



Reporter

News and Views from around the area

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Milborne St. Andrew

Snow fun



This picture-postcard scene of the village centre starts to tell the tale of a week of disruption at the beginning of February caused by sudden and heavy snowfalls in north Dorset. Journeys home from Dorchester and Blandford took more than six hours at the height of the storm as the Council struggled to cope with the extreme conditions on the roads. Schools were closed to ensure the safety of pupils and many businesses were unable to function as workers failed to get in to work. The Point to Point had to be postponed for a week and then problems were compounded by a power cut that left the south side of the village without electricity for more than eight hours and caused the cancellation of the Friday performance of the village pantomime.

Not all was doom and gloom though. What do you do when you can't get to school because of snow? Well . . . you go sledging, build a snowman, have snowball fights, have fun! Many people also took the time to get into the countryside to view the beautiful snow-covered landscapes around our village and had a wonderful time.



For many young children this was the first real snow they had ever experienced.

Show your snow pictures on the village website by sending them to

gallery@milbornestandrew.org.uk



Exit the Messenger, enter the *Reporter* – a clarification

IN the article “Exit the Messenger, enter the *Reporter*” that appeared in the February issue of the *Reporter* the *Reporter* team sought to explain why the MSA *Messenger* had disappeared in January and the Milborne St. Andrew *Reporter* had appeared in February. We stated that “The MSA *Messenger* was in the second year of a five-year contract for its printing machine with thousands of pounds of liabilities”. We would like to clarify that the liabilities referred to were those associated with the printing machine’s lease payments over the following three years.

Mr Hodgson has asked us to add that he stated at the Parish Council meeting on January 7th that his latest legal advice was that he would be held liable for the outstanding lease payments on the *Messenger’s* printing machine.

The Reporter Team

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Watch Where You Tread . . .

From the Parish Council

THERE’S nothing worse than getting home after a walk to the local shop and thinking “What’s that awful smell?” – then you look down and realise that it’s coming from the sole of your shoe . . .

Milborne St Andrew has a lot of dog owners – most are very responsible and considerate people who walk their pets regularly and clean up any mess they make – there are several dog bins around the village which are well used – **but there are some who don’t seem to care about such things and leave their dog mess for others to deal with.** Do those people know that it is against the law to leave dog mess in a public place and that they are leaving themselves open to substantial fines?

There are a number of Dog Wardens operating in the North Dorset area. Their main activity is enforcement under the Dogs (Fouling of Land) Act 1996 which require owners to clean up after their dogs.

The Wardens are able to issue £50 fixed penalty notices to offenders or, if it is decided that a prosecution in the Magistrates Court is appropriate then the maximum fine is £1000.

In recent months, it seems that the problem has been increasing in Milborne St Andrew and the Parish Council is concerned about the health and safety aspects as well as the general detrimental affect this has on the presentation of the village. It is not fair that a few inconsiderate people should create such an unsavoury problem for other villagers to deal with.

If you see someone who doesn’t clean up after letting their dog foul in a public area, you should contact the Dog Warden Service on 01258 454111 with full details so that they can approach the dog owner direct.

The views expressed in this magazine are not necessarily those of the *Reporter* team.

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FOLLOWING the public meeting in January which showed massive support for re-opening the Royal Oak a highly motivated group has worked up proposals based on a non-profit making community enterprise.

At a second meeting on 25th February pledges of a truly significant sum, units of £250, were requested to see if negotiations for the freehold of the pub might begin.

If you missed the meeting it is not too late to register a pledge on a form in the Post Office and seal it the special envelope. It will be held by Chris Nowell, the only person to know the individual amounts pledged. Please try to make your pledge by Friday 6 March.

The total pledges made will be assessed by the working group to decide if there is enough pledged to continue. Actual money will only be required once a legal enterprise had been set up.

If you do not wish to make a financial pledge at this stage but wish to be involved, a Promise of your Time and Talents, during the refurbishment phase of the pub, will be very welcome.

Local papers and radio stations have publicised the strength of our views; local authorities have taken notice and we understand that there have been several expressions of interest in the freehold of pub.

The aim is to re-establish the valued community facility of the Royal Oak for mutual benefit of all concerned whether owned by ourselves or someone else equally committed to the village of Milborne St. Andrew.

Tony Dyer

WI News from Milborne St. Andrew – February meeting

An alternative therapy

WE were delighted to welcome Sohani Gonzalez of Milborne St. Andrew to our meeting to talk about homeopathy. Sohani has been a homeopathic practitioner for over 25 years yet still finds it exciting and one of the most rewarding parts of her life. Its origins can be traced back to the 1700s and a disillusionment with orthodox medicine. Today there are many staunch advocates of what is considered to be a safe, effective and non-toxic therapy, not least our own Royal family. Alternative therapy can be controversial but in recent years, and supported by many satisfied clients, it has taken its place alongside traditional medicine as a complementary form of treatment. There was a lot of interest shown amongst members and Sohani answered a number of questions. She was thanked by Jill McSavage on our behalf for what had been a very interesting and stimulating talk.

Update:

Skittles: Our team made it to the County quarter-finals but then lost. However they are to be congratulated on getting so far, and they clearly had much fun on the way!

Annual Dinner: Nelda Oakes has arranged this for Friday 24th April, at 'The Silent Woman'. As always husbands and partners are welcome. Please let Nelda know at next month's meeting if you would like to go.

Summer Supper: This will be on Friday, 26th June, when Lin Chatfield has kindly offered to host the event. More details later.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday, 12th March. Our speaker will be Mr M Ching with 'When the Wind is in the East', and there will be Committee nominations. Please do join us; you will be made very welcome.

Pat Bull

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Preparing for Easter

Dear Friends,

From the earliest days of Christianity, Easter was seen as so holy that people thought that they should spend some time preparing for it. The forty days of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and is a season of reflection, a time for personal stock-taking and a turning back to God.

How are you getting ready to celebrate Easter? Some people choose to fast during Lent and then give the money that they would have spent on chocolate or *alcohol to those who don't have enough to eat. Others take time out to study the Bible and draw closer to God. Others are inspired to perform acts of generosity that encourage kindness to ourselves, our neighbours and our planet. Whatever we choose to do, we try to be more generous with our time and our love. We ask whether any things we do are selfish, and we promise to try to change.*

As I write Ash Wednesday is a week away and my children are getting worried. They are already stock-piling crisps and jammy dodgers. Last year during Lent I chose to give up shopping in supermarkets and only use local farm shops and local produce. It made me more intentional in what I was buying and in a small way helped the environment. Out of season vegetables flown in from across the world were not allowed. I found it hard but it made me less wasteful. Mealtimes became very inventive. I hope my trade also helped the local farmers.

Our world can be a difficult and fearful place. It's all too easy to feel we are powerless to make a difference. But the truth is, with God's help we can change the world for good a little bit every day. Each of us can be the change we want to see in the world.

There are all sorts of things you could try this lent. It is easy to give something up for Lent if you have something to start with. Far too many people in this world *don't even have life's necessities. Here's an idea. Christian Aid are running a campaign during Lent called 'count your blessings'. Each day there is a different suggestion that will really get you thinking. For example, on the 2nd we are told that one in eight people in the world do not have access to safe water. We are then invited to give 5Op for each bath or shower we take that week. And on the 26th we hear that in the UK we spend £10million on food that is thrown away –we are then invited to give 1Op for every cook book we own. Fun ideas, to make us think about the world and to collect our loose change for others. If you would like a leaflet let me know or go to www.christianaid.org.uk.*

Rev Sarah Godfrey

SUNDAY SERVICES – MARCH 2009

1st MARCH – Lent 1

9.30am Family Service Tolpuddle
9.30 Family Communion Milborne
11.00 Holy Communion Puddletown
With Sunday Seekers & Creche
11am 1662 Morning Prayer Dewlish
Thursday 5th March
12.00 Lunch-time Communion Milborne

8th MARCH – Lent 2

8.15am 1662 Said Communion Service Puddletown
9.30 1662 Morning Prayer Tolpuddle
9.30 Parish Communion Milborne
11.00 Family Service Puddletown
11.00 Family Communion Dewlish
THURSDAY 12th March
12.00 Lunch-time Communion Puddletown

15th MARCH – Lent 3

9.30am Family Communion Tolpuddle
9.30 1662 Said Communion Milborne
11.00 1662 Morning Prayer Puddletown
11.00 Holy Communion Dewlish
4pm Milborne Praise! Milborne V Hall
THURSDAY 19th March
12.00 Lunch-time Communion Dewlish

22nd MARCH – Mothering Sunday

9.30am Mothering Sunday Service Tolpuddle
9.30 Family Communion Milborne
11.00 Family Communion Puddletown
11.00 Family Service Dewlish
THURSDAY 26th March
12.00 Lunch-time Communion Tolpuddle

29th MARCH – Passiontide

11am Benefice Service Puddletown

CHURCH CLEANING – w/e Saturday

March 7th – John and Anne Miller
March 14th – Victoria Bone and Lin Chatfield
March 21st – Ed and Rose Frost
March 28th – Sue Lee and Val Hodges

MILBORNE ST ANDREW CHURCH NOTES

Working towards the future

We had a lengthy discussion at the PCC meeting in January about how the Church can help and support those in the community in need (not necessarily churchgoers). If anyone knows of people who might benefit in this way, please let the Vicar, Benny Hazlehurst, or either of the Churchwardens know.

Among other matters discussed by PCC members were:

LOOP SYSTEM: Application for a faculty to install a loop system for the hard of hearing has been recommended by the Diocesan Advisory Committee and has gone to the Diocesan Registrar for approval. As soon as this is obtained, the installation can begin.

“CHURCH BIG DAY OUT”: This will take place in West Sussex on 24th May. Benny characterised it as a “Lively expression of Christian faith”. The band, Delirious, will play and evangelist Graham Kendrick will be there. If anyone is interested in going, the benefice is planning to run a coach or mini-buses. Please contact Benny or Sarah for further details.

NEW FACILITIES: The sub-committee reported on their meeting with the Architect regarding new facilities in the Church such as a

toilet, kitchen, space for wheelchair access and open space for holding functions such as Milborne Praise. The new proposals would be made internally which would not be as expensive as building on. We would need to do a lot of fund-raising. To start the programme, Benny has offered to lead a sponsored walk from Milborne to Charminster on Easter Saturday. (Charminster was one of the churches that allowed us to look round their new facilities). More **details of dates and times will appear in next month's Reporter.** **LOOK OUT YOUR WALKING BOOTS – WE NEED YOUR HELP!** The money raised will go into the Fabric Fund and will not be used for the **general running expenses of St Andrew's.**

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held in Church after the 9.30am service on Sunday, 26th April. Coffee/tea and cakes will be served. All who are on the Church Electoral Roll are eligible to attend, and are encouraged to do so.

Eva Stockley and Pat Tribe

Come to our Agape Supper!

Have you ever experienced an Agape Supper? (“Agape” is Greek for

“love”). It is a combination of a simple meal and the service of Holy Communion. The meal is eaten while listening to Bible readings of the events of the last meal Jesus ate with his disciples when he passed round the bread and wine and told them, “This is my body and this is my blood which is given for you and for many.” So it is a kind of an enactment of the Last Supper that takes place on a Maundy Thursday and culminates in Communion.

There will be an Agape Supper this Maundy Thursday, 9th April, in Dewlish Village Hall beginning at 7pm. All are welcome. There will be a charge of £4 a person to cover the cost of food. Any money left over after expenses will be given to the Sudan Fund for the Grace Secondary School (You may have read in the local press about fund-raising for this – see also Dewlish Church Notes). Numbers are needed in advance for catering purposes so if you would like to come, please give your name to Eva Stockley (Tel: 837468), Pat Tribe (837684) or Daphne Burg (837466) by 31st March.

Pat Tribe

Lilies for remembrance

For several years now St Andrew’s Church has been beautifully decorated at Easter with scented lilies donated in memory of loved ones. All those to be remembered have their names written in a special remembrance book that is displayed in church. If anyone would like loved ones to be remembered in this way this Easter please give your donation (no particular amount – just whatever you feel like giving) and the name(s) to be remembered to Pat Tribe, 14 Blandford Hill, MSA (837684) by 31st March so that the lilies can be ordered. I can’t guarantee one lily per name (it will depend on cost) but I can promise that every name will be in the book.

Pat Tribe

DEWLISH CHURCH NOTES

Hungry for education

As I write, Lent is on its way, and we have been busy organising Lent Lunches, the proceeds of which, along with any surplus from the Agape Supper, will be donated to the Grace Secondary School Project in the Sudan (see MSA Church Notes). Richard Budd and his wife, Claire, who are organising the fund-raising, saw the poverty at first-hand – children hungry for education yet without a school building. They took on the mammoth job of raising £40,000, of which they have raised £22,000 in only six months, which is simply amazing. Please see members of the Church Council for details of dates and venues of the Lent Lunches.

Our Easter Spring Sale and coffee morning will be held in the Village Hall on Saturday, 4th April, from 10am – 12noon. Please note the change of time from our usual afternoon slot. We hope to have cakes and produce, a raffle, books and bric-a-brac, toys and an Easter stall, besides refreshments. There will also be an Easter bonnet competition, and we are hoping that many of you will participate.

During Lent there will be Evening Prayer services on Mondays, beginning on 2nd March at 6pm.

The Mothering Sunday service on 22nd March will be a Family Service at 11am when, once more, we shall be presenting posies to the mums.

Daphne Burg

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Easter week in Milborne

HOLY week begins at St Andrew’s Church on Palm Sunday (5th April) when we will be distributing palm crosses at the 9.30am, BCP Parish Communion.

On Good Friday (10th April) the church will be open all day for you to visit for your own personal mediation. Please pop in at any time.

From 12noon to 3pm there will be quiet music playing and a ‘way of the cross’ trail with reflections for you to follow. There will be an adult and a children’s version of the trail.

There will also be an Easter holiday club on Good Friday for children running from 2.30 – 4.30pm in the village hall where we will be making hot cross buns and Easter biscuits.

The Easter Festival communion will take place at 9.30am on Easter Sunday.

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Kelvin Kinkaid



Wednesday Social Club

THE Milborne St Andrew Wednesday Social Club would like to thank Peter Robinson who kindly came along to our February meeting to talk about gemstones. It was a very informative talk where Peter explained the origins of many types of precious and semi-precious stones. I'm sure we all came away happy with the knowledge that whatever stones you have they are equally precious to you if you like them, regardless of their value. Many thanks Peter.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 4th March when Peter Lindsley from Age Concern will be our next speaker. Please come along and join us in the village hall from 2.30pm.

Hilary Daffern

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The equipment has been made available to the village hall through 'Connecting Dorset' and by a start-up grant given by the 'Partnership for Older People Project' (POPP). So everyone in the village has free access to the internet at least twice a week (there's another drop-in on Mondays 6.15 – 7.15pm.)

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Come and look at the movies made for our TV Madcap Bid. If you missed the Meridian broadcast in November or would like to see it again then come along and see it this Friday at the Drop-In or go to www.milbornestandrew.org.uk and click on the green Madcap link on the Home Page.

Rose and Ed Frost

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50g (2 oz) sugar



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Mystery damage to Parish trees

THREE trees at the entrance to Milborne St. Andrew First School have been mysteriously damaged. The trees between 15 and 20 feet high were planted by the Parish Council in 1998. The trees, one Field maple, one Whitebeam, and one Wild cherry have had their bark stripped off all the way round at the base. A sharp implement is thought to have caused the damage as long slivers of bark were found nearby. The Parish Council and the Police have been notified.



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In your Garden Seasonal notes and tips from Maureen Lock of *Designer Gardens* Planting by the Moon



SOMEONE recently asked me 'When is the best time to plant potatoes?'

Remembering some local folklore, Easter – I replied, I then got to thinking – why Easter? It falls at a different time each year, so there must be a good reason. Upon further investigation, it appears that Good Friday is actually the best day!

So, could it be that Good Friday was a day that most workers had off and

therefore that was the day they had time to do a bit of gardening, or could it be something to do with the moon.

Easter has its origins in pagan festivals and the date is actually based on the lunar calendar rather than the more well-known solar one and is defined as being the first Sunday after the first full moon on or after the vernal equinox (21 March)! It can be any date from 22 March to 25 April.

After all the tides are controlled by the moon and it has been found that the moon also controls the moisture levels in the soil. When it is waxing (from new to full) the moisture level in the soil is at its highest and this is when you should be planting. When it wanes (from full to last quarter), the moisture level is at its lowest and there is less sap rising in trees and shrubs and this is when you should do your pruning. **There must be something in this 'Planting by the Moon'.**

Here are some gardening chores to do when the moon is waxing (new moon to full moon).

- Sow seeds of plants that grow above ground.
- Apply fertilizer
- Plant evergreen and deciduous trees and shrubs.

And here are some jobs for when the moon is waning (full moon to dark side)

- Plant bulbs
- Plant crops that grow below the ground, such as potatoes, carrots
- Remove weeds as this is the most dormant period and will discourage further growth.
- Plant biennials and perennials because they need strong roots
- Prune shrubs – as the moisture level in the soil decreases, less sap flows to the cut ends.



Planting in the Dark

I have never tried this method of gardening before, but it is such an ancient practice and from the research I have done, it certainly appears to be successful. If you try an experiment of planting some crops by the correct moon sign, and others by the wrong moon sign and get different results – please let me know. However – **don't frighten the neighbours** – Planting *by* the moon is not the same as *in*, meaning gardening at night, not a very safe thing to do and highly likely to be misinterpreted!

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A Charity Fun Fashion Show

presented by the Milborne St Andrew
Wednesday Social Club
You could be on the catwalk!

SATURDAY May 9th at 7pm is when the Wednesday Social Club are holding a charity fashion show in the village hall. Fashions are kindly being provided by M & Co of Blandford. It is hoped the models are going to be from volunteers within the community. As you are probably aware M & Co offer clothing for the whole family: male and female from infant to teenager and older and older still. Therefore, all ages are more than welcome, an hour glass figure is not essential.

Why not model with the whole family. Let's have a some fun and see how many generations we can get on the catwalk at one time.

A team of professional hairdressers from Beaux Cheveux Ltd, Dorchester will be assisting with hair.

Sue Lucas, local make-up artist has kindly volunteered to apply make-up. Jo, from Spoilt Rotten has also volunteered her services and expertise to apply nail polish to models who will be modelling the Kylie range from M & Co.

The staff from M & Co Blandford will assist with outfit changes.

All models taking part will be invited to M & Co Blandford to choose their outfits three weeks before the show.

Places for models are limited, first come, first served. Deadline 21st March. Please contact telephone numbers below to book your place and ticket.

Tickets are £3.50 each this includes a glass of wine. Children do not have to pay.

Tickets are available at the Wednesday Social Club
(4th March, 1st April and May 6th 2 – 4pm) Friday Morning Drop-In,
Village Lunch and M & Co Blandford

YOUR CHANCE TO DECIDE THE FUTURE OF MILBORNE

THE last Village Plan in 1981 identified several major items which have since been provided: the new school, the sports club and some mains gas. Twenty-five years later national, regional and local conditions had changed and the Parish Council saw the need for a new plan.

A team of volunteers have now produced a questionnaire which will be distributed throughout the village on 7/8 March together with a special questionnaire for 8 to 18 year-olds. We need the views of as **many of the community as possible to make the new plan "bankable"** with the local authorities

Another team of volunteers is required to distribute the questionnaire on 7/8 March AND to collect it on 21/22 March. Please contact Peter or Tony as below then come to a briefing in the Village Hall Committee Room at 7pm Wednesday 4th March.

All residents and businesses alike are encouraged to complete the questionnaire, which when analysed will set out our views on how Milborne St Andrew should develop over the next 15 to 20 years. A draft of the plan will be presented to the Village in the Autumn seeking endorsement before passing it on to the Parish Council and North Dorset District Council for inclusion in their statutory plans.

Anyone who needs their completed questionnaire collected on a date other than 21/22 March should also contact Peter or Tony.

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Have you met . . . Simon Curtis Howitz?

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SIMON is chairman of Milborne St Andrew Parish Council.

About Simon . . .

He was born and brought up in Poole. He studied Commercial Photography in Bournemouth and then in the **mid 1980's joined Dorset Police Film Unit as their first civilian technician.** He joined the BBC in 1987, spending the next 10 years in London.

He was increasingly being asked to direct and produce programmes so in 1997 he went 'freelance' having set up 'Feature Films Limited' in 1993 as an independent production company. This enabled him to return to Dorset as a base, initially to Poole and then from 2000 to Milborne St Andrew.

Simon still works as a Director of Photography and in this past year he has worked on many BBC programmes including Watchdog, Rogue Traders, Springwatch and Autumnwatch. He has also been involved in Match of the Day, Wimbledon, the Open Golf and the Beijing Olympics. Feature Films also supplies all the location crews for ITV Fixers.

Simon is married to Suzy – **that's where Simon gained the 'Howitz'.** She is a Primary School Teacher though is currently looking after their two young sons and two Golden Retrievers – probably how most of the village know the family.

Simon lists his hobbies to include gardening, walking, sailing, horse-riding, skiing and, of course, photography.

We asked Simon . . .

What do you think is the best thing about living in Milborne St. Andrew? There are many things I like about living in Milborne St Andrew and if I choose just two it would be the community spirit and having most things on your doorstep – apart from dog poo, a pet hate! – such as, beaches, open fields and quiet walks.

Is there a down-side to living in Milborne St. Andrew? Everything for work is a drive and sometimes after a long filming day, especially in London, I would rather it wasn't quite so far to travel.

Are there things you would like to change about Milborne St. Andrew? Change – where do I start! Roads and Environment mainly. I would change where the main A354 road went! Would like to change the habits of the motorists driving through the village – give the road back to the ownership of the community and improve **the village's general appearance, something that has been highlighted as a priority for the Parish Council.**

What are your pet hates? Pet hates – already mentioned dog poo promise I **won't again** – with two large dogs it is galling to clear up after your own dogs and then step in the mess caused by someone else's dog!

Do you have a claim to fame? Fame I suppose somewhat comes with my job. I do get credited – **I am just "Simon Curtis" for work. I have filmed with countless celebrities and world leaders but I suppose one special moment was filming with Mikhail Gorbachev in Moscow back when he still had some influence!**

Who is your hero or has been your inspiration? Inspiration is probably Sir David Attenborough or correspondent Charles Wheeler. I have filmed with both of them and they optimise the gentleman. David still exudes energy and enthusiasm at his time of life and happens to think the cameraman is the most important person on the team – great taste! Charles and I worked together for the BBC in Iraq and Iran when the Kurds were being pushed out after the first Gulf War and even at 70 odd he was intrepid, enthusiastic and compassionate – he gave a pair of his shoes to an unfortunate refugee gentleman who only had his wife's pink carpet slippers to wear. Very fond memories and it was great to see so many tributes to him following his death recently. It is a reminder to grow old gracefully!

Who would be your fantasy dinner date? My wife has to be my fantasy dinner date as we so rarely get to eat out or undisturbed with the boys around! Otherwise I think it would be comedian Ronnie Barker. A couple of years ago I filmed 'Comedy Connections' that was featuring 'The Two Ronnies' and we were set to film with Ronnie Barker as one of the interviewees. My meeting with him was never to be as he had to postpone the filming day due to ill health and unfortunately he never got back to fitness before he died.

Do you have a nickname? My nickname gained through the Scouts was 'Tis'. On



Scout camp back then we had enamelled plates and cups and my name was painted on the bottom. S. Curtis gradually wore off and just the end was left. **When did you last "throw caution to the wind"?** With work I tend to have to be cautious or, as we call it, 'responsible for safety'. **Last time I pushed the limit was filming last year for Songs of Praise – flying in a Search and Rescue helicopter.** The

door was off and the presenter was talking to the camera. I was on a dispatch line – a short line that stops you falling too far in the event you leave the aircraft. To get the right shots you have to lean out a long way and with the aircraft banked over Truro you get a spectacular view but feel right on the edge of safety.

Is there something that people may find surprising about you? People might find it surprising that I was a retained firefighter before I joined the BBC and also that I never used to be any good at public speaking.

What has been your most embarrassing moment?

Probably my most embarrassing moment nearly was filming in the Foreign Office in London. About twenty minutes into filming someone said 'can you smell burning?' I looked up at the filming lights fearful that a priceless oil painting on the wall had caught fire. At the same moment everyone else followed my horrified look and my heart sank. **As it turned out the lamp wasn't that close and the**

smell was drifting in through a window from a building site bonfire outside. Even so, I now keep my lights well clear of all wall decorations

What is your favourite charity? Guide Dogs for the Blind – using my eyes all the time for work I can appreciate those less fortunate

Do you have a favourite website? My internet banking site just after I've been paid!

Having worked on so many TV programmes, do you have a personal favourite? It has to be one I've worked on! Currently ITV Fixers is a good watch see all the broadcast films at www.itvfixers.com

We thank Simon for sharing his thoughts and views with us.

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Bell ringing – A progress report

I am very aware that whenever the bells in the church are rung anybody, and sometimes everybody in the village can hear. My impression is that most people appreciate that the old skill is still practiced in Milborne St Andrew. But I wonder how many realise what specifically constitutes good or bad ringing and even what is very clever ringing.

Being able to ring bells in the way peculiar almost exclusively to this country using a technique called full circle ringing requires the skill of handling the massive weight of the bell and being able also to ring with the other members of the band or team. The band ringing regularly at present, consists of six members with ages ranging from 15 to 'past retirement', and although by no means brilliant, have improved considerably of the last two years.

The main way to judge good ringing is to listen to how even the striking is and whether the gaps between each strike are equal. If it is really bad then it sound like someone has used a tipper lorry on a load of scaffolding poles. However the quality of the ringing may well be affected by the difficulty of what is being attempted. The simplest ringing is just to ring the bells in order 1,2,3,4,5 and 6 but that gets quite tedious fairly soon. Although if it is bad then it requires practice and may have to go on for a while until the gaps and striking are more even. Next the bells are called to change ringing order by a caller in the ringing chamber. And that can carry on with as many changes as the caller likes but each change has to be called and in the meantime the order stays the same. Finally, there are 'METHODS' that are a recognised sequence of changes that run right through without hesitation until the end, or it goes wrong. These methods may take only a few minutes or may take more than an hour. The band at Milborne have most recently managed a method called 'Canterbury minimus'.

So now it is up to you. Do you really believe the television adverts that show ringers disappearing up the tower? If you do, or don't, why not come and see. We are always keen to welcome new people who are interested, even if they are not sure whether they want to try but want to look. We are normally at the church from 7.30 until 8.30 on a Tuesday evening and we have the prospect of four weddings to ring for this year.

Pip Howell Tower Captain

Who do you think you are?

IS anyone interested in forming a family history research group to meet regularly, perhaps monthly in the village hall?

We are grateful to Pat Hurley who has run two very successful four week introductory courses, and there are now quite a few new enthusiasts in the village.

If you are interested in helping to set up a group or would like to join a group then please telephone Pat Hurley 837467 or e-mail family.history@milbornestandrew.org.uk.

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LETTERS TO THE REPORTER

In his article last month, Councillor Andrews seems to be encouraging dog owners to let their dogs mess anywhere.

Since I moved here 3 years ago some inconsiderate owners let their dogs foul in my gate entrance, under my hedge, and on the pavement. Towards the surgery road I noticed a large pile; and adjacent to the thatched cottage was another small lot. Then on Tuesday I went to the shop and there was some more, adding to the large and small lots. It ended up with me cleaning it all up. It has happened before; I have walked from my car, put my foot in mess and taken it all over my house, with no street lighting the inevitable happens.

I would sincerely like to catch the INCONSIDERATE person who lets their dog foul the pavements – I would put it through their letterbox and see how they like it. I always had 4 dogs myself but I trained them not to foul in public places.

Yours sincerely
F A Coppen

What do you do on a cold snowy winter's night to cheer yourself up? You go to a panto, Oh no you don't! Oh yes you do! That's right, I was one of the people who had a Friday night ticket. Not just the snow stopped the performance but the fact there was no electric was the final straw. Still the Players came up trumps and put on an extra show for us on the following Monday evening. Well done and thank you, the panto was worth the wait.

The villain was truly villainous. The bearded Dame was funny and loveable. Aladdin and his princess looked good and sounded good too. Wishee Washee kept us laughing with his jokes, as for the "laundry girls" nice dresses girls. The children were refreshing and looked to enjoy themselves (so many, how did you get them all on the stage!) All the cast were good with the two genies popping up at just the right time to save the day.

There is a lot of hard work that goes into a show on and off the stage, but from where I sat it was worth it. Thank you for cheering us all up and making us laugh. I look forward to your next production.

Yours sincerely
Lin Chatfield

Last month's article regarding the multitude of posters pinned or stapled to poles in the village prompts me to comment.

As one of the "Bill Stickers" in the village, principally as a member of "The Milborne Players", I have been active in

the past in displaying advertising posters. It is a means of communicating with the village that an activity is, or is about to, take place. What I have noticed is that once an event has passed, a good number of advertising notices have not been removed by the organisation that placed them there in the first place. I have removed many "out-of-date" posters whilst endeavouring to display my own. I have displayed ~ and cleared ~ posters in surrounding areas, as I would not want "The Milborne Players" to be accused of cluttering other villages with their advertising.

Sometimes, particularly during the middle of any year, a number of events will be taking place at a similar time. This will naturally lead to a plethora of local advertising and circumstances cannot really change that. If you want support for your hard efforts then how are you able to let it be known?

How many people bother, or are able, to look at the village website (www.milbornestandrew.org.uk) to see what's happening in MSA or "The Milborne Players" website (www.milborneplayers.org.uk)

If you intend to display your organisation's activities then you must take the responsibility of removing them after that event has taken place. In that way the amount of publicly displayed material can be reduced.

In writing, may I offer congratulations on a splendid first edition of the Reporter! Long may it continue.

Yours sincerely
Sid Coe

What did a fat cat ever do for us?

SO the fat cats are getting a bit of a roasting. Not that I think it will make much difference really, I mean if they can't manage to get by on their basic pay of several hundred thousand pounds then they really ought not be in charge of our money at all. The best person for the job is a housewife! They have to juggle the cash day in day out and know the real cost of things and usually do make ends meet!

I know we were all saying it couldn't continue but didn't we really just let it all happen? A good example of this is what happened in Blandford a few years ago. Along came the supermarkets, the big corporates who were going to give us everything and cheaply too! Well then the corporate take-overs came along driven by the greedy fat cats who wanted more and more and more and they decided to close Blandford's supermarket. In some respects we were lucky at the time that there was Mr Tesco newly moved in so it wasn't too bad, but what we were blind to was that they had killed off all the little guys who had been supplying us for decades. Now with no competition the wonderful cheap supermarkets gradually put their prices up and stopped selling the lines they didn't want to bother with, to improve profits for the fat cats (sorry I meant to say efficiency) One blatant example of this I doubt many of you will have noticed is Petrol. Remember we used to have a petrol station in every village. Now there's nothing between Dorchester and Blandford. Not a drop.

Fortunately there's one big shop we've all been into regularly that

has maybe been rescued from the incompetent fat cats who have destroyed not only our country but pretty much the whole world. Woolworths in Dorchester is now under control of it's local manageress and will become Wellworths. Hooray for local people!

At times like these everyone is in desperate need for every penny so now we the customers really do have the power to make the difference and make ourselves heard. So instead of going to the big shops and big corporates take your money to the local businesses such as the ones that advertise in these pages. OK they may be a few pennies more but think about it. If the big boys pull out of our rural towns and villages where do we go? 50 mile round trip to Bournemouth?

So support the local people and show the fat cats what we think of their greedy unjustifiable bonuses. It can really make a difference. Right I must trot off to the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank to put my money in the Portland to see if I can make a killing on some shares when it's turned into a bank. Whoops there I go again, greed, greed, greed. Maybe I should just stay put and sup a drink at the pub . . .

Grumpy B



Claire Robertson who is reopening her former Woolworths store as Wellworths. Photo: BNPS

Community Contacts

Councils

Environment Agency Floodline		0845 9881188
North Dorset District Council	Cllr Michael Cox	01258 881396
Parish Council – Dewlish	Clerk: Pat Gubbins	01258 881348
	Chair: Mike Claydon	01258 837314
Parish Council –	Clerk: Colin Fletcher	01258 450639
Milborne St. Andrew	Chair: Simon Curtis	01258 839000

General – Adult

Drop-in Centre – POPP	Rose and Ed Frost	01258 837921
IT Club (Connecting Dorset)	Sue Gould	01258 837575
Ladies Group – Dewlish	Judith Bridgen	01258 837157
Memory Lane Swing Band	Bob Boorman	01258 839077
Wednesday Social Club	Margaret Evans	01258 837767
Women's Institute	Heather Hogg	01258 837392

General – Youth

Beavers and Cubs	Sue Mullett	01258 839076
Hazelnuts out-of-school club	Hazel Barrett	01305 848588
Ladybirds (Playgroup)	Marion Bishop	01305 848427
Ranger Guides	Adrienne	07870 887049
Scouts	Jim Burg	01258 837466
Under 5's Group – The Busy Bees	Jane Williams	01258 839291
Youth Club age 8-13 yrs	Sallie Maitland-Gleed	01258 837442

Police

Police – Non-emergency contact		01202 222222
Community Beat Officer	PC Dave Mullins	01202 223003
		07825 521850
Community Beat Officer (Dorch)	PC Charlie Dale	01305 222222
Community Service Vehicle	CSO Angie Partridge	01202 226000

School

Milborne 1st School		
Headteacher:	Tom Leech	01258 837362
Chair Govs:	George Legg	
Friends of School chair:	Sally Taylor	

Special Interest

Bellringers	Pip Bowell	01258 837329
Food & Wine Society	Tony Dyer	01258 837061
Friendly Art Group	Sue Marsh	01258 837414
Horticultural Society	Shirley Dunkley	01258 837446
Milborne Players	Roy Sach	01258 837033
Round Robin Ramblers	Steve Lord	01258 839222

Sport

Abbey Swimming Club	Pat Cowan	01258 880601
Adult Tap Dancing	Libby Goodchild	01305 268029
Milton Abbas		
Archers – Crossways	Michelle Jones	01258 837045
Athletics – Junior	David Pearson	01258 837057
Badminton	David Payne	01258 837700

British Horse Society (Dorset)	Carol Shoopman	01258 880318
Circuit Training and Pilates	Claire Barratt	01929 554999
		07946 732769
Cricket – Dewlish	Elaine Kellaway	01258 837696
Cricket – Junior (11 – U13)	Derek Lamb	01258 880523
Cricket – Junior (age 8 and up)		
Cricket Club – Milton Abbas	Derek Lamb	01258 880523
Football – Adult	Grant Taylor	01258 837691
Football – Youngsters	Grant Taylor	01258 837691
Modern Sequence Dancing	Grace Davies	01258 837261
Running Group	Anne-Marie Pearson	01258 837057
Skittles – Dewlish	Frank Ross	01258 837366
Sports Club		
Chairman:	John Sanderson	01258 837049
Bookings:	Jenny Balcon	01258 837121
Table-tennis (over 50's)	Geoff Hodgson	01258 837472
Tap Dancing for Men and Women		01258 880523

Village Hall

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Sec:	Paul Prickett	01258 839097
Milborne St Andrew		
Chairman:	Richard Lock	01258 837929
Caretaker/Booking Sec:	Alison Riddle	01258 837030



Village Lunch

Saturday 28th March 12.30pm in the Village Hall

Menu

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Community Events Diary

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MARCH

Sunday 1st	Round Robin Ramblers Hardys Cottage and Thorncombe Wood 4 miles 2pm
Wednesday 4th	Wednesday Social Club Topic: Age Concern 2.30pm VH
Friday 6th	Moviola: Miss Pettigrew Lives for a Day 7.30pm (supper 6.30pm please book) VH
Thursday 12th	Women's Institute 'When the wind is in the East' Speaker: Mr Ching 7.00pm VH
Saturday 14th	Village Quiz 7.30pm VH
Monday 16th	Youth Club Committee AGM 7.45pm CR
Wednesday 18th	Round Robin Ramblers Newton Heath and Ower Heath 6 miles 11am
Thursday 19th	Horticultural Society How to grow plants in containers. 7.30pm DVD. VH
Friday 20th	Ranter's Folk Session Sports Centre 8pm
Thursday 26th	Friends of School Easter Fayre 3.00pm Milborne St. Andrew First School
Saturday 28th	Village Lunch March Lunch at the Village Hall 12.30pm. Food and Wine Murder Mystery & Supper Village Hall 7.30pm

APRIL

Wednesday 1st	Wednesday Social Club AGM 2.30pm VH
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THE MILBORNE PLAYERS W A N T E D

The Milborne Players are looking for a pianist/keyboard player for future productions which may include next years Panto, revues and club events. The task obviously involves committing time for rehearsals as well as show dates. Anyone interested please contact Caroline Nobbs (01202 621547) caroline.nobbs@ntlworld.com

Miss Pettigrew Lives for a Day or Every Woman Will Have Her Day (PG) Village Hall on Friday 6th Mar 2009

Reviewed by Alice Harrall

MISS Pettigrew Lives for a Day is the delightful and amusing fable of Guinevere Pettigrew (Frances McDormand) a dowdy middle-aged governess who is unfairly dismissed from her job. Set in 1939 London, *Miss Pettigrew* stars Frances McDormand as the film's titular character, Miss Guinevere Pettigrew, a recently unemployed middle-aged governess. The film follows her as she responds to an ad for work as a "social secretary" and is catapulted into the glamorous world of famous American actress and singer, Delysia Lafosse (Amy Adams). Over the next 24 hours, Guinevere and Delysia will empower each other to discover their romantic destinies.

Based on Winifred Watson's novel, David Magee and Simon Beaufoy's witty script overflows with scrumptious situations, smart lines and abundant heart with the focus on female characters prevailing against the odds, the sense of upheaval in gender identity caused by shifting attitudes after World War I.

In this sophisticated and heartfelt comedy *Miss Pettigrew Lives for a Day*, Academy Award winner Frances McDormand plays the film's title role opposite Academy Award nominee Amy Adams. The cast also includes Golden Globe Award nominee Lee Pace, plus Shirley Henderson, Mark Strong and screen newcomer Tom Payne.

Regular Bookings at the Village Hall

Players every Monday 8 – 10pm MH
Computer Club Monday 6.15 – 7.15pm CR (term time only)
Ladybirds Playgroup Monday – Fri 8.45am – 1pm MH (term time only)
Village Hall Committee meetings 2nd Monday of month
Scouts Beavers/Cubs Tuesday 5.45 – 7.15pm MH/CR (term time only)
ABC Line dancers every Tuesday 7.30 – 10pm MH
Karate every Thursday 5.10 – 6.40pm MH
WI every 2nd Thursday 7 – 10pm
POPP Drop-In every Friday 10am – 12noon CR
Wednesday Club 2nd Wednesday 2.30 – 4.30pm MH
Art Workshop every other Wednesday 7 – 9pm CR
Youth Club every other Friday 6.15 – 8.30pm MH (term time only)
Sequence Dancing 3rd Saturday 7.30 – 10.30pm MH
Milborne Praise! 3rd Sunday 3.30 – 5.30pm MH
Exercise and Relaxation Class Wednesday 1.15 – 2.45pm MH (term time only)
Horticultural Society 4th Thursday 7 – 10pm MH
Village Lunch Last Saturday of the month 11am – 2.30pm MH/CR
Moviola and supper about every 6 weeks, look out for the posters, 6.30 – 10.30pm MH/CR
Artsreach Events – look out for the posters.

Check Village Hall Notice Board for any other events that are one off for you to join in with.

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Councillors can be co-opted onto the Council and will remain Councillors until the next Parish Council Elections will be held in May 2011.

What do Councillors do?

Councillors take collective decisions which form the policy of the Council. The policy of the Council therefore reflects the views of the majority of the members.

In addition to attending regular meetings (every 6 weeks – plus a few interim informal meetings), many councillors deal with specific areas of council business.

The Council Clerk will advise Councillors on their work and will implement the decisions of the Council – and also checks that the Council acts within the law.

If you are interested in being a Councillor and would like to know more, please have a look at the website www.dorset-aptc.gov.uk or contact the Clerk (Colin Fletcher) on 01258 450639 and we will send you a copy of our 'What's it really like being a Councillor?' leaflet – or contact one of your existing Parish Councillors who will be happy to chat about what they do.

Colin Fletcher

Village Lunch Saturday 28th March 12.30pm in the Village Hall

Menu

Seafood Pie with seasonal vegetables
Chocolate Truffle Torte with cream

Tickets for the March Village Lunch will be on sale at the Friday Drop-In in the Village Hall Committee Room between 10am and 12 noon from 6th March.

Cost £5.00

WE are grateful for the continuing support of R & O Ball and Son (Butchers) in Puddletown as well as the generous donation by Milborne St. Andrew residents of venison and also for the home-grown vegetables for February's lunch.

The Village Lunch is held on the last Saturday of each month in the village hall. All members of the village community are invited to attend; we are not a 'club'. New arrivals to the village are especially welcome. A two course lunch with tea or coffee afterwards is provided for around 36 people and the cost is currently £5.

The key to the success of the Village Lunch is the number of people wanting to get involved. Many people generously contribute home-grown produce, others a raffle prize, others bring a bottle of wine to share. Some volunteers serve the food and help wash up. Still others set out and tidy away the tables. All in all this is a great community effort.

We occasionally make a little profit over and above the actual costs. So far this money has been distributed to these community groups within our village – Mosaic, Wednesday Club, Drop-In, Youth Club, Ladybirds. Suggestions as to which village organisations might benefit in the future are welcomed. Also suggestions for future menus or ways we can improve the Village Lunch.

We have received a grant from Signpost Housing and this has allowed us to buy our own table linen and some crockery.

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Penn's Weare along the old railway line, by Bob Ford
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EVERY Wednesday morning at ten o'clock I lead a walk from the Heights Hotel on Portland. Sometimes we drive off to a favourite location on the island but often we will just walk from the hotel to explore the cliffs and quarries nearby. Here is one of our favourite walks along the old railway line under the cliffs on the east side of the island.

Distance: about 3 km (2 miles)
Duration: 90 minutes
Park: museum car park, OS ref SY695712

From the car park cross the road and walk left towards the museum. Turn right into Church Ope Road. The old wall on your right is one of the few spots on the island where Pennywort grows. Carry on down the lane until you come to the viewpoint. Sit down and enjoy the view! On your right are Portland's two oldest buildings, Rufus Castle and St Andrew's Church. The castle is in a dangerous condition and not accessible but if you descend the steps and bear right you can explore the ruins of Portland's original church, abandoned for over two hundred years. Allow an extra half an hour if you choose to take this detour.

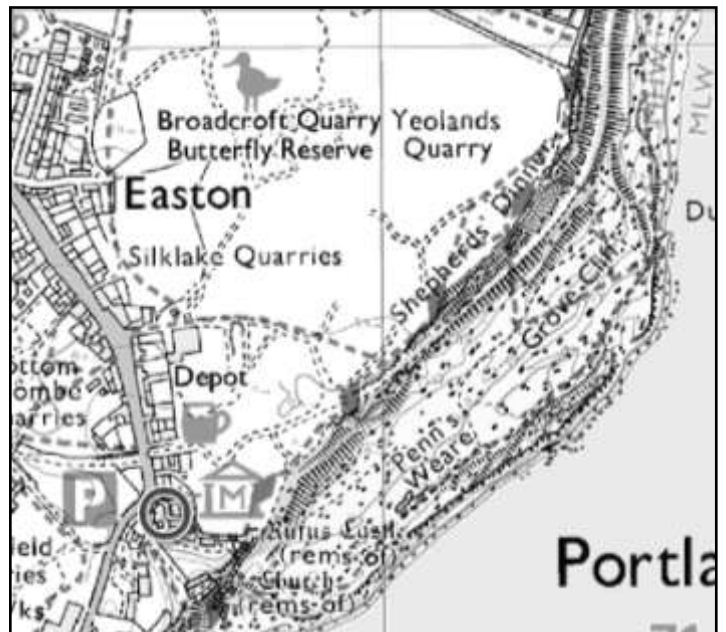
Take the narrow path leaves the viewing area at the far left and climbs up to the level of the old Weymouth to Portland railway. Turn right when you reach the wide level path that marks its track. The line takes you under some dramatic cliffs and through a cutting that took advantage of a natural landslip. Several species of rare ferns can be seen growing on the cliffs here.

The path continues northwards, slowly bending to the left. Soon

the cliffs become more gentle, the result of ancient quarrying. The grassy slopes here are particularly good for blue butterflies in June and July.

As the cliffs start to rise again look out for Fulmars nesting on the ledges. These odd birds spend most of their time well out to sea, only resting on dry land when they arrive at their breeding ledges in early spring. The cliffs here are also home to Peregrines and Ravens, two species which died out in the early 1970's to return at the end of the 1980's.

If you have time you can carry on along this path passed the old firing range and right up to the security fence around Portland Port, but unfortunately no further. A flock of British Primitive Goats have been introduced to this area to control the growth of the scrub. Just before the firing range is a steep path that climbs up to the cliff top near the Young Offenders Institution but the quickest way back is to retrace your steps. Allow about half an hour to return to the car park.



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WORDSEARCH

Can you find some of the dog breeds you might see walking around the village in this word search?

Clue: There are 15 different breeds.

GOOD LUCK AND PLEASE REMEMBER IF YOU ARE WALKING A DOG DON'T FORGET YOUR POOP SCOOP!

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If you're a bit stuck go to page 27 for some help.

By Freya Pugh

Frost, Rain, Snow

January/February 2009 Weather in Milborne St. Andrew

THE first 10 days of January was dominated by dry and cold conditions with the air temperature falling to -8 on the 9th. Temperatures at ground level would have been 2 to 3 degrees lower than this especially in the lower parts of the village. There were light snow showers on 3rd and 7th. From 11th the weather turned more unsettled with rain recorded on the next 20 days giving a total rainfall of 132.5mm which was 122% of the January average. It was the coldest January in the village since 1997.



February is proving to be an interesting month so far with snowfall recorded on the first 6 days of the month with accumulations of 50mm on both the 2nd and 6th. This was the most snow seen in the village since February 1996 when there was a fall of 150mm on the 5th of that month with electricity failures lasting for two days in some areas around Dorchester.

The return of cold winter weather reminds me of a verse from a poem written in 1912 by Thomas Hardy.

*Iced airs wheeze through the skeletoned hedge from the north,
With steady snores, and a numbing that threatens snow.
And skaters pass; and merry boys go forth
To look for slides. But well, well do I know
Wither I would go.*

Pluvius

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What this village needs is . . .

From the Parish Council Meeting

A representative from the District Council paid a visit to the village this month, and accompanied by one of our Parish Councillors, he visited the Sports Ground. His remit was to discuss extra recreation equipment, but on his visit to the Sports Ground, he very quickly dismissed it as inappropriate, citing the problem of injury, and advising that insurance for public liability would be difficult to obtain. However, when visiting the village hall recreation field, he did advise that it was a more appropriate site for extra equipment. No mention was made of what type of equipment was envisaged.

The hope of more teenage based sports facilities was also voiced by a member of the public, who was ably supported by a strong contingent of local teenagers who bravely attended the Parish Council Meeting this month. The public and council members were told that a petition has been signed by a number of village residents, many of them teenagers, who then met to put their views forward. This group acknowledged that the seemingly ideal sites on the edge of the village each had problems, mainly of supervision and insurance, and are keen to use the Village Hall recreation field.

The Chair of the Parish Council advised them to apply to the holders of the Recreation Field, the Village Hall Committee. On the observation that previous equipment had been damaged, one of the teenagers commented that the facilities at Milton Abbas were of better quality, and had not been damaged. The point was made that most of the village youth did not break or vandalise equipment, but just wished for facilities for sport in the village.

Sue Gould



Horticultural Society Report for March

MEMBERS of the Horticultural Society enjoyed a large number of slides taken in the relatively small garden on Portland of Peter and Jill Pitman who hold a national collection of penstemons and collections of agapanthus, hellebore and Nerine bowdenii. We are considering a trip to Portland in the summer, and they are also open at times under the National Gardens Scheme.

We are compiling a list of garden equipment that members are happy to make available to members for a small fee – a good way to have the use of expensive equipment without all of the cost. Come and visit us – you might even want to join us! New members are always welcome to join us. Just drop in to one of our meetings (normally the 4th Thursday of each month) and the first one will be free.

Our March meeting will be on 19th March (a week earlier than usual) when we will show a Royal Horticultural Society DVD on growing plants in containers, and have further news of plans for the Village Show in September.

John Wright

Crime in Milborne St. Andrew in January

6th January	Theft of fencing	Blandford Hill
13th January	Burglary	Business Centre
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	Theft - Number Plates	
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Snow brings panto to a halt . . .

. . . **Oh no it didn't!**

THIS year's pantomime, *Aladdin*, by the Milborne Players, written by Dorset authors, Richard Grafton and John Cummings was a show not to be missed. Due to the heavy snow and an electricity cut in the village hall, Friday night's performance was postponed until the following Monday and this was the performance that I had the pleasure to see.

The show started with 17 children singing "Who Will Buy". The entertainment continued with poor old Widow Twankey's (Peter Casemore) new washing machine continually breaking down. Her two laundry maids, Daz and Ariel (Jo South and Sally Fotter) were not a lot of help and always seemed to have other things on their minds.

The Emperor of China (Bill Preston) is harassing Widow Twankey to pay her rent, while his daughter, The Princess Baldroubador (Alice Brock) is being pursued by Aladdin (Emma Whiting). His brother Wishee Washee (Gren Elphinstone-Davis) played his part with proficiency. I am sure he could manage a bigger part in the future. The villain "Uncle" Abanazar (Roy Sach) relished being booed and hissed at, and was, in my mind, one of the stars.

With plenty of well-known songs and lots of audience participation, Jon Riddle should be very pleased with his first panto as director. The children should be very proud of their performances and their singing, especially Abba's 'Money, Money, Money' which, I am sure, was one of their favourites.

The whole cast played their parts brilliantly and must have been rehearsing their lines for weeks. Thanks to everyone involved in this panto, not just the ones we saw, but the backstage crew and front of house team as well, for making an enjoyable evening's entertainment.

David Payne



Memorable moments in the Player's Production of *Aladdin*

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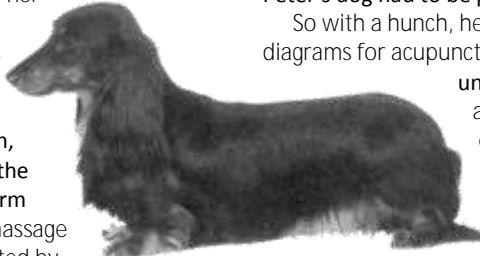
It's a dog's life . . .

I was greeted at the door by a miniature long-haired Dachshund, who was most indignant that I was setting foot in her house, giving a few warning barks as she toddled up and down the hall. A familiar scene to many dog owners perhaps. But not so long ago this little Dachsie was paralysed, unable to walk and seemingly a lost cause to veterinary medicine.

However, there was another way. Through a combination of massage, acupressure and a great deal of perseverance, Sally is well on the way to recovery and a more normal life. And it's down to Milborne man, Peter Dow, that she's now a much healthier dog. It was his reputation for having success with paralysis cases where conventional veterinary surgery is inadvisable that Sally found her way to him.

Because of their long spine, the Dachshund is more prone to back-related problems than other breeds and, as Peter says, "Nine times out of ten if you have a Dach's spine operated on, it doesn't work properly – it's far better to do it the way we do it". And that way involves a longer term view, with the patient undergoing daily gentle massage and stretching sessions. The massage is augmented by magnet therapy. Peter demonstrates on Sally his 'magnassage wand' - a device that looks much like a miniature Star Wars light sabre and inside has "magnets that rotate at a hell of a speed". This wand has a dual purpose. It gives gentle vibrations to the dog's body, which helps to relax the animal. Secondly, the magnet energy helps to draw the blood supply to the relevant part of the body and so aiding the next stage of stretching and acupressure, which works on the same principles of acupuncture, but relies only on pressure given by the practitioner's fingers and thumbs.

Peter has a wealth of knowledge and experience of this practice that is mostly self-taught. He was introduced to acupuncture when, as a



young man, he had a frozen shoulder that apparently couldn't be eased. But a sports' specialist who undertook acupuncture suggested it as a treatment – then a rarity in this country – and lo, within ten days, his shoulder was cured. Peter was amazed. And it got him thinking.

He had already developed a love of Dachshunds (which went back to an encounter at a German PoW camp, but that really is another story!) and his mind went back to a young dog he'd lost in 1953. The dog that died, he says, was one of "the first litter to be born in the country after the war. He was a little beauty, took best in show when he was still a puppy". Sadly though, he contracted Reubas disease (before vaccinations existed), which affects the kidneys. The young dog subsequently became paralysed. A vet prescribed steroids, but tragically far too much was administered – three times as much and Peter's dog had to be put down.

So with a hunch, he tracked down the relevant skeletal and muscular diagrams for acupuncture – which happened to be in a New York university. This "enormous great book" was sent to a library in the UK for six weeks where Peter spent every evening tracing each diagram. These became invaluable to him (and indeed, possibly to the vets that he's passed copies onto) and through practice, he gradually found which points to use for which particular problem.

Since then he has helped countless dogs, mainly, but not exclusively Dachshunds and has worked in conjunction with vets. Acupressure will work on most animals, he says, and in fact using your fingers or thumbs gives better results than using needles. These techniques can take time to show results though – up to six weeks. Sally, the mini-dachs now lying quietly in her bed to my side, only started to show improvement after four weeks, but Peter continued with a daily routine of massage and acupressure. Confident of the benefits of his methods, he says, "You don't give up. Let's face it, dogs are like you and I, no human beings are exactly the same; neither are dogs".

Ed Richards

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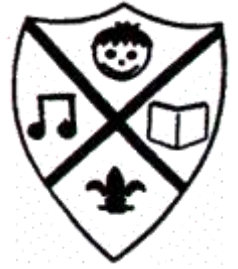
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SCHOOL NEWS

The Governors are delighted to announce that they have appointed Mrs Anne Purdy, currently a deputy headteacher at a primary school in Norfolk, as the next headteacher of Milborne School. She will take up the position on September 1st and parents will have an opportunity to meet her in the summer term. The governors wish to thank staff, parents, pupils and members of the community who gave generously of their time and contributed to the selection process.

The heavy snowfall necessitated a school closure one day in February and many children enjoyed the opportunity for some sledging experience – not normally on the Dorset curriculum. Later that same week we, like so many others, were caught unawares by the sudden deluge of snow that caused chaos on our roads. Closing a school mid day without notice will always create problems, especially for a rural school, but everyone got home safely after the community pulled together. Thank you to all those who helped return stranded children and parents home and to those who offered further assistance where they could, even shovelling snow to clear a safe path for those on foot. We now look forward to a period of more settled weather.



Fun in the snow at break time

A highlight in the next half term will be “World Fortnight” which is supported by Friends of the School and begins on March 9th at 9am with a music assembly with lively African drumming led by Noah. The fortnight also includes several other visits and activities for the children to enjoy and further their awareness of the global community. During this time we will also recognise the UNICEF “Day for Change” and Red Nose day. The school council will be discussing ways of raising funds for these days and we look forward to reporting back on their achievements in the next issue

Harvest festival last year it was a pleasure to welcome people from different areas of the local community to join in our celebrations. On the last day of the Spring term, Thursday 2nd April, we would like to invite you again to join with us at a celebration assembly at 9am followed by the traditional egg rolling on the school field. When this event is completed Friends of the School will provide refreshments in the hall for all to enjoy. Please come and join us and take the opportunity to see this successful school at first hand.

During the summer term the school and other community groups will be involved in a project to create new art for the school hall walls.



EASTER FAYRE

Please come and join the Friends of School at the Easter Fayre

Thursday 26th March 2009 from 3.00pm.



CONTACTS

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Milborne St. Andrew Point to Point



Top left – Snow on the course caused the event to be postponed

Top right – Over the jump

Bottom Left – Bottoms up!

Bottom right – Heading for the finish



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Q & A from Queen Thorne Landscapes

How do I prepare and lay a garden path?

Planning is the first stage, what the path is to be used for, how wide would it need to be etc. Use a garden hose to create the line of the path, although you will use a path to get from one point to another a path can become a dominating feature of a small garden so think carefully how it could divide up the garden.

To create a good path it is all in the unseen preparation. Dig out enough material to be able to put down a sub-base which will take the traffic above. By placing a geo-textile membrane under the path will prevent the path sinking into the soil. Use a good edging, tanilised timber is a good soft solution held into place with pegs. Use the edging to define the finished height, if next to a lawn ensure the path is at the same height to prevent the mower snagging. Use a scalplings to a depth of at least 75mm to create the sub-base and compact with a tamper or compaction plate. Dress with a further 25mm of 20mm to dust of crushed limestone, this will hold the dress gravel and prevent the scalps purple stone coming through with time. Dress the limestone with the choosen dressing aggregate, 20mm Cotswold is a popular chose at present. Compact the finished path to create a path which will not be like a beech to walk on and last a good many years.

What is the best turf to use in order to give a hard wearing surface for children and pets?

The question should be how can I keep my lawn looking good if I have kid and dogs!!!!

The turf should be purchased from a good local source, it will be fresher, also use a Turf grass growers association (TGA) members turf as it will be purpose grown and fit for purpose, most turf now contains dwarf perennial ryegrass which is good hard wearing grass, used on sports pitches everywhere.

Although the grass type will influence the wear, how you look after the turf will have far more impact to it wear quality. If you mow the lawn and remove the cuttings, you will be depleating the soil of nutrients, for the grass to grow you will need to replace these, by using a good balanced slow release fertilize, read the instructions on the packet and fertilize your lawn as often as it says. I recommend a lawn to be fed at least four times a year.

Cut height will influence also, do not cut the lawn to tight about 30mm is ideal little and often. The more leaf the more the grass will grow and able to recover.

Be prepared to renovate the lawn at least every autumn, scarify, aerate, top-dress fertilize and over seed to let the grass recover ready for the next years wear and tear.

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Forthcoming Fixtures

Saturday 7th March	Milborne Sports	v	Okeford
Saturday 14th March	Milborne Sports	v	Granby Rovers
Saturday 28th March	Milborne Sports	v	Stourpaine
All kick-off at 2.15pm			

Despite the weather conspiring to cancel most of the matches this month, Milborne Sports are having a very successful season. We are currently 2nd in the league and these forthcoming fixtures are very important games if we are to maintain momentum for promotion for the 2nd consecutive season. Please come and support your local team.

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MILBORNE ST. ANDREW YOUTH CLUB COMMITTEE Annual General Meeting

Monday 16th March 2009 at 7.45pm
MSA Village Hall Committee Room
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MILBORNE ST ANDREW YOUTH CLUB EASTER PRIZE BINGO

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A Magical Monday in the Snow

On Monday 2nd February we opened our doors for our children although many were unable to make it because of the snow. The children made books of their favourite things and the older ones took photographs of each other and printed them out all by themselves.

Later, we wrapped up warm and went out for a walk in the snow. We saw fantastic tractor tracks, the pond was frozen and the sun was shining, it was quite magical. It was lovely to share such an experience with the children, very often in these situations everything is closed and everyone stays at home. It was very special to have a snowy day at Rainbow and in such beautiful surroundings too!

St Valentine's Day

And what fun we had at Rainbow thinking about Valentine's Day! The children made special Valentine cards and sent them home to their families, we also made heart shaped biscuits to sell in our 'Rainbow Shop' to raise money to buy new equipment, and we even used our creations to sing a special song '5 bags of biscuits in the Rainbow shop!' It was a lovely way to involve the children in fundraising for Rainbow. Thank you to all the parents and siblings who donated cakes and biscuits too, and of course thank you to everyone for buying them!

Rising 5's

Now, after another successful *Go Bananas!* half-term holiday club, we look forward to an Easter Egg hunt at the end of term, and then in the summer term we start a session for 'Rising 5's'. This will be on Friday afternoons from 12.45-3.15pm with Verina and Lindsey and is aimed at children who will be going to school in September. There will be PE and other activities and games to help prepare children for life at school.

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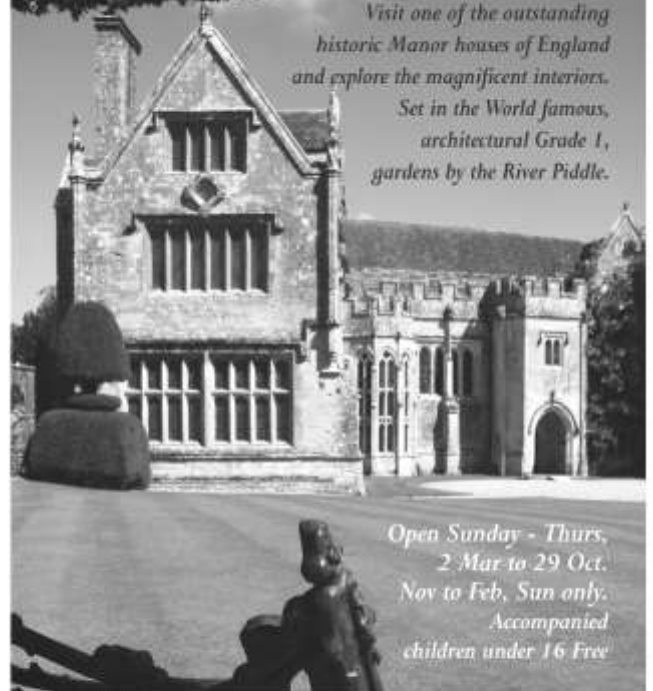
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The Hambro Arms

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Forthcoming Events

Gourmet Evening – Saturday 14th March

The Gourmet season begins once again. With our new head chef and his team now in place, this promises to be a very special evening indeed. Why not get a group of friends together. There will be five mouth-watering courses, with fine wines to accompany each course. All five courses with fine wines only £39.95.

Reservations are essential.

Mothers Day – Sunday 22nd March

Don't forget Mum. We are offering a special four course lunch for only £21.95. This event is always a sell-out so book early to avoid disappointment.

Charity Quiz Nights - Sunday 8th and 29th March.

As usual, our charity quiz nights will be hosted by Graham Senior. All entry fees (£2 per person) will be donated to the beneficiaries. This month we have two quiz nights. The first is to raise money for 16 year-old Emily Roberts from Milton Abbas, who has been selected for a scientific expedition to the Himalayas. She needs to raise £4000 for the trip. The second Quiz is for St James Church. Please come and support these two worthwhile causes.

Gourmet Evening Saturday 14th March at 8pm

Starter

Pan fried pigeon breast with pancetta and blueberries topped with toasted pine nuts
With a glass of Tierra Brisa Malbec/Bonarda (Argentina)

Fish Course

Local fresh lobster and crab tian with a citrus cream and rocket leaves
With a glass of Fairleigh Estate Sauvignon Blanc (New Zealand)

Intermediate Course

Malibu, paw paw and mango shot

Main Course

Slow roasted haunch of venison stuffed with a chorizo and fruits of the forest served with gratin potatoes and seasonal vegetables
With a glass of Cabernet Sauvignon Les Fontanelles (France)

A fish alternative is available if requested in advance

Dessert

Assiette of:

Baked figs, chocolate brownie, passion fruit cheesecake and a brandy basket with Barford Farm Bailey's ice cream
With a glass of Concha y Toro Sauvignon Blanc (Chile)

Coffee and mints

All five courses with wines only £39.95

Gentlemen are requested to wear jacket and ties (black tie optional)

Mothers Day Menu Sunday 22nd March

Starters

Smoked salmon and crab tian, topped with crème fraîche and a citrus oil
Chef's pate with a redcurrant and orange port sauce served with toasted brioche slices
Chef's butternut squash soup served with a warm bread roll (v)

Intermediate Course

Barford Farm rhubarb and ginger sorbet

Main Courses

Roast sirloin of beef or loin of pork both served with Yorkshire pudding, roast potatoes, seasonal vegetables and gravy
Fresh swordfish with an avocado and cherry tomato salsa served with crushed new potatoes
Wild mushroom and butternut squash risotto with parmesan shavings and rocket leaves (v)

Our Homemade Desserts

Chocolate brownie served with vanilla ice cream
Apple crumble with custard
Apricot bread & butter pudding with cream

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