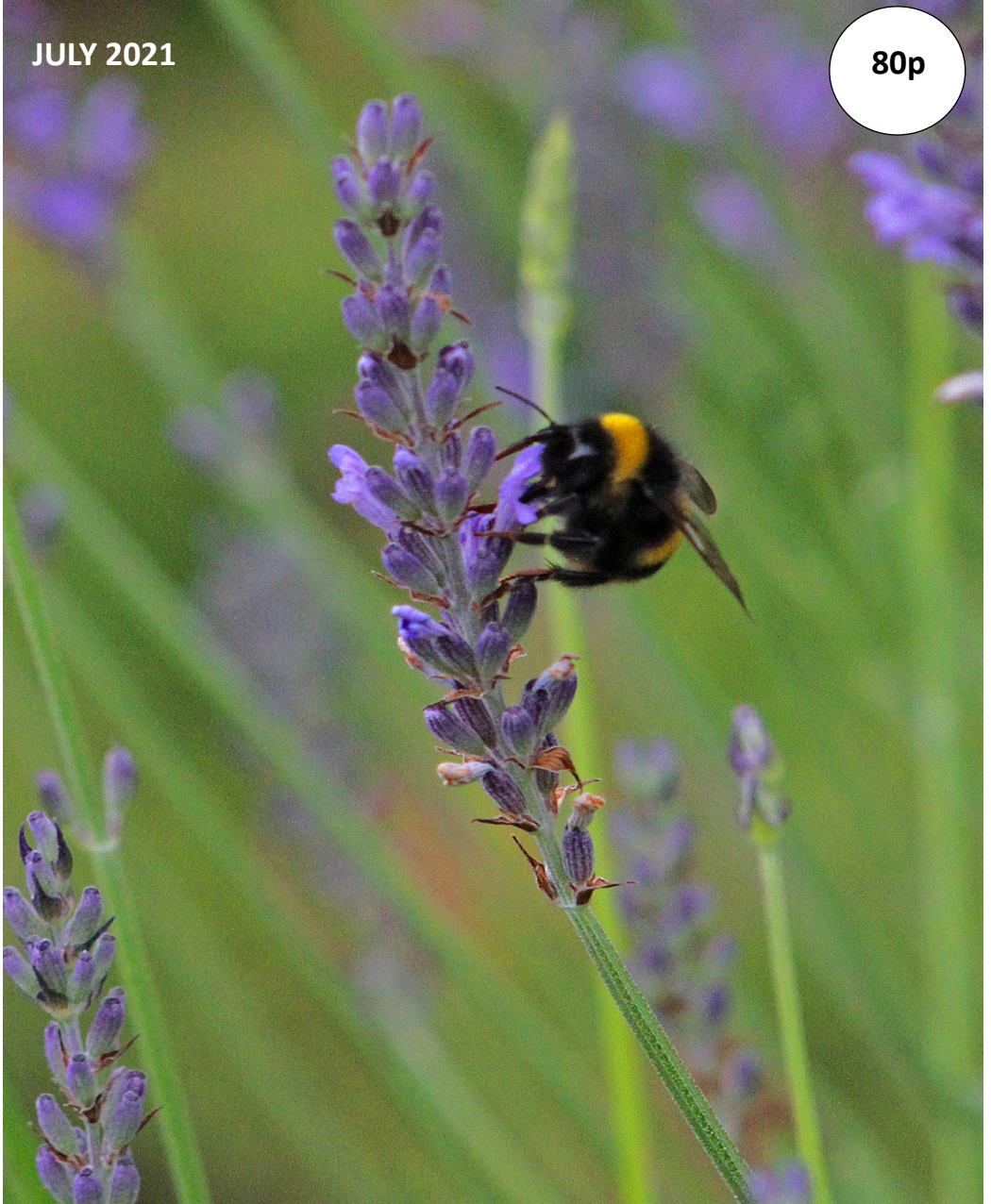


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The power of a tweet

twitter: “a short burst of inconsequential information”

Fifteen years ago, on St Swithin's Day (15th July), the social media network Twitter was launched. At the start the idea was to create a way of sending short communications of the sort that you might use SMS/text for, but which could be spread more widely than just through mobile phones.

It took a while for the design team to come up with a name. They started off by asking what a phone did when a message came in and decided that it buzzed and jittered and twitched. Although they toyed with calling their new communications tool Jitter or Twitch, those names didn't quite seem right.

In an interview with a New York radio station Jack Dorsey, Twitter's co-founder, explained how they had ended up with the name we are all now so familiar with: “One of the guys who was helping us . . . took the word Twitch, and he went down the dictionary. And we all looked at the Oxford English Dictionary at the tw's, and we found the word twitter. And twitter means a short inconsequential burst of information, chirps from birds. And we were like, that describes exactly what we're doing here.”

How far from that original vision Twitter has grown! Many tweets are still inconsequential, but many others have taken on significance. Presidents, Popes, royal families, Prime Ministers: all have used Twitter to make important announcements.

Sadly, though, this platform has also been used to bully, abuse, slander, attack, insult and condemn. Intemperate language has caused real distress to people, often those who are already vulnerable or on the edge of life.

Tweets can no longer be called inconsequential. They can bring real joy to others or deep pain.

We all need space in our lives to exchange views and share ideas. Not everyone will agree with everything but disagreeing with an idea is very different from attacking a person for who they are.

In the Christian view, every person is valued and unique. Every being is created by God and is special and loved. Every time we attack a person for who they are, we say more about our hard-heartedness and lack of love than we do about them. Every tweet – or post on Facebook, Instagram, e-mail - is a reflection of the writer. I wonder what image there is in the mirror of our own social media posts. I hope it's a beautiful one of encouragement, compassion and kindness.

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Church is back!

For those unaware, the churches are now open daily and Sunday worship is now happening again, and back to the usual service rota.

There are services at 11am every Sunday in Puddletown and Dewlish, and at 9:30am in Milborne.

Tolpuddle currently has services at 9:30am on the 1st, 3rd and 4th Sunday.

There are a variety of services. Each church holds 2 communion services per month.

For a less formal lay-led all-age worship service, on the 1st Sunday there is Celebrate at Milborne, the 2nd Sunday Puddletown Praise at Puddletown, the 3rd Sunday there is a Family Service at Dewlish, and on the 4th Sunday, Tolpuddle hold their Go Fourth service.

Also lay-led is Matins (1662 Morning Prayer) held on the 1st Sunday in Dewlish and the 4th Sunday in Puddletown.

Milborne holds a Worship in Stillness service on the 3rd Sunday.

Children's Society

Thanks to everyone for all your help and contributions. The total for the boxes came to £1,040.24 this year and a grand total of £1,190.24 has been sent to the society. Excellent.

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Prayer for the Month

Do you have a favourite prayer?

In the second of this new series, Hilly Cobban, one of the churchwardens in Tolpuddle, tells us about one of her most loved.

“The following prayer, sometimes called the Sarum Prayer, was originally written in French in 1514 and appeared in the Book of Hours which offered hymns for people who wished to follow a monastic pattern of prayer . . .

God be in my head, and in my understanding;

God be in my eyes, and in my looking;

God be in my mouth, and in my speaking;

God be in my heart, and in my thinking;

God be at my end, and at my departing.

This has been very special for me as it was sung by a wonderful school choir at my mother’s funeral in 1961 in the large Parish Church in Abingdon - and again at my father’s funeral in 1999. I use it occasionally when asked to do the intercessions at our Parish Communion, as the words are really very meaningful - as we need God’s help in everything we do through life and most particularly as our mortal lives ebb away.”

To contribute to this new column, please send details of your prayer with a few sentences about why it’s important to you, to Sarah Hillman (sarah.c.hillman@outlook.com). If you’re not on-line we’d still love you to participate so snail mail is also great!

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Cropping dogs' ears and docking their tails has been banned in the UK and most European countries for many years now. However, there is still a demand for cropped and docked dogs as some people think this defines the look of certain breeds such as Dobermans. In order to satisfy this demand a Dorset man set up a company called UK Dobermans and claimed to be able to source top quality Doberman puppies from Romania that would be cropped, docked and then delivered to UK customers. He set up a professional website in which he claimed to be doing everything legally and offered the puppies for sale for up to £3000.

In order to legally import puppies from Europe into the UK they must be vaccinated against rabies at a minimum of 12 weeks old and then wait for a minimum of 21 days. The youngest a puppy can be bought in to the UK is therefore 15 weeks old. There are much stricter rules for dogs being imported from outside the EU; the youngest a dog can be imported is 7 months old. All these rules are in place to protect the UK's rabies free status. It was long suspected that the owner of the business, Peter Harman, was importing dogs from outside the EU but we couldn't prove this.

In September 2019 a consignment of 8 Doberman puppies was stopped at the Eurotunnel with Serbian microchips. As Serbia is outside the EU these puppies should have been a minimum of 7 months old, but they appeared much younger. This led us to being able to execute a warrant on the Dorset business which revealed records proving nearly 200 dogs had been smuggled in with false papers. The owner of the business is now serving 28 months behind bars.

If you suspect dogs are being imported illegally into the UK then please report it to Trading Standards by calling the Citizens Advice consumer helpline on 0808 223 1133.

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A Month on the Farm

After a cold, dry and windy spring, the rain came and then the sun shone and warmed everything up, the grass grew very quickly and the corn put on a spurt racing through the growth stages. The last fungicide sprays have been applied to the winter barley and the winter wheat ears are just starting to break through, so with the right weather hopefully we will get good grain fill!

The grass leys have a few nettles and thistles in them so are hacked out either by hand or sprayed with a hand lance from the quad; livestock really don't like a thistles in their hay!



In the middle of May, just as things were getting warmer, the sheep were shorn, though this had to be put off on the first attempt that the shearers were coming in as it rained. The sheep are gathered shortly before they are shorn and then brought through the race for the shearers to catch and quickly remove the now heavy winter fleece which is rolled up and then bagged by one of the team members; the large 'sheets' as they are called will be taken when the countries' shearing has been

completed to a local collection centre where it will be inspected and graded and payment will be decided. We have just received our last year's payment!

A few fat lambs have already gone off to market and the remainder will be weaned, taken to fresh pastures for fattening, the ewes sorted and will then spend the remainder of the summer grazing the steeper fields.

Late May and then into early June the grasses are growing well and cattle cannot keep up with the growth, so some of the fields or parts are cut for silage. The grass, once cut, is left for a few days to dry and then baled and wrapped in plastic, where the process of pickling the grass takes place so creating the silage which will be used to feed the cattle in the winter. There was the intention of leaving some to bale as hay in small and large bales but some rain and dull days put paid to this as hay needs at least a week of good hot sunshine on it. Perhaps a few more weeks on will bring us those perfect conditions.

Wakely Cox

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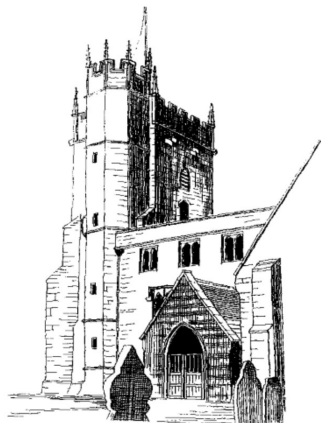
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Weather permitting there will be tower tours and hopefully bell ringing demonstrations.

The weekend will end with **Pimms & Hymns** in the church on Sunday evening!

Application forms will be available in the church and just a donation required to enter the scarecrow competition.

We will provide maps of where the scarecrows are located around the village.

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How climate change could affect your cup of tea



Now here's something that will send you straight to your kitchen to put the kettle on: the Great British cup of tea may not taste quite so good in the future.

It seems that extreme weather and rising temperatures could lead to inferior leaves in the future, according to Christian Aid.




Kenya, the world's foremost exporter of black tea, is now affected by erratic rainfall, floods, droughts, and rising temperatures. India, Sri Lanka and China, also major tea producers, face climate change problems as well.

Climate change has been predicted by some as likely to cut production in Kenya's best tea-making areas by as much as a quarter by 2050. Even areas of only average growing conditions could see production fall by 39 per cent.

As one tea farmer in Kenya's Western Highlands, explained: "We cannot predict seasons anymore. Temperatures are rising, rainfall is erratic, often accompanied by unusual hailstones and longer droughts. If this continues, it will make growing tea much harder."

Puddletown Weather

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

May 2021		
	Rainfall for the month	137.70 mm
	Cumulative for the year	387.00 mm
	2020 Rainfall for the month	3.60 mm
	2020 Cumulative for the year	387.00 mm
	Temperatures	Max. 25.10° C Min. -1.20° C
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TOWER NEWS

Bell ringing practice recommenced at St Mary's church on Thursday 20th May.

Some of us hadn't rung for 14 months, others had tested the bells following the restoration work by Taylor's over the summer, and two of us had chimed

and tolled at various times over Christmas and again more recently to commemorate the funerals of Sir Captain Tom Moore and HRH Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh.

The main problem with returning to ringing and having to wear face masks was most of us wear glasses and had trouble seeing the other ropes when we steamed up. Also ringing a bell up is very tiring after being out of practice for over a year, and we are worn out after ringing for 5 minutes, so lots of breaks are needed.

Since the end of January, whilst we couldn't ring in the tower, we have met weekly online using a programme called Ringing Room alongside Zoom.

We talk and communicate through Zoom as Ringing Room only has the dings and dongs of the bells. We can choose how many bells we wish to ring, so are not limited to just the 6 as we are in the real tower; also, if we want to practice on our own, there is now a bot called Wheatley who will fill in all the unallocated bells and will ring the chosen method.

Since using Ringing Room we have learnt new methods and come along a long way from when we last rang in the tower.

In Ringing Room there are bell ropes on the screen and we just press the space bar to ring our allocated bell. With difficulty focusing on the bells on the screen I ring by counting my place and using the sound of the other bells.

This does not work in the tower, as the bell does not ring immediately when you pull the rope.

It's still a very valuable tool and I'd compare it maybe to a driving theory test and ringing in the tower as a driving practical test.

Back in the tower, on the 20th May, after ringing up the bells, it was lovely to hear the bells ringing in rounds of 5, and it was great to be back, despite blistering and then bleeding all over my bell rope.

On my 2nd week I lost confidence after being unable to ring methods that had been so easy in Ringing Room, mainly due to my glasses steaming up. I can't see any better if I take my glasses off though!

Our first proper Sunday service ringing was on 6th June and my confidence was restored; due to medical and safety reasons it had been decided (through CCCBR regulations *) that we should no longer wear masks.

I then had to remember that although on Ringing Room you just press the space bar at the same speed all the time, ringing on real bells, when ringing methods, you have to pull harder to ring slower to the back, then ring quickly down to the front.

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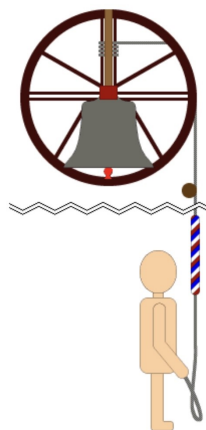
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I'm going to have to get a lot of practice in to be at the physical standard I was before lockdown 2020 as I was about to ring my third Quarter Peal, this time on the Treble bell. That's about 45 minutes of non-stop ringing.

After the next opening of lockdown on 21st June or whatever date it may or may not be postponed until, we will be able to accept new learners in the tower, but at the moment, as I write, we are limited to a maximum of 6 people in the tower (by prior email invitation) and are taking lateral flow tests twice a week as well as using hand sanitiser before and after handling the ropes.



Emma Hughes

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We were fortunate to receive all the funding we needed, starting with about £200 from Waitrose, £5,500 from the Parish Council Community Infrastructure Levy and £10,000 from the National Lottery Community Fund - thank you to all you lottery supporters for contributing to their good causes.

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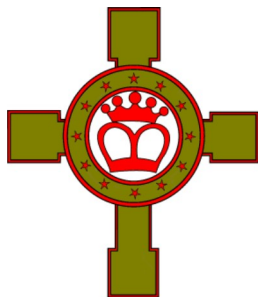
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department for all of their efforts in organising this. We look forward to more community events in the run up to the summer holidays.



In Wild Art Club sessions Year 6 have been studying colour theory, learning about warm and cool colours, complimentary colours and analogous colours. They looked at coral reef fish, their size, shape and outlines and used their knowledge of colour theory to create patterns and then used them to create their own shoals of coral reef fish. They also explored marine creatures and used charcoal to create their artwork and then applied colour using a marker

pen printing technique. They then continued their investigation of colour and pattern by looking at Cuban painted snails, finishing with a wax resist picture using oil pastels and liquid watercolour.

The Puddletown Plod is an annual half marathon competitive adult running race which starts and finishes on the Middle School sports field. It has been in operation for about 14 years now and has become one of the major fundraisers for the school; competitors pay an entry fee and all profits then go to the school - usually around £3,000 in total. The race was cancelled last year and we have now rescheduled this year's race from its normal date in June to **SUNDAY JULY 11th 2021**, so we are now "all systems go" for organising the race.

I hope you're enjoying the summer weather.

Best wishes

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St John's Church Tolpuddle—July 2021

The sun is shining and we are feeling quite optimistic about the future, as the vaccines are rolled out and the country is beginning to open up. For several weeks we have been able to meet up with a few friends inside and enjoy a meal with families. However, as I write this there is still some uncertainty as to

whether all restrictions will be removed at the end of June and whether large weddings can take place. We have lived with uncertainty for so long now, that every plan made seems to have a caveat of “we hope”.....

Of one thing we are certain though- our church will definitely continue to welcome parishioners to Communion on the first and third Sundays of each month at 9.30am and of course Go Fourth at 10.00am on the Fourth Sunday. We have been holding this particular service outside so that we can sing along with our great band and enjoy a cup of coffee afterwards which gives us the opportunity to chat and catch up.

The last month saw the inauguration of our **Church Camping**- though it is NOT camping as I used to do- this camping has a wonderful comfortable double bed, with further accommodation for children. There is a wonderful team of ladies who prepare, meet and greet- thank you all for getting this off the ground, and yes, it is groundbreaking- an innovative way of using the church, welcoming travellers and making some money at the same time. Do check us out on Airbnb or speak to Jayne (07739 100181).

What other news from St John's and Tolpuddle? Sadly there will not be the usual Martyrs Rally in July, but there will be a scaled down March, and BBQ on Saturday night on Martyrs Field. Marion is also making some biodegradable wreaths for the ceremony- has anyone spare flowers in their garden as she really likes to use local garden flowers? (66mregan@gmail.com)

Plans are well afoot for the late **Summer Sizzle on August 28th** - look out for posters and fliers. We will need lots of help with this- please contact Marion 66mregan@gmail.com or Hilly hlcobban@gmail.com or Tink thedigitalmarketingfairy@gmail.com. There are lots of exciting things planned including a fun Dog Show, stalls, the chance to see a real Fire Engine circa 1954, and a party in the evening with live music.

As one of the oldest buildings in the village, St John's is still a very important centre of the village but it does need your support please with events, flower arrangements, the churchyard and of course as a very welcome part of the congregation at one of the regular services

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May	Mike & Yvonne Mayhew	Andrew & Jo Trayfoot	Marion Bishop

Tolpuddle history (pt 4)

As part of the phone box information point project I have borrowed from the Puddletown library a copy of 'Pidela' – an account of the village of Tolpuddle' written by Audrey Wirdnam in 1989. I hope you find this information interesting

If you would like to get involved in the information point project please email me on Tolpuddlemeeting@yahoo.com

Julia Johnstone

SOUTHOVER

It was originally called Thorpe or Throop and comprised a hamlet on the south side of the river and also embraced the area of Park Pale. In 1667 there were 15 copyhold and 4 leasehold livings in the manor of Southover paying rents. In 1795 the vicars list of inhabitants states there were 56 inhabitants – quite a thriving community.

On the tithe map of 1842/3 the majority of dwellings appear to be on the eastern side of the now Southover House. There were two tenements with gardens on the north side of the road, west of the present fishing lakes and further east on the

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On the south side of the road there were several orchards, one of which had a barn in it and that which was described as an orchard, dairy house and barton in the occupation of William Brine junior. Adjoining this on the eastern side there was an orchard, barton and homestead belonging to James Frampton. This whole area was obviously a small farming complex or smallholding. The area of the homestead seems to have now completely disappeared,

In 1848 the manor and estate was bought by Mr James Crane, a farmer, and bequeathed to his son, also James. James Crane built the present Southover House about 1862. By the time of the O.S Map of 1855 there are only one or two buildings shown on the eastern side of the main house but the present Beech Cottages are shown and Southover Lodge had been built. The two cottages previously shown on the tithe map within Southover House grounds have disappeared.

Southover House had an east wing added in 1926. In the sale of the estate in the 1970's the property consisted of the main house, a 17th century farmhouse, the lodge and several cottages. Also included was an airstrip – two runway grass airfield, the north /south runway being 910 yards long, the east/west 650 yards plus turning circles. There was also a hanger. The airstrip was north of the farm.

JJ note: a search of the internet gives the following (unverified) information – Tolpuddle military (secret airfield). Operated by RAF for clandestine operations for the SOE during WW2. It appears that Westland Lysanders were based here to ferry and supply secret agents (and light equipment) to and from enemy held territory. It appears that the Miles Monarch aeroplane was used to ferry the Lysander pilots in and out of Tolpuddle.

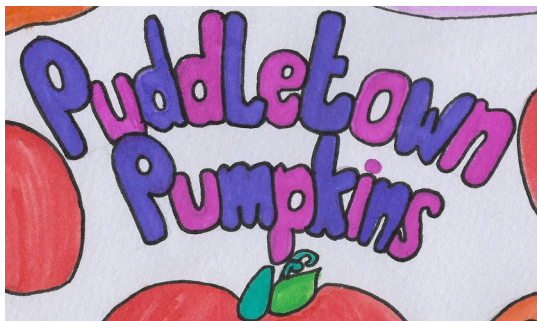
Puddletown Pumpkins are back!

Just to let everyone know that our toddler, group Puddletown Pumpkins is back, starting in the village hall on Thursday 24th June at 9.30am.

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Let's get together and celebrate our wonderful village!

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

No matter how long you've lived here, if you'd like to take part in the festivities in any of the ways below, just let us know! Would you like a stall? Perhaps you're handy and would like to help set up the marquee? Do you know a local company that could help with sponsorship or raffle prizes?

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Helping our summer butterflies

It is wonderful to relax in the garden (or better still, someone else's garden!) on a warm summer's day with the sight of colourful butterflies flying in the flower beds. However, like many other insects, our native butterflies are in serious decline. However, there are ways we can help them. I found this advice online from the Natural History Museum ecologist Larissa Cooper:

Provide food

Adult butterflies get their energy from nectar, and they visit gardens looking for flowers to feed on. Grow nectar-rich flowers that flower throughout the year to attract a variety of butterflies into the area, and keep them watered, because the supply of nectar reduces if the plants struggle for water.

Create warmth

Butterflies enjoy warmth. Try to pick out spots where the sun hits to cultivate your plants. Butterflies also need room to fly, so create a flowerbed full of nectar-rich plants alongside an open area of patio or lawn.

Leave fallen fruit on the ground

Butterflies need food to be available from the early spring through to late summer. In August, some species will feed on the sugar inside discarded fruit, with rotting pears, apples and berries being popular.

Cut down on weeding

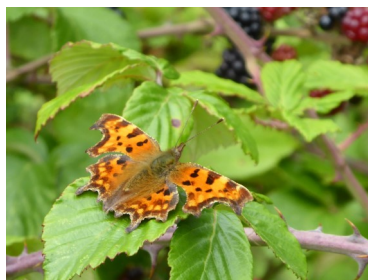
You can't have butterflies without caterpillars. Support their growth by allowing your garden to be wild around the edges as caterpillars feed on nettles, thistles, ragwort, mixed grasses, holly and ivy. Also, let the grass grow tall for the summer in one part of the garden.

Avoid harmful pesticides

Create shelter

Butterflies get their warmth from the sun so when it rains, they shelter under large leaves or in sheltered spots. Make sure you keep enough trees and shrubs around the garden for butterflies to hide in when the weather turns bad. Most species wait out the winter as eggs, larvae, or chrysalises and they'll be hidden in gardens and parks. Try not to tidy up too much over winter. Let leaves gather and keep pruning to a minimum. That way your garden will be full of butterfly colour next spring.

Sally Cooke



Comma on brambles



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Coffee & Chat

For those ladies new to the village, several of us have coffee on a Tuesday morning 11am—12noon. Currently we are meeting at Orchard Meadow and taking our own coffee. Hopefully when the pub opens we will be able to meet there again as we always used to.

Join us for a chat, introduce yourself and make some friends.

Drop in to the park, if the day is dry, and especially if it's sunny, we will be there but we may be round the corner in the shade! All welcome

Penny Ruddock

Milborne St Andrew's Church News

What will tomorrow bring? This is a question that many of our parishioners ask. Life (as we know it Jim) has changed over the last 15 or more months due to the pandemic and consequential restrictions. I don't need to outline them for you. Lots of habits and procedures that we had before had to be dropped or changed. In the future, some of these changes may become normal practice, whereas some may be abandoned. Zoom, for some of us, has been a very useful tool allowing access to services, meetings and other electronic 'face to face' meetings; the chances of some service, e.g. Morning Prayers continuing seem possible. However, there are many people who either do not have access to the internet or to the appropriate equipment who may be disappointed at not being able to attend or be involved in person.

The good news is that we no longer have to put in place systems to reduce access to our churches so that they can be opened daily for private prayer or for visitors outside of service times. At the time of writing this article, we are still required to take precautions for services e.g. masks, social distancing, registering attendance, etc. Hopefully after June 21st some of these restrictions can be lifted. I understand that the Episcopal church will now allow singing in church buildings with the congregation wearing masks. The Church of England currently allows a small choir to sing in church and congregational singing outdoors but perhaps will follow the regulations of singing while wearing masks during services in the near future.

You have the opportunity to express your opinion as to how you hope that our churches can develop and how we can encourage more engagement with our parishioners. If you have any thoughts, please feel free speak to Sarah or one of the churchwardens, contact details are on the relevant pages of the magazine. Sadly, our churches may not survive unless we can meet the needs of more people, so do speak up even if you are not a regular in church.

Pam Shultz
Churchwarden



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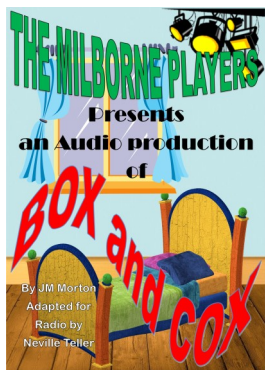
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The Milborne Players—Update

I used to love that Fat Larry's Band song "Zoom". Remember that? Never thought that nearly 40 years later it would be the means by which a bunch of people would meet up to do their social stuff. Anyway, Zoom is the means by which the Milborne Players have kept in touch throughout the pandemic to rehearse and record two new audio plays, to follow on from A Christmas Carol (which we hope helped brighten your Christmas a little more).



If you're in the mood for a rollicking, farcical romp, then Box and Cox - featuring the indomitable Mrs Bouncer - is for you. First staged in 1847, be prepared for frivolity, ridicule and laugh out loud humour; keep up if you can!

For those in a more contemplative frame of mind hankering for a good old fashioned reminiscence of love, loss, vanity and intrigue, then sit down with your favourite tippie to listen to The Looking Glass. Not the Alice variety, but Mrs Attlee revealing all to her granddaughter Moyra about the wealthy Mrs Clingsland, who is haunted by her unrequited romantic interest in a man she met over a quarter of a century ago.



The end of the winter just isn't the same without the Players' Pantomime, so be reassured plans are underway to lighten up your February 2022. Oh yes they are! Keep your eyes peeled and ears pinned back for details of our audition dates in August. And those all important performances are planned for 10th, 11th and 12th February 2022.

Kate Mathias

Milborne Players

The jazz diet?

According to a new study, the moody piano blues of jazz may influence you towards making better dietary choices. Apparently, a slow jazz melody, played on piano, can nudge people towards choosing a healthy meal, and to lingering over it for longer.

Previous research has shown that background music can influence consumer behaviour, but this study at Aarhus University in Denmark is the first to link jazz with food choice.

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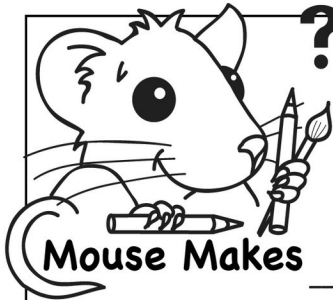


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What should not be hidden under a bowl?

Matthew 5:14-15

Who was welcomed back?



DID YOU KNOW?

Jesus often used simple stories called **parables** to teach people about God, His Kingdom and about how God would like us to live.

In His parables Jesus used objects and pictures of the world around Him to help people to understand.



MIXED UP PARABLES

Which parable picture word goes with which?

NARROW	GOATS
SHEEP	GATE
WHEAT	BRANCHES
MUSTARD	COIN
LOST	TREASURE
GOOD	WEEDS
VINE	SON
HIDDEN	SAMARITAN
PRODIGAL	SHEEP
LOST	SEED

Luke 15: 11-32

What ate the seeds that fell on the path?

Matthew 13:3-23

What was lost?

Matthew 18:12-13

What did the wise man build his house on?

Matthew 7:24-27

What is the kingdom of heaven like?

Matthew 13:45-46

DID YOU KNOW?

You can read Jesus' parable stories in the Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke but only Luke records the parables of *The Lost Coin*, *The Good Samaritan*, *The Prodigal Son*, *The Friend in Need* and *The Rich Fool*.

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Find the parable pictures in the word search

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Milborne Ladybirds Playgroup

School transition and holiday fun



It's that time of year again when we start the transition process of children moving on to First school. With COVID procedures still in place the process is not the same as usual and a different plan is in place. For Milborne school starters the initial meeting with the Reception teacher took place at school with two Ladybird staff. We weren't allowed into the building, and luckily a sunny day, we walked around the grounds with locations to find from photos given and a memory stick to attach items on the journey. We stopped to listen to a story at the reading chair before moving to the obstacle trail and onto the wildlife area. Milborne are so lucky to have such great outdoor facilities providing excellent outdoor learning. The First schools that some of the other children are going to are contacted and shared information organized.

This school year does seem to throw up so many different challenges. Covid procedures requiring more outdoor play are difficult when temperatures rise and there is no shade. Outside became even more important with the Hall floor needing to harden after treatment which also gave an unexpected extra 2 days off for half term. So up goes the gazebo and out comes the waterplay, sun hats and sun cream and plenty of water to drink.

Our topics this month have been transport and holidays. The children made great pictures of vehicles using paper shapes. As you can see from the photo some were futuristic with lots of wheels and windows. The bikes were popular outside, and the mechanics garage was kept busy. The holiday theme was based around camping and caravans as we thought this the most likely experience our children would have this year.



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June Wordsearch—the answers

Another fairly easy month, only twenty words to find, as shown below.

Alban, martyr, persecution, Roman, emperor, Diocletian, priest, converted, soldiers, sacrifice, gods, condemned , death, execution, serenity, died, site, town, name, doorstep.



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July Wordsearch—Doubting Thomas

If you have ever doubted aspects of your Christian faith, St Thomas is the saint for you. His feast day is on 3rd July.

Thomas, one of Jesus' 12 disciples, was deeply devoted, but also very honest whenever he got confused. When Jesus spoke of going to his Father (John 14), Thomas was not afraid to ask Him where His Father was. As for the Resurrection, that really baffled Thomas. He demanded to see the risen Jesus for himself - and touch the wounds in His hands and feet. When Jesus appeared, Thomas' immediate response was one of worship: "My Lord and my God" (John 20).

Thus, Doubting Thomas' honest doubts, turned to honest faith, have become a reassurance for thousands of us down the centuries who also sometimes doubt Jesus. In Doubting Thomas' complete affirmation of faith, after meeting the risen, crucified Christ, we can find support for our own faith in Him.

25 words to find this month in the grid below. Good luck!

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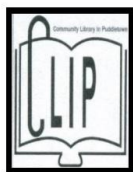
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In times gone by...

DEWLISH'S VILLAGE SCHOOL

Forerunner of Dewlish's village school was a Sunday School, based on the pioneering ideas of Dr Andrew Bell, Rector of Swanage, where children were taught to read and where "poorer classes have sufficient means of education". Some years afterwards a Parochial School was established, run by the Church and primarily interested in teaching about the Bible. Two other schools in Dewlish at this time were probably "dame's schools" which were usually very basic, their principal purpose being to keep young children out of mischief.

In 1851 a National School, with a residence for a master, was built under the auspices of the "National Society for Promoting the Education of the Poor in the Principles of the Established Church" which made building grants and provided text-books cheaply. Such a school would usually be a lynchpin in county life and served by many leading figures; in the case of Dewlish the Earl of Ilchester (Lord of the Manor) and the Michels of Dewlish House supported the new school financially and otherwise.

Virtually all village schools had a single room designed to have the pupils working within Bell's monitorial system under the supervision of a single teacher. The Government Grant demanded rigid annual inspections and constant examination of attendance registers. School was not entirely free in the 1900s; children had to bring their "school pence" and were sent home until they could bring the money.

The School Logbook started in 1869 gives a fascinating glimpse of Dewlish life over nearly 100 years. It was opened when the population was 496 with over 100 children on-roll and dwindled until the school closed in 1963 when it had just six pupils.

As a Church of England school there were frequent visits from the vicar and curate to teach the children about the Bible, and the diocesan inspector came to examine them on their religious knowledge. Often taken to church, they also attended services every day in Holy Week.

Because Government grants were based on school numbers any absences were very concerning but with Dewlish being so embedded in a totally rural vicinity children often went "missing" during harvest, when required to take food to fathers working in the fields, planting or getting up potatoes, gathering apples, cider-making, turnip hoeing, gleaning, wooding, hay-making, rabbiting or simply "at work in the gardens". Poorest families had to enlist older children in these tasks to supplement, if only by a few pence, the family income which was founded on a labourer's low wages.

Of course not all absences could be explained away by economic necessity: any fair, hunt, or church or chapel functions within miles would reduce numbers to the point where it was useless to continue with lessons. Annual attractions included fairs at Milborne on St. Andrew's Day, Puddletown, Ansty and Woodbury Fair.

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Additionally there were Temperance and Band of Hope fetes, teas at the Chapel and the Village Slate Club Fete.

Bad weather inflicted its own obvious restrictions too: rain and snow caused many absences from outlying parts such as Crawthorne and the Mill. The last head teacher, Mrs R. Eley, found the winter chaos of 1963 the last straw: she was beleaguered by floods, deep snow and ice, frozen toilets, burst water-pipes and an out-of-order telephone. Once her car got stuck in snow and she walked miles to school to find only three children present.

Free and compulsory education came in during the 1900s. Attendance officers regularly checked numbers and teachers had to be certificated. With agricultural depression, small farms being merged with larger ones, plus the coming of machinery reducing employment, village school rolls began to drop as families left the village. Secondary schools removed a large number of pupils from the village as well. After about 1930 the pace of decline quickened until the inevitable closure of Dewlish's school in 1963.

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

Milborne St. Andrew Gardening Club

Environmental Gardening for July



Courtesy of the RHS magazine 'The Garden', the Gardening Club offer you top greener gardening tips for the beginning of July.

Save water

Putting saucers under pots will catch the run-off which will then be reabsorbed.

Birdbaths

In hot weather, keep topping up your birdbath to encourage birds to drink or splash around.

Compost bin

Don't just put grass cuttings in your compost bin. Add woody material and shredded card eg. egg boxes, to keep a balance.

Bee supportive

Bees love the pollen from herbs such as oregano, thyme and chives; so leave some to flower. Plant borage and leave it to seed for next year.

Mark Johnson

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4th July – Trinity 5

Psalm 48, 2 Samuel 5.1-5, 9-10, Mark 6.1-13

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

11th July – Trinity 6

Psalm 24, 2 Samuel 6.1-5, 12b-19, Mark 6.14-29

9.30am	Parish Communion	Milborne St Andrew
11.00am	Puddletown Praise	Puddletown
11.00am	Parish Communion	Dewlish

18th July – Trinity 7

Psalm 89.20-37, 2 Samuel 7.1-14a, Mark 6.30-34, 53-56

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

25th July – James the Apostle

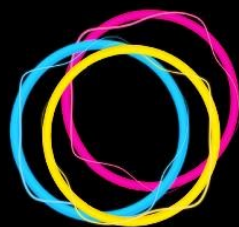
Psalm 126, Acts 11.27-12.2, Matthew 20.20-28

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

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