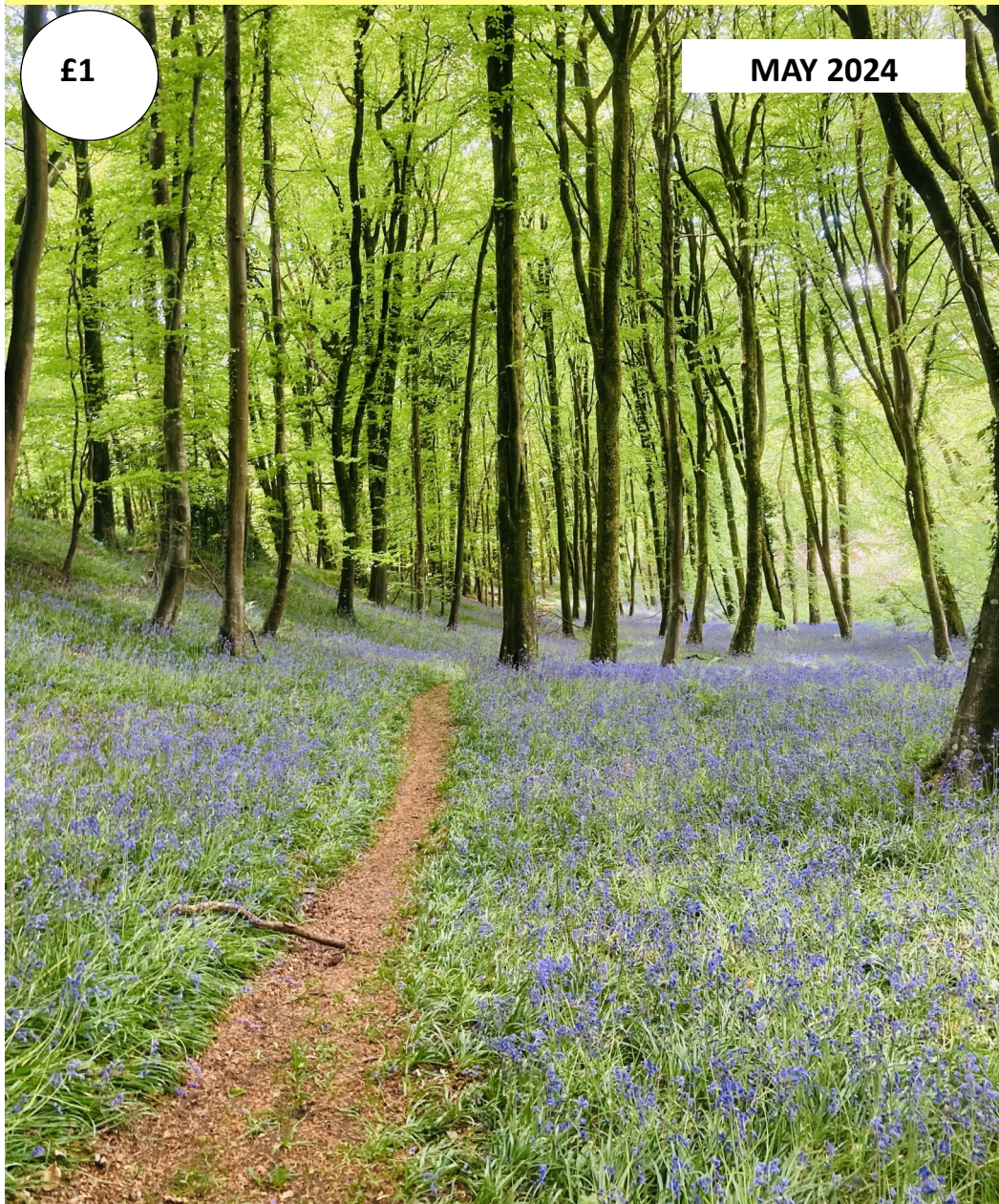


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On 9th May, we remember the day Jesus ascended into heaven, forty days after the resurrection. He gave his disciples a commandment to go and make disciples of all nations. Which they did, especially after the release of the Holy Spirit upon them ten days later. The Early Church spread rapidly in the face of severe opposition; the message of those early disciples caught the imagination and many people converted to Christianity.

We celebrate the coming of that Spirit at Pentecost, which gave power and confidence to those early disciples to fulfil that command to go into the world with the message of Jesus. Often known as the birthday of the church, it was Pentecost that changed Jesus's followers from a quiet and cowed bunch following his death and resurrection into a spirited and eloquent group.

They certainly went and made Jesus known. Our new diocesan vision is Making Jesus Known – across five different areas of church life: local partnerships, justice, climate action, financial security and Christian leadership. It's not just that first group of disciples who are called to tell the story of the good news of Jesus Christ, but all Christian people, through our words, deed and the way we live our lives. We are often reticent about this, but God's Spirit will give us the confidence we need, just as the first disciples received it.

Later in the month on 26th, we celebrate Trinity Sunday, a day when we remember who God is – Father, Son and Holy Spirit – rather than what God does.

Earlier in the month, 5th May, is Rogation Sunday. In times past, this was the day when the beating of the bounds would take place. Parishioners would walk around the boundaries of their parish, asking God to bless the crops for the coming year. In the days before maps were ubiquitous, it gave people a sense of where they came from and the parameters of their community.

Other people remembered this month include the disciple Philip, Matthias the apostle who replaced Judas, Julian of Norwich, the venerable Bede, the hymn writers John and Charles Wesley and local Aldhelm, the first Bishop of Sherborne.

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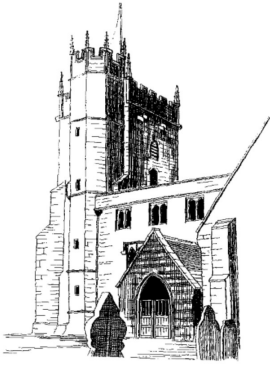
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Warm Space This will finish at the end of April.

Prayer Group This continues to meet in the church room on Tuesday mornings from 10.30 until 11.30am. All are welcome.

Bubble Church will take place in Puddletown Village Hall on Sunday 5th May @ 3.45pm for refreshments and 4 pm start. Young families are welcome to come and join in the fun with treats, singing and a story with puppets.

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Craft Group this will take place on Thursday 9th May at 12.30. If you would like to book your place then please contact Margaret margaretmary227@gmail.com or 01305 849332.

Flowers the church looked beautiful over Easter. The intrepid team of flower arrangers had worked their magic and created lovely arrangements all around the church. Many thanks to all those involved.

The Village Lunch will be on Monday 13th May at 12noon. We shall be serving home cooked ham with cauliflower cheese followed by the usual array of sumptuous puds! A vegetarian dish will also be served. These must be booked in advance. If you haven't yet booked your place then please contact Sheila on 849193 or Jean on 848211.

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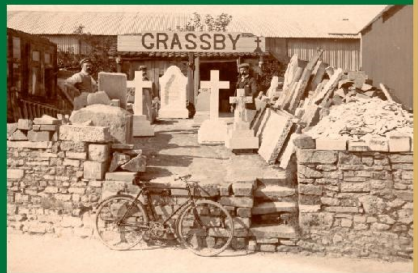


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The Food Standards Agency is running a campaign to advise people with milk, egg, fish or shellfish allergies, or those who care for people with these types of allergies, to always check the label on vegan and plant-based food as it may not be safe to eat.

Foods marked as vegan or plant-based are not guaranteed to be free from products of animal origin, and therefore could still contain allergenic ingredients. This is because a vegan label is not a food safety label so risks remain of cross-contamination in manufacturing and production processes that might mean vegan or plant-based food is not safe for some people to eat.

Q: Do you know the difference between a 'free-from' and 'vegan' label?

A: A 'free-from' label guarantees the product doesn't contain the named allergen. To use this label, food businesses must follow strict processes to ensure the allergen isn't present.

However, these rules don't apply to vegan or plant-based products, which means there could be a chance of cross-contamination with allergens such as milk, eggs, fish or shellfish.

Q: Do you have an allergy to milk, eggs, fish, or shellfish? Do you eat vegan food to help manage your allergies?

A: Vegan food isn't always safe for people with these allergies because of potential cross-contamination during manufacturing and preparation processes.

For peace of mind that ingredients such as milk, eggs, fish, or shellfish aren't present in vegan food or plant-based food through cross-contamination, always check for precautionary allergen labels such as a 'may contain' statement. This will help prevent an allergic reaction.

The Food Standards Agency advises - Never assume vegan or plant-based food is safe for people with certain allergies. Don't take the risk. Always read the label.

More information can be found on the Food Standards Agency's website where you can read in more detail about vegan food and allergens, cross-contamination and precautionary allergen labelling for vegan food, and steps to take to keep safe. Visit <https://www.food.gov.uk/safety-hygiene/vegan-food-and-allergens>



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were reared on milk and have been in the sheds all winter have been turned out onto the herbal leys here at home, and are growing along well without needing a supplementary barley mix as the mixed variety of grasses, clover and herbs are more than adequate for their dietary needs. We still have a lot of calves on milk from the spring calving dairy herds, but we shall have them all on this farm within the next couple of weeks and then in a couple of months everything will be weaned.

The winter drilled corn is romping through the growth stages and with the inclement weather we have had some of the spray plans not working out. They have had to be adjusted with some of the crops missing a fungicide spray applied to protect the plants from disease so leaving the crop vulnerable. It is always a challenge to know what diseases to protect against as some are more wet weather active and some are more suited to dryer conditions, a lot of the newer grain varieties are bred to be resistant to them so careful choice and a decent weather pattern can help to alleviate some of the risk.



The ewes and lambs are all outside enjoying the grass and the ewes have stopped having concentrate as the lambs are getting bigger and now eating grass. They are also being fed a creep feed of barley and nuts. Vet students stay with us in the farm house to help our eldest son's larger flock of sheep lambing here and outside on the hills above Cheselbourne, as part of their course is gaining practical experience.



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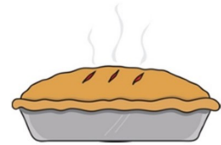


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163 - Paul L Matthews at 23 High Street, Puddletown. Contemporary wildlife art and portraiture. Mainly working in oils and watercolour.

164 - Sarah Gabrielle and Meriel Ensom at The Coach House, The Green, Puddletown. Both artists are inspired by the natural world. Sarah works in oils, acrylics, collage and mixed media. Meriel paints detailed images of wild creatures on found wood.

If you are out for a walk or bike ride in Puddletown forest you may like to visit the Duck Farm Collective, Duck Farm Workshops at venue 165, found a little way past the end of Rhododendron Mile. A range of studios with jewellery, pottery and painting.

If you walk in the other direction through the forest to Hardy's Cottage you will find venues 155 to 159 at Mellstock Farm, just a few minutes walk from Under the Greenwood cafe (a good selection of cake there). These consist of 155-Carol Anne Savage, mixed media, photography. 156- Kevin Moore, painting and print making. 157 - Alison Moore, drawing painting printmaking. 158 - MooniGooni Glass, fused glass. 159 - Creative Clay for All, pottery.

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	Cumulative for the year	334.80 mm
	2023 Rainfall for the month	111.00 mm
	2023 Cumulative for the year	234.30 mm
	Temperatures	Max. 17.00° C Min. -2.10° C
	2023	Max. 14.50° C Min. -0.70° C
	Maximum wind speed	25.10 mph
	2023	15.90 mph

Mike Chaney

We are sad to report that Mike Chaney died in March, a few days after his 93rd birthday.

He and his wife Annie, have been in Puddletown for over a quarter of a century.

He had been a Fleet Street journalist before joining the BBC and became the Editor of the 'Today' programme.

He was for many years a volunteer driver for the surgery and a founder member of the original book club, but will be remembered for being instrumental in helping to raise funds and saving Puddletown Library.

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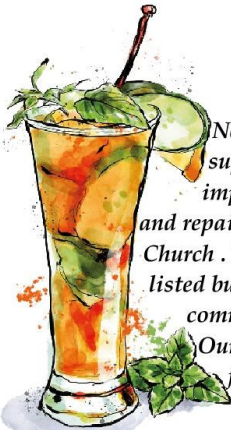


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St John's Church Tolpuddle May 2024

The year is racing by-Easter is now behind us and now we look towards Pentecost and the Trinity. For us in Tolpuddle this has many meanings- the flowers will be beautifully arranged by Marion using wild flowers and garden flowers, the altar frontals will be green and Summer is just around the corner.

Sadly we are still waiting for the camping season to start. Stormy weather and the leaking roof meant that we had to cancel our first guests at the end of April. Now we are hoping the drier weather will help us to "air" the church ready for the rest of the season. In the hope that this happens -please spread the word about the thrill of **camping in comfort** in St John's - it is indeed a quirky experience - unrivalled in our area, but one with a wonderful sense of peace. We are so grateful to the team for their hard work and exceptional welcome to our visitors.

We are still very enthusiastic about our Lay lead service on the fourth Sunday when **Go Fourth** offers worship with the help of the band and the Team. Do join us to see if it suits you. For the traditional at heart we have a enjoy the **Parish Communion** on the first and third Sundays and for those looking for peace and contemplation on the second Sunday we offer **Sunday Reflection** at 1730, a compilation of music, poetry and readings - so no excuse that we are too set in our ways!

And do remember that the church is open between dawn and dusk every day if you just want to sit in a quiet space, away from the hustle and bustle. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Jane Keenor for her commitment to being the main key bearer. We also have a good churchyard team but we are always looking for more volunteers- whether in the churchyard or the church itself-please contact Jayne 07739 100181- or Hilly 02305747552.

What else is happening in May and June?

The APCM will be held on May 12th, an opportunity to meet the team of churchwardens and PCC members and lend your voice to church life. Following this the church wardens will attend a service to formally licence them in their parish role.

TEC have many more activities and events planned throughout the summer - for more details of these watch the Village Website and Facebook....

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Martyrs Festival 2024:

Sunday 21st July at Tolpuddle Village Hall: Help Needed

The Martyrs Festival will be back in Tolpuddle this year and will take place over the weekend of 20-21 July. After last year, we are all hoping the weather will be kind and it will be a bumper year.

As well as the daily breakfasts at the Martyrs' Field, we are, as usual, planning refreshments at Tolpuddle village hall throughout Sunday. Proceeds from these, together with carparking on the Sunday, contribute significant funding for St John's Church and the village hall and help to support local activities throughout the year. Last year's cancellation due to bad weather left quite a big hole in our fundraising.

So, this year we are hoping to put on an even better show. Fortunately, last year's plans for refreshments in the village hall on the Sunday will stand us in good stead. Once again, we are intending to have cakes, teas, coffees and soft drinks available throughout the day and to provide the 'ploughman's in a box' lunches, as planned for last year. The lunch boxes will offer a choice of ham, cheese or a variety of quiche, alongside the usual staples of salad, roll, pickle, pickled onion and apple. Additional side salads, such as coleslaw, bean or rice salad, would be available as an extra. We want to build on our reputation for providing good value, home-cooked food and, as far as feasible, all the food will be sourced or produced locally.

As ever, we need help with various aspects of the day's catering, including providing some of the food; setting up the hall on Saturday afternoon; and serving and clearing up in the hall on the day. In particular, we are looking for:

- Cakes of all shapes, sizes and flavours*
- Homemade quiches*
- Help with setting up tables and chairs from 6.00pm on Saturday 20th
- Helpers in the hall from 8.30am – 5.30pm on Sunday 21st. We plan to open from 10.00am to approx. 4.30pm (earlier if the food runs out) and would be looking for volunteers to do 2-hour periods at a time in the hall but there is flexibility. (We will prepare a rota for the day in due course.)

*help with the cost of the ingredients can be provided, if needed

If you would be willing to help with any – or all – these, please email or text Margaret Walton (maclark2@btinternet.com or 07740622415) to let her know what you would be prepared to do. If you are happy to help on the day, please let her know if you have any time constraints. Many of you volunteered last year but it would still be helpful if you could reconfirm your willingness to do so again and your availability etc.

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Local governance plays a pivotal role in shaping the future of our community. As a councillor, you will have the opportunity to voice the concerns and aspirations of your fellow residents, influence decision-making processes, and contribute to the betterment of Athelhampton, Burleston, Puddletown & Tolpuddle.

Whether you are passionate about infrastructure development, environmental conservation, community engagement, or any other facet of local affairs, your unique perspectives and expertise are invaluable assets that can help drive positive change.

If you're ready to make a difference and serve your community, we urge you to consider joining the Puddletown Area Parish Council. It's not too late!

To express your interest or learn more about the responsibilities and requirements of being a councillor, please contact the Clerk on 01202 670105 or email clerk@puddletownareaparishcouncil.gov.uk

Together, let's shape the future for the better!

Join Us in Making Our Community Safer: As members of a vibrant and caring community, we all share the responsibility of ensuring the safety of our streets and neighbourhoods. That's why we're reaching out to you today with an important invitation: we need your help to make our roads safer through the Community Speed Watch and SID (Speed Indicator Device) program.

Speeding vehicles pose a significant risk to pedestrians, cyclists, and other motorists. By volunteering for the Community Speed Watch and SID program, you can play a direct role in promoting safer driving habits and reducing speeding in our area.

What is Community Speed Watch? Community Speed Watch is run by Dorset Police, with the aid of local volunteers. All volunteers are trained to use speed detection equipment to monitor the speed of vehicles in designated areas. Data collected by volunteers is then shared with the authorities to help identify speeding hotspots and inform targeted enforcement efforts.

Enforcement letters are sent to anyone who is caught County wide speeding, so this program does have an impact. On average sessions are held once a month during the warmer months, but you are not expected to join every month only when you are able to.

What is the SID Program? Every six weeks the Speed Indicator Device (SID) needs to be moved from one location to another within our community. These signs visually display the speed of approaching vehicles, serving as a reminder to drivers to adhere to the posted speed limits.

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How to Volunteer: If you're ready to join us in making our community safer, we encourage you to sign up as a volunteer for the Community Speed Watch and SID program. No prior experience is necessary, as training will be provided to all volunteers. By dedicating just a few hours of your time, you can make a meaningful contribution to the safety and well-being of our community. To get started or learn more about volunteering opportunities please contact the Clerk on 01202 670105 or email clerk@puddletownareaparishcouncil.gov.uk

Planning Application: Full details for all planning applications and outcomes can be found on the Dorset Council website, <https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/planning-buildings-land/planning>

Next Council Meeting – Tuesday 14th May 2024, at 7pm in the Puddletown Village Hall. To start the meeting is a public half hour, so please come and join us and have your say.

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Hooke Court 2024

Our fabulous Year 4's went on their residential trip to Hooke Court just before the Easter break. With activities such as den building, rocket making, tribal trails and night walking, you can see why it was an absolute hit. They had a fantastic time making memories, new friends and learning new skills. Hooke Court is such a special event in our school calendar as our Year 4s really do get the chance to realise just how independent they have become during their time at Milborne. We are always proud of our children and the way they conduct themselves in and outside of our school environment.



The Tag Rugby Festival at Dorchester RFC took place in March. Our team had a fab time and played like absolute stars, losing their first game but going on to drawing two games and winning the last! We can't wait to do it all again next year.

We are delighted with our brand new library, entirely funded by the hard work and fundraising efforts of our Friends of School. The children can't wait for their first turn in the library with new seating areas and beautiful accessible book shelves reminding us that every book is a treasure to discover.



We are so lucky to have such a supportive community of parents as without Friends of School, we would not be able to make such huge improvements to our school. The next project they are fundraising for is the



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Notes from St Andrew's

I write this on one of the few days when the sun has deigned to shine, and there were patches of blue in the sky. It's been a pretty dismal start to the year so far.

Lent is now behind us for another year. Compline was held on Wednesday and enjoyed by those attending. A suggestion has been made to continue with Compline on a Wednesday evening once a month. This will be discussed. The Good Friday Liturgy, led by Tony, was well-attended and was, as always, a very moving commemoration of our Lord's death.

On Easter Day, our Service was held without electricity due to a power cut in the village. This unexpected turn of events only added to the beauty of the occasion. With the chandeliers lit and the light coming from the candle in the Tomb, it was a truly atmospheric experience. Through the wonders of modern technology, we could sing, the organ accompaniments having been downloaded and played through a Bluetooth speaker! More than one person has said we should occasionally hold a Service by Candlelight! The Easter Garden has been much admired. Thanks to the two adults and three children who built it. Please note the "sand dune" in front of the tomb, which I was assured was present in Jerusalem then! Our thanks, as always, to those who arranged the flowers for our Easter celebrations and those who contributed to the cost of flowers in memory of loved ones (a list of names is in the Church) read or led the Intercessions. Also, thanks to those who polished the brass, washed, and ironed the linen, etc. and to our cleaners who make the Church look welcoming and loved.




We were overjoyed to welcome children, staff, helpers, family, and friends to St Andrew's for the Easter Service. The singing was lively, the Easter Bonnets were fantastic, and the readings and poetry written by the pupils were clear and heartfelt. It was a truly joyful occasion. Well done!

On April 7th, at Milborne Praise, we were joined by a group from a Church in Canterbury, including Chloe Baxter. Chloe is the granddaughter of Alan and Lena Flood, who lived at Hyrne House and did so much for St. Andrew's. It was lovely to renew the association.

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Our APCM (Annual meeting) will be held on Sunday, 12th May, following our 9:30 Eucharist in Milborne (A joint Service with Dewlish). At that meeting, we not only hear reports of the past year, but we elect Churchwardens and members of the Church Council for the year ahead. Eastertide lasts 50 days, from Easter Day until the Feast of Pentecost (Whitsunday), which falls on May 19th this year. It also coincides with spring and, a time of new growth and rebirth. Let us pray for a renewal at St Andrew's. We also recall Jesus' promise to his followers on Ascension Day, "Lo, I am with you, even till the end of time." We are deeply grateful for everyone who contributes to our church's life and vitality. Your dedication and support are what make our community strong and vibrant.

Tony & Pam (Churchwardens)

Big Dorset Apple Cake Day

Milborne St Andrew Village are holding a '**Big Dorset Apple Cake Day**' to be held on **Saturday 1st June 2024** between 10.00-12.00 at the MSA Village Hall, DT11 0JX

The villagers will attempt to create the biggest Dorset Apple Cake - 100 cakes will be baked and then assembled on Friday ready for the unveiling on Saturday morning when the cake will be formally cut and sold in slices or as whole cakes at the Community Cafe. Come and join the extraordinary event and feast on Apple Cake on Dorset Day! (Don't forget to order your clotted cream!)

Decorations will be made by local school children.





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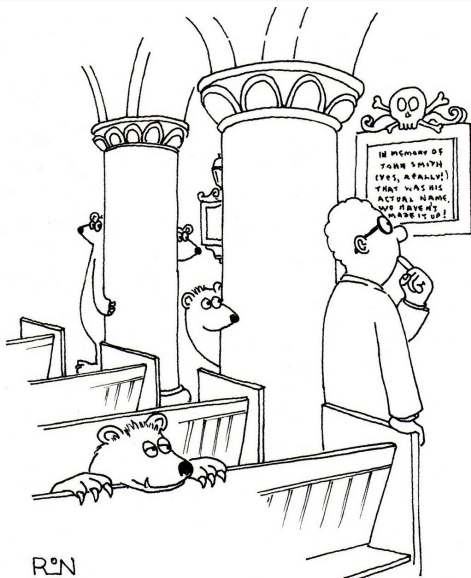
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*Dennis spent a long time in church
looking for his forbears*

Motorbike-loving care home resident rallies through Dorchester

More than 120 motorbikes roared through Dorchester high street in honour of a care home resident's special wish.

Lifelong motorbike fanatic, Joe, who lives at Maiden Castle House care home, travelled in the sidecar of a motorbike to the Top O' Town car park where he was surprised to be met by 126 motorbike riders who then travelled with him through Dorchester. Afterwards, the bikers were invited back to the care home on Gloucester Road for tea and cake while chatting with Joe about their shared love of motorbikes, much to the delight of Joe's daughter, Nicola.



The special event took place on Saturday 13 April in response to Joe's wish to ride on a motorbike for the first time in 20 years. Emma Norman, Activities Lead at Maiden Castle House, put out a 'shout-out' to the local biker community to organise a surprise motorbike rally for Joe who were only too keen to help.

Kind-hearted local residents who supported the event included John Bramble who led the charge from the local Bikers for Action SW group, Richard Lucas provided a sidecar for Joe to sit in, and Will Badman captured photos so that Joe had mementoes of the day.



Joe said: "It was a great day and didn't expect so many people to be there. I enjoyed it very much."

Ash Smith, Home Manager at Maiden Castle House, said: "We were overwhelmed by the number of bikers who turned up to support Joe and the number of people who lined the streets to wave as he zoomed past.

Ash added: "At Care South, we pride ourselves on getting to know the individual likes and dislikes of the residents in our care, including any dreams and wishes that they may have, in the hope that we can safely make them happen. It was lovely to see Joe having a fantastic day with the help and support of the local community."

Maiden Castle House care home, which is run by the not-for-profit charity, Care South, provides specialist residential, respite, and dementia care. The care home features individual rooms with ensuite facilities with several communal lounges overlooking a landscaped garden offering peace and tranquillity, as well as an onsite hairdressing salon.

Cafe'

COMMUNITY

Sunday 19th May 2024

10am - 2pm in the Village Hall

Join us for coffee, tea, bacon sandwiches, cakes and local stalls.
Or just come for a chat!

We'd love cake makers and stall holders etc. If you can help, send us a message, or email us at puddcommcafe@gmail.com

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The care home features a dedicated in-house activities team who organise a daily programme of events to bring residents together to socialise and build friendships.

Care South is the leading provider of high quality residential and home care services across the south of England. The not-for-profit organisation, which is a registered charity, has care homes in Dorset, north Devon, Somerset and West Sussex, and home care offices covering east and west Dorset, and northeast Somerset and south Somerset.

For more information about the care services available, go to care-south.co.uk or call Care South on 01202 712410.



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Milborne Petanque

Hello MSA sporty Villagers.
MSA Petanque activity info's & updates.

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Inspiration
Invitation

This is an initial informative "heads up bulletin" to get all of us thinking and excited about the MSA boules/ Petanque activities starting in spring -24.

When:

First official game and event is tentatively planned to start on Saturday 13th April 24 coinciding with and after the Milborne St Andrew cafe morning.

!!!Date to be finalised as yet!!!

Who can play:

Everyone and all ages are welcome.

Want to play already ?

The court is available NOW, and to borrow boules please contact Rich Hawker at the Corner Cottage on 07393 309037

For all other questions or input please contact us at:

milborne.petanque@gmail.com

Regular updates and more in depth details will follow shortly via:

MSA Reporter
Milborne Petanque FB
MSA Community FB

Barry Andrews Property Maintenance has already kindly donated £200 to the cause, and further sponsors are welcome and appreciated .





Dewlish Church Notes

THANK YOU to our ladies who made all the lovely posies for Mothering Sunday. It was sad, though, to see so few people in church to receive them. I guess a lot of people went out or away that day!

Our Spring Sale was also sparsely attended but a big thank-you must go to all who did come and donated items for the stalls, and cash donations. We had a fabu-

lous cake stall with so many beautiful cakes. We managed to raise £397 for our church funds so thank you everyone!

Lent Lunches raised £270 for WaterAid – a magnificent sum. The food was always delicious; our hosts and hostesses deserve many thanks for all their hard work.

The church looked splendid for Easter Day, so, once again, huge thanks to all our flower arrangers' for their colourful floral efforts, and to Jim for the imaginative Easter Garden.

And now to May.... Our **Ascension Day Service**, weather permitting, will be at **6.30am** in the churchyard on Thursday 9th May (t.b.c.). Yes, it's an early start but it's such a lovely time of day to worship outside. **The church AGM** will be held jointly with Milborne at Milborne Church after the 11.00am service on Sunday 12th May. Everyone is welcome to attend, and thereby hear how the churches are coping, and managing to run their respective affairs.

Daphne Burg

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Give young people the skills they need to succeed in life and discover how being part of the Scouting family can be as rewarding for you as it is for them.

For an informal chat, please call Baz on 01305 852314 or email baz@puddletownscouts.org.uk



St Mary's CE Middle School, Puddletown

Inspire today to shape tomorrow

From Willy Wonka to the Explorer Dome – it must be Spring at St Mary's!

World Book Day has been one of our highlights of the year in school. World Book Day is a well-known national initiative to promote and encourage a love of books and reading, and every year we set our students the challenge of coming to school dressed as their favourite character from a book. As always, the pupils (and staff!) rise to the challenge, filling the school with excitement and probably every literary character you can think of, from James Herriot to Willy Wonka and every possible fantastic beast in-between! We had a fabulous day, packed with fun activities and learning, to share our love of books. As we regularly say to students and parents, if there's one thing you can do at home that will make all the difference to your love of learning and success at school, it's to immerse yourself in a great book!



From the wonder of books to the awe of space and the universe; in March, Year 5 were lucky enough to have the chance to experience the University of Southampton's Explorer Dome! The dome is a giant, inflatable planetarium that offers children and adults an amazing opportunity to be plunged into deep space and learn about a plethora of wonders, from our own

Earth to the solar system, the Milky Way and the universe. Each Year 5 group got to spend time in the Explorer Dome, which just about squeezed into the school hall for the day. We are very grateful to the University of Southampton team for taking us on an experience that was truly out of this world!

Our students continue to make a difference in our local community. We are proud that many of our Year 8s are participating in the Young Leaders Award that encourages youngsters to plan and lead community projects. Faye, who is in Year 8, has excelled as a Young Leader, and as part of the Award organised a massive donation of blankets, food and all sorts of other items for the animals of Monkey World. Owing to the success of her efforts, Faye was able to take several large crates of donations to the Ape Rescue Centre in Bovington. Really well done, Faye!



Dr Tim Ennion (Head of School)



Knit and Natter for Charity



at Tolpuddle Old Chapel

Our 'Knit and Natter for Charity' group

at the Tolpuddle Old Chapel

is now every 2nd Friday of the month

from 10:30am – 12:30pm

Our 'natter dates' for 2024 are:

12th January, 9th February, 8th March, 12th April,

10th May, 14th June, 12th July, 9th August,

13th September, 11th October, 8th November

and 13th December.

Come and join us for a knit, natter, coffee and a warm space.

Want more information?

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Total cost £250

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- Matt's homemade cakes and pastries

What to bring:

- Your sewing machine
- Basic sewing kit (hand sewing needles, thread, scissors etc)
- Your choice of fabric (Matt will email you the full fabric requirements to make the quilt)

To book your place on one or more workshops, please email: deliverymanager@tolpuddleoldchapeltrust.org

You will then be invoiced for the full amount before the workshop.

About Matt:

Matt is an artist, crafter and baker. After studying Fine Art at university he opened an artisan bakery. During a period of ill health he started crafting to improve his quality of life - he is particularly interested in sewing, quilting and papercraft. He has run a number of workshops before on baking and various crafts.

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Tolpuddle Family Lives

Everyday Heritage – Celebrating Working Class Histories at Tolpuddle Old Chapel

TOCT is about to commence an exciting project to collect stories about the lives of people living in the past and present in Tolpuddle and surrounding villages.

As part of this project, we are looking for local crafts people who would like to create cushions for Tolpuddle Old Chapel that reflect these stories.

A range of crafts can be used such as tapestry, patchwork, embroidery, applique.

All materials and guidance will be provided.
There is no cost to take part in this project.

If you are interested or would like more information, email deliverymanager@tolpuddleoldchapeltrust.org



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Tolpuddle Old Chapel - Survey

As you may know, Tolpuddle Old Chapel was restored using a National Lottery Heritage Fund grant in order to create a space where people can drop in, attend workshops and events and learn about its connection with the Tolpuddle Martyrs story.

As part of our final evaluation report to the Heritage Fund, we are keen to capture the views of people who have visited the Old Chapel, as well as people who live nearby. We would be grateful if you could complete this short survey, which should take no more than 10 minutes and will enable the Trust to develop plans for the Old Chapel once the Heritage Fund grant ends.


Please note that the survey is anonymous; however we will be using the results in our evaluation report.

To access the survey please click on this link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TOCTcommunity>



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Services in the Benefice

5th May- Easter 6

Psalm 98; Acts 10.44-48; John 15.9-17

9.30am	Parish Communion	Tolpuddle
9.30am	Milborne Praise	Milborne
11.00am	Parish Communion	Puddletown
11.00am	BCP Morning Prayer	Dewlish
4.00pm	Bubble Church	Puddletown VH

9th May - Ascension Day

Psalm 93; Acts 1.1-11; Luke 24.44-53

6.30am	Morning Prayer	Dewlish
6.00pm	Holy Communion	Puddletown

Saturday 11th May

12.30pm	Wedding of Simon Hewer & Vanessa Hopkins	Puddletown
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12th May - Easter 7

Psalm 1; Acts 1.15-17, 21-26; John 17.6-19

9.30am	Parish Communion followed by APCM	Milborne
11.00am	Puddletown Praise	Puddletown
5.30pm	Sunday Reflections	Tolpuddle

19th May - Pentecost

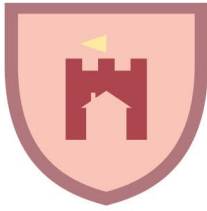
Psalm 104.25-35, 37; Acts 2.1-21; John 15.26-27; 16.4b-15

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

26th May - Trinity Sunday

Psalm 29; Romans 8.12-17; John 3.1-17

9.30am	Parish Communion	Milborne
10.00am	Go Fourth	Tolpuddle
11.00am	BCP Matins (traditional language)	Puddletown
11.00am	Parish Communion	Dewlish



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