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This month's cover photo: The team of cleaners preparing for the opening up of St John's, Tolpuddle, post Covid 19 lockdown—June 2020. Left to right is Margot, Theresa, Jayne, Shirley, William, Heather, Marion, and Liz. Hilly Cobban is taking the photo!

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## **WELCOME TO OUR PARISH MAGAZINE -**

Welcome to those of you who may not generally read a copy of our monthly Parish Magazine.

It has been in existence for many years, for the Benefice areas of Puddletown, Tolpuddle, Milborne St. Andrew and Dewlish, and its purpose is to cover aspects of Church, Community and Country life.

We hope you enjoy looking through this slightly shorter on-line version, and whether it is reading an article sent in from a contributor or checking out the various advertisements, we hope you will read us again in the future!

If you have a story to tell which readers may like to read - our Editors details can be found on page 3. Get in touch!

*PARISH MAGAZINE WORKING GROUP*

## **A Message to our Magazine Subscribers -**

We know you must be wondering what the future holds for our Parish Magazine, so just a short update here on that for you.

We are fortunate to be able to put a shorter version online here for a while, and are grateful to be able to do so.

Having had a chat in the last couple of days with our Printers, we know we are going to be able to resume the printed editions from them, but at this moment in time, we do not know exactly when.

A directive from the Church of England prohibits delivery of their correspondence other than via the Royal Mail at this time. Many of our own Distribution Team are not going to be able to return to that task in any case just yet, until further Government advice comes forth. Many are isolating or shielding.

We are grateful to the team of Community Volunteers who were able to deliver last month's issue to Subscribers on our behalf, and in the future, we may need to ask them again when production of a hard copy is re-started, but all of that is on hold just now.

We are aware that we will owe our Subscribers a couple of months' of issues, and normally at this time of year, we would be about to start up the subscriptions for the 2020/21 year, but that too is halted for now.

Bear with us! We all need to take small steps just now - we will be back in touch soon!

*Parish Magazine Working Group*

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## THE VICAR'S LETTER



Not a letter this month but prayers. These prayers were written by Nick Fawcett, during these Coronovirus times. With our churches now re-opening for private prayer it seems like a good time to share these.

Where there are tears, Lord,  
wipe them away.  
Where there are fears,  
dispel them.  
Where there is sickness,  
restore health.  
Where there is hardship,  
grant support.  
Where there is confusion,  
give clarity.  
Where there is chaos,  
bring order.  
Where there is danger,  
offer protection.  
Where there is despair,  
nurture faith.  
Where there is resignation,  
kindle resolve.  
Where there is dread,  
bring calm.  
Where there is darkness,  
shed light.  
Where the way is hard,  
and the road to recovery is slow,  
foster perseverance,  
patience  
and trust in the future –  
the future *you* hold in store –  
despite all that counts against it.  
Amen.

We pray, Lord,  
not for easy answers,  
for there aren't any;  
not for a straightforward road ahead,  
there isn't one;  
not for instant solutions,  
for they don't exist;  
not for some miracle cure,  
for we know developing a vaccine will  
take time;  
not for an overnight economic recovery,  
for we understand that can't happen;  
not for untroubled times ahead,  
for we recognise that's wholly unrealistic.  
We pray, rather, for strength to face  
whatever demands the future may  
bring  
to rise to the challenge and do every-  
thing in our power –  
as a nation and as a world –  
to pick up the pieces and start again,  
ensuring, as far as possible, that what-  
ever trials some may endure,  
they will not be left to cope with them  
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Amen.

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 Light of hope, enthuse us.  
 Light of strength, protect us.  
 Light of compassion, comfort us.  
 Light of goodness, bless us.  
 Light of truth, challenge us.  
 Light of love, embrace us.  
 Light of life, renew us.  
 Amen.

Best wishes

*Sarah*

### Puddletown Weather

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

| May 2020   |                              |                               |
|--|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
|   | Rainfall for the month       | 3.60 mm                       |
|  | Cumulative for the year      | 387.00 mm                     |
|  | 2019 Rainfall for the month  | 27.60 mm                      |
|  | 2019 Cumulative for the year | 303.00 mm                     |
|  | Temperatures                 | Max. 27.60° C<br>Min. 1.30° C |
|  | 2019                         | Max 25.60° C<br>Min 0.10° C   |
|  | Maximum wind speed           | 19.70 mph                     |
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When lockdown commenced, under the Church of England rules, not only were we not permitted to enter the church, but we were also unable to mow the graveyards, and as you might have noticed, they were turning into a bit of a jungle!

When the Church of England relaxed some of its guidelines, we were at last able to tackle the grass, but it was so long we needed people to trim it first.

A big thank you goes to Tristan and Sharlene Proctor, Gary McIntosh, Andy Shaw, and Andrew Deans who gave their time and equipment early June to enable Hazel, one of our regular team members to finally mow the grass!



Thank you also to the rest of our lawn mower team, David, Jean and George for all the work you do throughout the year.



With thanks to Julie Lewis/Tristan Proctor for the above photo.

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## A Month on the Farm – June

We have gone from a long wet winter to now a long dry spring leading quickly into summer, with May and early June giving us some surprisingly hot days, but our winter barley although in ear is struggling now with the lack of water, as are most fields which could do with a good dosing of rain, all the crops are in fact looking good, having had all their fertilizer & some crops their final dose of fungicide.

One field across the road from the farmhouse has late drilled winter wheat, spring barley and as part of our environmental scheme a grass margin around the field and one and half acres of Bumblebee mix, this is made up of different varieties of bee loving flowers and grasses, such as vetches, clover, wild radish and phacelia, Also, with it we have drilled 10 kilos of sunflower seed, something we did a few years ago and provided Puddletown Church and a few weddings with a wonderful display of sunflowers.

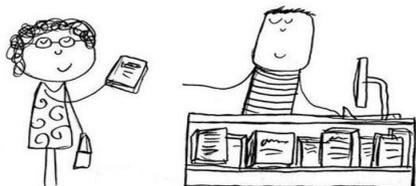
Thankfully the world pandemic is only slightly encroaching on our daily work, it is more noticeable that some supplies are more difficult and take longer to secure. Meetings are having to be done via a computer link, but some jobs such as TB testing and shearing are difficult to complete whilst staying socially distanced but generally the work goes on, some new season lambs weighing up to 40kg, averaging about £100 per head, have already gone to market, though as sellers we were unable to attend the sales due to current restrictions and rules.

We are having our usual spring store cattle clear out, usually spread over a few weeks but due to TB restrictions, approximately 160 are off to Salisbury Market to a special sale and we hope for good trade! This will help with the stocking density on the grassland, though the peaty soils of our meadows by the dual carriageway will stay damp all year, as children from Puddletown First School and other groups have often found while river dipping. These groups sadly will not be able to have their annual river and farm visits due to Covid 19 and its restraints, hopefully another year.

*Wakely Cox*

5<sup>th</sup> June 2020

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## The Puddletown Neighbourhood Plan

The (PNP) is now progressing well. The first formal consultation ('Regulation 14') of the parish was completed in January 2020. Documents were made available on-line, the Library, Shop, Surgery and Rodhill Meeting Room. There was also a two-day event at the Church Room. 79 comments were received, and the documents were updated. The main issues raised were related to Local Green Spaces, village character, noise assessment, safer roads, parking, and new proposed housing scale, design and location. Based upon the updated documents, at the May 20 Puddletown Area Parish Council (PAPC) meeting, there was a vote to support the PNP. This then proceeded to the next stage. The PNP has now been passed to Dorset Council who have started the next formal consultation ('Regulation 16'). All residents can submit further comments during this period. A review by an independent expert will follow, finally a referendum of all voters in Puddletown Parish will take place. Presently, the referendum is foreseen for May 2021 due to the impact of the COVID-19 virus. However, as this date is set by central government, **it could come forward**. A full set of documents, and all the latest information is available at the PAPC website under the 'Projects' section:

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Anyone wishing to discuss the PNP or has a query, please contact Peter Churchill, on 07407 235798.

## Community Spaces.

You may recall two community meetings last year in January and November respectively. The purpose of these was to engage your opinion on what you would like to see in terms of community spaces in the parishes. The good news is – that your views have already helped to shape how we move forward and a project team has been set up to work together in the near future, on a plan of action representing the priority needs of our parishes. You will be invited to get involved. Please look out for notifications of meetings which will be coming up very soon, either virtually or as soon as the Govt, informs us that it is safe to have group meetings.

Anyone interested in attending the upcoming meetings should contact the project chair, Sylvia Salcedo on 07788 101075.

**COVID-19 Volunteer Group.** The PAPC was one of the community groups to initiate the local COVID-19 volunteer group in March. Julian Hubbuck (a PAPC councillor), and Sarah Hillman (the local vicar) are the coordinators. There are now over 60 volunteers who have helped people in need with shopping, prescriptions, controlling entrance to the shop and the surgery, and delivering newspapers. They have been kept extremely busy and have done a fantastic job. Please contact Julian or Sarah if you need any help during the COVID crisis, or if you feel you too would like to volunteer (Sarah: 01305 848784 or Julian: 07881 678126).

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The PAPC also granted £500 to the Puddletown Charity to support people in need during the crisis with the Community Cafe also donating a further £100.

**Puddletown Recreation Area.** Recently there has been some confusion over the rule for dogs on the Puddletown Rec. The intention was to simply reduce the amount of dog mess on the Rec' which had become a significant issue for people and sports clubs using the space. Unfortunately, the small minority who neglected to clear up, affected this rule for the majority. It became necessary to involve a Dog Warden, who would 'police' the issue. To engage a Dog Warden, certain rules had to be implemented. The first is that dog owners can use the Rec, but dogs must be kept on leads, and off the cricket and football pitches.

There are already signs to communicate this, but new ones will follow, making the rules clearer. Dog bins are also placed around the Rec. Hopefully, this also clears any confusion that there is a complete dog ban.

## TOWER NEWS

### The Bellringers

What do they do, when all the ropes are still,  
When silence creeps again into her bower,  
When the stunned air is quiet from its thrill,  
And he, who bears the lantern, locks the tower?

*John Masefield*



Indeed! What do the bellringers do when the ropes are still?

At the time of writing, it has been over 13 weeks, since we last rang, on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March.

Well, my lockdown project was building a Lego bell tower, complete with lights and sound. It took a few weeks as I was designing it in my head as I went along and had to order various Lego bricks and accessories from Ebay every couple of days. There was a couple of sleepless nights as I couldn't decide whether to put the clock room in between the ringing chamber and belfry... and if I did that, I'd need to put a room in for the pendulum, then add the weights, so decided against it!

I had to rush completion, as Tower Talk, an on-line magazine for Ringing teachers and learners had asked for a photo for the front page of their next issue.

The messy part was making the sallies for the ropes. Having to wrap coloured string around the main "rope" with glue.

Then the finishing touches were added. A few bats, floor mats with the numbers of the bells written on them, just like we have in the tower at Puddletown, especially to help people like me, who can never remember which bell they are ringing!

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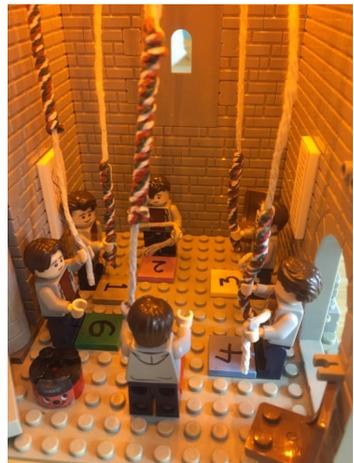
The lighting is an actual Lego lighting kit, so fitted nicely, the sound of the bells was recorded and is played on a gizmo that you put in a greeting card.

As well as the Lego tower making the front page of Tower Talk magazine, I have had a separate article printed in the April edition, about my progress in ringing, which has just been duplicated in the Ringing World magazine.... and will also be in the Salisbury Diocesan Guild newsletter along with the Lego tower, during the summer.

Other ringing related activities have included making a 6 second clip of Puddletown bells ringing rounds into a 10 minute recording, which has been played around the village on most Thursday evenings, thanks to Jim and Elizabeth Dolling and their amp and pick-up truck, enabling the village to hear “Peals on Wheels” during the absence of ringing practice that night.

As I was due to attempt my first Quarter Peal on the Treble bell the week that ringing was put on hold due to the coronavirus, I have done this on an app on my phone... But that won't count towards my Level 3 certificate! I have been contemplating attempting a full peal on the app, but that would take 3 hours, so maybe not!

*Emma Hughes*



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## The NHS – bearing one another’s burdens

“Save the NHS” was the slogan chosen by the British government when the coronavirus began to spread. Meant to evoke public compassion, and compliance with emergency regulations, it sounded as though the NHS was an endangered species. In fact it was the public themselves whose lives were in jeopardy; the National Health Service existed solely for their benefit. The slogan did manage to stir gratitude for a service which had been taken for granted, as well as appreciation of its 1.5+ million staff, many of whom were now putting their own lives at greater risk.

The idea for a countrywide medical service came from the Beveridge Report, instigated by the coalition government during World War II. “Medical treatment covering all requirements will be provided for all citizens by a national health service”, is how it was defined, though it had to wait until 1948 for its implementation to begin.

It was part of a programme for reconstruction, aiming to eliminate Want, Disease, Ignorance, Squalor and Idleness. Sir William Beveridge, who gave his name to the report, was close friends with two other social reformers: R H Tawney, and William Temple, who was to become Archbishop of Canterbury. Today’s Archbishop, Justin Welby, wrote this about the trio: “Drawing on Christian understandings of justice, generosity and human dignity, they described the kind of country that they felt reflected God’s values better.”

St Paul couldn’t have thought he was providing a slogan for a welfare state when he wrote, “Bear one another’s burdens and so fulfil the law of Christ”, but that is a neat summary of the way the National Health Service works. We all pay in when we can and we all benefit when we need.

One estimate of the cost of the NHS today is £158.4 billion, which in real terms is 10 times as much as in 1950. In the meantime, it’s no longer completely free for all. Prescription charges and dental fees have been introduced. The development of ever-more sophisticated life-saving drugs and medical procedures will inevitably mean higher costs - and a heightened moral dilemma. Must there be further limits to the provision of “medical treatment covering all requirements”?

The colossal task of rebuilding a shattered economy in the years to come may compel the British people to choose between what is essential and what is optional. The Christian principle now sounds particularly demanding: “Bear one another’s burdens and so fulfil the law of Christ”.

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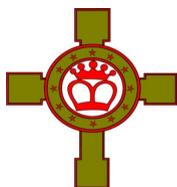
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## **St Mary's Middle School**

We reopened for Year 6 at the beginning of June and I wanted to start by praising the returning Year 6 pupils and others who have returned to school for the first time since half term, for how quickly they have fallen into new routines and how well they have conducted themselves since the return. I also want to highlight those children of key workers and vulnerable pupils who have been in since the lockdown started. They have had to readjust to a much more restrictive set of rules than they had been used to in school and have adjusted so well. Key Stage 3 pupils in particular are showing some real independence in their learning, self-motivation and organisation and this will only be a benefit for their ongoing education. Lastly, a big thank you to staff who once again managed to pull all of this together and made it work so that we were open ready for pupils.

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Phew- we actually have some positive news this month- yes- we are finally opening the church- but initially just for private prayer and only two days a week.

We have had to carry out a comprehensive Risk Assessment which has resulted in the decision to block off the WC and Servery Area - indeed these areas are required for storing chairs and books which might otherwise carry the virus. The church required a thorough clean initially but will not need disinfecting daily as there will be plenty of times between opening times for the virus to disperse. We will of course expect any visitors to respect social distancing legislation and wear masks and gloves if appropriate. It does mean that there are lots of notices around (which I dislike intensely!) but we also presume that people will behave in a responsible way.

This pandemic has created so many problems for individuals and businesses but many of us have actually used the period of enforced restraint to take up new hobbies, contact old friends, work in the garden, and generally enjoy a most beautiful spring. We could not have done this without the support of others who did not have to isolate and volunteered to do home deliveries of food and medication - HUGE THANKS to Sarah and her team and of course Sheila and Puddletown Shop. Many of us have welcomed Kevin, the milkman who has also been delivering other goodies, including birdseed, and I do hope we will continue to support him even though we can now go back to the shops. We are delighted that Mike is now back delivering the papers but very grateful to Julie who stepped in meanwhile.

Back to church matters. It has been very rewarding to follow Sarah's services weekly as well as broadcasts from other sources. There have been some interesting on-line concerts, operas and plays and we here in Tolpuddle have been able to listen to the birds, meet up for distance socializing and plan for a future - which will be different in many ways.

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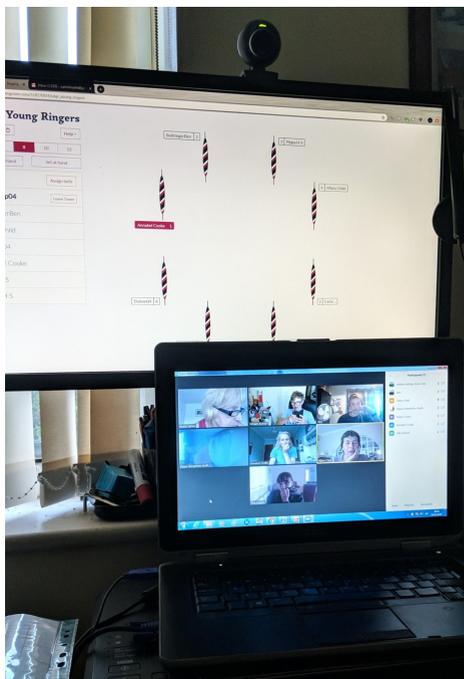
## Virtual bell ringing

As I'm sure you're aware with the current situation bell ringing is impossible, not just with social distancing, but with the risk of cross-contamination from ropes and from coughs and sneezes in a small tower.

Just after the CCCBR (Central Council of Church Bell Ringers) announced that all ringing should stop, two ringers from Boston, Massachusetts decided to develop an online ringing resource. The new app, 'Ringing Room' allows ringers to practise the very basics, from rounds (just 123456!) and call changes (where the order of these are changed) to more complicated methods, where the bells are always moving about.

The Salisbury Diocese young ringers' branch decided to jump on the opportunity using Zoom, which is very similar to Skype, to talk and see the other ringers while we are using Ringing Room. This makes it easier for us to discuss what needs working on, and also allows new ringers to learn the more complicated methods.

While we can't ring, Ringing Room is a great option for us to keep our brains active and keep in contact with all the young ringers and their parents. It is also a great way for us older ringers to practise our conducting, where you stop the bells and move the order of ringing about.



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Ringing Room is constantly being developed, and has the option to ring at 4, 6, 8, 10, and 12 bell towers, meaning we can have a small group of people practising one thing, or a large group of 12 just ringing normally.

The first young ringers practice had a few glitches with lots of people having technical issues, and the slight issue that we hadn't rung for over 3 months! But once we got our heads around it we quickly picked up how Ringing Room worked and were soon moving on to the more interesting bits of ringing. It also allows the younger ringers to learn more stuff themselves, and improve their ringing ability without the added pressures of a ¼ tonne bell swinging above their head.

We currently have one practise every Friday evening, with an average of 10 young ringers, our two leaders Hillary and Sue, Jane the Diocese training officer, and one parent ringer.

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We hope to carry out more of these ringing evenings into the future, with lots of towers taking on the challenge.

One of our leaders Hilary has joined in the ringing practise at Brownsea island (they do have a very light ring of eight there, with the tenor weighing in at about 1.5 tonnes!) and they practise once every week.

Other towers across the country have followed suit and taken to Ringing Room, including Westminster Abbey, St Pauls, Exeter Cathedral, Liverpool Cathedral and other famous bell towers across the country.

While we cannot ring safely, we have to keep up with our practice and keep our brains ticking over and for the foreseeable future, Ringing Room is our only alternative.

*William Bishop*

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## **Reducing my carbon footprint – part two. The electric car.**

Last summer our car needed replacing. We had had it for seven years, taken it up to 130 thousand miles and the suspension and engine were both making unwelcome noises. We usually buy cars which are around five years old and drive them until they are about to become unreliable or expensive. Was this the time to go electric?

I am a great believer in the philosophy of the great Lotus engineer Colin Chapman – cars should be light to maximize handling, performance and economy (though he was less worried about economy). The thought of carrying a 500kg battery around did not appeal but at the moment it is the only real alternative to fossil fuels. Hydrogen and liquid fuels manufactured with green electricity are still only in the development stage.

An electric car in my price range and age came down to two options – the Nissan Leaf and the Renault Zoe. Time for a test drive. There are several car dealers that sell only electric vehicles (EVs) so it was easiest to book an appointment at one of these. Driving an EV for the first time is very strange, which influences how one assesses the cars. Anyhow we preferred the Leaf. The first generation Leaf was made from 2011 to 2017 with over 300,000 sold worldwide. They have proved to be very reliable.

First generation Leafs (Leaves?) have a 22 or 30kWh battery – the larger battery models were outside my price range. Charging is either AC using a 3-pin plug (the so-called ‘granny cable’) or a Type 2 socket which is standard on many public and home chargers. Charging takes either eight (slow) or three (fast!) hours depending on the charger and the car. Rapid charging on a public charger takes twenty minutes using direct current (DC) .

Fast (3 hours) charging was only an option on Leafs, and one that I wanted. I also wanted heated seats/steering wheel to reduce the use of the heater.

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But whatever your reason for being here  
You'll get a warm welcome and find a frinedly ear  
Here's a place to while the time away  
Talking - or listening to what others say  
There's sport to watch if that's your thing  
Quite often they'll have music in  
There's always something going on  
Always a reason to pop along.*

*And along we've popped for a long time  
Sharing with friends a beer or wine  
Celebrating birthdays, and much more besides  
On summer days and cold winter nights  
Through good times and bad  
Through thick & thin  
This is the place you've found us in  
And so I ask all here present folk  
To raise a toast to our pub  
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*Composed by Larry Lagrue for our 10th anniversary at the pub August 2019*

None of the dealers had a car to this specification but I found one from a private seller on eBay.

The car had a full service history which includes an annual battery condition report which the seller sent me a copy. I now have a phone App to look in great detail at the battery status – I'm not sure if a car dealer would let you do those checks on the forecourt.

I agreed to buy the car which was near Leicester; I would need to charge it on the way home! The charging network in the UK has several players who mainly require an account, together with a smart card or a phone App to get some juice – only a few will just take your bank card, although this is improving. I then used Zap-Map to find charging points along my route. This App/website shows what type of charger it is, who runs it, when it was last used, if it's known to be not working and comments from users. I signed up with 5 companies, downloaded the Apps and sent off for an RFID card (free 3 months trial).

I took the train to the Midlands, the car was as good as promised and I set off home. Driving on the Fosse Way at a steady 55mph was nice and economical so I decided I could easily reach Cirencester, about half way home. I found the charging point, which had no instructions. I connected up and waved my RFID card at it and after a few goes it started whirring away and the charging light started flashing. I wandered into town and bought a coffee. By the time I was back, it was ready to go. At that time there was no charging point in Blandford so, not wanting to risk it, I also stopped for 10 minutes outside Warminster.

Since then (and excluding a 500 mile round trip in France - which could be an article on its own) I have used a public charger less than once a month. The 80 mile range covers 95% of our needs. The official range is 124 miles which may be possible in city driving. Would I prefer a bigger battery? Probably – the EVs being sold now can do twice the distance of mine, ample in my opinion. Anything more is just extra weight, more energy to manufacture and more raw materials.

So what is it like to drive? The battery is low down so it handles pretty well, not feeling any heavier than our old car. I just leave it in Eco mode which limits power usage – out of Eco mode it is very eager. I think they should be renamed Normal and Sport. It has a lot of torque and no gears so it is just 'press and play'.

But, any speed records? Yes, an average of 55mph over one mile in reverse (not set by me!). In theory it could do 92mph backwards but my car seems to be limited to 25mph by the computer.

I like the regenerative braking – charging the battery when slowing down or going downhill. You can select 'B' mode which has a similar effect to changing down a gear or two. I can come down into the village keeping to 30mph without using the brake pedal.

I also like not having to wait for the heater to provide heat – even better is that the heater can warm the car beforehand, controlled using preset times or a phone App.

And how much energy does it use?

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I average 4 miles per kWh (13.5 pence from Pure Planet). Charging at night with the greenest energy (as low as 120g CO<sub>2</sub> per kWh) is 30g CO<sub>2</sub> per mile (20g per km compared with 100g for my Smart car). At worst case I should add another 25g for the manufacture of the battery. Remember that petrol/diesel has to be extracted from the ground, refined, shipped around the world and then to the petrol station – this adds another 20% to the CO<sub>2</sub> emissions of a traditional car.

At 8000 miles a year, our old diesel did 50mpg – so almost 2 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> emitted from the tail pipe. Including the battery, the emissions from the Leaf are about two thirds of a tonne. I also use the Smart less now that it is no longer our most frugal car, saving some more emissions and money.

Like last month, reducing this further requires more low-carbon electricity, both for running the car and building both the car and the batteries. Unfortunately big business puts profit before the planet and new battery plants are being built in Poland and China with their dirty coal-powered electricity. The new Leaf batteries are no longer made in Sunderland.

All my affluent readers please note that Teslas and Volvos have/will have batteries made with green electricity.

Next month: clothes.

*Andy Mott*

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## **Remembering the man who founded Barnardo's**

It was 175 years ago, on 4th July 1845, that Thomas Barnardo, the humanitarian and philanthropist, was born in Dublin. He founded Barnardo's, a charity which continues to care for vulnerable children and young people.

The son of a furrier, he worked as a clerk until converted to evangelical Christianity in 1862. He moved to London, intending to study medicine and become a missionary in China. He never qualified as a doctor – despite being known as Dr Barnardo – and soon decided that his real calling was to help poor children living on the streets of London, where one in five children died before their fifth birthday.

He opened his first home for boys in 1870 and soon vowed never to turn a child away. Most Victorians saw poverty as shameful, associating it with poor morals and laziness, but Barnardo refused to discriminate. He made sure boys were trained and found them apprenticeships.

When Barnardo died in 1905, he left 96 homes caring for more than 8,500 vulnerable children, including those with learning difficulties. Because he believed that children should ideally grow up in a family setting, in 1887 he introduced an early form of fostering – boarding out children to host families.

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## Please Slow Down for Hedgehogs!

Many of us are lucky enough to have hedgehogs visiting our gardens and I took this photo of 'my' hedgehog just before dark on an evening in June. It has learned to dig for dropped sunflower hearts in the gravel underneath my birdfeeder. It must have been much safer for our local hedgehogs when the roads were so quiet during lockdown but now as we are starting to get out and about in our cars more, please SLOW DOWN and look out for hedgehogs on our roads and driveways as it gets dark. The hot and dry weather we enjoyed in lockdown has meant that hedgehog rescue centres have been taking in and treating many dehydrated hedgehogs, another way you can help is to leave a small bowl or saucer of water out in your garden for them.

Here's a reminder of the general advice from the British Hedgehog Preservation Society:

Make sure there are CD case sized gaps in boundary fences and walls to allow easy passage.

Move piles of rubbish to a new site before burning it.

Check areas carefully before mowing or strimming.

Ensure netting is kept at a safe height.

Check compost heaps before digging the fork in.

Stop or reduce the amount of pesticides and poisons used.

Cover drains or deep holes.

Ensure there is an easy route out of ponds and pools.

We can also encourage hedgehogs to stay longer in our gardens and give them a helping hand by putting food out for them. The Wildlife Trusts give the following advice on feeding hedgehogs:

Use a plain, meat-based cat food, or a specialist hedgehog food (sold in garden centres), which helps to keep their teeth sharp and clean.

If you have a problem with cats eating the food, try placing the food under a brick shelter with a hedgehog-sized gap in it.

If food isn't eaten overnight, remove anything that will go off and replace it with fresh offerings in the evening. Research suggests that unpredictable supplementary feeding is beneficial e.g. moving the feeding spots around and scattering food in a more natural way.

**Remember it is important not to leave bread and milk out for hedgehogs as it can cause diarrhoea.**

*Sally Cooke*



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## Yoga

Most people think that yoga is about contorting yourself into weird shapes and learning to relax. You definitely do learn how to relax (and most people in our culture really need that), but it really isn't about weird shapes – if it were, the best yogis would be circus performers.

Yoga evolved as a theory and practice, as an answer to the perennial questions, 'Why do we suffer?' and 'What can we do about it?'

It recognises that we have many different aspects – body, breath, mind, emotions, habits, attitudes, principles, beliefs – and that they are all interconnected, affecting each other. It offers many different ways in which we can make life better for ourselves.... that is one of its keys: you do it for yourself, you don't have to rely on anyone else... in fact, you **HAVE** to do it for yourself. As such, it is very self-empowering.

One of the things I love most about it is that it's practical. It says, if you practise this, you will gradually change those habits that aren't helping you and replace them with better ones, whether the habits are physical (stooping instead of standing upright, for instance), mental (replacing seeing everything in the worst light, with a more sanguine outlook) or emotional (feeling very anxious, or having very low self-esteem).

Why should we change our outlook? To decrease suffering... if you always look only at the dark cloud and never at the silver lining, your life will be very joyless. Yoga does not recommend rose-tinted spectacles, but I does say that we should try and see things as clearly and honestly as possible.

When people come to see me as a yoga teacher or therapist, we discuss their life and what they feel they want to change. We evolve a practice – which could be anything from 5 minutes to 25 minutes, to start with. I write it down and they go away and do it, ideally every day. This way, various things including their breathing gradually improve, so that all bodily systems start working better, and they begin to feel better. Then they come back after a little while and, depending on how things are going, the practice evolves some more.

If you want to find out more, go to my website, [www.sarahryanyoga.co.uk](http://www.sarahryanyoga.co.uk).

*Sarah Ryan June 2020*





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# Milborne St Andrews Church News

## Opening up after 'lockdown'

At the end of March, we were instructed to close the church buildings and to stop services. It has been a strange time; our Vicar The Revd Sarah Hillman has persevered in making Youtube videos of mini services on a weekly basis since then. Her skills have grown for this new-to-her technical process. They have been welcomed by many.

In the middle of May, representative from each church in the benefice were asked to unlock the building to 'air it', run water (if there were toilets, kitchens etc) and check on the fabric of the church. Fortunately, there were no problems in St Andrew's. Then at the beginning of June, it was announced that we could open churches for personal prayer and reflection for anyone who wanted to visit a church. As you can imagine it was a challenging task.

Each church representative had to do an in-depth assessment about risk which were believed could cause harm to anyone who entered the church. Each risk had to be evaluated and solutions sought to reduce or minimise the effects. Once that was completed, we were obliged to implement the recommendations to ensure the safety of those who did come to spend contemplative time in church. This included removing all toys, books and leaflets, locking the toilets and kitchens, 'roping off' some areas and other things intended to make the area safe with the reduction of opportunities for the virus to be spread.

We don't know when normal services will be resumed and even if they will ever be the same again. But we hope and pray that eventually we will all be able to join in common worship and praise.

*Pam Shultz*

St Andrew's Churchwarden

## Use your old clothes to help others in poverty

Lockdown drove many of us to do a Spring clear-out of our wardrobes. But what do you do now do with the old clothes you no longer want?

Charity shops may be closed for the time being, but there's still a way to donate your old items and support your favourite charities. Just go online and visit [Thrift+](#). It is an online store where you can buy and donate great quality second-hand clothes. And you get to choose which cause to support when you make a donation.

While lockdown measures are in place, they've introduced a doorstep collection service, so you don't need to leave your home to support life-transforming charities.

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## **The Wordsearch—July 2020**

### **St Mary Magdalene, the woman with a past**

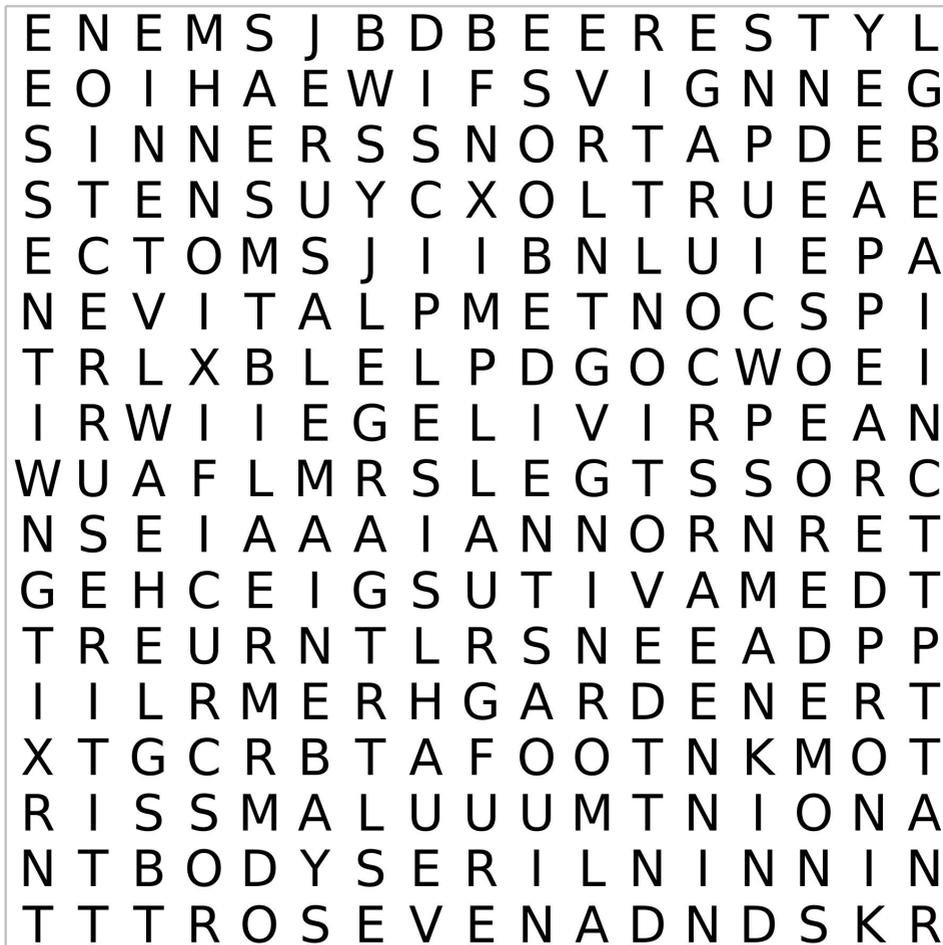
It is easy to understand the popularity of Mary Magdalene over the centuries: she is the patron saint both of repentant sinners and of the contemplative life. Jesus drove seven demons from Mary, who came from near Tiberius in Galilee. Mary has also sometimes been identified with the woman who anointed Christ's feet in the house of Simon.

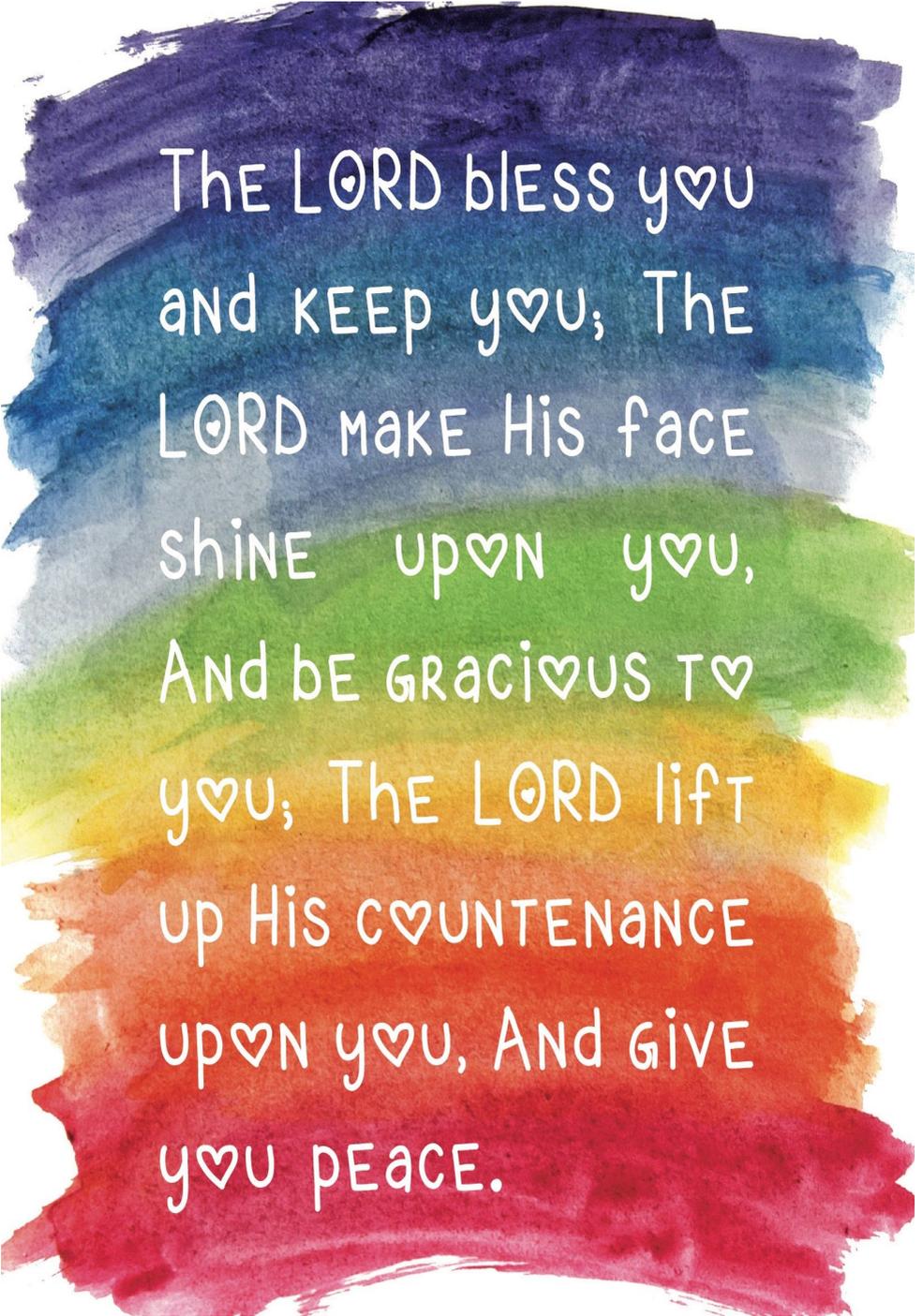
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She became His follower to the bitter end. She followed Him to Jerusalem and was present during the crucifixion, standing heart-broken at the foot of the cross. Her love for Jesus did not end there, for she went to the tomb to anoint His body on the Sunday morning. Such faithful, humble devotion was richly repaid; it gave her a unique privilege among all mankind: she was the first person to whom the Risen Lord appeared on Easter Sunday morning. She thought He was the gardener at first.

Jesus told Mary to go to His disciples and tell them about His return to Heaven. She was obedient and became the first emissary of the resurrection. In those days, the witness of a woman was worthless. Despite ridicule, Mary had the courage to speak about Jesus in a place of great disbelief.

There are 36 words to find this month, it's quite a hard one!





THE LORD bless you  
and KEEP you; THE  
LORD make His face  
shine upon you,  
And be GRACIOUS TO  
you; THE LORD lift  
up His COUNTENANCE  
upon you, AND GIVE  
you PEACE.

## *Tales from your village:* **Artsreach**

call for submissions



Our wonderful Dorset charity, Artsreach, is 30 this year. 'It' is very much two splendid women who work extremely hard, at a job they love. Yvonne, I think, has been there from the start, and Kerry for more years than you would think, as she looks very young.

There is also a new recruit, Nicole. Sadly, these Covid times have meant that their life is very different, just as it has for everyone else. Yvonne and Kerry take it in turns to be furloughed for a month at a time, and Nicole is working extremely part-time.

Nevertheless, they are still doing a lot to help community spirit thrive in Dorset. Do visit their website [www.artsreach.co.uk](http://www.artsreach.co.uk), which they are continually updating with lovely things to do and see, including the National Theatre's and Shakespeare's Globe Live streaming.

They are in very close touch (virtually) with a large number of artists, both solo and companies, of various kinds, as well as with bodies like the Arts Council, the National Rural Touring Forum, Action With Communities in Rural England and Dorset Community Action. They are doing a lot of hard thinking about possibilities for when this situation gradually eases.

Thanks to them, many village halls have been alerted to the Retail and Hospitality Grant of £10,000 available from Dorset County Council. Now, they are asking for contributions to a project called 'Tales from the village', a series of articles about our rural Dorset villages: their past, their present, and their future. They are looking for photos (old and new) of your village, its people, buildings and history. They want to hear fun facts, tall tales, folklore, points of historical interest, and true stories of your village and community. If you'd like to be involved with this project, please send relevant photos of your village/village hall with any accompanying stories or text to [nicole@artsreach.co.uk](mailto:nicole@artsreach.co.uk) along with your name, the name of your village and any other details you'd like mentioned in the article by 8<sup>th</sup> July 2020. [Alternatively, send an email to the address above expressing your interest and Nicole will be in touch to hear your stories.](#)

*Sarah Ryan, Artsreach volunteer promoter in Milborne St Andrew*

## Do you have holiday accommodation in Tolpuddle?

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.

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## Wordsearch for June 2020—the answers

Here are the words you were looking for and below you can see them on the grid:-

Dwells, shelter, most, high, shadow, almighty, refuge, fortress, trust, save, snare, deadly, pestilence, cover, feathers, wings, faithfulness, shield, rampart, fear, terror, night, arrow, plague, destroys.



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