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**Datchworth Scarecrow Competition**

One of the winners was Oliver Duduianu seen here with David Walliams’ book, *Gangsta Granny*, and his prize - a Wind in the Willows Group of stuffed animals, Mr Toad, Ratty, Badger & Mole, all packed into Mr Toad’s new car; made by our expert judge, Lynn Horsley.

See page 13.

As we ease ourselves out from lockdown, better to follow the excellent idea of making two lists, see p5 for guidance; as opposed to the example of the ‘idiots’ on p45.

Last month we thanked *Datchworth Stores*, for their amazing service in recent months. Other local businesses, as they say, are available and deserve our thanks and support. See, for example, *The Tilbury*, on p9.

Along similar but different lines, find out why someone recently said, “Thank you for keeping this village treat going,” p13.

If you fancy planting trees, free oak saplings are on offer, p10. Staying with an environmental theme, there is some recycling news on p13.

And if you can’t wait for the trees to grow, don’t forget to visit Datchworth *Virtual Open Gardens*, by going to [www.datchworth.com](http://www.datchworth.com) It has been organised partly to raise much needed funds for local & national charities as well as for the church— donation details on the website.

Knebworth & Marymead Surgery now have a ‘Social Prescriber’ who can help with, well, ‘social’ issues, p20.

Stay alert & keep safe, even as we all ease out of lockdown.

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If you would like to know how to access these please contact myself by email or phone.

*The Rev'd Susannah Underwood*

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**Regular**

Sunday (not 4th Sun or Aug)	Children's Sunday groups
Sunday (term time)	Team Youth Group
Thursday	Evening Prayer
Friday	Explorers
Friday (term time)	Tweenagers
Saturday	Clergy Surgery

Cancelled until further notice

**Announcements**

If you wish to announce any births, marriages or deaths not handled by or through the church, please contact the Editor. Details p3.

**We commended to God's loving care**  
Barry Davies burial 14th April 2020

It's been a difficult few months for many of us. Overnight the lockdown removed familiar routines and activities, loved ones and freedom. For some of us it also removed our work and income. Some of us have gained time and space, while those who are in key worker jobs and/or home schooling life has never been more stressful or manic.



Gradually life is being pieced back together. Restrictions are easing for the time being at least. Some children have returned to school and some who have been furloughed are being eased into work. Shops have reopened and the churches too. But an individual question may be – how much do you wish that life would return to what it was before, or is there some way you hope it can be different?

One exercise, devised by St. Ignatius, which he taught his followers to do when looking to discern a new direction in life, is to make two lists. The first list is that of all the things that give you life. You scribble on it everything you enjoy, that nourishes you, that uses your gifts, that helps you flourish. The second list is, as he phrases it, the things in life that deaden you. On this list you write that which is draining – emotionally and spiritually - and the things that enslave you rather than free you.

Ignatius remembers the promise of Jesus that he came to bring us life in all its fullness, but that we often settle for far less than that. When we look at our two lists (and we have to do so prayerfully and discerningly), perhaps we will be able to hear a call to balance life better.

But a caveat: this isn't a call to hedonism! A commitment to pure self gratification has never proved itself to be that fullness of life that God speaks of. Service to others and care of our neighbours can also be life-giving to ourselves. But this is a unique time that we have been given as we begin to pick up life again. So let's make the most of it, to think carefully about good new routines and priorities and the loss of unhelpful habits. Maybe if we manage that 2020 will not have been a complete waste of a year after all.

*Susannah*

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### OPEN FOOD BANK

The church porch is open for both Foodbank donations, as well as for you to take food should you need it. There is no need to ask.

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- 2) For people who need support because they are self-isolating, either:
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The unprecedented coronavirus pandemic has had a devastating effect on the pub & hospitality industry as well as halting any progress for new business ventures, with the only way for businesses to stay afloat is to adapt quickly.

With The Tilbury closed from mid-March, Tom & James saw an opportunity for the Catering company to step up, offering the food & drink that the brothers are known for but now delivered to the local area & enjoyed in the safety of one's home.

Each Monday two menus are announced, one for Friday and one for Saturday, with options of starters, main courses & desserts, prepared & just in need of finishing off in the oven or simply serving up. Dishes like Ox cheek stroganoff & baked fish tacos have been incredibly popular, giving regular guests of The Tilbury & The White Hart a little taste of what they are missing from the pubs.

The Tilbury has an award winning wine list, so of course a smaller list is available alongside the menus each week & with the popularity of the cocktails from The White Hart, these have also been made available. 'Bar Jars' are the great idea from GM Adam from the Welwyn Village Hotel, ready-made cocktails are packaged in a jar – come-cocktail shaker, just needing ice and a good shake. With easy ordering & free delivery by the brothers themselves there is no surprise that each week the menus have sold out quickly.

With the year not going quite as planned the brothers could not be happier with the support from the government for their pub teams & the success of the new catering venture in this very strange time.

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It was reported recently that 750,000 2 year old oak saplings are due to be destroyed. The saplings were grown in response to government indications that they will subsidise land owners to plant trees. However, the demand has not materialised as of yet and the nurseries cannot keep these unwanted trees. This is an appeal to find homes for these saplings which will be provided to you for free.



## USE OF PARKS AND CAR PARKS IN DATCHWORTH

There have been an increasing number of anti-social behaviour reports from residents living close to the public parks in both Datchworth and Aston. As the weather has been exceptional and lock down rules are being reduced there have been increasing numbers of people making use of the large open spaces. I can assure you that these areas are being regularly patrolled by your local safer neighbourhood team when they are on duty and people are being reminded about social distancing etc. Can I take this opportunity to remind residents that any concerns they have re noise and littering should be reported to Environmental Health. Any incidents of drug use can be reported to Police. You can report issues via 101, Web Chat or Echo.

*Sally Brooks, Police Community Support Officer*

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***For more Neighbourhood Watch messages, see p39***

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### PARISH COUNCIL RESIGNATIONS

The following people have left the parish council:

**Frank Pearman**, Councillor

**Emma Norman**, Councillor

**Tina Hassan**, Clerk

We thank them for their contributions to the parish, especially Frank Pearman who has been a councillor for many years.

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### CORONAVIRUS RELATED SCAMS - BE AWARE

There are many such scams around, as mentioned on these pages before, and unfortunately they continue. Please remember not to give any banking or personal details over the phone—no respectable organisation will ask for such information.

And unfortunately there are people promising help with shopping or other services to your doorstep. It is best to deal only with people you know and trust, and if this is not possible, tell a family member or friend what you are thinking of doing.

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## DATCHWORTH SCARECROWS

*Thank you for keeping this village treat going ...* was a comment made by one of sixty eight people who voted in Datchworth's Scarecrow Competition, held at the end of May. But it was the 15 entrants who deserved this plaudit, using their creative talents to produce a wonderful array of characters from Children's Literature.

We were blessed with beautiful weather, giving the opportunity for families to enjoy the exercise as they walked around our lovely village whilst respecting social distancing.

Visitors to Datchworth, and there were plenty, must have been amazed to see the scarecrows in the most unusual and unexpected places.

The standard of entries was very high which made choosing a favourite so hard. The public vote was similar to that of expert judge, Lynn Horsley, whose own scarecrow though not part of the competition, was also favourably commented upon.

*The winners and runners-up were*

**Child/Carer Category** - the first 3 were very close....

1<sup>st</sup>: Scarecrow G\* - GANGSTA GRANNY (created by 8 year old Oliver Duduianu, see picture inside front cover)

Runners-up: Scarecrow H\* - CHARLIE & LOLA & Scarecrow B\* - ELMER THE ELEPHANT

**Adult Category** - the first 2 were very close....

1st: Scarecrow C - MR STINK (created by Diana Glanville)

Runner-up: Scarecrow Q - DENNIS THE MENACE

But all entrants were winners and deserve many congratulations for making the last few weeks of lockdown a lot of fun for villagers and our visitors; a special thank you to Grace Brown for her photography skills.

*Lynda Dent & Lynn Horsley*



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We are, of course, monitoring the situation very closely, especially the Government requirements for re-opening, as and when this is allowed.

The QVM Hospital has been affected by the pandemic, in that some patients have been sent to the hospital from the Lister to recover. Both QVM and Danesbury have been in strict lockdown and this has, understandably, had an effect on the morale of the staff. To give them some cheer the charity has been making twice-weekly deliveries to the two hospitals, one of cakes and one of fresh fruit. The feedback has been that this has been greatly appreciated.

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We are delighted to welcome Greg Ainscough as a new Trustee of the Charity. Greg is a retired solicitor and brings to the charity considerable legal expertise which is one thing we had identified was missing when we recently drew up our Skills Register.

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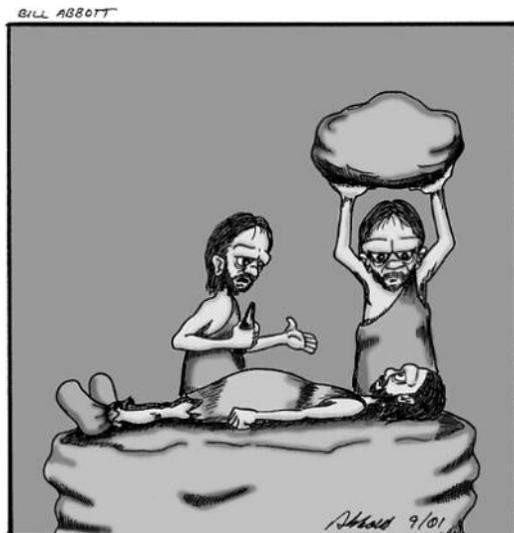
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When one must love and one must hope  
When preparation turns to performance  
When strangers turn to friends  
When friends turn to foes  
When joy fulfils your mind  
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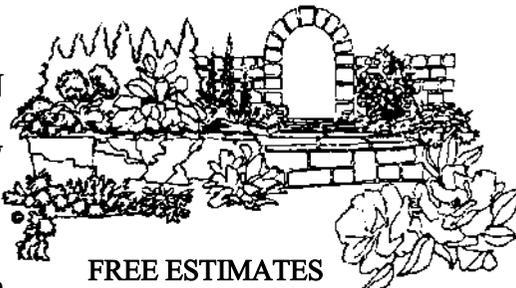
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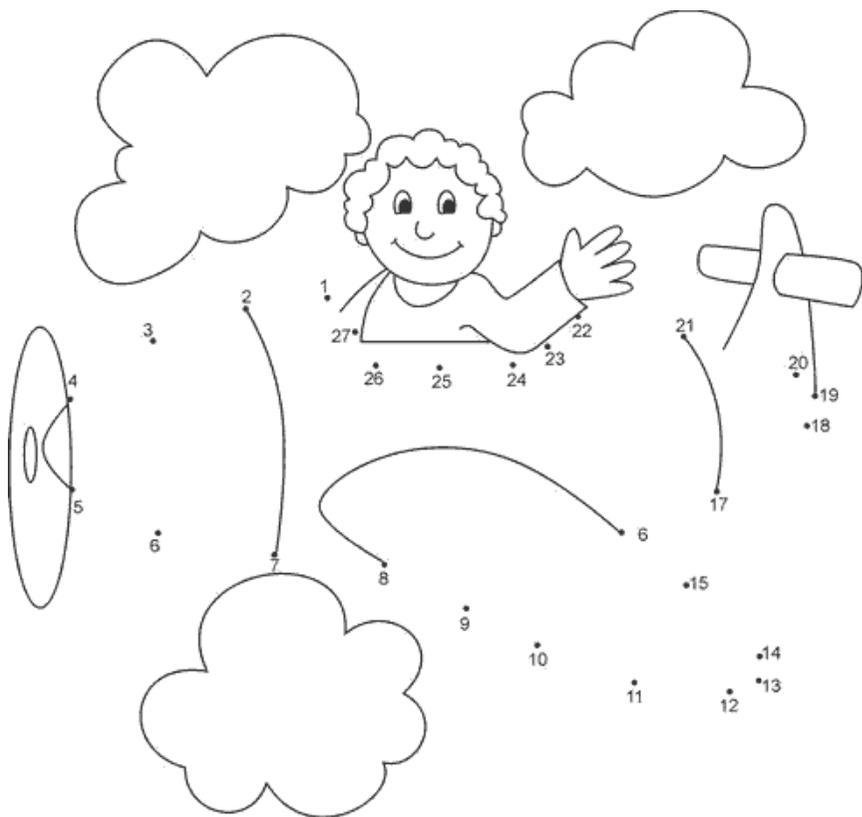
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### **The New Knebworth Surgery**

Initial feedback from the staff at the new Knebworth Surgery on St Martin's Road suggests that they have settled in well and are very pleased with their new working environment. They find the light and airy offices and consulting rooms – with air conditioning – an enormous improvement over the Station Road premises. Unfortunately, because of the restrictions imposed by the Covid-19 situation, relatively few patients have, so far, been able to have experience of the new building but hopefully that will change in the not too distant future.

Meanwhile, what of the old Station Road surgery? Mr Bullock, the owner, seems to have wasted no time in getting into there to begin to convert the building into flats. The site is now surrounded by a high almost-impenetrable fence and it's been a hive of activity on-site in the past couple of weeks.

### **Social Prescribing**

The Practice now has a share, with the three other Practices in our Primary Care Network, in the services of a Social Prescriber - sometimes called a Link Worker. His name is Kevin Pike; he worked previously for HertsHelp and so he is experienced in contacting people. He is presently working from home and we are aware that he has phoned some of our patients to see how they are getting on with "shielding". Kevin has asked, when we can again have our monthly PPG Meetings, if he can talk to the group about his role, and we have pencilled him in for the first Meeting.

### **"Cancel Out Cancer" (COC)**

Mandy and Rosie, two of our PPG Officers, have been working closely with the Cancel Out Cancer (COC) Patient Group to develop a presentation on Zoom. The COC team is hoping that this will be available early in August and intend that, upon the lifting of restrictions, both the existing face-to-face and the Zoom presentations will be available for patients and organisations.

Mandy (01438 811512) and Rosie (01438 817906) would be very interested to hear from anyone who would like to receive either COC presentation in the future.

### **Forthcoming PPG Meetings**

As you will be aware, as a result of the Covid-19 lockdown restrictions, and for everyone's safety, we have still not been able to hold one of our monthly PPG Meetings. However, the Officers are looking at ways in which they can meet together with Ken, the Practice Manager – probably by one of the newer on-line facilities – in order to plan for possible future PPG Meetings. Unfortunately, it has also been necessary to cancel our annual "Help Yourself to Health" evening which was scheduled for Wednesday, 22nd July. At their Meeting, the Officers will discuss whether we might be able to hold such a meeting later in the year or if we should perhaps look towards holding it in the early part of next year.

## Quick Clues to Crossword You can use the grid on page 48

### Across

- 1 US President (6,5)
- 5 Vegetable (3)
- 7 Donates (5)
- 9 Dignifying (9)
- 11 Signs up (7)
- 12 Tiny length measurement (7)
- 13 Fluff (4)
- 15 Unsuitable (9)
- 18 Of low status (9)
- 21 Pale coloured (4)
- 23 Energy quanta (7)
- 24 Offshoot, occurrence (7)
- 26 In military dress (9)
- 27 It's used in breadmaking and brewing (5)
- 28 Form of public transport (3)
- 29 Unnecessarily (11)

8 Scarf (4)

10 Muscles (6)

14 Crackpots given to worry (9)

16 Wide-sleeved robe (6)

17 Feeling of wanting to support (8)

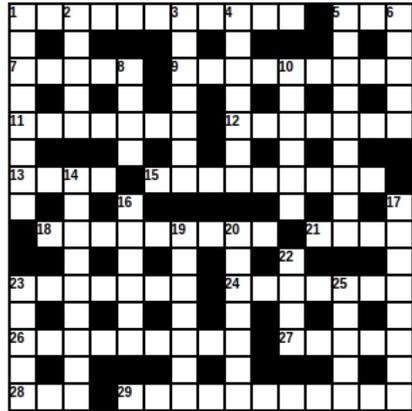
19 Taken up again (7)

20 Walked (7)

22 Remain (4)

23 Downright, direct, sounds like a fruit (5)

25 Respond (5)



### Down

- 1 Indomitably (8)
- 2 Belly button (5)
- 3 Serious crime against state (7)
- 4 Anonymous (7)
- 5 Detainees (9)
- 6 Fancy word for protection (5)



## Datchworth Weather

### May 2020

Max temp 27°C. Min temp 1°C

Average temp 16°C. Max temp in the Sun 39°C. Min temp -1°C

Max wind speed 28mph.

Rainfall for month 1.8mm. Average rainfall for month 48mm

May 2020 was a record breaker in terms of sunshine and very dry with just 1.8mm of rain.

### A year ago

May 2019 was a drier than average month with 33.8mm of rain, nothing too hot or cold!

### The weather ahead

As I write this it's quite unsettled but as we we head into summer talk is of warmer than average temps but with occasional wet spells!

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(NB Temp and rainfall data from my own weather instruments, averages and predictions from various websites.)

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## Churchwardens' Chat

Unusual times indeed; we all hope that in a year's time, we will look back and be grateful that we are through them safely. The streaming of services has gone reasonably well and indeed the viewing figures suggest that many people are watching the Sunday service who would not normally come to church. This does make us think carefully about how we facilitate fellow Christians to worship. Time and again, we revisit the mantra that the church building is not as important as the need to take the message out to the community: perhaps at this time of lockdown we will be stimulated into exploring novel ways of achieving this! Certainly we need to try and record services that can then be viewed at home by those less mobile or who are in some way intimidated by the church as a building.

The church opened on Monday 15th June! The solid oak doors, firmly shut for nearly three months, were flung open for daytime quiet reflection, albeit observing social distancing and hand sanitising. We hope that further relaxation of regulations will follow by the restarting of regular church services, although this will involve a certain amount of organisation by churchwardens! For instance, if the social distancing is kept at two metres, we will be able to allow only one person (or members of same household) to sit in each alternate pew! We think we will be able to manage a normal Sunday attendance but it will look and feel a bit odd!

The church porch has been open throughout lockdown time, partly to act as a focus for the food bank collections and more recently, to display food items for local villagers who feel they need them, to take away. People have been enormously generous with donations and we have delivered between twelve and fifteen full plastic bags of produce weekly to the Vineyard Foodshed in Stevenage ... over and above that available in the porch for local people. A big thank you to everyone!!

Not everything has stopped during these past months of lockdown! Grass and plants have continued to grow and this year the moist February/March and then the very warm May meant the grass has been a real challenge to get into shape. Then just when all the hard work of mowing and strimming had got the grass looking in order... the hedges needed cutting! On the whole the churchyard is looking good and the thinning of the trees along with some newly planted ones has improved the looks and vista of the church itself, especially when viewed from the south-west.

Significant remedial work inside and outside the church has been at a standstill, but there is a list of tasks that will need to be tackled as access to

workmen allows. This will include some repair work to the chancel roof, the planned repairs to the stonework of the SW window, pre-planned reinforcement to the front churchyard wall and continuing consideration of a solution to a safer way of accessing the bell tower instead of the present daunting vertical fixed ladder! While investigating this, the bell ringers organised a full survey of the bells in All Saints Church by a local resident who is also a director of a well-known national bell foundry, John Taylors. Andrew Mills produced a thorough report that highlighted that the bells were in excellent condition, and suggested ways in which we could keep them that way! He also made comments about the access to the tower, which will help us with our decisions about this.

Church finances have suffered through the absence of collections at the weekly services, and also, from the loss of income from parish magazine and fete profits and from the cancellation of the biennial Open Gardens. This has been such a great success over the years and the £10,000 made 2 years ago, split between the church, a local charity and the British Red Cross, gave a significant boost to the financial bottom-line for the church treasurer! As an attempt to compensate partly for this, the village will know we have organised a Scarecrow competition and a Virtual Open Gardens event, linked to a Just Giving site to give an opportunity to those who might have visited the village for Open Gardens to not only see a bit of the gardens in booklets, mixing photographs and text, but also to show their appreciation in donating to 3 good causes due to benefit this year - All Saints Church, All Saints School and The British Red Cross!

Zoom coffee meetings after our streamed Sunday services have kept us in touch with a number of our fellow churchgoers, but we all long for the time we can start to meet again even if it is with a degree of social distancing!

Keep well and trust in the Lord,

*Brian and Richard*

## Very Short Story

### **The speech** by Steve Caplin

*Editor's note: No political purpose lies behind the inclusion of this story. Please feel free to imagine this story with a government of any complexion: blue, red or yellow. The story was certainly written long before the current government came to office.*

“And will we let Russia rampage across our borders? We will not. Will we stand by while the Soviets steal through our hinterlands? We will not. Will we allow the Red Army to ravage our least resilient resources? We will not; we shall not; we must not. And I tell you this –”

His phone rang, insistently, and he muted the television with a stab of his index finger.

“Braithwaite,” he said lingeringly, letting the two syllables roll around his tongue like vintage burgundy. “Yes, Geoffrey, a stirring speech. He’s a fine orator.”

He listened for a while to the caller, before interrupting him. “No, no, Geoffrey, I’ve told you before. The Prime Minister does not give interviews. No, not even to the BBC. Yes, I understand your perspective, and yes, it is unusual, but we have to respect the PM’s wishes. He is quite firm on this point. Submit your questions to me and I will endeavour to ensure that the PM responds to them personally, in writing.”

He turned up the sound on the television in time to see the Prime Minister leaving the podium, giving a single languid wave to the crowd and brushing past the assembled press corps.

Tall, imposing, with a slender figure, an aquiline profile and distinguished silver hair just a touch longer than was conventional, the Right Honourable Arthur Balmoral was everything the populace wanted from a leader. He was a statesman, from his pince-nez glasses to the watch chain that looped across his waistcoat.

If perhaps he appeared a little old fashioned, then that appealed to the wave of nostalgia fuelled by television dramas set in days long gone, when Britannia ruled the waves and everyone knew their neighbours. If he appeared aloof, then that satisfied the public’s exasperation with the attention-seeking politicians who simpered alongside their spouses on breakfast TV sofas. If he never gave interviews to the probing, incisive print and broadcast journalists – well, the vast majority of the public never watched such interviews, and those that did contented themselves with the speculation and gossip that poured forth from columnists in the quality dailies.

Braithwaite poured himself a large brandy and settled back in his chair, his fingers probing the gap on the arm where one of the buttons had dislodged itself from the leather upholstery. He picked up his phone from the desk, swiped to open it and tapped a number on his speed dial list.

“Gideon,” he said, “you watched it? Yes, I agree. Our boy did well. And we don’t need to worry about his background: all our ducks are in a row. Yes, they might be surprised at the speed at which he was parachuted in from nowhere. But when they dig for more, they’ll discover his background in MI5. And that’s their brick wall, their D notice. Sorry, chaps, we’d love to help out, but all terribly hush hush, don’t you know. And of course it contributes to our boy’s sense of mystery and heroism. We’re not exactly saying he used to be James Bond, but we’re not denying it either. But Gideon, we have an impending problem.”

He swirled the remaining brandy around in his glass, and swivelled his chair around to face the extensive lawn visible through the leaded window. A gardener trundled a wheelbarrow piled high with deadheaded roses.

“It’s the TV boys, Gideon,” he continued. “I don’t know how much longer we can hold them off. They’re demanding an interview.”

He listened to the voice on the other end for a while, before interrupting testily.

“Yes, yes, I know all that. And I know what we agreed. He may be able to manage PMQs by ignoring the question and dipping into his library of rhetorical soundbites – that’s what all Prime Ministers do. And we’ve got away with him not holding cabinet meetings, through the simple expedient of implying that there’s a secret inner cabinet, and no minister’s going to complain that they aren’t in it because that would be admitting they aren’t in it.

“But it would be quite impossible to expect him to stand up to a heavyweight interviewer. So we write another speech.

“We start off with a general lambasting of the ubiquity of social media, and the harmful nature of its forensic dissection of our innermost selves. Yes, you’re right, ‘vivisection’ is better. We go on to discuss the sanctity of privacy, man’s inalienable right to – really? Humanity’s inalienable right? I don’t think so, Gideon, it sounds too forced. Too PC. Well, we can come back to it.

“We then move on to reviling the ‘me’ generation, the plague of selfie-obsession – yes, I rather like that too. We decry the futility of Facebook, the idiocy of Instagram, the... er... torpor? Terror? What’s that? Yes, the tyranny of Twitter. I like that.

“But then we end up slating the whole personality cult thing, which is the reason why our boy won’t give interviews. The job is bigger than the man, that sort of thing. See what I’m getting at? The public know he’s a master of rhetoric, but they’ll respect his wish not to promote himself personally. Churchill didn’t give interviews to the press, nor did Lloyd George, nor the Duke of Wellington, come to that, and I think people hanker for the times when politicians were more remote. It could work.”

He hung up, and swivelled his chair back round. He had to admit, his idea did seem to have been something of a success. The invention of the character, from the resonant name to the patrician appearance, was the creative part of the job; establishing his legend so it would stand up to scrutiny was much more arduous.

But why risk having the country led by a politician, when you could employ someone simply to speak the lines and then get the hell out of the way? After all the disastrous leaders, it seemed that what the country really needed was an acting Prime Minister.

Source: <http://stevecaplin.com/thousand-word-stories/>

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On the health front, our Chairman, Derek Henley, underwent a triple bypass operation early in May at Harefield's and is recovering slowly, slower than the hospital expected him to, and, at the point of writing this report, he is still in Harefield's. When he eventually returns home he has many weeks of doing absolutely nothing and his "her indoors" has promised to do all she can to make his recovery at home as smooth as she can, despite all the worry and anguish she has gone through while he has been in Harefield's and unable to visit him because of the lockdown situation. We wish him well and hope he does manage to have a smooth and trouble-free recovery.

During these tough times it has been difficult to keep a check on the health of all of our members, so we wish any of them that have a health problem well and a speedy as possible recovery from whatever ails them.

Hopefully, as Dame Vera Lynn used to sing "We'll meet again", on the bowls green in a match before the end of the season, if we are indeed allowed to.

*Steve Arnold  
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June 2nd was a sad day for Datchworth WI as one of our members , Kath Barnes, died on that day. Kath was a committed, cheerful , fun member and we will all miss her. Our thoughts and prayers are with her husband, John and all Kath's family.

## SO QUIET!

It is the 10th June (apparently the Duke of Edinburgh's 99th birthday!) and I have just returned from such a peaceful walk in our beautiful countryside.

As I set out a Red Kite was soaring gracefully over the fields, accompanied by the song of the tiny skylarks.

Further down was the chattering song of I think some Starlings. I am not very good at identifying all different birdsong but it was a fun, chatter of song.

Some of the footpaths have now been turned into beautiful green arches as the trees meet together in full leaved branches. Birds sit on the branches and squirrels scamper up the trees as dog and human approach.

The Spring flowers have been replaced with banks of vibrant poppies, scabious, white daises and a wonderful variety of gently swaying grasses. Many butterflies are to be seen fluttering amongst the flowers.

Nearer home dark ferns are edging the fields of wheat which are now a mottled colouring of greenish yellow. The harvest is on the way! In the hedges along the way are the delicate pink dog roses and delightfully scented honeysuckle.

This all enjoyed with no sound of aeroplanes and fewer cars!

As you probably gather I love these walks listening to and observing nature but I am still so looking forward to the noisy, happy chatter in the village hall as our WI starts another meeting.

Enjoy our increasing freedom from lockdown and still keep safe.

*Anne Charles*

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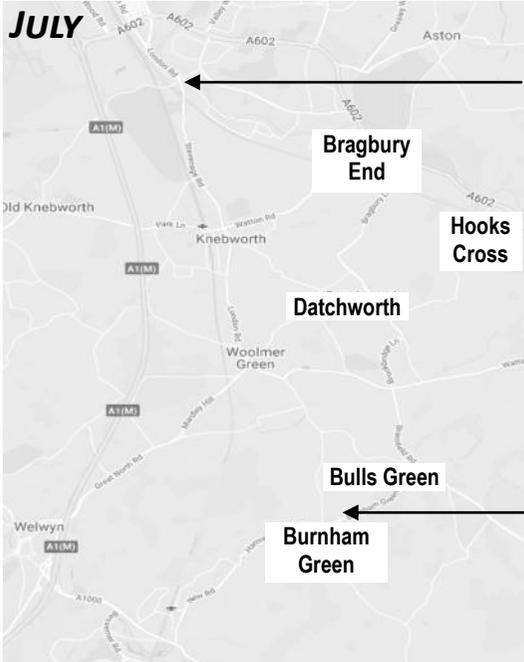
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## Parish Council – Council Meeting - Headlines

**MINUTES OF MEETING. 26TH MAY. DRAFT HELD BY VIDEOCONFERENCE**

### PLANNING & LAND

**Car parking on Burnham Green** enforcement letters were sent out.

**Land between 1 & 7 Coltsfoot Lane** – erection of a dwelling: DPC will continue to object despite the slightly revised application.

**Land issues re. 2 Bury Lane, Cherry Tree Hall, and Plough Car Park** update were discussed briefly.

**Nutcroft Lease survey:** ‘Option 2’ currently favoured. Ongoing.

### MAINTENANCE

**Basketball Surface** – Insurance claim being sought

**Play Area Fencing** quotes being obtained. Free hedging saplings ordered.

**BT Pole** has been removed from the Green.

**Village Hall entrance footpath trip hazard** resolved.

**Possible extra dog bin purchase** – on right hand side of Back Lane. Ongoing.

### PARISH COUNCIL AFFAIRS

**Various** admin and policy discussions

**DPC Casual Vacancy** – replacement for F. Pearman will not be advertised until next year.

### OTHER

**Bonfires/Manor Springs Farm:** resident complaint. Advised to report to East Herts (has been done). Bonfires should not be lit at this time, in line with Covid-19 guidelines especially in dry weather and the added risk to residents with asthma.

### TREES

**Suppliers** for tree surveys to be sought.

**Split tree along Cherry Tree Hall** – resolved.

**Fallen tree on Burnham Green Road** – replanted.

**Turkey Farm tree** branch – resolved.

**8 Raffin Close** – Ongoing.

**Situation regarding TPOs** in this area in general to be discussed.

The headlines above are the Editor’s précis of the minutes; inaccurate representation is accidental. Actual minutes are at <https://datchworth-pc.gov.uk/> or from the Parish Clerk.

**Next meetings: 28Jul 7pm, 25Aug 5.30pm via Zoom.** Residents welcome (but don’t have automatic right to speak). To put a point to the meeting, please contact Chair or Clerk at least 3 days before. See back of magazine for contacts. **To attend request Zoom invite from Clerk.**

# Puzzles

## Do Not Pay Any Less, Mrs Mess Puzzle

Mrs Mess was buying a set of garden furniture. The bill was seventy pounds. She gave the attendant what she thought were two £50 notes, (actually two £100 notes). The attendant was sleepy and didn't notice either, so he gave Mrs Mess what he thought were three £10 notes (actually three £50 notes).

*Who ended up better off than they should?*

## Four Children Puzzle

Sam's Mother has four children:  
April, May, June, and ...

*What is the name of the fourth child?*

## Deadly Choice Puzzle

A man is caught on the King's property. He is brought before the King to be punished. The King says, "You must give me a statement. If it is true, you will be killed by lions. If it is false, you will be killed by trampling of wild buffalo."  
But in the end, the King has to let the man go.

*What was the man's statement?*

## Answers

**Mrs Mess** comes away better off than she should, by £20 in fact. Despite the warning in the title, Mrs Mess did pay less than she should have done! Cost of furniture: £70. Mrs Mess paid: £100 x 2 = £200. Change received: £50 x 3 = £150. Net payment: £200 - £150 = £50. Profit for Mrs Mess: £70 - £50 = £20

**Four children**  
n: Sam

**Deadly Choice Puzzle:** "I will be killed by trampling of wild buffalo.  
If you think about it carefully: the king can't say it is true, because if so the man should be killed by the lions. But if he is killed by the lions, then his statement would be false, and so should have been trampled by buffalo. So the king can't tell if it is a lie or truth, so decides to just let him go.

Sources: [www.mathsisfun.com/puzzles/](http://www.mathsisfun.com/puzzles/)



**June headlines. Go to [www.owl.co.uk/](http://www.owl.co.uk/) for details or to sign up to alerts**

- Hertfordshire County Council warning - Essential Food - possible Scam Calls
- North Herts & Stevenage Community Transport Scheme
- Courier report
- Don't Be A Money Mule
- NHS COVID-19 updates for Hertfordshire
- A fake Sky telephone scam
- Help us to protect older people from abuse
- Nextdoor mail drop
- Shed & Garage Breaks
- 11th June Coronavirus drive-through testing for Hertfordshire
- More old scams coming back
- Avoiding Test and Trace Scams
- Garden Bonfires
- An old BT scam with a sneaky new twist
- Online Safety Advice For Parents and Carers: Sharing Images
- Two cats killed – London Road, Knebworth
- Use of Parks and Car Parks in Datchworth and Aston
- Child Online Safety at Home: Sharing Images
- Attempted Burglary

## Humour



**I like waiters.** They bring a lot to the table.

**I saw a magician** yesterday who turned people into wind turbines. I immediately became a big fan.

**I woke up** with a face full of rice. I must have fallen asleep as soon as my head hit the pilau.

**I noticed the ladies loo** was missing a 'W'.  
I told my daughter that was a bad omen.

**I spent ages** trying to cross a busy road. A passer-by said, "There's a zebra crossing up the road."  
I replied, "Then he's having better luck than me."

# General Knowledge Quiz

1. In Spain what is the word for an afternoon nap?
2. Who wrote "The Pit and the Pendulum"?
3. How long is there between rounds in boxing?
4. Which public school did Sir Winston Churchill go to?
5. What is the thirteenth letter of the English alphabet?
6. Which is the largest land carnivore in Britain?
7. Who made the album "Confessions on a Dance Floor"?
8. Which UK driver won the F1 World Champion in 2008, 2014 and 2015?
9. Which country does Bryan Adams come from?
10. Who was known as the lady with the lamp?
11. What is the plural of the word sheep?
12. Where in a horse is the coffin joint?
13. Which substance is most used for pencil lead?
14. To ten years either way, in which year did Charles Dickens die?
15. What name can be a lettuce or a mass of floating frozen water?
16. Which vegetable did Sir Walter Raleigh bring to England?
17. In the strip cartoon, what is the name of Snoopy's brother?
18. Soyuz was the name of a Russian spacecraft, but what does the name mean?
19. Which lady became George W. Bush's Secretary of State in his second term of office?
20. In Shakespeare's "Othello", who is the female lead?

## Answers

1. Siesta	6. Potato	11. Badger	16. Sheep
2. Edgar Allan Poe	7. Spike	12. Madonna	17. Hoof
3. One minute	8. Union	13. Lewis Hamilton	18. Graphite
4. Harrow	9. Condoleezza Rice	14. Canada	19. in 1870
5. "M"	10. Desdemona	15. Florence Nightingale	20. Iceberg

Source: <https://www.funquizzes.uk/general-knowledge-quiz-answers/>



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Datchworth, Village Hall	1119	1119	1419	Burnham Green, Post Office	-	-	1340	-
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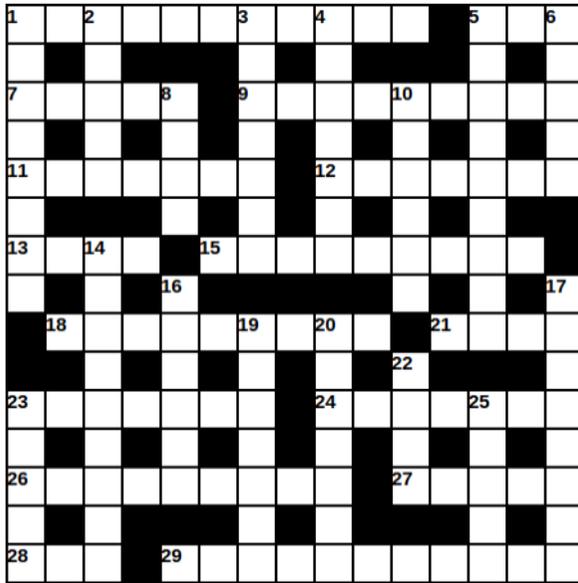
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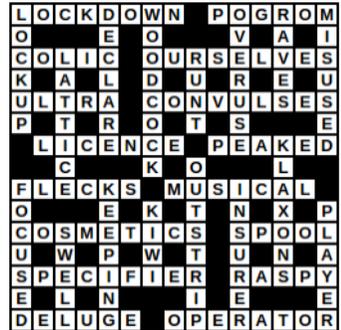
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# Datchworth Crossword No 172 Compiled by John Gordon



## Quick Clues on page 23

### Solution 171



### Across

- 1 Duck club? He's the boss (6,5)
- 5 Exercise a seed (3)
- 7 Grants permits (5)
- 9 Dignifying last two women and casino with flashy jewellery (9)
- 11 Eccentric listens and signs up (7)
- 12 Very small and sort of crimson (7)
- 13 Strands in muslin textiles (4)
- 15 Add peanut carelessly is unsuitable (9)
- 18 Eleven? Somehow not jury, it's of lesser status (9)
- 21 Pale and something of a shy one (4)
- 23 Lunatic photos omens without any energy packs (7)
- 24 Occurrence of terribly poor cut (7)
- 26 I end forum unusually dressed up(9)
- 27 Agent? You - a good man? (5)
- 28 Second rate American vehicle (3)
- 29 Excessively and carelessly tend laundry (11)

### Down

- 1 Indomitably, awkwardly, oddly egg (8)
- 2 Button, maritime so to speak (5)
- 3 First to sense serious crime (7)
- 4 Disguised, mundane and incognito (7)
- 5 Detainees' tortuous iron press (9)
- 6 Support long periods we hear (5)
- 8 Special unit hospital ribbon (4)
- 10 Record in writer's muscles (6)
- 14 Our nicest crazy crackpots (9)
- 16 Coat of khaki, my French love (6)
- 17 Affinity myths pay unreliably (8)
- 19 Continued and supposed to lose head (7)
- 20 Crushed the rights of Danish Democratic European Nation initially (7)
- 22 First stop river and remain (4)
- 23 Sound of fruit and sound (5)
- 25 Respond about performance (5)

*Checked by Wendy Brown*

## Sudoku No 101

			1	4				
6		9					1	
	7							2
	3							9
7		4		3				1
				1	6		3	
4		7		6	3			
			4	5		8	6	
	9					4		

Complete the grid at left so that each and every column, row and 3x3 region contains the numbers 1 to 9 only once. Solution in next month's magazine.

## Solution to Sudoku No 100

1	5	9	7	4	3	8	2	6
2	8	4	1	6	5	7	3	9
3	7	6	8	9	2	1	4	5
4	6	2	3	5	7	9	8	1
7	9	1	4	8	6	2	5	3
8	3	5	2	1	9	4	6	7
9	2	7	6	3	8	5	1	4
6	1	8	5	7	4	3	9	2
5	4	3	9	2	1	6	7	8

Source: [www.johngordon.org.uk](http://www.johngordon.org.uk)

## Reflection *random thoughts from the Editor*

As we ease ourselves gently out of lockdown remember ...

A pessimist sees a dark tunnel.  
 An optimist sees the light at the end of the tunnel.  
 A realist sees a freight train ...  
*and ...*  
 The train driver sees three idiots standing on the tracks.

## July & beyond

### Regular

Please assume that these activities are not taking place as normal, and check directly with organisers if you think otherwise before attending

Bell Ringing	Thursday	8pm	All Saints Church
Badminton	Wednesday	Adult 8pm	Village Hall
Book Cupboard	Tues 09:30 - 12:00 / Fri 13:30 - 16:00		Datchworth Village Hall
Bowls Club	Various		<a href="http://www.datchworthbowlsclub.co.uk/">www.datchworthbowlsclub.co.uk/</a>
Church Services	Various	See page 4.	
Cricket (Colts)	Thursday	6-7:30pm	The Green
Cricket (Senior)	Tuesday	6:30pm	The Green
Elderberries	Wednesday	2:00-4:00pm	Village Hall
Explorers	Fridays, Term-time	3-4.30pm	Church Hall
Film Club—Buntingford (Occasional)			<a href="http://www.buntingfordfilmclub.org/">http://www.buntingfordfilmclub.org/</a>
Film Club—Tewin (Occasional)			<a href="http://www.tewinvillage.co.uk/clubs/screen-on-the-green/">www.tewinvillage.co.uk/clubs/screen-on-the-green/</a>
Model Railway Club	Mon / Wed (except Bank Hols) Wed / Thu	7.30 - 10pm 10am - 1pm	The Old Baptist Chapel (58 Datchworth Green)
Museum	15 Mar, 19 Apr, 17 May, 21st Jun, 19 Jul, 16 Aug, 20 Sep, 18 Oct, 15 Nov		
Parish Council	4th Tuesday of each month (except August and December)		
Post Office	Tues 09:30 - 12:00 / Fri 13:30 - 16:00 Tues 12:30 - 16:00 / Fri 09:30 - 13:00		Datchworth Village Hall Burnham Grn Vill. Hall
Rugby (Mini)	Sunday	10am	Rugby Club
Rugby	Weekends		<a href="http://www.pitchero.com/clubs/datchworth">www.pitchero.com/clubs/datchworth</a>
Table Tennis	Tuesday	Families / Young people: early evening. Adults: later.	Village Hall
Tennis (Adults)	Thursday	9:30-10:30am	The Green
Tennis (Mini)	Thursday	3:30-4:30pm	The Green
Tennis (Junior)	Thursday	4:30-5:30pm	The Green
Tennis (Families)	Saturday	9:30-11:00am	The Green
Tennis (Social)	Mon Wed Fri	9:30-10:30am; 10:45-11:45am	
Tiddlywinks (Parent & Toddler)	Monday	9:30-11.30am	Village Hall
Widowed/Divorced Group	1st Wed of the month	12 noon	Call Pat Goodwin for venue: 01438 813955
Women's Institute	2nd Tuesday	7:30pm	Village Hall

## Picture-talk

"I was taking pictures for a Stevenage U3A Photo Group assignment with the theme of 'Time'. I had in mind Datchworth Church clock-face with the hands pointing to the symmetrically-pleasing time of ten-to-two, which I successfully negotiated. Then while wandering around I noticed the opportunity presented in this photo. Even though it didn't quite fit the theme I took it anyway and the result is what you see.



It was taken at 13:52 on Wednesday May 27th at All Saints Church using a Samsung S20 5G mobile phone. The settings were ISO:50, aperture f2.2, shutter 1/1600 second. I post-processed it using Gimp.

I have a number of fancy cameras, but I find the phone's rendition very hard to beat. However I'd never live down the ridicule if I were to use it on an outing with the photo group!"

*John Gordon*

## Life In Lockdown



**Face masks fine but what about social distancing!?**

Picture and caption thanks to Celia Sanders



**Rainbow window display—Danesbury Shop, Old Welwyn**

(which currently remains closed) see p15.