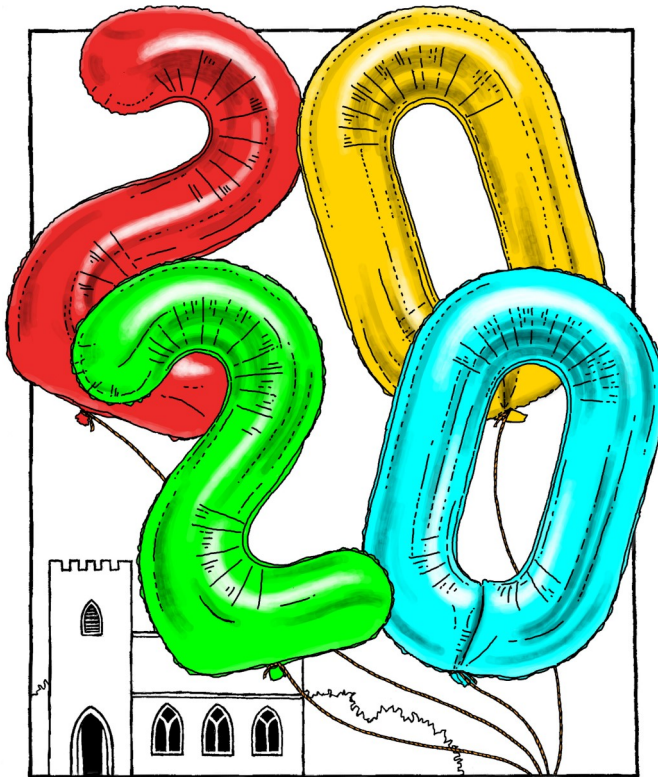


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Purse Caundle, Stalbridge, Stock Gaylard
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To the Editor Stuart Waite, Wynhill, Gold Street, Stalbridge DT10 2LX
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SEASONS SCRIBBLINGS

The call of the open page shouts at me as it's my turn to find the appropriate words to reflect on for this time of year.

It is a time of expectant excitement of the child in all of us as we wonder what the magic day will reveal; the commercial outlets hope they have their stock levels correct with not too much to sell at discount prices in the new year; in the Christian church communities across the lands they are celebrating the season of Advent, the period of time when the prophesies of the Old Testament are remembered as they foretold the of the coming of a Messiah who would rescue their people.

We have the advantage of history because we know that when Isaiah spoke about "the voice that cried out in the wilderness" it came to be proved correct. The Messiah was born but did the society of the time realise this fact had taken place. That story would take some thirty-three years to unfold. I often wonder if Jesus was born into our society today would we recognise the fact and realise its importance.

The period of waiting and longing also has a particular significance for the Spire Hill Benefice as we look forward to being able to welcome a new Rector to help us in the benefice. No doubt the rumour mill has run its course and you will have heard that as I write there have been no applicants for the position. This is not unusual these days; Martock have advertised their vacancy four times, the Golden Cap Benefice had a Rector transferred to them from Devon, it would seem that the numbers required for ordination to fill the positions are not requesting to be trained as they once were. The diocese will support us during this time, but it does mean that the same amount of work has to be undertaken by a diminishing group of people both ordained and lay members of the church family.

This vacancy is also an opportunity to reflect on what sort of church do we want or need to be here in rural North Dorset. Are we an organisation whose purpose is to keep an increasingly expensive, listed building available for occasional use by the community, or a group that is looking to support and sustain our local peoples, that is a vibrant, welcoming, caring organisation? I'd be interested in your thoughts and not just from those who attend services on a very regular basis.

Still we have another year to look forward to with all the anticipation and hope that the turning of the year brings about. A happy and peaceful New Year to you all.

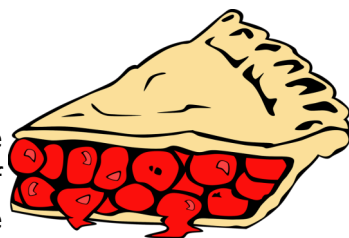
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Children's Carol Service in Purse Caundle

On 18th December the pupils of All Saints Church of England Primary School, Bishop's Caundle were welcomed to St Peter's Church for their annual Carol Service. With traditional carols, poems and prayers written by the children of Year 6 Sapphire pupils, the church reverberated with the sound of beautiful solos and familiar Christmas music.

The congregation of parents, staff and friends also enjoyed a festive treat of mulled wine and mince pies.

HUMBLE PIE



I am writing this to apologise to some of the contributors to the magazine for missing some of the articles that have been submitted. I have asked in the past for more contributions from a wider spectrum of our community and when they are submitted it is remiss of me not to include them in the magazine for the current publication month.

When an item is submitted I store this non-regular occasional items in a folder for the coming month. I did not notice that this folder was in “cloud” storage, a change in the computer settings which happened during an update and I didn't notice it. This is a facility I do not use as I have no need to share the information for others to work on. Therefore I did not look for it. Like most people I only have the necessary computer skills for me to be able to do what I need to do, but it also proves you can learn something new every day.

I have also been accused of making the publication too light hearted. I will defend this position as I feel the magazine should reflect our local community with all its faults and foibles. None of us go round with an attitude that condemns happiness and humour, it helps the world turn a little more easily; lets face it there is enough misery in the world.

I will work harder in the future to make sure no further articles are missed from the publication.

STALBRIDGE GARDEN SOCIETY



Our Chairman, Tony Moore, opened the December meeting and circulated the proformae for completion by members who wanted to join in the post-Christmas lunch at The Green Man, King's Stag, in January. Twenty three members signed up for this.

As members arrived, the buffet table slowly filled with a colourful variety of Christmas food and wine. Members were invited to fill their plates and glasses, and when all were seated, Tony introduced our Quizmistress for the evening, Ann Turnbull.

Ann had already placed sheets on each table containing the table round of cryptic questions, which we all began feverishly working on. Ann kept us on all our toes, with a few clues thrown in on the really difficult questions and at the end of the evening the results were all very close. There was lots of laughter and 'a good time was had by all', especially the opportunity to chat, which we didn't normally get on other club evenings, normally taken up with visiting speakers. Having thanked Ann for her hard work and drawn the raffle, we wished everyone the customary Happy Christmas and the meeting was closed.

Due to this meeting having been rearranged because of the snap general election on our regular club night, Michelle had a prior engagement, but will be back reporting on next month's meeting.

Our programme for 2020 is shown on our page of the site www.stalbridge.info

As Michelle noted last month, most plants, particularly those in pots, don't survive well when frost strikes after prolonged rain. They generally survive either, but not both! So the choice is to bring them under cover to keep on the dry side, or move them close to the house where they would benefit from the slightly raised temperature retained in the brickwork, keeping the frost at bay.

It's still not too late to plant up some tubs and pots with spring bulbs.

Happy Christmas!

Tony Moore

Blackmore Vale Deanery

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Rev Lydia (Rural Dean)

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The Methodist Chapel in Kings **The Methodist Church**

Stag warmly invite you to join them for two services in January. On the 12th there is a Holy Communion Service and on the 26th there is a Worship Service, both starting at 6.00pm.

Let us not forget the Coffee Morning. This will be held on the 21st starting at 10.00am and continues until 11.30am.



Miscellaneous observations on daily life...

Experience is not always the kindest of teachers, but it is the best.

The greatest failure is the failure to try. - William A Ward

Worry is like a treadmill - it wears you out and gets you nowhere.

If you tell the truth, you don't have to remember anything.

Good judgement comes from bad experience, and a lot of that comes from bad judgement.

A closed mouth gathers no foot.

Generally speaking, you aren't learning much when your lips are moving.

Experience is something you don't get until just after you need it.

Some days you are the bug; some days you are the windscreen.

The quickest way to double your money is to fold it in half and put it back in your pocket.

December Meeting



I thought that I would reflect on all that has happened in the WI this year, as usual it has been a busy, enjoyable year, full of interest and information. From January to December we have had fantastic, inspirational speakers who have given us an insight into their interests as well as what they do for a living. A special mention must go to the amazing lady who came and gave us a talk about the ladies on the Oregon Trail, which I think we will all remember for a long time, reinforced by the quilts that were put on show for us all to see.

We visited a lot of places too, the highlight being the Donkey Sanctuary and Bicton Gardens. Some of us visited Wells market this month which gave those who went an advantage in doing their Christmas shopping. But keep it quiet we must not let Santa know.

In December we had an amazing buffet which members baked and canaped in addition to the sandwiches. During the evening we had an informative talk from Mike Spencer who shared his knowledge on the charity expedition that he made to India. He showed us a selection of very entertaining videos and photos he took on the expedition and the wonderful villages that they trekked through. At the start they walked through open forest, for two days climbing to about 6,000 feet. First night was spent in a village who supplied lunch and water. As their trek continued, they encountered shepherds who moved their sheep around the mountains, they found one shepherd that was carrying a lamb who may have needed feeding or had a damaged limb, another shepherd carrying a sheep on his shoulders. In the distance they saw temples dotted around the mountains, as well as seeing the Taj Mahal along with palaces. We thank Mike Spencer for giving up his time to come and give us a talk again about his adventures.

Next we have our Christmas Meal, an outing to see Christmas with memories, a nostalgic way to end an interesting year.

We look forward to seeing you all in the coming year and may we wish you all a very happy and prosperous New Year for 2020

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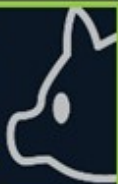
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5 January

The Epiphany

9.30am	Stalbridge	Holy Communion	CWI
11.00am	Kings Stag	Morning Worship	CW
11.00am	Purse Caundle	Holy Communion	CWI <i>trad</i>
4.00pm	Stalbridge	Evening Prayer	BCP

12 January

The Baptism of Christ

9.30am	Stalbridge	Holy Communion	CWI
11.00am	Stourton Caundle	Holy Communion	CWI
4.00pm	Stalbridge	Evening Prayer	BCP

19 January

The Second Sunday of Epiphany

8.00am	Stalbridge	Holy Communion	CW2
9.30am	Stalbridge	Morning Worship	
11.00am	Kings Stag	Holy Communion	CWI

26 January

The Third Sunday of Epiphany

8.00am	Stock Gaylard	Holy Communion	CWI <i>trad</i>
9.30am	Stalbridge	Holy Communion	CWI
11.00am	Stourton Caundle	Matins	