moreton (ch)			
23 Feb	Thursday	3.30pm Holy Communion at Crossways Court			
26 Feb	1st of Lent	10.30am Eucharist with Kidz Club	6pm Morepraise	9am Morning Prayer	
4 Mar	2nd of Lent	10.30am All Age Service	9am Holy Communion	6pm Evening Prayer (Ch)	

Peggy Sparrow

Peggy Sparrow passed away aged 90 on 18th January in Swindon. There will be a Memorial Service of thanksgiving for her life at Moreton Church on Saturday 11th February at 12 noon. Refreshments in the Frampton Arms afterwards—all are welcome to join.

NEWS FROM AROUND THE CHURCHES

MORETON



MOREPRAISE is an All-Age service on the 4th Sunday of the month at 6pm, and our next service is on February 26th, when we will be thinking about Light. Bring a star with you if you can, and **don't forget your sticker card** too. Everyone is welcome to this service of readings, music and prayers.

Holy Communion at Crossways Court

Binghams Road, Crossways with two hymns is held in the lounge of Crossways Court, usually on the last Thursday of the month (23rd February this month) Everyone is welcome. We have a cup of tea afterwards. You do not have to be a resident of Crossways Court to join in this service. Future dates
29th March & 19th April

FUTURE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

29th January Candlemas Service, 10.30am at Woodsford Church.
31st January Our churches are remembered in the Diocesan Prayer Cycle.
3rd March Teas and Stalls at Crossways Rectory, 2-4pm



ALDHELM AMBLERS

The Spring programme of walks will start on Thursday 9th February with a 2 mile walk around historic Dorchester. Meet as usual at Crossways Village Hall at 9.30am. The rest of the walks up to the end of July will be published shortly and will appear in the March edition of the Bridge. Contact Crossways Rectory for information: 854046. Everyone welcome to join us.



HOME GROUPS These are held on a Monday at Crossways Court Community Lounge from 7.30-9pm. Up to the 30th Jan we are looking at the Eucharist and its meaning. Will Spackman begins a 6-week series from 6th February called 'God is closer than you think'. Anyone is welcome to join at any time for fellowship, Bible study and discussion

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER Friday 2nd March, 2.30pm at St Michael's Church, Owermoigne. This year's service has been prepared by the Christian women of Malaysia. The theme of the service is 'Let Justice Prevail'. Everybody welcome, women, men and children.

CROSSWAYS AND WOODSFORD



Pennies from Heaven Thank you to all the penny savers on behalf of Crossways New Church Project. The last collection of the year was in December, and the total raised in 12 months was £611, slightly increased from last year.

Having completed the planned phase of Crossways New Church Project, our priority for 2012 will be meeting our Crossways Church expenses and running costs in full (the Parish Share). The Church Council have decided to suspend any specific fundraising (including 'Pennies From Heaven') until we can announce the next phase. If you wish to carry on saving your Pennies in the meantime we will be very glad to receive them and use them for the mission of the church in Crossways. We will let everyone know as soon as we have news about future developments.

CROSSWAYS CHURCH CAFÉ Come along to Crossways Youth Centre from 10-12 for a delicious cup of tea or coffee, homemade cakes and tabletop items for sale. Everyone welcome. The date for the next Café is Saturday 25th February. Do you want to have a table and sell new or used items? Ring Linda on 852004 to book a space.

KIDZ CLUB Our Sunday School is going from strength to strength, and all 5-9 year olds are very welcome to join us to explore bible stories and prayer whilst chatting and enjoying the crafts and activities available. If you are interested or would like to know more, please contact Jane on 854416 or meet us in person on 12th and/or 26th at 10.30am in the Youth Centre.



ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL MEETINGS:

Woodsford and Crossways 15th March 7pm, Crossways Library

Moreton 27th March 7pm at Moreton Church

Tinleton 28th March 7.30pm at Tinleton Village Hall

All parishioners living within the parish boundary may attend the **Appointment of Churchwardens' meeting**. All those on the church electoral roll may attend the Annual Meeting that follows directly after.

TINCLETON

We welcome all residents in Tinleton to attend the annual Parochial Church Meeting on 28th March at 7.30pm, in the village hall. Come along and support your local church. Light refreshments available. Your interest and input are valued.

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OWERMOIGNE FLOWER CLUB

"An Afternoon of Christmas Activities a demonstration by Katie Baxter. What an amazing afternoon's entertainment this proved to be! Katie decided to whisk us around a grand country house and produced wonderful arrangements for the front door, the hallway, a coffee table, the dining room and finally the sitting room. She started with a circular wreath, using vine wreaths wired together, inter-twining blue spruce, red carnations, Ilex berries, cinnamon/orange slices, giving it a good 'zing' with gold shooting stars and ribbons. Close on the heels of this, was a tall glass vase filled with Christmas baubles & topped with a dome of greenery and red roses. From this cascaded gold wired stars, bear grass and hanging glitter balls – stunning! The coffee table arrangement was a solid white candle, encased with cinnamon sticks and brightened with orange mini gerberas, mini lime green chrysanthemums, walnuts and a large wired fir cone. Quite simple, but very impressive. A long table display came next, using blue spruce, beautiful, large rust coloured chrysanthemums, sprigs of red peppers, ivy and bay and bear grass. The final touch was to place this arrangement on two small glass containers, filled with gold pebbles. Finally, a vertical display in a oasis dish on top of a large vase, using lilac branches, dark pink gladioli, pink astilbe, gerberas in tubes, large pink roses and silver glitter balls on the twigs. The finishing touch here was gold pliable wires, twisting downwards and encasing small white candles – magical! Her novel ideas and easy and entertaining manner gave us not only inspiration but also huge enjoyment.

December 2011. Anne Umbreville's slide show of her world cruise.

"A tourist is someone who travels to find things that are different and then complains when they are".....clearly, Anne does not belong to this category and gave us a very interesting slide show on her 3 and a half month long cruise on the good ship 'Aurora'! Selecting a few of the highlights: Exotic flowers seen in January in Madeira, a terrifying cable car trip up Table Top Mountain, Chilean fiords & glaciers ('Amelia' being one such glacier which is actually increasing in size), Valpariso, Tahiti with the Gaugin museum, New Zealand with stunning fiords, mud pools and geysers and a Maori museum. The very moving memorial and museum at Pearl Harbour followed, finishing with the memorable Panama Canal and the Azores, wet and green with stunning lakes and pineapple farms. Thank you, Anne, for sharing your memories with us. I suspect that most of us now have rather itchy feet! Thanks must also go to Peter and Jan Lightfoot, who kindly helped with the setting up of slides/projector etc. Many thanks, also, to those who kindly baked for the quite delicious tea laid on after the show.

The OFC Christmas lunch outing: This year, the Pine Lodge was chosen for the venue and we had another jolly occasion, with more people attending than last year which was encouraging. Delicious food and good company. Many thanks to Danzella Trask who organised everything so well.

DAIRY DATES: February 21st:- Members' Practice –"Twizzles & Twirls" led by Philippa Loudon. Owermoigne Flower Club meets in the village hall on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 2.0pm. Visitors are most welcome at the fee of £4 each.

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C.Y.C Crossways Youth Centre

Monday nights range from 13-20 year olds and we are open from 7pm until 9:30pm. Mondays are busy and are sport based, and chilled out if you're not into sport. Tuesday nights range from 13-20 year olds and we are open from 7pm until 9:30pm, like our Monday nights Tuesday's are also busy and are focused based. Previously we have had fireman come in to talk to the members, hypnotists, and explored different cultures, and also we have a meal cooked for us by the staff on the first Tuesday night of every month.

Thursday night's range from 13-20 year olds and we are open from 7pm until 9:30pm this night is also very busy and it ranges from being chilled, relaxed, and laid-back sessions to activity based sessions, like our bush tucker trials (eating tongue, eye balls, and testicles.)

Friday nights range from 10-12 year olds, this night is very busy and we have loads of different activities throughout the night. We also do extra sessions that cover informal education, like gardening, graffiti projects and activity days. We are also now advertising at www.plings.net to find out more about the sessions please check it out.

We are always looking for new members to come and join us. Lauren Read, Assistant chair for advisory panel.

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CROSSWAYS PARISH COUNCIL

PLAY AREA WOODSFORD ROAD On Saturday 14th January the Council held a public consultation event at Frome Valley School notification of this event was given to all residents abutting the proposed play area and those living nearby. This event was very well attending and Councillors attending received a helpful view of what would be acceptable and welcomed on this play area. There is, and probably always will be, concern about the location of this play area. The Parish Council are compelled to build this play area which was given, as well as the surrounding open space as part of the planning conditions on the Woodsford Fields Estate. A preferred contractor has been instructed; this contractor was favoured by the Council and by the majority of residents who attended the consultation. The Council listened to request for tree and shrub planting on the remaining open space and this will be done.

MEMORIAL BENCH The Council is pleased to see the George Hood Memorial Bench now in situ at the entrance to the sports field, this bench will hopefully give a resting place for residents, particularly the elderly, on their walks to the local shop or around the village. This bench has been donated by the Oddfellows Hand in Hand Lodge, Dorchester.

DORCHESTER EAST SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAM At the November meeting of the Council PCSO Vickie Hedges introduced the new member of the team, PCSO Kathy Holmes, Kathy will be taking over from Vickie with the main responsibility for Crossways. Vickie has become well known in Crossways and will be known to many of you and she will be missed. The Council notice boards have details of the new Neighbour Hood Team, PC Jeremy Cuff, PCSO Kathy Homes and PCSO Vickie Hedges (Vickie will now be concentrating on other areas). Contact numbers for the Neighbourhood Team are 101 or 07500816291, by e mail on:

Dorchester-rural-snt@dorset.ppn.police.uk and the web site at www.dorset.police.uk There is a change to the PACT meetings previously held weekly in the Library they will take be monthly on the first Tuesday of the month. The next PACT meeting is 7th February between 2.30 – 3pm.

DORCHESTER – CROSSWAYS LINK ROAD The Council will continue in their efforts to get the Link Rd upgraded to a B road initially to enable higher priority

for winter gritting. This is not going to happen in the near future but the campaign will continue to upgrade the C33, I am advised that is the current classification of this road. Meanwhile residents are advised by Dorset County Council to use the B3390 to Warmwell Roundabout and on to Dorchester via Broadmayne, this road will be gritted/salted.



PLEASE PICK UP AFTER YOUR DOG The Council is still receiving many complaints about some residents not picking up after their dogs; of greater concern is the amount of dog **faeces on the route to and around the School from Dick o' th' Banks Road and School Drive**; as well as the road to the Village Hall and Play Group, in the Woodsford Road area and on the new cycle/pedestrian path. Toxocariosis can cause blindness in children; toxocaris is found in dog faeces Young children are most vulnerable because of their weaker immune system. Adults can also be infected with Toxocariosis and the many bacterial infections associated with dog faeces. The Council has notices posted on the sports field and play areas giving the number of the Dog Warden be prepared to witness and report those not picking up after their dog; contact can also be made with the dog warden though the Dorsetforyou web site or by contacting the Parish Council Clerk, details below. Fines for non-compliance can range from £40.00 to £1000.00 - **PLEASE PICK UP AFTER YOUR DOG THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT DOING SO CAN BE DANGEROUS TO OTHERS AND EXPENSIVE TO YOURSELF.**

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The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place in the Village Hall on February 24th 2012 at 7pm. The public and press are cordially invited to attend all meetings of the Parish Council; agendas for meetings are available before the meetings, on the web site and by e mail. To receive Minutes and Agendas by e mail give your e mail address to the clerk as shown. For all en-

quires and queries please contact the Clerk to the Council, Stella Wilson, (01305) 839384 or by e mail on crossways@dorsetparishes.gov.uk; contact can also be made via the web site www.crosswaysdorset.info

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PERIOD/YOUR VIEWS/ QUESTIONS TO THE COUNCIL *Residents are reminded that prior to all Council meetings there is a public participation period at which any resident may ad-*

Artsreach event at Winfrith Village Hall is an adaptation of 'The secret garden' by Frances Hodgson Burnett. This new production by Angel Exit Theatre is coming to Winfrith Village Hall on Saturday 10 March at 6.00pm. The book tells the story of Mary Lennox, a spoiled child who is plucked from India and comes to live in a mysterious old house on the Yorkshire moors. As she fights her loneliness she encounters locked doors, a curious robin, hidden keys and strange cries from along the corridor... 'The secret garden' is suitable for all the family, with a recommended minimum age of 6. Tickets are available from Winfrith Post Office, and for further details please contact 01305 852117.

NEWS FROM MORETON

Moreton Village Hall Forthcoming Events - contact Maeve 01929 463221



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NEWS FROM ORGANISATIONS



CROSSWAYS WI

December 2011 The meeting was held on a horrible night, weather-wise. There was a less than average attendance due to the weather and other events happening too. It was announced that, sadly, Betty Sindle had died at the beginning of the month. She

had been a very active member of the WI and will be sorely missed. Several members attended her funeral just before Christmas and members held a minutes silence in her memory.

Julia Southall provided the President' flowers and Gwen Genever, Pam Boundy, Sally Lucas, Jacquie Birdseye and Maisie Fowler received birthday posies. Skittles Captain Margaret Watson reported the teams results. Played 8, won 6, lost 2. We are now waiting to hear if we have made it through to the quarter-finals. Bridget Symms was our top scorer with 45 and retains the trophy. Margaret was thanked for her organisation and given a present. The WI Walkers went by bus (good old bus pass—very handy again) to Bridport. It was very windy and the bus swayed on the Askers road. We went to the church that had around 40 different decorated Christmas trees from many different organisations with usually homemade decorations—wonderful sight. We had lunch afterwards, a little shopping and then home again! Having no speaker for the evening we made our own entertainment. Jacquie Birdseye and Freda Gillett were thanked for organising the presents and crackers for members. We made a table decon-

tion—a water lily prepared by Pam Boundy and filled with sweets. Margaret Watson organised some Christmas quizzes. Competition for bloom of the month was won by Ginny Rolls (the only entrant) and the competition for a Christmas ornament was won by Jacquie Birdseye with Ginny Rolls second.

January 2012 The first meeting of the new year was held as usual in the village hall. Janet Southall presented our President, Pam Boundy with her flowers. Birthday posies were presented to Theresa Buckley, Peggy Coule, Jean Gregory, Mavis White, Della Lawrence, Marion Gerrard, Janet Southall and Madeline Mathie. Margaret Watson announced that our skittles team had gone through to the quarter final stage with a match due later in the month—we wish them all good luck.

A trip has been talked about to go to Poole to see **'Dreamboats & Petticoats' in June.** A show of hands was asked for to see if enough were interested. The winners of the monthly competitions in 2011 were first Maisie Fowler on 23 points and second Sheila Tuck on 21. Bloom of the month was won jointly with Ginny Rolls and Peggy Coule on 15 points each.

Judy Whittingham gave a talk on her visit to China also showing a selection of digital photos. Very interesting, showing a side to China not very often seen. Afterwards we had simple games with soup to follow. Next month is our 41st birthday party and we will meet at 7.00pm on 13 February.

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SPORTS AND LEISURE



OWERMOIGNE FOOTBALL CLUB, nicknamed "THE OWLS",

Owermoigne's recent run of good form has stuttered and stalled in recent weeks, due to the fact that they have had only one competitive league fixture since the beginning of December! There most recent fixture was played at the beginning of January, when the Owl's entertained the current league leaders Handley Sports at the Thomas Hardy Leisure Centre and in what proved to be a game of missed opportunities in front of goal for both sides they played out a 1-1 draw.

Despite this period of inactivity and lack of competitive matches the results of the other promotion chasing teams around us have been mixed and somewhat fortuitously have worked in the Owl's favour as we presently sit in second place in the league 1-point behind the leaders, but with a game in hand. Played:12—won 7, drew 3, lost 2. Goal difference 3 and points 24. A good first half to the Owl's season, in what so far has proved to be a highly competitive, entertaining and closely fought league from all of the teams involved, but still along way to go before the end of the season proper, and a lot can happen between now and then. So, despite having reached these dizzy heights we can't get to carried away by our recent successes, and must try and keep our feet firmly on the ground. Providing that the Owl's can consistently field a strong team each week for its remaining matches in the latter half of the season, take nothing for granted and try to improve on the previous week's performance then the lads will realistically give themselves a fighting chance for promotion

and honours this season – fingers crossed!

RESULTS – NOVEMBER / DECEMBER 2011 / JANUARY 2012

19/11/11 Puddletown 0 Owermoigne 1
Goal scorer for Owermoigne was Fookes.
 26/11/11 Weymouth Spartans 1 Owermoigne 2
Goal scorers for Owermoigne was Fookes and Turland.
 03/12/11 Owermoigne 2 Poundbury Rovers 1
Goal scorers for Owermoigne was Fookes and Somerset.
 07/012/12 Owermoigne 1 Handley Sports 1
Goal scorer for Owermoigne was Thrower.

We will always try and publish our fixtures in the Bridge as soon as we know them, but alternatively you can find them on our club website at www.owermoignefc.co.uk/html/fix_res.html . We are a friendly team and would encourage you to come along on a Saturday afternoon during the season to support

TRAINING: During the season we train every Monday evening from 8:00pm on the 3G Astroturf at the Thomas Hardy Leisure Centre, Coburg Road, Dorchester from September until the end of March and as such we always welcome **NEW** players to come along to our weekly training sessions.

If you are, interested in playing for our team and would like to come along to one of our sessions, then please contact the Team Manager **Steve Cole** by phone or text on **07811 516525**, or alternatively send an e-mail to: manager@owermoignefc.co.uk

FIXTURES

Date	Home Team	Away Team	Venue	Kick-off
28/1/12	Owermoigne	v Puddletown	Thomas Hardy	2:00 pm



CROSSWAYS TRAVEL GROUP

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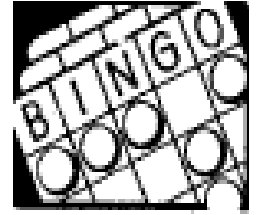
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Crossways Village Hall Tel: 853125 (Bookings) 853466 (Hall).

Badminton There will be Badminton at the Village Hall on Mondays except Monday 13 February starting at 7.00pm cost £1 to include a cup of coffee.

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CHRISTMAS EVENTS

Thank you to everyone who took part in or supported the Christmas Fayre and Christmas Bingo. The Fayre added £235 and the Bingo £332 to Hall funds.



Tavern Social Club

Yes I know the days are damp and cold but the old club gave us a wonderful last Christmas in her and have you seen how well the new club is progressing? Very little in the way of change for the month Bingo on the 15th and Bikers, Darts, Allotment and Crib competitions as normal. With the nearing of completion of the new club house the

committee with the memberships agreement are looking to see if we want to change the clubs name. If you have any suggestions (keep them polite please) please leave a message for Nikola or email tavernsocialclub@hotmail.com Its getting exciting yes?

Friends of Crossways Library

EVENTS

Wednesday 8th February at 2.30pm - Knit and Natter

This session is for anyone interested in knitting to come along to share their ideas about setting up a regular group. Two of our members have volunteered to coordinate the afternoon and want to hear from you how you would like such a group to develop. There will be needles and wool available for those who want to have a go so please come along and tell us what you would like to happen.

Even if you are not interested in this topic you are still welcome to come along and enjoy a cup of tea and a chat – the only place in Crossways where a cup of tea is available **FREE!**

NEWS We now have 92 members so we need 8 people to reach our first 100! The third edition of our FCL Newsletter has been e-mailed to members and a copy is displayed in the Library. Our first AGM will be Tuesday 13th March at 7.30pm at the Library and everyone is welcome to come along. Membership of the FCL costs £1 and is free for young people under 18 years of age.

The February dates for the two Reading Groups are Thursday 9th at 7.30pm and Wednesday 22nd at 10am. All meetings are held in the Library.

See the FCL Notice- board in the library for the current reading lists.

If you would like more information on either group contact Jane Slough on 01305 854416 or squishymom2004@yahoo.co.uk or Liz Callister.

LIBRARY CAMPAIGN The Government has set up a

Select Committee to consider submissions regarding the current and future state of the Libraries. We are working with AdLib to formulate our views and we hope that whilst the Committee deliberate a moratorium will be called on any planned closures or outsourcing of libraries to communities country wide.

LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS The Monday opening has been a huge success and the feedback we are getting about the service provided by the volunteers is fantastic. This means the Library is now open every day of the week except Sunday so we hope you will all use it so we don't lose it!

If you have any questions about volunteering or becoming a Friend of Crossways Library contact Liz Callister on Tel: 01305 852245 or

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Crossways Playgroup

since before Christmas. We

all wish her well and a speedy recovery and the children hope that she will soon be back with them. Please can I remind parents to make sure that they have put their child's name down for the First School of their choice. We break up for half term on Thursday 9th February and return to Playgroup on Monday 20th. All the staff would like to thank everyone who sent cards and gave presents at the end of term - it is very much appreciated by us all.

Rev. Birdseye came to Playgroup and told the children the Christmas story. Kathy, Diane and I have done a sounds and letters with Petra our Early Years adviser. Poor Diane has been off work with sickness

Mary Brewer—Playleader



TINY DAYS - Mums and Toddlers Group - we meet from 1.30 - 3.00pm on

Wednesdays in Crossways Village Hall. A warm welcome will be given to you and everyone is welcome. It is an ideal opportunity for Parents and children to come and get acquainted with the Playgroup environment. All

ROLL UP, ROLL UP – THE CIRCUS IS COMING TO TOWN!
 This year the PTFA have decided to book a circus, instead of a Summer Fayre. There will be 1 performance ONLY and this will be will in the school grounds on **Saturday 21st July 2012, at 2pm** (First day of the summer holidays) More details will follow later. **BUT for NOW, just jot down the date!**

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- ✦ Enjoy volunteering

Are an experienced welfare benefits practitioner

Please contact Janice Webb on 01305 269444, or email your details to welben@ageukdorchester.org.uk



Crossways Library
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CURRENT OPENING HOURS: Monday: CLOSED, Tuesday 10.00am – 12 noon (volunteers) and 2.30 – 5.00pm, Wednesday 2.30 – 5.00pm (Volunteers) Thursday 10.00am – 12noon, Friday 3.30 – 6.00pm, Saturday 10.00am – 12 noon. Please ask at the library for a form if you wish to volunteer to join the team at the volunteer supported sessions.

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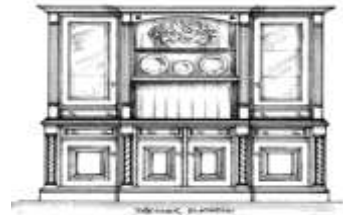
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OUR LOCAL SCHOOLS



The children and staff all had an enjoyable Christmas break - even though Christmas was very unlike last year with a definite lack of snow! The Reception class are now in school all day and are enjoying being able to take part in some

of our after school activities including Football, Swimming and Music.

The PTFA are busy this term with an Australian event taking place at the end of January and a disco in February.

After half term (from 20th - 24th February) we are holding a special Music Week in school. We would love to hear from anyone in the community who plays a musical instrument and is willing to come into school and play to the children. We are hoping for an afternoon concert when as many different people play as many different instruments as possible!!! If you can help in any way, or would like to play in our concert, please contact Frome Valley School on 01305

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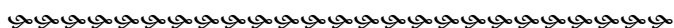
If anyone is planning a spring clear out we would be very grateful if they could think of our school. At the end of **February, we are fundraising by 'Textile Recycling'. The more we collect in weight, the more funds we raise.**

Accepted textiles include:

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|---------------|---------------------|
| Clean clothes | Sheets and towels |
| Paired shoes | Belts and handbags |
| Curtains | Fabric and blankets |
| Soft toys | |

We are collecting items in school from Friday 24th February to Tuesday 28th February. We would like to thank everyone in advance for their help in our quest for musicians and textiles.

Lastly a reminder that we have a staff training day on Friday 10th February with half term the following week. Children return to school on Monday 20th February.



I am writing this as we go into our second week of the diary is filling up with activities

taking place at school. Towards the end of the Autumn term we held a very successful Christmas play with 3 performances. Friends from Lychetts were able to attend. A highly successful Christmas Fair and Grand Opening of our new extension by a certain Mr. Claus finished off a very busy but enjoyable term. This term Year 4 have visited the Nothe Fort as part of their history and geography curriculum. The children dressed up as evacuees of the Second World War and were not impressed with **the school rules of the 1940's. Year 2 are visiting the Streetwise Safety Centre in Poole this**

term when they will experience lots of different scenarios and have to work out possible solutions to potentially difficult incidents! Our Reception class is now full time and has already been on one of their Welly Walks this term, this time welly walking down into the village and exploring the nooks and crannies to be found. Our SEAL (Social and Emotional Aspects of Learning) topic for this term is Going for Goals, when all the children and adults in the school will be setting a target for something they would like to achieve this term. Throughout the term we will be assessing how we are doing with our targets and encouraging and supporting each other. I will report on how well we have done later in the year.

Something about Christmas play? 6 x from Lychetts **came? Collection for Julia's House? Christmas Fair well attended- building opened by Santa?**

ANSWERS TO THE CHRISTMAS CROSSWORD CLUES ACROSS

5. Give them a ring in the New Year **HANDBELLS**
7. **Young people imitate 'Strictly' in the spotlight CENTRESTAGE**
9. 9 leaves 2 in Crossways Parish **VACANCIES**
12. **Harold's namesake has lager to drink STELLA WILSON**
13. St Nicholas is having a busy old time in this area **FATHER CHRISTMAS**
14. Frozen Captain Jack ? **JACQUIE BIRDSEYE**
15. Festive feast and boxing in Tinclenton / **PUNCH AND MUNCH**
18. Crossways Playgroup entertains bear with chocolate coating **PUDSEY**
19. pass the parcel Broadmayne, Crossways is waiting ! **OLYMPIC TORCH**
21. New year and new for old in Crossways **TAVERN**
22. The Editor is no Saint on 30 November and finds he can have a walk and a chair in Crossways **ANDREW BREWER**
24. 1 + 7 makes interesting knitted production in December **SNOW WHITE**

CLUES DOWN

1. When Betty and Donald welcome in the Tavern in Crossways **NEW YEARS EVE**
2. Plagarism in Woodsford liturgy on 24 December ? **CRIB SERVICE**
3. Crossways Playgroup goes through the looking glass for their Christmas trip **WONDERLAND**
4. We don't want any of these Turkeys at the London Olympics ! **BRONZE**
5. Boris' ancestor finds Crossways streets paved with gold in February **DICK WHITTINGTON**
8. **The 'Owls' drew a chocolate pane ! GALAXY WINDOWS**
10. We can book an extra session here in January **CROSSWAYS LIBRARY**
11. Brown Windsor and ludo for Crossways WI ? **SOUP AND SIMPLE GAMES**
12. All together now a song to the Christmas Pud ! **SWEET CHORUS**
15. **'Young' lady looking good in her 90th year PEGGY YOUNG**
- 16 **Dorchester's Roman ancestors bring precious music to the Tavern in December DURNOVARIA SILVER BAND**
- 17 The Aldhelm Amblers found ancient Henry dancing **OLD HARRY ROCKS**
20. PCSO found near ditch ! **HEDGES**
23. his birthday is etched on our minds in January **SIR LAURENCE WHISTLER**

CROSSWAYS NEWS



On 6 February 2012, her Majesty Queen Elizabeth becomes the second British Monarch to have reigned for 60 years. The last Diamond Jubilee was Queen Victoria's in 1897. For most of us, it is a once in a lifetime occasion. The Queen has expressed a wish that there should be events and commemorations the length and breadth of the country. In Crossways the Parish Council has agreed to lead a sub-committee to put together a programme of events. Suggestions so far include:-
A community Sunday lunch—in Crossways Village Hall. A beacon lighting, barbecue and possibly a fireworks display at the Scout ground. A 'champagne' breakfast coupled with a walk around the parish (similar to the 'beating of the bounds'). A concert party in the Village Hall showing the local talent in celebration—similar to 'Jubilation' held in Golden Jubilee year of 2002. An outdoor church service and parade are also on the Agenda. No doubt there will be an opportunity for some bell ringing in celebration too ! A tra-

ditional street party coupled with children's and adult sports. In addition, proposals have been made for the Playing Field in Dick O'Th Banks to be renamed in honour of the Queen. We have the opportunity of planting a Royal oak as well. The possibilities are endless and the only limitation is really how many people prepared to help. We already have a nucleus of those who have indicated they are willing to contribute their time and talents. If everyone does a little then no-one has to do a lot and we can have a series of events fit for a Queen which will really put Crossways on the map. To register your interest, please contact the Clerk to the Council; Stella Wilson on 01305 839384 or e mail crossways@dorsetparishes.gov.uk. We can then co-ordinate and arrange an initial meeting. The Jubilee celebrations are to be held the first weekend of June so we really haven't got a lot of time.

Many thanks

Andrew Brewer, Chairman, Crossways Parish Council



Thank you to everyone who supported the Scout Post scheme in December. Once again your generosity in supporting Scouting by using the yellow posting boxes has produced a marvellous result. In particular we would like to thank the local businesses who once again 'hosted' the boxes and without whose support we couldn't function. Thanks also to the gallant band of sorters, distributors and deliverers. It is so kind of people to volunteer even when they have no direct link with the movement or whose children have left many years ago.

Another way of showing support is to consider entering a team in the annual 'brain-ache' of Crossways which is the Group's quiz night. The entry form is here so don't be shy – make it a 'deal' not a 'no deal' and you might find yourselves hailed as the brains of Crossways for 2012 !

As you can tell there are always plenty of laughs along the way and it is a really good social event. Bring your own drink and friends and join in.

(for the Rod Brewer Quiz Challenge Trophy) in Crossways Village Hall on FRIDAY MARCH 2nd 2012 7.00pm for 7.30pm Prompt start Open to teams of four Entry fee £16 per team (£4.00 per head) including Ploughman's suppers.

Please complete and return slip below with cheque payable to 'Crossways Scout Group' as soon as possible. Hurry - First come - first served ! And for those who don't want to play in a team offers of help with the marking and scoring or refreshments would be gratefully received.



Entry Form for Scout Group Quiz

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