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THE MAGAZINE FOR THE COMMUNITIES OF
STURMINSTER MARSHALL
KINGSTON LACY & SHAPWICK

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May 2020

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THE BRIDGE MAGAZINE

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Articles:

Contributions are welcome from all sectors of the community served by the parishes. Please email your article, which should be prepared on **A5 (NOT A4 OR Letter PLEASE)** size pages, in **MS Word (.doc or .docx)** or **Works (.wps)**, or **it can be a .jpg file or .pdf file**, to the Editor at **tcenator@gmail.com**. You will receive a reply. If you do not receive a reply, please make enquiries. If you have no email then please print your copy and send it to Court House, Cowgrove, BH21 4EL, making it clear on the envelope that this is for the Editor of The Bridge.

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## From The Church

Dear neighbours,

Nearly 400 years ago in 1624 the priest and poet John Donne wrote a piece with the now famous line 'No man is an island'.

During these extraordinarily challenging times that we live in, we see the truth of this every day. Even for those self-isolating there is still the need for others: people to take away the rubbish, food delivery drivers, the doctors and nurses to care for them if they become unwell, phone calls from friends and family for well-being, and so on.

It's been wonderful to see the kindness and thoughtfulness of so many people, thinking not only of themselves, but also of those around them. The sense of community has been strengthened by this crisis.

The church building is closed at the moment. However, the church community is still present and active. We continue to pray and serve where we can. We would like to support you as much as we are able. Please get in touch with me, if there is ever anything we can do for you.

We do have a weekly on-line Church service. This can be emailed directly to you, please let me know if you'd like this. You can also access it via the website [www.bridgebeneficedorset.org](http://www.bridgebeneficedorset.org)

The set gospel reading for this week in church is the story of when the disciples were behind locked doors and afraid to go out. The resurrected Jesus came and stood in their midst and offered them peace. (John 20: 19 – 31). It feels so appropriate for this time when so many of us can't go out. My prayer is that each one of you will know this peace in your heart, mind and home at this time.

God bless.

From your vicar,



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## **Prayers you might like to use at this time:**

God of compassion,  
be close to those who are ill, afraid or in isolation.  
In their loneliness, be their consolation;  
in their anxiety, be their hope;  
in their darkness, be their light;  
through him who suffered alone on the cross,  
but reigns with you in glory, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **For those who are ill**

Merciful God,  
we entrust to your tender care  
those who are ill or in pain,  
knowing that whenever danger threatens  
your everlasting arms are there to hold them safe.  
Comfort and heal them,  
and restore them to health and strength;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **For hospital staff and medical researchers**

Gracious God, give skill, sympathy and resilience  
to all who are caring for the sick,  
and your wisdom to those searching for a cure.  
Strengthen and protect them with your Spirit,  
that through their work many will be restored to health;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## St. Mary's Church, 100 Club Lottery

### Covid-19 Information

Due to the current restrictions and guidelines put in place to help stop the spread of COVID 19, the 100 Club committee have decided to delay the monthly draws for April, May and June until July. We like to complete the draws at a Sunday service, so they are transparent. The delay will also help reduce travel to the Building Society and the delivery of prizes.

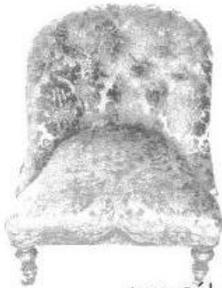
On the first Sunday in July, we will attempt to complete the 4 outstanding draws. This will depend on Government advice and restrictions at that time. We want the draws to remain transparent and for people to be kept safe. The outstanding prize money for all four months - £100 each month - will be distributed in July. If Government advice prevents this, we will publish what we intend to do on this noticeboard.

By the end of the year, 50% of the 100 Club income will be given out in prizes and the church will receive the other 50% as usual.

We apologise for this interruption, but want to keep everyone safe.

Thank you for your understanding.

Liz Jones, Ernie Turner and Karen Royles  
29/03/2020



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## IMPORTANT NEWS FOR TIVOLI CUSTOMERS

### Coronavirus update Tuesday 24th March

Due to the recent developments regarding Coronavirus, the Tivoli Theatre is now closed until further notice.

Therefore, the process of contacting ticket holders regarding rescheduled shows and issuing refunds will be delayed.

We are still in contact with artists and promoters to reschedule dates where possible. Our website will be updated with these changes. Our phone lines remain closed and we will endeavour to respond to emails as soon as we can.

Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to seeing you at the Tivoli soon.

Updates will also be posted our website and social media pages.

During this difficult and unprecedented time, as an independent and unsubsidised venue, the Tivoli Theatre continues to need your support.

Tivoli Theatre

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Kingston Lacy Church

Fundraising Events for 2020

Please note that the Cream Teas dates in May as follows have been cancelled: Saturday 9th May and Sunday 10th May.

The Fete and the Christmas Fayre dates remain unchanged at the present time – Sunday 2nd August and Saturday 14th November respectively and will be confirmed in due course.

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In these times of uncertainty, crisis and chaos
Who knows what further constraints will face us
The world stands still but the river still flows

Appreciation of our carers knows no bounds
As night falls a cacophony of clapping resounds
The world stands still but the river still flows

Business shuts down and the country locks down
The days of confinement are long
We yearn for our freedom – “normal service resume”
Home schooling’s a real learning curve....
The world stands still but the river still flows

We structure our day to make use of our time
A whole new routine has evolved
And midst this tumultuous, torrid regime
An hour – set aside to reflect.....
On this virulent pandemic, testing the medics
As they strive to “straighten the curve”
An hour – of time out, from the turmoil and stress of this strange
new world

The steady flow of water soothes our troubled minds
Running clear ‘neath ancient stone arches
As regal swans drift serene in the shallows
Momentarily, social distancing and self-isolation are carried
away on the tide

THE WORLD STANDS STILL – BUT THE RIVER STILL FLOWS

Written by: A furloughed villager

“Stay Safe and Well Everyone”

THE WORLD STANDS STILL BUT THE EARTH AWAKES

The verges are spangled with celandines and daisies
A carpet of white and yellow stars
The dainty violets raise their happy faces to the sun
The hedges are festooned with a frosting of white
The Blackthorn unfurls its blossom of spring.....
The world stands still but the earth awakes

A frenzy of flight - birds take to the wing
The gulls with their black heads signal summer is near
There's nesting aplenty with drakes standing by
Soon clutches of cute fluffy ducklings will appear....
The world stands still but the earth awakes

No regard has nature for the constraints of the human race
Its circle of life continues in unrelenting defiance
Of the pandemic that we face....
The world stands still but the earth awakes

But we maintain our new found regime
By keeping our distance to slow the contagion
Yet closer we come to those near and dear
By keeping in contact and lending an ear....
The world stands still but the earth awakes

Not yet through the worst, but hopes remain high
That a diminishing number of cases is nigh
Keep strong, safe and well – this virus will abate!
THE WORLD STANDS STILL BUT THE EARTH AWAKES

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The Old School

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**Are you aged 11 - 19
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**Do you live in or have a
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- Are you a trainee tradesperson who needs to buy some equipment or tools...?
- Would you like to be able to fund a training course to pursue an ambition...?
- Have you a hobby that a small grant would enable you to pursue...?

Applications should be in the form of a letter detailing the activity the applicant wishes to pursue and should be accompanied by a supporting letter or reference from a teacher or similar person. Applications from previously unsuccessful applicants are welcomed.

Applications must be received by **midnight on 30th June 2020** and should be sent to:

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Mackrell Lectures

We have an exciting series of lectures planned, which we hope to be able to run.

The Butterfield scholarship is usually awarded at the first lecture. The award will be granted whether or not the lecture takes place.

As always, all details of forthcoming events can be found on the website.

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The swimming pool was originally built with the help of the community and we are in a position whereby we need the help of the community to keep it running into the next 56 years. At a time when school funding has been cut to the bare minimum with more demands being made from what funding the school has, our role as a school society has never been more important.

We currently have a wooden structure housing the changing rooms which are rotting from the floor up, a domestic boiler, and a pump which gives us a turnaround time of 7 hours. We are looking for people who may have some time to give to either fundraise or help with maintenance/upgrading or perhaps have a skill that we may be able to utilise in the form of applying for grants, writing letters to local business, being able to supply and erect new changing rooms. It may be that you have a business and you would be prepared to sponsor part of the work? (We are a registered Charity.)

I am sure you will agree the school is a wonderful part of the village community, and everything possible should be done to help our community keep such a fantastic resource; this summer we are planning to offer extra-curricular swimming lessons to the whole community along with fun sessions, and we are looking into the possibilities of private hire sessions.

If you think you can help us, please contact us by sending an email to schoolsociety@sturminstermarshall.dorset.sch.uk or please leave a message with the school office by ringing 01258 857348 and we will ring you back.

Mary-Jane McKechnie

Chair, Sturminster Marshall First School, School Society
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We meet on the 3rd Thursday of the month at The Old School Hall,
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For more information please contact Heather Trenchard on

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Davis Allen: Manipulative Therapist

I am writing this in mid-April in the middle of the lockdown. I am saying that optimistically because who knows how long this could go on for? Anyway I know the May Bridge Magazine is not a good place to advertise my work as a manipulative therapist. It is very difficult to work on people from a social distance space of 2 metres! So here are some thoughts on what we should be doing with our spare time. One of the things we are allowed to do is go outside to exercise. A full exercise regime can be remembered by 3 S's:

1) **Stamina** – the most important muscle in your body is your heart. It needs regular exercise. Authorities recommend at least 150 minutes of moderate aerobic activity or 75 minutes of vigorous aerobic activity a week, or a combination of both. Moderate includes brisk walking; vigorous a light jog or cycling 10 miles an hour or faster. Good exercise for inside is skipping.

2) **Strength** – working the various muscle groups in the body. It can be split into groups: arms and shoulders; legs and glutes; trunk and abdomen. Ideally a gym is a good environment for a general workout, but with them closed you can improvise at home. There are many sites on the net to help with ideas.

3) **Suppleness/Stretching** – often the aspect of exercise that is missed. Stretching is good to maintain joint mobility. It helps to stretch into the soft tissues; ligaments and tendons. It reduces the chances of injuring these and should ideally be done both before and after exercise. I've yet to find a better book than "Stretching" by Rob Anderson that covers this subject so well. Some of you will remember me from the Yoga classes I used to teach at the first school in Sturminster. Pilates or Tai Chi are also good systems to follow.

Training at the British School of Osteopathy in the early 1980's made me realise the body is an active dynamic thing and needs to be looked after.

These ideas helped me enormously in surviving and recovering from my major stroke and complications of 2008 where I got as near to death as you can get without dying - 3 on the Glasgow Coma Scale – a deep coma or dead. As well as exercise, diet is vital to our health and welfare, both physical and mental, so do remember your 5-a-day. Whilst not being able to consult with anyone I am more than happy to discuss any of the above and can be contacted on 01258 858675. There are many great sites to be found on the internet to help you through these difficult times.

Keep well and keep your social distance!

I'd like to dedicate the above to all the amazing doctors and nurses working in our hospitals. They saved my life in 2008 after my subarachnoid haemorrhage -

but, although I had complications, including hydrocephalus, meningitis & epilepsy and spent three & half months in a coma I posed no obvious danger to them.

To think they are doing this to victims of the corona virus knowing they are in mortal danger is just unbelievable. And, as Boris Johnson said in his speech on being discharged from hospital, I too, in the initial deep phase of my coma, had a nurse sitting by my bedside for 24 hours a day.

And we must also remember all the back up workers in the infrastructure of the NHS that make it such an amazing national resource.

David Allen

A Personal View: Vera Ricketts.

When Tony told me that there would be no Bridge for May, I thought “Good” I shan’t have to think what to say. Then on the Sunday, he said that it would still be on-line at the Benefice website, so OK, thanks – now what?

First of all, we would think how lucky we are to be living in this lovely area. So far, I have only heard of one family who caught the Covid 19 virus, and they have now recovered. As members of the Parish Council, Philip Chissell and I had a meeting to decide who in the village might need help, so we drew up a list. Most of them have families or very good neighbours to help, but we both offered to get shopping for those who might need help. That is, of course, if we do not get it ourselves! We can also ring people who are on their own and have a chat. I do miss the chat, and visiting the elderly, but we must keep safe, and I hope you all are. They say that the virus may return in the next three years! The weather has helped by being so warm and sunny, and I sit out in the garden and watch the butterflies or go round weeding, and one day I remembered what my grandmother once said to me when I was pulling up a dandelion. She said that a weed is only a plant in the wrong place. How right she was, as some ‘weeds’ are beautiful and butterflies and moths feed on the nectar from them.

Well, the goats are happy with the Mums and babies out in the long grass, which they clear very quickly, and move to another part of the field. Boris, the dad is not so happy, as he is not allowed to mix with the mums for now, and was put in the area behind the house but he so quickly cleared all the grass that we had to move him after a day! Now he is clearing some of the field, while the mums and kids are in a separate part. They all know me and Ed, so they are happy.

Vera



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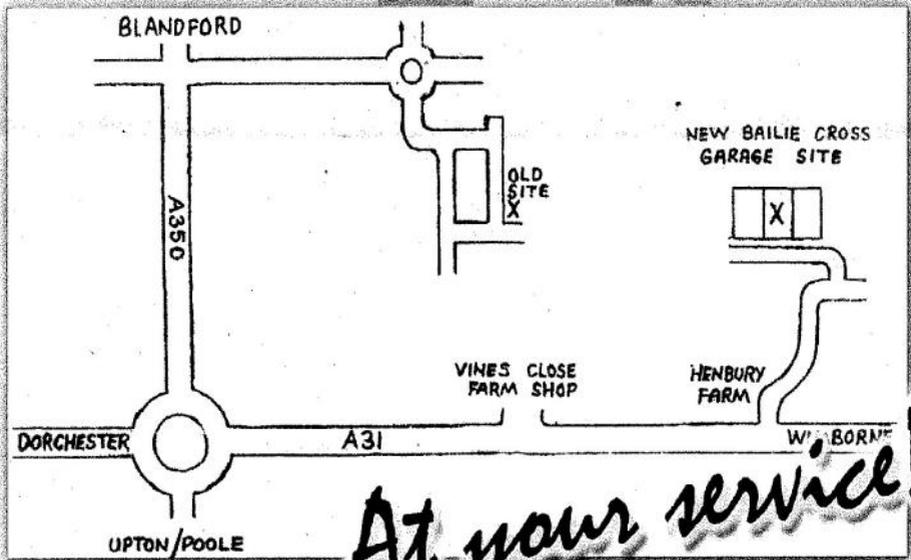
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English Usage, a personal view by Michael Evans

I heard a couple of malapropisms on Radio 4 recently. One speaker said that something would eventually **militate** the spread of coronavirus.

The other was a sports commentator who said that the skill of a brilliant player could not be **underestimated**.

What words did the speakers really mean to say in place of the two in bold?

Here are some anagrams to solve in your self-isolation moments:

STRIPTease Might hang on the wall

CHEER KIND CLASS Author

VAIN AND NOBLE Won't live

DO-RE-MI PLAN Same either way

GETS FIRE, BURNT Clumsy!

HER CHOCOLATES Staying at home now, to see him or her?

SLAVE MACHINE You should know who this is by now

All answers next month

Answer to last month's anagram

A TENTATIVE LOVER = ALTERNATIVE VOTE

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The lovely weather has been a real bonus in these difficult and strange times. I really hope you are all taking care and staying safe since the COVID 19 restrictions came into place. When this all started volunteers came forward and offered help. The Parish Council sent a letter to every household within the Parish, from this we had a large number of very kind people who came forward to help, where support was needed. At the moment, we have a group of volunteers delivering for the Co-op, and the Nisa are running their own delivery service. The Sturminster Marshall Pharmacy is delivering medicines to those in isolation, and a volunteer is doing deliveries from the Lytchett Pharmacy. This has been a great success and I would like to say an enormous thank you to everyone who delivered letters, and to those who are making deliveries. If you volunteered and have not been contacted, we have not forgotten about you, but the demand has not been there for us to call on everyone as yet. If you are self-isolating and need help, please get in touch with the Parish Clerk, details are in the Bridge and on line at the web site above.

We would also like to say a huge thank you to the NHS and everyone on the Front Line looking after us all and putting their lives on the line every day, you are all doing an amazing job.

On a lighter note we have entered the Best Dorset Village Competition again. It was sad that we were unable to have the litter pick, but if everyone can just keep their front gardens looking good it will help so much if this competition is able to go ahead.

Sadly, we have been made aware that not everyone is taking the current situation seriously and they have been dumping used masks and disposable gloves around the Parish. Also there has been increased incidences of Fly Tipping. If you see any of these incidences being carried out, please report this to Dorset Waste Partnership as soon as possible.

It is business as usual for the Parish Council as much as possible, and we are holding our Parish Council meetings using ZOOM. This enables all to stay safe while continuing the work of the Parish Council.

Recent Plans:

- 3/20/0425/TCA Brambles, Back Lane, Sturminster Marshall, Wimborne,, BH21 4BP.
Hawthorn: Fell.
- 3/19/2321/HOU The Red House, 140 High Street, Sturminster Marshall
Demolish existing kitchen extension and erect a single storey rear extension. as amended by plans received 05.03.20.
- 3/19/2463/FUL Barrow Hill, Wimborne Road, Lytchett Matravers. BH16 6HQ.
Retention of Stable Block (2x Stables, 1x Tack Room) and use of land for keeping horses.
- 3/20/0528/TCA Land adjacent to Stourfield, Back Lane, Sturminster Marshall, BH21 4BP.

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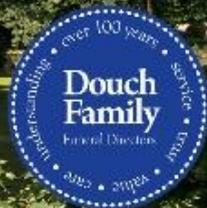
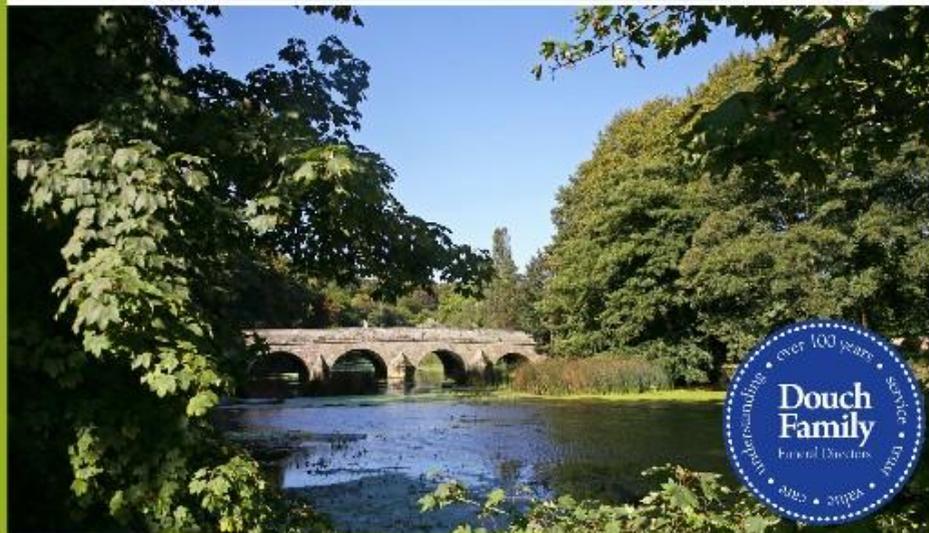
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With all our normal activities temporarily on hold, members have been resorting to social media to keep in touch, which made me wonder how people coped during the so-called Spanish flu pandemic, which started in 1918. Incidentally, it was called Spanish flu because it was first formally recorded in Spain. The Spanish, not surprisingly, were offended by the slander and they referred to it as the 'Naples flu'. The Germans called it 'Blitzkatarrh' and to the British it was either 'Flanders grippe' or the 'Spanish lady'. It is estimated that somewhere between 25 and 100 million people died during that pandemic.

Some of the protective measures advised by the authorities of the day are quite interesting, and to our better-informed modern society, appear rather amusing. The *Bexhill-on-Sea Observer* advised readers to avoid crowds by catching a later train home, sitting outside the bus, and wearing an extra coat. In Brighton, publicans were urged to thoroughly wash the outside lips of drinking glasses in running water, while a pamphlet recommended people to "give up shaking hands for the present and give up kissing for all time". However, some of the advice was useless. One government official simply encouraged people to "clean their teeth regularly", while the *News of the World* suggested readers "eat plenty of porridge". Dr Robertson Dobie of Perthshire noted that most of his flu patients working at the local jam factory recovered. – They worked in a sugary atmosphere all day, so he prescribed jam and sweets. "In two months," he predicted, influenza "will be a thing of the past." Let's hope Dr Robertson Dobie's prediction is right and this will soon be a thing of the past. Jam and sweets are the kind of cure I like!!

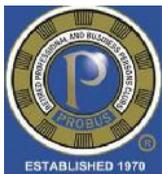
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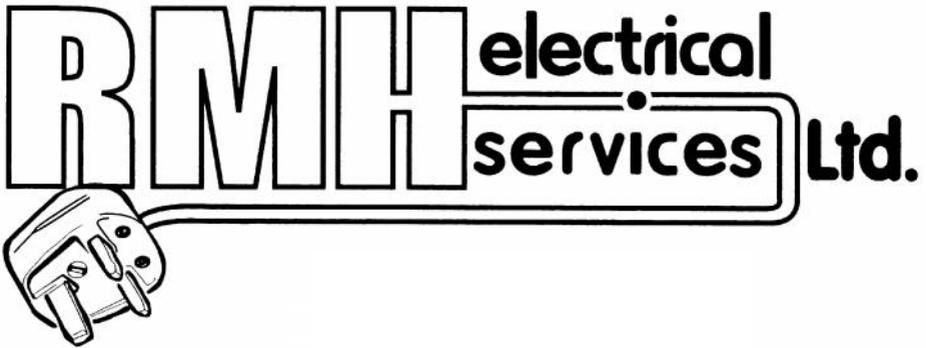
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Not All Bad - by Lys de Bray

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I have always wondered why the wildlife doesn't eat daffodil leaves but I read an interesting article recently which said that the leaves of daffodils contain small, sharp crystals of calcium oxalate which is why they are not grazed on, it's a real defence mechanism. The true wild daffodils increase from seed which is why you can sometimes see a woodland vista of thousands. The large-flowered daffs we buy for autumn planting are all varieties, unlikely to set seed, which is another reason to give their flower heads the chop. I heard this morning that the garden centres are destroying all their stock which is really sad and like so much else has never happened before. It means that when things eventually get back to normal there may not be much to choose from. It also means that us gardeners must shift for ourselves.

Seeds are part of the answer to this, though we can't go out to get them even if there were any to be had. However, if you belong to a garden club some of your friends in it may have odd half-packets they may care to exchange and the same goes for plants. You might also consider growing lettuces (some varieties have really pretty and colourful leaves). When large enough, plant them among or as an edging in the border and try other salad plants and vegetables too. The soil in a border has often been well nourished and cared for and nothing - especially space - should be wasted. I am discovering that my own little world has many kind and helpful people in it and it was the same in World War II which I am old enough to remember. So if you have too much of something, somebody may be very glad to have it.

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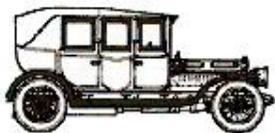


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Monday to Friday 10.00 am to 12 noon (except Bank Holidays) or leave a message.

Many people in your local community are likely to be relying on digital online services and applications more than ever before. For some this will be a first and they need to learn from scratch and for others there are new digital hurdles to overcome almost on a daily basis just to get every day jobs done such as shopping or ordering prescriptions.

We wanted everyone in your local community to know that there is a new free telephone hotline set up in response to the COVID-19 lockdown, to provide support for people with IT and digital problems of all kinds. The hotline has received more than 50 calls in the first three weeks.

Here is a selection of some of the support the digital advisers can provide – no problem too small!

- helping families with digital applications for home schooling,
- providing help to get online for home shopping,
- support for all digital NHS services and e-Consult,
- setting up video calls such as Skype and Facetime to keep in contact with friends and family,
- support to use all digital appliances and solve problems,
- using digital to exercise at home and keep fit.

An example of how the Dorset Digital Hotline can make a difference to people's lives is expressed by one of our digital advisers.

Andy Hargreaves a digital adviser said: "One lady I helped this week uses her iPad to keep in touch with her family via Facetime. She told me that she couldn't hear her family speaking to her clearly on her calls because the sound on the iPad was distorted. I helped her to correct the problem over the phone and soon it was working properly. She said to me that if she wasn't in isolation she would come over and give me a hug because the iPad was her lifeline now to the outside world."

The Dorset Digital Hotline is run by a group of volunteers mostly made up of retired IT professionals and some Dorset Council staff. The team are extremely versatile and experienced and can offer a wide range of support to anyone including assistance to vulnerable people in your community.

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