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## It's That Time of Year Again

It was during Lent last year that we experienced our first lockdown. And here we are again – as I write we're in lockdown 3, and Lent begins this month.

Planning for the future is very difficult in these pandemic times: not knowing what the rules and restrictions will be and how they will change between now (I'm writing in mid-January) and Easter makes it hard to know what will be allowed in terms of church services and Lent groups.

Because of this, I propose that this year we will hold our Lent groups via Zoom. There will be one on a Monday evening (starting 1<sup>st</sup> March) at 7.30 p.m. and a daytime group on a Wednesday lunchtime at 12 noon (beginning 17<sup>th</sup> Feb) except 10<sup>th</sup> March. Look out for more details or contact me or a churchwarden to find out more.

If you have a computer but haven't yet tried Zoom, please do. It is not difficult, and it would be great to have you joining our groups. I am happy to guide you through the process, if it all seems a bit scary. It really isn't.

I am sorry that this decision means those who do not have any computer access will be excluded. You can join by telephone – let me know, if you'd like details of how to do this. I am also happy to send you the material we will be using so you can follow the same course by yourself at home. Again, just let me know.

Jesus spent the 40 days that we remember during Lent in the wilderness. Perhaps pandemic lockdowns and restrictions make you feel a bit as if you are in the wilderness. We can choose how we approach this time. Will we give in to the temptation to see this as a wholly negative time? Or can we see it as a gift? A time to cultivate a deeper relationship with God without all the normal clutter and busy-ness of our lives.

Will we sit at home feeling lonely? Or will we use it as a time to remember that God is always with us? Or to pick up the phone and recultivate old friendships? Who else might be sitting at home feeling lonely that you could ring?

When we are sad and bored and feeling negative, it is very easy not to look beyond the end of our nose. We become enveloped in our own little world of misery. That's exactly what Jesus didn't do in his wilderness time. He remained focussed on God, and was ministered to by angels.

Staying connected to God and to each other is absolutely vital at this time. We are fortunate to have phones and other technology to help us to stay in touch with people. Of course that is not the same as face-to-face gatherings, but they do enable us to nurture our friendships.

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I wonder how you will keep Lent this year.

*With best wishes*

*Sarah*

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If you have an interest in people and effective communicating skills, alongside being able to offer a little of your time, please get in touch. Our small, enthusiastic group works hard to bring this publication to around 350 purchasers every month - and we will happily tell you what that commitment involves and answer any query you may have.

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### 16<sup>th</sup> Feb: Shrove Tuesday, Pancake Day

Ever wonder why we eat pancakes just before Lent? The tradition dates back to Anglo-Saxon times, when Christians spent Lent in repentance and severe fasting.

So on the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday, the church bell would summon them to confession, where they would be 'shriven', or absolved from their sins, which gives us *Shrove* Tuesday. At home, they would then eat up their last eggs and fat, and making a pancake was the easiest way to do this. For the next 47 days, they pretty well starved themselves.

Pancakes feature in cookery books as far back as 1439, and today's pancake races are in remembrance of a panicked woman back in 1445 in Olney, Buckinghamshire. She was making pancakes when she heard the shriving bell calling her to confession. Afraid she'd be late, she ran to the church in a panic, still in her apron, and still holding the pan.

Flipping pancakes is also centuries old. A poem from Pasquil's Palin in 1619 runs: "And every man and maide doe take their turne, And tosse their Pancakes up for feare they burne."

Some people have noted that the ingredients of pancakes can be used to highlight four significant things about this time of year: eggs stand for creation, flour is the staff of life, while salt keeps things wholesome, and milk stands for purity.

Shrove Tuesday is always 47 days before Easter Sunday and falls between 3<sup>rd</sup> February and 9<sup>th</sup> March.

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As you will have read in the September issue of the Parish Magazine, all the clappers and the headstocks for the 5th and 6th (tenor) bell had been taken to Taylor's Bell Foundry in Loughborough back in August.



At the end of September, Steve from Taylor's returned with our refurbished clappers and new headstocks, and the hard work began again of hoisting them up to the belfry.

After a lot of drilling, and several visits to all the local branches of Toolstation for hole saw bits, the bells were reassembled, and a test ring was carried out.

Unfortunately ringing practice and Sunday ringing cannot yet resume due to Covid restrictions, but we look forward to it in the future.

Below are the before and after photos of the clappers and the headstocks (3rd August and 24th September).

*Robin Mears & Emma Hughes*



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## Victory Bells and Joy Bells

I was recently approached by email from Mr Tony Harris of Chivelstone in South Devon who asked the following:

“I am writing to you to ask if you know of any recording of a BBC programme, which I believe went out on VE DAY in 1945, and included the sound of the bells of your church being rung in celebration?”

My father was born and bred in Puddletown, and his father was the village postman there between the two world wars. My father had an HMV wind-up gramophone and amongst his record collection his favourite was a recording of a BBC programme mentioned above.

The commentary took the listener from church to church (also minsters and cathedrals) around the UK, and included St. Mary's Puddletown.

I recall, as a small boy, being told that this was his home town, every time that the record was played, usually at Christmas.

I have tried the BBC on line but found no information.”

This seemed to ring a bell (no pun intended) to me, and I recalled my own father playing a recording of our church bells, that he had possibly copied onto cassette tape from the radio in the 70's or early 80's.

After a Google search I found a copy of the recording that you can hear on this link <https://m.soundcloud.com/user-580033113/victory-bells>



### [Victory Bells](#)

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*Puddletown bells are at 3:31.*

Following the bells from Westminster Abbey, York Minster, Coventry Cathedral, and Bath Abbey, the BBC Home Service commentator, Frank Phillips says “But it isn't only in the cities and towns that the joy bells are ringing today; and so for a few moments we bring you the sound that's floating out from a village church over the quiet of a Dorset valley. They're the bells that are ringing from the ancient square tower of St. Mary's Puddletown.”

I wonder who were ringing our bells, back on that day, 8th May 1945, and why our bells were chosen amongst those of the great cathedrals in England to be broadcast on the BBC Home Service programme that afternoon?

*Emma Hughes*



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It will be the first run predominantly online, with households receiving a letter with a unique access code, allowing them to complete the questionnaire on their computers, phones or tablets. Those residents who are unable to complete the Census digitally will be supported by a phone helpline, a network of Census Support Centres or by ordering a paper Census

“A successful census will ensure everyone from local government to charities can put services and funding in the places where they are most needed,” said Philip Eades, the Census Engagement Manager for the area covered by Dorset Council

“This could mean things like doctors’ surgeries, schools and new transport routes. That’s why it is so important everyone takes part and we have made it easier for people to do so online on any device, with help and paper questionnaires for those that need them” he continued

Census day will be on Sunday March 21st 2021 with households across the country receiving letters with online codes allowing them to take part from early March

The census will include questions about your sex, age, work, health, education, household size and ethnicity. For the first time there will be a question asking people whether they have served in the armed forces, as well as voluntary questions for those aged 16 and over on sexual orientation and gender identity

Initial results will be available within 12 months, although personal records will be locked away for 100 years, kept safe for future generations. Residents can be assured that the Census form is completely confidential and personal data is not shared until the Census is opened up 100 years later. On that subject Census 1921 will be available for research early in 2021. For more information visit [census.gov.uk](https://census.gov.uk), follow @CensusDorset on Twitter or contact Philip Eades on 07452 948119 or by e mail at [philip.eades98@field.census.gov.uk](mailto:philip.eades98@field.census.gov.uk)



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Whatever the reason, when we keep giving, without also receiving, we put ourselves in danger - we will burn out quickly. It is as important to know when we need to TAKE attention and care, as when we need to give it to others. If you do not pay careful attention to your own needs - whether physical, emotional, mental or spiritual - you will not last the distance.

If you want to remain a joyful giver for years to come, you need also to be a joyful taker and accept God's love, given to you through other people.

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## Puddletown Weather

*Site location (GPS): N 50° 44.937' W 2° 20.862' altitude 88.39 metres (somewhat sheltered from easterly winds)*

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	Rainfall for the month	129.30 mm
	Cumulative for the year	977.10 mm
	2019 Rainfall for the month	162.50 mm
	2019 Cumulative for the year	1168.10 mm
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The Parish Council is currently meeting remotely on the second Tuesday of each month in order to comply with current government guidance. These meetings are still open to members of the public and information about how to join the meeting is included at the bottom of each agenda. Any member of the public wishing to raise an issue or make representations relating to an agenda item will be given the opportunity to participate. Alternatively, any comments can be emailed to the Clerk in advance of the meeting at [puddletown@dorset-aptc.gov.uk](mailto:puddletown@dorset-aptc.gov.uk).

The survey for Athelhampton and Burleston has been delayed until after lockdown. Petitions for speed reductions in Troy Town and Lower Waterson will also be arranged for after lockdown. It is hoped that this will maximise the number of signatures that we are able to acquire.

The Parish Council is having some work done to the trees in Puddletown on the stretch of road to the South of the village near the middle school known locally as “The Coombe”. There are over 200 trees here but many of them are in need of work and some need felling. The aim is always to preserve trees but when they pose a danger, they will need to be removed. Some thinning is also needed of the smaller trees as too many saplings have been allowed to grow and they do not have the space that they need to become properly established. Removing some of these smaller trees will allow others to grow into healthier and more substantial trees whose roots help to maintain the stability of the steep slopes. Anyone with any concerns or questions can contact the Clerk.

Last spring, the Parish Council in conjunction with the Puddletown Charity established a support group in order to help anyone who was shielding or unable to get out to do their own shopping or collect prescriptions during lockdown. This group continued to offer support to anyone that needed it and over 50 volunteers are still ready to help out. The number of Coronavirus cases in Dorset has recently been higher than ever and many people are once again being asked to remain at home shielding in order to stay safe. The Parish Council has agreed to fund a flyer to go to all homes in the four parishes reminding everyone how to contact the group. Volunteers were provided with identification from Dorset Council but this has expired, Dorset Councillor Emma Parker is pushing for new ID cards or badges to be issued to volunteers.

Police Community Support Officer Donnison has advised that there are a number of scams at the moment including many new ones where “vaccinations” are being offered for a fee. Please note the following messages from the Police:

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The vaccine is a crucial tool in fighting the coronavirus and keeping people safe. Thankfully, the number of reports into Action Fraud are relatively low but we have seen an increase in the last two months, particularly around scam text messages.

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Action Fraud has received reports of fake text messages, claiming to be from @NHSuk, instructing people to sign up for the #COVID19 vaccine. The texts contain a link to an online form, which looks very similar to the real NHS website, where people are asked to input their details

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## A Month on the Farm

Now as we go into 2021 we all look back at the very odd previous one, but forward we must go and go we do straight into another National Lockdown. But here the first batch of ewes shortly to be housed in the poly tunnels in readiness for lambing in the middle of February, any ewes which have been scanned for twins or more lambs are given more food in the way of a nut concentrate, as well as all of them having a ring feeder constantly full of hay cut and baled last summer in the field right next to the lambing shed.

One of the groups of cattle have now finished the field of turnips they were in and have been sorted with regard to size and some taken into sheds and a few mixed with another group in another field of turnips in a rather draughty field when the wind blows from the north above Cheselbourne, but nature makes sure these Aberdeen Angus beasts have thick coats to withstand cold winters. All the cattle that had been grazing in the summer months have now had their routine worming dose to clear up any parasites which is given at 1ml per 50kilos bodyweight and injected under the skin, each animal is individually weighed as required.





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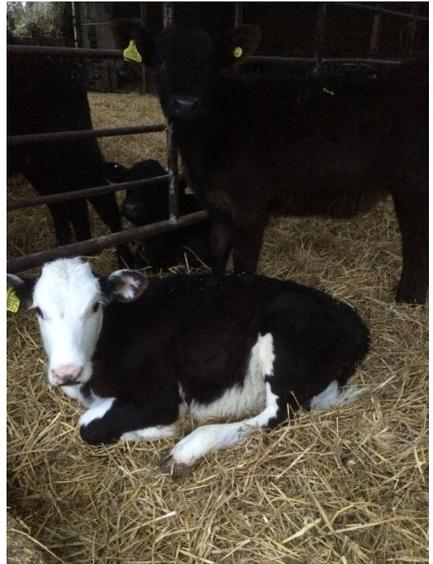
Late Winter Wheat is being drilled into the fields which grew turnips earlier in the season, though due to heavy rain at the end of December had to wait until they dried out, drilling or ploughing cold rain water into the ground is certainly not good practice. All the muck from the cattle yards and calf pens are regularly hauled out to a corner in the arable fields to rot down for spreading in the autumn.

With the diaries expected last month, they came delivered by a socially distanced meeting in the farmyard but the large Christmas Cake usually shared with Vets and Reps in for their annual tippie is still in the larder half eaten, some large store cattle were pre movement TB tested to go to market and a group of weaned calves to another farm, even the Brexit deal

was signed, though here on the farm it is another year and what it might bring is one of optimistic hope and wellbeing for a good one ahead after what is turning out to be a challenging start, but spring's on its way, daffodils are appearing and the days are lengthening.

*Wakely Cox*

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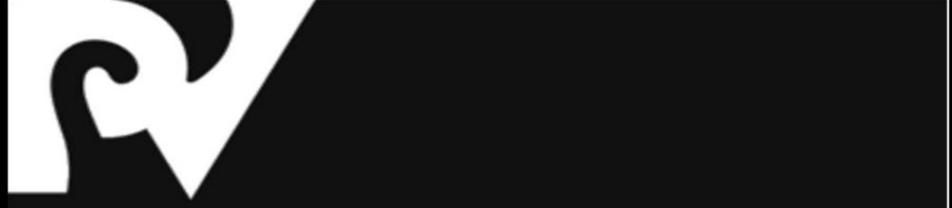


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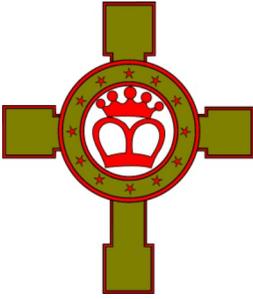


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## St Mary's Middle School



I am grateful for the efforts and support that parents have given us as the school again moved to home learning for most pupils in January. However, for now, I am pleased to report on some of the activities that pupils from St Mary's were getting up to before the latest lockdown.

Our KS3 Leader Mr Tubb and our student Environment Ambassador Cece, asked for members to join the school's 'Eco-Mob'. They are looking to get a team together to try



and make St Mary's a 'single-use-plastic free' school. As a group they will be using Surfers Against Sewage's plan for action to try and push the agenda to make our immediate environment more pleasant (litter trash-mobs, keeping green areas green, turning off lights that are not needed, etc.) along with having an impact on a national and hopefully global scale (return-to-sender initiatives, for example). I will update the parish magazine with their activities and

campaigns over the coming months so stay tuned.

We were very impressed with Jack H who, with his brother George, raised a fantastic £145 selling holly and refreshments at their family's Christmas tree farm to buy dyslexia-friendly books for the school library. Dyslexia-friendly books look just like any other book, but there are some clever little differences which make them easier to read for people who are dyslexic. Black writing on white paper and small, fancy fonts can make the words on the page move around like the letters are having a disco to someone who has dyslexia, so the dyslexia-friendly books are printed on off-white paper, the print is well spaced and fonts are clear. Most people reading one of these books wouldn't notice the difference but it can make the world of difference to someone who has dyslexia.

Finally, Year 6 have been attending Lego club on Wednesday lunchtimes and we've been very impressed with the children's creativity and Lego building skills.



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## St John's Church Tolpuddle—February 2021

We are now into the New Year- which did not start with a bang but a whimper which then became a groan as the pandemic sped speedily through the country with its new variant, which soon sent us all into lockdown and all the problems that go along with that. How

depressing for us all but it feels a little different this time as the vaccine is being rolled out, schools are more able to do remote teaching and the BBC has stepped up its game.

What about our church? Although we are legally allowed to hold services, Sarah has decided to limit the spread of infection in the Benefice by reducing the services to just one – at 9.30am. This will be a said Communion and will be in **Tolpuddle on February 7<sup>th</sup>**. Do contact one of the churchwardens if you need transport to any of the other churches on other Sundays. The church itself is open daily, with many of the pews blocked off for safety. Do please respect the other arrangements we have made to make it Covid secure. Marion has some great ideas to brighten the church up as spring approaches and yes- there are indeed lot of snowdrops in the churchyard.

Meanwhile we have a few happy memories- of the **Jolly Elves** hidden around the village thanks to Jo, (results on page 35) and of the **Village Lighting Up**- which gave such joy to so many. (see page 35) We also remember the **Christmas Market** and wonderful hamper raffle- (thank you Nick and Julie for bringing us into the modern world of Facebook!) The winners of the Raffle were Teresa Wilmot, Clare Angus, Mike and Samantha Farmer and Thomas Baddeley. Altogether this raised a magnificent sum of £1600, half of which was sent to Dorchester Hospital Maternity Unit- our chosen charity for Christmas.

We remember the **Crib Service**, which though different, was still very enjoyable and meaningful for families, thanks to Sarah's imagination. We are very grateful to Tom de Witt for helping with the outside lighting along the church path and Phil Coxall for hacking off some glorious holly covered with berries to decorate the windows.

The events committee is using this time to sew and knit in preparation for a pop up stall as soon as we are able. We hope that you will support this when the time comes- look out for posters and fliers. Jo is planning another competition around the village and then future competitions around Easter, autumn and Christmas - keep an eye on Facebook.

We do feel that St John's can offer so much to the community life of Tolpuddle so if you know of anyone in need do please contact one of us

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- 3rd Prize - Cadbury's Father Christmas - Niamh Roff

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In her recent book, *Your Pet, Your Pill*, vet Margit Gabriele Muller says that caressing a dog or other pet provides exactly the same health benefits as skin-on-skin contact with another human. The hormones that are released "are the same as when you're breastfeeding or cuddling a partner."

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The Virtual Village Hall is a programme of themed online activities designed to enjoy at home. Sessions are led by expert tutors, Royal Voluntary Service activity coordinators, volunteers and some well-known faces, and require very little space or equipment. You’ll find a wide range of sessions to take part in, like creative arts and crafts, music and singing, cooking and baking, dance and exercise, and technology skills. Join in with live sessions or catch up on demand when suits it you.

We really hope that you will enjoy using the Virtual Village Hall. To ensure your health and safety and also to make sure that you understand the legal basis on which the Virtual Village Hall is being brought to you, please read over the following important information on the website before you take part in any of the online activities or join the Virtual Village Hall Facebook Page.

View all the activities you can get involved in at:-

The notice board is a collection of colorful posters for various activities. At the top, it says 'Virtual Village Hall Notice Board'. The posters include:

- Get Crafty!**: With our virtual arts & crafts classes...
- Crochet club**: Share your favourite projects and patterns plus find some new ones too...
- All of our classes are Free**: A central message in a red starburst.
- Welcome to your... VIRTUAL Village HALL**: A house-shaped logo.
- Ready, steady... LET'S COOK**: Find out what's cooking. Join our virtual cooking classes today!
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We are adding an additional page to the village website ([www.tolpuddlevillage.co.uk](http://www.tolpuddlevillage.co.uk)) as this is a busy holiday area with little accommodation available.

It is hoped that this will bring more business to the local area and enable more holidaymakers to enjoy our beautiful countryside.

Please email [Tolpuddlemeeting@yahoo.com](mailto:Tolpuddlemeeting@yahoo.com) if you have any comments or suggestions.

*Julia Johnstone*

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# RECIPES FROM AROUND THE BENEFICE

## MINCEMEAT & APPLE JALOUSIE

A very easy pudding and a great way of using up leftover mincemeat after Christmas.

### INGREDIENTS

- 14 oz (400 g) mincemeat
- 1 small Bramley cooking apple (8 oz/225 g)
- ½ teaspoon mixed spice
- 2 tablespoons rum (optional)
- 1 x 375 g fresh ready-rolled puff pastry
- beaten egg, for brushing
- 1 dessertspoon golden granulated sugar
- ¼ tsp ground cinnamon
- 1 tablespoon sifted icing sugar



### METHOD

First of all, put the mincemeat into a large bowl, then quarter the apple, cut away the core and chop it fairly small with the skin on. Mix the apple, spice and rum (if used) together with the mincemeat and give it all a good stir. Now unroll the pastry on to a surface, lightly dusted with flour, and roll it slightly thinner so it measures 18 x 12 inches (45 x 30 cm). After that, cut it into 2 long rectangles, which measure 18 x 6 inches (45 x 15 cm) each. Take one rectangle of pastry, roll it a little thinner and bigger, then fold it in half lengthways and, with a sharp knife, cut diagonally about 2 inches (5 cm) into the fold at 1 inch (2.5 cm) intervals all along.

Next, place the second rectangle of pastry on a greased baking tray and pile the mincemeat filling on to the pastry, leaving a 1 inch (2.5 cm) border all round, and brush that border with a little cold water.

Now unfold the first rectangle of pastry and place it over the mincemeat and, using your thumbs, press the edges all round the filling to seal them. If you have too much pastry round then edge then trim to the pastry to ½ inch (1 cm) around the filling and use a small knife to crimp the edges.

Preheat the oven to gas mark 6, 400F, 200C. Brush the jalousie all over with beaten egg and sprinkle a mixture of 1 dessertspoon golden granulated sugar and ¼ teaspoon ground cinnamon over the top.

Bake it for 30-35 minutes and sprinkle with 1 tablespoon of sifted icing sugar just before it goes to the table if you like. Serve it cut into slices with lots of thick cream and enjoy.



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## Milborne St Andrew Gardening Club

### 'Virtually' a gardening club

With our monthly meetings on hold, our Chairperson, Sally Dyer, is encouraging us to send each other photos of plant-based developments in our early spring gardens; so, we thought we would share some with magazine readers.

Ingenuous and practical Brian Burton (husband of member Sheila Burton) has repurposed an unloved wooden pallet into two planters in their garden.



Jose Thomas threatened her long dormant orchid with the bin, whereupon it promptly took fright and bloomed!

Top orchid tip – always grow in a clear pot.

*Angela & Mark Johnson*





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## **Fairtrade Fortnight: 22<sup>nd</sup> February – 7<sup>th</sup> March**



It has been a terrible year for farmers and workers in the global south.

In 2020, on top of the pandemic, they had to deal with the growing impact of climate change: more droughts and crop disease, locusts, floods, fires, and heatwaves. No wonder their harvests were shrinking.

Yet with the help of Fairtrade, many of these producers of food, drinks and cottons can be equipped to meet more everyday needs, and to deal with the challenges facing them.

So this month, why not visit [www.fairtrade.org.uk](http://www.fairtrade.org.uk) and see how you can send some support.

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## **Milborne St Andrews Church News**

### **Christmas was NOT cancelled in 2020**

At St Andrew's we certainly celebrated Christmas. The Candle Lit Carol Service was very well attended and thanks to Sarah was very thought provoking. She had recorded music, brief readings and she read poems. A friend of mine, whom I invited to read at the service and does not attend church regularly, told me afterwards that she had found it thought provoking and had enjoyed it very much. I totally agreed with her.

There was also a good number of people who attended the Christmas Eve service led by Rosie; this year it was not a midnight service but still enjoyable and poignant.

The Christmas morning service, also led by Rosie and was equally enjoyable. She encouraged us to think of words to fit each letter of CHRISTMAS to make an acrostic poem. The children knew how to do it and the rest of the congregation joined in.

To ensure that we could maintain a safe environment and keep to socially distanced recommendations we adopted the system of pre booking seats. However, it was disappointing that many who had booked did not turn up.

Our Events Committee organised a 'Carols for All' event in the village hall playing fields. Despite the rain and darkness, a good crowd turned up and sang heartily. Thanks to all who made it such a joyful, successful evening.

We all look forward to 2021 and are grateful that friends and family have kept well and safe. We pray that the situation will improve over the coming months.

*Pam Shultz*

St Andrew's Churchwarden

## Residents of Tolpuddle!

As part of your daily exercise why not try out the latest competition?

Details can be found on the Tolpuddle Community Facebook page, entry forms with details from 55 Main Road.

Can you find the following images around the village?



These are just 2 of 25 photos that need to be found round the village. Closing date of competition is Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> February 12noon

Great fun for all ages!

Keep watching the Facebook page and the magazine for more lockdown fun.

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A BRAND NEW NOVEL FROM  
TOLPUDDLE AUTHOR

An English schoolteacher is on the run in France  
with a teenage pupil in tow.  
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with a decision to make.

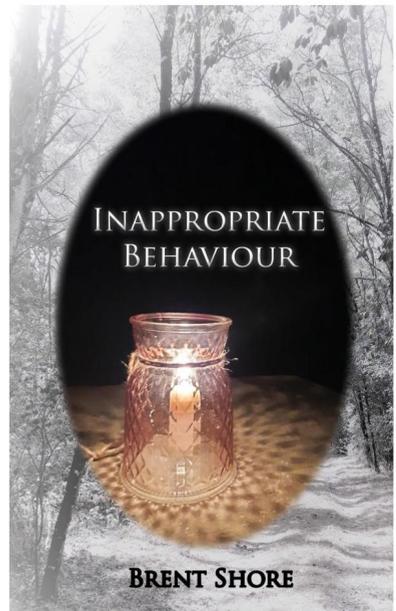
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## NEW NOVEL OF SUSPENSE AND MYSTERY FROM LOCAL AUTHOR

With several more weeks of restrictions ahead, the appeal of a good read might be brighter than ever, especially if a story makes no mention of coronavirus, involves characters who don't socially distance and where nobody even thinks about wearing a face covering.

Brent Shore, Tolpuddle author of novels including the local best-seller *Shillingstone Station*, has very recently published a fifth. Entitled *Inappropriate Behaviour*, it fuses psychological drama with haunting elements of a ghost story in a modern novel exploring the themes of trust and betrayal, forgiveness and revenge.

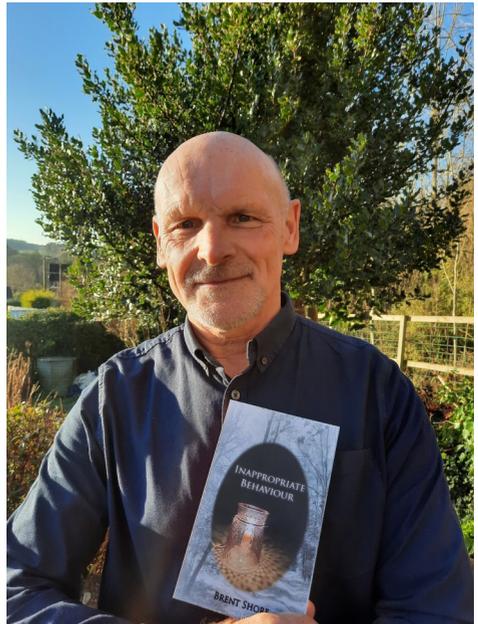
An English schoolteacher is on the run in rural France with a teenage pupil in tow, and they are spotted, and recognised, by Val, an expat resident of the town who suddenly has a decision to make: to cheer them on or give them up. From then on it is Val who is central to the story, Val whose own life is thrown into turmoil, Val who becomes the target of a vicious conspiracy.

Set mainly in the mysterious Sologne, a region in central France of deep forests and misty lakes, the story's climax takes place in England, and specifically on the dramatic Dorset coast.

"I have set a novel in France before," says Brent, "but I try to stretch myself by making all my books different in some way. This one is the first where I have chosen a female lead character, the first where the reader has a woman to follow, sympathise with, worry about, get angry with and maybe forgive."

*Inappropriate Behaviour* is available at £8.99 from the Dorset Bookshop in Blandford and online via the Shop page on the author's website: [www.brentshore.co.uk](http://www.brentshore.co.uk)

Alternatively, free delivery is offered to addresses in the Parish Magazine area. Please call 01305 848756 to order.



### Ladybirds AGM

Interested villagers are welcome to join our AGM to be held **Thursday 25 February 2021 at 7.30pm by Zoom** conference call. If you value a village preschool do please join us help secure our future.

Let **Liz** or **Paul** @[milborneladybirds.org](mailto:milborneladybirds.org) know so we can register you for the event.



"Don't worry, I'm not getting Covid - I didn't realise the sign meant a low door..."



# Milborne Ladybirds Playgroup

## Temporary Closure

Ladybirds started back in January with very few parents opting to send their children in. On the first day there were 7 children and the next only 3. We then estimated that there would only be 4 children attending after this. After discussions between staff and Committee we came to the difficult decision to close until after half term and return on 22<sup>nd</sup> February. Hopefully by then the number of COVID cases will have reduced and there will be 'light at the end of the tunnel'. We all hope this is the case and we can return to a sense of normality.

We know this decision will be received by some as the right thing to do and by others as an overreaction. What ever camp you fall into we can assure you that the decision was made by taking into consideration whether working parents (critical workers) had other means of support, that none of the current children fall into the vulnerable group, and the welfare of staff and their families is important.

We would also like to point out that in the first lockdown government funding continued, albeit reduced, as it was based on children registered to attend the preschool. In this lockdown Government made it clear that preschools could only claim for 'bums on seats' and with few children attending costs far exceeded income.

We may be not be in the Hall but activity is going on behind closed doors. Regular video stories are being recorded and suggestions of activities to keep the children occupied are shared with parents. We have started with creating an "All about me" booklet. Parents have been posting onto their Tapestry online journals some excellent examples of what the children are doing. Well done all. Looking forward to seeing you all soon.

Anyone experiencing difficulty is welcome to contact Liz on 07771 512427 or [liz@milborneladybirds.com](mailto:liz@milborneladybirds.com)

*Liz Dyer (Leader)*

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## February Wordsearch

February opens with Candlemas – the naming of Jesus in the temple. Simeon and Anna praised God to see the promised Messiah, sent by a loving God to save his people. February also celebrates the love between a man and woman: Valentine cards and romance abound. ‘Love’ as in social compassion is also remembered: Fair Trade fortnight, Holocaust Memorial Day, World Leprosy Day, and National Nest Box Week.... Love is truly needed by everyone!

There are 22 words hidden in the grid below, can you find them all?



**In times gone by...**

## **DOWN ON THE FARM**

Originally Dewlish land was largely common to all tenants of the Lord of the Manor, who had rights to plough and keep animals on it. But in medieval times, when the population was still quite small, the process of enclosure (eventually leading to farms proper) began, and many names from the 1500s and 1600s reflect this sea-change. The name Lower Leaze, for instance, indicated that the field used to be common pasture, while Butts, Yards and Yards Field were further reminders that they were once common arable strips.

During the 1500's pastoral farming was found to be so profitable that there was a decided shift from arable to pasture; the annexation of Chebbard by Dewlish may well have been a result of this as did the assumed enclosure of two fields called Cowleaze. Some advances caused unrest among tenants though; as an example, an area of land called Parsonage Gundrey was paying less for farming the land as a whole than villagers paid in total when they farmed it in strip.

Additionally, a significant mark on the landscape was the introduction of water meadows at this time to obviate scarcity of grass at certain times of the year, thus limiting numbers of sheep and cattle that could be kept. But it was found that if a valley bottom was kept flooded during the worst of Winter it kept the soil much warmer and this promoted earlier and lusher pasture in the Spring.

In 1809 there was still common pasture or right of flooding for 700 sheep on Dewlish Down containing 600 acres and right of flooding for 12 beasts and 160 sheep to feed on common moor, which was 120 acres. Enclosure maps from 1813 and 1819 illustrated the disappearance of the last common lands in Dewlish. Eventually Dewlish estate in its entirety was resolved principally into six farms.

**Crawthorne Farm**, a hamlet, was owned by Miss de Montmorency until 1950. Lower Farm, at the bottom of the wood, was the dairyman's house. Built in the first half of the 19<sup>th</sup> century, the walls, similar to some walls in Dewlish, are of brick and flint.

**Shailes Farmhouse**, well-made of chalk blocks, is thought to be late 18<sup>th</sup> century and it was here that Miss de Montmorency kept her favourite furniture when she owned Dewlish House but lived at Milborne Port.

The next owners were the Framptons (relations of the Framptons at Manor Farm) but they moved away in the 1960s. When the late Mrs Berridge bought the house it had not been owner-occupied for 12 years, the only people living there being farm workers and those working on the Roman Villa dig.

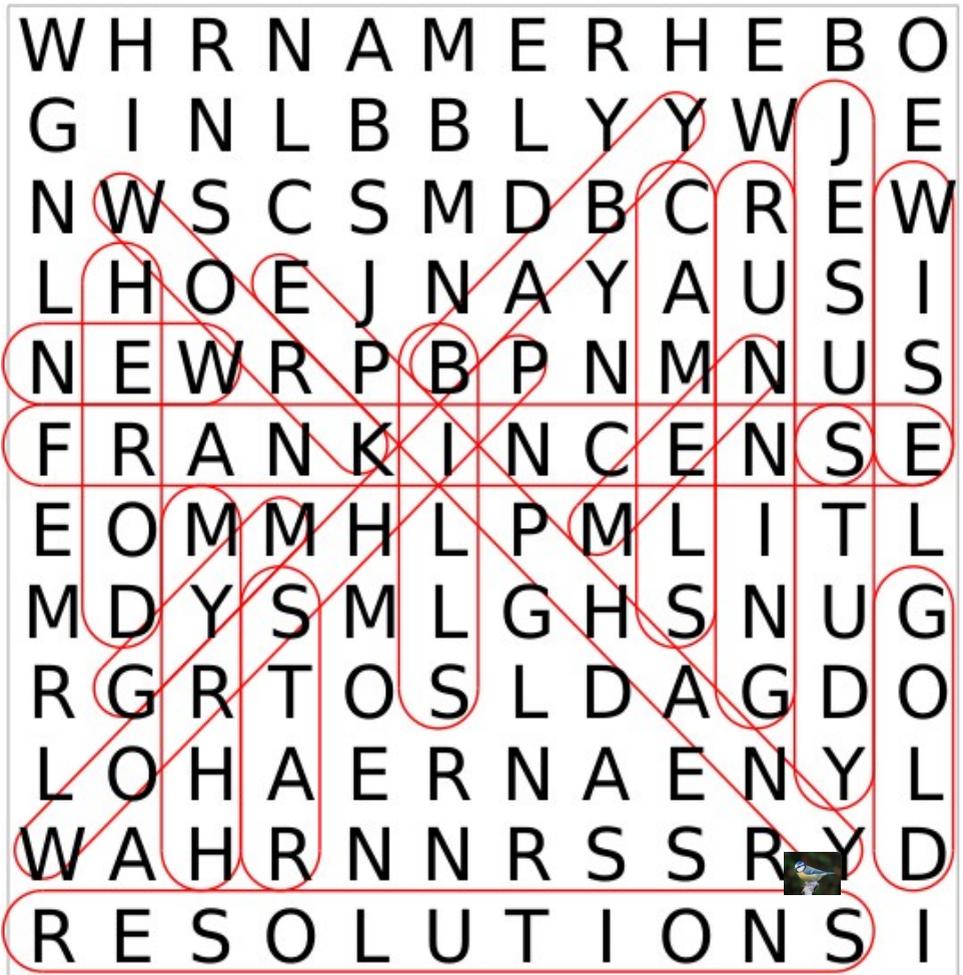
**Chebbard Farm**, with its cottages, formed a triangular projection of the parish in the west. It was tied with Dewlish House for a long time because of its links with the Baskett family. The large farmhouse itself has Gothic details dated 1850. The entrance to the yard is through an archway. Kelly's Directory recorded Robert Rogers as farmer in 1875 followed by William Rogers in 1885, and the 1895 entry repeats him for Chebbard and Home Farms in 1895.

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# January Wordsearch—The Answers

Here are the nineteen words you were looking for last month:-

Epiphany, Wise, Men , Camels, Baby, Jesus, Star, Herod, Worship, Gold ,  
Frankincense, Myrrh, New, Resolutions, Bills, Work, Study, Running, Gym.



The house at **Parsonage Farm** was built by the present owners, the Brittons, after the Second World War on land where there only had been buildings and workers' cottages. This was known as Higher Parsonage Farm. Lower Parsonage Farm, the original farmhouse, is a substantial brick-built house dating from the late 17<sup>th</sup> century.

On the side of Whiteways Hill is **Whiteways Farm** with flat fields at the top and bottom. At the bottom of the hill is an orchard containing cider apple trees and the Dewlish Palm Tree.

Manor Farm was acquired by the Frampton family from Sir Ernest Debenham, who had bought it from the Ilchester estate in 1928. Sir Ernest, who began to buy land in Dorset in about 1913, aimed to achieve the 19<sup>th</sup> century ambition of 10,000 acres, and to foster it with 20<sup>th</sup> century commercial management skills so the estate became self-sufficient through economies of scale. To that end local workmen and industry were to be used as part of rural reconstruction.

Sir Ernest built the dairy in Milborne St. Andrew and a poultry farm in Dewlish on the Blandford Road. Unfortunately his dream proved to be a very expensive venture, and the Debenham Estate had to be broken up and sold.

Life in Dewlish was made much easier by the introduction of mains water. Before the 1920s inhabitants' only source was the wells – and one summer they faced sharing the stream with animals because the wells had run dry. A further modern advance – electricity – came in 1936 and village life changed considerably. Even then some people refused to have the new-fangled lights because they feared they would cause fires in their precious thatched roofs. Ah! What price progress?

*\*\* Many thanks to the contributors to our source-book, "Dewlish 2000"*

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## National Nestbox Week – time to help your garden birds

Our birds are short of nesting holes, and no wonder: gardens, parks and woodland are much neater than they used to be, and modern homes offer few crannies for nest building.

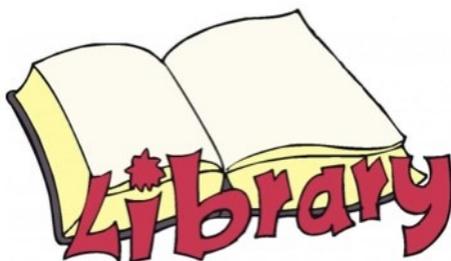
National Nestbox Week, which is celebrated from 14<sup>th</sup> February each year, aims to encourage us to put up more nestboxes, and to consider planting shrubs or trees with fruit that birds eat. These can make all the difference to birds struggling to survive, especially blue tits, great tits, house sparrows, robins and starlings.

The British Trust for Ornithology (BTO) offers a variety of ideas for building and placing nestboxes.

Go to: <https://www.nestboxweek.com>\*\*



## Puddletown Community Library



**In line with Government regulations,  
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Tuesday 5th January until further notice.**

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- Items issued from this date will have the normal 3-week loan period and will require renewal online.
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- A volunteer will telephone you to arrange the appointment when you may collect your book order.
- Some of the areas in the Libraries West group will be closing their libraries due to staffing issues. This mainly affects the Bristol and Bath areas so please only order items online from Dorset libraries, BCP libraries and Somerset libraries if possible. There may be delays.



## **SUPPORTING FAMILIES IN OUR COMMUNITIES:**

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Home-Start West Dorset have been there for families when they've needed support most. As part of a network of 180 Home-Starts across the country Home-Start West Dorset have adapted essential support services to continue to work with families through their team of trained volunteers – staying connected with families, providing emotional and practical support, and linking families into other community services that provide specialist services. We have seen social distancing and isolation placing enormous strain on families and the impact of the last year is going to have a long-term impact.

Our volunteers help families with young children deal with the challenges they face. We support parents as they learn to cope, improve their confidence and build better lives for their children. Families struggling with post-natal depression, isolation, physical health problems, bereavement and many other issues receive the support of a volunteer who will spend around two hours a week in a family's home supporting them in the ways they need.

Over the duration of the pandemic Home-Start West Dorset has adapted its services to be able to offer four levels of support

Virtual support through telephone, text and video call

Outside socially distanced face to face meetings such as going for a walk or to the park

COVID safe environments such as café or play area

Home visiting for exceptional circumstances

If you have parenting experience and 2-3 hours a week available to support a local family. Home-Start West Dorset is looking for volunteers to offer practical and emotional support to families with children under five. All volunteers undertake 26 hours of training and are provided regular support and guidance through a dedicated member of staff including personal supervision every six weeks and ongoing training opportunities.

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# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



## Interested in joining us as a Here to Talk volunteer?

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**Helen Horsley, Manager, Home-Start West Dorset said:**

*“We have good and enthusiastic volunteers; they are very supportive of the families they are linked with but we are expecting more demand for a service in the coming months. Therefore we would like to recruit more volunteers so we don’t have to turn any family away.*

*I am personally very passionate about the support we give families but I know everyone who is involved in Home-Start feels the same. When a family says “I will always be grateful to my wonderful volunteer for patiently allowing me to find my confidence again and give me hope for the future”, you know you are doing something right that is making a real difference.”*

For more information contact: Helen Horsley, Manager, Home-Start West Dorset 07805 507161

[office@homestartwestdorset.co.uk](mailto:office@homestartwestdorset.co.uk)



## Dewlish Church Notes

Here we are again in lockdown, and it looks as though our church will be closed for the foreseeable future (other than for private prayers on Sundays and Wednesdays). We can only hope for better times to come!

It was lovely to get back to church before Christmas, and over the Christmas period. Jim arranged the Christmas Carol Services, and we thank him for his hard work. We also thank Ed

for allowing us to use his equipment to show the slides.

We did manage to have a Christmas fund-raiser: Sue made Christmas cakes, puddings and mince pies, Jim made 20 reindeer, and I sold jams and marmalades. Together we raised £389.70 for church funds – a brilliant sum. We wish to thank all the people who supported us by donating and buying, but I would like to thank Sue and Jim especially for their very hard work.

Who knows? We may have to come up with an enterprising idea for Easter!

We hope to see you in church again soon!

*Daphne Burg*

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## SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE—FEBRUARY 2021

Provisional schedule of services. Churchwardens will give updates on church noticeboards etc if a change of lockdown rules means a change of services.

31st January - Presentation of Christ

9.30am Holy Communion Milborne

11.00am Zoom Service\*

7th February – 2 before Lent

9.30am Holy Communion Tolpuddle

(no 11.00am Zoom service)

14th February – Next before Lent

9.30am Holy Communion Dewlish

11.00am Zoom Service\*

17th February - Ash Wednesday

12.00noon Wednesday Lent course on Zoom\*

6.00pm Said Communion Puddletown

21st February – Lent 1

9.30am Holy Communion Puddletown

11.00am Zoom Service\*

24th February

12.00noon Wednesday Lent course on Zoom\*

28th February – Lent 2

9.30am Holy Communion Milborne

11.00am Zoom Service\*

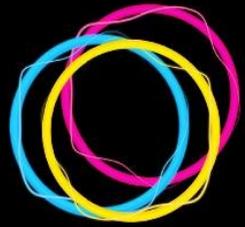
### **Morning Prayers on Zoom\***

Monday to Thursday 8.30am, Saturday 9.00am

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