



Reporter

News and Views from around the area

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Milborne St. Andrew

Royal Oak to re-open

Pub teams urged to register

The Reporter Team is delighted to publish this letter from the Fox family – soon to be landlords of the Royal Oak. The letter was received just before publication of June's issue.

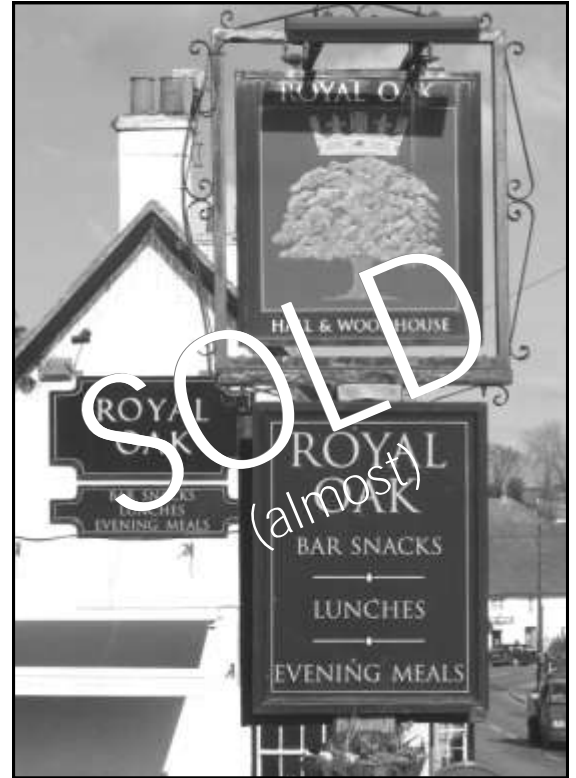
Hi. We would like to introduce ourselves as the, soon to be, new incumbents of the Royal Oak. Hopefully, by the next issue of the Reporter, we will be able to tell you all a bit more; when we hope to open, etc. Things are being dealt with by our solicitors and they seem to be going smoothly so we have every hope to be with you in time to catch most of the summer!

Our reason for getting in touch now is to ask anybody who used to have a team or would like to have a team at the Royal Oak to register. We are keen to accommodate skittles, darts, crib, pool and any other pub sports that we may have forgotten! We are aware that registration for the winter season needs to be done very soon.

If you have a team you would like to register at the Royal Oak for the coming season please contact us on 01305 251292 or at andyandsarahfox@hotmail.com.

Many thanks and we look forward to meeting many of you soon.

Andy, Sarah, Lily and Ronnie Fox



Headteacher Mr T Leech and his deputy Mrs A Andrews along with members of the School Council

Milborne St. Andrew First School scores 10/10

"MILBORNE ST. ANDREW is an outstanding school in which pupils make excellent progress in both their academic and **personal development.**" That's the verdict of the Ofsted inspectors who visited the school at the end of April.

The exemplary leadership of the school was noted, recognising both the outstanding leadership of the headteacher, Mr Leech and the excellent support given by his deputy, Mrs Andrews. Tom Leech will be retiring this summer and is delighted to be leaving behind a school that everyone in the community can be really proud of.

The report identified many areas of excellence in the school – excellent programmes of work, fun and interesting lessons, high expectations, excellent links with support agencies and opportunities which allow pupils to make an outstanding contribution to school and community life.

The school roll currently stands at 80 pupils and the school attracts boys and girls from as far away as Bere Regis, Ansty and Puddletown.

From the Parish Council Meeting

Speed Awareness

PC Mullins attended the meeting this month, they have put aside **Friday 19th June to try and go around their entire "patch" raising the public awareness of the "perception of speed". They are inviting small groups of the public to stand with them as they use their speed camera, as the police have found that often our perception of the speed of a vehicle is much higher than the actual speed they are doing. The Parish Council have to put in an application to PC Mullins suggesting a favourable time amounting to a 15 to 20 minute slot during the day (every Parish Council in the area will be doing the same, so we do not yet know the time in this village).**

Please contact the Parish Council if you have an interest in participating.

Crime Prevention

PC Mullins and his colleague are now qualified to carry out basic surveys on people properties regarding security, please contact him directly (his number is on our contact page) if you would like to take advantage of this.

Correspondence

The Risograph which was originally used for printing the MSA *Messenger* has now been collected by Siemens, it is understood by Sue and Geoff Hodgson that Siemens have now sold the Risograph to another company. Sue and Geoff have received no further communication from Siemens. In a letter to the Parish Council, Sue Hodgson expressed her thanks to the PC for their support, and writes that they hope that this may be an end to the situation.

Parish Plan Survey

Tony Dyer reported that the return of forms was less than originally hoped, with 53% of adults and 30% of teenagers responding. It is hoped that a Draft plan will be presented in September, with the Final Copy in October.

The Information Centre (Blandford)

Della Jones thanked all who had helped in setting up the TIC (a converted toilet block in the Marsh and Ham car park). Called **"The Information Centre"** to reflect that 85% of last years visitors were from Blandford, it is far more than a **"Tourist Information Centre"**. It is run completely by volunteers and has been funded from local business and authorities and replaces the centre in Greyhound Place. From a bus timetable to a coach booking, to a potential place to display the work of local artists, she urges everybody to visit and make use of this new facility.

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Milborne St Andrew Parish Council – Summary of the Chairman's Report 2008 – 2009 presented at the AGM on Sunday 17th May 2009

When I began my 2nd term as Parish Council Chairman, among the very full agenda of priorities were the crossing of the A354 and Flood Alleviation which were being seriously considered by Dorset County Council and The Environment Agency respectively. Together with the Parish Plan and questionnaire being put together, there was the other thorny issue of the sports ground. It is pleasing to report that we have had considerable progress in most of these key areas. The crossing was finally agreed to start by enlarging the pavement, with pedestrian drop kerbs and increased visibility. I feel proud that this Council have supported such a move and believes that a more formal crossing at this point would be desirable and possibly achievable in the long term.

The flow of the stream has been improved and a monitoring point was installed, but in this area our work is still far from done. Water can still be seen bubbling up through manhole covers on the Milton Road even when the rest of the road is completely dry and residents are naturally concerned and also puzzled as to why we should have to tolerate running water in the gutters of Milton Road even when it hasn't rained.

YOUTH

Youth issues have also dominated many Parish Council meetings and we have looked to establishing a Youth Council where younger views can be possibly shaped into workable solutions. This year Councillors spent a considerable amount of time considering the viability of a skate/bike park sited at the old factory car park near to Lane End. It was concluded that a facility open to the general public and not limited by membership was not viable for funding wholly by the parish precept at this time.

SPORTS CLUB

The sports ground rental will ease the burden on rate payers and it is personally pleasing to be at a stage for signing the lease over to the Sports Club, after some 13 years in construction it really is time that this facility was concluded for the benefit of the community. The contractor has been back on site to level and increase the size of the lower area to create a cricket pitch, adjusting the central area to act as a recreation and spectator area. Due either to bad weather, or poor seed stock, or a combination of the two, the seed failed to germinate properly in the autumn. The Council have agreed with the proposals of the Sports Club and it is anticipated that the areas should be seeded this month. We also have agreement from Dorset County Council for a dedicated footpath to the site which, together with a new main gate, will greatly enhance the visitor access and experience. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who have supported this project over the many years and can be proud of the stage we are now at.

Simon Curtis Howitz

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WI News for May

OUR President, Heather Hogg, introduced the new Officers, Shirley Dunkley (*Secretary*) and Linda Wright (*Assistant Secretary*), also Jenny Preston standing in as Treasurer for Josie Wright. A welcome innovation during the evening was provided by June Maitland and Pat Shipton who set out a stall with books and gift items to raise funds for the DFWI.

Arrangements for the summer trip to Mottisfont and Whitchurch Silk Mill are under way, if anyone else would like to join the party please let Heather know. Husbands, partners, friends, all are welcome. June Maitland gave a detailed report of the Spring Council meeting at Poole - we were delighted that our own WI had an honourable mention, not only for the Quiz Cup but also for the best photo for the 2010 calendar, taken by our own Heather Hogg, so congratulations to all concerned there.

SOS for the Honey Bee!

Rita Hart presented a single Resolution for discussion, 'SOS for the Honey Bee'. It reads: *The honey bee plays a vital role in the pollination of food crops and in our environment. In view of concerns about the accelerating decline in the UK honey bee population this meeting urges HM Government to increase funding for research into bee health.* This is clearly a very emotive subject and one with which we were all very sympathetic. We should not underestimate the value of honey bees, they are an important pollinator and play a vital role in our global food supply. The final show of hands recorded a unanimous Yes vote.

A beetle drive followed and Pauline Baxter was delighted to win whilst Charlotte Seymour Smith was a cheerful recipient of the inevitable booby prize.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday, 11th June, when Mrs L Maskell will talk about 'The Wonder of Weeds'. If you would like to find out more, as well as enjoy a sociable evening, please do come along and join us.

Pat Bull

Watercolour techniques demonstration

Milborne Friendly Art Group



ON 6th May the Art Group had an interesting and enlightening demonstration in watercolour techniques by a visiting local artist - Mary Ann Featherstone. We had a good attendance and all members thoroughly enjoyed the evening. We would like to thank Mary Ann for her time and passing on her skills and techniques to the group and hope to be able to ask her to return again at a later date to give a follow up demonstration. The group have also been asked by the Horticultural Club if

they would like to join in with their Autumn Show, which will include a small open art section/display. The Art Group members will hopefully be able to provide some interesting and exciting paintings to show at this local event. There will also be more visiting Artist Demonstrations or life studies arranged during the summer months and details of these will be displayed on the village hall notice board - as well as, hopefully, the pin board available for the Friendly Art Group in the main hall when one can be arranged, as well as the village web site. The Group have some very interesting and talented amateur artists among them, who enjoy these regular sessions, are showing great artistic flare and producing some very pleasant pieces of art. If you are interested in joining the group who usually meet twice a month, further details can be obtained from the village web site as well as contacting Sue Marsh on 837414.



**THE BENEFICE OF PUDDLETOWN, TOLPUDDLE AND MILBORNE WITH DEWLISH
PART OF THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND IN THE DIOCESE OF SALISBURY**



MP's Expenses and the Law

Dear Friends

There has been one story which has dominated our newspapers and TV news over the past few weeks – *the MP's expenses scandal*.

A never-ending succession of MP's expenses and allowance claims have been brought out into the open, with second home allowances being claimed by MP's who live in London; others seeming to chop and change where they 'live' to gain maximum reimbursement for everything from sink plugs to a new roof; not to mention the 'adult films' which seem to have set the whole ball rolling in the first place.

Some appear to have gone beyond what could be legally justified, with phantom mortgages or multiple claims for the same item, but time and time again, we have heard MP's say in their defence, that their claims were 'within the rules' of Parliament, and so implying that no blame or wrong-doing could be attached to them.

In the light of this, almost everyone has now come to the conclusion that (in very un-parliamentary language) the rules stink and are in need of deep reform, but that doesn't deal with the nasty taste that this whole affair has left in the mouth of so many.

Jesus spoke extensively about rules and laws in The Sermon on the Mount (Matthew chapters 5-7). He spoke about the dangers of gathering riches on earth, about self-deception, about the letter of the law and the spirit of the law – all of which are highly relevant in our current media storm. But perhaps most importantly, he also raised the bar for all of us when we think about our own conduct in life, saying that it is not just our actions which can be called sin, but the intentions which we nurse in our hearts.

Taking murder and adultery as examples, Jesus tells us that what we keep locked within our hearts can lead us into sin, just as much as our actions –

"But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart" (Matthew 5:28)

"Whoever murders will be liable to judgement – but I say to you that if you nurse anger against a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgement" (Matthew 5:22)

Jesus' message is that it is not enough for us to hide behind the letter of the law when we seek to justify ourselves, as it would appear many of our MP's have been doing – we have to look deeper into our souls where the secrets and motives of our hearts are laid bare.

This of course rings bells with our present parliamentary crisis. From a Christian perspective, it is not enough for MP's to say that their action was within the rules, if behind it was the motivation of greed at the expense of others. To do that is just hypocrisy, which Jesus also spoke about in the Sermon on the Mount.

But that should not leave the rest of us feeling smug or self-righteous either! At the beginning of the last chapter of that sermon, Jesus also says to us –

"Do not judge, so that you may not be judged – for with the judgement you make you will be judged, and the measure you give will be the measure you get." (Matthew 7:1)

Every single one of us falls short of God's standards for our lives, and when we ignore our own failings while sitting in judgement over others, we fall headlong into hypocrisy ourselves. All of us need to be honest with ourselves and God about what goes on in the secret places of our hearts, before we focus our attention on the conduct of others.

The Sermon on the Mount ends with the story that every child in church knows – the story of the two houses – one built on rock and one built on sand (Matthew 7:24-27). *The secret to building on the rock is hearing Jesus' words and acting on them – that we look at ourselves in the light of the spirit of the law, not just the letter of the law, and we build our lives accordingly. Many of our MP's are finding that by only considering the letter of the law, they have been building their political careers on sand – let us consider our lives carefully to ensure that we are not doing the same.*

Yours in Christ

Thanks for your support in 'Vicar on the Piddle!'

We are very pleased to announce that our Easter Sponsored walk has raised almost £1,200, and I would like to thank everyone who has supported it so generously. The money raised will go into towards the cost of putting in Toilets and Kitchen facilities at Milborne Church. Thank you so much!

150 years of constant Worship in Dewlish Methodist Chapel



Open Days will be held 10am til 4pm Tuesday 16th June,
Wednesday 17th June, Thursday 18th June

Final Service of Celebration and Communion to be held
at 3pm Sunday 21st June

THURSDAY 4th JUNE

12.00 Lunch-time Communion Milborne

7th JUNE – Trinity Sunday

9.30am Family Service Tolpuddle

9.30 Family Communion Milborne

11.00 Holy Communion Puddletown
With Sunday Seekers and Creche

11.00 Morning Prayer Dewlish

THURSDAY 11th JUNE

12.00 Lunch-time Communion Puddletown

14th JUNE – Trinity 1

8.15am 1662 Said Communion Puddletown

9.30 1662 Morning Prayer Tolpuddle

9.30 Parish Communion Milborne

11.00 Family Service Puddletown

11.00 Family Communion Dewlish

THURSDAY 18th JUNE

12.00 Lunch-time Communion Dewlish

21st JUNE – Trinity 2

9.30am Family Communion Tolpuddle

9.30 1662 Said Communion Milborne

3.00pm Final Service at Dewlish Methodist Chapel

4.00 Milborne Praise! Milborne

Village Hall

6.00 Open Gardens Songs of Praise Puddletown

THURSDAY 25th JUNE

12.00 Lunch-time Communion Tolpuddle

28th JUNE – Trinity 3

9.30am Holy Communion Tolpuddle

9.30 1662 Parish Communion Milborne

11.00 Family Communion Puddletown

and Baptism

With Creche and Sunday Seekers

11.00 Family Service Dewlish

Dewlish Chapel News

WE are celebrating 150 years of constant Worship at the Dewlish Methodist Chapel this June. Open Days will be held 10 til 4 on Tuesday 16th, Wednesday 17th and Thursday 18th (when Daphne and Jim will host).

We have collected some items and photographs of interest for display. Come and enjoy the free tea/coffee/cake and fellowship.

We look forward to seeing you.

Final Service of Celebration and Communion to be held on Sunday 21st June at 3pm.

All things bright and floral

ARRANGEMENTS for St. Andrew's Flower Festival, which takes place on Saturday and Sunday, 20th and 21st June, 11am–5pm, are well under way. The theme is "All things bright and beautiful", and each part of the hymn will be portrayed by a floral arrangement including a verse that is no longer sung (it's considered politically incorrect!) and so will be unfamiliar to younger people.

We will be serving tea, coffee, squash and homemade cake during the day. Any offers to provide a cake or spend an hour stewarding will be very welcome. Please contact Pat (Tel: 837684) or Eva (837468) if you would like to help.

Walk on the Piddle

Most of the money for the sponsored walk has now been collected, making a total of £1,192, which is a very valuable start to the fundraising for improvements to the church. We hope you have been into church to view the photographs and the plan of what we want to do. If anyone wishes to make a donation to this project, please contact either of your churchwardens (telephone numbers as above). Many thanks to all who took part in the walk and to everyone who has already donated so generously.

Prayer Walk "Praise"

By the time you read this we will have been on our Prayer Walk Praise around the village. In the three years since Milborne Praise began it has grown in popularity and the numbers attending continue to increase. We are grateful for the opportunity it gives youngsters (and adults) to learn about, and to worship, God.

Benefice Office at Longmead

The Benefice Office is now established at Longmead and this arrangement is working out very well. This close contact with Longmead has given us the chance to hear about the valuable work that is carried out by staff and volunteers in helping families with severe problems.

Pat Tribe and Eva Stockley

DEWLISH CHURCH NOTES

Reaching out to the community

AT the AGM everyone was thanked for all the very hard work they put in to keep the church going. Benny pointed out that although we get good congregations for festivals and special services, our numbers are now in single figures for normal services. He said we should take heed of the fact that our local Methodist church may now close for that very same reason.

We discussed ways of reaching out to the community, and agreed that we should hold a parish picnic on the Village Green (in the hall, if wet) on Sunday, 5th July, at 12noon. Please bring a plate of food and we will provide drinks. This will incorporate a short family service. We look forward to seeing you there!

Gardens open to the public

Two very beautiful gardens are being opened to the public in June. The first is at the home of Mrs Daphne Berridge at Shailles Farmhouse on Thursday, 11th June, from 10.30am–12noon, and will be a coffee morning with cakes, a produce stall and a raffle. The second is at the home of Mrs Audrey Penniston, Flower Cottage, Waterston, on Sunday, 14th June (2pm–6pm). Admission will be £2 (children free), and teas will be available.

Daphne Burg

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Church Cleaning – w/e Saturday

6th June	Sue Lucas and Carolyn Martin
13th June	Margaret Hurley and Eva Stockley
20th June	Elizabeth Walker and Pat Bull
27th June	John and Ann Miller

Flowers

6th June	Lin Chatfield
13th & 20th June	Eve Richardson
27th June	Gill Harvey

Hot High Street fashions come to Milborne St. Andrew



THE committee and members of the Milborne St. Andrew Wednesday Social Club would like to thank all those who supported the above event and made it such a fun evening.

The total raised was £505.90 and a donation to the charity, Mosaic will be made. None of this would have been possible if the community had not come together to support the event. A big 'thank you' is also extended to M&Co Blandford who enthusiastically provided their expertise and guidance from the start. Without their help the fashion show would not have been possible. Grateful thanks go to Signpost Housing Association and Tenants' Forum for kindly funding and printing the programmes at extremely short notice.

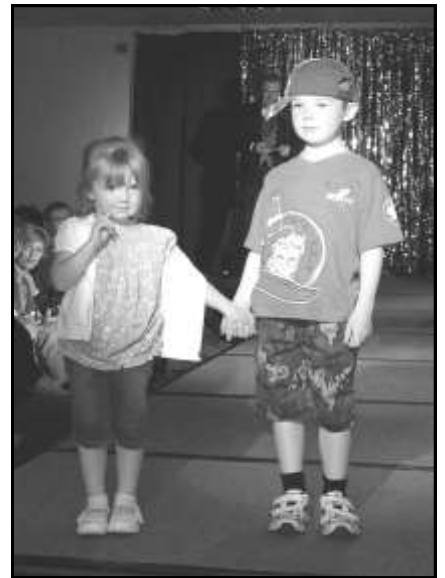
Thanks to the successful People's Lottery Grant the professional effect of the catwalk was enhanced further

by the newly installed control room. This contains technical sound equipment and lighting, it had its first airing that night.

Special thanks go to Sid and Melva Coe, Ian Karley, The Milborne Players, Sue Lucas, Jo of 'Spoilt Rotten', the stylists from 'Beaux Cheveux', Dorchester, and all other helpers too numerous to mention.

We at the Wednesday Social Club are overwhelmed by the village's response to the event. Seeing all the happy smiling faces made the planning and preparation all worthwhile.

Margaret Kirk – Chairperson



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Connie Haylock 1914 - 2009

CONNIE HAYLOCK, who died at the end of April, was an integral part of village life for more than 60 years. She and Wilf were married at St. Andrew's Church in 1946 and they devoted their lives to caring for its fabric and people; Wilf as Churchwarden for 33 years and Connie washing linen, arranging flowers, sewing, making frontals and falls, cleaning and polishing and making her legendary cakes to sell at fund-raising events (someone once described one of Connie's sponges as "a taste of heaven"!). Connie was also a member of the Women's Institute and the Mothers' Union.

Connie and Wilf lived Little England and cultivation of flowers for cutting the Church). Many now of a certain first shillings Haylock

Wilf's death in blow for Connie and meant it became to live alone. She

House, Dorchester, and, was not easy, she struck up Staff and was always pleased to what was going on in the village - although changes in the Church of England, the Village and the Country were not always looked upon as "progress"!



initially at "Byways", from there began the strawberries and (often for use at of the village folk, age, earned their helping to pick Strawberries.

2001 was a huge increasing frailty impossible for her moved to Culliford although the transition

a good relationship with receive visitors and to hear

At the Funeral Service held at St. Andrew's, there were people from various strands of Connie's long life. Representatives from the families of former Parish Priests were there, (one of whom made the "taste of heaven" comment!), including Jane Brochner (whose father had performed Connie and Wilf's Marriage service) and Paddi and Nick Spruyt. Norman Beggs gave the eulogy and spoke of Connie's contribution to village life and of St. Andrew's Church in particular. After the Service Connie's earthly remains were laid to rest in the Churchyard with her beloved Wilf. We hold in our thoughts at this time Elizabeth, Robert, Richard and all Connie's family and friends. *Tony Fox*

ABBEY SWIMMING CLUB

The Club is based at Milton Abbey School,
Milton Abbas, which has a
25 metre indoor swimming pool.

Membership is open to anyone. Members range in age from less than a year to over 80. This is a social and friendly club. Join us and keep fit.

The pool is hired for 4 sessions a week. Lifeguards supervise all sessions. RLSS National Lifeguard and Bronze Medallion courses are available as well as swimming lessons for adults and children.

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Club Sessions

Tuesdays: 7.00 pm - 9.00 pm
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Saturdays: 10.00 am - 12.00 noon
Sundays: 8.00 am - 9.00 am

Come to the pool during any club session for a free swim and pick up an Application Form or contact Robert (01258 880192) or Pat (01258 880601).

Milton Abbas Surgery PPG

AS usual the patient group will be having a stall at MILTON ABBAS STREET FAIR on 25th July. We will be selling home made cakes, jams, marmalades and other preserves and produce.

This is a plea for you to think of us when you are making any of these things. Cakes that will keep for a while are best and in case it is hot, fresh cream could be a problem.

Offerings can be delivered to the surgery or to any member of the committee or even brought on the day.

Thank you all very much.

Angie Higgs

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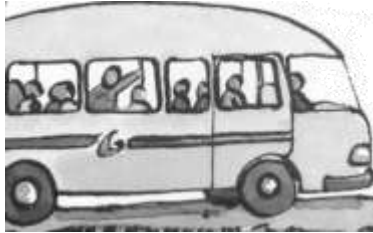
Village Summer Outings – Spare places

THREE village organisations who are arranging outings this summer have some spare capacity in their coaches and welcome non-members to join them.

On Wednesday 3rd June the Milborne St Andrew Social Club have an outing to Milestones (the living Victorian, Edwardian museum) at Basingstoke. The coach leaves Stileham Bank at 9.30am or it can be picked up at Damory Street, Blandford at 9am. The cost of the coach is £8.50, this includes coach and entry to Milestones. Picnics can be taken on the outing, or eat at the museum's traditional Edwardian pub. There are a few spaces left, so quickly call Margaret Evans on 01258 837767 for details and booking.

The Garden Club (Horticultural Society) is going to Cothay Manor in Somerset on Thursday July 30th, leaving at 12 noon. The outing offers travel and garden for £15, travel, garden and a guided tour of the Manor House for £20. Cream teas available! Cothay is an unspoilt fifteenth-century manor house with magnificent gardens. Contact Shirley Dunkley on 01258 837446 for details – 6 places remain.

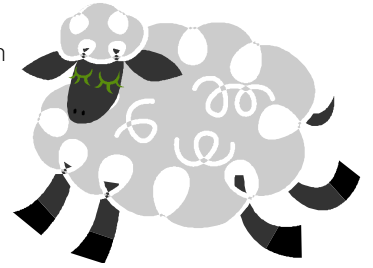
The **Women's Institute** is going to Whitchurch Silk Mill and Mottisfont Abbey and Gardens on Thursday August 13th, at a cost of £16 for National Trust members and £23 for non-National Trust members. The coach will leave the village at 9.00am. Please contact Heather Hogg on 01258 837392 for details of this generous "two in one" outing.



Shirley Dunkley

The tail of winter

TOTAL rainfall in April was 48.6mm which was 80% of average. 21.3mm of that rain fell in the last 7 days of the month. Ground frosts occurred on nights of 27th and 28th. Apart from the exceptionally warm April in 2007, it was the warmest April since 1981.



We often experience 'the tail of winter' around the middle of May and this year has been no exception. The cold windy weather of late is a reminder that;

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Rainbow News

Report by Verina Cutler



When Louis and Ellis decided to get stuck in to help make Playdough for our May Fair the result was marvellously messy, and great fun!

Country dancing @ Rainbow



Verina with her accordion leading the children in the 'Rainbow Dance' for our May Fair at Winterborne Stickland on May 17th.

Milton Abbas Hill Climb for Rainbow

On Sunday June 7th Chris Henderson will attempt to pedal his way up the hill from the Hambro Arms to the top at least 40 times!! Rumour has it that he can do it in 2 hours, so come and cheer him on his way between 10-12am, and please reward this magnificent demonstration of fitness and stamina with your generous sponsorship – forms are available at the Hambro Arms and the Post Office in Milton Abbas, The Crown in Stickland and from Rainbow parents. Rainbow Pre-School: 01258 880795



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Q & A from Queen Thorne Landscapes

With the changing climate is there a particular good time for laying turf?

Every gardener will have a different opinion but two times in the year are best for turfing either autumn or spring. Personally I prefer early autumn, early September really, at this time of the year the soil is usually dryish and workable allowing to get a good level seed bed. The soil is warm so when the turf goes down it has time to put down new roots prior to winter, over the winter period it may take a knock back or two during a wet or cold spell, but it will also be able to grow during warmer winter days, and when spring arrives again it will be almost established and ready for use that year. Remember when you put turf

down add some fertilizer to the ground before the turf, it will allow the juvenile roots to be able to feed the grass before it is rooted properly.

With the changing climate when is the best time to plant shrubs and ornamental trees?

Unlike turf, shrubs and trees can suffer more if they are planted in your garden and have to endure their first winter. A lot of stock will have come from protected environments and not be used to the raw outside. I like to plant in March when spring is on the way and the plants can start to grow straight away. Again help the plants to establish by adding some balanced slow release fertilizer.



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Best of Dorset Music Festival

from the Parish Council and a bit more . . .

AS a nearly 60 year old, I was, like many, a bit bemused at the thought of this festival (Friday 19th to Sunday 21st June), as visions of **Glastonbury** came to mind, but, as the web site proclaims "There will be real Dorset ale and real, locally sourced, Dorset food," The music line up is also included: it says "such groups as Doeys, Jack Daniels and Howling at the Moon, Gut Luggage, (Friday groups) with, on Saturday, 8 Dorset bands, Ben Waters, Jim Etherington, The Crack, Jigsaw, Mill Street Band, Zoe Schwarz with her Baddest Blues Band, Stress, and the Mutter Slutter Band. Finally on Sunday morning, a variety of musical fun will bring you all gently to life again, ready for the trek homewards!" Being a little behind the times, I clicked on the web page "links", and was a little more reassured.

Further details emerged at the Parish Council meeting concerning this Best of Dorset Music Festival. The organizer is David Walsh, who's other claim to fame is the organizing of the local Point to Point. They are hoping to sell up to 2,500 tickets, priced between £10 and £60, with some tickets available "on the gate". When they applied for a "licence agreement" there were no objections, as, according to PC Mullins, suggestions made to the organizers were taken and acted upon promptly. The organizers will have their own security on hand, but PC Mullins will also be visiting and on call. PC Mullins commented at the Parish Council Meeting that he feels this festival will be professionally run. The car parking has been arranged so that all cars will be off road and will queue in the field before parking, this should mean that there is less traffic congestion than the Point to Point.

Of course, the main concern that has been raised is the noise level, and how it will sound to the inhabitants of Milborne St. Andrew.

David Walsh has planned to send a note to all the people who live close to the camping field which will include his mobile number. In the event that a member of the public is concerned, about noise level, or any other issue, Dave has asked that he is called directly. He then plans to come to the callers residence, and listen to the level of sound, if it is unacceptable, he has undertaken to request the volume be reduced.

According to PC Mullins, the usual prevailing wind will probably mean that the residents of Bere Regis will be more likely to get a free airing of the music.

Sue Gould

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A stylish marriage, without the carriage and the dog came too!



CONGRATULATIONS to Mike and Killy Tucker, married at St. Andrew's Church on 2nd May.

Killy rode her horse to the ceremony from her home in Coles Lane, the sun shone and it seemed like all of the village turned out either en-route or at the Church to wish the couple well. Merlin, the couple's greyhound came too, he can be seen just behind the bridesmaids.

After the ceremony the wedding party moved up to Milborne Wood where the "official" wedding photographs were taken against a backdrop of trees, newly in leaf, and a carpet of bluebells, just at their finest.

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Milborne Players – Next Production

“Caught in The Net” by Ray Cooney

July 3rd, 4th and 5th 2009

Village Hall, Milborne St. Andrew

THIS hilarious sequel to the Cooney classic “Run for your wife” finds our taxi driver, John Smith, living happily with both his wives and families in Streatham and Wimbledon. Life is good until his sixteen year old son in Streatham and fifteen year old daughter in Wimbledon meet up online and are amazed by the similarities in their fathers details! Same name, same age, same job; the list goes on!

So when they decide to meet up in person, John’s problems really begin as he tries to keep them apart . . .

Reluctantly assisted by his long-time lodger Stanley (who’s only trying to get away on holiday to Felixstowe with his dad), John tries to prevent his whole life unravelling before his very eyes and the plot becomes more and more complex and funny!

From the stropky teenagers (played by Sally Potter and Gren Elphinstone-Davis) and their mothers (played by Maureen Lock and Jo South) to the bigamous John (played by Roy Sach) and Stanley with his slightly barmy OAP father (played by Brian Parkinson and Bill Preston) the cast are having immense fun rehearsing this quickfire comedy which features all the hallmarks of a great, modern farce.

Directed by Caroline Nobbs and Andy Coetzee, this show will be one that will have you rolling in the aisles as the hapless John lurches from crisis to crisis, with a final twist that you certainly won’t be expecting!

Tickets are available now by contacting Marion Regan for yours on 01258 837174.

Details about this and all our productions can be found at: www.milborneplayers.org.uk

PS: We are still looking for a pianist!

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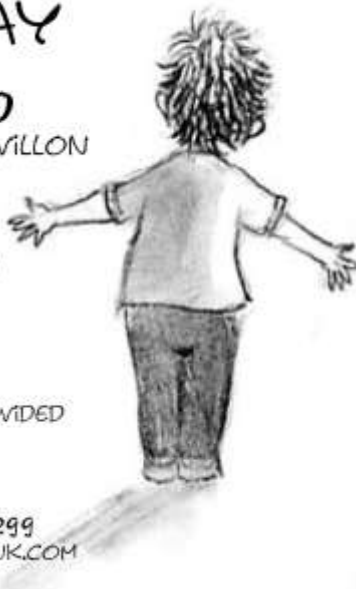
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Well signed from the main road and lots of easy ‘drive in and no need to reverse’ car parking space. Also some very attractive and friendly Rheas (think Rod Hull, Emu etc.) to look at in a neighbouring paddock! At the back of the pub there is a pleasant garden with tables, seating and a children’s play area.

We arrived at 1pm and it was quite busy, always a good sign in the middle of the week.

Once we were inside, there was a choice of conservatory or bar to eat in (dogs welcome in the bar) there is also a handy spot just inside the porch for walkers to take off their boots. The staff were really welcoming and friendly on this rather wet day.

Thankfully the lunchtime menu was in nice large print because, as usual, I had forgotten to bring my specs. Lots of choice and useful to find some first course items offered in a main course size. At lunchtime I sometimes prefer to order a first course rather than a main meal, **followed by a ‘proper’ pudding, especially after an energetic or fraught morning.** A fine pint of Tanglefoot was chosen from a good selection of beers and a glass of white wine (£3.20 for 175ml).

The menu offered one £5 main meal choice which varies on a daily basis; it was Lentil, Chick Pea, Kidney Bean and Coriander Curry on the day we visited. We ordered Smoked Chicken and Crayfish Salad in the larger size (£9.75) and Rump Steak with Home Cut Rustic Chips and Salad Garnish (£9.95), then wished we had ordered the Homemade burgers with chunky chips (£8.50) when we saw them being delivered to the next table of walkers, who after the initial whoops of delight were completely silent as they hungrily devoured their platefuls.

Sometimes actions speak far louder than words.

After the usual lengthy debate we still could not decide on which pudding to have. We were impressed when our very patient waitress allowed us to choose a half portion of Rhubarb Brioche Bread and Butter Pudding combined with a half portion of Dorset Apple Cake (all puddings £5). The cheeseboard was also very tempting, with an interesting selection of mainly local cheeses offered: unfortunately the **‘Stinking Bishop’ was not available that day, much to my fellow diner’s relief.**

The Fox Inn is featured in several local ‘Pub Walk Guides’ and a short walk or longer hike can be combined with a visit here.

Don’t forget to visit the shop and garden centre opposite the pub – best selection of delicacies outside Fortnum and Masons at least. Seriously well worth a visit especially for the frozen fruit, fresh fruit and vegetables.

To sum up our lunchtime visit to ‘The Fox’ – Traditional surroundings, quality food and drink, excellent service, child/grandchild/dog friendly, clean loos with paper towels instead of those dreadful electric hand blowers, what more is there to say?

Our bill for Steak and Chips, Main course Salad, Pudding and Cheeseboard, Pint of Tanglefoot and a large glass of wine came to just under £40. Would we go again? Yes.

For further details and a sample restaurant menu visit their website www.anstyfoxinn.co.uk or see their advert in the ‘Reporter’.

Granny Gourm and Granddad

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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

Drop-in Centre – POPP	Rose and Ed Frost	01258 837921
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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
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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 – 14 yrs	Sallie Maitland-Gleed	01258 837442

Police

Police – Non-emergency contact		01202 222222
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“A Bunch of Amateurs” (12A)

A BUNCH of Amateurs was selected for the Royal Film Performance in 2008 and was attended by the Queen. It is a film about an ageing action Hollywood hero Jefferson (Burt Reynolds). He just can't cut the mustard on his action hero roles any more, but enjoys the perks of the job, so when he gets the offer to play King Lear at Stratford in England he thinks this is his ticket back to the big time. He becomes suspicious when he is met at the airport by a woman in a Land Rover who drives him to his B&B accommodation in the sleepy Suffolk village of Stratford St John. He finds he has unwittingly landed himself the lead role in a local amateur production which is looking to raise money to keep its drama society going in their village and to save their hallowed building. Naturally, the amateur theatre group is in raptures about the arrival of their LA King Lear, but the man himself is less than enthused about acting alongside pig farmers and takes exception to his humble digs with no en-suite facilities. Imelda Staunton plays his landlady, with all the hilarity of a Carry On film and Derek Jacobi as a bland Reynolds in a no-brainer role as a Shakespearian purist. Thereafter follows a hilarious clash of cultures.

This is a very British film and although the plot is a bit unreal it has a feel good factor. It is written by a group of television writers, and one name that you might recognise is Ian Hislop. According to *Online reviewer* “If you liked *Calendar Girls* you'll like this”.

For more information see the Dorset Moviola web site www.moviola.org

Supper is available before the film (Cordelia Quiche, prepared by Margaret Evans), but must be booked in advance. To book advance tickets and/or supper, phone Maggie Redmill on 01258 837262.

Alice Harrall

If you would like to be added to this list, then contact the Reporter

Community Events Diary

Add your event to this diary by contacting Steve Lord – tel: 01258 837222 or email: msa.diary@btinternet.com

June

- Wednesday 3rd Milborne St. Andrew Social Club outing. See page 8
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 – CANCELLED
Tuesday 16th – Thursday 18th Dewlish Methodist Chapel Open Days 10am – 4pm
Wednesday 17th MSA Friendly Art Group VH Committee Room
7 – 9 pm
Friday 19th Moviola – 'Bunch of Amateurs' 7.30pm VH
Friday 19th – Sunday 21st Dorset Music Festival at Milborne St. Andrew
www.bestofdorsetmusicfestival.co.uk
Saturday 20th – Sunday 21st **St. Andrew's Flower Festival** 11am – 5pm
Thursday 25th Horticultural Society Members evening
Friday 26th Food and Wine Salisbury Races

July

- Friday 3rd – Sunday 5th Milborne Players, "Caught in The Net" Village Hall
Wednesday 8th MSA Friendly Art Group VH Committee Room
7 – 9 pm
Thursday 9th WI Dating old photographs Speaker Mrs Ferentzi-Shepherd 7.00pm VH
Friday 10th Rogers Rant Weekend
Saturday 11th Food and Wine. Lakeside Picnic Dorset Sea Food
Festival – Visit to Weymouth
Friday 17th Moviola – 'Young Victoria' 7.30pm VH
Saturday 25th Milton Abbas Street Fair.
Thursday 30th Garden Club outing. See page 8

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)
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Village Lunch

Saturday 27th June at 12.15pm in the Village Hall

Menu

Coronation Chicken with Rice Salad and Green Salad
(Vegetarian Option also available)

Lemon Meringue Pie and Cream or Fresh Fruit Salad

Coffee / Tea

Tickets will be on sale at the Friday Drop-In at the Village Hall Committee Room between 10 am and 12 noon from 5th June.

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What's in it for me?

I'm sorry but this last month has all been about the disgusting greedy affairs of those whom are supposed to represent us and run our country on behalf of us. They've been caught redhanded with their grubby snouts in the trough taking our hard earned money to live lives of luxury whilst we who voted for them are being fleeced left right and centre by ignorant arrogant professional slick talkers. Their defence is "well it's the system and I've done nothing wrong". That's how I can say they are "ignorant".

Yes I'm talking about those people we've all learned to mistrust and despise. Our politicians. Now we've got the absolute proof none of us have wanted to believe, that they are simply lining their own pockets at our expense and have little or no regard to those who trusted them to represent us and gave them our votes. Most of us struggle to get one home never mind an all expenses paid second one. People gave up their lives and fought for our right to run our own country, with people we trusted and nominated to govern the country democratically. i.e. via the wishes of us the British public.

Common decency is something they know nothing about. Many, many years ago when I was at school we had several politicians come to my school to give us talks about the upcoming elections in which we were about to vote for as we'd come of age. Our headmaster arranged for members of each of the parties to give talks to us all so that we could make our own choices and also have an opportunity to ask the politicians questions. I'll never forget the lesson that one particular speaker gave us which was to ask "what's in it for me?". "What's in it for me?" is the question he said we should most look at. Sums it all up doesn't it?

So when you have someone come knocking on your door, which is likely to happen shortly as we've got some elections coming up, ask them this . . .

"What's in it for my neighbours? What's in it for my village? What's in it for my friends? What's in it for my country? If you want to help those people then I might vote for you. I'll look after myself thank you as clearly all you want from me is my money and my vote. When you demonstrate thought for 'other people' I might vote for you".

It's sadly as important now as it has ever been, that we the people of our village speak up and say what it is we want from and for others we live among.

Grumpy B

A note about money . . . and advertisements

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The Autograph Book

WHEN my mother-in-law passed away recently, we came across a little book, carefully recovered with flowery wrapping paper. It looked nothing, until we opened it. It was an autograph book, given to her mother, Georgina Goodland, on her 21st birthday in 1908. It is full, every page has rhymes, pictures, jokes, and mini stories, spanning a time from 1908 right through to a child's rhyme (written by my husband) in about 1956. It encapsulates each person's time of writing, and is very precious to us both. From time to time I will pick one of the best for you to share with us.



Georgina Goodland,
around 1908

Sure Cure For Toothache
Boil half a pint of
Water until it comes
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To cool, skim the fat off
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M Baverstock Dec 29th 1908. (Margaret Baverstock was, at the time, engaged to Georgina's brother Horace.) Sue

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LETTERS TO THE REPORTER

Dear Editors,

I wonder if anyone else in Milborne St. Andrew secretly has a *passion for fashion?* I love watching shows like *Gok's Fashion Fix*, and have in the past made a lot of my own clothes. It would be nice to get together occasionally (say once a month?) with similar-minded people, to cannibalise or accessorise existing clothes, make new stuff, talk about fashion or anything else, and just generally have fun.

If anyone is interested they can contact me on 07846 005768. Thanks and regards
Adrienne Rogers

Thank you to all those kind people who sponsored me for the 25-mile cycle ride in aid of The British Heart Foundation on Sunday 26th April. The annual event starting and finishing in Wimborne attracted over 1,600 cyclist. With your help I managed to collect £117.

On the subject of cycling, may I remind you that the annual Dorset Historic Churches Cycle Ride takes place on Saturday September 12th. This sponsored event lets you choose your own route around Dorset's churches.

David Payne

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Class 4 Walk To Milborne Woods At Bluebell Time

At 9.30am on 1st May Class 4 from Milborne School set off to explore **Milborne Woods as part of the Dorset Branch of the I.T.F.'s School's** project. We aim to teach the children about growing, caring for and planting native trees through practical learning.

We walked from the school following the public bridleway via Coles Lane. The children identified trees, flowers and birds, discussing how the swallows and house martins fly all the way to Africa, then back to the same place, how a swallow has a long forked tail and a house martin is pale and has a short forked tail. We discovered that the Ash tree had no leaves yet, but the Oak tree was in leaf and had little **flowers. The country saying is "Oak before Ash, we are in for a splash, Ash before Oak, we are in for a soak!" The weather forecasters are predicting a long hot summer, time will tell.**

From the highest point of Coles Lane we could see the Purbecks to the South, with Wetherby Castle, the line of Beech trees and in the bottom Milborne village. We could also see Bulbarrow Hill to the north and the whole panorama was a patchwork quilt of yellow, brown and green.



As we walked we added 40 types of trees, plants, animals and birds to our species list. We met a lady picking stinging nettle heads to make soup. Standing under an old oak tree we watched a hare run the other way. The deer seemed invisible and we were being so quiet! A baby rabbit escaped the jaws of a stoat at the edge of Milborne Woods, but its sibling was not so lucky, it was a relief that the grass was very tall and hid the carnage, but not the squeals. Nature can be shocking, but **even a stoat has to feed it's babies!**

Rachel met us below Milborne Woods and explained to the children what to listen and watch for. The silent walk along the edge of the wood revealed 7 different birdsongs including Chiffchaff and Blackcap, both here for the summer nesting season.

Rachel explained how the high bank identifies ancient woodland, as we entered the wood, (called the ditch and bank system, the higher the bank, the older the wood). By flowers such as the bluebells, dogs mercury, wood anemone and the trees, English oak, ash, hazel and holly to name just a few. Milborne Woods have been managed through the centuries and there are signs of old and new coppicing, which is what keeps the woods in such wonderful splendour.

We split into three groups. One group looking for flowers, another tracking down the Baddies such as squirrels, who ring bark trees, deer that eat young trees, stinging nettles and goose grass, signs of too many nutrients. The third group found signs of deer, moles and squirrels. This was the point where we found that being so quiet did not help find the

other groups when wandering. We had to resort to modern technology and phone. We had lunch at the edge of the wood, surrounded by bluebells, garlic mustard and Orange Tip butterflies, did you know the Orange Tip butterfly **only lays it's eggs on the garlic mustard? The sun shone and the children were amazing. Rachel got an answer to every question she asked and more! It was a long day, the children behaved brilliantly, quiet when asked, walking with care and with very little complaint on the fast march home!**



On Friday 8th May we took the older children from Cheselbourne School for the same activities, but could not expect them to walk. We had a late start after the minibus was suddenly unavailable and the children had to be ferried three at a time in cars. Despite punctures, mad car alarms and a wet night, the sun came out and we had a very exciting walk, with our wood detectives making many new discoveries along the way.

In the afternoon we used our findings to create a large class food web with plants and animals from Milborne Woods. Cheselbourne school have put photos of the day on their website.

Our project "My Life, My Tree, Growing Together", will carry on in the autumn, I.T.F. grant permitting, when the children will be studying our native trees as they go to sleep for the winter and planting seeds to create more trees to plant in the school nurseries and ultimately the local area. We are hoping to get more funding to expand the project into other schools next year. The knowledge gained and the enthusiasm of the children is proof enough of how successful the project is proving to be.

Thanks to Mr Worrall, who owns the land and gave us permission to explore the woods. We did impress on the children that although there are bridleways running through the wood, the other pathways are private land. The wood also has breeding birds nesting in spring and dogs should be kept under control. If we respect the countryside it will be here to enjoy for another few hundred years. Thanks also to Rachel Palmer, who gives her time and knowledge free.

Mary-Ann Featherstone (Project leader)





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My searches to refine.
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My Grandpa you should see,
Please 'Copy, Scan' and 'Paste' him
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This is a tribute to all the Grandmas and Grandpas who have been
fearless and learned to use the Computer . . .

They are the greatest!

We do not stop playing because we grow old; We grow old because we
stop playing.



It's a dog's life . . .

Apologies for the lack of a column this month, I've been rather preoccupied what with my son, Samuel, being born in the early hours of 17th May. Mum and Sam are now home and his introduction to the pack went well, with lots of curiosity and frantic sniffing (on behalf of the 3 canines). They've all settled now, but Georgie (mother of 7) has been taking a keen interest.

Caroline and I would like to thank everyone for their kind congratulations, cards and support. We were especially touched with the ringing of the church bells on Tuesday afternoon to welcome him home to Milborne. Many thanks to Pat Tribe and Marion Regan.

Ed Richards



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SCHOOL NEWS

“Milborne St. Andrew is an outstanding school in which pupils make excellent progress in both their academic and personal development.”

FOLLOWING an Ofsted inspection on Tuesday 28th April, we were delighted to receive an exceptional report which started with the comment above. It was an intense day of scrutiny for the school, with two lead inspectors evaluating the progress of the school since the last inspection some three years ago. The report, which will be linked from the school website, identified many areas of excellence in the school – excellent programmes of work, fun and interesting lessons, high expectations, excellent links with support agencies and opportunities which allow pupils to make an outstanding contribution to school and community life. The school prides itself on its relationship with parents and the open caring approach of the staff – these factors too were recognised by Ofsted. They noted that **parents are unanimous in their praise for the school’s support in helping pupils to develop into exceptionally mature and thoughtful young people.** The

e x e m p l a r y leadership of the school was noted, recognising both the outstanding leadership of the headteacher, Mr Leech and the excellent support given by the deputy, Mrs Andrews. Tom Leech will be retiring this summer and is delighted to be leaving behind a school that everyone in the community can be really proud of.

Over recent years the school roll has gradually declined from over 100 children to 80, which has

significantly affected funding. This is an ongoing issue for many small rural schools as intakes can fluctuate greatly from year to year. Currently 50% of our pupils live outside the village – travelling from as far as Bere Regis, Ansty and Puddletown. Being part of the Dorchester Area Schools Partnership was noted by Ofsted as bringing excellent benefits to the school and you may have seen in the local press the consideration being given by the Partnership to Trust status. This will help to further build on the strengths shared amongst the local schools and we look forward to bringing you further information as it is available.

At the last inspection in 2005 the school had some disruptions with building work, as the outdoor sail shelter was erected, and this year was the same with builders in school refurbishing the kitchen ready for hot school meals. These will start immediately

after the half term break and both staff and parents have been treated to taster sessions in the last few weeks, which have proved very popular – the bad memories of school meals for many having been erased. We hope as many as possible will take the opportunity to have these meals.

Given all that is happening we very much hope that many more parents and members of the community will be encouraged to come and see this excellent school at first hand.



An “O” of outstanding staff and children

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

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Have you met – Mike Mullet?

Michael Arthur Mullet was born in Dorchester County Hospital in 1957. His father was an agricultural worker at Worrell's farm and his mother worked as a dinner lady at Milborne St. Andrew Primary School. Mike's mum died when he was 14 years old and he went to live with his uncle.

Mike has lived in Milborne St. Andrew all his life. He attended Milborne St. Andrew Primary School and Puddletown Secondary School. He has worked for Mr Hooper as an agricultural worker since 1974.

Mike met Sue in the early 1980's as she walked up through the village, he noticed she had very shapely legs and decided to investigate who she was! They were married in Blandford and have three children and one granddaughter, Lily May, who is now 12 months old.

Mike has served as a Parish Councillor, been an active member of the Village Hall Committee and Parent Teacher Association as well as maintaining his commitment to Scouting for many years.



true sense of how it was and how it is. He has always fought for the rights of agricultural workers.

Fantasy dinner date?

That has to be my missus, Sue. If she was unavailable then I would like to meet Enoch Powell for his words of wisdom. Many of his predictions have come true.

Any funny stories from your school days?

I had some good times at school; I was a prefect, perhaps because I never got caught. I remember a particular school trip to Lyme Bay when I spent several happy evenings at the pub supping 4X. However at the age of 17, at a leaving party for a colleague I overdid it drinking spirits and have been restrained ever since.

Have you ever thrown caution to the wind?

Yes, and sometimes regretted it. This latest Scouting trip to Longleat was fraught with problems, especially transport problems, but after a load of hard work en-route it eventually worked out.

Is there something that people might find surprising about you?

I was once a choir boy at St. Andrew's Church and at Dewlish Church.

The whole choir had to help push the vicars J4 mini bus to get it going, then change into our cassocks, push it again and somehow get on our way. I can remember carrying the brass cross at Dewlish and the wooden cross at Milborne.

Your most embarrassing moment?

Accepting the scouting award.

Your hobbies and interests.

I'm not into sport, but I enjoy falling asleep in front of the TV at night!

My favourite programme is DIY SOS. I'm not into new technology either. More a spanner and hammer man. But having said that I do think new ideas have to be embraced, a village has to move on, it can't stay the same for ever. Doing the May Fair was a good thing – we just chucked an idea in the pot and it happened. But only because we all worked together. I believe everybody is equal, whether they have £1 or £1,000 in the bank.

We thank Mike for sharing his views with us.

We asked Mike –

What is the best thing about living in Milborne St. Andrew?

It's peaceful. – It's how you make it.

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

Some pompous people who think they know better than anyone else and then they move on.

Are there things you would like to change about Milborne St. Andrew?

I'd like to see more affordable accommodation to rent in the village for growing children and young adults.

Do you have any pet hates?

Being let down by people who say they will do things and then don't.

Especially when I have made a great effort.

Do you have a claim to fame?

I have just been awarded the Waterman Award for services to Scouting.

Who is your hero or has been your inspiration?

My hero is Jack Bodie, General Secretary of the Agricultural and Allied Workers Union. He is someone to really trust, down to earth and has a

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Andrew Battison, Senior Football Development Officer

BBQ and stone picking success

OVER fifty people, players and sports club committee members enjoyed an open invitation to an all day BBQ at the Sports Club on Saturday 9th May.

The weather was spring like and it was a delight to see so many people turn up and offer their help in stone picking the newly levelled bottom area of the Lane End site. An incredible 20 tonnes of flintstone were removed from the site in preparation for an autumn seeding.

Hambro Arms – Quiz Night raises £112 for Milborne Sports

THE Hambro Arms Quiz Night held on Sunday 17th May raised £112 for Milborne Sports Club.

Milborne Sports were delighted with the result. Forty people participated. An additional bonus was that the quiz was won by a team entered by Milborne Sports Club. We are grateful to the Hambro Arms for organising this event and helping us to raise much needed funds.

Milborne Karate success for Jamie and Jack

WESSEX Karate Academy is celebrating success at the Goju-Ryu Karatedo International (GKI) UK championships held in Southbourne, Hampshire after winning 5 national titles and 24 silver and bronze medals. One of the title winners was 13 year old Jamie Northover who trains at the Milborne St Andrew Dojo.

Jamie who has been training for around 4 years won a tough group beating students from all over the country including 3 fellow members of Wessex Karate Academy in the Semi-finals to produce an unprecedented 1-2-3-4 for the club in the boys 13-15 year old Kumite (points sparring) group in his first ever competition.



Fellow club member Jack Joyce also came home with a medal in his first competition with a bronze medal in the 10-12 year old boys kumite.

The Milborne St. Andrew club train on a Thursday night in the village hall and is open to all new students from 6 years old with further clubs in the Academy held in Dorchester, Weymouth and Portland.

For more information contact Sensei Pete Thompson on 07858 390479, email gkipete@aol.com or visit the website at www.wessexkarate.co.uk.

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Any Responsible Authority or Interested Party wishing to make representations to this application may do so in writing to the Licensing Department, North Dorset District Council, Nordon, Salisbury Road, Blandford, Dorset DT11 7LL no later than *Friday, 26th June 2009.*

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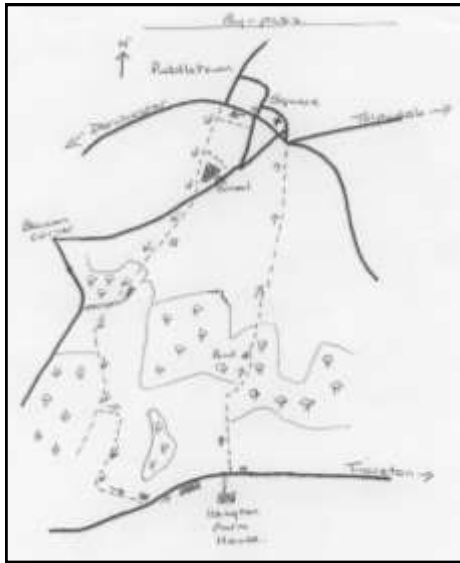
A Walk from Puddletown

Distance: 4¼ miles (parts of the walk can be muddy after rain)
 Park in the Square – near the Church. Walk up to the village and along to the traffic lights. Walk past Kings Mead towards Dorchester. At the end of the terrace of houses turn left uphill along a track. Follow the main track ignoring two footpaths on the left.

At the end of the first field take the right-hand footpath passing Puddletown Middle School on your left. When you reach the road, cross it and take the bridleway ahead of you. It follows a line of telegraph poles and heads for woodland.

Enter Puddletown forest and pass the kennels on your left. You soon cross the driveway into the kennels. Cross this and follow the bridleway across an arable field. Go through a wicket gate and continue ahead keeping the forest on your right. You will pass through another gate, then a short incline up Castle Hill. At the top of Castle Hill leave the bridleway and turn left to follow a fence for 150m. Turn right and follow another fence on your left for 480m. At the end of this fence turn left and head for some farm buildings and a gate onto the Tincleton road.

Turn left onto Tincleton Road for 600m. You will pass Islington farm on your right. When you get to the entrance of Islington Farm House on your right, go past it for about 40m and look out for a bridlepath on your left. Go through the wicket gate and walk across the field up through an avenue of trees. Pass through another farm gate and follow the headland of the field, keeping the woodland on your right. You will soon see a wicket gate and enter Islington Wood.



Follow the path keeping a barbed wire fence on your right. After a while you will see a large pond on your left. It was the old pit from which clay was excavated for the brickworks a short distance further on (see note below). After you leave the woods continue along the track known as Rod Hill Lane. At the end of the lane you will come to the old A35 which went through the middle of Puddletown. Cross this road and follow the road downhill back to the Square. Take time to visit the church.

Notes

The old brickworks are now so overgrown that it is not possible to find them easily. They operated between 1865 – 1908 approximately, peak production was 250,000 bricks per year. These bricks were used to build houses in the village, sand to mix with clay came from a nearby field. Coal was hauled up to the site by a team of horses, bricks were carried back to the village, about 300 at a time.

St. Mary's Church (well worth a visit) dates from 12th to 15th centuries. The woodwork dominates the inside, the box pews, communion rails, pulpit and font cover all date from around 1635. There is a very fine gallery where the musicians and singers used to sit. Thomas **Hardy's grandfather** used to be one of them.

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Smoked haddock and salmon fishcake with a tangy sweet pepper sauce
Traditional Moules mariner served with a crusty white bloomer*

Main Courses

*Pan-fried sea bass with chilli with pak choy and new potatoes
Grilled monkfish tail wrapped in Parma ham with a watercress salad and baby new potatoes
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