**WHAT’S ON**

**In The Village?**

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The Village Café on 12th March included a fundraiser for the Ukraine, organised by Mary and Tom Stewart. A tremendous total of £601.35 was raised which has been donated to the Disasters Emergency Committee; the DEC brings together 15 major charities to help with emergencies that are beyond the capacities of individual charities. The Village Café itself raised £67.60 for Village Hall funds; Lucy Slade won the 100 Club draw.

In parallel with the Village Café, a stalwart party of volunteers cleared up the further end of the village hall car park, tidying, laying wood chippings and turf and planting trees and shrubs. It all looks superb – well done!

The Film Night in the Village Hall on 18th March showed the classic crime caper ‘The Italian Job’, starring Michael Caine. Thank you, Tom and Mary Stewart, for running the evening.

At the time of writing (early April), the official status of some local road closures is:

Sherborne: A30 (Kitts Hill) and Cornhill (the link from A30 to Acreman Street) closed until 18th September 2023 (Note: This standard 18-month closure is used when there is no known re-opening date; it should be lifted much earlier);

Hummer Bridge: Now (STOP PRESS) expected to re-open on 8th April;

Yeovil: Temporary traffic lights due to roadworks on A30 Sherborne Road at St Michael's Avenue. Until 18:30 on 13th April.

‘Three Inch Fools’, a new-to-us acting troupe, will present an imaginative, vibrantly-musical take on Shakespeare’s *Twelfth Night* on Sunday, 21st August in the open air at Higher Orchard.

**CONTACTS / ORGANISERS:**

**Website:** [**www.sandfordorcasvillagehall.com**](http://www.sandfordorcasvillagehall.com)**; Email: info@sovhall.plus.com**

**Sandford Orcas Village Hall Committee:**

Cindy Brown (Secretary); Viki Jackson (Children\*); George Lossius (Treasurer, 100 Club);

Rowlie McBeath (QTPC, Artsreach); Robert Patterson (Billiards & Snooker; PCC); Rick Pollard (FOSOVH); Richard Slade (Chairman); Graham Winter-Goodwin (Maintenance)

.(\* Run in conjunction with Susan Yeoman and Helen Donnelly)

**Village (and Outside) Organisers:**

FOSOVH Friends of Sandford Orcas Village Hall I.e. anyone who wants to help, on an ad hoc basis

FPO Footpaths Officer Steve Donnelly (01963 220446)

Mitre The Mitre Inn: Cheryl & Allen Page (01963 220 271).

www.mitreinn.co.uk

HW Home Watch Allen Page (01963 220 271).

PCC Sandford Orcas PCC: Secretary: Robert Patterson (01963 220 455).

- Dorset Police: Sherborne Rural. PC 2777 Laura Prowse & PCSO 6269 Mark Jones

Safer Neighbourhood Team Phone: **101**, sherborneruralsnt@dorset.pnn.police.uk

QTB Queen Thorne Benefice Rector: Reverend David Bond (01935 850 201)

QTPC Queen Thorne Parish Council Parish Councillors: Sally Allcard (01963 220 520), Jan Lowe

(01963 220 490), Rowlie McBeath (01963 220 208).

VH Village Hall: Chairman: Richard Slade (01963 220 740)

**Village Hall Bookings: Cindy Brown,** [**sandfordorcasvillagehallsec@gmail.com**](mailto:sandfordorcasvillagehallsec@gmail.com)

[www.queenthorneparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.queenthorneparishcouncil.gov.uk) for Dorset Council and medical updates.

**Village Events Every Week:**

**The Mitre Inn: Contacts: Allen or Cheryl (01963 220 271)**

* Open for meals and drinks in the evening on Tuesdays to Saturday, and at lunchtimes on Wednesdays to Sundays. Indoors, and in the garden.

**The Story Pig Pop-Up Shop,** at Lavender Keepers, in Great Pit Lane

* Glorious free range Tamworth pork products every Saturday and Sunday, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Bacon rolls, pulled pork. Saturday, 16th April: **the Tipi returns**: Hog Roast and live music!

* **Billiards & Snooker Club**: Contact Robert Patterson (01963 220 455) for details.
* **Table Tennis Club**: Contact Richard Pollard (01963 220 893) for details.

**Saturday, 9th April 2022. Time: 10.30 – 12.00 Noon Village Hall SOVH**

**Village Café**

The Saturday Village Café is held every second Saturday in the month! This coffee morning is a great way to catch up with friends, and to find out all the local news. **NEW!** - there will be ‘biscuit maths’ (including a countdown challenge for each table) and cupcake decorating for the children! Proceeds go to the village hall. Thank you to Maggie and Jim Dooley, who will be running it. All helpers welcome - please contact Maggie Pollard. ([maggiepollarde@gmail.com](mailto:maggiepollarde@gmail.com) / 01963 220 893).

**Sunday, 17th April 2022. Time: 7.00 p.m. Mitre Inn Mitre**

**Easter Sunday Quiz**

Organise your team (every one of you brilliant, of course), and enter for this challenging Quiz!

**Friday, 22nd April 2022. Time: 7.15 p.m. for 7.30 p.m. Village Hall SOVH**

**Sandford Orcas Film Night: *‘Strictly Ballroom’*** (1992)

The most captivating movies tell us to dance to the music within us, no matters what. This great film is about two daring souls who break new ground by not letting fear close them down.

**Sunday, 24th April 2022. Time: 10.00 a.m. – 4.00 p.m. Around Sherborne. .**

**Sherborne Market**

Sherborne Market re-opens for the warmer months of the year. It’s a hand-picked & selected artisan market, featuring local producers, suppliers, amazing food, arts and crafts.

**Sunday, 30th April 2022. Time: 10.30 a.m. – 4.00 p.m. Village Hall QTPC**

**Sandford Orcas’ Annual Village Meeting**

Contact: Cindy Brown (Chairman) (01963 220 521). This is your chance to raise issues across the whole spectrum, within or outside the village. Have your say, voice your views!

**Tuesday, 4th May 2022. Time: 7.30 p.m. Village Hall PCC**

**Annual Parochial Church Meeting**

This Annual General Meeting will discuss our church parish’s business. It is open to everyone living in the village. Please come!

**Thursday, 2nd – Sunday, 5th June 2022. Around Sandford Orcas SOVH**

**Programme for the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee in Sandford Orcas:**

**\* Thursday 2nd June**: Free BBQ in the Mitre car park early evening, courtesy of Story Pig and funded by the Village Hall. At 9.15 p.m. the village beacon in the Mitre Inn’s field will be lit along with more than 1,500 others around the country and in the Commonwealth.

 \* **Saturday 4th June**: Afternoon/evening BYO picnic party event in Sally Allcard’s field with games for the children, hopefully a few craft, cake etc stalls and music into the evening.

 \* **Sunday 5th June**: A special church service in celebration and thanksgiving for our Queen.

 \* **A permanent memorial** in the form of two stone troughs, with suitably-worded plaques

attached, outside the village hall and planted up with a variety of shrubs. We will take part in The Queen’s Green Canopy scheme in our own way.

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**Sandford Orcas Village Community (Version 20).**

We have contacted local suppliers who can provide home delivery or collections for basic food and health requirements. Please support, particularly, our most local businesses.

We also have a group of people in the village available to collect whatever you need;

Email: sandfordorcas@hotmail.co.uk or 01963 220 521 (Cindy) / 01963 220 535 (Viki) / 07765 654771 (Kim)

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| **Name & Contact Info** | **What’s Available – To Buy or To Order** | **Delivery Options** |
| The Mitre Inn, Sandford Orcas  01963 220 271,  [cheryl@mitreinn.co.uk](mailto:cheryl@mitreinn.co.uk) | Fresh fruit and vegetables, eggs, milk, beer, cider and wine. | The pub is open for meals, socially-distanced indoors, and outside in the marquee or in the garden. |
| Jeff\* and Somaya Davies  07918 745826 & 07918 743071  \* The Mitre Inn’s chef, no less! | Delicious cakes and bakes: Cakes, Chocolate Logs, Mince Pies, Sausage Rolls, Desserts, Cupcakes and Celebration Cakes. | Contact Jeff and Somaya directly, or through The Mitre Inn (see above). |
| Glenholme Herbs  Sandford Orcas, 01963 220 302  [alison-redman@hotmail.com](mailto:alison-redman@hotmail.com) | Herbs, vegetables and vegetable plants. For the full range, see [www.glenholmeherbs.co.uk](http://www.glenholmeherbs.co.uk) | Free delivery within Sandford Orcas, or collect. Seasonal plants to order. |
| The Story Pig  Sandford Orcas, 07802 443 905  [james@thestorypig.co.uk](mailto:james@thestorypig.co.uk) | Tamworth pork, sausages, bacon, home-grown vegetables, chutney, saffron rolls, apple buns. Also meat & vegetables box. | Farm shop open (winter hours) on Saturdays and Sundays, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., serving hot bacon rolls each morning, and pulled pork each lunchtime. |
| Rosanne Eskell  Higher Sandford House,  Sandford Orcas, 01963 220 275  [r.eskell@hotmail.com](mailto:r.eskell@hotmail.com) | Sandford Orcas’ very own ‘Benchy View’ white wine, grown in Rosanne’s own vineyard. Rated “delicious” by our ex- wine merchant Rector! | Free delivery in Sandford Orcas, discuss delivery elsewhere with Rosanne when ordering. |
| Kim Creswell, Dip.Herb.Med.,MNIMH  By The Ford, Moorway Lane,  Sandford Orcas, 07765 654 771  [www.kimcreswell.co.uk](http://www.kimcreswell.co.uk)  [kim@kimcreswell.co.uk](mailto:kim@kimcreswell.co.uk)  [www.goldberryherbs.co.uk](http://www.goldberryherbs.co.uk)  [kim@goldberryherbs.co.uk](mailto:kim@goldberryherbs.co.uk) | Fully qualified and insured medical herbalist, trained in diagnosis, treatment and medicine making, using organically grown medicinal herbs.  Woven willow sculptures and baskets.  Willow weaving courses. | Professional, confidential and able to prescribe alongside conventional health care. Also grower of willow, maker of sculptures, baskets and other rural crafts. Workshops held and private bookings available. |
| Fiona Potter, Higher Orchard,  Sandford Orcas.  01963 220 773, 07708 842 553  [fionapotter@live.co.uk](mailto:fionapotter@live.co.uk) | Bramblewood grass fed Dexter Beef. Joints, steaks, stewing steak, mince, sausages and burgers. Also Pure Apple Juice from their own trees. | Current beef stocks have expired for now – you’ve bought it all! Fiona’s apple juice remains available, and is on sale at The Story Pig. |
| Hidden Pizza. Call 07725 730 737 or email [orders@hiddenpizza.co.uk](mailto:orders@hiddenpizza.co.uk) | Delicious artisan pizzas. | Hopefully returning to the Village Hall car park soon. |
| Monique Hustinx.  07949-595632  [monique.hustinx@hotmail.com](mailto:monique.hustinx@hotmail.com) | Sandford Orcas-reared, lamb. Half a Lamb: £65. Butchered to your requirements. | Contact Monique for delivery details.  [www.ciderappletrees.co.uk](http://www.ciderappletrees.co.uk) |
| John & Sarah Whittick  01963 220855 or 07765 771184  [office@ciderappletrees.com](mailto:office@ciderappletrees.com) | Specialist Apple Tree Nursery near Sparkford selling Local Heritage Eating & Cooking Apple Trees | Contact the Whitticks (see left). |
| Market Town Garden  52, Cheap Street, Sherborne  07967 659638  [sherbornemarketfruitandveg@aol.com](mailto:sherbornemarketfruitandveg@aol.com) | Fresh fruit and vegetables. | Contact them, or visit their shop, to discuss fruit and veg box sizes and delivery details. |
| J&M Parsons  Cheap Street, Sherborne  01935 812 071  [info@parsonsbutchers.co.uk](mailto:info@parsonsbutchers.co.uk) | Traditional butcher and milk, cheese, eggs. | Free delivery with orders over £10. |
| Olives Et Al  Sturminster Newton  01283 474 300  [viki@olivesetal.co.uk](mailto:viki@olivesetal.co.uk) | Fresh fruit, vegetables, freshly-made bread, milk, eggs, pasta, rice, biscuits, chocolate and all your Olives et Al favourites. | Free delivery to village through Viki (East Field Cottage). Viki also collects shopping & medical prescriptions. |

**Useful Facebook groups:** Queen Thorne Parish News and Views**;** Sherborne Viral Kindness