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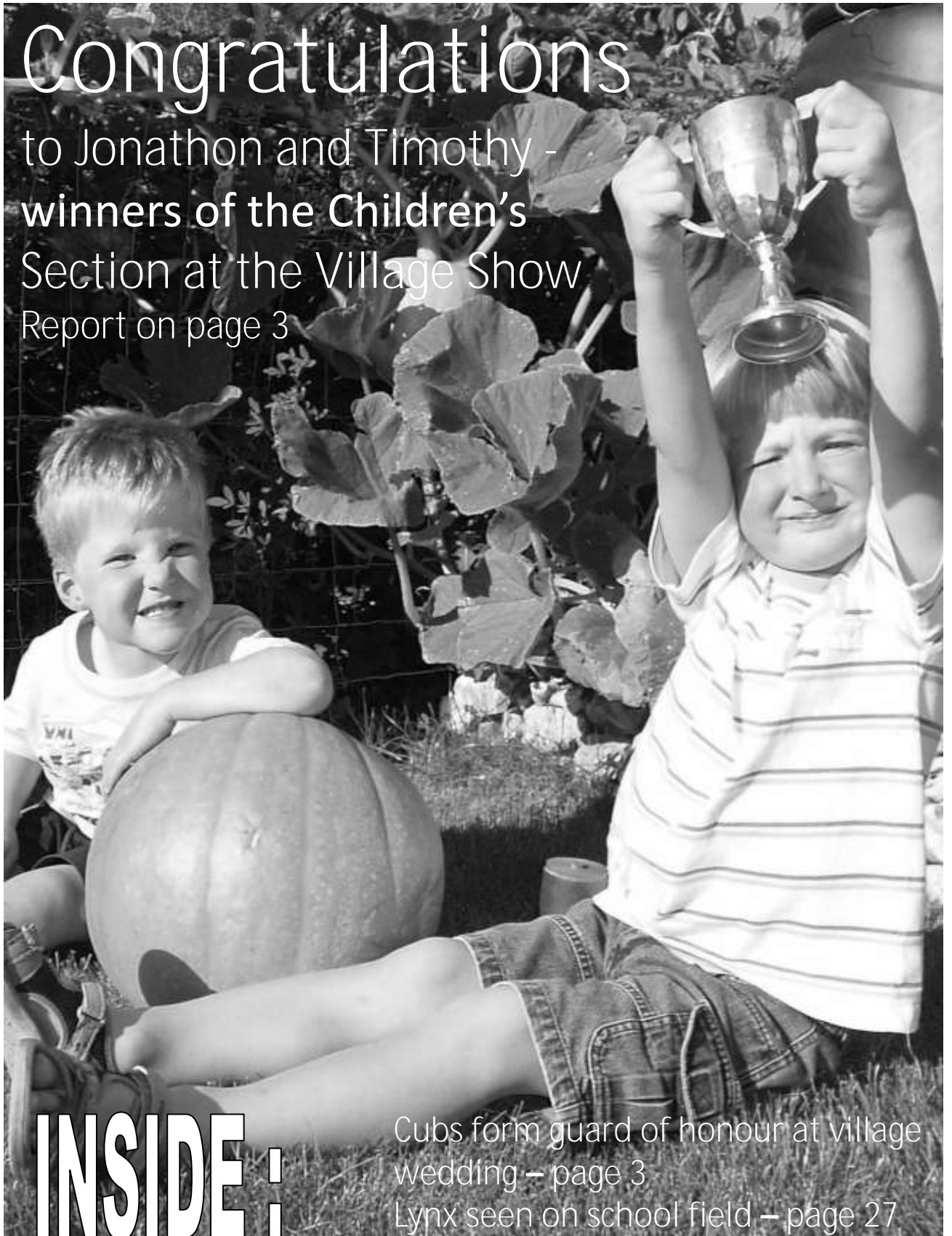
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Milborne St. Andrew

Congratulations

to Jonathon and Timothy -
winners of the Children's
Section at the Village Show
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Cubs form guard of honour at village
wedding – page 3

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Village Lunch Update

FOLLOWING the resignation of Rose and Ed Frost, the Village Lunch Committee welcome two new officers, Melva Coe, Secretary and Chris Nowell, Treasurer. Viv Legg, Heather Hogg, Alice Harrall, Kitty and Frank Gipps remain as does Margaret Kirk, Chair.

We would like to thank Rose and Ed for all their hard work in helping to set up the village lunch and secure its future as a consistent date on the village calendar.

Milborne St. Andrews connects with the Royal British Legion

I AM sure that most people are aware that the Royal British Legion (RBL) safeguards the welfare, interests and memory of those who are serving or who have served in the Armed Forces. They are one of the **UK's largest membership organisations and recognised as custodians of Remembrance**. They also run the annual Poppy Appeal. However, Milborne St. Andrew has a small group of members and friends of the Royal British Legion meeting on the first Tuesday of the month. There is no requirement to be an ex-service man or woman just someone who enjoys the company of others and supports the aims of the Legion.

Milborne St. Andrew had its own RBL branch for many years, with its **own banner which is laid up in St. Andrew's church. Milborne St. Andrew** is affiliated with the Puddletown and District branch. A number of events, both social and commemorative, are held throughout the year.

If anyone is interested in the work of the RBL or would just like to meet and have a chat socially we shall be meeting at the Royal Oak, Milborne St. Andrew on Tuesday 6th October at 7.30pm.

Local contacts for the RBL are: Mr Peter Dow. Tel: 01258 837500 and Mr Michael Hopper. Tel: 01258 837642.

100 CLUB WINNERS

Draw Date – Monday 7th September 2009

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2nd prize	£50	Colin Chasty
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Margaret Kirk

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Milborne St. Andrew Cub Leader's Wedding



THE sun was shining, St. Andrew's church was filled with pink and white flowers, the bells were ringing. Among the ringers was James Mills (the bride's brother) looking splendid in his explorer scout uniform and his cousin Joseph from Wales.

Ellie Rogers (aged 16) and Emily Hillier (aged 7) were standing outside the church in their pretty pale pink bridesmaids' dresses.



The bride, Joanne Mills (MSA cub leader) arrived to marry Matthew (a.k.a. Bob) Hewish who is the Scout leader at Crossways.

Joanne looked radiant in a long white sateen dress with matching bolero. The dress features "fleur-de-lys" lacework around the hem. Like her bridesmaids she carried a posy of pink and white roses. All the dresses were made by Mrs Anne Snape, the bride's grandmother.

During the service Mrs Dorcus Hewish, Bob's grandmother did the reading.

As the newly married bride and groom left the church the cubs and scouts formed a guard of honour and there followed a reception at the Frampton Arms, Moreton, where the guests enjoyed a three-tier wedding cake made by the bride's father.

Joanne and Bob are spending their honeymoon in Cornwall and Wales.

Marion Regan (photographs by Mick Hopper)

Village Show Report – from the Gardening Club

A BIG thank you to all those who entered their fruit, vegetables, flowers, photographs, paintings and handicrafts in the Village Show in September. Another big thank you to all those who came and voted with their pennies, enjoyed the teas and bought tickets for the raffle. We tried a new format this year which seems to have been very successful. Not only were a lot more people inspired to enter but we were also able to give the local charity, Mosaic, a cheque for £120 from the proceeds. We know that there are further improvements we can make next year, but we would welcome any comments about what was good and what could be improved.

Once again the weather was fine, as it has been for all our events this year, including our summer evening garden party hosted by Steve and Helen Lord. About 30 members enjoyed seeing the development of their garden and bungalow, the wonderful outlook, and a good spread of food and drink.

The society is now looking forward to the winter season of talks. The speaker at the next meeting will be Paul Atterbury, of Antiques Roadshow fame, who will talk about the making of the English

landscape on Thursday 22nd October at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Visitors will be very welcome as we would like to fill the hall, so come and join us for the evening. The entrance fee for visitors will be £2.

The Garden Club is now a member of the *Castle Gardens Gold Club*. This membership entitles Garden Club members to regular, dramatic discounts on bulbs, plants and seeds at Castle Garden Centre. Another good reason to join the Garden Club! *John Wright*

Village Show Results

Class	Winner
Fruit and Vegetables	Maureen Lock
Flowers	Coralie McGowan
Flower Arrangement	Helen Pugh
Photography	Elaine Anthony
Children's	Tim and Jon Curtis-Howitz
Horticultural Society Shield	Bill Love (he grew 3½ lbs of potatoes from one tuber)

Pictures of the Show on page 11



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

Milborne Praise! – like Church but different!

Dear Friends

Have you ever been to Milborne Praise? I ask this because it is a different kind of service for the whole Benefice based at Milborne Village Hall! It offers a more relaxed way of coming to church for people of all ages – and for families with children, a more interactive approach to keep them amused!

You will notice the difference as soon as you walk through the door!

First of all, we don't sit in rows of seats or pews!

- Milborne Praise is one of a growing number of fresh expressions of church which uses a 'Cafe Church' style. Instead of rows of seats, you will see tables with chairs around them, just like going to a cafe. People sit where they want, in small groups or as families – and we serve drinks and cakes at the beginning as well as at the end.

Then on each table there will be things to do during the service:

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- Thanks to the diocese we have up to date audio-visual equipment which means that everything you need is beamed up onto the screen at the front, along with music, videos, and PowerPoint presentations!

So if you haven't been to Milborne Praise! yet – and fancy something a little different – come along!

Milborne Praise! happens one Sunday each month at 4.00pm at Milborne Village Hall (so you can still have a Sunday morning lie-in!) The next is *Puppet Praise!* on 18th October, when we will be having a puppet workshop and performance!

God Bless and Keep You all . . .

**CHURCH SERVICES
October 2009**

THURSDAY 1st OCTOBER		
12.00	Lunch-time Communion	Milborne
4th OCTOBER – Trinity 17		
9.30am	Family Service	Tolpuddle
9.30	Family Communion	Milborne
11.00	Holy Communion	Puddletown
	<i>With Sunday Seekers and Creche</i>	
6.00pm	Harvest Festival!	Dewlish
	<i>and Celebration of 20 years of ordained ministry for Rev Norman Beggs</i>	
THURSDAY 8th OCTOBER		
12.00	Lunch-time Communion	Puddletown
11th OCTOBER – Trinity 18		
8.15am	1662 said Communion Service	Puddletown
9.30	1662 Morning Prayer	Tolpuddle
11.00	Family Service	Puddletown
	<i>at Puddletown First School</i>	
11.00	Family Communion	Dewlish
6.00pm	Benefice Celebration Service	Milborne
THURSDAY 15th OCTOBER		
12.00	Lunch-time Communion	Dewlish
18th OCTOBER – St Luke the Evangelist		
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 22th OCTOBER		
12.00	Lunch-time Communion	Tolpuddle
25th OCTOBER – Bible Sunday		
	<i>(Clocks go back one hour on Saturday night)</i>	
9.30am	Holy Communion	Tolpuddle
9.30	1662 Parish Communion	Milborne
11.00	Children's Society Sunday	Puddletown
	Family Communion	
	<i>With Creche and Sunday Seekers</i>	
11.00	Family Service	Dewlish

MILBORNE ST. ANDREW CHURCH NOTES

THE Benefice Fete held in the grounds of Athelhampton House on August Bank Holiday Monday was a splendid occasion. After a very grey morning the clouds parted, the sun shone warmly and plenty of people came during the three-hour event. There was a very happy atmosphere and approximately £2,700 was raised. Many thanks to all those from Milborne who helped either by manning the stalls and the gate or by providing goods for sale.

Branching out in the churchyard

Visitors to St. Andrew's churchyard may have noticed that some work has been done regarding certain trees. We received permission from NDDC (because the church is in a conservation area) to remove three large branches that were hanging over graves. One laurel in front of the church has been cut down. It had splayed out very badly and had become unsightly; it will shoot again from the base. We are very grateful to Maurice Fox for dealing with both these jobs.

There will not be a 9.30am service at St. Andrew's on Sunday,

11th October, but, instead, a special Benefice Celebration Service will be held at 6.00pm. This is to celebrate the fact that Sarah Godfrey has completed her seven years of training and is no longer to be called an assistant curate but will have been licensed the previous day in Salisbury Cathedral as Associate Priest.

Yes! Christmas is a **-comin'!**

St. Andrew's Christmas Market will be held a week earlier than usual this year, on Saturday, 21st November. We will be most grateful for any offers of help on the day or providing items that can be sold. Contacts are Pat Tribe (Tel: 837684) or Linda Wright. Full details about the arrangements will be published in next month's Reporter.

We have agreed to hold our second Christmas Tree Festival this year. The theme will be "Christmas Around the World". Eva will be contacting the various organisations in the village that so enthusiastically joined in our 2006 festival. Look out for further details in the Reporter.

Improvements to St. Andrew's

There will soon be changes being made inside the church, albeit of a temporary nature. We hope to make the church more "user friendly" and, for this reason, have applied for, and been granted, an Archdeacon's Licence to remove one long pew at the front and one at the back of the church, together with the short pews along the north side. Removing the long pews will make much more of the church accessible for wheelchair users. Taking out the short pews will allow far more flexible use of that area. The licence gives us permission to do this on a temporary basis only and is on condition that the pews are stored somewhere dry and secure. This is being arranged. The licence allows the pews to be out until next September but we can apply for this to be extended if necessary. It will be interesting to see how many different ways we find of using this space.

We hold a coffee morning in church every first Thursday in the month, the next meeting being on 1st October at 11.00am. This is an ideal opportunity to visit St. Andrew's and have a chat with some friendly people over a cuppa and home-made cake. For instance, you might like to come along and discuss our ideas for improvements to the church. The coffee morning in followed at midday by Communion in the Lady Chapel. Everyone is welcome.

Land Registry . . . and church security

The Government requires all properties to be recorded at the Land Registry by 2012. We have sent the necessary forms to the Diocese and the Diocese Solicitor will be acting on our behalf, as this will save us a considerable amount of money. The Parochial Church Council has agreed terms of finance for this.

You may have seen in the newspapers how many churches throughout Dorset have been broken into. It has been mainly money that has been taken. We do not leave money in St. Andrew's and, as we would still like to keep the church open during the day, may we ask everyone to be watchful whenever they are in the area. Thank you.

Eva Stockley and Pat Tribe (Churchwardens)

DEWLISH CHURCH NOTES

Celebrating Norman's ministry

OUR services in August took on a slightly different format due to Benny and Sarah being on holiday at different times, and Jim led us in an Evensong and Morning Praise. At the latter Dulcie invited some members of the choir from Milton Abbas. Thank you all very much for your contribution to these services. We also held a Pet Service in the lower end of the churchyard, which was attended by seven very

Church Cleaning – w/e Saturday
3rd October Margaret Hurley and Eva Stockley
10th October Elizabeth Walker and Pat Bull
17th October John and Anne Miller
24th October Ed and Rose Frost
31st October Victoria Bone and Lin Chatfield
Flowers
3rd and 10th October Marion Regan
17th and 24th October Angie Nowell
31st October Tony Fox

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well-behaved dogs (besides their owners and we who do not have pets we could bring).

Our Harvest Festival is on Sunday, 4th October, at which the Rev. Norman Beggs, who is celebrating 20 years in the ministry, will be preaching. Many congratulations, Norman! We have all enjoyed your ministry and hope it will continue for many years to come.

The next evening we shall be holding our Harvest Supper and Auction. The proceeds of the sale will be divided between the Christian Blind Mission and Water Aid. Our Patronal Festival (All Saints) on Sunday, 1st November, will be a 6.00pm Evensong.

Even the sun was on cue!

The Athelhampton Benefice Fete was a great success, and very enjoyable. After a dismal few days, the sun came out at 12noon as if on cue. The net profit was actually down by £163.21 this year and, although takings were up by £164.78, overheads were higher by £327.99. We are very grateful to Mr Patrick Cooke for allowing us to use the beautiful grounds of his House, and to everyone who donated goods and manned the stalls and entries. The monies raised go towards benefice expenses.

Daphne Burg

Milton Abbas Women's Group

At our October meeting, one time winner of BBC Gardener of the Year, and participant in Gardener of the Decade, Diana Guy, will be giving us her experiences of taking part.

This will be an open meeting taking place in the Reading Room, Milton Abbas on Tuesday 13th October at 7.30pm.

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Maurice is a familiar face in Milborne St. Andrew, although he is a very private person, we are very pleased that he has agreed to tell us a little about himself. As he says:

I was born in Halstock, the other side of Evershot (in West Dorset) a long time ago!

My father worked in the agricultural industry, so we tended to be where the work was. Schooling was at Maiden Newton, and then to Dorchester (the Modern School, now Thomas Hardy School), and finally to Beaminster School. I walked to school, five miles, and wouldn't see a soul on the entire journey. When the family were at Maiden Newton, the whole class would go to Charminster to haul wheat at harvest time, also, when I went to school in Dorchester, we would go to Woodsford to pick the potatoes. Only after all this was done, would we all go back to school again. Mind you, I wasn't always on a farm, when I left school, just 14 years old, I joined Francis Buglers in Beaminster as an apprentice mechanical engineer.

Moving to the village

We moved to the village in 1951 with my father to work at Gould's Farm. There used to be one of the largest dairy herds locally at the farm, a 100 cow dairy, with a high yield, and it all used to go up to the milk factory. I once took three heifers to the market in Dorchester (Thomas Ensor had a cattle market where Charles Street car park is), **and sold them for £1,000 each, this was in the 1960's** – an amazing amount! Then the farm was asked to pay £100 per cow to use the sewer, rather than pay such a relatively large amount, they opted to sell them all, I remember that the auction was carried out in the bigger barn, all the cows went, and the following day someone from the Rural District council came and concreted in the sewage pipe. From that time we only had steers.

We used to take down some of the herd to Exeter show, and sleep overnight between the cows (yes, on the straw, it was nice and warm), **one night, after some "celebrations", someone shouted "Look out, the bull's out!" Everyone woke up remarkably quickly, and moved just as quickly, just in case, which was not a good move after the night before.**

My family

My wife, Sybil, was born in the village and went to the local school, also

we married in the local church, and celebrated 56 years of married life **this year. We've got 2 children, 3 grandchildren, and 1 great-grandchild, Connor, who was in last month's magazine.**

Living in Milborne St. Andrew

We like to live here because it is central to many places, like Dorchester, Blandford, and the coast.



We are fortunate to have a village shop, a Post Office, the school and now the pub. Did you know there used to be a bakery at the back of the shop, delivering all around the local villages, Charlie Morby and Frank Cooper used to work there.

There is a downside to living in Milborne though, young people who were born in the village have to move **out because they can't afford to buy, or rent here.** And I do think that some of the planning issues seem to be influenced by people with holiday homes.

I like to think I've done my share for the village, in my time here, I have served on the Parish Council, been a school governor, served on the Parochial Church Council, and the Village Hall Committee, where I got

roped into being chairman! I've also been Church Warden and sacristan at Winterborne Whitechurch. Years ago I played football for Winterborne Whitechurch; we went up two divisions in about five years! I used to go to work on Saturday morning until 12noon, and then go off to play football, travelling all over the place, from Bournemouth to Bridport and Portland, then come back home, usually by bus, and go back to work until 8.00pm (the cows needed milking).

My fantasy dinner date? I would have to say David Attenborough, I love **his programmes, if he's on the TV, I have to watch him.**

As for my hobbies and interests, well, both Sybil and I enjoy **travelling; we've been to most of France, Belgium, Holland, Switzerland** and, our favourite, Bavaria. Towns and villages in that part of Europe seem to be all so well kept, and spotless, people have pride in their surroundings and they have a more relaxed view of life.

Heather and Sue would like to say an especially big thank you to Maurice, we had a very pleasurable afternoon, with tasty fruit cake and tea, talking about old Milborne. We could have written a whole magazine on all the things that Maurice remembered!

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In your Garden Seasonal notes and tips from Maureen Lock of *Designer Gardens* Lighting in the garden

AUTUMN is approaching fast and the nights are drawing in. You have worked so hard in the garden over the summer and there are still some interesting features that you could enjoy – **if only it wasn't so dark** and it seems a shame not to be able to see the garden. You will be able to see through those dark windows that act like a mirror in the evenings and prolong your enjoyment of your garden by using well positioned lighting. You can create drama and atmosphere where you want and a **balanced view of the garden that is easy on the eye**. Now, that doesn't mean 500W halogen spots that turn night into day and blind everyone in sight in the process, but a more subtle kind of lighting. When using garden lighting it is important to avoid glare which would instantly ruin an otherwise well lit garden. You don't want to have to squint through the glare of a badly positioned light to the focal point, or upset the neighbours.

Conservatories particularly can become a 'black mirror' at night and overhead lights are reflected brilliantly in every pane of glass. It is much better to use discreet downlighters, or dimmer switches so that the garden lighting becomes more visible and the windows transparent.

A well designed garden lighting plan isn't just about selecting light fittings, it is important to decide what features need to be lit. For example steps will be lit in a different way from a specimen tree, or a seating area. Make sure that lights are carefully directed only at the objects you want to light and not for example at the compost heap or **the children's swing or any other area that will spoil the ornamental view**. Consider too, where you will be viewing the garden – the kitchen window, the sitting room, the conservatory or from an upstairs room.



There are so many lights to choose from – uplighters, downlighters, spotlights, floodlights, lighting for safety and so on. Make a list of the essential features that need to be lit – steps or a path to the front door; access to the log store; access pathways to sheds or outbuilding, and then consider the more ornamental lighting. Coloured lighting can create extra interest and you can get spot lights that actually change colour gradually – for a bit of fun.

You can start small and gradually increase the areas you light up. This is especially important in a new garden where you are waiting for the plants to cover the walls and fences – otherwise you will only see a well-lit fence! You may want to start by illuminating focal points and particular structures while you are waiting for the planting to mature. **When you do feel that you want to add more lights, don't illuminate every shrub and tree – remember the old adage "Less is more"**. Water whether moving or still, is the one feature in the garden that really benefits from lighting. It also plays an important role by illuminating the **water's edge**. An advantage of lighting from beneath will show you where the firm ground ends.

In winter there is no need to light up the herbaceous borders which will have died down, but grasses and dead stems can be left in the borders and these will complement the evergreen planting and the bare branches of deciduous trees. By clever use of lighting you can lead the eye through the garden to your desired focal point. It would be great if you could liaise with your neighbours to highlight features that would benefit both of you.

Decide where you want the lights to be and the type of lighting you want, and then employ a qualified electrician to install the system for you.



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News from Milborne St. Andrew WI September 2009

'Here's one I made earlier...'

LIKE it or not, summer is now something of a distant memory and this was reflected in the business of our first meeting after the summer break, which looked ahead to matters more seasonal.

We were then only too happy to sit back and listen to a long-serving WI member, Mrs Annette Williams. During her 41 years with the WI Annette has honed her needlework and craft skills, taking good advantage of courses offered through the WI's Denman College to gain City & Guilds and Teacher's certificates. A member of the National Federation of Craft Judges, she is much in demand at many local and national shows. She brought with her a colourful array of her work, many of them made up of odds and ends of materials she had recycled. A recurring theme throughout was how otherwise redundant materials could be transformed into something new and useful. Some members were brave enough to try their hand at making a ribbon rose, and were amazingly successful.

A reminder that at our next meeting, on Thursday, 8th October, June Maitland will be organising a publications stall to include items which might be useful for your Christmas list. Mr Maycock will be talking about 'Repairing and Restoring Old China', which should be interesting and informative, so please do come along (with any pieces of china in need of restoration) and join us.

Pat Bull

Big Brother is watching!

BIT by bit our freedoms are being eroded. I don't know about you but I thought that the days of when the landed gentry controlled what we did and who we spoke to had been put away with the Tolpuddle Martyrs but no, I was wrong.

Imagine if you will a day when you were not allowed to go into town **without the town's governors being informed of your movements.** **Where you would pay a levy to the town's councillors for tying up your pony to the railings and where you and your wife could be moved on or even arrested and given a criminal record for talking to another person in the town's streets.**

Well folks, those days are now. We're tracked across Dorchester by cameras on all the roads in and out of the town. We have now got parking meters counting out rationed minutes on the few roads that **you could park in for free (still, "free parking is available" in the big car parks owned by the big chains).**

But what we really and truly should be up in arms over is that the uniformed officers who are supposed to be working for us, the citizens, can now arrest any group of people numbering three or more for **simply daring to stand together on what are laughingly called "Public Rights of Way".**

But on a positive note we now have our roads back from the hordes of city big shots dragging their white trailers behind them on their annual trek to get away from it all to the 'freedom' of the countryside. **Now we're clear for the school run. Isn't it refreshing to live in the 21st century?**

Grumpy B

Village Show

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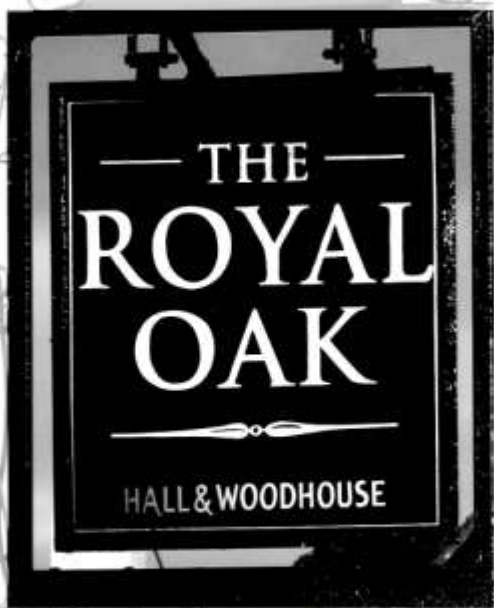
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The Royal Oak reopens

THE Royal Oak was packed to the rafters on opening night. A buffet was laid on in the refurbished skittle alley and the fine evening provided a perfect opportunity for drinkers to relax in the newly-landscaped garden and children to play on the new equipment.

New landlords Andy and Sarah were thrilled with the response, estimating that there were upwards of 200 people over the Friday evening. Andy said, "It was excellent, a lot busier than we thought it would be". And business since has proved to be up to their expectations too. Sunday roasts are now on the menu, with the first weekend proving very successful.

But the hard work hasn't stopped yet; the couple's residence on the upper floor of the pub has yet to be refurbished, so they are still living between the Royal Oak and Dorchester. And the exterior of the pub still requires cosmetic work but this will be carried out after remedial works to the roof are undertaken. This will necessitate scaffolding so that the listed building's tiles and roofing can be repaired.

One downside though is that for now the female patrons of the pub will have to make do with standard soap in the Ladies. The 'posh' soap that had been provided in the loos has disappeared – so it seems that Molton Brown will not be on the Fox's shopping list for the time being.

Hallowe'en events have been planned for the 31st October – a children's party with 'gory games' will take place in the skittle alley in the afternoon and there will be live music for adults in the evening.

'Milborne Ale' Competition

We have a winner for the competition, after much deliberation as we had a huge amount of entries! The new name is "DOG WALKERS EXCUSE", submitted by Elaine Anthony. *Sarah and Andy Fox*

Milborne Friendly Art Group



SEPTEMBER was a busy month for everyone in the MSA Friendly Art Group. Members were frantically finishing off paintings, mounting, framing and getting pictures ready to hang at the Horticultural Show on the 12th September.

Our many thanks and much gratitude must be given to Dave Andrews as well as Val Andrews and Steve and Kay Parnaby for all their help in decanting the art stands from the loft and the re-

assembling and erection of them for the Show. Without Dave's kind offer of help and expertise with erecting the stands we would not have had such a good display of paintings, thanks again Dave for all your hard work.

There were some lovely painting and drawings displayed by all members which include total beginners to more experienced artists and viewers made some very positive comments.

Now the excitement of the Show is over we are back into the painting flow and working on improvements and perhaps working towards a larger Art Exhibition sometime in the future.

We have visiting Artists coming to give demonstrations in October and possibly November and possibly new members from interested parties.

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Community Contacts

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	Chair: Mike Claydon	01258 837314
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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 450518
Women's Institute	Heather Hogg	01258 837392

General – Youth

Beavers and Cubs	Sue Mullett	01258 839076
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Ladybirds (Playgroup)	Marion Bishop	01305 848427
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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

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Special Interest

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Healthy Eaters	Heather Gipps	01258 837058
Horticultural Society	Shirley Dunkley	01258 837446
MSA Friendly Art Group	Sue Marsh	01258 837414
Milborne Players	Roy Sach	01258 837033

Sport

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Village Hall

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Wednesday Social Club Report

September saw the last of our mystery trips, we happened to choose a very, very wet evening for the occasion. We all got quite wet waiting for the coach, this did not help matters of viewing as the driver had to stop part of the way to clear the front windscreen, where our wet clothing had steamed up the inside of the coach. Outside was so misty it was difficult to see the beautiful Dorset countryside. The biggest laugh of the evening came when the coach drew into *THE SUN* at Charminster for our evening meal. The company was good, the meal was good and despite the horrible weather everyone had a good time.

7th October

Village Hall at 2.30pm begins our Autumn programme which we could call "Growing Old Gracefully whilst saving Money" Mr. Lindsley from Age Concern will be here to tell us about Age Concern and what help we can get. There will also be a Chiropodist from Age Concern. A member of POPPS will be able to tell us where we can access help with our gardening and suchlike, heavy jobs we are unable to do ourselves.

29th October

We are off to see HMS PINAFORE at Poole Lighthouse at 2.30pm. There are still a few tickets left. Please ring Margaret Evans Tel: 01258 450518 for further details.

4th November

We have Sohani Gonzalez from the Village to talk about Homeopathic Medicine.

Eva Stockley

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 the *Reporter* – tel: 01258 837921 or email: reporter@milbornestandrew.org.uk

September	
Sunday 27th	Harvest Lunch VH 12.30pm
October	
Thursday 1st	Coffee Morning St. Andrew's Church 11.00am – see page 5
Friday 2nd	Moviola "Last Chance Harvey" VH 7.30pm
Saturday 3rd	Church Yard clean-up 10.00am
Tuesday 6th	Royal British Legion meeting at the Royal Oak, 7.30pm. See page 2
Sunday 11th	Benefice Celebration Service St. Andrew's Church 6.00pm – see page 4
Monday 12th	100 Club Draw Royal Oak 8.00pm. All welcome The Milborne Players read with a view to casting "Dick Whittington" VH 8.00pm. All welcome – see page 21
Wednesday 21st	MSA Friendly Art Group VH CR 7.00 – 9.00pm
Thursday 22nd	Garden Club Talk by Paul Atterbury of Antiques Roadshow fame VH 7.30pm
Thursday 29th	Wednesday Social Club Coach outing to see HMS Pinafore at Poole Lighthouse – see opposite
Saturday 31st	Village Lunch VH 12.30pm Friends of Weldmar HospiceCare Trust 'Information Open Day' at Cerne Abbas Village Hall 12 noon until 2.30pm – see page 19
November	
Saturday 21st	St. Andrew's Christmas Market – see page 4

Regular Bookings at the Village Hall

Computer Club Monday 6.15 – 7.15pm CR (term time only)
 Ladybirds Playgroup Monday – Fri 8.45am – 1pm MH (term time only)
 Players every Monday 8 – 10pm MH
 Village Hall Committee meetings 2nd Monday of month
 ABC Line dancers every Tuesday 7.30 – 10pm MH
 Scouts Beavers/Cubs Tuesday 5.45 – 7.15pm MH/CR (term time only)
 Exercise and Relaxation Class Wednesday 1.15 – 2.45pm MH (term time only)
 MSA Friendly Art Group 2nd and 4th Wednesday 7.00 – 9.00pm CR
 Wednesday Club 2nd Wednesday 2.30 – 4.30pm MH
 Horticultural Society 4th Thursday 7.00 – 10pm MH
 Healthy Eaters every Thursday 7.00 – 8.00pm CR
 Karate every Thursday 5.10 – 6.40pm MH
 WI every 2nd Thursday 7.00 – 10.00pm
 POPP Drop-In every Friday 10.00am – 12 noon CR
 Youth Club every other Friday 6.30 – 8.30pm MH (term time only)
 Sequence Dancing 3rd Saturday 7.30 – 10.30pm MH
 Village Lunch Last Saturday of the month 11.00am – 2.30pm MH/CR
 Milborne Praise! 3rd Sunday 3.30 – 5.30pm MH
 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

"Last Chance Harvey" (12A)

Milborne St. Andrew Village Hall on Friday 2nd October 2009
 SET in London, this romantic comedy stars Dustin Hoffman as Harvey Shine, a divorced and haggard jingle-writer, who is so consumed by his increasingly uncertain career and workaholic ways that he has lost touch with the simple essential joys of a normal life. With a warning **from his boss not to rush back, he travels to London for his daughter's wedding**, and finds himself an outsider in his own family. At the same time, Kate, played by Emma Thompson, is on a date with a younger man, feeling out of place among his friends and contemplating a life of solitude. Until a chance encounter . . . well, guess the rest.

Emma Thompson and Dustin Hoffman are probably not the first names that come to mind as the leads in a romantic comedy but their scenes together are a master-class in timing. Their conversational exchanges are like hearing a familiar song brought back to life by really great musicians. These performances, coupled with nimble dialogue, a brace of insightful moments and a slightly chocolate-box view of our city, lends **'Last Chance Harvey' a warmth and wisdom which outshine** the more timeworn elements of the screenplay.

For more information see the Dorset Moviola web site www.moviola.org/ or www.lastchanceharvey.com

The village hall is open from 7.00pm and the film starts at 7.30pm. Tickets £5.00. Supper is available before the film, but must be booked in advance. To book advance tickets and/or supper, phone Maggie Redmill on 01258 837262.

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Autumn Newsletter

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If you are not able to come between the times suggested above because you are bringing someone else or you have another appointment please come along when you can. This is only a guide to spread the workload and avoid the need to queue.

SWINE FLU VACCINE

The surgery has not yet had any information about the delivery dates of the vaccination or priority groups that need to be vaccinated. The original information was that it may be sometime in October. If they have arrived and it is appropriate for you to receive the vaccination we will offer it at the same time as the seasonal vaccine.

Welcome
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ROPE BARRIER in the Milton Abbas reception area

You may have noticed the appearance of a rope barrier in our reception area and many of you have been puzzled as to its purpose.

This has been placed at the reception desk in response to patients remarks about other patients standing too close when they are at the reception desk, especially if they are trying to discuss a personal matter. It is a temporary measure as we are expecting to redesign the reception area in the near future to improve both confidentiality and access for disabled patients.

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BABY BOOM

It seems that the practice population is experiencing a baby boom. Amongst our patients we are expecting more than twice the usual amount of babies this year.

We understand that, in this rural location, bringing up a young family can be especially isolating. The surgery is keen to find ideas of how to support and bring together young parents. If you are a young parent with ideas on how we can achieve this or would like to be put in touch with our patient participation group with ideas for representing young families please contact Sharon Hunt (Practice Manager) either in writing to the surgery or by e-mail to sharon.hunt2@nhs.net.

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Autumn programme of walks

JUST letting you all know about some more free identification workshops that I have organised on behalf of the Open University.

The first is on Saturday 10th October at Portland Bill, when we will be searching for migrant birds from 10.00am – 2.00pm. Note that this was originally to be held on 3rd October but I have had to change the date. Bring a packed lunch and meet in the Bill car park near the lighthouse.

Then on Saturday 21st November we travel to Arne RSPB Reserve for a 6-hour wildfowl and waders workshop. Bring a packed lunch and meet at the reserve car park, Arne.

Finally and closer to home (my home at least!) we have a 2-hour seabirds workshop on Saturday 12th December at Portland Harbour. Meet at 10.00am in Sandsfoot Castle Gardens near the cafe.

I'm afraid that due to work commitments I won't be holding any Friday afternoon walks this year. Many thanks to all those of you who have attended in the past. Wednesday walks on Portland will continue as normal, but keep checking the web site for new walks that I may be able to add from time to time.

Bob Ford



Cheselbourne Theatre Club



LAST month we enjoyed the first play of the new season at The Playhouse and then our AGM.

This month we have booked to see After Miss Julie, a version of Strindberg's classic play by Patrick Maber, on 19th October. Please phone Ann to see if any seats remain.

Next month there may be seats available on 16th November to see Arsenic And Old Lace by Joseph Kesselring. Again, please phone Ann if you are interested.

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August and summer weather in our village

TOTAL rainfall in August was 85.2mm which was 129% of average. The highest daily rainfall in August was on 6th when 23.3mm fell with a thunderstorm in the morning. Rain was recorded on 19 days of the month which was higher than average but an improvement on August 2008 when rain was recorded on 23 days.

The total rainfall during the June–August period was 238.2mm making it the fifth wettest summer in 39 years in Milborne. The wettest summer was in 2007 when 300.7mm rain fell. 296.8mm fell in 1997, 278.7mm in 1980 and 259.9mm in 1974.



The Met Office has received many complaints that the 'Barbeque Summer' that was forecast did not materialise but, in fairness to the Met Office, their forecast for the 2009 summer made no mention of a 'Barbeque Summer'. That was the interpretation put on that forecast

by journalists and presenters. For the summer of 2009, The Met Office suggested that rainfall was likely to be below average and that temperatures were likely to be above average and that was largely correct up until the second week of July but then the Jet Stream unexpectedly moved further south bring fronts across the UK and the Met Office revised their forecast for the rest of the summer on 29th July.

The weather is a law unto itself at our latitude and long range weather forecasts here are unlikely to ever be much more than an inspired guess.

Pluvius

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FIRST meeting to read through with a view to casting Monday 12th October in the Village Hall at 8.00pm.

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All are welcome and the event, including refreshments, is *free of charge* and runs from 12 noon until 2.30pm.

Starting with coffee at 12 noon there will be a short introduction outlining the role of the Friends in relation to Weldmar HospiceCare Trust. This is followed by a showing of our promotional DVD which is scripted by Oscar winning writer Julian Fellowes and presented by Martin Clunes; it defines the Trust with great clarity. Some existing **Friend's Area groups from many different parts of Dorset will be there** to explain their role and how they help the Friends to help the Trust.

We are offering some pre-Christmas 'shopping' with a mixture of stalls selling Cards, jewellery and general gifts. A complimentary sandwich lunch will be available and this will be followed by an informative chat by Chief Executive to the Trust, Alison Ryan. The day finishes at 2.30pm after a demonstration of Christmas decorations and ideas by Castle Gardens of Sherborne.

Do join us – your only costs will be whatever shopping you are tempted by!

We urgently need more people to be aware of the work we do to support the Trust which is so vital to the citizens of Dorset. Weldmar HospiceCare Trust is a charity covering North, West and South Dorset, offering wonderful support to those with cancer and other progressive diseases, providing a seamless service delivered free to the patients in their homes and in the day and in-patient hospices.

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Rainbow News

A new year is underway at Rainbow: newcomers and 'old hands' alike have settled in quickly to enjoy everything on offer.

Here we see intrepid explorers from Rainbow Pre-School making the most of the fine weather to mount an expedition through the Maize Jungle at Luccombe. I wonder whether they found lions and tigers, or elephants and kangaroos, or monkeys and teddy bears ...



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'Caught in the Net'

We thoroughly enjoyed the Players latest production of 'Caught in the Net'.

The laughs were as fast coming as the lines and interaction between the cast.

We are indeed very fortunate to have so many talented folk of all ages living in the village that are willing to give of their time to entertain us so brilliantly.

Looking forward to the panto'. Margaret and Neville Kirk

A Breath of Fresh Air

I would just like to thank everybody that participated in the latest M.S.A. Amateur Dramatic play "Caught in the Net".

What a fantastic job you did. From the opening line to the final curtain there was a smile on my face. With the present state of the country and the miserable weather at the moment, we all need something to make us laugh. The village hall was rocking with laughter all evening.

All the cast were brilliant, particularly Brian Parkinson who was a joy to watch. Definitely Milborne's answer to John Cleese.

It is a pity that all the work and talent that goes into producing a play of such quality only goes out to the public for two nights.

Well done to you all, it was a truly enjoyable evening. To all who did not see it you missed a rare treat. Get a ticket early for the next production so as not to be disappointed Sue Potts

Thank you for your support

Thank you to all those people who sponsored me on my recent cycle ride in aid of the Dorset Historic Churches Trust. A total of just over £165 was sponsored, half the money collected comes back to Milborne Church. The weather was just right as I cycled to Briantspuddle to meet up with two friends. We, and our bicycles were then taken to Dorchester so we could start at St. Marys Church. Having ridden and walked (down South Street) around the five county town churches we made our way to Fordington St Georges – where later in the day they were holding two weddings – and down the hill to the Methodist Chapel.

Our next church was at Stinsford, then along the river bank to West Stafford, Woodsford, Tincleton (wedding) and over the Hill to Puddletown (wedding) and Athelhampton. Our next stop was Tolpuddle, where, as last year, we were treated to a choice of cakes (well done St John's). Onwards to Affpuddle and then to Bere Regis (another food treat waiting, some shortbread wrapped up especially for me). While we were there, lots of people were arriving for a Christening.

After a short break for a sandwich we made our way to Milborne where we arrived just as the bells started to ring as the bride was leaving the church. Well done the band of ringers which included four youngsters – ranging in age from 11 to 16 years – including the bride's brother, James. They sounded great.

You can pick where you start your ride and choose your own route. You meet all sorts of people on the day, we met a lady who was going round the Dorchester churches in a wheelchair.

David Payne

Social Justice Group

So we have a Social Justice Group in Milborne St. Andrew and their first act is to tell us where to buy our tea bags. Who are these people and what are they actually doing to promote inclusion in our community? Many of our village organisations are struggling to find volunteers to fulfil key roles in the day to day running of the organisations – the village hall needs a secretary, the Church needs cleaners, the Parish Council needs councillors, Moviola needs a cook and people to run a bar and to wash up. All these groups and organisations provide practical support to our community and promote the sorts of values that I'm sure, the Social Justice Group would applaud. These are all practical roles that don't just need a personal commitment to the community but a practical commitment as well. The Social Justice Group states that it wishes to promote volunteering in our community; it will be nice to see some action from group members as well as their fine words. Name and address supplied.

Perhaps the coffee police (a.k.a. social justice group) could rule on the following – should we only use 'Fair-trade' products or should we tolerate 'Rainforest Alliance'? What about the 'Tesco Value' teabags kindly and generously donated by an OAP?

Why don't you come along and join in with our Friday morning Coffee, Cake and Computer sessions? We welcome everyone, even people with a couple of gas guzzlers parked in their drive and we won't inspect the label in your vest to see if it is organic. However it is only fair to warn you that you may have to help with the washing up – we try to encourage the awareness that no-one is 'too posh to wash'

Sometimes actions speak louder than words . . .

Matthew 7 v.3-5

Rose Frost

Village Hall

The village hall looks fabulous and the developments inside and outside of the building are a credit to the village hall committee and trustees. A huge amount of work has gone on behind the scenes by a handful of people and the result is a fabulous facility for the whole community to benefit from. The icing on the cake is the new sign – fresh, clear and modern but where is the village "logo" – as used by the Parish Council?

I had heard that the village hall committee and the Parish Council don't (won't?) communicate with each other. Must be true!

Name and address supplied

Dear Reporter

Last month I put an advert in the Reporter to sell my bales of hay that we have made. I'd just like to say, thanks to the Reporter, I have had some really good comebacks from this. I am going to Australia in the beginning of October to work, driving combines, until mid February. So if anyone wants any hay bales, they will need to contact my father in this period (Chaz on 01258 837794) who will be pleased to help. It's still £2 a bale to pick up, or £2.50 a bale delivered.

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Andy Butler

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SCHOOL NEWS

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education we deliver, which continues to be outstanding and the environment in which we work. With such a large site in a fabulous position we are very fortunate, however maintaining the site can be costly. With this in mind we are delighted that with a little more time on his hands now, Tom Leech is setting off this month on a 1,000 mile sponsored bike ride to raise funds for the development of the outside area.



On Your Bike!

Tom Leech gets ready for a 1,000 mile ride – Good Luck!

In school we are recording his progress and will let you know how he gets on in the next edition of the *Reporter*. If you would like to sponsor Tom please come and see us at school.



Helicopter visit

On Friday 18th September we were treated to a visit from a Navy Lynx helicopter flown by one of our parents. The children had fantastic views of the landing and take off and were given guided tours by the pilots. Whilst learning about the jobs that people do in the community, the experience will also lead into the curriculum as children recall the event in their literacy work.

CONTACTS

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

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A less than welcome fact is that 10,000 greyhounds are retired from racing each year, all requiring a loving home.

The ex-racers can be 'retired' as young as a year old if they don't perform on the track or if they've picked up an injury that makes them uneconomical to continue in the sport. The Retired Greyhound Trust (RGT), a charity that was established in 1975, re-homes dogs from the racing world to new owners throughout the UK from its 73 branches. Since forming, the RGT has found new owners for 45,000 dogs – some of these retirees have found their way to homes here in Milborne.

One such owner and advocate of the RGT is Sue Potts. She has two ex-racing greyhounds, Paddy and Betsy, both homed from the Devon branch of the charity. Though Sue had had dogs in the past, she says that she'd always liked and wanted a greyhound. As the time was almost right – as she was about to move to Milborne – she decided to visit the RGT kennels in Devon. There were about twenty greyhounds there, all needing homes and all excitedly letting anyone and everyone know it.

All except Paddy, that is. "They say that dogs pick you, and Paddy picked me", Sue says. Unlike all the other dogs, he didn't make a fuss – he was completely indifferent. Sue says, "He didn't get out of his bed, didn't get up – just looked over, put his ear up, as if to say to me 'oh, not another one looking around, bet you don't pick me'. That really

appealed to me". After a walk with him, she realised how easy he was on a lead despite his size and how gentle he was. This sealed it for Sue.

It is a common misconception that greyhounds need an enormous amount of exercise, though the converse is actually true. Two twenty minute walks a day are all the RGT recommend as being necessary as, being natural sprinters, the greyhound uses energy in short bursts. But that's not to say that longer walks are out of the question though. So the greyhound is an ideal dog for the working person to keep, not least because they enjoy a great deal of lazing around during the day. As Sue says, "they just sleep, they're real couch potatoes – all they need is a soft bed".

The greyhound's natural gentleness also makes it an ideal family dog, being generally good with children. The breed is typically intelligent, affectionate and even-tempered and is usually easy to walk, without pulling

on the lead. With coats that are short and smooth, they tend to pick up less mud and dirt than their longer-coated cousins, so they return from muddy walks (which will be with us soon!) relatively clean. And for a thoroughbred, they don't suffer from many ailments, other than the odd joint complaint which may be a consequence from their racing past.

The Retired Greyhound Trust holds regular fundraising events and has an annual show at Poole Stadium for both ex-racers and all other breeds. Though most of Poole Stadium's ex-racers find their way to RGT's Devon kennel, relations with the stadium are surprisingly good. Other than donations, another way to help out the Trust is to become a foster home. The RGT asks of all its new owners to call on them in the first instance if they experience any problem with their new greyhound. For example, if an owner has a change of circumstance or has to go into hospital, the RGT will look to their foster carers to provide temporary care.

This was how Sue Potts first met her second greyhound, Betsy. The elderly owner had to go into hospital, so Sue offered Betsy a foster home for the duration. Unfortunately, the elderly lady died whilst in hospital two weeks later. However, for Betsy it was a happier ending as Sue decided that as the fostering period went so well, she opted to keep Betsy permanently. For Sue, greyhounds are unique. She says, "I've had lots of different dogs during my life, but I've never experienced anything like a greyhound . . . they're just beautiful".

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Milborne Sports Football Club News

MILBORNE Sports adults section first team who will now be playing in division II of the Dorset League are pleased to announce that they have sponsorship from EC Belt Building Contractors.

They are particularly pleased that Eddie Belt is sponsoring Milborne as the ex-Chairman of Dorchester Town Football Club has a vast wealth of knowledge on football matters and local connections and so should prove invaluable to the progress of Milborne Sports Football Club.

We are also delighted to announce that the under 15s have also achieved shirt sponsorship from Snappy Pizza and we are again grateful for this aid.

Shirt sponsorship for the under 11s has also been achieved and grateful thanks should go to T K Fabrications.

On the subject of sponsorship, we would like to give thanks for the donation of the sea container for the storage of machinery to Denholm. A sea container has been the requirement of the club for some time as the number of users at the Milborne Sports Club facility has expanded so as the need for storage space. On making an enquiry at the Milborne factory site we were delighted and surprised to receive the offer of a container and for this we are most grateful.

Opening Day Match Report

Poundbury 1 Milborne Sports Reserves 8

MILBORNE Sports first team do not start their season until 12th September when they will be away to Witchampton.

Milborne Sports Reserves sealed their first game in Dorset League IV with an emphatic win over a youthful Poundbury outfit who had Chris Townrow, ex Milborne resident at the centre of their defence.

Early on there was no signs of this result with Poundbury creating some good chances combined with some wayward passing from Milborne. However, when Jake Tissington was brought down the experienced Simon Kippler calmly drove home the resulting penalty. Milborne settled down and when a free kick was given on the edge of the box Wilkinson's quick thinking enable him to expertly click the ball past the keeper into the far corner.

Jake Tissington then added a third after his pace enabled him to outstrip the defence and place the ball wide of the keeper following the through ball by the influential Tom Lane. Jake then added another running on to a through ball and striking the ball into the top of the net via the crossbar.

The second half provided no respite for Poundbury with Kibbler getting his second with a superlative right footed drive from about twenty-five yards that flew into the top corner of the net. Milborne's mid-field were now running the show and Jake Tissington added his third from close range before Poundbury scored an excellent consolation goal which keeper Hall had no chance of stopping.

Steve Hayward coming on as a substitute added a seventh powering his way into the box before driving the ball home from ten yards.

The final goal was a peach with Jake Tissington, a product of Milborne's youth football, scoring his fourth with a superbly crafted chip that crowned his debut in adult football and coincided with his seventeenth birthday.

FOOTNOTE – this was an impressive first game for Milborne's newly formed reserve team. It is especially pleasing for those who have

been involved with Milborne youth over the years to see a lad who has been playing youth with Milborne since he was eleven years come through to the adults and score four goals in his debut adult performance.

Well done all youth coaches past and present and especially Des Hopkins who have been instrumental in bringing the Milborne youth through to adult level.

Wichampton 4 Milborne Sports 8

Unfortunately, we do not have a match report for this opening game of the season for Milborne Sports first team, however, it was a very pleasing result in this our first game in Division II following last year's promotion.

Bishops Caundel 3 Milborne Sports Reserves 0

With Cormack, Myers and Kibbler moving up to the first team squad Milborne Reserves had the opportunity of bringing Ian Wiffin, Greg and Keith Hunter back into the team. Also it was an opportunity for another one of Milborne's ex-youth players to come through to make his debut as a second half substitute. Well done Ricky Edwards.

However, the result following last week's convincing victory was not favourable. Milborne had done well to hold on to a 0-0 half time score thanks to some superb goalkeeping from Matty Hall.

The second half saw Milborne miss chances while Bishops Caundel continued their attacks, resulting in three goals, of which one was a penalty given away by Assistant Manager Mike Tawfig.

Shaker

Fixture lists for October

DORSET LEAGUE DIVISION TWO k.o. 3.00pm

26/09/09 Maiden Newton & Cattistock v Milborne Sports

03/10/09 Milborne Sports v Dorchester Sports

10/10/09 Milborne Sports v Wyke Regis Social Club

17/10/09 Puddletown v Milborne Sports at Milborne Sports Field

24/10/09 Sturminster Marshall v Milborne Sports

31/10/09 Upwey and Broadway Res v Milborne Sports

30/04/10 Milborne Sports v AC Matravers

DORSET LEAGUE DIVISION FOUR k.o. 3.00pm

26/09/09 Milborne Sports Reserves v Poole Link

03/10/09 Corfe Mullen United v Milborne Sports Reserves

17/10/09 Galaxy Windows v Milborne Sports Reserves

24/10/09 Milborne Sports Reserves v Owermoigne

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Milborne St. Andrew Golf Day 21st August 2009

THIRTY-SEVEN golfers enjoyed another fabulous day's golf at the Bulbury Golf Club on behalf of Milborne Sports.

Numbers were restricted this year due to time commitments on tournament organiser John Kane. Despite this the event was another great success and raised in excess of £500 for club funds.

Telesoft, captained by Pete Shepherd, won the event with a total Stapleford points score of 76. Telesoft were deserving winners particularly as they have supported the event since inception.

Runner up was Richard Lock and his family with his brother David winning the 'Nearest the Pin' competition.

In third place was John Ruskin's side from Bere Regis.

We would like to thank all players and sponsors for their involvement, but particularly we are grateful to the following for their contribution as sponsors:

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Forthcoming Events

Chinese Banquet – Friday 9th October

For all lovers of Chinese food our chef will offer you the chance to sample four authentic dishes. Start with prawn crackers, follow that with a selection of your favourite dishes, accompanied by a choice of rice. Eat as much as you want. All for only £12.95

Reservations advisable

Creole Evening – Saturday 17th October

Our chef will take you on a culinary journey to Americas Deep South, inspired by its French history. Start your experience with Louisiana crab and brie bisque, follow that with New Orleans chicken jambalaya and finish with the famous Mississippi mud pie. In all a choice of three starters, four main courses and three desserts await you.

All three courses for only £21.95.

Reservations essential

Charity Quiz Nights – Sunday 18th October and 1st November

As usual, our charity quiz nights will be hosted by Graham Senior.

All entry fees (£2 per person) will be donated to the beneficiaries.

Our charities are The Riding School for the Disabled and, on the 1st November, Milton Abbas Cricket Club.

Please come and support these worthwhile causes.

Christmas and New Year

Whether it is a Christmas party, or a smaller lunchtime gathering, we have menus to suit every occasion. Our Christmas Day menu is five courses, while our New Years Eve gourmet dinner will enable you to see in the New Year in style, with music and dancing until the early hours.

Creole Night

Saturday 17th October 2009

Starters

Louisiana crab and brie bisque served with parmesan straws

Mushrooms with red pepper served with a crusty roll (v)

Crayfish Carobyn – Crayfish glazed with a brandy sauce

Main Courses

Strip loin of beef in Cajun spices with sautéed green beans and bacon served with creamy mashed potatoes

New Orleans style chicken jambalaya

Bayou red snapper in a rougay sauce served with Cajun rice

Louisiana vegetarian gumbo served with Creole rice (v)

Desserts

Banana fritters served with sweetened clotted cream

Almond crunch peacon pie served with vanilla bean ice cream

Mississippi mud pie

All three courses only £21.95

By Reservation Only

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