

## TRANSPORT NEWS MARCH 2022

**The Maiden Newton Ring and Ride service (01305 228965) is run by Dorset Council's passenger services, to Dorchester on Tuesdays and Thursdays.** The bus leaves Maiden Newton Old School at 10.00 returning from Trinity Street at 13.00 or earlier if the passengers agree. Ring before 15.00 on Monday or Wednesday to book. These buses will start from **Cattistock Square** by request at booking. Fares £2.50 single £5 return. Children half price.

**The number of people using this service has fallen. Please try to make use of this if you have to go to Dorchester instead of driving yourself. Reduce carbon emissions.**

**Dorset Community Transport (01258 287980)**, a private company, also offer 2 services from Maiden Newton each week and a third twice a month. To use any of these services you must be registered with the Company and then book your seat, and arrange your pick up point, before 1430 on the day before you want to travel. Each adult return fare is £7 on all 3 services. **DCT now accepts the national concessionary bus passes.**

**Every Wednesday to Dorchester** The bus, from Broadwindsor to Dorchester, passes through Maiden Newton about 10.00. The return service leaves Trinity Street at 13.00. Ring by 14.30 on Tuesdays to book your seat and confirm your pick up point.

**Thursdays 10 and 24 to Yeovil** The bus leaves the Dorchester Road stop at 09.32 and the War Memorial at 09.34. The drop off point is close to M&S and the return service leaves from the same place at 12.30. Book by 14.30 on Wednesday and confirm your pick up point.

**Every Friday to Bridport** The bus leaves the War Memorial at 09.15 and the return service leaves Bridport about 12.30. Book by 14.30 on Thursdays and confirm your pick up point.

**WITH INCREASED FUEL COSTS, WHY NOT USE OUR BUS SERVICES, NOT A CAR.**

### TRAINS

#### **From Maiden Newton to Dorchester and Weymouth**

##### **Monday to Friday**

0758 1037 1137 1337 1643 1843 1940 2246

##### **Saturdays**

0753 1032 1136 1336 1639 1937 2243

##### **Sundays**

1027 1130 1526 1940 2243

#### **From Maiden Newton to Yeovil, Westbury, Bath and Bristol**

##### **Monday to Friday**

0551 0707 0915 1139 1339 1527 1755 2040

##### **Saturdays**

0704 0912 1136 1336 1521 1754 2046

##### **Sundays**

1130 1435 1635 1816 2035

We now have a wooden GWR Heritage seat on platform 2 replacing a metal one which has been moved into the shelter to increase the number of protected seats for waiting in bad weather.

### **Country Cars**

**Rachel Clark** (01300 320065) continues to take the bookings requesting help with transport to the surgery, hospital appointments, dentists or opticians or attend COVID and 'flu vaccinations.

**Please give at least 24 hours notice.**

I have handed over responsibility for the service to John Ball (01300 320522).

I have completed Dorset Council's online survey to comment on their proposed changes to the Bus Services Improvement Plan. At present most of the changes do not affect us but Network Rail have published details of the structural changes needed if we are to have an hourly service on our line. Sally Falkingham Maiden Newton and Frome Valley Parish Councils Transport Rep. (01300 320969)