

# ***Haldon Views***

Bi-Monthly FREE NEWSLETTER for the Parish of Kenn

**February-March 2021**

## **What's On?**

**Haldon Views was sent to the printers in January. Please check any dates/times you read in this edition.**

### **February**

***Art at Shillingford*** Next at Shillingford Village Hall on a Friday soon.

***St Andrew's Prayer Walk*** Sunday 21 Feb (see page 10)

**March** For the first time ever, **NO** events notified for March

### **Later this Year**

Easter Service at St Andrew's Sunday 4 April

Church Village Fete Saturday 17 July (possibly)

Great Village Quiz Friday 1 October in the Kenn Centre, hopefully!!.

Deadline for the next edition of ***Haldon Views***

**20 March 2021**

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# WI MATTERS

**Kenn and Kennford WI**

**December—January 2021**

Well, here we are still in lockdown, we should be used to it by now!

We are keeping our wonderful WI together. It's amazing how we are coping with modern technology. I am full of admiration, particularly for our older members. Special thanks now to our amazing committee and subsidiary members. Our flower girls on What's App correspond almost every day. Not just flowers I might add, sometimes quite saucy things but always in the best possible taste! Thanks go particularly to Pat, Polly, Sarah, Marilyn, Barbara P, Joan and Maggie, plus Sally, doing an amazing job remembering all our birthdays. It means so much to us. We also keep in touch via zoom monthly. We have the odd hiccup but that works well and each meeting does, I think, run more smoothly than the one before. I think the most astounding thing is that normally we would have help from family or friends to set up our computers. With lock down, basically we are on our own and still manage to communicate, albeit with a few hiccups. Everyone who could help our slightly older members did so happily, even if they had to go through things several times and sometimes the next day again !!!

Because we couldn't have our party at Christmas we decided to do special packets for all members. These were delivered before the Zoom meeting and contained wild flower seeds, a card kit to make and a beautiful hand- made card, made by Sarah and Barbara. No mean undertaking. These were assembled socially distanced and hand delivered to all but two which were posted. They also had Xmas bingo sheets which we played on the evening and toasted each other with our favourite tipple. There was much hilarity and we even managed a couple of carols, hopelessly out of sync but nevertheless fun.

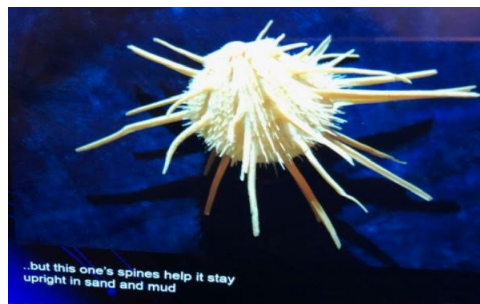
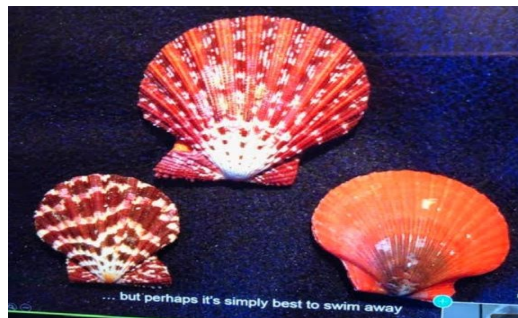
We also toasted the New Year (a tad early). Marilyn, Joan and Cathy were the bingo winners. Prizes were delivered later. I was very heartened by the participation. There must have been at least 25 of us, sad not more but it's a busy time of year. Pat does sterling work emailing members to remind them of meetings and offer support with technology if needed. Thank you Pat !

We are trying to organise speakers on Zoom. We had a test run in January.

Our first Zoom speaker on 19 Jan was a resounding success. Kelvin Boot, who mentioned how delighted he was to actually 'mute' the WI!, gave a wonderful presentation on shells. His beautiful photographs and commentary were fascinating and we learned so much. I will never walk on the beach again without marvelling at the life beneath my feet. To try and get your head around the fact that these amazing creatures were on earth before the dinosaurs left me spellbound. The history of shells made this talk so interesting. We heard how through the ages they have been used for many different things. We all want to visit Monaco now where there is a wonderful collection of shell art! Oh yes, and in passing, the humble barnacle is credited with the longest penis of any animal! Most are hermaphrodites and apparently they are very busy !! Shells are largely for protection and have many ways of keeping safe. Most important is the ability, when dislodged, to land the right way up on the sea floor. Some also have a front door they can close. Our best specimens are on the North Devon coast as they are exposed to the Gulf Stream. Apologies Kelvin if I have not got some of this right.

**Sue Bretherton**





**Kelvin's Zoom presentation leaves the WI "Shell shocked"!**



**The Special WI Christmas pack**

# CALLING ALL COOKS

## RECIPES REQUIRED FOR NEW BOOK!

Hi everyone!

In an attempt to raise some much needed funds we are going to create a **COOKBOOK** – not just recipes but funny stories as well.

Please could you help by sending us, for inclusion in the book, a favourite recipe and/or a story to make us giggle. We have already had lots of submissions from **LOCAL HEROES** and **BIG CELEBRITY NAMES** and we would be delighted if you are prepared to help us too!

We are seeking additional funding for print costs and hope to have the book printed and ready for sale mid-2021 (with a good headwind behind us!) so please send us your recipes as soon as you can.

We look forward to hearing from you!

The Cookbook Team  
St. Andrews Church, Kenn



Email Mervyn your submissions at:  
[mervynhosking@btinternet.com](mailto:mervynhosking@btinternet.com)

or speak to Kate Richardson, Maureen Bate,  
Sarah Hales or Ayesha Lovell for more info.

Oh, and if you happen to know any A-listers  
please would you kindly ask them for us?  
Extra Brownie points for that!





**If you were castaway on Lundy Island,  
which 8 discs would you  
want to have with you?**

**These are Pete Holland's choices.**



### **1 A Wonderful World by Louis Armstrong.**

See skies of blue and red roses too.

### **2 Drink up the Cider by the Wurzels.**

Reminds me of the 50's, working at Farmer Beard's at Whitcombe Farm and the yearly making of cider and just a little tippie!

### **3 Singing the Blues by Guy Mitchell.**

Sung with great gusto in the Seven Stars on Friday nights by a well known village character

### **4 Never on a Sunday by Melina Mercouri, a Greek lady**

Serving in Cyprus from 1960 to 1962, it was lovely to get into Limassol for nights out. This song was always played.

### **5 Let's Twist Again by Chubby Checker.**

Dancing in the 60's this song was 'it'. For me it was a struggle. For my late wife Heather it was a joy to see the girls dancing away.

### **6 The Lark Ascending by Ralph Vaughan Williams.**

To listen to this is so cool. The music is an in flight Lark.

### **7 The RAF March by the Band of the RAF.**

This takes me back to my National Service and 'square bashing', marching and discipline. When training finished, a highlight for me was our Passing Out Parade when the band played the RAF March.

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## 8 Morte Christi.

Better known as “The Day Thou Gavest Lord has Ended”. I’m a member of the Police & Community Male Voice Choir and we sing this as our end of concert finale.

My one luxury item would be a DAB Radio. (It would have been some alcohol but I know Lundy has a pub, The Marisco Tavern).

## Pete Holland



## Coffee Mornings



As early as possible in 2021 Coffee Mornings will start again on a Thursday of each month from 10.30 am until 12 noon.

Coffee Mornings in St Andrew’s Church are for anyone living in the community who would like to have a cup (or two) of coffee or tea and a slice of cake, in happy and friendly surroundings.

Visitors receive a warm welcome and if transport is a problem for you we have drivers who will collect you and return you to your door afterwards.

When we start again, why not give it a try? You don’t have to come every time, there is no formality and it’s held in church, for convenience. It’s not a religious gathering in any sense of the word.

Do you know anyone else who you think would like a bit of company?

**If so phone either Shirley (833293) or Brenda (832896)**

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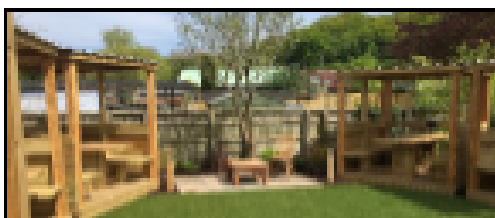
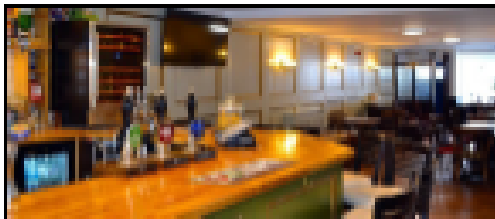
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# St Andrew's Church

## Churchwarden's Jottings



It was quite remarkable, the response to the request for help in getting our parish church through this very difficult time of the pandemic virus 19. Thank you to you all for your financial help. It goes to prove how much St Andrew's is loved and appreciated in our community. God is the light and there certainly seems to be light at the end of the tunnel, regarding the virus.

Thank you to those of you who regularly sponsor the floodlighting of the church, for whatever reason, birthdays, anniversaries, remembering loved ones or just floodlighting the church to make you feel happier. Why not!!

Christmas came and went in the church and what should be a time of great celebration with the birth of Jesus, never really happened this year. No crib service, no Midnight Mass, no Carol Service the Sunday before Christmas and no Christingle Service and no Words for Voices concert. Well I'm certainly looking forward to next Christmas!!!

We did however have an outdoor Carol Service, in the churchyard in front of the church. Rev Mark Bate was determined to do something and with the help of John Wood, with his PA system, we had a very successful Carol service, with over 150 people present, on Christmas Eve. I think we should do this again this coming Christmas!

When will things get back to normal? That is the question. When can we start the all important fundraising and social events, organised by the church so well for the community?

Well, there is a possibility the Church Fete can go ahead on Saturday 17 July. Organising this event over past years has seen people in their 70s doing the work, so St Andrew's is really looking for new blood or should it be "younger" blood!! If you'd like to get involved please get in touch with me.

In September we're hoping to have a Male Voice Choir Concert, with wine and cheese.

On Friday 1 October the Kenn Centre will host the Great Village Quiz, one of the best social evenings of the year.

On Saturday 20 November we plan another Harp Recital wine and cheese evening.

Will these events take place? You have got to start somewhere and be positive, I do hope so.

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## Church Bells

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The saying goes, “don't live next to a church if you don't like the sound of bells!” The last time the bells were serviced, yes bells do need servicing, was 20 years ago. We have just had them inspected and I am pleased to say they are in a pretty good shape. Some work needs to be done. Bushes on the clappers need to be replaced and a hydraulic greasing system installed. This work will be carried out. You can't have a church without Bells

One way that you can continue to support St. Andrew's is to make a regular contribution via the national Parish Giving Scheme. This professionally managed scheme makes it really easy for any donor to contribute and support their local church on a regular basis by Direct Debit. It could not be easier to set up. Just call 0333 002 1271 and the dedicated Parish Giving Team will take your Instructions. You can donate monthly, quarterly or annually. You can elect to remain anonymous. You can stop and start your donations at any time and elect to increase your regular contributions annually for inflation should you wish.

The really good news about donating in this way, apart from St. Andrew's receiving a regular monthly income to help maintain its mission in the community, is that 100% of your donation goes to St. Andrew's. If your donations qualify for gift aid that is also automatically calculated and remitted to St. Andrew's. You have full control over your donation and there are absolutely no fees. It really is that simple.

Full details of the Parish Giving Scheme can be found at  
<https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/home/>

## Church Services

At the January meeting of St Andrew's Church Council it was thought to be wise to suspend Sunday services for the time being. This decision will be reviewed again at the beginning of March. Hopefully then the virus will be under Control.

So, as St Andrew's moves forward into 2021, let's hope we can get back to normal services and social events and supporting charitable giving.

Thank you for all your help and support over the last dark months.

Let there be light.

**Simon Preece**  
**Churchwarden**

# St Andrew's circular 'Prayer Walk'

Services at St Andrew's have been severely restricted during the pandemic.

On **Sunday 21 February** St Andrew's Church is holding a 'Prayer Walk' around Kenn & Kennford.

Many of us walk the "circle" regularly and on this day a number of notices will be displayed at various points, such as notice boards and telegraph poles. Each notice will contain a message from St Andrew's, prepared by local Christians led by Rev Mark Bate and may include information such as a text, bible reading or hymn.

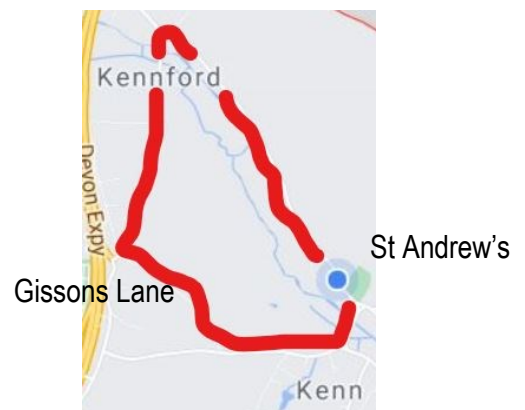
If you are planning to walk the circle on 21 February then look out for the notices. If you weren't planning on the walk, think about taking the exercise!

Some people may leave St Andrew's at 1030 in staggered Covid safe groups but the "Prayer Walk" can be joined at any point in Kenn & Kennford

The notices will be put out early on Saturday morning and left out overnight, so you can choose what time to walk. Make sure you stay safe and keep appropriate social distancing. Take time to pause and read the notices and see what Mark and Co have to say.

***It's planned to hold 'Prayer Walks' on each Sunday following the 21st until Easter, when an open air service outside St Andrew's is planned.***

The "Prayer Walk" route  
around Kenn and Kennford  
via Gissons Lane





## OLIO FOOD SHARING

There's a great App called OLIO which is all about food sharing amongst neighbours. Just thought it may be of interest to Kenn & Kennford residents. It's a free App, and the idea is that unwanted or spare food items can be shared with others locally, with no money exchanging hands.

We also have the wonderful Kenn & Kennford Freecycle Facebook page!

**Kay Wisker**

## Letter to the Editor

Dear Sir,



May I make use of your columns to express thanks to the Parish Council for the improvement to our WAR MEMORIAL. Through their efforts the names of the fallen have been added to the face of the supporting stonework. The names can be easily read and they fit in with the gaunt simplicity of the cross.

I was frightened at first that they might look fussy, but I am very delighted to have been proved wrong.

Thank you Parish Council!

yours sincerely,

**Mark Bate**





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### Celebrating Fairtrade and Windrush in Devon.

For Fairtrade Fortnight in Devon this year we are focusing on the Windrush, Caribbean and bananas. Please come and join one of our on-line sessions - all are free. (And there is a Bollywood-style work shop too!).

Sue Errington, Fairtrade Devon, [dde@globalcentred Devon.org.uk](mailto:dde@globalcentred Devon.org.uk)

See next page

## Celebrating Fairtrade & Windrush in Devon. Spring 2021 Programme

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> February 6pm to 7:30pm Global Book Club.** *'Voices of the Windrush Generation: The Real Story told by people themselves'*, by David Matthews.

<https://zoom.us/j/98176864993?pwd=ZGxGcnI6c1dwSEg2Rlp0N1pVM25ZZz09>

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> February 6pm to 8pm COVID, the NHS and the effects on the Windrush and BAME Community.** An on-line panel discussion led by Faye Doris with guest speaker Professor Bharat Pankhania. They will share information and reflections, including lessons learnt, where we are going and what happens next.

<https://zoom.us/j/94398166431?pwd=OCtxU2UxTDR2OGJRT25BUctJaXNOQT09>

**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 4:30pm to 6pm Chef Euten Lindsay, of Caribbean Fusion, will lead a live cook-along demonstrations in conversation with Sandhya Dave** as part of the nation-wide Fairtrade Connections Arts Festival in Fairtrade Fortnight.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/cook-along-with-euten-lindsay-tickets-135845655011>

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March 6pm to 7:15pm World at Six. Celebrating Fairtrade in the Caribbean.** Fairtrade Devon Interns will lead this presentation during Fairtrade Fortnight.

<https://zoom.us/j/97754307408?pwd=b3VjUk5ySGk0RmlBTkE2aGJZTEoxUT09>

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> March 11.30am to 1pm Indian Dance Workshop with Avtar Panesar.** Avtar will show how to do Bhangra and Bollywood dancing and explain the history of the dances.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/indian-dance-workshop-with-avtar-panesar-tickets-135859418177>

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> March 6pm to 7:15pm Fairtrade Bananas and St Vincent, Windward**



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## WENCESLAS WHEELBARROWS

**12th December**  
**10:00 – 12:00 noon**

*Wenceslas looked out, on  
the feast of Stephen...  
"Yonder peasant, who is  
he?....Bring me flesh and  
bring me wine..  
Thou and I will see him dine...!"*



**THANKS** to all the volunteers who distributed leaflets round the parish

**THANKS** to all the Wheelbarrow drivers who collected gifts from doorsteps

**THANKS** to the van and tractor drivers and the team at Taverners

**THANKS** to all the generous donors

**THANKS to God** for a sunny morning, a real festival atmosphere, lots of laughs and, not least, nearly a TON of food and other groceries and a mountain of wooly hats and clothing for Christmas presents for the homeless!

It was such a good event that people have asked, "Is it going to be put on next year? The answer is YES but NOT by ME! I will gladly contribute info, contacts, ideas etc to a small working party. Any volunteers to lead such a party?

*A final Thank You for so many cheerful friends who volunteered and helped and made it so enjoyable for me! Mark Bate*

01392 – 833485 or francisurch70@gmail. com



## St ANDREW'S CHURCH



RUBBISH. That is what I warned that my words might turn out to be in the December issue. Well, I was dead right. Covid 19 and government regulations meant that most of the planned services never happened. So I am not going to make any predictions now. There was a 10am service planned for the 7 February. This is now cancelled. After that it is uncertain, but good notice will be given on the Website and notice boards. One thing I will promise. There will be some sort of public worship in or at St Andrew's on Easter Day. (Sunday 4 April)

"PROMISES? What are they worth?" You may well ask. In this case there is firm evidence to go on. We had an outdoor Carol Service on Christmas Eve. It is not for me to say that it was a roaring success, but it was certainly roaring. About 150 people, including children, turned up and we managed. Already we have been given a couple of second hand amplifiers for the music if we have another outdoor service. All we need now is a microphone to save my voice, not to mention heart, lungs and central nervous system. Any offers? Thanks to everyone who made it a unique and deeply encouraging village occasion, with special mention for Dom and Shanty Men.

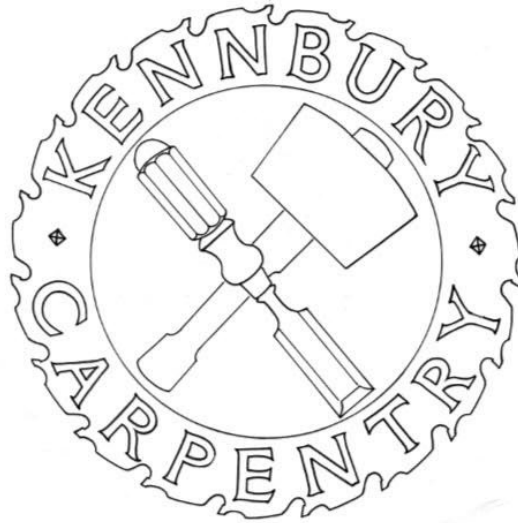
RUBBISH from me. There is some firm evidence about that. I was reminded that the last event I went to in the Kenn Centre was the church Lent Lunch on 16 March. On that occasion I asked people not to be scared. We got through Sars and Bird Flu and we'll get through this in a week or two! I do not want to dishonour those who have died or been bereaved by making a joke of it, but I could not have been more wrong. However, now there are signs of hope. Let's give thanks for the miraculous production of the vaccines. Let's not give way too readily to fear now. But let's be determined that, when all this over, we will, in the words of our Prime Minister, BUILD BACK BETTER.

PRAY meanwhile, (incidentally up to 20 people meet by Zoom every weekday at 9.30 to do exactly that.) for all our NHS workers, specially those of our village, the workers in care homes, all those who keep the wheels of life turning. Pray for those who are ill, frightened or anxious about how they are going to make a living.

God save the Queen, the mother of the land we love.  
 Fill all her ministers with wisdom from above.  
 Give us your courage, hope and love, dear Lord  
 And bless us all in Kenn, Clapham and Kennford.

**Mark Bate**





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Get in touch – Penny Clapham on [clerk@kennparishcouncil.co.uk](mailto:clerk@kennparishcouncil.co.uk)



## The Church Floodlights

One way to bring 'light' into the parish is to ask for St Andrew's Church to be illuminated. For just a £10 donation the magnificent church will be lit for you, from dusk to the early hours of the morning. You may want to 'celebrate' or 'remember'. Either reason will cheer up the whole parish.

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**News from the MOTHERS' UNION Branch at St. Andrew's,  
Kenn (with Exminster)**



Mothers' Union is running a scheme to say thank you to Key Workers in the UK and Ireland, who have given so much to keep us safe and well.

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# Sausage Casserole



## Ingredients for 4

8 large sausages — more if your family is feeling peckish

1 onion

White cabbage

Large tin of tomatoes

Mixed herbs

2oz butter

1 tablespoon sunflower oil

Salt and pepper



## Method

Chop the onion and cabbage – if the cabbage is large you may not need it all. Melt the butter with the oil in a large casserole - a LeCreuset type is ideal. Add the onion and cabbage and soften-stirring frequently. Put to one side and fry the sausages enough to give them some colour and put them on top of the cabbage mixture. Pour the tin of tomatoes over the top and scatter in some mixed herbs, salt and pepper. Put on the lid and into the oven (200C or top oven of Aga) for 45 minutes. Reduce heat or put in bottom oven after 30 minutes.

This a good example of “Comfort Food” and is delicious with either baked potatoes or creamy mash.

**Don't forget to send a recipe or amusing story to be included in St Andrew's cook book, “Heavenly Feast and Burnt Offerings”**

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**Maureen Bate**

Editor's Note: Delicious!



On Sunday 21 March 2021, the census is coming! The census is a unique survey that happens every 10 years and gives a snapshot of all the people in England and Wales. The information collected is vitally important for government and local authorities as it helps them plan services such as healthcare, education, public transport, libraries and support services. The data informs other official statistics, and contributes to policy decisions such as local government funding allocations. Filling in the census is crucial to shaping communities over the next 10 years.

Councils have been asked to help spread the word in their communities, to help ensure that as many people as possible take part. The [census website](#) has plenty of information about the census, how to prepare and how data will be kept safe. There are also a [wide range of downloadable resources](#) that you can use to support the census in your community including social media materials, leaflets and presentations.

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# Have you had your Covid Vaccination yet?



Anne Hawken has had both hers and this is her experience of receiving the “jab”

Anne was telephoned by Ide lane Surgery and told her first injection would be given at the Exminster Vaccination Site at 2.20pm on 5 January. She knows the venue and drove herself to Exminster in good time. She was invited to park in the centre car park, but was later told the car park is for “Blue Badge” holders only. On her second visit, on 23 January, she parked nearby and walked to the centre.

There was a considerable queue outside and Anne waited for an hour in the cold. Some elderly people needed chairs brought outside to rest on during the long wait. Once inside the centre, Anne’s temperature was taken and a number of questions asked to confirm her identity. (If you have your NHS Number with you it may save time). The organisation in the centre was good and she was seated and moved forward, in a socially distanced way, as those in the queue in front of her were dealt with. After a painless injection Anne was told to wait in the centre for 15 minutes to ensure she felt alright before going home.

She was advised the vaccine would be fully effective in 7 days. She was given a blue card confirming her Covid immunisation and was told to carry it with her at all times.

As a result of her two vaccinations Anne now feels reassured, but is still cautious. She continues to wear a mask and keeps socially distanced. She has suffered no ill effects and recommends everyone to get vaccinated as soon as they are offered it.



## Art at Shillingford Village Hall



As with all adult education classes, the art class at Shillingford St George is currently suspended, until the end of Lockdown 3. As soon as it is possible, we'll get going again, with watercolour and drawing instruction, in a Covid-safe environment, on a Friday morning. Watch this space!

Meanwhile, if you wish to contact me about the classes, try 01626 891245 or visit [mikemcdonald.co.uk](http://mikemcdonald.co.uk)



## Parish Rainfall Statistics

**November 2020** 99mm or 3.96ins (**one day in Feb 2020 232mm.or 9.28ins fell**)

**December 2020** 191mm or 7.64ins

**Total for 2020** 1140mm or 41.8ins

**Total for 2019** 1045mm or 41.8ins

**(3.8ins more rain fell in 2020 than in 2019)**

**The FORCE Cancer Charity Support & Information Centre  
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