

Dorchester Benefice Diary

Mondays (except the 3rd Monday in the month) 2–4pm

Craft Group in the choir vestry. Just bring along anything you are doing, knitting, sewing, painting, drawing, etc. and come and have a cuppa and natter. Contact Cynthia Fry on 01305 260062 for further details.

First Monday of each month 2–4pm

Dorchester Stitchers. In United Church (the main hall), South St, Dorchester. Expertise is shared and occasional workshops arranged as are visits to exhibitions. Annual subscription £5 plus £1 per meeting to cover costs.

Wednesdays at 5pm

The Contemplative prayer group will meet in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel at St Mary's.

Saturday 7th April at 7pm

Classical Guitar recital by Mark Jennings in St. Andrew's Church West Stafford with Candlelight. Refreshments available. Ticket £8 from Esther Brown 757377 or Alan and Felicity Murray 267060.

Saturday 14th April at 9am

Men's Breakfast, Curiosity, 3 Pope St., Brewery Square. 2nd Saturday of the month rotating around different venues in Dorchester. All welcome to join us at the Café for fine food and conversation. In March we had 15 for Breakfast. Please contact Kenneth Addison for further details on 250808.

Monday 16th April at 2.30pm

The Monday Club St Mary's church hall, Val Potter will speak to us about her time as Mayoress of Dorchester – the musings of a mayoress – recalling the years she has been consort to her husband Robin during his times as Mayor. Come and join us to hear some interesting tales about the recent history of Dorchester, £2.50 which covers the talk, refreshments and a raffle. For further information speak to Rosemary (262715) or Jill (263757).

Saturday 21st April at 9.30am

Ladies Breakfast. Third Saturday of each month excepting for the month of December. The March breakfast will be held at Carluccios, Dorchester. Contact Maureen Shaw 01305 261771.

Saturday 21st April at 1pm

St George's Fair. Fordington Green, Stalls, music and so much more, please do come and join us you will enjoy.

Saturday 28th April 2.30 – 6pm

Highwood Gardens Open Day. The Children's Society is delighted to have been invited to use Highwood Gardens in Charborough Park for a fund raising event see page 18 for details.

Wednesday 25 April at 10am

Dorcas MU Bible Study group meet at 2 Colliton Walk. Fuelling Perseverance. Philippians 3: 12-14. Newcomers and visitors welcome. Details 260259.

Saturday 28 April, at 7.30 pm.

A concert by Beaminster Gallery Quire will be held in St Mary's Church, Puddletown. Church and village music from more than two centuries ago: the time of the Puddletown Quire and Thomas Hardy's forebears – psalms, anthems, carols, songs and fiddle tunes. Tickets £10, to include a drink and light refreshments, from Bob (01305 849048), Diana (01305 848510) and Glad (01305 848646). In aid of St Mary's Church Funds.

Celebrating Humanity in the Landscape

21st April to 1st May 2018

Ten days of walks, talks, workshops, and the performing arts for you to connect with the Landscape and cultural roots of Dorset. An asterisk * indicates funds raised will go towards the work in the community of village churches in the Cerne Valley. Tickets email still.family@virgin.net, via Cerne shop, on the door if not sold out.

*Saturday 21st April *10am- 12noon*

Wild Food? Wild Medicine! Eleanor Gallia. £5. The Granary, Nether Cerne DT2 7AJ

Saturday 21st April at 1pm

Brewing Nettle Beer. Price tbc. The Granary, Nether Cerne DT2 7AJ.

*Sunday 22nd April *2-4pm*

Feel Vibrant with Food Workshop. £25 includes ingredients & food to take away. Feed the Soul, Godmanstone DT2 7AE.

*Sunday 22nd April at *6.30pm*

'Life in the UK Test'. Pub Quiz. Teams of 4 £1 per person. The Giant Inn, 24 Long Street, Cerne Abbas, Dorset DT2 7JF.

*Tuesday 24th April at *7.30pm*

Cerne's 2017 Crop Figure. Village Hall, Kettle Bridge Lane, Cerne Abbas DT2 7GY

*Wednesday 25th April at *2.30pm*

Guided Walk in Minterne Gardens. £6. Henry Digby and Head Gardener Minterne House, Minterne Magna DT2 7AU.

Thursday 26th April 7 for 7.30pm

The Romans in West Dorset. £3. Cerne Village Hall, Kettle Bridge Lane, Cerne Abbas DT2 7GY

*Friday 27th April. *7-10pm*

Ceilidh with Tatterdemalion. £6 Adults £3 Children. St Mary's Church, Abbey Street, Cerne Abbas DT2 7JQ

*Saturday 28th April *10am-1pm*

Needle-felting Nature. £14 all materials and tuition (Suitable for over 14 yrs). The Old Saddler Classes 1 Duck Street, Cerne Abbas, Dorset DT2 7LA.

*Saturday 28th April at *2pm*

Every Field Has a Story. £5 including tea. Manor Farm, Godmanstone, Dorset DT2 7AH.

*Saturday 28th April at *4pm*

The Soil Never Sleeps. Adam Horovitz £10 incl tea. Manor Farm, Godmanstone, Dorset DT2 7AH. Parking behind the farm. Begins with afternoon tea at 3.30pm.

*Saturday 28th April at *7.30pm*

Kate Adie – **'Pheasants, not Peasants'.** £tbc. Cerne St Mary's Church, Abbey Street, Cerne Abbas DT2 7JQ.

*Sunday 29th April at *2pm*

Landscape, Flowers, and Butterflies. Assemble at the Giant Viewpoint Carpark, DT2 7AL. £5 incl tea and walk.

*Sunday 29th April *2-6pm*

Mindfulness with Natural Objects. Donations. Cerne St Mary's Church, Abbey Street, Cerne Abbas DT2 7JQ.

*Sunday 29th April at *6.30pm*

Celebrating Dorset in Word and Song. The Royal Oak, 23 Long Street, DT2 7JG Cerne Abbas, Dorset. £tbc.

Tuesday 1st May at 5am

Sunrise on Giant Hill. Trendle, on top of Giant Hill and inside the Giant's enclosure.

Tuesday 1st May approx 6am

Wessex Morris Procession & Dancing by the 'Oak' timings approximate! Donations to Morris Men.

Tuesday 1st May about 7.30am

May Day at the Silver Well. Get to the Well through the Cemetery gate at the end of Abbey St. follow the right hand path by the wall.

The Facebook site can be reached via Google @CerneGiantFestival



Could I ask all church correspondents and other regular contributors to check the copy date when they receive the magazine, it is slightly different each month and is agreed with the team and printer, the printing and a delivery slot is then booked.

The best monument anyone can raise to their parents' memory is that of a life lived in such a way that they would have rejoiced had they lived to see it.