

Countrymen Chatter
Keeping in touch on a regular basis
Autumn 2021
Welcome to our Autumn newsletter!



Welcome to our Autumn newsletter. How wonderful it is to be running sessions knowing that we are all vaccinated and as safe as we possibly can be. We still encourage regular hand washing, the use of hand gel and anyone is welcome to wear a mask if they wish to.



Adam Henson and the Countryfile team took time to say hello to the club back in the summer whilst on the farm filming the young people's team!

Club members will be getting a letter with dates for the next three months from September. These may be subject to change, but we will do our best to keep you up to date on what is happening.

We are also welcoming new members. Please contact us if you would like to come and have a look round. We always welcome all new enquiries.



We are just one of 12 farms nationwide offering Countrymen club sessions
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We hope as many of you as possible can access the fun on Facebook.

The page is called CountrymenUK Dorset.

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Why did the farmer call his pig ink?

Because he was always running out of his pen!

We plough the fields and scatter..



Mark delivering tomatoes, cucumbers, and kale to Bishops Caundle community shop.



We are award winners!

Countrymen UK recently picked up the Care Innovator award at the regional finals of the Great British care awards. We now progress to the national finals later in the year!



Harvest.

Ploughing, harrowing, sowing, growing,
combine harvesting, sunsets glowing.
The culmination of all they planned,
reward for those who farm the land.

Golden grain fills up the trailers,
straw is packed up by the balers.
Church's fill with songs of praise,
to harvest home sweet voices, raise.

Thanks to those who work the land,
who grow our food with their own hands?
Who work in sunshine, rain and snow,
who carry on when fierce winds blow.

Be grateful for your daily bread,
the eggs, the cheese, the jams we spread.
The milk, the butter from the dairies,
carrots, pears and fresh strawberries.

Pork and bacon, sausage rolls,
lamb and beef for casseroles.
fish, the harvest of the sea,
freshly caught for you and me.

We thank the ones who work the fields,
who work long hours to ensure yields.
the stockmen out there tending sheep.
The cowmen milking as we sleep.

The ones who farm far from our shores,
exotic fruits to fill our stores.
Tea and coffee in plantations,
the products of so many nations.

So now we say our thanks and praise,
to farmers working long hard days.
Let's raise a glass and celebrate,
the food we have upon our plate.

Julie also received a special "Points of light" daily award from number 10, Downing Street which recognises people who are making a change in the community!

We have successfully grown cucumbers, tomatoes, lettuce, onions and beetroot and we are already planning for next year. However our sessions are not all work, we had a lovely afternoon tea with the new curate for the Wriggle Valley, Jenny. We enjoyed delicious icecream kindly donated to us by Purbeck ice cream company!



Out and about.

Local farmers have been busy harvesting the wheat and barley and now the work starts preparing the ground for next years crop.



Thank you!

Thank you for those that visited our stall at both the Holnest church fete and Yetminster Fair. The results of the quiz will be announced in the next newsletter. Special thanks must go to Irene who made amazing knit wear for us to sell.



GALLERY



Planters made by the countrymen for Holnest church. We also made bird boxes for their wildlife area of the churchyard.



Some old friends from Dave's vintage motorbike club dropped in to say hello back in July.



Have a go at completing these famous lines from old adverts for sweets

A mars a day helps you (work, rest and play)

Have a break have a (kit kat)

What's full of eastern promise? (Fry's Turkish delight)

What is the crumbliest flakiest chocolate? (Cadbury's flake)

Hot chocolate.....chocolate (drinking)

Tap it and unwrap it (Terry's chocolate orange) or it's not Terry's, it's mine

No one knows the secret of thebox (Black magic)

Too good to hurry mints (Murray mints)

The mint with the hole (polo)

Trebor mints are a minty bit.....?(stronger)

Opal fruits made to make your mouth...? (water)

Everyone's a fruit and nut case (Cadbury's fruit and nut bar)

A pint and a half in every bar (Cadbury's dairy milk)

Pppp pick up a(penguin)

The taste of paradise (Bounty)

The sweet you can eat between meals without ruining your appetite (milky way)

Do you love anyone enough to give them your last....? (Rolo)

If you want a lot of chocolate on your biscuit join our(Club)

Melts in your mouth and not in your hand (Maltesers)

What is just enough to give your kids a treat? (a finger of fudge)



In August we said a sad farewell to the old goats (2 pictured here with Richard) they had 15 glorious years on the farm and were much loved by both the countrymen and the young people's team.



Men at work!



Indoor Golf

The back page.



This page is for families and carers of our countrymen.

Please remember to let us know of any changes that we need to be aware of during the sessions. You should have a list of dates for the months September to December. As and when extra spaces become available, we will do our best to contact you if you have asked for extra sessions. If there are any you can't make, do let us know and we will try to change them for you.

Thank you for your continued support!

Life history work

Knowing something of the background of each of our countrymen is very important to us. If you have any photo's you would like to share with us or would like to write a summary of their background that would be fantastic. It really does help us to get to know and understand the individual. Thank you.



Can you imagine being the teacher to this motley crew? Jan's dad is the one in the striped blazer!

Quiz for Halloween.

1. What is the day after Halloween called?
2. What is the name for a group of witches?
3. What is the name for a male witch?
4. Complete the line from the famous 1980's film; "who are you going to call...."
5. Which cartoon character was known as "the friendly ghost"?
6. What is a Jack O' lantern?
7. What do you traditionally "bob" for on Halloween?
8. In which play by Shakespeare are the 3 witches?
9. Where in the UK can you visit Merlin's cave?
10. Which word beginning and ending in A is traditionally said by magicians?
11. In which country did the tradition of trick or treating start?
12. Complete the poem: "From ghoulies and ghosties..."

Answers:

1. All saints day
2. Coven
3. Warlock
4. Ghost busters!
5. Casper
6. A carved pumpkin or turnip
7. apples
8. Macbeth
9. Tintagel, Cornwall
10. abracadabra
11. UK, but became popular in the USA
12. And long legged beasties and things that go bump in the night, good Lord deliver us!

