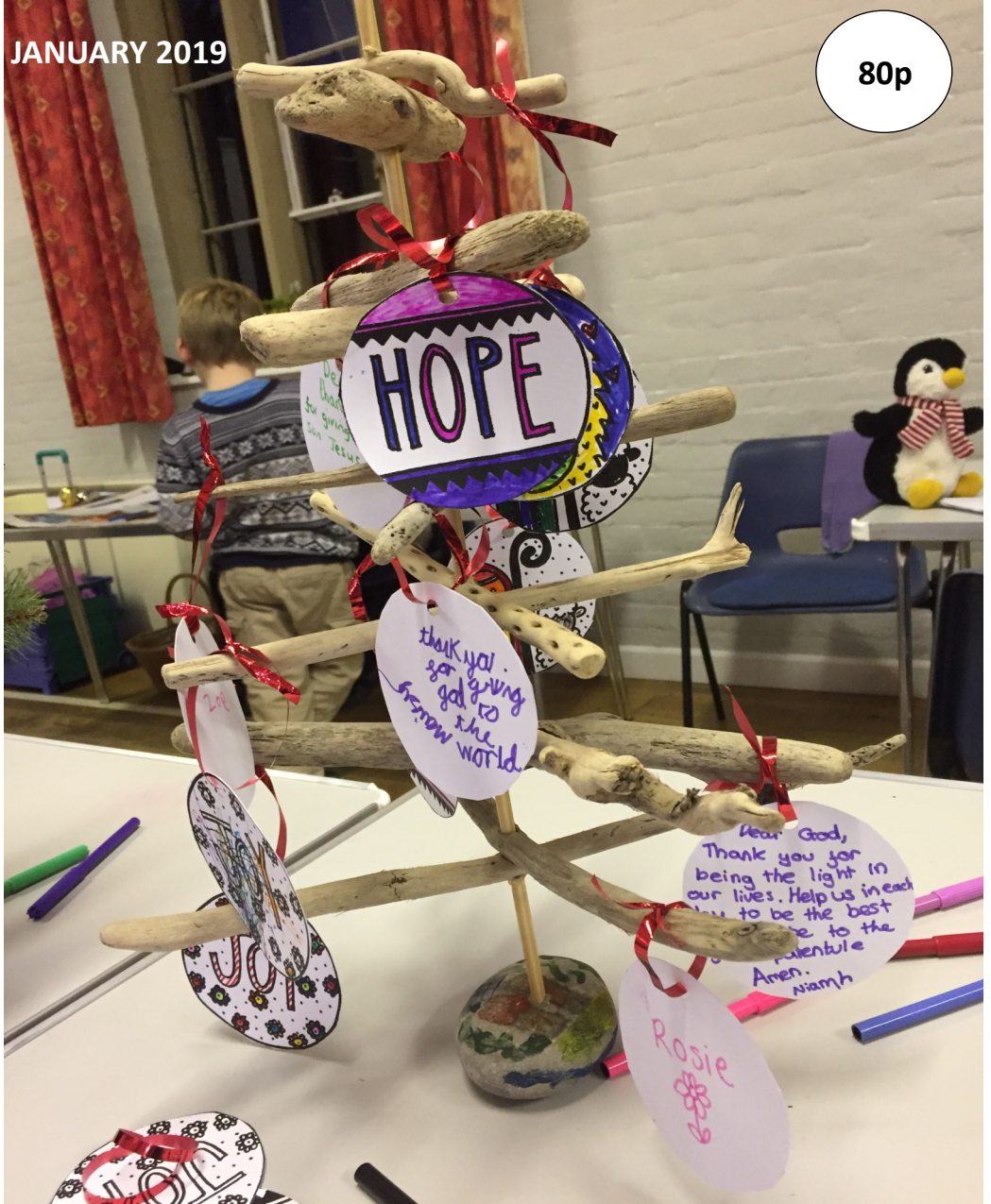


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This month's cover photo: Prayers, written by the children, displayed on a tree at Messy Church in Tolpuddle, early December 2018. Photograph—Emma Hughes.



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New Year's Hope



Doing the Reverse Advent Calendar (see December Vicar's Letter) led me to some reflections on the resolutions we make at New Year.

Normally these would entail trying to do something that will improve us – lose weight, give up smoking, spend more time with our partner, get fit, learn a new skill and so on. All great things to do, and I have benefited greatly from my decision last year to lose weight, as many of you know (three stone off and counting!) I really couldn't let the "zero birthday" pass by without wanting to look Fab at Fifty!

Why is it, though, that we are much less likely to make resolutions that enhance the lives of others? We know about the difficult lives some lead, but it is all too easy as we go about our day-to-day business to push them out of mind. Setting aside something each day of Advent for the Food Bank made it much harder to do this, because each day I was faced with making the decision about what I could give that would enhance the life of someone else, in this case a person with a particular need.

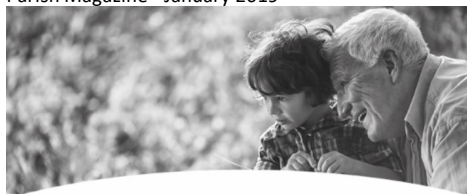
I'm writing this letter in early December as that's what publication dates require, so I haven't quite got past Christmas to the New Year in my mind. However, I have decided that this year my New Year's Resolution will be based not on doing something for me, but on expressing my care and concern for others in some way.

Generosity is one of the gifts God loves to see in the world. I hold dear the Bible verse which says "God loves a cheerful giver" (2 Corinthians 9.7). Generosity springs from love. God's generosity to us arises out of God's love for the world. We have so much, although often we are slow to acknowledge that.

One of the best ways of becoming increasingly generous is to become increasingly grateful. As we acknowledge the good things in our lives, our hearts focus on what we have rather than what is missing. That is why some of the poorest Christians in the world are also able to be the most joyful and generous. I'm humbled when I hear them speak of gratitude for so little, and their willingness to share what they have, meagre though it be, with others. It seems that somehow the more we have in material terms, the more we take for granted, and the less willing we are to share.

Jesus commended the poor widow for giving her two small coins to the Temple treasury (Mark 12.41-44). In his eyes, she had given far more to God than the wealthy people who gave a great deal more in material terms but which they'd never miss. It's the spirit with which the gift is given that counts not the value in pounds and pence.

With best wishes, Sarah



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Children's Society Boxes

All of the boxes are now in. The grand total for 2017 - 2018 will be in the February magazine. Many thanks to all the box holders, others that have contributed and the many people that have assisted in the counting of the box totals.

Dawn Loveless

Mrs. Wendy Sykes

We are sorry to report that Wendy passed away on 14th November 2018 in Poole Hospital after a short illness. In accordance with her wishes, she has been cremated at Bournemouth Crematorium, and joined her Mum, Rene, in the Garden of Remembrance.

Wendy was an integral part of Puddletown, and previously Tolpuddle life, so we feel it would be appropriate to invite you to join us in a service of Remembrance at St. Mary's Church, Puddletown on Tuesday 29th January 2019 at 2pm, followed by tea and cake in the Church Room. All will be welcome.




Donations in memory of Wendy can be made on the day, or alternatively sent to Albert Marsh Funeral Directors at Wareham. All proceeds will be going to Dementia UK.

If anyone has any fond memories or stories they would like to share with us, please feel free to contact us at the address below. We are putting together a eulogy of Wendy's life and any input would be greatly appreciated.

Best Regards.

Tony White (Wendy's Cousin) and Samantha Weldon (Wendy's God-Daughter)

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This club used to be a Women's Institute but our ladies chose many years ago to break away from that and use their own skills and abilities to run a similar group themselves and they have been very successful at doing so. The same aim remains: to have a community based social group providing some company and education.

Over the years, their speakers have covered everything from historic treasure to flower arranging, foreign travel to unusual occupations and all sorts in between.

Each summer they arrange an outing and every Christmas a visit to somewhere special for a festive lunch.

For a long time now, the meeting has been held on the 2nd Wednesday in the month, **between 2pm and 4pm** in the **Puddletown Church Room**. From January 2019 this will change! They will now be meeting on the **3rd Wednesday afternoon** each month instead. The intention is that this new monthly date will clash less with other village events and so make it easier for those interested to attend.

You are cordially invited to pop along on **Wednesday 16th January 2019** to meet up with the ladies and have a chat at what will be their Annual Meeting, a good time to offer ideas and suggestions for the coming year perhaps? You will find a warm welcome, friendly faces, and that cup of tea, with no obligation.

For further details please feel free to ring either the current Chair, Sue Brown, on 01305 849049 or the current Treasurer, Sylvia Hanby, on 01305 849562.

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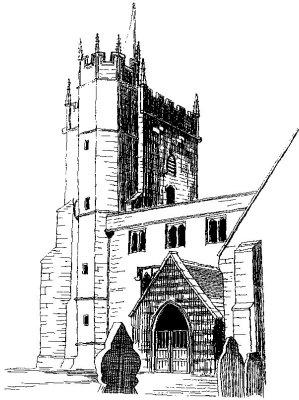


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St. Mary's Church Events—January

We wish you all a very happy and healthy new year.

Many thanks to all of you who were involved in the events over the past twelve months and for your support. As usual there was non-stop entertainment during December, including the Christmas Fair and the Village Christmas Lunch and we are now planning for the coming year.

Pop-in Coffee Mornings start again on **Thursday 3 January** and are held

throughout the year on Thursdays in the Church Room from 10am to 12 noon. There will be a short communion service at 12 noon on the 17th January. Rosemary will also be there on the 17th with her card stall. Come and join us for a good cup of coffee (or tea) and some home baking. Volunteers are always welcome to help run the occasional morning.

Messy Church takes place on Sunday 6th January, starting at 4pm in Milborne St Andrew Village Hall.

The Village Lunch will be held on **Monday 14 January** from 12 noon to 1.30pm in Puddletown Village Hall. The “special” will be beef casserole and vegetables followed by a table loaded with puddings. Please contact Sheila on 849193 or Jean on 848211 if you haven't already booked your lunch.

Our next **Events Committee Meeting** will be held on Tuesday 12th March, but we have two special dates for your new diaries already :

Saturday 18th May – a **Concert** with the well-known local Rock Choir and Clapper Chaos, an award winning hand bell ringing group from Poole.

Saturday 15th and Sunday 16th June – a **Flower Festival in St Mary's Church**.

We are always glad to have new ideas, so please contact us with your suggestions.

TOWER NEWS

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I would like to thank all my poppy collectors, those who give up their time to go house to house and to the businesses and schools who have a tray and tin at their premises.

This year Robin and I distributed 33 collecting tins and trays to house to house collectors and 26 static collection tins.

Our District covers a wide area, from Tolpuddle, Tincleton, Higher /Lower Bockhampton - Stinsford, the Piddle Valley up to Buckland Newton, Plush, Ansty, Cheselborne, Hilton and Dewlish.

Thank you too to all of you who attended the Remembrance Service

Thank you also for the lovely positive comments made about the Poppies that we put up around our Village and for the "Silent Soldier" (made by Robert Mears) who kept guard at the War Memorial to help commemorate the Centenary of the First World War.

Heather Mears

Poppy Appeal Organiser



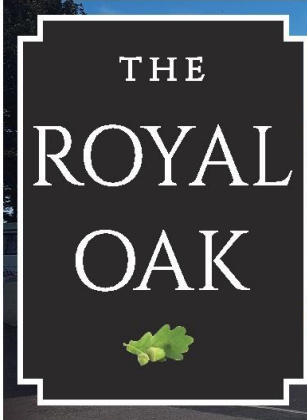
Irene Stockley

On the 14th October 2018 Irene Stockley sadly passed away, her funeral was held at Weymouth Crematorium on the 9th November and was attended by over 100 friends and relatives.

After leaving school Irene started her working life at Keeches grocery store in South Street Dorchester before moving to Marks and Spencers.

She met Patrick while he was doing his national service and they married in 1961, they moved to Puddletown.

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Irene also played a major part, often behind the scenes, in organising the Puddletown Carnival.

After retiring from the greengrocers' business, she helped to bring up her grandchildren, firstly Daniel and Constance, and when they grew up stepped in to help with Eleanor.

I am sure everyone will agree Irene played a huge part in the Puddletown community; she even helped children to read at both the First and Middle Schools.

A reputation as a great cook and a keen gardener and often seen passing the time of day with anyone she encountered when out walking the dogs around the village.

She was a regular visitor to the Recreation field, tidying, cleaning or collecting money and taking bookings from the Caravaners.

Even in retirement Irene didn't stop taking on several cleaning jobs in the village and in Dorchester, and taking up short mat bowls.

Whether you knew her as Irene, Mum, Wife, Granny or as a true stalwart of village life she was always busy, usually in a hurry but always found time for everybody else.

Donations raised at the funeral were given to the Marie Curie service.

Angela Hambidge (Daughter) 01305 848900



PUDDLETOWN SOCIETY

NOVEMBER TALK



There was a good turnout for the November meeting; this was a talk about bats. We discovered there are 1,300 known species of bats in the world and new species are still being discovered to this day. One being the Dog Face Bat which was only discovered this year, along with one other bat.

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The oldest bat recorded was 40 years old. Possibly older, as this was the time that had passed since he had been ringed. No one knows how old he might have been when he was first caught to be ringed. I use the word "He", but I don't know what its sex was.

Most bats in Britain live 6 to 10 years, and a baby bat is called a pup.

So, as you can tell from this potted example of this very interesting talk there was a lot we learnt about the bat.

Sally Ridout

(Puddletown Society Secretary)

Claude and the Cats at Puddletown

A packed village hall enjoyed an evening of live music on November 24th raising £400 for the Friends of Dorchester Hospital.

The evening started with the talented **Jane Stokes** playing the Irish Harp and this was followed by the Tolpuddle trio, **Claude and the Cats**, playing many of their own arrangements of well known tunes and traditional jigs and reels. The audience clearly enjoyed the evening calling for an encore to finish the lively programme.

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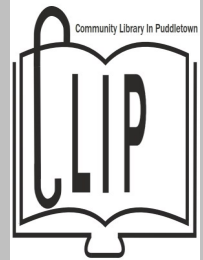
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Puddletown First School in November and December

Working with children always keeps us focussed on the future, the possibility of what could be, the hopes for the children. In school looking back is often tinged with regret with the nagging 'if only we had.....' rather than 'I'm glad that we.....' Someone once said the masterpiece is never finished, the artist just ran out of time and so it is in schools.

Therefore, our act of Remembrance for Armistice day in November, marking the 100 years since the world began to return to peace after four years of brutal conflict was important. It enabled us to help our children share in this national time of reflection not just in the sadness of loss but the hope for the future. In our reflections with the children we did consider the terrible suffering and sacrifice of war but also dwelt on our hopes for peace in our community, school and families and our personal commitment to these aims. We read the names and laid



pebbles for every person on the St Mary's Church memorial, the pebbles are now part of our reflection area as a constant reminder for our commitment to peace.

Having said all that however our peace was shattered in the most positive way shortly after by the explosion of Christmas at Puddletown First School. I can honestly say I have never been at a school that 'does' Christmas with the fervour of Puddletown! A certain Miss

England is a significant factor in all of this. As ever though we began our Christmas run in with a special Reflection Day in which we focused on Advent and the incarnation of God's own son Jesus Christ. In amongst the glitter (environmentally friendly of course), Santa and parties it was important that all the children understood the Christian meaning of the season as we went on to celebrate His birth and tell His story in our wonderful Christmas Production that was enjoyed by so many.

Through it all we remembered that as we strive to be 'Shining Lights' in our school so we return to the words of St John, that Jesus '*was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world.*' A true Christmas gift as we moved from our period of remembrance and one that we hold as we enter 2019.



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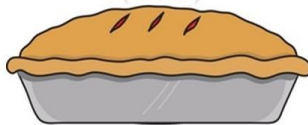
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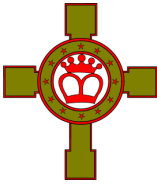
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In November, we were treated to a very entertaining visit from Barney MT, otherwise known as 'House of Maths'. Barney was invited to school as part of our Science Technology Engineering and Maths (STEM)

enrichment activities this year, kindly funded by the PTA. He performed two maths shows in the morning, one for KS2 children and one for KS3 children. This was followed in the afternoon by a workshop for some of our more able mathematicians in KS3. The pupils were all really impressed with his number tricks as they watched him bring maths to life with exciting demonstrations.



Maths made fun with House of Maths.

We were also very lucky before Christmas to secure Chris Copson, from the Keep Military Museum, Dorchester, to come and share his expertise about the Romans with Year 7. He worked with each class where he not only showed the classes replicas of uniform worn, but also made many links to our own local history at Maiden Castle and Dorchester. He rounded the day off by holding a superb 'Question & Answer' session with the children raising some really outstanding questions. It was lovely seeing Year 7 dress up, test out (safely!) equipment and engage so well with our visitor.

I was pleased to learn that 94 pupils in Year 8 have signed up to the Sports Leaders project and every one of them has already been given the chance to lead. The autumn term saw them lead at our annual Years 1 and 2 multi-skills competition along with tournaments for tag rugby in Years 3 and 4 and basketball in Year 4 for our local first schools.



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St John's Church, Tolpuddle—January 2019

Here we are at the start of a New Year- packing away our Christmas decorations, the Crib back in its box and thank you letters written (hopefully!) There is now time for reflection over the past year.....

St John's has been very busy with three weddings and a christening, as well as the regular Sunday services. We are so fortunate to have listened to many excellent sermons from Sarah, our Vicar, during our Communion Services and welcomed a selection of Methodist Ministers. We join with our Methodist friends in wishing Steph Jenner a full recovery and look forward to seeing her again in the future. Our Go Fourth service on the fourth Sunday of the month has gone from strength to strength and we are delighted that Alan has joined the team and together with the band it is



indeed a vibrant service, which is always followed by coffee. We have embraced the concept of Messy Church, which is Benefice wide, and our first service here was held in our Village Hall on Advent Sunday together with the launch of Posada. We have also had various special services including a well attended Songs of Praise at

A busy Messy Church with Posada!

Martyrs Weekend and a particularly poignant service to commemorate

the Centenary of the Armistice and for the unveiling of our War Memorial Plaque.

Coffee/teas/cakes figure very highly in our church life with a regular Coffee and Chat in the Church on the second Thursday of the month and various events in the village. The Events Committee meet regularly and together with the Village Hall Committee have served breakfasts for the TUC campers, teas in the Hall, supported the Street Fayre, supplied a mighty Harvest Supper, Village Party, an Armistice Tea and of course a very successful Bonfire Party. We are so grateful for the help we get from others in the village who don't necessarily come to church services BUT still want to support the church and understand the importance of maintaining this ancient building.

Yes we are still in need of massive funds, for regular upkeep as well as major projects. Few people are aware that we have to raise in the region of £20,000 annually to cover recurring expenses. We have sadly had to abandon the proposal for a new roof as we were unable to get the required grant despite a very comprehensive application. We have had temporary repairs carried out and work done on the guttering.

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The Church failed its regular electrical inspection and we are now looking at an essential re-wiring project and an up to date heating system. The Living Churchyard has been attended to by Phil and a group of volunteers but more help is always required, as the work gets heavier as we get older!

But I will finish on an optimistic note, yes the year ahead is full of uncertainties, but Tolpuddle thrives, there are lots of new babies and there is great community spirit. We have various exciting plans for fund raising throughout 2019 so look out for future notices.

Happy Healthy New Year to One and All

Hilly and Julie

Tolpuddle Village Meeting

The meeting on 6 November was attended by almost 40 residents. Issues discussed included the Martyr's Festival, recent planning applications, dogs mess on pavements and traffic speed indicators.

Copies of the minutes are displayed in the noticeboards or email Tolpuddle-meeting@yahoo.com for a copy.

The next village meeting is on Tuesday 19th February at 7.00pm; email Tolpuddlemeeting@yahoo.com with any items for discussion.

Nigel Pitman: Chair

Julia Johnstone: Clerk

Tolpuddle Toddlers

Tolpuddle Toddlers group goes from strength to strength and is a great village asset.

On Monday last, there were 16 toddlers, aged sixth months to four years as well as three 'in utero', all enjoying the spacious facilities of the hall and the kitchen. The new cupboards have proved to be great storage for all of our toys and equipment. We heartily thank the village hall committee for the provision of these wonderful assets.



We would like to extend an invitation to any other toddlers in the village and surrounding area who would like to join us. At the moment, there are not just Mums accompanying the children but Nannies, childminders, Grannies and, occasionally, Dads and Grandpas too!

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Tolpuddle Village Tidy-up

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Tolpuddle Craft Group, 2019

Good news! We are hoping to keep this group open for another year at least. We meet on the **third Tuesday of each month between 1 and 4 pm** (except July and August as so many people tend to go away). We hope to offer a program of monthly activities, starting with making scissor cases (or bring your own project) in January. If you are interested in joining the group, whether to bring along your own projects or to try out new skills while sampling tea and biscuits, either come along to the first session on 15th January 2019, or contact Teresa on 849060 or email teresa.renrut@gmail.com for further information.

We are also hoping to start a new session on the **fourth Saturday morning of each month, from 9.30 to 10.30am**, starting on 26th January 2019. This session will be for anyone of any age to join in. So, if there are any crafty people out there who would like to have a go and want to drag mum or dad, aunt or uncle, sister or brother, daughter or son along too, please do! If you have ideas of activities for this group, please let us know. In this instance please contact Jo by email austwickjoanne@gmail.com.

Can your family all eat the same meal? Probably not!

A staggering three in four parents are having to cook multiple meals each evening because of their own/partner/children's restricted diets.

This finding from a recent survey by Co-op follows the news that almost a third of us (30 percent) now have special dietary requirements or intolerances. According to the statistics, our diets are increasingly in flux, as dairy, gluten and meat-free diets become more popular.

When our households do manage to eat together, we say that dinner is our favourite meal, and that we value each other's company and catching up on the day. On the other hand, the rise of food intolerances may also be what is leading almost one fifth of us to choose to eat alone.

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Please pop in for a cup of coffee and cake, find out about the history of Orchard Meadow and give us your views on its future!

As the park is approaching ten years old, there is a need to repair, replace or upgrade the current play equipment and we will be applying for money to help fund this. We will need to show evidence of your support in our funding applications. Please bring the children along, we'll have pencils and paper for them to write or draw their ideas too!

There will also be an opportunity for you to let us know your ideas and suggestions for future uses of the park and how you might become involved.

For further information contact Martin Cooke 01305 848156
martycooke@aol.com

The Beatles' last concert

It was 50 years ago this month, on 30th January 1969, that the Beatles gave their last public performance – on the roof of Apple Studios in London.

It was their first truly live show since their final tour ended on 29th August 1966, at Candlestick Park in San Francisco. They had become less popular in the US after John Lennon's controversial remark in an interview that 'we're more popular than Jesus now'.

In the rooftop concert, which lasted about 45 minutes, Get Back was the final song, and in the recorded version Lennon can be heard saying: 'I'd like to say thank you ... I hope we passed the audition.'

It was cold and windy, with a threat of rain. Lennon borrowed Yoko Ono's fur coat, and Ringo wore his wife Maureen's red raincoat. The group also varied their classic stage placements: Lennon took the middle spot, with Harrison to his left. Keyboard player Billy Preston guested.

The police are widely criticised for breaking up the session, but in fact they were nearby and could have shut it down after the first song; instead they let it continue and gave the band ten minutes' warning that they were about to intervene after complaints from neighbouring businesses.

The Beatles broke up formally in April 1970.

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St Andrew's Church News

Happy New Year from St Andrew's church

What a year it has been! I feel so blessed that our church continues to be used by many villagers. During the last year there has been the regular weekly services attended by faithful worshippers. As you will know we routinely have a variety of different services ranging from the very formal 1662 said Morning Prayers to the informal Celebrate services (which starts with breakfast) and the Parish Communion services. However, we also have a variety of services for special occasions such as Easter, Christmas, Remembrance Sunday, Harvest, Healing and many others. Information about these is always advertised in the Reporter and on notice boards. Our lovely old church is also used as a venue for special services ranging from marriages, baptisms, funeral, Christingles, as well as the first school services (Easter, Harvest and Christmas). The church is also a great place to host talks, events and concerts, to which all are invited.

Christmas time is a very busy time of year in the church as in everybody's lives. Over the Advent season the church has hosted or organised many extra special services including Lessons and Carols by candlelight, Christingle, Midnight Communion, Christmas Day service as well as the regular services.

It is at this time of year, that those of us responsible for the organisation and running of the whole of this Christian church's provision are so very thankful for all who support and help to maintain St Andrew's church as a viable place of worship. This includes the priests Sarah and Rosie, the lay worship leaders, the Parochial Church Council members, those who volunteer to read lessons, deliver intercessions, help with communion, act as sides people, ring the bell, make the tea, decorate the interior (especially the flower arrangers), regularly clean the building, do the laundry, maintain the churchyards and many other tasks needed to support the ministry of the Word. To you all we say a great big THANK YOU.

As always, we welcome anyone who would like to join us in worship or who would like to volunteer to support the church in any other way. If you would like to talk to someone about how you can be involved contact me or Sarah Hillman (contact detail on page 29.)

We wish you all a happy New Year and hope that you look forward to a new phase of your life in 2019.

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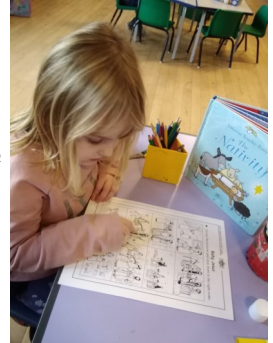




Milborne Ladybirds Playgroup

Busy getting ready for Christmas

It's that time of year when we're all busy making and learning about Christmas. The children have all made and decorated their own folder to keep all their makes for family and friends. Our activities have involved reading the Nativity. The older children have made little books of the Nativity by cutting out and sorting into sequence the events and sticking the pictures into a book which they then coloured in. This year we are performing the Nativity at our end of term party, and so far the rehearsals have gone well - fingers crossed the performance to families will go just as well. The younger children have chosen what animal they will be - bit of a variation on the traditional version as we may have a lion and a dinosaur and some Kings may be princesses!



All the children have been making items to take home and we have incorporated learning opportunities of scissor use, 'writing', counting, patterns and size comparisons. Great concentration can be seen in the picture of threading little beads onto pipe cleaner tree branches. We wish all our friends a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Liz Dyer

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Word Search for January 2019

The Magi brought three gifts to Jesus: gold, frankincense and myrrh. Gold was a gift that would have been given to a king. Frankincense was brought by priests as they worshipped God in the Temple. Myrrh was a spice that the ancients used in preparing bodies for burial.

So you could say that the Wise Men, in choosing their gifts, honoured Jesus with gold because He was King of the Jews, with frankincense because He was to be worshipped as divine; and with myrrh, because He would also become a sacrifice and die for His people.

The Wise Men were the very first Gentiles ever to worship Jesus. What faith they had! They never saw any evidence of Jesus' kingship, His divinity or His sacrificial death. They simply worshipped Him through faith in God's promises alone.



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Milborne St Andrew Gardening Club



January is the start of a new gardening year and Club members think beyond the grey wintry days and dark evenings to the spring, planning the flowers, fruit and vegetables to be grown and enjoyed. There is so much to look forward to ... would you like to join us?

Whether you are a seasoned gardener or a complete novice, it's great to share your interest with like-minded people, to chat together, be encouraged and to learn from each other. The Club has a programme of events that starts on Thursday 17th January with a presentation on orchids, given by Jocelyn Jenkins.

Club meetings are held each month at the village hall. Annual club membership costs £11 and then members pay £1 when they come to a meeting, refreshments are included and there is a printed program of events for you to keep. There are many advantages to being a member including outings, garden centre discounts, competitions etc. but if you would prefer to visit us at the village hall from time to time it's simply £2 at the door.

You simply won't find a friendlier bunch of people so do come and join us at the village hall on 17th January at 7:30pm. You will be most welcome.

Mark Johnson



Milborne Movies
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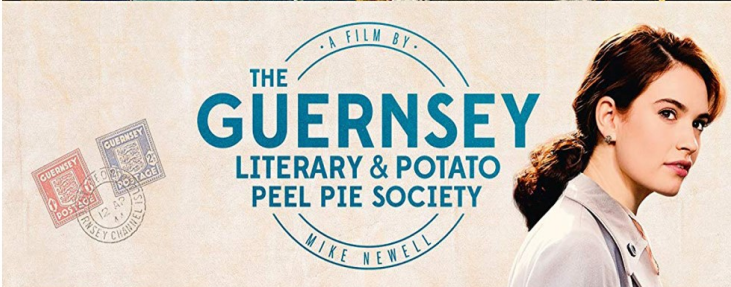
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Future Dates:

Sunday 3rd February - St Mary's Church, Puddletown

Sunday 3rd March - Dewlish Village Hall

Sunday 7th April - Tolpuddle Village Hall

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The local villages walking group



Walks are normally held on the first Sunday and the third Wednesday of each month.

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SUNDAY 6th Jan - 1:30 pm (*note earlier time during winter*)

Gussage All Saints

Meet near the church in Gussage All Saints, off the A354 at Cashmore.

Grid reference: SU 998108 on OS Explorer Sheet 118 (approx. 4.5 miles)

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17th January



Refreshments



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Latest news from Dorset Trading Standards



Counterfeit goods – What is the real threat?

When we think of counterfeit goods we probably think of films, music and clothes, but what about electrical goods, cosmetics, or toys? These all have to meet certain safety standards set down in law. These standards are there to protect the consumer.

Counterfeit goods may not meet these standards: 98% of a batch of apple electrical chargers tested failed to pass one or more of the safety tests; tests on counterfeit lipsticks have found 300 times the permitted amount of lead in them; In 2016 airbags for vehicles which turned out to be counterfeit were found; in 2017 one Trading Standards service seized 88,000 counterfeit toys in the run up to Christmas. All of these failed safety tests and all highlight the potential harm to the public from counterfeit goods.

If something on sale seems to be too good to be true then it probably is. Organised crime groups play a large role in the supply of counterfeit goods and they obtain significant financial benefit from doing this.

Top tips to help you avoid buying counterfeit goods

When buying online check the spelling and grammar on the website and of the URL – often the people behind these sites do not pay a lot of attention or care to this detail. Fraudsters may also try to deceive you by slightly changing the spelling of a well-known brand or shop in the website address.

Look to see where the trader is based and whether they provide a postal address – just because the web address has ‘UK’ do not assume the seller is based in the UK. If there is no address supplied or there is just a PO Box or email be wary.

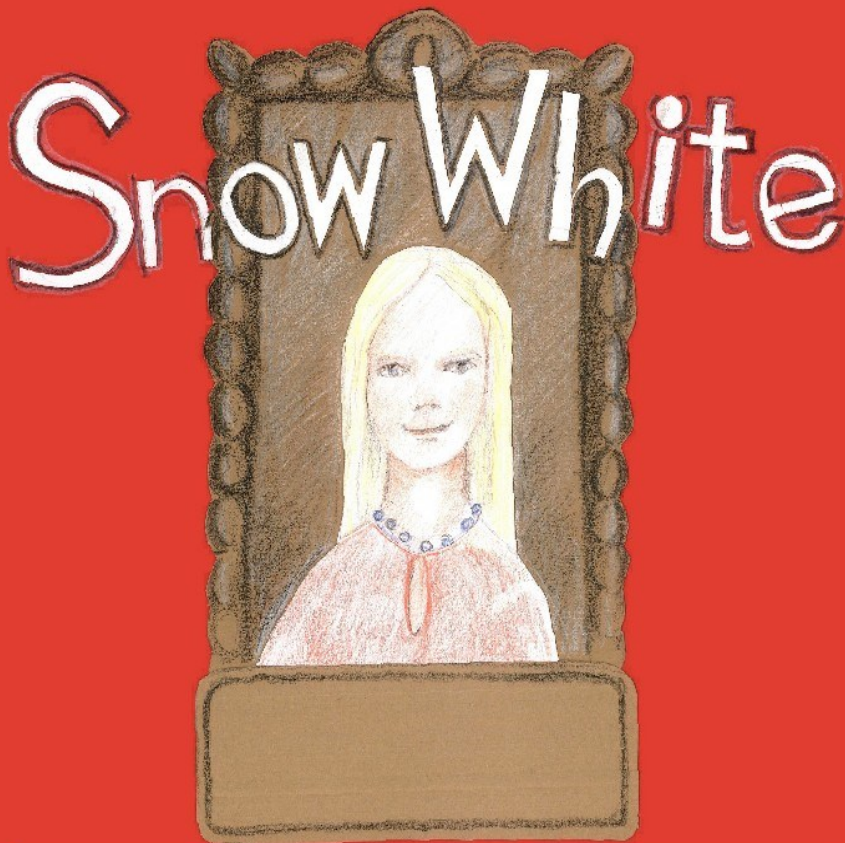
Deal with reputable sellers - only use sites you know or that have been recommended to you. If you have not bought from the seller before then do your research and check online reviews.

Get the trader to tell you if they provide an after-sales service, warranty, or guarantee.

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Dewlish Church Notes

We are most grateful to have received £258.10, which was donated in memory of the late Rodney Parsons. Thank you.

I am delighted to report that our Christmas Bazaar raised £640.48 for church funds. This included a splendid donation of £60 which was the profit from that morning's Community Coffee Morning. Thank you so much, Carole.

The sale was most enjoyable; stalls were weighed down with lovely items and there were very warming refreshments on hand! Big thank-you to all our helpers, and to the people who made donations to the stalls and raffle and monetary gifts. It was lovely to see so many there, including our friends from neighbouring villages.

Daphne Burg

BENEFIT ADVICE SESSIONS

An initiative by Dorset Welfare Benefits Partnership

Dorchester

Sessions will operate on the fourth Thursday in each month, between 9am and 12.30pm at Age UK Dorchester. To make an appointment, please contact Age UK Dorchester on 01305 269444 or at Rowan Cottage, 4 Prince of Wales Road, Dorchester DT1 1PW www.ageuk.org.uk/dorchester

Date : 24th January

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Sessions will operate on the second Tuesday in each month, between 10am and 12.15pm at Island Community Action, and will be by appointment only.

To make an appointment, please contact Island Community Action on 01305 823789 or at Unit 13, Easton Shopping Centre, Easton, Portland DT5 1EB. islandcommunityaction@btconnect.com

Date: 8th January

Weymouth

Sessions will operate on the second Thursday in each month, between 9.30am and 11.30am at Weymouth Community Safety Centre (new fire station), Radipole Lane, Weymouth, DT4 0QF, and will be by appointment only.

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Date: NO session in January



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St Mary's, Puddletown—January 2019

Intercessors		Scripture Readers
6th	Sandra Drake	Shirley Parker
13th	Family Service Team	
20th	Cynthia Metcalfe	Bob Todd
27th	Caroline Wood-Homer	Judy Bumby & Dawn Loveless
Flowers		
6th	Glad Antell	Epiphany
13th	Glad Antell	Baptism of Christ
20th	Ursula Pomeroy	Epiphany 3
27th	Ursula Pomeroy	Epiphany 4
Coffee		
2nd Sunday of every month—Family Service Team		
January: Sue Leonard & Sandra Drake		
(Please let Jean know of any problems over dates.)		
Brasses		
Jean Jeffreys		
PCC Charity Donations		
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Lent	Bishop's Fund for Sudan	
Mothering Sunday	Mosaic	
Easter Day	The Salvation Army (Homeless)	
Harvest	R.A.B.I . And Water Aid	
Christmas	The Children's Society	



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Services in the Benefice— January 2019

6th January – Epiphany

Psalm 72.1-7,10-14, Isaiah 60.1-6, Matthew 2.1-12

9.30am	Parish Communion	Tolpuddle
9.30am	Celebrate ...	Milborne St Andrew
11.00am	Parish Communion	Puddletown
11.00am	1662 Morning Prayer	Dewlish
4.00pm	Messy Church	Milborne

13th January – Baptism of Christ

Psalm 29, Isaiah 43.1-7, Luke 3.15-17, 21-22

8.15am	1662 Said Communion	Puddletown
9.30am	United Methodist Service	Tolpuddle
9.30am	Parish Communion	Milborne
11.00am	Puddletown Praise	Puddletown Church Room
11.00am	Parish Communion	Dewlish

Thursday 17th January

12.00noon	Lunchtime Communion	Puddletown
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20th January – Epiphany 3

Psalm 36.5-10, 1 Corinthians 12.1-11, John 2.1-11

9.30am	Family Communion	Tolpuddle
9.30am	1662 Morning Prayer (Said)	Milborne St Andrew
11.00am	Parish Communion + Baptism <i>(followed by bring-and-share lunch)</i>	Puddletown
11.00am	Family Service	Dewlish

27th January – Epiphany 4

Psalm 19, 1 Corinthians 12.12-31a, Luke 4.14-21

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

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Monday	Puddletown	Tuesday	Milborne St Andrew
Wednesday	Dewlish	Thursday	Tolpuddle
Saturday	Puddletown		

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