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Days of Remembrance

November has traditionally been a time of remembrance in church and community.

On All Saints' Day (1st November), the saints of the past are remembered. Some of these are well known names: Peter, James, John, Augustine and so on. The Bible refers to all Christians as saints, so many of those who have been particularly good examples of living their faith are people whose names we will never know.

On All Souls' Day (2nd November), we remember the faithful departed – those who have died. Normally in our benefice we would have a special service and tea for all those who want to remember someone close to them who is no longer with us. We read out the names of all those who have had funerals conducted in the past year and other we are specifically calling to mind and light candles in their memory.

Then there is Remembrance Sunday (variable date) and Armistice Day (11th November), when people gather in great numbers to recall and honour the sacrifices of those who have died in war and pledge themselves to working for a peaceful future.

This year the remembering will have to take a different form because of restrictions concerning gatherings. We will still remember but it may be behind closed doors or with smaller groups of people than is usual. Marking these occasions is important and we can still do that but will need to think creatively about how this might be done.

I wonder how we'll remember 2020 in future years. For many it has been a time of disruption. For some it's been a period of isolation or despair; for others of fear and anxiety. But we also have the power to make good memories. As I write this I can think of the joy of seeing rainbows and window displays; the abundance of nature and the way in which the quiet of lockdown helped birds and animals enjoy wider freedoms; the hordes of volunteers in our benefice and across the country supporting their communities; the creativity with which people reached out to the lonely, hungry and struggling; the generosity of those who gave to Coronavirus funds, food banks and so on.

We have two months left. Perhaps we could use them to try and make some positive memories for this year when there has been so much sadness and pain.

Best wishes

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However, most Supermarkets with the exception of Waitrose and Sainsburys, and any High Street Bank will have poppies for Sale.

You can also donate direct to The Royal British Legion online,

Thank you all for your generosity to the Appeal over the past years, let's do what we can to show our continued support of the Appeal.



Heather Mears

Poppy Appeal Organiser

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I'm looking for 24 (or more) homes or businesses with a window that can be seen from the street to create an Advent Window. Each day a new one (or more if we have more than 24) will be revealed at 4 p.m. or as near to that as possible. There will be a map showing where the windows are located and which one will be revealed on which date. You can be as creative as you like; all we ask is that you will use themes and images from the biblical Christmas story. There are loads you can use: angels, stars, stables, wise men, gifts, Mary, Joseph , the baby Jesus, love, gifts, peace and so on. It's free to participate (we ask you to provide your own materials) and should be a wonderful way of brightening up our village in the dark days of December while helping us to think about the story of that first Christmas.

To take part, please contact Sarah (sarah.c.hillman@outlook.com; 01305 848784) by 20th November.

Children's Society

I know that every Children's Society box holder must be waiting to hear about the collection of the home boxes. Happily, the society have been in touch and a decision has been made to go ahead as other years, which is good news. There will be the inclusion of appropriate Covid 19 safety guidelines and should box holders prefer to have boxes collected from their home, then please contact me on 849534 or 07980828776. The boxes will not be opened for seventy-two hours from receiving same. The opening day will be on an agreeable date that a maximum of six people can safely meet up. There are other guidelines that we must adhere to which include the use of PPE etc. Those who wish to hand their boxes in personally, can they please do so by 22nd November.

I am relieved that we are able to still go ahead with the collecting as it would have been the under-privileged children that would have been further deprived had it have not been permitted.

I should like to say thank you again on behalf of the Children's Society to all of your box holders out there for your continued support.

Kind regards

*Dawn Loveless
(Children's Society Co-Ordinator)*

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The Royal British Legion guidelines for Branches are that all activities must stop, as they have across the whole of the UK. This means that planned celebrations and Memorial Services have had to be curtailed on Government advice as to Social Distancing and group gatherings.

This year's Poppy Appeal will also be hugely affected as well, guidance has been sent out to say No House to House collections will be allowed at all and static collection Boxes in shops and other business premises will not be allowed as well.

Remembrance Service in November will hopefully take place but under Strict Government Guidelines to Numbers etc. attending any Large gathering.

The Remembrance Service will take place at 3pm at St. Mary's Church Puddletown

In the meantime, I hope everyone is well and stay safe and follow the advice given to us all and hope we can eventually come through this dark period that we are in together.

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John Ridout.

Puddletown & District Branch Chairman.

The Soldier's Prayer

I asked God for strength, that I might achieve,
I was made weak, that I might learn humbly to obey.
I asked for health, that I might do greater things,
I was given infirmity, that I might do better things.
I asked for riches, that I might be happy,
I was given poverty, that I might be wise.
I asked for power, that I might have the praise of men,
I was given weakness, that I might feel the need of God.
I asked for all things, that I might enjoy life,
I was given life, that I might enjoy all things.
I got nothing that I asked for –
But everything that I had hoped for,
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Something Strange is Scuttling around Shapwick!

Something that always attracts people is a good old monster story; we have lake monsters, knockers, fairies, Kelpies, and no end of bizarre and wonderful creatures sharing this amazing

Island we call Britain. I firmly believe that there is no part of this amazing country that does not possess some mysterious and mythical creature. Indeed, our folk lore is cram packed with all manner of beasties and apparitions. Certainly, Dorset is no exception to this and can probably rank significantly on the leader board of all places where things tend to go 'bump in the night'.

You may recall my recounting of the tale of a certain 'Wild Man' who used to make a bit of a nuisance of himself around Yellowham Woods and became the bane of many an impressionable young maid's life (not to mention that of their fathers as well!). Now, it is up to your good selves whether you want to believe that it was the amorous Woodwose who was responsible for carrying off the young girls in the area and impregnating them or the more boring but ultimately more believable and rationally explanation that it was the over amorous attention of the local young farmhands either way belief in the Wild Man, flaunting all rational thinking or explanation, continues as part of a rich oral tradition even up to this day.

Many of these wonderfully rich tales are so hard to believe that most dismiss them, as quaint old-fashioned fiction, out of hand; sadly, belief in the fantastical has become a victim of modernity. However, if we dare delve deeper into some of these tales, we find that some are not so fantastical after all!

Now let's take note of the quaint, quiet village of Shapwick with its picturesque thatched cottages, its pubs full of local men enjoying a pint, discussing the status of the local football team and contemplating the rural splendour in which they have the good fortune to live in; it is most certainly not the kind of place you would expect to come face-to-face with a terrifying monstrosity, one that could make you jump out of your skin!

Well on October 12 back in 1706 you may have thought differently for indeed the occupants of this little village were gripped with fear. The cause of this was a somewhat unusual visitor, the likes of which had never been seen in Shapwick. This 'beast' had found its way into the village via a Poole fishmonger and his cart; the monster was, in fact, a live, prize crab on its way to be sold at Beer Regis market and a bump in the road had led to the expulsion of the carapaced beastie onto the road. When this poor creature was discovered the locals raised a hue and cry for no person in Shapwick had ever espied



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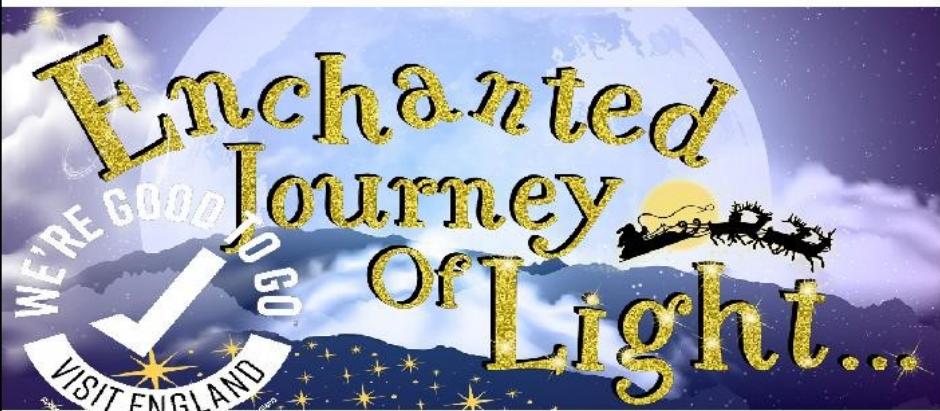
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Well, the crab may have escaped the Shapwick villagers but once again found itself on its way to an inevitable fate in Bere Regis market. The fishmonger, for his part, was beside himself with mirth at the stupidity of the residents of Shapwick and could not help recalling it to all he came across on his route.

Sadly, for all but the fishmonger, the tale did not have a happy ending; the poor crab went onto being a feast and the reputation of Shapwick as being a village full of fools and idiots. It can be argued that this was somewhat unfair since Shapwick being situated a good ten miles from the coast it is conceivable that nobody in the village had ever seen a crab before. Either way the tale found its way into local folk law and Shapwick retained its reputation for being inhabited by ‘simple folk’. So traumatised were the locals at this somewhat unfair appellation they had acquired that it is said that no inhabitant of the village, for many years after, would go anywhere near a fishmongers stall in fear of being laughed at and ridiculed. The whole sad tale contained to be told, much to the chagrin of all the inhabitants of Shapwick and certainly in the 1840’s Buscall Fox’s lengthy doggerel poetical work on their misfortune did them no favours.

If you visit Shapwick today there is little to remind you of that eventful day; indeed there only exists the aptly named “Crab Farm” sat on the route of the Roman Road down from Badbury rings complete with its appropriately themed weather vane. Sadly, the only place you are likely to come across the famed Shapwick Monster these days is on your dinner plate in the Anchor Inn!

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He continued his love of music throughout his life and played his electric organ from memory with harvest hymns being his favourite. He also ran errands to the local shops which then included 2 blacksmiths, a saddlers, butcher, baker and 2 general stores!

Aged 12 he attended Thomas Hardye Grammar School for Boys in Dorchester where he was a keen sportsman and later played football for Puddletown and Kingston Mauward which he attended when he left school. Later he met and married our mum and spent happy times living and working on farms around Dorset with skittles and shooting as hobbies when time permitted. He was a great supporter of the annual Dorchester Show and we remember fondly the excitement of getting his Guernsey cows ready for the showring.

He proudly walked me up the aisle at St Mary's in June 1975 and my brother's wedding at St Peter's, Dorchester in 1979.

In 1980 he emigrated, and his last visit to the UK was in 2003, when he was able to visit Puddletown and catch up with friends and family and attend his eldest granddaughter's wedding. His great love of country life, wildlife and conservation were all close to his heart. Ill health prevented further visits but we both enjoyed happy holidays to visit him and long phone calls and emails to keep in touch. He often read the Dorset Echo online so that he was up to date with what was happening locally and never lost his Dorset accent!

During the last 15 years he survived many serious operations and treatments but continued to live an active and happy life until August this year. He is very sadly missed by all his family in the UK including his 5 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren.

*Shirley Woolford (daughter) Tolpuddle and John Gaunt (son)
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We have started to drill the winter barley and wheat into last year's stubbles having given the fields a low rate squirt of weed killer to take out any volunteer weeds from the previous crops, the seed is then drilled into the soil and rolled. We do not apply any plant food (fertilizer) at this time of year due to the potential leaching over the wet winter months.

The oil seed rape which we drilled later than normal to try and avoid the pests is growing well and just needs keeping an eye on for slug damage which we do for all the autumn sown crops.

As the days get shorter and the grass loses its feed value, the cows start coming off the meadows to the dryer ground (hopefully) and some starting to eat the stubble turnips and some actually grazing the mustard crop. We strip graze the cattle across the field using an electric fence which we move daily sometimes even twice a day depending on weather conditions, so they get a fresh bite. The cattle have a bale of straw or silage to help with their diet, these bales having been put out earlier in the autumn to try and minimise soil damage in the wetter conditions.

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Stir Up Sunday—time to make your Christmas pudding?

Traditionalists will know to make their Christmas pudding on Stir Up Sunday. However, if you've never heard of the long-established festive occasion, let us bring you up to speed! It's the traditional day to make your Christmas pudding, Stir Up Sunday always falls on the last Sunday before advent and in 2020 this means it will be celebrated on Sunday the **22nd November**.

Stir Up Sunday started back in Victorian times, and was a tradition where families would come together to get their fruit puddings stirred up, steamed and stored ahead of Christmas. Each member of the family would take a turn to give all the ingredients a good mix and help tick off the first task of the festive season.

It is thought that the name Stir Up Sunday comes from the opening line of the Book of Common Prayer that was read at church on the Sunday before advent which said, 'stir up, we beseech thee, O Lord'.

Why do you stir Christmas pudding clockwise?

One of the loveliest traditions when making Christmas pudding is that everyone in the family should take their turn mixing in the raw ingredients, especially children of all ages! While mixing the pudding every person should make a wish. Stirring the mixture clockwise might be your natural instinct but it has a special significance too. Stirring from East to West, or clockwise, is a homage to the journey made by the Wise Men.

How many ingredients are in Christmas pudding and why?

Christmas pudding is traditionally made with 13 ingredients to symbolise Jesus and the 12 Apostles. The most common ingredients are: sultanas, raisins, demerara sugar, currants, glacé cherries, stout, breadcrumbs, sherry, suet, almonds, orange and lemon peel, cognac and mixed spices. However, there are lots of variations and you can adjust the recipe to fit with your preferences or dietary requirements.

Where does Christmas pudding come from?

The dish known today as 'Christmas pudding' is thought to have descended from lots of different recipes. It started out as a sort of porridge called Frumenty which is made of beef and mutton with raisins, currants, prunes, wines and spices. Some sources say that this was eaten as a fasting meal in preparation for the Christmas festivities. Others reveal that it was eaten at the start of a meal rather than at the end like our now much-loved pudding.

Over several years the porridge became more solid and sweeter in taste and it wasn't until the Victorian era that a pudding that resembles our modern version became fully established.

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4 oz prunes, chopped

4 oz mixed candied peel, chopped

1 large dessert apple, peeled, cored and grated

1 carrot, peeled and grated

Grated rind and juice of 1 orange and 1 lemon

7 fluid oz Guinness or stout

8 oz muscovado sugar

10 oz breadcrumbs from a day-old loaf

8 oz melted butter

2 level teaspoons grated nutmeg

1 level teaspoon each of mixed spice and ginger

2 medium eggs

8 tablespoons brandy for gradual soaking

Method:

Soak all dried fruit, apple, carrot, grated rind and juice of citrus fruit in the Guinness overnight.

Add rest of ingredients, except brandy, to bowl

Mix well. Divide mixture between 2 x 2pint pudding basins, smooth top and tie a sheet of buttered pleated greaseproof paper and foil on top.

Steam for 5-6 hours.

Cool, remove covers and replace with fresh greaseproof and foil. Spoon about 3-4 tablespoons of brandy into each pudding every 1-2 weeks.

To reheat: Steam for another one and a half to two hours.





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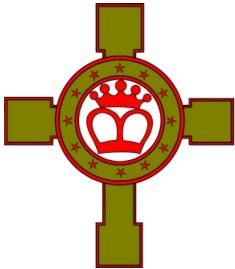
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St Mary's Middle School

Half term already! It never ceases to amaze us in school how quickly the children adapt to changing conditions and it has been great to have everyone back, both in the classroom, and also generally around the school, bringing it to life once more.

I have always been immensely proud of the enthusiasm and hard work that St Mary's students put in when they sing and play with children from other local schools at wonderful concerts each year, and I know that many pupils have been working hard this term practising their individual instruments. Our music teacher Miss Rogers is keen to share with us the benefits of music in the development of children (taken from Sue Hallam's 'The Power of Music...').

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- 4) Creativity.** Musical participation enhances measured creativity.
- 5) Personal development.**
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 - b. Persistence in overcoming frustrations
 - c. Self-discipline
 - d. Self-identity
 - A source of support in difficult times.
 - e. Emotional intelligence
 - f. Team work, cooperation (ensembles)
 - g. Social skills, social networking, friendships (ensembles)
 - h. Development of trust & respect (ensembles)
 - i. Development of negotiation & compromise skills (ensembles)
- 6) Physical development, health, and well-being**
 - a. Fine motor-coordination
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St John's Church Tolpuddle—November 2020

How are things at St John's as we settle in to the new way of worship - well we are holding services every Sunday (except for the fifth Sunday of the month) with our usual pattern of first and third holding a reduced Communion Service, the second Sunday

having a Joint Methodist Service and the fourth Sunday a more relaxed Go Fourth. We all wear masks, sit at a distance and sign in for Track and Trace—either on paper or using the NHS app. We are still not allowed to sing but are very fortunate to have the band and small choir producing some lovely music on our behalf.

There was indeed a real treat for our Harvest Festival on October 4th when the choir was enhanced by Dr Richard Hall, our organist. The church had been beautifully decorated by Marion, Ann and Chris Soper, with a splendid display of dahlias and Chinese lanterns (the latter I believe from the Goulds garden). The collection of £196 was sent to Water Aid and the mighty collection of tins and jars were sent to the Food Bank. There was also a Village Stall of jams and jellies for which people gave a donation.

The church and village are now settling into a routine—and working towards renewing the community spirit. There is to be a Church Events meeting in the near future to look at ideas to brighten up the winter months for us all, particularly the children. We will need some help with this so please do contact Hilly or Marion if you feel you want to get involved. All this will, of course be within government guidelines. The church also is preparing for the Christmas services, though they will be very different this year.



Meanwhile we held our Annual Parish Meeting in the church on Wednesday 7th October. This was attended by 11 people. We took the opportunity to thank Julie for her many years of dedication to the Role of Churchwarden. She will be sorely missed though will still be supporting the church in many other ways.

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Jayne Brayshaw has been elected to replace her and Heather Saunders will now become the PCC Secretary. Anthony Gould has also resigned from the PCC and he was

thanked for all the hard work he has put in with the Parish and as Deanery Representative. He will continue to lead the churchyard team, which has been busy investigating the gutters. A tree surgeon has been asked to attend to some trees by the west gate which have fallen down. An uncertain future for us all- Sarah has warned us that there might well be changes within the deanery structure and we will need to embrace these changes. We, in Tolpuddle, will work really hard to make sure that our church is viable and can continue to be a force for community life.

Hilly and Jayne
Churchwardens

St John's Church Village Stall

After a bleak few months without our usual social functions and fund raising events we decided it was safe to venture out. We set up a stall in the Village Hall garden aiming to raise a few pounds for the cash poor church .Donations poured in from the wonderful Tolpuddle residents. Cakes, biscuits,fruit, vegetables, pickles, chutney, jam and more.

Visitors to the village were delighted to sit in the sun enjoying coffee and cake. They gave generously and bought our produce.

Friends in the village were pleased to have a bit of normality with tea, cake and a natter.

Thank you to all who donated and visited the stall. Far too many to mention.

Thank you to the Village Hall Committee for the use of the garden and power.

We raised an amazing £560 and brought people out from a dreary spell in hibernation.

Marian Regan



WILL YOU GIVE US YOUR VIEWS ON LIVING IN TOLPUDDLE TODAY?

With the backing of our Parish Council, and following agreement at the Village Meeting last Autumn, I am carrying out a community survey of Tolpuddle and Southover this Autumn to get views on what it is like to live here in 2020. I very much hope you will find the time to take part.

Some may remember that a similar survey was carried out around ten years ago. It led to some changes, including the registering of certain community assets (such as the pub), providing an opportunity for the community to compete to purchase if they were ever up for sale.

The results from the new Survey will be fed back to the village and drawn on by the Parish Council in discharging its responsibilities affecting Tolpuddle. They could also support representations to Dorset Council and others on issues affecting the village. If there is sufficient consensus on key matters, consideration may be given to drawing up a Community Plan, setting out residents' aspirations for the village over the next decade or so.

The Survey has been drawn up in consultation with a number of people in the village. It will ask for residents' views on a wide range of topics, such as access to public and other services, safety and security, housing and planning and the quality of our environment. So it is quite full and will take around 30-45 minutes to complete.

The aim is to distribute paper copies of the survey to each household in late October with two or three weeks to respond. (We are also exploring the option of completion online.) The results will be collated and a report prepared hopefully by early in the New Year.

I do hope as many of you as possible will agree to take part. It's a chance to have your say about village life and help shape its future. Many thanks in anticipation.

Peter Walton

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Tolpuddle Community Survey Update

(See opposite page for details)

Please do watch out for the Tolpuddle Community Survey.

We're planning to get copies of the survey to each home in the week beginning 19th October and asking for returns to be made by **Sunday 8th November**.

It's a chance for you and your family to give your views on life in Tolpuddle in 2020, so please do take part if you can. Many thanks in anticipation.

Peter Walton
Parish Councillor

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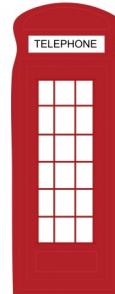
You may remember that the phonebox near the Martyr's museum is to be adopted by the Parish Council and converted into an information point.

At the village meeting almost a year ago Colin Hamilton agreed to lead on the project. Despite the delays caused by Covid there has been progress. BT has agreed to repair the lighting, replace Perspex panels with glass and supply a painting kit. The Parish Council has agreed to fund a major part of the costs and additional funding opportunities are being explored. We have access to an Ordnance Service site which can be enhanced with local points of interest or anything else we wish to include.

Much of this progress is thanks to Anna (Parish Council Clerk) and we are very grateful for her persistence!

Unfortunately we have been unable to hold local fundraising which would also have been a perfect opportunity to get feedback and greater involvement within the village. If anyone would like to get involved (practical help, bright ideas or IT skills) please email me on tolpuddlemeeting@yahoo.com or drop a note through my door at 48 Main Road, Tolpuddle.

*Julia Johnstone
Village meeting clerk*



Ride and Stride 2020

September is the month that Dorset Historic Churches Trust organises its main annual fund raising event in which we ask friends and neighbours to sponsor us as we spend a day visiting as many local churches on foot, bicycle or horse as we can. Six of us from St Andrew's set off in ones and twos and between us visited 17 different churches around Dorchester and Blandford. It was different this year as we all had to keep our distance and many churches were closed with nobody to greet and refresh Striders, but all had a list to register our visit. With a very generous donation from *Reporter* we managed to raise £504 for DCHT which does a wonderful job raising money to give to Dorset churches towards costly repairs to our expensive buildings. They have always been able to help us with the bills for our church such as repairing the roof three years ago. Many thanks to all who so generously sponsored us.

John Wright



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Milborne St Andrews Church News

Thankfully we have all now adapted to the new ways of worshiping together but there are things that we are not able to do; most of these you will already know. My greatest sadness is that, for the foreseeable future, we can no longer do many things that we used to. These include our involvement with our local school, Messy Church, bible study groups and other fundraising events

The Annual Parochial Church meeting, which had been postponed due to the pandemic and 'lockdown', finally took place in our church one evening early in October.

In October, we started a trial of a new style of service to replace the lay led 1662 Said Morning Prayer service. It had become apparent that fewer worshippers attended the old service so we undertook a survey to find out what our congregation thought and what they would like to see. Eventually, in consultation with Sarah and our lay leaders, we decided to trial a new format; this is designed to be a quiet reflective service based on a theme, e.g. Peace, Love, etc. The purpose of this service is to give all who attend time to be still and let the Holy Spirit guide their thoughts and prayers. There will be no demands on those who do come but only for them to have time and space to ponder on the readings, music and prayers. The first of these was held in September and was well attended. After a few months we will evaluate what people think of it which will inform future services.

At the beginning of September several villagers undertook to Ride and Stride, either in socially distanced pairs or individuals.

Our Events Committee are being creative as to planning and organising social and fund-raising events in these difficult times. They have been making and selling mask and instead of the annual Curry@Eva's night they have organised a Curry@home where they deliver meals to villagers. A big thank you to the committee members.

Pam Shults
Churchwarden

Social lifeline to older people

It is not a surprise that older people are demonstrably happier when they can stay in touch with friends and family.

Now recent research by University College London (UCL) has found that people over 50 who use the internet for communicating with loved ones, have better mental health. But they tend to feel worse when they use the internet for information, such as job-hunting.

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At Public Health Dorset (the local public health team at Dorset and Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole Councils), we're building a network of people to help develop and share important COVID-19 messages in our communities. One of our main responsibilities is to keep people informed about what they need to do to protect themselves and others from coronavirus. We would greatly appreciate it if you could support us in doing this, by [signing up to our COVID-19 Trusted Voices newsletter](#), letting us know what information and resources you need, and sharing the key points with your community.

Understanding the COVID-19 guidance isn't always easy and for some people it can be a real challenge. In our communities, we know that lots of factors like language, sensory or cognitive impairment and access to the internet can have an impact on this. That's why we want to develop a network of people who know their communities really well, and who we can work with to increase everyone's understanding of what we all need to do. A Trusted Voice could be a community leader, an advocate or supporter of a particular group, a leader in a workplace or voluntary setting, or a representative of a community – you are receiving this email because we think this could be you or someone you work with.

As well as keeping people informed about what they need to do now, the Trusted Voices project will also help us reach everyone in our communities as quickly as possible in the event of an outbreak or local measures being introduced. We'll provide the key points in our regular e-newsletter and we ask that you share these in whichever way works best for you and the groups you're involved with, it might be WhatsApp, email, Facebook or posters in public areas. We are committed to working with you to better understand the needs and concerns of your community and to develop the most effective communications resources and channels, so if you feel there are some resources that would be particularly useful for your community, please let us know.

Please [visit our website to find out how to sign up to the newsletter](#). You'll need to select COVID-19 Trusted Voices from the list. If you have any contacts who might also be interested in supporting this project, please forward this email on to them too.

If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact us at publichealth-enquiries@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk.

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Milborne Ladybirds Playgroup

From Builders to Hedgehog Pumpkin



Nearly the end of the first half term – where has the time gone? It's so great to be back. The children have settled into Ladybirds and with support they have become more confident coming in through the outside area gate. We seem to have covered a great deal since our last report. An old favourite is building the big outside play house, dressed in builders aprons and equipped with tools the house is soon erected by the children. The house undergoes many 'repairs' and becomes part of role play – the 'Three Little Pigs'

being a favourite. Builders topic led to construction vehicles. We made pictures of vehicles using shapes and learnt how to make the back of the dumper truck tip using a split pin. Then we sailed the sea during pirate and mermaids topic. Making telescopes and using them while listening to 'Shark in the Park'. We experimented at dying paper with tea to make treasure maps. Last topic of the half term has been 'Room on the Broom' to introduce Halloween. Dressing up in witches hats and riding besoms, these are the ones made last year during the Woodland days. Sadly we haven't been able to return to the Woodland this term due to COVID restrictions on the farm. Hopefully next Spring life will be different and we will be able to offer the Woodland days to the older children then. We have tried to keep some of the Forest School skills alive. The children made a pumpkin hedgehog (under supervision) by hammering sticks into a large pumpkin. This was a popular activity and a great way of introducing the use of a hammer rather than nails into wood.



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Puddletown Area Parish Council

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.

At its October meeting the Council had the pleasure of warmly welcoming a new co-opted member, Councillor Laura Tidbury. There are still vacancies on the Council. No experience or qualification is required, you just need to be willing to offer a little time to making your community a better place for everyone who lives here. Anyone living in Athelhampton, Burleston, Puddletown or Tolpuddle who is interested in becoming a Parish Councillor should contact the Clerk for further information about the role.

The Council would like to remind all residents of the importance of reporting crimes and antisocial behaviour to the police either via 101 or online at <https://www.dorset.police.uk/do-it-online/>

For some time, the Parish Council has been working on getting the 30 mph limit extended to the top of the Coombe in Puddletown in order to reduce the speed of traffic which enters the village near to St. Mary's Middle School. After a long consultation period, this has now been done.

The Parish Council discussed the traffic problems on Coombe Road and New Street, particularly at either end of the school day. It was agreed that PCSO Donnison would be asked to speak to the owner of the car which is often parked on Coombe Road in such a way as to prevent larger vehicles from passing. Councillors also agreed to pursue a 20 mph speed limit along these two roads as they are used by families who walk to school and without pavements, this poses a considerable risk. The Parish Council will also write to Dorset Council to ask them to put in place a plan with a clear timescale to introduce the alternate access to the middle school which was originally intended, as the roads in the village were not designed for the large coaches which now serve as school transport.

The Parish Council awaits the report of the independent examiner for Puddletown Neighbourhood Plan. The residents of Catmead were invited to the Parish Council meeting to discuss the inclusion of the green spaces around Catmead development as Local Green Spaces in the Neighbourhood Plan (LGS4). The Parish Council agreed to wait for feedback from the independent examiner to see what his view on the LGS4 designation is. The Council also agreed a Statement of Common Ground which relates to the nitrogen impacts on Poole Harbour and has already been agreed by Dorset Council and Natural England. This will be sent to the independent examiner for consideration.



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The Parish Council owns the defibrillator next to the Library in Puddletown and is aware that the door to the cabinet is broken. The cabinet will be replaced as soon as possible but the defibrillator remains in use.

The consultation on the design for Butt Close Play Area has concluded and the Parish Council will now use the design to bid for funding for the project whilst working with Magna Housing to agree a lease.

The next Parish Council meeting will be on the 11th November. Please see the Parish Council website or noticeboard for the agenda which will be available from the

Clerk to the Puddletown Area Parish Council

We Will Remember – 80 years on

This year we've been remembering the Battle of Britain, described by Winston Churchill in August 1940 as '*one of the decisive battles of the war... never in the field of human conflict was so much owed by so many to so few.*' It was a dramatic turning point in the history of the Second World War. The occasions for Remembrance this month will provide us times of gratitude for what was achieved in the darkest moments of war.

However, this year we are very aware of our own struggles with the worldwide Covid-19 pandemic. We face an unseen enemy, but the effects on our lives and society are almost as devastating as world war.

Remembering is not just about focusing on past events. It is also about making present past events, as we give thanks for all that took place. The Battle of Britain was fought by the Few and won in the skies over the Channel. In our battle with the virus, we can call to mind the victory of Jesus: '*Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, descended from David.*' (2 Timothy 2:8). Jesus secured the victory of death by His cross and resurrection, so that we don't need to fear death, but trust in His loving purposes for our lives.

Currently we can't see clearly what the future holds for us; it may be very different from what we might expect. However, we can pray for God's will to be done and that we will play our part, just as each of those airmen did so many years ago.

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The most famous find was the Dewlish Elephant Trench where, during the excavation of building sand in the early 1800s, a narrow crack was discovered, and this yielded the remains of a southern elephant (*elephas meridionalis*) dating from a warm period about five hundred thousand years ago.

One of this elephant's tusks was put on display in Dorchester County Museum, together with a splendid picture of J. C. Mansell Pleydell and his team of excavators with the tusk on a pinewood support.

The Bronze Age in Dewlish is represented in the landscape by four bowl barrows on Lords Down, on the south side of the Blandford-Dorchester Road. These were excavated by antiquarian Charles Varne just before the area was brought into cultivation, probably between 1839 and 1848.

The group seems to have been quite a large barrow cemetery; when the Down was ploughed in the early 1970s aerial photographs showed ring ditches suggesting another four or five barrows in addition to the seven already known to have existed. Other barrows, later listed in a Royal Commission report, can no longer be seen on the ground but can be espied from the air as soil marks.

The Doles Hill Celtic field system, which covers Puddletown, Piddlehinton, Piddletrenthide and Cheselbourne, is the largest surviving in Dorset. The system which just crosses the western edge of Dewlish has thrown up sightings of earthworks and soil marks. Traces of small fields have also been spotted from the air mainly on the downland and Chebbard. Their distribution suggests that Celtic fields once covered a large area of Dewlish and featured scattered farmsteads, probably small round huts with thatched roofs. A replica of such a farmstead was established at Bradford Peverell.

Just south of All Saints' Church, Dewlish, traces of an irregular pattern of enclosures were identified, together with a large number of circular pits. These were revealed in the drought of 1976 and excavation indicated late pre-Roman Iron Age connections, one pit in particular being typical of Iron Age grain storage. Incidentally, in another age a Neolithic axe was found south of the Dewlish boundary with Puddletown, as were numerous Mesolithic flints.

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The western valley is drained by the Chéselbourne stream, the middle valley (round which Dewlish is centred) is drained by the Devil's Brook while the eastern valley is called Dennet's Bottom, for a stream that took that form once.

**** Many thanks to the contributors to our source-book, “Dewlish 2000”**



Dewlish Church Notes

It is so good to be back to some sort of “normal” in the church once again.

Jim took part in the “**Ride ‘n Stride**” and visited 20 churches. A big thank-you to him, and to everyone who donated so very generously. He raised £770, half of which will be returned to our church.

All Saints looked beautiful for the **Harvest Festival**, with lovely flower arrangements and plenty of produce. On the Monday afternoon we had a stall outside the church, which raised £273.80, a wonderful sum and a great help towards our costs. Thank you to all who supported us and gave so generously.

Additional thanks to Chris for printing the notices, and to Gadget and Andy for erecting the shelter to keep us and the produce dry. Weatherwise, it had been a dreadful few days, so we were most grateful!

We are hopeful that **Remembrance Sunday** (November 8th) can be held with our normal service – 10.50am at the War Memorial, and then in church. (All socially distanced, of course, and with masks on in church).

It doesn't look like we are going to be able to hold our **Christmas Bazaar** this year, which set us wondering about another way of raising money. I am pleased to say that Mrs. Sue Britton has offered to make Christmas cakes (not iced), puddings and mince pies. If you would like to order any, Sue can be reached on 01258 – 837218. Orders for cakes and puddings must be made *before November 25th* please.

I have jams for sale, and Jim has offered to make reindeer. These should be ordered *by December 1st* on 01258 – 837466. Jams are available at any time. If any of you talented villagers can offer anything else we would be most grateful.

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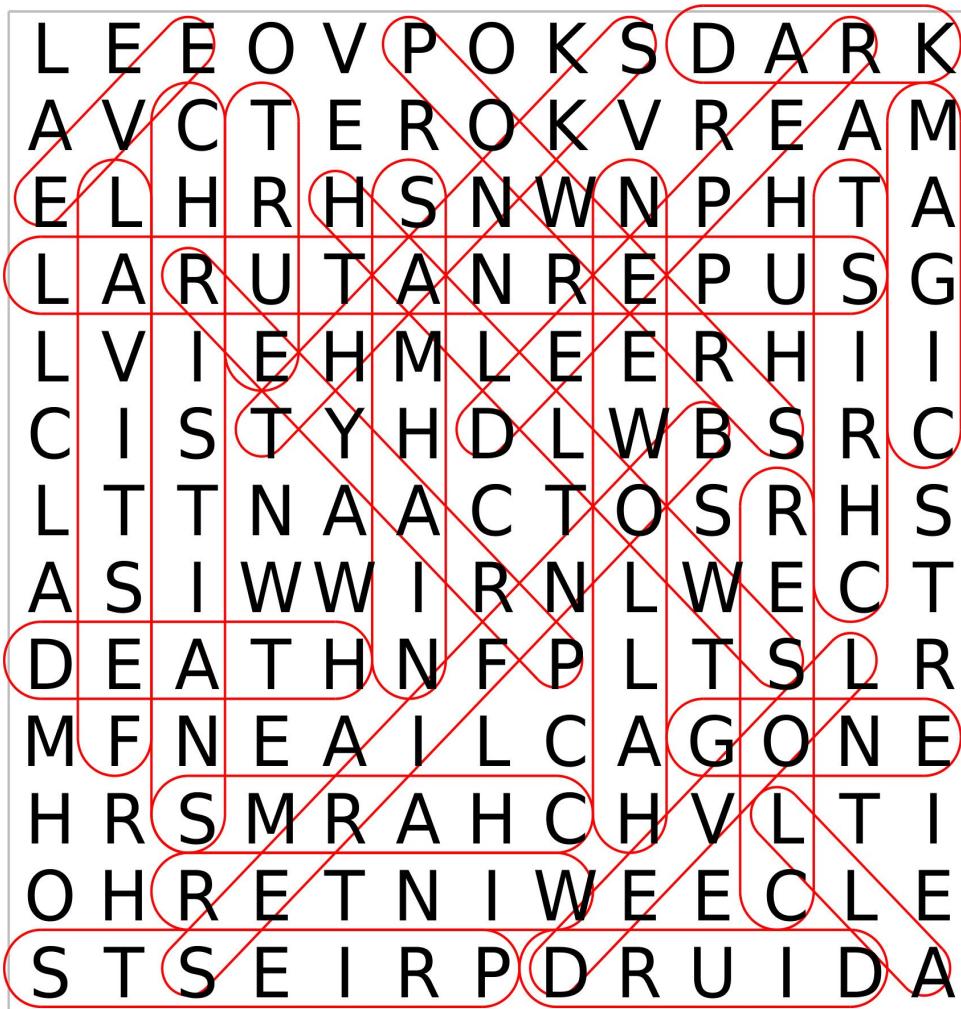
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There are many local people who live on a low income but manage their finances very efficiently so do not normally need help but this year, even the most careful, have been very badly hit. DPA has helped 46 families so far since April, totalling £7,701 for things like basic white goods for people being rehoused from abusive situations, school uniform for children returning to school after months at home, washing machines that are beyond repair, beds for growing youngsters.

With no fund-raising events, Dorchester Poverty Action is depending on the generosity of local people who perhaps realise that they have not spent as much this year as they usually do. Please consider if you are one of these good people and make a donation by visiting our website

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9.30am	Celebrate.....	Milborne St Andrew
11.00am	Parish Communion	Puddletown
6.00pm	Patronal Festival Service	Dewlish

8th November—Remembrance Sunday

Psalm 70, Amos 5.18-24, Matthew 25.1-13

9.30am	United Methodist Service	Tolpuddle
10.00am	Service of Remembrance <i>(followed by procession to the Memorial Stone for 11am)</i>	Milborne St Andrew
10.50am	Remembrance Sunday Service	Dewlish
3.00pm	Service of Remembrance	Puddletown

15th November—2 before Advent

Psalm 90.1-12, 1 Thessalonians 5.1-11, Matthew 25.14-30

9.30am	Parish Communion	Tolpuddle
9.30am	Worship in Stillness NEW	Milborne St Andrew
11.00am	Parish Communion	Puddletown
11.00am	Family Service	Dewlish

22nd November—Christ the King

Psalm 100, Ezekiel 34.11-16, 20-24, Matthew 25.31-46

9.30am	Go Fourth	Tolpuddle
9.30am	Parish Communion	Milborne St Andrew
11.00am	1662 Morning Prayer	Puddletown
11.00am	Parish Communion	Dewlish

29th November—Advent Sunday

Psalm 80.1-8, 18-20, Isaiah 64.1-9, Mark 13.24-37

10.30am	United Benefice Advent Holy Communion	Puddletown
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