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On into Autumn...

Well it really has felt like all change here with homeschooling put aside for now as the buses and school timetables have returned. Lockdown has definitely brought its challenges, but has also let many of us spend more time in the great outdoors and appreciate the many beautiful sunsets this end of the summer. Mimi, who has taken the beautiful photos on the cover, is also one of the happy band of volunteers who has joined the Downsman team after the call out in the last issue, and I want to thank each and every one of them for stepping forward so we can carry on producing our magazine. Distribution unfortunately has been a little erratic over the past few issues, with changing volunteers and distribution decisions, but I hope we will check all these things over the coming two issues and things will run smoothly again.



I'm very pleased to see Hanlega's and the Library opening again offering their services to our community. If you are looking for other things to do this autumn you could try some of Mimi's recipes on her 'Food for Thought' column (page 7) or Min is running 1:1/1:2 jewellery making workshops so you can create your own designs (page 16).

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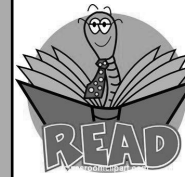
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Salisbury Cathedral's Spirit & Endeavour

This year, Salisbury Cathedral opened its largest art exhibition for 20 years as part of its 800th anniversary celebrations. Sadly, within a week, the lockdown due to coronavirus was imposed and, although the public had access to the exhibits outside,



nobody was able to see the artworks inside - until now.

Celebrating 800 years of Spirit and Endeavour comprises 20 pieces of work by some of the most important contemporary artists of the 20th and 21st century, including Antony Gormley, Henry Moore and Grayson Perry.

Visitors can see sculpture, tapestry, kinetic and digital installations on the lawns and inside the building.

The cathedral has had to reduce the number of people it can welcome at one time for safety reasons, so visitors need to book in advance.

Opening hours are Monday to Saturday 10am to 2.30pm.

If you are unable to visit in person, you can take a virtual tour of the exhibition (there's a family friendly version too) by visiting www.salisburycathedral.co.uk

Curated by Jacqueline Creswell, the cathedral's visual arts adviser, the exhibition runs until 2021.

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Food for Thought

Lockdown didn't only provide those of us not working with a lot of time to garden, sunbathe and possibly even try and take up a new language (Chinese is a lot harder than it looks...) but also time to improve our cooking skills. Having had a full house for over 4 months, everyone was keen to mix up the food we were eating and allowed me to test out lots of, and some quite simple but very delicious, recipes.

Avocado Dip

This is a perfect quick and easy recipe for an autumn evening. Serve with some carrots and breadsticks and add a generous glass of vino to make your evening sparkle.

Ingredients

- 2 large avocados
- 1 large garlic clove
- 4 tbsp Greek yogurt
- Juice of 1 lemon
- Coriander
- Chilli flakes
- Salt and pepper
- Glug of white wine vinegar



Method

It's very straightforward. Put it all together and blitz - in a food blender or with a blitzer stick. Add more salt and pepper to taste if required.



Feta, Pea & Mint Dip

Another winning dip to have alongside a drink! Also delish with roast chicken, rosemary potatoes and a light green salad!



Ingredients

- 300g frozen peas
- 100g feta (about half a pack of supermarket feta)
- the zest of 1 lemon and a squeeze of juice
- Salt and pepper
- Glug of olive oil
- Handful of fresh mint
- Chilli flakes

Method

Again, nice and easy!!
To start - boil the peas for 5 minutes. Then drain and cover in cold water so they don't go soggy! Dry the peas and then mix everything together. Go with personal preference - but is very nice and light.

Lemon & Lavender Loaf

Now for the cake recipe. I found this on the BBC website and at first questioned the use of lavender in a cake. However, it is seriously delicious and perfect as a pudding or even just an afternoon snack after a long day!

Ingredients

- 250g plain flour
- ½ tsp of baking powder
- ½ tsp bicarbonate of soda
- 125g caster sugar
- 100g softened/ melted butter
- 2 tbsp of edible lavender*
- Zest of 3 lemons
- 2 large eggs
- 200g plain yogurt

Method

- Oven - 180c and grease a loaf tin. (L: 20cm, W: 13cm, H: 9cm)
- Bowl- mix the dry ingredients: lavender, flour, sugar, zest and raising agents.
- Beat eggs, yogurt and melted butter together. (Don't over mix!)
- Mix the dry and wet ingredients together- stir together gently until combined.
- Bake for 40 mins. Check after 35 mins with a long metal probe- if it comes out wet cook longer.
- When probe is clean, remove from oven. Keep in the tin. Make 6- 8 small holes (cocktail stick size) over the top of the loaf and then pour lemon juice and icing sugar over and leave to cool. (2 tbsp icing sugar mixed with the juice of 2 lemon)



The first time I cooked it I actually baked it for just under an hour- so you have to just keep checking on it towards the end of its baking time. Leave the loaf in the tin to let it cool and the icing harden. When it's ready, sprinkle with some extra icing sugar: perfect with a little bit of vanilla ice cream!

*You can buy edible lavender dried from baking suppliers and some supermarkets. If you have fresh lavender, you can use fresh buds and leaves finely chopped.

Dorset Trading Standards

Trading Standards, the gold standard

The hallmarking of gold and silver dates back to 1300 when King Edward I introduced it to protect standards and to prevent craftsmen committing fraud when making jewellery. The first stamp was a leopard's head which symbolised the King's mark of authentication. The word 'hallmark' didn't come into use until the 15th century when craftsmen took their artefacts to Goldsmiths' Hall in London to be assayed. Today there are four assay offices in operation, in London, Birmingham, Edinburgh and Sheffield.

Hallmarking techniques and regulations have been fine-tuned since those early days. The current legislation that governs hallmarking has been effective since the creation of the 1973 Hallmarking Act which is enforced by trading standards officers.

If a jeweller makes items of silver, gold, platinum or palladium and wants to sell them they are obliged to get them assayed which guarantees they are good quality. The hallmark is then applied so it can legally be put onto the market.

A 2019 report confirmed that up to a third of precious metal products supplied online are unhallmarked and could therefore be fake. Jewellery fraud has consistently been an issue in the precious metal industry where counterfeit items can be made and sold to the unsuspecting customer at a high price. Fake jewellery affects the reputation of legitimate businesses and hurts the industry as a whole and without hallmarking enforcement many customers and legitimate businesses are exposed to fraud.

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Following advice from National and Dorset Federations, also guidance for the use of the village Hall, it has been decided to cancel all monthly meetings, groups, clubs and other activities until further notice.

We know many members are missing the social contact, especially during our

normal busy autumn schedule and run up to the end of the year. This would have included the annual DFWI meeting at The Lighthouse, Poole, the county and group carol services, plus rehearsals and preparations for our Christmas party and entertainment.

We hope to be able to commence meetings by next spring, but, as with most plans for

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Evacuees

Few reading this article will not have seen black and white film footage taken over eighty years ago of distraught mothers bravely holding back tears and watching over children: looks of bewilderment on their young faces, clutching small suitcases, gas masks slung over their shoulders and a label with their name and particulars pinned to their clothing. These poignant scenes, mainly filmed on railway stations, heralded events taking place across the British Isles between Friday, September 1st, 1939, and that fateful Sunday, the 3rd when the news broke that our country was once again in a state of war with Germany.

What had precipitated such scenes: 1.5 million people, the majority children, being uprooted from their homes and, over three traumatic days, being despatched to rural areas of the country deemed as safe havens?

To answer this, at least in part, it is necessary to return to the Spanish Civil War fought from July 1936 until April 1939 between General Franco's Nationalist army and the left-leaning Popular Front. Supporting the former were the fascist leaders of Germany and Italy, while Russia aided the latter. It was a brutal campaign during which on Monday, April 26th, 1937, a force of bombers drawn from the Luftwaffe's Condor Legion and the Aviazione Legionaria, bombed the Basque city of Guernica. Accounts vary as to the number of civilian casualties but what is not in dispute is the widespread destruction caused by the bombing.

Nations across the world were shocked, particularly in Europe where the bellicose rantings of Adolf Hitler and his Nazi Party were causing alarm. Thus, fearing that in the event of war, aerial raids on our cities would result in death and injury running into thousands, the government set about planning for the mass evacuation of the young and most vulnerable of the population and it was on that Friday in September that operation 'Pied Piper' was implemented.

For the majority of children, efficiently shepherded under the watchful eye of the Women's Voluntary Society, in turn bolstered by a small army of volunteers

and, at their destination, local authority billeting officials, this would be their first sight of fields and the rolling hills of 'England's green and pleasant land.'

And so it came to pass, half a dozen or so evacuee children arrived in the village of Sixpenny Handley and, within hours of alighting from the bus, all were safely billeted in dwellings along the High Street and Common Road where at No. 1 the village postman, Mr Holloway and his wife welcomed Alan Cattermole. A few hundred yards away at 32 High Street his brother, Douglas, was in the care of Mr and Mrs Harding, while at 63 High Street a young Jean Evans was being shown to her room by Mrs Mead, a stalwart member and supporter of St. Mary's church.

Next to Ebenezer's Chapel [now a private residence] in the High Street it is thought Margaret Cornelius was lodged with Mr and Mrs Adams. Subsequently, their bungalow became the offices of Victory Tours but in recent years has been demolished as has the garage opposite, the entire area on either side of the road having been developed for housing. One evacuee, Phyllis Luxton, was billeted at Deanland with

Miss Elsie Lucas and, with other children from Deanland and Newtown would have walked to school across the fields.

By and large they mixed well with the village children, no doubt curiosity with each others very different life being a factor. Some, I'm told, kept in touch with their 'adopted parents' and I am aware that one boy, Len Diggin who arrived at nearby Ashmoor, settled there having decided country life was far better than post-war London.

In preparing this article, I am indebted to Beryl Beale, Stella Olsen and Richard Adlam. There are numerous websites concerned with evacuees and the Imperial War Museum has a picture gallery that 'captures' the images referred too in my opening paragraph. It should also be borne in mind that aerial bombing by Germany occurred during the Great War, first by airships and later by aeroplanes. These early attempts to bomb our country into submission are reported by the historian Diana Preston in her book 'A Higher Form of Killing' [Bloomsbury Press, 2015].

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Ancestors of Sixpenny Handley

The June 2012 issue of The Downsman carried an article by my wife, Lindsey, entitled 'A Son of the (Sixpenny Handley) Soil' which told the story of William and Anne Snow and their family. They lived in Sixpenny Handley in the late 18th and early 19th centuries. Since 2012, Lindsey has been able to expand the story in many directions as more information has become available on the internet. The family links to Sixpenny Handley now go much further back, and there is also a much more tenuous link with my family.

My involvement came from leading a walk for East Dorset Heritage Trust (EDHT) in September 2019. The walks are held monthly. They are usually about 8 miles and the walk leader researches anything of interest to talk about at points around the walk. As my walk started at Martin Green's Down Farm and passed through Sixpenny Handley, he alerted me to the 'Handley Torches'. My initial attempts at finding information on them on the internet found only a reference to a talk at a Royal Historical Society symposium lecture in 2017 by Leonard Baker, an Honorary Research Fellow at Bristol University. I contacted Leonard and he sent me a chapter of his doctoral thesis which included a 14 page section on the Handley Torches. They were a reaction to the attempts by the landowners of Cranborne Chase to limit the ancient rights of the people living on the Chase (known as Liberties) and enforce the enclosures. Friction between these two groups can be found as far back as 1791, and almost certainly goes further back than that, culminating in the formation of the Handley Torches around 1830. There are various episodes of unrest mainly against the actions of the Chase Steward, William Castleman, including tearing down fences, disrupting the annual Manor Court and taking trees from The Common. But they were not simply 'ruffians of the labouring classes' as they included a retired Royal Navy captain and local farmers. They were also covertly supported by the vicar of St Mary's. The last known record of the Handley Torches is in 1837.

A full telling of their story is perhaps for another time, but for the present it can

be characterised as a general resistance to the removal of rights that had gone unchallenged for centuries and (because of Chase history) holding some legal status. I found it a fascinating story that seemed little known and wonder if anybody reading this knows anything about those events, perhaps through stories handed down through their family? If there is, I would be pleased to hear from them via my email at the end of this article.

The events leading up to and through the activities of the Handley Torches coincided with the time that William and Anne Snow were raising their family. They had 13 children that Lindsey has found baptism records for at St Mary's, born between 1785 and 1811, and 10 are known to have lived to 50 or older (she can find no further trace of 2 girls - Carline and Anne - and 1 boy died at 20). However, what interested me was that only 1 - Charles Mackrell Snow - appears to have spent his life in Sixpenny Handley and died there. At least 9, and possibly 11, moved away from Sixpenny Handley. It seems likely that the local unrest prevalent in the early C19th evidenced by not only the Handley Torches and the known poor farming conditions, but also the Swing Riots, were a factor in this movement of the Snow children away from this area. The Swing Riots of 1830 were widespread across southern England and were the result of the effects of the industrial revolution on agriculture - many jobs were lost and many of those that remained were poorly paid. Thanks to the additional information available on the internet since 2012, and some help from Leonard Baker, Lindsey can now trace her Snow lines back another 6 generations. Most were born in Handley or nearby villages and stayed in the local area. They include familiar local names such as Hardiman and Mackrell. The Mackrell ancestry is almost certainly the reason for its inclusion as a middle name in at least 3 of William and Anne's children. Both the Mackrells and the Hardimans appear to be of some status.

To go even further back we have to move from Lindsey's maternal family lines to her paternal lines. These can be traced back to around AD300 and Tiridates The

Great, but along the way included William Longspee, the illegitimate son of Henry II. He became Earl of Salisbury and amongst other achievements, he moved Salisbury from Old Sarum to its current site, and founded the cathedral. He is Lindsey's 26 x great grandfather. The link with Sixpenny Handley is through his son, Nicholas Longspee, the first recorded chaplain of St Mary's, Sixpenny Handley between 1277 and 1280. In 1291 he went on to become (perhaps not surprisingly) Bishop of Salisbury.

At the beginning I mentioned the tenuous link with my family. This goes back through my mother's line to my 6 x great grandfather, Pumfrett Rivenal and his wife Dorothy. She was the daughter of John Turpin, and one of her brothers was Richard. Dick Turpin is my 7 x great uncle! Hence the tenuous link is to the local legend that said Dick Turpin buried a boot full of sovereigns in Harley Wood. Before anybody thinks it might be financially rewarding to try metal detecting in Harley Wood, this legend is highly suspect (and of course Harley Wood is part of the Shaftesbury Estate). Most of what we think we know about Dick Turpin comes from a novel by Harrison Ainsworth called Rookwood published in 1834, almost 100 years after Turpin's execution. He never had a horse called Black Bess (he did have - and stole - many others), he did not make a dash overnight to York to establish an alibi (this probably refers to a similar escapade by another highwayman, John Nevison) and he was no 'gentleman of the road'. His exploits were mainly around the north and east of London, he was, after all, an Essex lad. There is no recorded sighting of him in Dorset, the closest being an unsubstantiated report of him the other side of Winchester. His name has been linked with many places across the country; most of these links have no basis and are almost certainly attempts to attract custom (many of these links are to inns). The Harley Wood link was possibly generated to create a distraction from a smuggling activity. The legend itself appears to be very thin. I have seen no more than the brief account above, but if anybody can provide more of it, then again, please contact me using my email as below. Email: alan.dedden@gmail.com

Dorset Libraries

We are delighted to let you know that from Monday 14th September you will be able to start reserving items again from the library catalogue, for pick up from libraries in Dorset. If your preferred pick-up library is not currently in the drop-down list, we recommend using your nearest available library. Not all libraries across the LibrariesWest consortium are able to offer this service immediately. We have placed a temporary limit of 10 reservations per library member at any one time to help manage demand. This limit will remain in place until further notice. The pick-up library will notify you when your reserved item becomes available for collection.

Before visiting a library to collect a reserved item, we strongly recommend checking the opening hours first as most libraries are operating on revised hours.

Not sure whether you still want to borrow items you have previously requested? Please log on to your library account and cancel anything that you no longer need to help your library service focus resources on items that customers still wish to borrow.

Other Library Changes

From Monday 14th September we will be removing the temporary 28-day loan period and reinstating the regular loan periods (e.g. 21 days for books, 7 or 14 days for DVDs). From the same date we will also be reintroducing overdue charges and hire fees (where relevant).

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Scouting in the Summer Holidays

Not the normal opportunities to get involved in camping out with Scouts this summer - so Dorset County Scouts organised Brownsea 113. A virtual camp based on Brownsea Island - it was the 113th Anniversary of the first camp there by Lord Baden Powell.

The first challenge was to virtually get to Brownsea - a boat was needed! Cubs ran a boat making session on Zoom. Magnificent boats from Captain Akela and Chief Engineer Verity were shown with instructions. Then each family chose the activities they wanted to join in from the camp website.

Getting back to face-to-face Scouting

Scouting uses the National Youth Association guidelines to determine levels of activity permitted. In July, the level moved from Red (no face-to-face Scouting) to Amber (small outdoor groups permitted) and so the 1st Woodcutts team completed and submitted the required Risk Assessments and could begin Scouting again...

So what did it look like?

Scouts were first to get back to the campfire. The guidelines allow for groups of up to 15 with 12 Scouts and 3 leaders. So their first evening, they shared their news and COVID guidelines around the campfire and made pizzas and since then, have enjoyed an axe throwing evening, cycling and more...

Cubs began with some evening of games at the end of the summer holidays: big circle games of Wink murder and Zip, zap, boing and Splat! We tried chair football too - like a giant table football!

Throughout the summer break, Beavers continued with the badges and challenges set. Some great faces of the children were sent in when they tried to eat a piece of chocolate or sweet placed on



Brownsea 113



Back to Scouts!



their foreheads which needed to be eaten without using their hands or dropping the piece of chocolate or sweet. We are working towards our new term with the children ,with fun and games planned.

Everyone is now preparing for the autumn term and we are looking forward to trying out new skills and new games or old games in a new socially distanced way!

Fund raising

Thank you so much to everyone who has supported our summer foodie fund raiser - Pizza at the Hut. Our amazing group of volunteers have already served over 400 pizzas! Money raised will help us maintain our HQ and enable us to continue Scouting through this pandemic.

Gone Sailing



Ayers & Graces flying lightweight spinnaker (thanks Ian Grieves and Yacht Nell)

Towards Hamble

A fine day, with light airs and some North in them, saw us sail towards Hamble flying the lightweight spinnaker. Somewhere off Cowes, the kite was handed, and then, on the wind, past Calshot (where they launched the flying boats), and into Hamble. There was space on Harbourmaster's mid river pontoon, where a notice advised payment to be made by card, so we did, enjoyed a pleasant lunch, and gentle sail on return.

Wootton Creek

A favourite destination (for me) is Wootton Creek, and the Royal Victoria YC. (The story goes that as The Squadron would not let Prince Albert join, Queen Victoria bought him a yacht club.) Unfortunately, the Club was not open due to Covid, but there was space to moor on the visitor pontoons, and we enjoyed lunch in the sunshine. Tide timing is very important in Wootton Creek, as outside the ferry channel, most dries at low water, so for us, a departure before high water, is safer.

On Lymington HM Dan Bran pontoon

Arriving one Wednesday for a sail, a large yacht (Jeanneau Sun Odyssey 49i (49 feet)) was moored alongside, flying a flag indicating a foreign port of registry. Now was that Australia or New Zealand? Reference to V S de Kleer*, revealed that she was Australian. The Australian civil ensign has five stars and the New Zealand has four, and in both cases these are white. Interestingly, both have blue ensigns as well. The Australian has white stars and New Zealand has red stars with a white border. How long to sail to Australia? Hmm, say three months nonstop? But allow six months for a bit more leisure? The Australian skipper stated he intended to take five years, and was leaving Sunday, which sounded a good plan!

Yachting, BAME, 'Life Changing Sailing' and all that

An interesting article appeared in September's Yachting Monthly, relating the experiences of the Scaramouch Sailing Trust and Greig City Academy, (gcasailing.com). The team is 90% black and 100% BAME. They entered Scaramouch, a German

Frers 45, in the 2017 Fastnet, and did well. With lots of support and sponsorship, the team now owns 'Riot', a 45 year old Intro 22, which they have refurbished, and have access to other yachts and dinghies. Pleased to say that LTSC (Lymington Town Sailing Club) also support them, and they have a nice mention in the article (www.yachtingmonthly.com)

LTSC

The Club is slowly getting to a 'new' normal – with all the proscribed and advised precautions, rallies are cautiously taking place, with meals ashore outside, or on board. So far, we have decided not to join in with those. Let us see what next year brings? Catch up at www.ltsc.co.uk : see you on the water ... at a distance.

Adam

Yachting Correspondent for Sixpenny Handley

* 'A Visual Guide To The Flags of the World' (Greenhill Books 2007)

Min Fletcher-Jones Jewellery Workshops



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Min has worked in the jewellery trade since she was 15 and loved designing quirky engagement rings and commissions, and carrying out small repairs. She always has been rather obsessed with jewellery!

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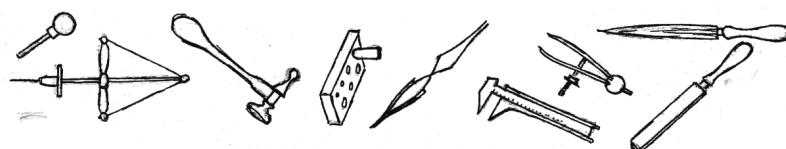
Gem stacking rings created by Min

Now it could be your turn to create something for yourself or a loved one! Why not spend a fun few hours learning new skills and making some treasured pieces of jewellery with Min? (Over 18s due to insurance).

With a small work space, Min only teaches 1-2 people at a time, which means you will have her undivided attention for the duration of your lesson. Recent students have gone home delighted with their handmade bangles, rings, earrings, pendants and even some spoons!

You can find out more about Min on her website, Facebook or Instagram. To book a workshop, call 01725 552198 or email min@minfletcherjones.co.uk.

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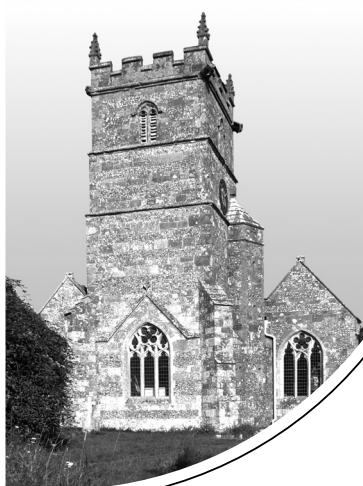
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The Bishop of Salisbury, Nicholas Holtam

The impact of COVID-19 is changing us. In many ways, people have stepped up to look after each other. Churches have been part of this but it's been a much broader movement of neighbourly care. We have applauded the NHS and care workers and we have redefined who are the key workers. The desire to look after each other is strong.



Every organisation has had to change rapidly. Churches have adapted locally extraordinarily fast. Thank you for all you have done to help. None of us knows if this is the new normal but at the end of summer it looks as though the winter could be long and difficult. This virus is not yet finished with us.

We are being tested. The virus is not limited by national boundaries. It is a global pandemic. There have been some key moments and our responses have been revealing. The death of George Floyd in Minneapolis set off an international movement that Black Lives Matter. Who are the people we want to celebrate and why? We have been too slow re-evaluating the statues populating our public space and frustration boiled over. People want to be dealt with justly and we need to rework our history so that it helps us tell a better story in our own day.

For example, there are lessons for us with regard to slavery. Church was part of the problem and became part of the solution. We were among those who profited from slavery and claimed it was part of God's given order. We were also among those who campaigned for its abolition. In this respect my predecessor Bishop Burgess (1825-37) was courageous in the late eighteenth century in articulating his opposition to slavery. Nowadays no-one is in favour of slavery and the Church is among those challenging modern-day slavery. The question for us is why there was a re-evaluation of the way we understood scripture that changed our values and the way we acted.

One of my favourite Bible stories is from Matthew 22.15-22 when the religious leaders tried to trap Jesus with a political question. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor? Smelling hypocrisy, Jesus asked whose image is on a coin? They answered the emperor's. "Give to the emperor the things that are the emperor's and to God the things that are God's."

It's a clever and enigmatic response. Whatever it means about God and Caesar, paying taxes, and the Christian engagement with political life and power, a Jew at the time of Jesus would have heard an unspoken second question: 'And you, whose image are you made in?' We are called to live as people made in God's image.

That's at the heart of who we are and we need to take care to live up to it. A time of crisis is both a judgement and an opportunity.

Church Services during COVID-19

Due to COVID-19 restrictions we are only able to offer church services in a very limited way. At the present time we are offering a 10am weekly Sunday Service at either St Mary's Handley or St Rumbold's Pentridge which are also broadcast live online. St Andrew's sadly remains closed as COVID restrictions would not allow worship to happen safely in the building. This is being reviewed regularly and as restrictions are lifted, or reintroduced, we will endeavour to adapt the service provision. See page 2 for details.

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DIARY OF A COUNTRY PARSON: Autumn Leaves

As summer slowly fades over the horizon, we continue to find ourselves in strange times. The phrase, the “New Normal”, seems to be anything but normal as our lives are in a constant state of flux. Local lockdowns, quarantines, when and where to wear face masks seems to change weekly if not daily.

Brave attempts have been made by our leaders to develop some sense of normal, with children returning to schools and people encouraged to head back to the office. However, no sooner do we think we know where we are then COVID-19 kicks us back into the long grass. It seems as if anything can happen between the 1 o'clock news and the 6 o'clock news.

More than ever we want to be able to grab onto the familiar, but we feel the wet rope slipping through our hands and we are up to our neck in water. Autumn and Winter bring about a physical and emotional change in us, but we normally can look forward to Harvest, Bonfire Night, Christmas and New Year. It can be all very depressing and make us think that hibernation might be the best thing and hopefully by Spring all will be well.

However, there are constants in our life if we look for them and the change of seasons is one, as our small plant makes its 365 journey through space. Harvest is a time for us all to celebrate the beauty of God's creation and how blessed we are to live in such a beautiful part of the world. Autumn will bring its amazing colourama

of reds, browns and golds, long shadows and golden light, the joy of morning mists and diamond dew drops on the grass. The air takes on a new earthiness mixed with cold freshness. God has fixed all of these things for us, they are constants and have been since before we began and will continue after we have been gathered to God. This is beautifully phrased in Ecclesiastes 3.1-8.

And I find when I feel low, that getting out into my garden or the local countryside and just looking closely at the beauty and wonder that is around me revives my soul. Here I find two constants that offer me firm ground to stand on God and his creation. Psalm 19 reminds us of this wonder and greatness of God.

Though it will not be possible to celebrate these Autumn and Winter festivals in the way we have in the past they can still be celebrated. Over the coming months we will have new opportunities as communities to celebrate these great feasts. Who knows we may even develop some new traditions or discover some old ones which were lost.

I hope that we can all be creative in celebrating these wonderful feasts both as families and corporately as communities. Despite the virus we will need to find new ways of togetherness and appreciate more that which we have so often taken for granted.

Blessings **Canon Richard Hancock**

Ecclesiastes 3.1-8

¹For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: ²a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted; ³a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; ⁴a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; ⁵a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; ⁶a time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to throw away; ⁷a time to tear, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; ⁸a time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war, and a time for peace.

Psalm 19.1-6

¹The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands. ²Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they reveal knowledge. ³They have no speech, they use no words; no sound is heard from them. ⁴Yet their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world. In the heavens God has pitched a tent for the sun. ⁵It is like a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, like a champion rejoicing to run his course. ⁶It rises at one end of the heavens and makes its circuit to the other; nothing is deprived of its warmth.

Church Services

October 2020

Sunday 4th (Trinity 17)

10am Harvest Festival for Pentridge & Woodyates, venue TBC.

Sunday 11th (Trinity 18)

10am – Autumn Church Walk Pilgrim Service. St Mary's Join us at 10am outside St Mary's Handley where we will set off on a short 2 mile circular walk worshipping as we go with Psalms, Hymns, Readings and Stories. This is particularly suited for families and children. Bring a flask of coffee or tea and your favourite sweet treat.

In the event of bad weather a service will be held in church.

Sunday 18th (Trinity 19 Luke the Evangelist)

10am – Said Matins BCP St Rumbold's Pentridge.

Sunday 25th (Last Sunday After Trinity)

10am – Said Holy Communion St Mary's Handley.

November 2020

Sunday 1st (All Saints Sunday)

10am – Said Holy Communion BCP St Rumbold's Pentridge.
6pm – All Souls Service St Mary's Handley

This will be a service of thanksgiving for the lives of those we love and see no longer. There will be readings poems and music with an opportunity to light a candle in remembrance.

Sunday 8th (Remembrance Sunday)

11am – Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial Handley
11am – Act of Remembrance on the Green Pentridge

Sunday 15th (2nd Sunday Before Advent)

10am – Said Matins BCP St Rumbold's Pentridge.

Sunday 22nd (Christ The King)

10am – Said Holy Communion St Mary's Handley

Sunday 29th (Advent Sunday)

10am – Benefice Service St Mary's Handley

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You must install either insulation, or low-carbon heating, of certain types to qualify. Funding is by Government voucher and to start with you need to make sure you are eligible for the scheme. Full details of the Green Homes Grant can be found at the Government endorsed web page <https://www.simpleenergyadvice.org.uk/> or by phoning 0800 444202.

History has shown that unscrupulous traders may try to take advantage of schemes such as this, perhaps contacting people by phone, or on the doorstep, out of the blue, with the offer of discounted insulation or building work. Sometimes

the sales talk may refer to previous work completed at the property. Traders may try to push the need for urgency as a selling point, the official scheme being a time limited offer.

The advice from trading standards is to visit the Simple Energy Advice webpage, or phone them on the number above, before you agree to any work starting so you know whether you are eligible for the grant and what that entitles you to. If you are unsure whether an approach by a trader is genuine, perhaps ask for the help of a trusted relation, friend or neighbour.

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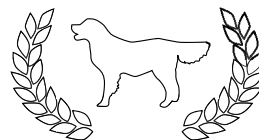
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Monday	19:00	Better Backs	Bishopstone Village Hall
Tuesday	09:15	Pilates	Coombe Bissett Village Hall
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Tuesday	18:00	Fitness Pilates	Britford Memorial Hall
Tuesday	19:00	Pilates	Britford Memorial Hall
Wednesday	09:30	Better Backs	Bishopstone Village Hall
Wednesday	18:00	Pilates	Bishopstone Village Hall
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KickStart and Furlough October 2020

KICKSTART SCHEME

As mentioned in our last article, the Kickstart Scheme has now been launched by the government to pay for 6-month job placements for 16 to 24 year olds who are currently on Universal Credit and at risk of long-term unemployment.

This is a fantastic opportunity for young people. We as a company would like to work together with local businesses to offer placements. A Kickstart Scheme application must be for a minimum of 30 job placements. Any one employer can offer more than one placement, but to apply as a group of employers, we would need to have 30 placements to offer between us.

The job placements must be new jobs. They cannot replace existing or planned vacancies or cause existing employees to lose or reduce their employment. The roles must:

- be for a minimum of 25 hours per week for 6 months;
- pay at least the National Minimum Wage for their age group; and
- not require extensive training before starting the placement.

The applications need to include details of how you will help the participant develop their skills and experience, such as support with attendance, timekeeping, teamwork, preparing a CV and setting goals.

The government pay for 100% of the relevant national minimum wage for 25 hours plus the associated national insurance contributions and employer minimum automatic enrolment contributions. Go to www.gov.uk/government/collections/kickstart-scheme for more details.

If you are an employer and feel that this is something you would like to be involved in,

we will be discussing the scheme in more detail via a Zoom meeting on Thursday 1 October 2020 at 8.30am. Please contact kay@cba-services.co.uk if you would like a link to the meeting.

Furlough Claims

If you currently have staff on furlough, or have been furloughed by your employer, please remember that the amounts you can claim are changing.

From 1 September 2020 the government will only pay 70% of wages for a furloughed employee, and from 1 October 2020 they will only pay 60%. Employers will need to top up employees' wages to ensure they receive 80%. Employers will also need to pay the employer National Insurance and pension contributions.

Our team is here to help you. If you would like to receive further advice and assistance from us, please get in touch.

If you need assistance with any accountancy or tax related matters, please contact Catherine at CBA Services Limited on 01258 840306 / 07895 913546 / catherine@cba-services.co.uk

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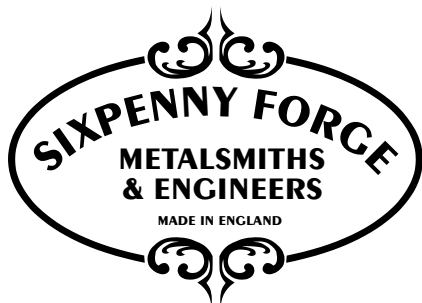
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Sale of House where Capital Gains Tax (CGT) is payable

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CGT disposals are based on the date of exchange and the computation continues to be on that basis. BUT the new notification regime and payment of tax is all about completion.

Unlike stamp duty, it is not a requirement of the firms dealing

with the sale to have to calculate, reserve and pay over the tax to HMRC. This is because CGT liability varies depending on your own personal circumstances.

It is the owner who sells who is responsible and HMRC has advised that the owner should go to their accountants, assuming that they have one, for advice and calculation.

This presents a problem as if a sale was undertaken in say August 2020, any calculation should take into account:

- CGT losses brought forward from the year ended 5 April 2020;
- available capital gains tax allowance £12,300 for the current tax year ended 5 April

2021;

- capital gains tax losses arising in the period from April 2020 to August 2020;
- capital gains tax losses arising in the period from August 2020 to 5 April 2021 – though these losses cannot be anticipated.

But note if no CGT is due (because of losses b/f, losses to date, £12,300 exemption and reliefs such as PPR), no CGT Return is due within 30 days. There are other important technical points to be taken into account on which we or your accountant can advise you on.

All rather complicated, but we hope that these broad outlines will help you to understand the current rules.

October

- Complete autumn lawn care
- Prune back/ cut down perennials
- Plant spring bulbs
- Start to bring in tender plants
- Plant garlic cloves

Don't forget the birds and wildlife in you garden as it gets colder, make sure there is fresh water available and a range of foods.

November

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- Start thinking about - next year's planting/ positioning
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Laughter is a tonic
When you're feeling down
It helps to raise the spirits
Takes away that frown
If you can, keep smiling
Find some humour in your day
Life will seem much brighter
And clouds will roll away.

Pause in the calm
And stillness of twilight
Hear orchestral sounds
Emanating delight
A musical stream.
Gentle rustling of leaves

Songbirds bee's humming
Feel the magic nature weaves.

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The bluest of skies
The warmest of days
Just little things
Our spirits raise
A stream making music
As it gurgles along
And as ever at dusk
The blackbird's sweet song.

Flower-strewn pathways
Scents filling the air
Birds singing, bees buzzing.
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Cornfields of gold.
New-mown hay.
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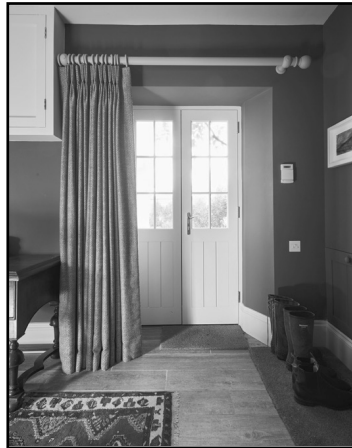
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However, before the lockdown we were able to welcome more than 30 new members to the cathedral for the annual new members' afternoon.

They were greeted in the Trinity Chapel before going on tours of the library, song room and west window.

They also had a cream tea in the refectory and heard how their annual financial commitment enables the Friends, which has nearly 3,000 members, to give grants for cathedral projects, such as the recent restoration of the organ.

Grants are also funded by donations and legacies, and supplemented by income from events, such as the annual Secret Gardens of the Close afternoon.

Friends receive a membership card, entitling them to visit the cathedral as many times as they wish (excluding ticketed events, concerts or parking). They are sent an annual report Spire and Easter and Christmas newsletters, containing information about grants and activities. And they receive invitations to events: musical evenings, talks, coach trips, holiday and the annual Friends' Day.

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Hedgehog News



Whilst this year I have not been asked to assist the Wildlife Hospital with releases, in the last few days I have been asked to help three young hogs. One sadly was suffering from a terminal illness and did not survive. However, the second, which was spotted behind the church, is now enjoying putting on a bit of weight, eating me out of house and home. He was only 3 weeks old but weighed in at 164gms and seems in good health. At that weight he would need to put on at least 500gms before going into hibernation.



Barely 3 weeks old

The third came in this evening – a bit older but only weighing 274gms. If they successfully put on the weight, then they will be moved to a safe place for the rest of

the winter.

There seem to be lots of hoglets around the village this year. If you do find one out in the open during the day, it is most probably because it needs food. The trouble is that they are easy prey to buzzards, kites, foxes and domestic dogs. Please do not let your dog play ball with a hog; it's not fair on the hog.

Call me on 07818 047617 if you need support.

What to feed hedgehogs?

Hedgehogs are omnivores, they eat almost anything except millipedes. There are various specialist foods on the market. They will also eat cat food - so will the neighbourhood cats, so it is best to place it somewhere where a hog can get to, but a cat can't. I have found that an upturned plastic box with a five-inch square hole serves very well. There are lots of ideas on the internet. It is essential that hedgehogs also have water.

Bonfires.

The Autumn is the time when they build

their nests for the winter; they will use various dead materials, especially dry leaves. This can cause a problem: before you set fire to your bonfire please ensure that there are no hogs already slipped in there.



Hedgehog Highways

Hogs can travel up to 2 miles a night in search of food and mates. If your garden is fenced or walled please consider a 5inch hole to let them move around freely. Highway signs are available from the British Hedgehog Preservation Society (BHPS) <https://www.britishhedgehogs.org.uk/>

Thank you to everyone who helps keep these iconic little creatures happy in our village.
Tony Gibb



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