

# *The Villager*



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Don't forget The Villager Annual General Meeting at the Memorial Hall Pavillion on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> April from 10:30am.

The Olympic Torch procession is coming to Shaftesbury on Thursday July 12<sup>th</sup> more details will follow in the next edition or you can contact Nicky Whitely at Shaftesbury Town Council on 01747 852420.

Thank you again for all the articles you send it is great to see each edition so full of Village News and Events please keep it up!

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- 3. Tanders, Elm Hill Motcombe telephone 01747 852545**

If you would like a quick email reminder in the week or so before copy date let us have your email address and we will try to send a quick circular each time – this is now working very well and the list is growing with each edition don't miss out!

## **Motcombe Memorial Hall & Recreation Field**

### **Car Boot Sale – Sunday May 6<sup>th</sup>**

A great opportunity to de-clutter your attic, garage, shed or living space and turn your cast-offs into cash! The Management Committee are organising a Car Boot Sale at The Gillingham and Shaftesbury Showground, Motcombe Turnpike, 10am till 1pm. Sellers: £5 per car or £10 per van; sellers to set up from 8am. Buyers: 50p per car entry fee; no entry until 10am. Toilets on site. Telephone 850680 to reserve a space or leave a message with your car reg. number.

### **AGM 2012**

At the AGM of the Management Committee on 29<sup>th</sup> February 2012, the following people were elected: Sue Parish (Chairman), Bob Chimley (Treasurer), Rosie King (Secretary), Marilyn Mellor (Booking Secretary), Dennis Jenkinson, Helen Cluett, Helen Davey, Jim Gordon, Andrew James and Lincoln Waller. The outgoing members – Peter Crump, Maureen Deacon and Peter Irwin – were thanked for their dedicated service to the Hall. There is a vacancy for Vice-Chairman and the Committee would be glad to welcome more new members to help maintain and improve this vital part of our village.

### **200 Club**

The winners of the February draw were as follows:

First prize Paul Langford £64, Second prize John Maynard £42, Third prize Mike Lock £22

The winners of the March draw were as follows:

First prize Kay Hunt £65, Second prize Keith Proctor £43, Third prize Lucy Atherton £22

If you would like to join the 200 Club, application forms are available at the Community Shop.

### **Village Fête 2012**

We still need some volunteers to help with the Fête on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> June. You don't need any special skills, just to be available for a couple of hours on the day of the Fête. Please contact Sue Parish on 855966. Donations for the Grand Raffle will be gratefully received at any time.

## **Moviola Summer Programme**

**Motcombe Memorial Hall at 7.30 p.m.**

Just to reassure you, we shall be getting *The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel* in September! Here are the next block of films:-

Wednesday, April 18<sup>th</sup> **The Iron Lady**

Meryl Streep won an Oscar for her superb portrayal of Margaret Thatcher. Jim Broadbent plays Dennis and Richard E Grant is Michael Heseltine. This film tells the story of a woman who smashed through the barriers of gender and class to be heard in a male-dominated world.

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> May **My Week with Marilyn**

This is the story of the extraordinary encounter between Laurence Olivier and Marilyn Monroe in London in 1956 for the making of *The Prince and the Showgirl*. The cast is astonishing: Kenneth Branagh as Olivier, Michele Williams as Monroe, Judi Dench as Dame Sybil Thorndike, also Derek Jacobi, Dominic Cooper, Dougray Scott and Zoe Wanamaker.

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> June **The Artist**

The Artist won 5 Oscars this year and with good reason. A new silent film in black and white is set in 1927 at the end of the silent era. As silent movie star George Valentin wonders if the arrival of talking pictures will cause him to fade into oblivion, he meets Peppy Miller, a young dancer set for a big break. The action is top-notch, the story is intriguing, and despite being black and white, the film is visually appealing.

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> July **War Horse**

Stephen Spielberg's much anticipated film of the acclaimed National Theatre hit is about a young man named Albert and his horse, Joey, and how their bond is broken when Joey is sold to the cavalry and sent to the trenches of World War One. Despite being too young to enlist, Albert heads to France to save his friend. It is based on the children's book by Michael Morpurgo. Newcomer Jeremy Irvine plays Albert, supported by a cast of well know British actors.

**Tickets £5 from the Village Shop or Lincoln Waller 01747 851835**

## **District Councillor**

Now that we have all had our Council Tax forms through for the year ahead, you will see that North Dorset is also not increasing its rates, despite having originally agreed in Cabinet to recommend a 3.49% increase in District Council Tax, which would have meant an extra £3.65 a year (about 1p a day) for a Band D property. The Council was forced at the last minute to change their plans, due to some rather 'thinly veiled threats' of possible action in the following year, and accept the Coalition Government's 2.5% tax freeze. This will leave us nearly £30,000 worse off and whilst this loss may not be fully felt this year, in the next and following years it will potentially have a detrimental effect to services, because we are a low taxing and spending council. It is a shame that a council who has the 7th lowest council tax in the country and the lowest in Dorset is penalised by a purely arbitrary 'percentage figure' without any thought to the impact that this might have on the residents. Should you have any comments or need to get in touch about anything else, please feel free to contact me at [awshaw@rocketmail.com](mailto:awshaw@rocketmail.com)

A. Shaw

## **Motcombe Methodist Church**

Our open church prayer time is on Tuesdays 9.30. to 12.30. Come and pray that at least some of the troubles in the world will be solved. Add your thanks to our growing Thank You Tree and/ or your requests can be added to our pin board. All these written requests will be prayed for by those who open and close the church each week.

Don't forget we are open for coffee every Friday from 10.15 - 11.45. where donations and money from the sale of cakes goes to a different charity each month.

Everyone is welcome to any or all of the above; we'd love to see you.

## **Motcombe Community Shop**

**Retiring collection in memory of Julian Bond** - The whole Motcombe Community is immensely grateful to Erika and all the Bond family for their very generous donation of £1625 to the Community Shop which Julian inspired and led through its first eventful year.

**Ordering Service** - We have recently introduced an ordering service in the shop with some of our favourite suppliers: Lavender Blue, Long Crichel Bakery and Mere Fish Farm - order forms are available in the shop and anything ordered will be delivered to the shop for collection. So if you are entertaining friends over the weekend or are short on time to find that special something or just need inspiration, pick up a leaflet and be tempted by the special occasion food on offer from the suppliers - there are lots of delicious things to choose from.

**Long Crichel Bread** - We are really pleased to be offering bread from the well known Long Crichel Bakery based close by in Wiltshire. Their range of breads are all made by traditional methods in wood fired ovens. They bake wheat and rye sourdoughs and a variety of yeasted bread together with sweet and savoury pastisseries. The result is a range of products which have a really distinctive taste and a longer shelf life than modern products. Do give them a try.

**Croissants and pastries** - If you need a large order (more than 4!) of croissants, pastries or baguettes, please could you let the shop know in advance so they can bake and have them ready for you (tel: 852225).

**Facebook users** - Motcombe Community shop now has its own Facebook page, please pay us a virtual visit.

The shop committee is delighted with the healthy and ever increasing support from the village as customers or shareholders or volunteers. If you are new to the village or new to the shop and share our vision of a vibrant community enterprise please consider becoming a shareholder (£1.00 per share) or a volunteer (tel: Martin Lee 852273).

Clare Weldon

## **The S Factor, Saturday 2nd June, from 5.30pm Shaftesbury Abbey Ruins. Children welcome.**

On Saturday 2nd June 2012, Shaftesbury Arts Centre and members of the local community, will be at Shaftesbury Abbey Ruins to present an Elizabethan extravaganza as part of the RSC 50th birthday celebrations. The day will be a sensory delight with musicians, street sellers and hawkers, a hog roast, Elizabethan tavern and many performers joining the crowds to create an authentic experience of the kind of fayre Shakespeare would have been familiar with.

The day will culminate in an evening performance of original theatre which takes its inspiration from Shakespeare's works and has at its heart the elements which make his characters so special. Having made a successful bid to the RSC committee with our idea of 'The S Factor', SAC will be presenting the audience with a wide range of performance skills including song, dance, live music, a variety of theatrical conventions and styles and a good sprinkling of humour. Amidst all of this, we will be remaining true to the works and words of the big man himself.

You are invited to dress Elizabethan - Glad Rags in Semley (850101) have a great selection of costumes if you need inspiration.

Book now via Shaftesbury Arts Centre on 854 321 or online at [www.shaftesburyartscentre.org.uk](http://www.shaftesburyartscentre.org.uk).

We look forward to seeing you there!

### **A Platinum Thank You**

We would like to thank all those wonderful friends who remembered us on our Wedding Anniversary. It was all completely overwhelming and we hope to be able to thank you all individually in due course, but it may take a little time.

Eleanor and Alec Baxter

## **Motcombe Primary School News**

We are now at the end of what has been an extremely busy term at Motcombe Primary School and have been enjoying the super weather that March has given us.

Class 1 have been enjoying their weekly 'Voiceworks' singing sessions with Mrs Joy and Mrs Goddard. They performed a selection of their favourite songs at the end of term for the school children and parents. The children in this class went for a walk around the village to look for signs of spring. They were particularly interested in the names of the houses that they passed, and sharing with others how to get to their own houses.

Class 2 have had a number of visitors to see them this term in support of their topic of 'A world of Animals'. They have enjoyed visits from reptiles, owls and snakes and have produced some super literacy work supporting this topic.

Class 3 have taken part in a 10 week musicianship programme with Dorset Music Service learning Samba. At the end of the term they produced a Samba Band performance for their parents and the school children which was superbly supported and conducted by Mr. Graham Thew from Dorset Music Service. As part of the class topic on sounds the children visited Port Regis Design Technology department where they learned woodwork skills and created their own 'football rattles' The term ended with the pupils sharing PowerPoint presentations with their parents and the sharing of an Indian meal.

Class 4 have designed and produced their own stained glass windows which are currently on show in St Mary's Church. They have also learned about persuasion and debate and used stimuli such as the Live Earth performance and graffiti as a starting point.

The whole school has taken part in producing 'The Easter Experience' in St Mary's Church. Each class took a part of the Easter story and produced a display depicting the event. All of the classes have visited the church to see the displays and taken part in activities associated with them. The school running club took part in the Sport Relief Mile organised by Mrs Jenny Lucas. We ran around the field 7 times to complete our mile. Thank you to all the pupils in the running club as well as Mrs Lucas, Mrs Goddard, Alastair Crossley and Frank Armstrong for supporting this worthwhile cause.

At the end of term we say good bye to Mrs Liz Roberts for her service as a lunchtime supervisor. The staff and pupils will miss her very much and wish her well for the future.

## **Goodbye to Mrs Jenny Lucas**

The end of this term marks the end of Mrs Jenny Lucas service to Motcombe Primary School. After 23 years at the school Mrs Lucas is taking early retirement. We will all miss her very, very much as well as the massive contribution that she has made to music and sporting provision in the school over the years. She has taught many children and parents in the community whilst developing strong community links for the school. At the end of term pupils, staff and parents presented her with gifts and flowers, and the pupils of the choir sang 'Shalom' at the end of their Easter service.

We all, governors, staff, parents and children, wish Jenny good health and happiness for her future.

### **Motcombe Seniors Lunch Fund Raising Coffee Morning**

**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2012 10.00am – 12.00**

May I take this opportunity to remind everyone of the above event held annually at the Memorial Hall to raise funds for the Motcombe Seniors Lunch. As always we welcome donations of home baked cakes, jams & chutneys, good quality bric-a-brac, books & raffle prizes. These can be brought down to the hall on the morning any time from 9.00am. The ever popular Plant Stall, run by Margaret Fry, will of course be there for all the keen gardeners in the village.

Do come along and buy, have a cup of coffee & a cake, & maybe win a fabulous raffle prize.

Bring your friends, family and anyone new to the village.

We look forward to seeing you all.

Chris Francis 851293

## **Motcombe Pre-School and Toddler Group**

With the recent change of committee at Motcombe Pre-School we would like to take this opportunity to thank the retiring committee members for all their hard work, in particular Janet O'dell for her commitment and dedication over the past seven years. Janet has played a big part in securing grants for the Pre-School which has enabled the Pre-school to thrive and succeed with an excellent Ofsted report at the beginning of this academic year. Without the support and enthusiasm that Janet has given us we would have struggled to achieve our goals. Thanks to her we were able to buy all the necessary equipment and modernise our building. We would like to wish her all the best for the future.

Elaine Cox and all at Motcombe Pre-School

### **Polite Notice**

I have had various complaints over a period of time regarding some parking issues. In order to clear any confusion up, here are the facts: It is an offence to park within 10 metres (32 feet) of a junction (which includes opposite), except in an authorised parking space. The reason for this is to give drivers clear vision when pulling out of a side road. The penalty for committing this offence is a £30 fine.

Drop kerbs have been another issue in places. Please ensure that you do not park across a drop kerb, therefore causing an obstruction to any vehicle pulling in or out of a driveway.

Parking on pavements, or part pavement/part road is also an offence as it hinders the safety of pedestrians.

The drop kerb and pavement parking could also result in a £30 penalty.

Please bear all this in mind, as I would prefer not to issue tickets, but will if deemed necessary.

Thank you.

PC 39 Julie Pearson

## **Dorset Country Cars - Passenger Transport**

This is a reminder that there is a volunteer driver scheme available to anyone residing in the village of Motcombe who requires transport to and from the doctors, opticians, dentists and chiropodist in either Shaftesbury or Gillingham. This also includes visits to The Westminster Hospital.

We have three volunteers at present offering this service, namely Mike Lock, Jenny Cunliffe and Tony Nelson. This is a Dorset County Council scheme and as such a contribution of £3 per trip is payable.

For more information please contact Mike Lock 01747 850364

### **From The Parish Clerk**

At a meeting of Motcombe Parish Council, a report was given that the verges along Shorts Green Lane are being damaged due to vehicles parking on them. The Parish Council would like to ask for support from the residents of Shorts Green Lane and ask that they do not park their Vehicles on the verges, to try and prevent any further damage.

It was also reported that the telegraph poles in the Village are having posters placed on them and left there for a long time. The Council would like to have it noted, "Please remove posters from the telegraph pole once the event advertised on it has ceased."

### **Cancer Research UK**

There is a sponsored walk on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> May at 2pm for 4 miles or less, starting and finishing at the Coppleridge Inn. If you would like to take part you can get details and sponsor forms from Tom & Brenda Crabbe on 01747 853256.

The Open Garden & Coffee Morning at Tomenda will be on the 11<sup>th</sup> August this year between 10am & 12noon.

B Crabbe

## Motcombe Community Pantomime

Well, we had a ball! It was such fun, and the age range of the cast and crew was so diverse it just seemed that new friendships were forged throughout the village, and talents emerged from all directions. Anyone up for it next year? I do hope so, as we have so much to build on now.

Our village is large and spread out, but this didn't stop offers of help coming from all directions. Apart from the cast and crew, who worked incredibly hard to get it right. We are indebted to those volunteers who sewed costumes under Sarah Upshall's direction, to those who looked after the young people in the cast under Eve Bartlett's supervision and to those who toiled in the front of house team with Di Greaves and Amanda Roberts-Davies organizing the rotas.

Then there were the parents who willingly fetched and carried children to and from rehearsals, the adults who came to rehearsals and braved their throat infections and thick colds....and the other organizations in the village who during the week of panto willingly gave up their slot in the hall so we could put costumes, props and make-up there without having to put it all away each night – thank you bridge club, toddler's group and jazzercise for this – it was such a help. And the make-up! I forgot to mention the fantastic cat make-up that Jess Starr gave to Puss in Boots and his kitten-son! Probably the most fantastic of all were the fabulous sets which Mary Phillips created and painted for us – they were truly beautiful; we have such talent in this village.

I'm sure I have forgotten to mention everyone who made this such a success. It has been a true team effort with a wonderful village spirit – Una Moore managed to fit her church organ duties around rehearsals to accompany us, and Jerome Pegler's drums added to the electric atmosphere on the performance nights...Lee Upshall turned up trumps as stage manager with considerable expertise and the UV scene which Keith Alderman operated and Corinne Middlemiss designed was absolutely magical.

My worst moment was when the dame, Lloyd Robinson, announced that he was on holiday in Mauritius until the morning of the actual performance...I thought of last year's snow bound airports.... My best moment was when I saw Mary's sets for the first time! The demand for seats was huge, and our joint apologies to all who failed to get a ticket – we'll try and do better next year We added the matinee and opened the dress rehearsal to the public to try and help.

Bring on next year! R King

## **In Praise of the Panto**

Phillip and I thoroughly enjoyed ourselves and we were amazed at the 'absolute professionalism' of the production. Everything was just marvellous.

We are seeing some villagers in a completely new light! 'Oh yes we are'.

Well done to Rosie King and all the many cast and production members. We can't wait for the next one. Much appreciated.

Sylvia Roberts

## **Shaftesbury Scouts**

The Shaftesbury scouts are a great step up for those who love adventures. We do all sorts of activities including archery, shooting, map reading and other brilliant things. All of the leaders are really friendly and helpful as well as the younger members. Everyone there treats each other like we are one big team. We would love to see some new faces on Wednesdays at 6.30 at the Shaftesbury Trinity Centre. Hopefully see you soon.

Jack Wase Age 10

## **Motcombe Film Productions**

A new group called Motcombe Film Productions is being formed in the village to provide the opportunity for those who wish to take part in making a film. For details please contact John on 01747 854342

C Sinclair

## **"A Smoke Alarm without batteries is 'a useless piece of plastic.'"**

That is the message from Station Manager Karen Adams, manager of the Community Safety Task Teams based at Dorset Fire and Rescue Service HQ, Poundbury and Hamworthy fire station.

Karen leads a team of firefighters and officers, who are taking DFRS's safety message out into the community, with a particular focus on educating vulnerable and hard to reach groups.

When someone dies in a fire, as unfortunately happened at the end of February, it is always upsetting. At Dorset Fire and Rescue Service, our aim is to reduce all preventable fire deaths to zero. We want to see every home in Dorset with a working smoke alarm; that means testing your smoke alarms every week!

Karen said: "We provide a free home safety check service to those in our at risk groups. Firefighters and DFRS staff are able to visit residents in their homes and fit or replace smoke alarms, advise on the use of candles, unattended cooking, electric blankets, overloading sockets, chimneys, low energy light bulbs and much more. This is all free of charge with the aim of encouraging people to think about fire safety in the home."

She added: "People need to consider their night-time routine – close doors, keep an escape route clear, and check they know where the door key is so they can let themselves out. Smoke alarms should be tested once a week to make sure they are still working and in good condition. A smoke alarm without a battery is useless piece of plastic."

To request a Free Home Safety Check for you, or someone who may be vulnerable and would benefit from a visit, please get their permission and contact us on **01305 252600** or use the new online form found at [www.dorsetfire.gov.uk](http://www.dorsetfire.gov.uk). Just fill out the form with your name and address details and click 'submit'. Our new PinPoint technology will analyse whether or not we can make your home safer and you will either receive a FREE Home Safety Check or Home Safety Information Pack, containing a leaflet on safety and a checklist for the home.

## **Motcombe Scout Group**

The Beavers, Cubs, Leaders and Committee of Motcombe Scout Group would like to thank the 90 villagers, guests & friends who packed into the School Hall on the evening of Saturday 17th March for our Quiz Night and Fish & Chip Supper.

The evening was a great success, raising in the region of £500. This money is vital to the survival of the group and will be used to purchase equipment, cover the cost of room hire and other group expenses.

With your help we can now go on from strength to strength.

Thank you.  
L Ibbotson

## **Julian Bond**

Julian was a man of passion with a deep social conscience and a strong sense of community. His passionate belief that we all needed to get involved with, and contribute to, our village and its organisations was a powerful antidote to the apathy that sometimes ensnares us.

He is most recently remembered for his vision and leadership in getting our Community Shop up and running, but some of his earlier work for the village was just as important; as can see from these few examples.

As Chairman of the Parish Council he strove for change and improvement, rather than just managing the processes of bureaucracy.

He and Erika helped to bring Moviola to Motcombe; and what a popular success that has been.

Next time you pass St Mary's Church, pause and take a close look at the engraved glass door which was the 'brainchild' of Julian and Erica. It is a thing of beauty as well as practicality.

Julian will be much missed; both as a force for good and as a friend.

Mike Crossley

## Motcombe Memorial Hall

The Merry Muddlers (country dancing) meet fortnightly on Monday from 8pm to 9:30 from 16<sup>th</sup> April

Motcombe Youth Club meet fortnightly from 23<sup>rd</sup> April (term time only)

Motcombe Parent & Toddler Group meet, during term time, every Thursday: 10-11:30am – New members always welcome

Motcombe Running Club meet every Monday 7pm

Motcombe Ramblers last Tuesday of every month at 9:30am

Cubs meet every Tuesday during term time only

Beavers meet every Thursday during term time only

Ballroom & Latin American Dancing for fun Thursday evenings at 7:30pm

Motcombe Bridge Club meets every Friday 7pm.

Bodyrhythm exercise classes Fridays from 10:30 to 11am

Parish Council meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 8pm

11 <sup>th</sup> Apr	WI AGM/Social Evening with Talk about Shaftesbury Westminster Hospital	7:30
14 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Gardening Club Coffee Morning	10am-12noon
14 <sup>th</sup> April	Villager AGM in the Pavillion	10.30am
18 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Moviola – The Iron Lady	7:30
8 <sup>th</sup> May	Garden Club – Flower Arranging – Sally Page	7:30
9 <sup>th</sup> May	WI Open Evening – “The Dad’s Army Story” with Christopher McColl	7:30
19 <sup>th</sup> May	Senior Lunch Fundraising Coffee Morning	10am-12noon
30 <sup>th</sup> Jun	Village Fete	

	Post Office	The Grange	Elm Close
<b>Mobile Library</b>	10:00 – 10:15	10:20 – 10:40	10:45 – 11:05
Apr 12 <sup>th</sup> & 26 <sup>th</sup>			
May 10 <sup>th</sup> & 24 <sup>th</sup>			
June 7 <sup>th</sup> & 21 <sup>st</sup>			

<b>Blue Bin Collections</b>	Apr, 16 <sup>th</sup> & 30 <sup>th</sup>	May 14 <sup>th</sup> & 28 <sup>th</sup>	Jun 11 <sup>th</sup> & 25 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Green Box Collections</b>	April 12 <sup>th</sup> & 26 <sup>th</sup>	May 10 <sup>th</sup> & 24 <sup>th</sup>	Jun 7 <sup>th</sup> & 21 <sup>st</sup>

### Diary Dates - Various Venues

Motcombe Handbell Ringers meet every Wednesday. Contact Gill on 851007 for venue.

Coffee Morning every Friday morning 10:15-11:45 Methodist Chapel School Room. Everyone welcome. Donations for a different charity each month.

Methodist Chapel School Room Stretch & Relax Fridays 12:15-1:15pm

18th Apr	Cameo visit to Great Wishford	Noon
6 <sup>th</sup> May	Memorial Hall Car Boot Sale – G & S Showground, Turnpike, Motcombe	10am
6th May	Messy Church at the School	3pm - 5pm
27 <sup>th</sup> May	Cancer Research UK Sponsored Walk – The Coppleridge Inn	2pm
2 <sup>nd</sup> June	The “S” Factor Shaftesbury Abbey Ruins	5.30pm
11 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Cancer Research UK Open Garden & Coffee Morning at Tomenda, The Street	10am-12noon