



# Reporter

News and Views from around the area

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Milborne St. Andrew



*Water hazards en-route for the younger walkers taking part in the "Vicar on the Piddle (2)" sponsored walk*

Seventeen people and one dog set out from St. Andrew's Church to walk the 12 miles to Charminster to raise start-up funds for the installation of toilets and a servery at St. Andrews. Rev'd Benny Hazelhurst successfully navigated the route via Dewlish and Piddletrenthide to Charminster Church where the hungry hikers were met by a picnic prepared by friends and supporters. Several tens of thousands of pounds are likely to be needed for this project and the funds raised on the walk will be used to get proposals drawn up for planning and costing.

## Parish Council to employ dog warden

Milborne St. Andrew Parish Council has decided to employ a dog warden in another attempt to deal with the village's continuing problems of dog fouling. Dog wardens have the power to levy on the spot fines to any dog owner who allows their dog to foul without removing the faeces. Councillor Regan said "Regrettably, there remain some who persistently choose to allow their dog to foul whenever or wherever they wish, without respect for the village, the villagers, or their neighbours' homes. It has become a serious hazard to walk the unlit roads of Milborne St. Andrew after dark."

*Full story on page 2*

# Don't Mess With Milborne

WE are extraordinarily lucky in this village to enjoy excellent walking spaces, both for the enjoyment of us humans and our dogs. Most of us take great care to ensure that our pets do not cause inconvenience or annoyance to others, and to clear up any mess that they make on footpaths, carriageways or outside properties, in particular.

Regrettably, there remain some who persistently choose to allow their dog to foul whenever or wherever they wish, without respect for the village, the villagers, or their neighbours' homes.

As a result, the Parish Council has taken the decision, at public expense and with the support of the village, to employ a warden to patrol the village. They have the power to levy on the spot fines to any dog owner who allows their dog to foul without removing the faeces, and placing it in one of our many, frequently-emptied purpose built mess bins.

Please be aware that: The Dogs (Fouling of Land) Act 1996, states that it is an offence to fail to clear up the mess made by a dog which is in your charge on any designated land in our District. The maximum penalty for this offence is a fine of £1,000.

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- \* Being unaware of the fouling;
- \* Not having any suitable equipment to remove the mess; or
- \* Not being with the dog at the time.

Marion Regan

## Lambs, birds and dogs

AS we are all well aware, spring is the time to see new lambs and for birds to be nesting so may I respectfully remind all dog walkers of these facts, and ask you to be very vigilant whilst exercising your pets. The Countryside Code states that dogs should be kept under close control to prevent them scaring farm animals and wildlife.

Not all birds nest in trees and hedges, many use ground cover, including fast-disappearing species such as skylarks\* and partridge. Therefore please endeavour to keep dogs on recognised footpaths and not allow them to run across open fields – not only to protect the nests, but also newly planted crops that are just emerging.

Remember that dogs that worry sheep, and cause loss of life, can be legally shot by the farmer as long as he can justify his actions.

Thank you for your anticipated co-operation. June Maitland

\* *The RSPB (State of the UK's Birds 2000 and 2001) states that "The fate of the skylark is intimately bound up with the management of lowland agriculture particularly the use of agrochemicals to control pests."* Ed.



## Winner of the Grand Easter Quiz

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# Village Hall Report

AT the AGM on April 6th Eric Creighton, the President of the Village Hall Committee, congratulated all members on the positive achievements of the last year and commended the leadership of Richard Lock as Chairman.

Richard, in his report, thanked his officers, Elizabeth Humphreys (Treasurer), Margaret Evans (Secretary), and mentioned the huge debt of everyone to Alison Riddle who not only manages the bookings but is also a most competent and hard-working caretaker.

Special tribute was paid to Michael Mullett who is retiring from the committee after many years of service.

Mike's connection with the hall goes back through his father and grandfather, a founder member. His local knowledge and wisdom will be much missed.

Richard Lock was elected chair for another year and Brian Parkinson becomes vice-chair. Other officers are unchanged.

The focus for next year is the management of the big "Peoples' Millions" grant to improve the building and grounds. The Fitpoint is already in use but we urge everyone to read the instructions for safe use which are attached. We are applying for another grant from North Dorset (our recent success has obviously gone to our heads) to be spent especially on equipment suitable for teenagers.

The Village Hall hosts two Dorset Moviola films in the near future: on May 22nd "Easy Virtue" - based on Noel Coward's original play and on June 19th "A Bunch of Amateurs" about an American star actor who is lured to England to play King Lear only to find it's with 'a bunch of amateurs'.

*Shirley Dunkley*

## Wednesday Social Club

OUR meeting on Wednesday 1st of April was our AGM. The committee were all re-elected. Following Pauline Baxter's resignation, Dave Andrews kindly volunteered to take her place and was duly elected.

After the AGM Margaret Hannibal from the charity "Mosaic" gave us a presentation and slide show on the valuable work that they do, counselling and supporting bereaved children and their families throughout Dorset.

We are very pleased to see more people coming to our club and becoming members. We hope to see our membership increase this year.

Saturday May 9th we have our fashion show. Tickets are available from Margaret Evans 837767. Please support this village event. From the proceeds we shall be making a donation to Mosaic.

Wednesday June 3rd is a coach outing to Milestones, Basingstoke. Tickets available from Margaret Evans at £8.50 to include coach and entry to the museum.

*Eve Richardson*

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When Jesus Christ rose from the dead on the first Easter Sunday the world changed forever! The new life that rushed through his veins opened a door for us all to the greatest prize of all – eternal life!

*Indeed Jesus himself said, "I have come that you may have life and have it to the full!" and the events of Easter Day proved once and for all that he meant it! So why is the Christian Church so often seen as anything but lively?*

If you ask the average person on the street what is the first thing that comes to mind when hearing the word "Church", I would be very surprised if many people said "Full of Life!" The answers we are more likely to get, especially among young people, are things like – boring, old fashioned, out of touch, irrelevant.

*And that's because, all too often, that's just what we are.*

But thank God that there are Christians and Churches, who are anything but boring and old fashioned. On Spring Bank Holiday weekend this year, there is an event which is designed to prove just that. It is called "**The Big Church Day Out**" and has been organised to celebrate contemporary Christianity in all its fullness!

*There will be 1,000's of people there, loud music for those who want it, as well as quieter performances in 'The Tea Room' for those who don't! Inspirational speakers, rock, gospel, rap and RnB. There will also be activities for children and families, all in a beautiful location in the West Sussex countryside. The one thing it won't be is boring!*

Because we want to celebrate life in all its fullness, we have booked 50 tickets for this event and are offering them complete with transport there and back at an amazing knock down price – **£10 for adults and £5 for children (and under 5's go free)**. There will be 3 minibuses going from the Benefice with a choice of return times from tea-time to midnight!

So why not come along, see another side of Christian faith, and experience the life of Jesus in all its fullness? It might just change the way you view Church forever!

For your ticket phone Barry on 01258 839190,  
Or email: [puddletownadmin@fsmail.net](mailto:puddletownadmin@fsmail.net)  
For more information see [www.bigChurchdayout.co.uk](http://www.bigChurchdayout.co.uk)

See you on the 24th May!

3rd MAY – Easter 4		
9.30am	Family Service	Tolpuddle
9.30	Family Communion	Milborne
11.00	Holy Communion	Puddletown
11.00	1662 Morning Prayer	Dewlish
THURSDAY 7th MAY		
12.00	Lunch-time Communion	Milborne

10th MAY – Easter 5		
8.15am	1662 Said Communion	Puddletown
9.30	1662 Morning Prayer	Tolpuddle
9.30	Parish Communion	Milborne
11.00	Family Communion	Dewlish
6.00pm	Songs of Praise!	Puddletown
THURSDAY 14th MAY		
12.00	Lunch-time Communion	Puddletown

17th MAY – Easter 6		
9.30am	Family Communion	Tolpuddle
9.30	1662 Said Communion	Milborne
11.00	1662 Morning Prayer	Puddletown
11.00	Holy Communion	Dewlish
4.00pm	Milborne Praise!	Milborne
		Village Hall

THURSDAY 21st MAY – Ascension Day		
12.00	Lunch-time Communion	Dewlish

24th MAY – Easter 7		
9.30am	1662 Parish Communion	Milborne
10.00	The Big Church Day Out	West Sussex
THURSDAY 28th MAY		
12.00	Lunch-time Communion	Tolpuddle

31st MAY – Pentecost Sunday		
11am	Benefice Service and Flower Festival	Tolpuddle

### Church Cleaning – w/e Saturday

2nd May	John and Anne Miller
9th May	Victoria Bone and Lin Chatfield
16th May	Ed and Rose Frost
23rd May	Sue Lee and Val Hodges
30th May	Mary Bennett and Pat Tribe

## MILBORNE ST. ANDREW CHURCH NOTES

A meaningful and moving experience

ST. ANDREW'S was open for prayer and meditation from noon until 3pm on Good Friday. There were 18 wonderful posters displayed in the Church depicting Christ's suffering, from the breaking of the bread at the Last Supper to the laying of His body in the tomb. To accompany these, Sarah Godfrey had prepared a leaflet with prayers and meditations for each poster. Sacred music was playing in the background. Anyone could spend as long or as short a time as they wished contemplating the words and pictures. It was a meaningful and moving experience.

Meanwhile, at 2.30pm, 25 youngsters and a good many parents assembled in the Village Hall to enjoy themselves and learn about the message of Holy Week and Easter. They decorated crosses and Easter biscuits, made hot cross buns and chocolate nests. While the buns were cooking, they all walked up to the Church where they followed the Easter trail thinking about Christ's sacrifice for us and His glorious rising. This involved a variety of writing and drawing

activities and ended with prayer. Then everyone returned to the hall and enjoyed tea – including the hot cross buns.

Sponsored walk – and jump!

Seventeen walkers and a dog joined the Vicar at the Church to walk the 12 miles to Charminster. They met with some muddy areas and at one stage had to jump the River Piddle – or was it just a tributary brook? It hardly matters when you are roaming through the beautiful Dorset countryside! At halfway a refreshment break was taken at St Mary's Church, Piddlehinton, where the ladies were transforming their Church for their Easter celebration. Unfortunately, they could not offer us toilet facilities, and that gave us the opportunity to tell them what our walk was all about. If you remember, in last month's Reporter Benny explained we are raising money to put in toilet and kitchen facilities at St Andrew's and to improve access for disabled people. Onward we tramped to Charminster, arriving about one hour later than scheduled. The



Rev. Janet Smith welcomed us and we were able to see what excellent facilities they had installed within their Church. By this time the walkers were more than ready for their lunch and cuppa. Everyone had so enjoyed themselves! There are some photographs in Church and on the Church website. Do take the opportunity to have a look at what is happening in your community.

**A service to remember**

Easter Day was celebrated with Parish Communion at 9.30am. The Church had been artistically decorated with beautiful floral arrangements for the occasion. The service was conducted by the Ven. Patrick Evans. We were joined by the Weatherbury Singers who performed two anthems while the congregation took Communion. We were doubly fortunate that the Weatherbury Singers had brought their own organist. There were 60 people in Church, 40 of whom took Communion. A service to remember!

Does anyone have a large bookcase surplus to requirements that **St Andrew's could use? We need one approximately 4ft long, up to 4ft high, and with shelves at least 10ins deep to take large books.** If anyone can help, please contact either Eva (Tel: 837468) or Pat (837684).

**A "Bright and Beautiful" June**

Last year when we staged Open Gardens, Puddletown Church held a flower festival, and we advertised each other's events. This year Puddletown are putting on an Open Gardens show and, at a Church-wardens' meeting, it was suggested that Milborne St. Andrew might like to hold a flower festival at the same time. The weekend of 20th - 21st June was decided as the due date; this would mean arranging the flowers on Friday, 19th June. All the members of the Church flower-arranging team are willing to take part. Is there anyone else who would like to be involved? You don't have to be a first-class flower arranger - none of us is that! A provisional theme is "All Things Bright and Beautiful", and we shall need at least one, and probably two, planning meetings (dates to be arranged). If anyone is interested in taking part, please contact Pat Tribe on 837684.

*Eva Stockley and Pat Tribe*

**DEWLISH CHURCH NOTES**

THANK YOU so much to all who supported and donated to our Easter Fayre, and well done to those who made the lovely Easter bonnets! We raised £327.35 for Church funds - a wonderful result.

The Lent Lunches were well attended and great social occasions. Many thanks to all the hosts, especially for making such delicious soup. Our Agape Supper was also well attended and we are grateful to Norman for once again leading our worship. The donations from that and the Lent Lunches totalled £275, which has been given to the Grace Secondary School Project appeal in the Sudan.

The Church looked splendid for Easter and we thank all those who created such wonderful floral displays. All the services were well attended; it was a joy to see so many people celebrating Our Lord's resurrection.

Please note that we shall once again hold our Ascension Day service (21st May) at 6.30am at the top of Greenways, by the television mast.

*Daphne Burg*

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## WEDNESDAY SOCIAL CLUB FUN FASHION SHOW Saturday, 9th May 7pm in the Village Hall

THE idea for a fashion show came about not only as a fundraiser for club funds but also as a way for the club to engage with the whole community.

We approached M&Co in Blandford and both Chris and Nicky (the Management Team) were delighted to be involved and to work in partnership with the Wednesday Social club. In addition, they will be providing the fashions and some of the models.

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The Milborne St. Andrew Wednesday Social Club is a society for the over 50's. During our club year, the members like to have about four coach outings. These are subsidised from club funds. Several of our members no longer drive and even for those that do, it gives an excellent opportunity to view the wonderful countryside on the way to our 'mystery' destination. The club also subsidises the Christmas Lunch. By holding the fashion show it will assist in our expenditure for these outings. The Committee also felt that, as part of our wish to engage with the community, it would be a good idea to donate a sum of money to the Dorset, family based charity, Mosaic. This charity is based here in the village.

To those of you who have already bought tickets and to the models who have kindly volunteered to 'walk the walk', we say thank you for your support and to others yet to buy, they can be obtained from the following: Wednesday Social Club, Friday Drop-In at the village hall, Village Lunch, M&Co Blandford, Gray's Stores. Tickets are £3.50 this includes a glass of wine. Soft drinks will also be available. The surrender value of the ticket is a 10% voucher from M&Co.

For further details, please contact Margaret 837767 or Hillary

Milborne Garden Club (Horticultural Society)  
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which will be on sale at very reasonable prices.

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## WI News from Milborne St Andrew

April 2009 – Annual meeting

OUR President, Heather Hogg, welcomed 21 members to our Annual meeting. Members were thanked for all they had done throughout the year, with special thanks going to Pat Shipton for her work as Treasurer and June Maitland as retiring Secretary.

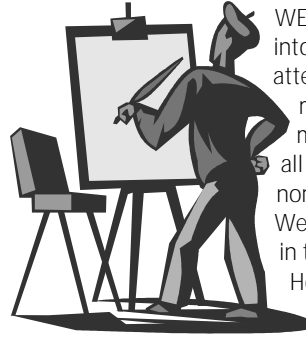
A ballot was held for new committee members – Sheila Bird, Shirley Dunkley (*Secretary*), Veronica Herridge, Heather Hogg (*President*), Ann Mephram (*Vice President*), Jenny Preston, Josie Wright (*Treasurer*) and Linda Wright (*Asst Secretary*).

Mrs Joyce Fannon was introduced and talked about Sir Thomas Fowell Buxton – Abolisher of Slavery. He was a keen campaigner against slavery, taking up the cudgels from William Wilberforce and was MP for Weymouth from 1818–1837. When slavery was abolished in the British Empire in 1833 he was named “Liberator” and seven years later Queen Victoria made him “Baronet of Bellfield in the County of Dorset and of Runton in the County of Norfolk”. He died at his Norfolk home, Northrepps Hall, in 1845, aged 59.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday 14th May 2009 when discussion of proposed Resolutions will be followed by a Beetle Drive. The competition will be ‘Flower of the month’. Please come along and join us.

*Pat Bull*

## Friendly Art Group now in second year



WELL the MSA Friendly Art Group is now into their second year and have a regular attendance of friendly amateur artists. The members had a late Christmas celebration meal in the Milton Arms in January which all attendees really enjoyed. The Group normally meet every 2nd and 4th Wednesday in the month between 7 – 9 pm in the village hall committee room.

However, due to my oversight I have not managed to book these dates for May and June. I have listed the dates I have booked the room below and also put them up in the village hall notice board. I am hoping to also update the village web page with these soon. Our members are producing some lovely work and we may be holding an Art Exhibition in the Autumn or next Spring.

Our membership fees are still very reasonable at £5 per year as well as £3 per session, these fees pay for demonstrations, life models, tutorials etc. which we call special sessions. These special sessions are open to Non Art Group Members as well as Members and a one off fee of £6.00 will be charged to Non Members.

We have a visiting local Artist – Mary Ann Featherstone coming on 6th May to give a tutorial in watercolour techniques and we will be arranging other visiting Artists demonstrations throughout the year. However, please can Non Members give prior notice of wishing to attend these special session as places are limited. For further information please call Sue Marsh 837414

Dates Booked in Village Hall Committee Room – 7 – 9 pm  
May 6th and 27th :: June 10th and 17th :: July 8th and 22nd  
August 12th and 26th :: September 9th and 23rd.

## Milborne St Andrew Parish Council

YOUR Parish Council has allocated a sum of money in the 2009/2010 budget which may be used towards the cost of local projects for the benefit of the village as a whole.

Enquiries for such funds are invited from local organisations. Each application will be considered on its own merits and applicants may also be invited to put their case in person. The Council has limited funds available for grant use and, once all funds have been allocated for the current year, no further funds will be available until 2010/2011.

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Saturdays: 10.00 am – 12.00 noon  
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# OVERWHELMING SUPPORT FOR YOUTH CLUB!

AN amazing 68 people attended the Easter Bingo held on 4th April, which we organised to help raise funds for some outdoor sports equipment. With the services of Sid Webb and his electronic Bingo machine, a fantastic range of donated Raffle and Bingo prizes and a wonderful array of home-made cakes at half-time, we are absolutely delighted to report that £317.00 was raised.

This has far exceeded our expectations, and we would like to extend our very grateful thanks to all those who attended and/or donated prizes. We are now in the very fortunate position of being able to purchase ALL the items on our "wish-list", which will no doubt please our 38 members immensely. Sid very generously scheduled a "special" game just for the 18 youngsters that came, and donated the prizes himself and he commented on how well behaved they had all been during the course of the evening. Thank you again to everyone for your support, and we hope you enjoyed the evening.

Meanwhile, at our AGM on 16 March, there was no change of Office, with Kevin Maitland-Gleed as Chairman, Sallie Maitland-Gleed as Secretary, Vanessa Clarke as Treasurer and Sandra Northover as Club Leader. Michelle Jones was welcomed as a new Committee member, along with Sue Webb who was co-opted in January. Other remaining members are Emma Northover and Wendy Joyce.

The accounts are looking healthy with a recent addition of a £250.00 grant from CPEND towards the purchase of the new equipment that we need due to the increase in membership. The books were signed off by our new accountant, Kevin Rowsell.

Emma Northover has recently qualified for her First Aid certificate, and 8 club members recently attended a 3 week First Aid course in the village hall organised in conjunction with DYA it would appear that we have some budding nurses in our midst's! After last Christmas' successful ice-skating party, we have booked a "Pool" party for this year, and an End of School Summer Disco is also arranged. Fees are to remain the same, which represent very good value to the members, and Kevin thanked The Team for their unstinting efforts both on club nights and outside events. All in all, it was the end of an eventful and successful year, and the beginning of a new one which looks set to be just as busy and exciting. For enquiries, please telephone Sallie on 837442

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## In your Garden

### Seasonal notes and tips from Maureen Lock of *Designer Gardens* A low maintenance garden with all year round colour

IT always makes me chuckle when I hear people say "I want a low maintenance garden with all year round colour" – virtually impossible but there are things you can do to reduce the maintenance. The way to keep the garden looking good all year is to use evergreen plants and topiary is always a good choice. Evergreens give your planting continuity, many are variegated and will have berries and/or flowers for additional interest – however the majority will remain relatively static throughout the year. The trick is to work with the different colour greens and vary the interest with different textures and shapes of leaves. A shady border will look good with a spotted laurel (*Aucuba japonica*) *Skimmia japonica*, and a variegated *Euonymus 'Emerald Gaiety'*. These low maintenance schemes are great for those of us who want a tidy garden with little work.

A long term scheme either in the border, or in a container, can be brightened up by the use of bulbs and annuals and by interplanting with herbaceous plants such as *Agapanthus*, *Penstemon*, *Geranium 'Rozanne'* and so on.

Evergreen containers can look fantastic all year round – the most time consuming task will be the watering of the container and even this can be done by using an inexpensive irrigation system available from most garden centres. There are a vast array of compact evergreens suitable for sun or shade – these should be used as the key plants in a display. A small leaved hebe (ie. *Hebe Albicans*) contrasted with *Heuchera 'Palace Purple'* is a good combination. Variegated ivy with its



variations in leaf shape and colour, its trailing habit and toughness is a perfect companion to fuschias in summer and is an invaluable long term plant.

In your container, plant bulbs and other spring flowers in the autumn, lift and replace them with summer flowering plants in late spring, and complete the cycle by lifting and replacing these when they die back in autumn. Top up with fresh compost every time and give the plants a liquid feed during the summer.

Containers are great for growing those plants that we can't grow in our own gardens – especially with our chalky soil. I love *Pieris japonica* and *Camellias* and the only way to grow these is in a pot with ericaceous soil. You may find that the leaves still turn a bit yellow after a few months in the pot and it is a good idea to give the pot a drench of sequestrine (Sequestered iron) solution. The leaves will soon green up again. Remember too that the flower buds of *Rhododendron* and *Camellias* are formed the previous year and to do well the following spring will need to be fed and watered regularly. The plant may look OK with very little water, but you will get a poor display of flowers just when you want them.

That's all for this month. If anyone has any gardening-related questions that they would like me to answer, please send your questions to Maureen Lock, designerGardens, c/o The Reporter and I will answer them in the next issue.

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## Milborne Ladybirds welcomes Noah

NOAH made a second visit to Milborne this year, this time to Milborne Ladybirds playgroup in the village hall. The children (and adults) had a wonderful time listening to stories from the Cameroon and playing African musical instruments. It was such lovely weather we took the drums outside and played them there. (see photo) Apologies to any neighbours if we were too noisy. We will carry on our theme on Africa this term learning about the animals that live there, where the people live, what they eat and what they wear. But most of all we will be playing and having fun. Thank you to all who in the past have donated us Tesco vouchers, we are collecting again this year and would like to get a Tuff Cam – a camcorder that the children can use – if we collect enough. Also we are collecting the Flora cooking utensil vouchers; the children love cooking which we try to do once a week.

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## Higher Hyde Heath, Bovington

by Bob Ford, [www.dorsetwalks.com](http://www.dorsetwalks.com)

HIGHER Hyde Heath is a Dorset Wildlife Trust Reserve just east of Bovington. The reserve comprises an area of disused gravel pits adjacent to an attractive heathy hillside. The area of heathland is open access so I do not give any particular route here, but instead point out what you should look for and where. More information can be found on the DWT web site at [www.dorsetwildlife.co.uk/higher\\_hyde\\_heath\\_reserve](http://www.dorsetwildlife.co.uk/higher_hyde_heath_reserve)

Park: reserve car park, OS ref SY854899

The reserve can be found on the north-east side of the Puddletown Road, between Bovington and Wareham. The small car park is just west of the approach road to the golf club, tucked away behind a group of single-storey industrial buildings at Hanson Yard.

From here take the main path in a north westerly direction into the reserve. You will soon see an observation hide on your left, overlooking a very attractive lake, once a small gravel pit. Worth a look at any time of year, the lake is at its best in summer, when you should see Little Grebes and a variety of dragonflies.

From the hide carry on alongside the lake into an area of old workings. This is a favourite haunt of the Sand Lizard, one of Britain's rarest reptiles. If you are lucky enough to see a male you will be struck by the bright lime green patches on its head and sides. Bare sandy banks are the best places to look. Other reptiles found here include Adders, Grass Snakes and Slow-worms, all of which are best looked for under sheets of tin which are put out for them. Lift the sheets carefully using a stick so you don't risk getting too close!

The whole area to the north is open access so you can explore anywhere you like, as long as you do not attempt to cross any fences. I would recommend a clock-wise circuit, working your way round towards the woodland on the east of the reserve near the car park, where there is a short length of boardwalk over some very interesting boggy patches. You should be able to find some of the fascinating little insectivorous Sundew plants here which like to grow at the edge of paths that are flooded in winter.

Heathland can ignite at any time of year, so it is important not to start any fires on the reserve. Smoking and barbecues are definitely out. Although this is open access land, you should be careful to keep to the more obvious paths so as to avoid disturbing sensitive wildlife such as reptiles and nesting birds. Keeping to the paths will also reduce your exposure to deer ticks, one member of the local fauna you do not want to come across! Most walkers will pick up a few ticks every year, and some are unlucky enough to catch Lyme disease from them. If you do find a tick attached to your skin you should remove it by grasping it with a pair of tweezers and pulling gently until the tick releases itself. This may take a while but it's better than pulling it straight out and leaving the mouthparts in your skin where they can cause infection.

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# It's a dog's life . . .

IT's perceived as probably the worst part of dog ownership but, like most of life's less endearing chores, it becomes just that – an everyday chore. But judging by the highways, byways, verges and pavements of Milborne, there's a recalcitrant minority that just won't get their hands (almost) dirty. Walk on any of our main thoroughfares (aka minefields) and you will encounter a pile – poo left on pavement (PLOP). It's not a great advert for the village, especially when effort is being put in to make Milborne a more attractive place. Top of the PLOPs has got to be Milton Road, though it's run a close second by Chapel Street. Also high in the charts is Blandford Hill which has, of course, the rather bizarre feature of the dog poo hedge. This is like an unsavoury Christmas tree imagined by The League of Gentleman, festooned with filled doggie bags. Why go to the trouble of 'picking up' just to then lob it into a hedge?

Like litter and graffiti, the more often dog mess is seen on our streets, the more likely the problem is to grow. If our environs look unloved, they become more unloved. (And there's research to prove this, probably undertaken at the University of the Bleeding Obvious). But what to do? How do we stop those few poo rebels from walking away from it? It's a question that's asked all over the country; one that has seen a number of approaches attempting to solve it. In one community, they tried to personalise the problem by delivering Dog Poo News to every address, a leaflet that gave advice and warning of fines before a concerted clampdown started. In others, CCTV vans were used (but clearly no longer with recent news). One council had the rather strange idea of painting coloured circles around each pile found – very Damien Hirst, but I doubt very successful. In Milborne, it's clear that stickers on bins, council flyers on telegraph poles and home-made signs all exhorting owners to not let their dogs foul aren't working – the culprits just aren't listening. Their dog squats, no one sees them, they walk

away. And that's part of the problem – it's mostly an unseen crime; the threat of fines seems impotent, as the chump on the end of the lead needs to be caught in the act.

Chances are though, the offenders can't be getting away with it all the time – *someone* must happen upon their dirty deed some of the time. You'd need to walk your dog very early or very late not to bump into another dog walker. (And actually, that's a dead giveaway – walking your dog at night without a torch; how do you propose to pick up when you can't see it?). Only once in over two years have I seen a dog walker start to walk away from his dog's mess on the street in Milborne. I obviously let him know he'd been seen, which was a shock to him as I was upstairs at the time when I offered him a bag to clear it up. Although the advice is to report offenders to the dog warden, I believe PLOP needs to be made as socially unacceptable to the culprits as it actually is. And who better to do it than fellow dog walkers?

Doggie doo is not just unsightly on our streets and a damned nuisance on the soles of your shoes, it's got obvious and well-documented health risks. The "you'll go blind" warning parents give to their kids is true but happens thankfully rarely. However, toxocara, a species of roundworm that causes it, affects around 100 people per year, mainly children under five. Symptoms include dizziness, nausea, asthma, epileptic fits, eye problems and ultimately, blindness. Dogs infected with toxocara pass out huge numbers of microscopic eggs in their faeces. These eggs are hardy little scoundrels that can survive for up to three years, resistant to extremes of temperature. They lie in clusters and are highly sticky, just waiting to be transported away by a passing sole, pushchair wheel or, indeed, a new host dog. Once in your home, it's a quick hop from carpet to hand to mouth. And from there, they'll be rather happy in your gut. So it's not just a legal obligation on dog owner's to pick it up, but a moral duty too. PLOP is repulsive, unhealthy and anti-social.

Ed Richards



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	Chair: Mike Claydon	01258 837314
Parish Council – Milborne St. Andrew	Clerk: Colin Fletcher	01258 450639
	Chair: Simon Curtis	01258 839000

## General – Adult

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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

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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
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## School

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Friends of School chair:	Sally Taylor	

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MSA 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

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Cricket – Junior (11 – U13)	Derek Lamb	01258 880523
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## May

Sunday 3rd	Round Robin Ramblers Child Okeford and Hambledon Hill 4 miles 2pm
Wednesday 6th	MSA Friendly Art Group Visiting Art Demonstration Village Hall Committee room 7 – 9 pm
Saturday 9th	Fashion Show 7.00pm VH
Sunday 10th	Plant Sale Village Hall 9.30 – 12.30
Thursday 14th	WI Resolution and beetle drive 7.00pm VH
Friday 15th	Ranters Folk Session Sports Center 8pm
Sunday 17th	Annual Parish Meeting 2.00pm Sports Pavillion
Wednesday 20th	Round Robin Ramblers High downs and villages on Cranborne Chase 11 pm
Friday 22nd	Moviola 'Easy Virtue' 7.30pm VH
Saturday 23rd	Food and Wine Yalbury Cottage Gourmet Dinner
Wednesday 27th	MSA Friendly Art Group Visiting Art Demonstration 7 – 9 pm Village Hall committee room

## June

Wednesday 10th	MSA Friendly Art Group VH Committee Room 7 – 9 pm
Thursday 11th	WI 'The wonder of weeds' Speaker Mrs Maskell 7.00pm VH
Friday 12th	Food and Wine Shell Bay Restaurant
Friday 19th	Moviola – 'Bunch of Amateurs' 7.30pm VH
Friday 19th – Sunday 21st	Dorset Music Festival at Milborne St. Andrew <a href="http://www.bestofdorsetmusicfestival.co.uk">www.bestofdorsetmusicfestival.co.uk</a>

## July

Friday 17th	Moviola – 'Young Victoria' 7.30pm VH
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## 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  
MSA Friendly Art Group 2nd and 4th Wednesday 7 – 9pm CR  
Youth Club every other Friday 6.30 – 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.

## Regular Bookings at the First School

Pilates Monday 7.00 – 8.00pm (term time only)  
Yoga Tuesday 6.15 – 7.45pm (term time only)  
Badminton Wednesday 7.00 – 9.00pm (term time only)  
Circuit Training every Thursday 7.00 – 8.00pm

## Easy Virtue (PG) or "Let's Misbehave"

Milborne St. Andrew Village Hall on Friday 22nd May 2009

"Easy Virtue" is a social comedy based on Noël Coward's play of the same name, in which a glamorous and sexy American widow, Larita (Jessica Biel), impetuously marries a young Englishman, John (Ben Barnes), in the South of France. When they return to England to meet his parents; his mother, Mrs Whittaker, takes a strong dislike to their new daughter-in-law, who is a wily American race car driver with all the **flair of a young Dietrich. Larita's carefree and liberal attitude does not go down well with her mother-in-law's old-world values and stuffy traditions; whilst John's father, Jim Whittaker finds something of a kindred spirit, adding wonderful comedic relief in tense moments.** Family tensions escalate and soon a battle of wits and wills breaks out as two strong women – one of the past, the other of the present – battle for the future. Things move along at a sparkling pace, as Easy Virtue mesmerizes and tickles us with great performances, delightful witty dialogue and good old-fashioned laughs. A hugely enjoyable version of Noël Coward's twenties culture clash between dusty English aristocrats and a brash and bohemian American.

The village hall is open from 6.30pm for supper and the film starts at 7.30pm. Supper must be booked in advance.

Alison Riddle and her team of below-stairs servants will be preparing a very aristocratic Chicken Caesar Salad accompanied by plenty of rather brash and bohemian Garlic Bread.

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Monday 11th May

The Dorset History Centre's Outreach and Communications Officer, Daniel Williams, has been really supportive of these sessions. He has arranged for the Principal Archivist of the Local History Centre (in Dorchester), Jacqui Halewood, to visit us on the 3rd session, 11th May 2009. This will be an informal session, as they all are, where Jacqui will be happy to chat and give advice to us and to tell us about the facilities available at the Dorset History Centre, which amalgamates the Dorset Record Office and Dorset County Local Studies Library, their records date from AD965 to now! Their remit is to "preserve and make available the archives and written heritage of the people, organisations and communities of Bournemouth, Dorset and Poole". The Centre has been very helpful with the setting up of this little venture, so please come

along and meet Jacqui Halewood.

I look forward to seeing you all over the next few weeks!

Sue Gould - 837575



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## March weather in Milborne St. Andrew

THERE is a Scottish saying "if March comes in with adders' heads, it will go out with peacocks' tails" and March 2009 conformed to that saying. There was 22.0mm of rain with strong winds on the 3rd and the 4th brought 90mm snow which lay on the ground until the 7th.

The total rainfall for the month was 58.9mm with 56.2mm of that rain falling in the first 9 days of the month. The rest of the month was dry and quite mild with mostly light winds. Total rainfall was 75% of the average for March in Milborne. The dry weather has continued into April so far with the total rainfall for April likely to be below average as well.

14th April is Cuckoo day when the cuckoo is likely to be heard for the first time and it was reported that the cuckoo was heard locally on the 15th (unfortunately not in Milborne).

15th April is Swallow day as swallows ought to appear around then and it was reported that a swallow was seen locally on the 16th. It is pleasing to know that some things in this crazy world are still normal.

*Pluvius*

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# LETTERS TO THE REPORTER

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Other villages have done this. Why not Milborne St. Andrew?  
Elizabeth Humphreys

I was asked to hold a weekly yoga class for the Village way back in 2001 at the newly built First School and have been doing so ever since. It is a community class drawing people from in and around

the Milborne/Blandford area. We meet weekly in school term time in the hall at the First School on Tuesdays from 6.15 pm till 7.45 pm - ish!. We also get together annually for a group meal so we can get to know each other better. I am a certified Iyengar Yoga and details of my classes and of Iyengar Yoga can be found on [www.iyengaryoga.org.uk](http://www.iyengaryoga.org.uk). Contact me on 01305 848053 for details.  
Sue Chapman

Dear Sirs

A Worrying Trend

There appears to be no end to the worrying trend of huge increases over the last few years in the burden of Council Tax. Since 1992 the tax has risen by 325% and since 1997 by 225%,

I cannot imagine that pensions have risen as much in the corresponding period. The Council Tax is to some households the largest item that has to be budgeted for.

It is clear that this burden continues to grow with little or no consideration of the problems of increasing unemployment, repossessions and difficulties managing household budgets. I cannot see an end to this trend whilst politicians protect themselves first and foremost and then, already wealthy bankers, let the rest of society not only pay for their mistakes but sink. The current scandals of MP's expenses and

increasing their salaries and Councillor's generous allowances should not be forgotten when the opportunity to vote next comes round. You'll remember it's the only time when politicians remember the voting public.

I am continually disgusted to see an advertisement on television urging people to attend an auction of repossessed homes; over 500 homes were in this one auction. It is obvious that this situation is only of interest to those who are benefiting from other people's misery. Our so called leaders should be doing more to reduce the number of repossessions which have been brought on by, in the main, greedy banks and poor regulation. I would have hoped that our councils and other authorities would be looking to have no increase in Council Tax during the recession which is clearly moving into a depression. I recently wrote to our local MP on the Council Tax issue without any response, possibly too busy checking expenses!

Why is it that annual utility bills can be paid for monthly by direct debit over the 12 months of the year but Council Tax can only be paid for over 10 months. The answer I have been given is 'this is the law'. Well; don't politicians make and revise the law?

Sad state we are in!!!!!!!  
Regards Michael Hopper



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# Are we divided?

WELL; the housing market is said to have turned the corner. Prices look like they have stopped falling and are beginning to go back up again. House prices were very much part of the feel good factor and to my mind were very much part of the reason why people felt they could justify spending money they didn't have. After all, they could simply re-mortgage the house and use the money they borrowed to buy luxury items like swanky new furniture, perhaps an extension. We were continually being told this would add tens of thousands of pounds onto the value of your house so we could justify the spend spend spend. Of course the banks etc. make their money from lending money and would encourage it all the more. The trouble was it was simply 'the emperor's new clothes' but no one wanted to see that.

So for a few months house prices have been dropping. But be honest with yourselves have they really dropped to sensible realistic levels? Did you really earn all that money? Several hundred thousand pounds? and most of it over the past 10 to 15 years? How much did you save in that period of working? Nothing like those figures I'm sure. I don't mean those crazy stocks and shares, I mean really save. i.e. put to one side in a savings account. Real money, not make-believe stuff.

The trouble is though, as you go further over to the South East these figures just get more and more fairy tale. Look at the prices of houses in London. Go on amaze yourself and do something we all like to do and have a nose round some houses. OK I don't mean literally but have a look on-line and do a search for a house but go OTT and look for something ridiculous like £6 million. Of course you would never be able to afford that and besides what would you do with a huge mansion like that. But go on, be opulent, and see what you could get.

Well you'd think there wasn't a lot, perhaps half a dozen or so. Wrong. There are street upon street upon street of them in London and what's more they are often rather grubby looking mid terraced town houses of a hundred years old or two. Keep looking and there's ones of 2 and 3 times the amount of money. They are built of the same number

of bricks OK perhaps a lorry load more but there's no land with them and room outside the front for one car on the road if you are lucky.

Just who earns the sort of money to afford these? As I say it's not just a dozen there are hundreds of them! On the news we are hearing frequently how such and such an MP has made claims for their London property of amounts you and I here would only dream of earning for a salary heaven forbid as expenses!



Isn't the world still well and truly all to pot. The shocking thing though is that it just seems to get wider and wider this divide and despite recent financial goings on it's really not changed much at all, in fact I honestly think it's getting worse. Isn't it time we stopped being dragged down this single minded ignorant path that we are only allowed to do things that benefit the city people? I mean who is it that lives in the real world and who is it that lives in the man made one? Where's the man made one headed? I think we all know the answer to that one and it's not very inviting. Unless of course you fall for all the tinsel and believe a shabby mid terrace town house is worth 30 times more than a home you can breath in in the green countryside where there's birds building their nests out of nothing more than some twigs in the hedgerows. I know what I think is truly priceless and I know which is the other sort of priceless.

*Grumpy B*

## Gould's Farm Planning Application

– from the Parish Council

CONCERNS were expressed over high density housing, not in keeping, no thatches, where many of the adjacent cottages are thatched. The Parish Council will make a site visit to help come to a decision. They are to ask for an extension to closing date of decision from 14th April as this coincides with Easter.



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Prior to the formation of Mosaic, support for bereaved children was extremely limited. Whilst local hospice care recognises the need for family support pre and post death, these services do not usually extend to causes of death other than cancer related illness. Mosaic offers appropriate interventions regardless of the cause of death, and children referred to our service are bereaved due to reasons such as suicide, road traffic accident, heart disease, for example, as well as long-term illnesses including cancer.

Research shows that grief affects children physically, psychologically and behaviourally and many of our referrals come from schools where children and young people are experiencing difficulties academically and may find ongoing relational problems with their peers. Bereaved children are often the victim of bullying and they often have difficulty socially, sometimes questioning the meaning of life. Since our launch we have worked with over 60 children living in Dorset.

Mosaic offers individual, family and group support. A residential support programme is in place for 2009 and we also offer education and training for volunteers and other professionals.

Whilst Mosaic has some statutory funding from Local Authorities and Primary Care Trusts, support from Charitable Trusts, local business, groups and individuals is vital in order for us to continue our work.

We are always looking for volunteers to help with fundraising and to be trained to work with the children and families. If you are interested in joining us or would like to fundraise for us please contact Margaret or Stella on 01258 837071.

*Margaret Hannibal, Director of Operations*  
info@mosaicfamilysupport.org

## VILLAGE PLAN

The completed questionnaires are now being data logged by a team of volunteers led by Peter Anthony. Only 52% of the 873 adult questionnaires distributed were returned and 30% of the 176 Youth questionnaires were returned. Statistically this rate of return will give us a valid, auditable plan but the numbers are disappointingly low for the Village Plan Team who have spent so much of their own time over the last three years considering questions, photographing, preparing art work, co-ordinating printing, distributing and collecting the questionnaires.

Unfortunately, due to enthusiasm one of two photographs were published and placed in the questionnaire without consulting of the relevant property owner. The Team apologises for this unwitting oversight.

At this stage it is difficult to publish any definitive trends in the responses but it is clear that traffic speed; the new layout in the Square and the appearance of some properties on the A354 give cause for concern.

*Tony Dyer*

## FOOD AND WINE SOCIETY

Forty-one members of the Society, in 1920's costume, were invited to the country estate of Sir Clive and Lady Worthington-Jones, eccentric English aristocrats. Dora, their moral crusader daughter, had become engaged to an ambitious MP.

Guests were welcomed to their country seat (MSA Village hall) with glass of fashionable pink Cava and met the family and their aristocratic friends.

During supper, it became clear that that we were in for a bumpy weekend. Sir Clive (Brian Parkinson) somewhat blind the oleaginous faults of his secretary (Steve Lord), detested the ambitious MP (played

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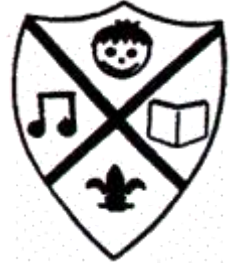
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## SCHOOL NEWS

JUST before we broke for the Easter holidays our year 4 children took part in the "Voiceworks" concert with other Dorchester Area Schools Partnership schools. As part of the evening's performance they acted out the rainbow story bringing lots of colour to the event. We are very fortunate to be part of the local partnership, which brings local schools together for such events and provides support across all areas of the curriculum. Following on from global fortnight, we were delighted to be awarded Rights Respecting School status after a successful accreditation visit – the assessors were very impressed with the children's knowledge and understanding of rights and responsibilities both here and globally. The last day of term started with our Easter assembly, before the children prepared themselves for egg rolling. Friends of School provided hot cross buns for everyone after the fun and games. Thank you to all who joined us at our celebration assembly and those who supported the Easter Fayre earlier in the month.



Performing at "Voiceworks"



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## CONTACTS

If you require any information about the school, including admissions details for children please contact the school office.

Headteacher: Mr Tom Leech, Secretary, school office: Mrs Helen Pugh

Chair of Governors: Mr George Legg, FOS Chairman: Mrs Sally Taylor

e-mail: office@milborne.dorset.sch.uk website: www.milborne.dorset.sch.uk

## Wild Art Club go out and about

WILD Art Club at Milborne School have been taking advantage of the spring weather. Our first walk out in the village was to The Grove on 26th March, where we looked for signs of spring. The children can identify many of the native trees and flowers around the village and the older children pass their knowledge on to the younger members, I don't have to do a lot really! Our favourite tree is the mature Lime tree, just



inside The Grove and we all know that the leaves are heart shaped, with one side smaller than the other. Birds nests have been discovered in other years and we will be down again to look in the near future. We had our picnic under a Hornbeam tree and explored the badger setts, looking for footprints and other evidence. Drinking and

eating is good when we are out, as it is not so hard to be quiet and listen to the sounds around us.

We discussed why your dog could be shot if you don't keep it under control when there are livestock in the farmer's fields and why the farmer charges the owner of any dog that kills his chickens. Some children did not realise that we are lucky in Milborne to be able to walk in places other than the footpaths and that the fields are like the farmers garden and you wouldn't let your dog kill your neighbour's chickens would you? We also discussed the reasons for picking up dog poo in great detail and it was good to see



less of it lying around. This subject also came up at the Easter Pet Workshop, when our guest labrador "Islay" came to meet the children.

We also had Adam White who brought his three tortoises, Dennis, Boris and Doris, Jenny Featherstone's Guinea pigs Blaze and Squeak (she did, lots) and Ben and Isobel brought their South American stick insects. Adam answered questions about the tortoises and the children handled Dennis and made observational drawings and answered a questionnaire. Jenny made the Guinea pigs squeak! Rick Saunders was the Flowerpot man and the children designed and painted an Easter flowerpot, which they planted later with Violas for a present to take home.



Pauline Short and Jenny helped the children decorate two cakes each, with Easter eggs, they ate one and took one home. We all sang Happy birthday to Harry Sawdy as it was his birthday and he was off to eat more cake.

What did I do? Well I took photos and added to the video film we hope to produce later for anyone to see. That's Adam's job.

Thanks to all my volunteers, as ever I could not do it without you and Wild Art Club gets better and better. Amanda, Pat, Rick, Adam, Jenny, Pauline Short (what are Mums for, but baking cakes?) Marian (who stepped in at the last minute for The Grove walk) and now we have Vanessa joining us.

Mary-Ann Featherstone

## Have you met . . . Gren Elphinstone Davis

Gren was born in Yeovil Hospital on bonfire night 1987 and spent the first week in a special care baby unit as he was 6 weeks early. Despite that, he weighed a healthy 7lbs 3oz! The family home was a 1 acre small holding set between two farms. From the age of 18 months he spent hours on an old John Deere tractor with the neighbouring farmer. **"Dacter" was his first word!**

His parents were both teachers and were influential in his upbringing. He has a sister, Kit, who is currently at University in Bristol and a brother, Oran, who is battling with GCSEs at the moment. His grandparents also live in the village and Gren is pleased to have them so close by.

Gren has just completed an Electrical Installation Apprenticeship and is a contracting electrician with Southern Electrical Contracting. He has worked in surprisingly diverse environments including an atomic reactor and tank simulator facilities. He also spent 18 months in Guys Marsh Prison . . . working!

*We asked Gren:*

*Is there a story behind your unusual name?*

**Yes. Gren was inspired by "Beowulf" – mum did Anglo Saxon at University. Then Marillion released an album with a song "Grendel" on it. The Elphinstone bit is mum's maiden name**

**and they are a dying breed! Dad is the Davis.**

*How long have you lived in Milborne St.*

*Andrew?*

We came to Heathcote in October 1993 to renovate a house that had been left empty for 3 years. It was an amazing upbringing and a brilliant way to spend a childhood in such a close-knit community.

*What do you think is the best thing about living in Milborne St. Andrew?*

Definitely the community spirit within various interest groups in the village. I am involved in the Players and the Village Hall Committee and it is fantastic to work alongside people who have ideas and want to try and better the facilities for people in Milborne. I especially like the atmosphere surrounding the Players. I first appeared onstage with them when I was 5 having a background role in "The Crocodile's Child".

**A "luvvie" was born and I have been part of the huge variety of productions since and am now a certified "Raving Thespian"!**

*Is there a downside to living in Milborne St. Andrew?*

The Village suffered hugely shortly before my 21st birthday last year with the loss of the pub. The day we landed in Milborne the then landlords, Chrissie and Mike Surtees, welcomed us with a tray of delicious food after a hard day unpacking and the hospitality has continued over the years. Barry and Sherry Friend were also kind enough to be my first employers. I started as pot boy and had risen through the ranks to barman by the time Sue and Simon were forced to call it a day. The village has lost a vital meeting place and watering hole – hopefully the Oak will rise from its ashes soon.

*Are there things that you would like to change about Milborne St.*

*Andrew?*

Apart from the pub, not a great deal. It would be good to have a gym and squash facility within the village, unlikely though it would be.

*What are your pet hates?*

I dislike negative people, those who try to stand in the way of progress or the wishes of the majority and who give no real thought to the proposals they are objecting to. There is nothing constructive to be gained from dismissing ideas just for the sake of it. To name no names! *Do you have a claim to fame?*

Bowling out Robin Smith (Hampshire and England) when I was 18 during Bere Regis CCs centenary week. We had played a league match in the morning and had rushed back to play the second match against the Robin Smith Select XI. I got him with my third ball – a highlight of my cricketing career so far.

*Who is your hero or has been an inspiration?*

My main musical inspiration is Freddie Mercury. He was such an incredible showman and singer. He and Queen laid down the

soundtrack to my childhood and will remain favourites in my playlists for ever.

*Who would be your fantasy dinner date?*

I would love to have a drink with Richard Hammond as he seems to be a great bloke with lots of interesting tales to tell. He also shares my driving style – **fast when no one's around!** **Jeremy Clarkson would also add to the evening as, much to dad's annoyance, I share many of his views and prejudices.**

*Are there any funny anecdotes or nicknames from your school days?*

At cricket I acquired the nick name G-spot – **if that's printable.** Other than that it just tends to be G.

*When did you last throw caution to the wind?*

When I was unable to stop myself from buying my 19th guitar! It is a beautiful, red, 12 string electric Hondo Fame from the 1970s. I have a serious soft spot for guitars and musical instruments. I have often gone

into Harmony Music Dorchester for nothing more than a set of strings, and come out having spent far too much on an item that I **don't really need but had to have!**

*Is there something that people might find surprising about you?*

I was taught at home by mum and dad right up until I went to college at 16. The three of us spent our childhoods blissfully ignorant of any sort of tests or exams. We often met other home educated kids and hired the village hall **regularly for H E'ers from the whole of Dorset.** Despite not doing any GCSEs Weymouth College accepted me on the Electrical Installation course via aptitude tests and

**references from an electrician I'd done work experience with.**

*What has been your most embarrassing moment?*

Being reminded of my pole dancing exploits, on a cricket tour two years ago in Minehead. I managed to haul myself up onto a dancing podium nine feet up and proceeded to strip off and generally fall about! I then got ejected from the premises! This was all very well, the only slight problem was that we were staying there! Oh well, no harm done.

*What are your hobbies and interests?*

Most sports including: football, rugby, cricket, squash, pool, darts and cycling. I love music and play the guitar, drums and keyboards. Also my **thespian activities and I'm a great lover of committees!**

*Do you have a favourite charity?*

Leukaemia Research and Macmillan are close to my heart as close friends and family have been affected by cancer. I hope to do my 2nd South Dorset Bikeathon this year and maybe some others between now and then.

*Where do you see yourself in 10 years time?*

I hope to be still in Milborne and would like to be renovating houses for a living or be in a multi-million selling rock band. Either will do for me!

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

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by Jon Riddle) and was, not going to let his wilful daughter (Maureen Lock) marry such a cad. Richard Lock made an imperturbable butler (quite "to the manor borne")

Sally Dyer very ably assisted by Helen Lord and Alison Riddle, **organised a spread of cold and hot Tapas sourced from "Tapas in a Box". They were so busy in the kitchen that they missed the MURDER of Sir Clive's daughter during the main course! It turned out that the dirty deed had been done by a demure lady guest (Sue Potts). I never found out why she did it!!**

The cast was completed by Jane Cooke and Marion Regan who had clearly studied the period being most convincing flappers!!

The next event is a gastronomic dinner at Yalbury Cottage on Saturday 23rd May. A flier will be emailed and circulated shortly. The co-ordinators are Jane Cooke and Sue Potts.

Tony Dyer

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## Dorset League Three

Dorchester Sports 4 Milborne Sports 3

THE league's top two met at Sandringham in what proved to be a very entertaining tussle and plenty for the watching spectators to enjoy. Milborne started with a great sense of purpose and were unlucky not to score on a few occasions with the home keeper pulling off some spectacular saves. After about twenty minutes McLements was hauled down in the box and Burton made no mistake from the resulting spot kick. Milborne were producing some of their best football of the season at this point and when the impressive Carl Tewkesbury expertly controlled an awkward ball and then passed his defender before powerfully volleying the ball in to the top corner the game looked over. Milborne had further chances to increase their lead but these were spurned. After the break the league leaders were looking to get back in to the game and after only three minutes were given the opportunity after a defensive error let in Dorchester's talisman, Bridle, who slotted the ball into the net. Encouraged by this Dorchester pushed forward and after about 55 minutes they scored an equaliser when Bridle expertly drove the ball across the keeper to make it 2-2. With the game now on a knife edge either side looked capable of winning the points although it was Milborne who came closest with both Tewkesbury and the hard working Burton hitting the crossbar. After a corner was partially cleared Ed Evans shaped to cross a ball which the home keeper read but it turned into a shot that looped over him to put Milborne back in the driving seat. Paul Myatt was giving a tireless performance on the right hand flank but the game was turned on its head again when yet again Dorchester's striker scored. With fifteen minutes to go the same player found time to shoot and his powerful drive from about eighteen yards found its way past the Milborne keeper to make it 4-3. After being behind for much of the game Dorchester, unfortunately for Milborne, showed their championship pedigree by going in front towards the end of a game played on a difficult surface by arguably the best two sides in this division. Whilst Dorchester have now assured themselves of the top position, Milborne still have second spot to play for and if they can recreate their form of the first half when they were defensively sound, and play as a very tight unit then they should have success in their remaining four games.

*Mike Lathbury, Chairman, Milborne Sports*

Milborne Sports 4 Catterick 2

AFTER some under par performances Milborne knew they had to be better against a strong fit Catterick army team, who fielded a virtually completely different team from earlier in the season. For the first fifteen minutes or so, the army outfit had the better of the possession and were unlucky not to go in front when firstly Matt Hall saved from point blank range before the steadfast Andy Draper cleared off the line. Soon after in a raid down Catterick's left flank, McLements battled well and laid the ball back to the impressive Ed Evans who found Francis Hammond with a superb ball that was emphatically volleyed home from about fourteen yards. Despite this setback Catterick still created some chances but were unable to breach the Lane Enders defence where a half-fit Heaton and the confident Kevin Seal were performing well. Before half time the unfortunate hard working Paul Myatt had to be substituted after feeling unwell being replaced by Dan Ridd. Still 1-0 at half time the game was still on a knife edge. However fifteen minutes into the

second half striker turned creator McLements put Ridd through on the left-hand side to race in and finish with aplomb firing past the keeper into the far corner to give Milborne a two goal advantage. However five minutes later Catterick reduced the arrears to one when their striker pounced on a loose clearance to expertly volley into the corner past Hall's despairing right hand. For a while the army team looked as though they might get an equaliser, although McLements fine swerving run into the box resulted in a defender taking his legs away, giving Burton the opportunity to coolly send the keeper the wrong way from the penalty spot. Still the visitors would not give in and when given some space more than twenty five yards out their experienced burly striker hit a ball with venom that found it's way in to the top corner. However, this was a day when Milborne were determined to collect all three points and when Burton managed to find some space on the left his astute finish in to the far corner restored the Lane Enders two goal advantage which was just reward for their commitment and an overall improved team performance.

Shaftesbury 0 Milborne Sports 2

PLAYED on a pitch next to Guys Marsh prison Sports sentenced their North Dorset opponents to a rare defeat whilst also cementing their runners up position. The Lane Enders were quick out of the block and after a bout of sharp one touch passing from the kick off forced a corner and although nothing came of this they continued to look dangerous. Carl McLements then had a stonewall penalty appeal turned down whilst the keeper also made a tremendous save from Josh Burton's powerful header. With Shaftesbury posing a few **problems on the break it looked as though it might be 'one of those days'** but after Hammond spread the ball to McLements his astute through ball led to Wayne Gifford running through and hitting a thunderous drive past the keeper from just outside the penalty area. Milborne continued to look for openings with Simon Kibler once again providing some assured support play. With no further goals before half time, Shaftesbury came out for the second half competing strongly although Milborne's defence stood firm with centre backs Draper and Seal winning virtually everything in the air or on the deck whilst Heaton and Evans looked comfortable in the full back slots. Milborne continued to look to add to their slim advantage but were unable to breach the home defence. However, the highlight of the game came after about twenty five minutes of the second half when Fran Hammond celebrated his birthday with a thunderbolt hit with venom from fully thirty yards. The ball rocketed in to the far top corner and sealed the victory. Shaftesbury never gave up the fight but Matt Hall kept another clean sheet and with three games still to play Sports have now guaranteed second position. Although not their best performance of the season, the Lane Enders played good football with the sharp interpassing that is a feature of their play and look forward to their last home game on the twenty fifth of April when Shaftesbury are again their opponents.

Stickland 5 Milborne Sports 1

AFTER having achieved the runners up slot the previous week Milborne made the short trip to Stickland for a local derby with their fourth placed neighbours. Unfortunately they seemed to have taken **their holidays before the season's end with a well below par** performance. Missing Carl Tewkesbury and Kevin Seal, nevertheless the Lane Enders still fielded a strong side well capable of winning this fixture. Stickland however should be complimented on the way they prepared and also played. From the start they made their intentions clear and early on a through ball led to their tall wide player outstripping the defence and driving powerfully into the net. After about twenty minutes Stickland had scored another two and a shell shocked Milborne had created very little. The turning point probably came after thirty minutes when the home keeper made a tremendous save from Burton's strong drive. Worse was to follow with another break down Milborne's left flank was cut back for the ball to be driven in to make it 4-0. Matt Hall's injury lead to a change at half time with Gifford donning the goalkeeper's jersey. The

energetic young Paul Myatt came on and with Dean moving to full back Milborne showed improvement and eventually pulled one back when Burton sent the keeper the wrong way from the penalty spot. With only about ten minutes left a revival was probably asking too much and when the referee awarded the home side a penalty Gifford was powerless to stop a fifth and final goal for an overjoyed Stickland team who had given their all. Meanwhile Milborne will look to restore their injured pride with better performances in their last two games starting with their final home game of the season at Lane End on the last Saturday in April against Shaftesbury.

## Football club news update

THE season is drawing to a close. A great one it has been following Milborne being awarded Southern Area Chartered Club of the year, the seniors virtually clinched 2nd place and promotion, Andy Draper assisted by Mike Tawfig will be running a reserve team next season. **New players are welcome. Call on Mike Tawfig – corner house Hopsfield – to register your interest.**

The real success has to be Grant Taylors under 13's who having failed to win at all last season have won the last 3 games on the trot.

We are still looking for a manager for our most successful youth team, the under 12's. Mark is stepping down at the end of the season and unless someone volunteers to manage the team we will not be able to run the side next year.

The summer gives the coaches a break, but please look out for and support our summer activities, Soccer schools, Golf Tournament, Car Boots, Summer Ball, BBQs and lots more. Your support of these events is crucial to our continuing financial viability.

John Kane has stepped down as CPO. Dave Smith taking on the role,

Finally, we have sponsorship opportunities to promote local business contact John Kane 837108 for details.

## Beavers and Cubs receive donation from Village Lunch



Members of the Milborne St. Andrews pack were pleased to receive a cheque for £35.00 to support their fund-raising efforts.

## 100 CLUB WINNERS

Draw Date – Monday 20th April 2009

1st prize	£100	Paul Nelson
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## Forthcoming Events

**Gourmet Evening – Saturday May 16th**

*After the Easter break, the Gourmet season continues. Our new head chef and his team had fantastic reviews for our March event. This promises to be another very special evening. 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. Please avoid disappointment by booking early.*

**Charity Quiz Night – Sunday May 17th**

*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 our charity is 'Milborne St Andrew Sports Club'. Please come and support this worthwhile cause.*

**Mediterranean Evening – Saturday 13th June**

*As we get into our long, hot summer come and join us for the very best food inspired by the Mediterranean. Dishes from across the Med, from North Africa to Spain and Greece. Three courses for just £19.95. By reservation only*

## Gourmet Evening

**Saturday 16th May at 8pm**

### Starter

*Quail egg salad with pancetta and black and white pudding  
With a glass of Côtes du Rhône La Rectorie (France)*

### Fish Course

*Seared Lyme Regis scallops with nero risotto and a sweet pepper sauce  
With a glass of Robertson Winery Chenin Blanc (South Africa)*

### Intermediate Course

*Barford Farm Orange and cranberry sorbet*

### Main Course

*Spiced rack of Dorset lamb served with a warm bulgar wheat and aubergine salad  
With a glass of L'Enigme de Foncalieu Cabernet Sauvignon (France)  
A fish alternative is available if requested in advance*

### Dessert

*Marbled chocolate brioche bread and butter pudding served with an exotic fruit compote  
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)  
By Reservation Only*

## Bar and Restaurant Menu

### Starters

*Chef's soup of the day served with a warm bread roll  
Oven-dried tomato, thyme and Dorset blue vinny tart with olive oil and rocket leaves (v)  
Crayfish tail tian with citrus mayonnaise served with rocket leaves and ciabatta  
Quail egg salad with pancetta and black pudding  
Crispy beef strips served with a sweet chilli dip and salad garnish*

### Main Courses

*Hambro fresh fish and chips in a crispy beer batter with mushy peas  
Confit of duck with a celeriac romular and kumquat sauce, served with sauté potatoes and seasonal vegetables  
Homemade steak and Dorset ale pie served with chips and peas or mashed potatoes and seasonal vegetables  
Homemade beef or vegetable lasagne served with garlic ciabatta  
Trio of sausages with creamy mash and onion gravy  
(See the sausage board for our choice of award winning sausages)  
Slow roasted shank of lamb with a port and blueberry sauce served with grain mustard mash and seasonal vegetables  
Homemade 80% beefburger topped with tomato, lettuce and mayonnaise with chips  
Wild mushroom and butternut squash risotto with parmesan shavings and rocket leaves  
Chicken and mushroom linguine with a rich tomato and basil sauce served with garlic ciabatta  
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