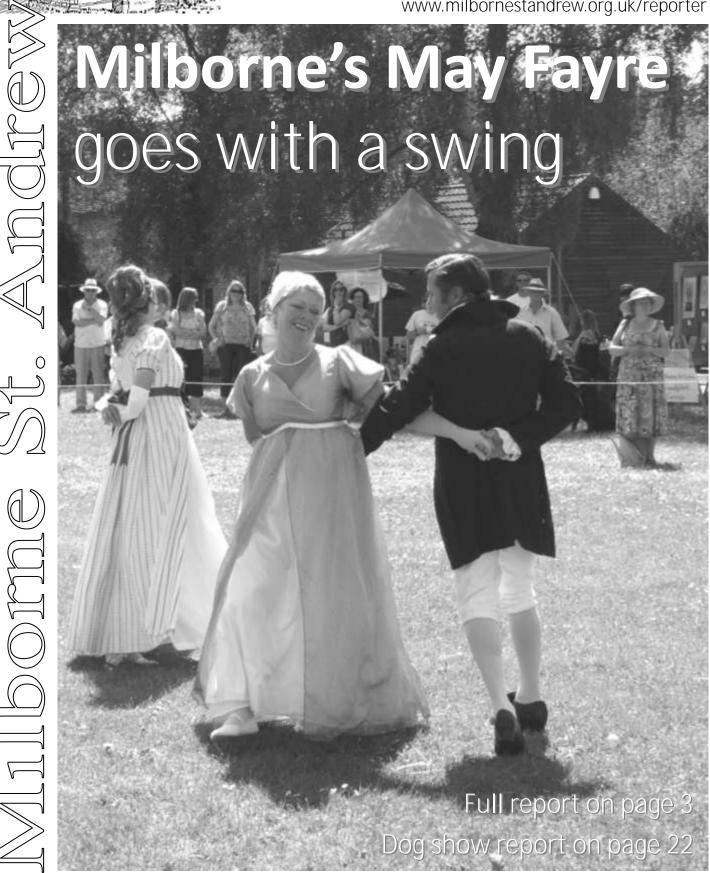


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June 2010



Food and Wine Society



A GOOD time was had by some of our members as we celebrated St. George's Day at The Royal Oak on 24th April with a suitably English menu.

Our next event is a Casino Night at Cygnets Restaurant in Weymouth where

we will be trying our luck at the gaming tables and sampling some food with a 007 theme – on arrival we will be having sparkling wine with Octopussy (anyone's guess!) and for dessert Meringue with strawberries and Martini cream (shaken but not stirred!).

We have lots of other interesting events throughout the year from wine tastings to trying out different foods and visits to restaurants. We always welcome new members - so if you like good food, good wine and good company, come and join us. Give me a call on 837929 or Helen Lord on 839222 and join in the fun.

Maureen Lock – Chairman

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Wednesday Social Club - May Outing

THE first Wednesday in the merry month of May, 53 of us set off for Kintbury, near Newbury. The Kennett and Avon canal was our destination and we were all looking forward to experiencing the joys of a horse-drawn barge.

Before we set off in the barge, we were introduced to Freddy

the horse. Freddy who was only six years old was a lovely young shire horse. However, we warned that

were because he was only a youngster he could be naughty and play up



sometimes. During the journey he did hear some deer in the field and that started him running, anyway his handler soon had him under control. Whilst enjoying the tranquillity of our surroundings we all had sandwiches, tea and cake and marvelled at how smooth the barge felt as we glided effortlessly through the water. Having got back to Kintbury we all boarded the coach and made for Andover, to the garden centre. Quite a few of us bought plants and there was just time for a quick cuppa before heading back to Milborne.

Many thanks to everyone who put themselves out to ensure that we had a lovely, memorable day.

A rolling slide show of the day is available for viewing at the Friday morning Drop-in.

Dates for your diary:

Cream tea at Val and Dave's on 2nd June. Please let Val and Dave know if you are able to attend.

Mystery Trip – 7th July. Please come and join us for an evening tour of the Dorset countryside followed by a pub supper - all welcome. Please contact Margaret Evans 01258 450518.



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Milborne May Fayre

THE hottest day of the year so far provided the perfect weather for the May Fayre last Saturday. This year's fayre was an eclectic mix of martial arts, historical dancing, a dog show and a plethora of side stalls ranging from artwork to craft stalls and face painting to plant

Fayre goers were treated to a fine demonstration from the Wessex Karate Academy who performed practice methods of goju-ryu karate. The 18-strong team were put through their paces, displaying their moves, all in full kit and voice.

Next up in the arena was Dorchester Historical Dance who specialise in old English dancing in period dress. The group performed a number of dances in stunning early 19th century costume. A wonderful spectacle for the audience, but it must have been hot for the dancers!

The fun dog show was well attended with 40 entrants from a wide variety of breeds. They competed across six classes including Best Puppy and Waggiest Tail which was won by Chuck, a Staffordshire bull terrier. Damory vet, Mr David Harding, acted as judge for the day – an unenviable task with so many entrants.

Brian Parkinson gave a running commentary on the PA system for the whole day, providing information and witty asides for all of the arena events, as well as a 'walking-talking' tour of the stalls. It was universally agreed that Brian, of the Milborne Players, gave a first class performance!

Among the many local craft stalls, were the beautiful watercolours of Ron and Dorothy Karley, depicting fungi and flowers; a wonderful display of work from the members of Milborne Friendly Art Group; Saucy Nancy's Peg Dolls and Sock Toys, cuddly toys made from (brand new!) socks. From further afield were John



and Sally Carpenter from Marlow, who offered wood turned crafts and jewellery. The WI had a new take on the tombola theme - a 'jarbola', where all the prizes came in jars, as well as running a cake stall. The Scouts provided hot dogs cooked over an open fire, and tea and cakes were a big hit in the hall, courtesy of the Swimming Club.

The organisers wish to thank all the local groups that took part and all those who attended making this year's May Fayre a big success.

Fd Richards



And the answer to the question is . . .

A VERY enjoyable and somewhat competitive evening ended up with the Gardening Club not losing the plot and running out as eventual winners of the 2010 Village Quiz. Organised by the trustees, this event is not as cut throat as many think, the primary aim is to have a good time in good company, it is *not* intended to be a preliminary round for Mastermind, so hopefully we will see more teams in 2011. The questions were set by last year's winners and Tony Fox did the honours as the quizmaster. Well done to Tony and his team.

£61 was raised during the evening and this will go towards the buying of a commercial dishwasher when funds permit.

Runners up were the local Jam Tarts (W.I. to the uninitiated) and third place went to the Clangers, otherwise know as those intrepid Bellringers who sally forth most Tuesday evenings. The winning



team consisted of (left to right) Peter Dunkley, Bill Love, Hilary Baumberger and Sally Dyer and ideas are already circulating about next year's quiz format which might include more multiple choice rounds. This proved particularly successful a few years ago and is well worth thinking about again.

Moviola is another event organised by the trustees and proved to be another "Complicated" but enjoyable evening out at the movies without the long trek to Weymouth and beyond. Maggie is responsible for the programme and a meal is provided for those that want to meet up before the film. About 45 people attended the May event but unfortunately this is below the 'magic' figure of 60 which is the break even point that Moviola insist on if they are to continue to come to the village. So the old adage, if you don't use it you'll lose it applies. Luckily, at the moment, the shortfall is made up with proceeds from the food, the ice cream during the interval and the raffle and we have Jenny and Bill Preston to thank for the raffle. As a last resort the trustees step in and make up any difference because it is felt that this is a worthwhile service to maintain.

No news on the MUGA front but the planning application has been submitted, competitive quotes have been obtained and we just have to sit back and watch what happens next. The front Car Park entrance has been re-surfaced and a couple of the potholes filled so another tick in the box is due there. We did look in to resurfacing the entire car park and then to mark out the car parking spaces but at £10,000 that will have to be put on the back-burner until another grant can be obtained.

The trustees would also like to thank the residents on the Causeway who have whispered in our "shell-like" on a couple of occasions that they have seen children playing on the roof of the Hall. This is extremely dangerous as it is a fragile metal roof so the CCTV cameras have been realigned to cover the situation and the Police are now aware of this development.

We are still looking for a bookings co-ordinator and a young person to represent the views of the youth of the community and maybe at the same time gain some community award from the DoE Award scheme, for example. Now that volunteering for community work is high on the new Government's agenda we will see a flood of applicants, we wait in hope and expectation . . . Richard Lock



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

Ordinary Time

Dear Friends,

'Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Easter, Pentecost, Trinity'.

Benny has a great song that he teaches the school children to help them learn the names of the seasons in the church's year. It has a very catchy tune.

Last month we celebrated Pentecost and Trinity Sunday in our churches and we are now entering what we call 'ordinary time.' This term comes from the word 'ordinal' and simply means counted time. We count the Sundays after Trinity (one to 23) all the way to All Saints Day in November.

Ordinary time is not mundane or common at all! In fact it is an extraordinary and exciting time when we will be hearing stories about the life of Jesus from Luke's Gospel in our churches. If you come to church during this time you will see that the altar cloths are green. Green has traditionally been associated with new life and growth. In Christian tradition, green came to symbolize the life of the church following Pentecost, as well as symbolizing the hope of new life in the resurrection

We are privileged to live in such a beautiful part of the countryside. It means that we can recognise the changes in the seasons. I have been struck as we enter ordinary time at just how green our lanes and fields have become in the last month. The buds have opened and there are signs of new life everywhere.

In June, throughout the benefice, we have the opportunity to celebrate life and to praise and thank God for his wonderful creation and the part we play in working with him.

Milborne St. Andrew's Church is celebrating by holding an 'Open Gardens Day' on Saturday 5th June.

On the weekend of the 19th and 20th June we will be celebrating the life of Puddletown village with a flower festival entitled 'a portrait of Puddletown'.

On Sunday 20th June at 6.00pm there will be a 'Songs of Praise' service in Puddletown Church and on Monday 21st at 7.00pm David Illingworth will be playing 'organ fireworks', this will be followed by more singing. Look out for the posters!

Come and enjoy the gardens, the flowers and the cream teas.

Come and celebrate new life with singing.

Come and thank God for His goodness to us.

We are living in an extraordinary time!

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CHURCH SERVICES June 2010

THURSDAY 3rd JUNE

12.00 Lunch-time Communion Milborne

6th JUNE - Trinity 1

9.30am Family Communion Milborne 11.00 Holy Communion Puddletown

With Sunday Seekers and Creche

11.00 Morning Prayer Dewlish 4.00pm Tolpuddle Praise Tolpuddle

Village Hall

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Puddletown

THURSDAY 10th JUNE

12.00 Lunch-time Communion Puddletown

13th JUNE - Trinity 2

8.15am 1662 said Communion Puddletown Methodist United Service 9.30 St Johns Tolpuddle Parish Communion 9.30 Milborne 11.00 Family Service Puddletown Family Communion Dewlish 11.00

THURSDAY 17th JUNE

12.00 Lunch-time Communion Dewlish

20th JUNE - Trinity 3

9.30am Family Communion Tolpuddle and Baptism 9.30 1662 Said Communion Milborne 11.00 Holy Communion Dewlish 4.00pm Milborne Praise! Milborne

6.00 Flower Festival

Songs of Praise

THURSDAY 24th JUNE

12.00 Lunch-time Communion Tolpuddle

27th JUNE - Trinity 3

9.30am Holy Communion Tolpuddle 9.30 1662 Parish Communion Milborne 11.00 Family Communion Puddletown

With Creche and Sunday Seekers

11.00 Family Pet Service Dewlish

Church Cleaning - w/e Saturday 5th June Victoria Bone and Lin Chatfield 12th June Ed and Rose Frost 19th June Sue Lee and Val Hodges 26th June Mary Bennett and Pat Tribe



Announcement

Mrs Phyllis Poskröbko, mother of Ann Trathen, died peacefully at home on 14th May, aged 105.

Benefice phone calls

During Benny's sabbatical from May to September you will not be able to leave a message on the vicarage answer phone. Instead we have a benefice mobile phone. The number is: 07760 304454.

To contact Rev Sarah Godfrey, please use this number. If she is busy please leave a message and she will get back to you when she can.

The benefice office number is 01258 839190. Marion Bishop, the benefice administrator, is in the benefice office on Tuesday and Friday mornings.

> Flowers - w/e Saturday 5th and 12th June Jill Harvey 19th and 26th June Sally Dyer 3rd and 10th July Helen Pugh

MILBORNE ST. ANDREW **CHURCH NOTES**

Helping the needy in Kenya

MANY PEOPLE worked hard to raise money during Christian Aid Week. This culminated with musical entertainment on the Saturday night by the Memory Lane Swing Band in the garden of Little England Cottage. Additionally, a Goons sketch was performed by members of the Milborne Players.

PCC members had great fun peeling sacks of potatoes that went towards the sausage and mash supper during the interval, supplemented by some delicious trifles - much enjoyed by everyone (it was a sell-out). A big "thank you" to Charlotte for organising the event. To date, £455 was raised from this event alone, and a further £392 has been taken via the door-to-door collections.

The Christian Aid theme was continued on the Sunday afternoon at Milborne Praise! when Sarah showed this year's Christian Aid DVD about poor sanitation in parts of Kenya. The children then went on to make money-boxes out of toilet roll holders, which they took home to put their pennies in to help the deprived Kenyan children.

At April's Annual Parochial Church Meeting the following were elected or re-elected: Churchwardens, Eva Stockley and Pat Tribe; Secretary, Carolyn Martin; Treasurer, Andrew Mott; PCC members, Teresa Holmes-Thompson, Sue Lucas, Derek Ross, Elizabeth Walker, Kate Williams and Linda Wright.

Plans for toilets in church finalised

At the PCC meeting on 11th May the main topic for discussion was the provision of toilets in church. The plans have now been finalised with the addition of some storage space under the west window of the north transept. The plans have been submitted to the Diocesan Advisory Committee to apply for a faculty to carry out the work. Eva Stockley and Pat Tribe (Churchwardens)

f 455 raised for Christian Aid

A GOOD time was had by all on Saturday 15th May in the garden of Little England Cottage, raising funds for a good cause. To mark Christian Aid Week, the Parochial Church Council organised a wonderful evening of musical entertainment from the noted locally

based musicians of the "Memory Lane Swing Band". Chilly though the evening was, guests were warmed up by an amusing "Goon Show" in the interval as well as by the sausage and mash supper cooked by the ladies of the PCC.





Thanks are due to all organisations and individuals who supported this event, Western including Abbas Marquees, Cabins, The Oak at Dewlish, the United Church Dorchester. Dorchester Quakers. our own MSA Royal Oak, WI members,

Village Hall and Social Justice Group. Also the ever popular Milborne Players, whose next production is coming up soon on 11th-12th June. A total of £455 was raised for the important work of Christian Aid which helps poor people in developing countries to improve their living conditions and life chances. Charlotte Seymour-Smith

DEWLISH CHURCH NOTES

Importance of fund-raising efforts

MANY THANKS to all who supported us at the Spring Sale. We raised £364.91 for church funds. These fund-raising events are very important in keeping the church finances healthy, and so I am very pleased to say that we have two such events lined up for June.

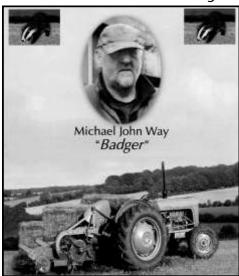
First, Mrs Audrey Penniston has kindly offered to open her delightful garden on Sunday 13th June, from 2.00-6.00pm. Audrey lives at Flower Cottage, Waterston. Teas will be available. The second event is on Thursday 17th June, when Mrs Daphne Berridge will hold a coffee morning at Shailes Farmhouse from 10.30am-12noon. Daphne also has a beautiful garden, full of wonderful scented roses.

On Sunday 4th July, we are holding our Parish Picnic on the village green – further details next month.

At our AGM Daphne Berridge resigned as Church Secretary after doing the job for many years. Thank you, Daphne, for all your hard work. Judith Bridger has taken on the job of Secretary. Although we had already been notified, Benny explained his reasons for leaving around the end of this year. We wish him and Mel well for the future.

Daphne Burg

Michael John Way



MICHAEL, known to most people as "Badger", spent all his working life at Manor Farm, Milborne working for "Boss" Mr. Hooper alongside "Piggy" Mike Mullett. He fed the calves every morning and at weekends P.J., his nephew, helped. He loved driving his John Deere tractor (nobody else was allowed to), spending many hours working the land, sometimes chatting on his C.B. radio. He always took his dogs, first Cheeka and later her daughter Mitzy.

Michael spent most of his time at the farm. Michael was a devoted C.B.er, his handle "Green Apple" spending well over 25 years "on the air". He spent many long hours Dxing from Bulbarrow Hill, Windgreen and sometimes the Purbeck Hills with his faithful "furry seat cover", Cheeka and Mizy alongside him.

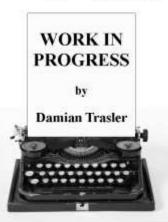
Michael was a well known face at Banger meetings, he was a regular at Matchams Park, always taking his dogs. He even had a brief career as a Banger Driver until he was "posted", then spent the rest of the race being pushed, spun and shunted about, as his door was damaged he couldn't get out of the car. That was his last race, he decided it was just "TOO RISKY". He carried on going regularly to watch banger meetings at Matchams, The Mendips and Wimbledon sometimes with his brother Dave and later with girlfriend Jo and friend Archie.

Michael actually sponsored The Trophies when "Bourne Motor Racing Club" first started, where a few years later his nephew P.J. was a successful driver. Rest in peace Michael.

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Ladybirds making butterflies

THIS month Ladybirds have been studying the life cycle of butterflies. We started with the story The Very Hungry Caterpillar and have tried the foods he ate. The healthy fruits were followed by the 'less' healthy chocolate cake and cherry pie which the children enjoyed baking. The more unusual foods tried included Swiss cheese



and salami which the children tasted but not all were sure about! The photos show some of the artwork of caterpillars and butterflies. Rosie made huge pompom caterpillar that required sticking onto a

long piece of paper thank you Denise for the donation of the pompoms. More of our artwork can be seen by other users of the hall - a string of butterflies tied decorating the ceiling

Advance notice

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- c. Gladiolus
- d. Rose
- 2. Mixed bunch of Garden Flowers
- 3. Fruit and vegetables
- a. A bowl of fruit one variety (eg apples, pears)
- b. A bowl of mixed fruit
- c. A selection of mixed vegetables in a suitable container
- d. Three vegetables of one variety of your choice (eg 3 carrots, 3 beans)
- 4. The Heaviest Potato
- 5. The Longest Runner Bean
- 6. Flower Arrangements
- a. An arrangement of foliage only.
- b. An arrangement in an unusual container
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- a. The Jurassic Coast
- b. My Garden
- 8. Cookery
- a. Three cup cakes of any variety
- b. A jar of Jam (any variety)
- c. A jar of Jelly (any variety)
- d. A jar of Marmalade (any variety)9. Children's Section To be announced

All classes are open to everyone in the village to enter. You do not have to be a member of the Gardening Club, so start growing plants and taking photos. Printed schedules including entry forms will be available from various places in the village at the end of June or beginning of July. Further details in the July *Reporter*.

Weather in Milborne St. Andrew April 2010

TOTAL rainfall in April was 45.9mm which was 76% of average but 38.3mm of that rainfall occurred in the first three days of the month with the rest of the month only receiving 7.6mm of rain. A northerly wind persisted for most of the month which coupled with low night temperatures retarded growth of plants. There has only been 4.0mm rain during May so far with the northerly air flow continuing which has not encouraged much growth either. Little rain is forecast for the rest of May so there is likely to be a rainfall deficit of around 100mm by the end of the month. The Met. Office forecast for the first two weeks in June suggest that rainfall is likely to be higher than average in all areas but other long range forecasts suggest less rainfall especially in the south. The two years with lowest April/May rainfall I have recorded were 1980 and 1976. In 1980, the June rainfall was one of the highest June rainfalls I have recorded at 136.8mm whilst in 1979, June had the lowest June rainfall I have ever recorded at 6.4mm. As things stand at the moment, we may be in for an agricultural drought.

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Campaigning to BUY BRITISH at the May meeting of the WI

CHAIRING her first meeting as President, Linda Wright introduced the new committee and took the opportunity to thank Heather Hogg not only for her Presidency over the last 3 years, but for her many years of loyal service to Milborne WI.

Every year WI members put forward resolutions to the National Federation which then form the basis of campaigning activities and this year the overwhelming favourite is for mandatory labelling of food with true country of origin. We are always keen to "buy British", and remembering that the WI's campaigns have been important, and in many instances influential, we were very happy with the final show of hands which recorded a unanimous "Yes"

June Maitland reported back on an interesting Spring Council Meeting held at the Lighthouse, Poole. The highlight was a talk by Erin Pizzey, founder of the first refuge for desperate mothers and children. It was the WI and many of its groups who helped her during the first years of running the refuge; it never needed more than a quick phone call to the local WI and help was provided.

Well done to members who took part in the County Group quiz, coming second and third - and the Village Hall guiz, in which our team came second.

A group from Milborne joined other WI members from Dorset at a most enjoyable 'Art Lovers' Lunch' in Bournemouth, with a delicious lunch in the company of Rupert Maas (well-known from Antiques Roadshow). An art expert and picture dealer, he gave an enlightening and thoroughly entertaining talk on Pre-Raphaelite painting. We were left hoping that County would not be long before they organised something similar again.

Coming up: Triathlon: walking, swimming, cycling - we are encouraged to take part in this "Challenge to WIs" initiative to get and keep fit. We are to keep a tally of what we already do, even walking the dog counts. Swishing: Opt for sustainable, ethical fashion, but forget "throwaway garments". Come along to the Village Hall on Wednesday 21st July between 6.00 and 8.00pm, and swap an item(s) of clothing, shoes, accessories. Summer supper: will be held on Friday 18th June in Josie Wright's garden at Brooklands. Summer Outing: Remembering Mrs Bryant, our enthusiastic speaker on Moreton Church and TE Lawrence as well as the Whistler windows, we will meet on Thursday 12th August at Moreton Church and Gardens where Mrs Bryant will give us a guided tour. Photo at the tree: Parish Pit - Tuesday 22nd June at 6.30pm (Wednesday 23rd if raining). As many as possible please for our photo.

Please come along to our next meeting on Thursday 10th June, and bring a favourite photo, one you would like to talk to us about. There will also be a talk from Christine Shaw on 'Cape Town to Victoria Falls'. If you would like to find out more about the WI and all it does both locally and nationally, spend a sociable evening with us, we would love to see you.



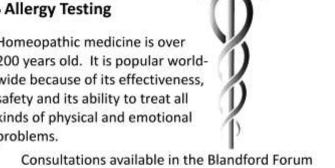
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Episode One, in which we meet the Grumpy Old Moaner of Hillside Cottage and some of the animals that try their best to keep him calm.

THE animals of Hillside Cottage live with a very Grumpy Old Moaner. All of us animals, even the rather wild ones, appreciate the Old Moaner's hard work looking after us but his demeanour is not his best feature. He just gets so cross.

I try to live quietly with my eight sisters in the hen house and my name is Seven of Nine. All my sisters have nice names like Charlie and Clarissa – if anybody out there knows why my name makes people laugh please write and let me know because I Just

Don't Get It. Not many people, or animals, share the Old Moaner's sense of humour.

This morning the Old Moaner was in the hen house

very early – just after the post man's van roared off up the lane spitting gravel over our fence and generally making far too much noise far too early – or so the Old Moaner was raging. This was odd as he was also moaning about how late the nice Mr Postie is nowadays.

The Old Moaner had no boiled rice or tasty bean shoots for us but was clasping a crumpled envelope and a screwed up letter from someone at the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank. This made the girls nervous because we know they eat the feet of chickens in Shanghai and we wonder what they do with the rest of the animal and how legless chickens can have a productive life and realise their potential.

Anyway, The Old Moaner was raging about this letter from the Service Improvement Officer — "Service . . ." he screamed "what do they know about service. They would not know service if it came up behind and bit them on the bum. And there's no sign of improvement here anyway. They can't do a simple thing and get it right first time. "Officer" — that's not the title I'd give them. Time wasting moron more like. I know what it means to be an officer — ten years of National Service is what these jokers need."

The Old Moaner unscrewed the missive and laid it down rather carefully in the hen house just under our favourite perch. "Add some quality to this letter from these imbeciles" he told us and left banging the door rather too loudly for such an early hour.

The Old Moaner's idea was to retrieve the letter tomorrow and send it back to the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank with our "improvements" all over it. But this seemed very drastic to us and between us we managed to read that they were cross because too much of something called money went out and not enough came in. The solution, very simple to us bird brains, was for the Old Moaner to put more of the stuff in and then the Service Improvement Officer would be more cheerful. Simple.

So the girls and I have shredded the letter and used the bits to line our favourite laying box. Clarissa is sitting on it now trying to make a nice egg for the Old Moaner's breakfast. That should cheer him up — we hope.

As you can see, the Old Moaner has a complex and difficult philosophy that can not be easily summarised. He believes that every other person, and even some animals, are here on earth to make his life difficult; especially the Government, the Gas company, the Inland Revenue, all our rabbit friends, the mole family and people who park closer to the door than he can at Tesco.

On the other paw or claw, we animals of Hillside Cottage have a simple philosophy, easily summarised:

- A good day is when you are still alive at the end of it and have not been eaten.
- A good night is one you wake up from the next morning.
- If we animals can just help someone as we go about the daily struggle of staying alive, then we reckon we've had a good day. I'll get one of the Labradors or the sheep dog to write the next column as this typing lark is rather hard on the beak.

Grumpy Old Moaner



vitation to join the Gardening Club visit to West Dean Gardens

IN JULY the Gardening Club will be visiting West Dean Gardens near Chichester. West Dean is a large garden surrounded by trees with a magnificent pergola, gazebo and summer houses, together with mixed herbaceous borders, Victorian greenhouses and a large working kitchen garden. There is a Parkland Walk and St. Roches Arboretum. The licensed restaurant offers a range of "home baked" foods.

Currently there are still some seats available on the coach so we would like to invite non-members to join us. The cost is £18.00 per person, which includes the entrance and the cost of the coach.

If you wish to join us on this visit, please ring me on 01258 837140 as soon as possible so we can be sure that the coach is filled and also there is room for all interested. Payment to be made when booking by cheque made payable to Milborne St. Andrew Gardening Club.



Venue:

West Dean, near Chichester

Tuesday 13th July 2010

Depart:

9.00am. Meeting at Londis Village shop

Return:

Approximately 4.00pm.

We look forward to welcoming you on this trip. The members are very friendly and this should be a really good visit

Hilary Baumberger Secretary



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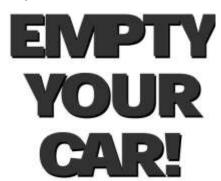
Homewatch Newsletter Blandford Rural May 2010

Local reported crimes in April

Date	Village	Incident	Location
3rd April	Milborne St Andrew	Theft - Lead	School
4th April	Milton Abbas	Burglary – Garage – Nothing taken	Pondhead
6th April	Milborne St Andrew	Theft – Winch cable and arm	Brooklands
9th April	Milton Abbas	Theft - Sheep	Milton Abbas

Theft from vehicles still occurring

THIEVES are still targeting vehicles parked at various sites across north Dorset and the Blandford Rural North patch in particular. Over April, a total of five break-ins to motor vehicles happened with a property removed from each and every one of them. Every break was also at beauty sites that are popular amongst ramblers, dog walkers and visitors driving to car parks and pull-ins and leaving their personal belongings in the car. IF YOU GO OUT TO REMOTE SPOTS WITH YOUR VEHICLE, PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE



You can do it or the thief can do it The choice is yours

CDs, mobile phones and handbags are the thief's speciality so please remove or lose them

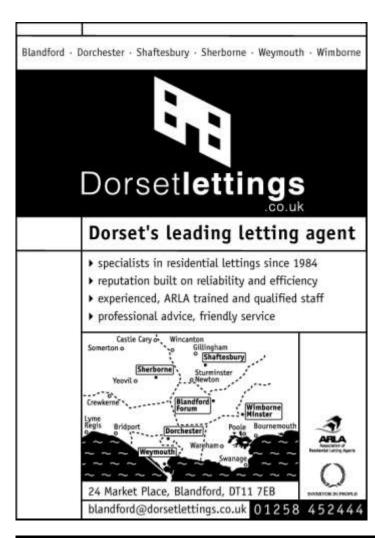
VALUABLES IN THE CAR OR ATTEMPT TO HIDE THEM. TAKE THEM WITH YOU OR LEAVE THEM AT HOME. Please spread the message as far and as wide as possible to eradicate these crimes. At every known popular place to go out for walks, etc, Dorset Police have placed warning signs nearby reminding the community to heed this advice. If there is somewhere you think would benefit from a sign that doesn't currently have one, please call in on the number below to advise us and we will place one out!

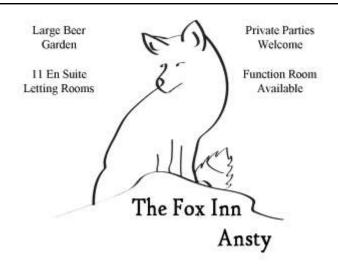
Home Security advice to reduce rural breaks

There are still a number of break-ins happening in and around the rural areas. Consider your home security and how easy it is for would-be thieves to remove your belongings from your property. Let common sense be your guide. Gravel paths and driveways are good for making lots of noise and extra external lighting can be used to flood priority areas with light (shady oil tanks or out-buildings, etc). If you are unsure, please get in touch on the number below to discuss any concerns and arrange a crime prevention survey if necessary. We can also point you in the direction of cost friendly products which may address your concerns including alarmed padlocks, out-building alarms and property marking.

The next public PACT meeting is at 7.00pm at Blandford Corn Exchange on 6th July 2010.

Anyone with information relating to any of the crimes mentioned here or on the stat sheet should contact local officers immediately on 01202 223003





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Ring 01258 881709 to register and for more information.

Gardens open in Milborne

THIS year Open Gardens in Milborne is taking place on Saturday 5th June. 21 gardens will be open including six which have never been open before. There is a huge variety - large, small, paved, grassed, growing flowers, fruit and vegetables, many with unusual plants and containers, but all interesting in different ways. Owners will be there to welcome you, and discuss their plants, some will have plants for sale, and the gardens are open from 10.30am to 5.00pm. Please go first to the Village Hall to pay the £4 entrance fee, which lasts all day, and get a sticker and brochure with map.

At the Village Hall there will be other attractions: coffee and tea with home made cakes in the morning, and cream teas in the afternoon and also a good raffle.

The event is in aid of funds for St. Andrew's Church, and, unusually, the tower will be open at no extra charge. There is a simply stunning view from the top, the whole village laid out before you, so go and see if you can pick out your own house! The ascent of the tower is, unfortunately, not suitable for the disabled or unaccompanied children. Let us just hope for fine weather so that everyone can enjoy this lovely day out.



A great start for Milton Abbas Neighbourcar

MILTON ABBAS Neighbourcar was successfully launched on 4th May.

It is one of several schemes in Dorset organised in conjunction with local GP practices offering transport to people with difficulty attending medical appointments as they do not have access to public or private transport.

Nigel Hodder has volunteered to be the Transport Coordinator for Neighbourcar. Having completed the first transfer he said "setting up something like this can be a complicated process but we have been lucky to have strong support from NHS Dorset and the team at Milton Abbas surgery. We have all worked very hard to get this off the ground and the fact that we have had fifty patients register with us already would suggest we are doing something right. When a call comes through I contact the driver who lives nearest the patient and if they can't help on that occasion I widen the net until someone says they are available to complete the journey."

Pam Lody from Winterborne Stickland, the first patient to use the new service, said "I can honestly say this new scheme is wonderful. In the past a few of us have tried to co-ordinate appointments so we travelled together. However under the new scheme, when we need a lift we just phone the co-ordinator on the dedicated line and they arrange transport for us. It is so easy and straightforward and a lot more convenient".

Users of the service pay £5 for a lifetime membership of the scheme and 45p per mile for medically related trips to the surgery, dentist or hospital. The scheme received start-up funding from the Dorset Project for Older People Partnership and has subsequently received donations from various Parish Councils. Nigel says "at 45p per mile we cannot make this scheme fully pay for itself, so we asked the Parish Councils for a modest donation to help cover our overheads such as insurance, telephone and stationery costs".

Currently there are twenty-eight drivers participating in the scheme – most of whom were previously drivers with the Friends of the Practice scheme operated by NHS Dorset.

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

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Drop-in Centre – POPP IT Club (Connecting Dorset)	Rose and Ed Frost Sue Gould Judith Bridgen	01258 837921 01258 837575 01258 837157
Ladies Group – Dewlish Memory Lane Swing Band	Bob Boorman	01258 837157 01258 839077 01258 450518
Wednesday Social Club Women's Institute	Margaret Evans Linda Wright	01258 837255

General - Youth

Beavers	Sue Mullett	01258 839076
Cub Scouts	Jo Hewish	01305 852614
Hazelnuts out-of-school club	Hazel Barrett	01305 848588
Ladybirds (Playgroup)	Marion Bishop	01305 848427
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
Community Beat Officer	PC Dave Mullins	01202 223003
•		07825 521850
Community Beat Officer (Dorch)	PC Charlie Dale	01305 222222
Community Service Vehicle	CSO Angie Partridge	01202 226000
Safer Neighbourhood Team		
Blandford Rural South	PC Dave Mullins and	01202 223003
	PCSO Luke Goddard	or 07825 521850
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Healthy Eaters	Heather Gipps	01258 837058
MSA Friendly Art Group	Sue Marsh	01258 837414
MSA Gardening Club	Sally Dyer	01258 837061
Milborne Players	Roy Sach	01258 837033
Ranters' Folk Session	Roger Harrall	01258 837371
Round Robin Ramblers	Ian Bromilow	01258 880044

Sport

Abbey Swimming Club	Pat Cowan	01258 880601
Adult Tap Dancing Milton Abbas	Libby Goodchild	01305 268029
Archers – Crossways	Sheila Ryall	01258 837504
Athletics – Junior	David Pearson	01258 837057

Badminton	David Payne	01258 837700
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Circuit Training and	Claire Barratt	01929 554999
Pilates		07946 732769
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Cricket Club - Milton Abbas	Andy Smith	01258 880310
Cricket – Junior (U11 – U13)	Andy Smith	01258 880310
Football – Adult	Paul Morgan	01258 837619
Football - Reserve Team	Andy Draper	07824 394436
Football – Under 15s	Grant Taylor	07879 841518
Football - Under 11s	Daryl Sims	01258 881397
Modern Sequence Dancing	Grace Davies	01258 837261
Running Group	Anne-Marie Pearson	01258 837057
Skittles – Dewlish	Frank Ross	01258 837366
Sports Club		
Chairman:	John Sanderson	01258 837049
Bookings:	Jenny Balcon	01258 837121
Table-tennis (over 50's)	Sandra Shannon	01258 837253
Tap Dancing for Men and Wom	nen	01258 880523
Yoga	Sue Chapman	01305 848053

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Milborne St. Andrew Village Hall and Dorset Moviola present



Friday 4th June at 7.30pm Tickets £5.00

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Community Events Diar

Add your event to this diary by contacting the Reporter - tel: 01258 837921 or email: reporter@milbornestandrew.org.uk

May	
Sunday 30th-	Afternoon Tea Almshouses Reading Rooms Milton
Monday 31st	Abbas in aid of St. James's. Also Sundays during the summer 2.00pm until 5.00pm.
Sunday 30th	Quiz The Royal Oak 7.30pm.
Monday 31st	Cream Teas Royal British Legion, Parish Room,
•	St. Mary's Church, Puddletown 2.30–5.30pm.
June	
Saturday 5th	Open Gardens, approximately 20 gardens in Milborne will be open from 10.30am–5.00pm.
Friday 11th-	The Milborne Players One Act Plays at Milborne St.
Saturday 12th	Andrew Village Hall – see page 6.
Friday 18th	Ranters' Folk Session Sports Club 8.00pm.
Saturday 19th	Church Fete and Dog Show Briantspuddle 2.00pm.
Saturday 26th July	Village Lunch – see page 2.
Wednesday 7th	Wednesday Club Mystery Trip – see page 2.
Tuesday 13th	Gardening Club Outing to West Dean Gardens, near Chichester – see page 11.
Saturday 17th	Fifth Food Festival and Classic Car Show Village Hall, Leigh, Nr Sherborne from 10.00am–4.00pm.
	Mat Follas, Master Chef of 2009, will be opening the
	Fair. Entrance £2 Children Free. Proceeds to the
	Leigh Village Hall and St. Andrew's Church, Leigh.
August	
Sunday 8th	Village Fete in aid of Weldmar Hospicecare Trust. Milborne St. Andrew Village Hall and Field.

Moviola presents "Invictus" (12A)

11.00am-3.00pm - see page 20.

Friday 4th June 2010

INVICTUS tells the inspiring true story of how Nelson Mandela (Morgan Freeman) joined forces with the captain of South Africa's rugby team, Francois Pienaar (Matt Damon), to help unite their country. The newly elected President Mandela knows his nation remains racially and he can bring economically divided in the wake of apartheid. Beli/ his people together through the universal language Mandela rallies South Africa's underdog rugby team as likely run to the 1995 World Cup Championship match.

This film opens with images of two sp ⊀ş pitch ne side of a narrow road lies a rugged patch of scrublah -thin black kids યા. On r side, on green holler as they run around playing for and tended grass overseen by a of a schoolteacher. rich white boys play rugger. 止 90s, as exiled South Africa's ANC leader Nelson released from Robben Jea**¢** finds himself presiding over a Island to become the co population of vengef ous whites, to which he must bring about racial un s upon the nation's rugby team, the Springboks, and m and feel-good potential of sport, so appealing to polition o do just that.

Juggests that sport can unite a nation but o√d's λ Clint Ea(λ ng questions about apartheid and its legacy. leaves a nul ricky ground for filmmakers, particularly when Recreating real the event is etched firmly in history. What the film loses in the element of surprise, it more than makes up for in its portrait of Mandela by delving into why he is such an extraordinary human being. Invictus won Oscar nominations for Best Performance by an Actor in a Leading Role, by Morgan Freeman, who's Mandela is avuncular vet unconventional. and Best Performance by an Actor in a Supporting Role, by Matt Damon, who is also compelling as Pienaar, the dedicated team captain, who comes to believe that sport has the power to bring down barriers between class, culture and race. Alice Harrall

Regular Bookings at the Village Hall

Beavers Monday 6.00–7.15pm MH (term time only) Computer Club Monday 6.30–7.30pm CR (term time only)

Ladybirds Playgroup Monday–Friday 9.15am–11.45pm (or 12.45pm depending on whether there is a lunch club) MH (term time only)

Players Monday 8.00–10pm MH

ABC Line dancers Tuesday 7.30-10pm MH

Cub Scouts Tuesday 5.45–7.15pm MH (term time only)

MSA Friendly Art Group second and fourth Wednesday 7.00-9.00pm CR 100 Acre Wood Pottery Wednesday 6.00–10.00pm MH (term time only)

Wednesday Club first Wednesday 2.30-4.30pm MH Gardening Club fourth Thursday 7.30-10pm MH

Healthy Eaters Thursday 7.00-8.00pm CR Karate Thursday 5.10-6.40pm MH

Village Hall Committee third Thursday 8.00-10.00pm

Women's Institute second Thursday 7.30–10.00pm

POPP Drop-In Friday 10.00am-12 noon CR

Youth Club every other Friday 6.30–8.30pm MH (term time only)

Sequence Dancing third Saturday 7.30-10.30pm MH

Village Lunch last Saturday of the month 12.15–2.30pm MH/CR

Milborne Praise! third Sunday 4.00-5.30pm MH

Moviola and supper about every six 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

ROGER'S RANT 2010

2nd - 4th July

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www.milbornestandrew.org.uk/RogersRant

Bluebell Walk to Milborne Woods "Trees for Dorset" Schools Project

with Mary-Ann Featherstone

"OWLS" Class set off from Milborne School heading for Milborne Woods at 9.30am on 7th May as part of the "Trees for Dorset" Schools Project and with kind permission of Mr Worrall the owner.

Once in Coles Lane the children were encouraged to look, listen and identify trees and wildlife on the way. Adults made notes on a species list for work in class later. We identified trees en route and the children recognised many of them when they reached the woods.

We noticed how an Oak tree standing alone had less leaves than the Oak trees in the woods. The children decided this could be because the woods were warmer, sheltered from the cold winds.

Our native apple and cherry trees had more subtle colours than cultivated trees from other countries. The blossom is important for bees and other insects, native trees and flowers being best as our insects have evolved with them.

We discussed the country code: follow the public footpaths unless you have permission and to leave a gate as you find it.

We talked about how some sheep had been savaged by out of control dogs and that the farmer could shoot your dog for worrying his sheep. The children were very interested and had a lot of stories of their own.

We saw buzzards, a squirrel, beetles and orange tip butterflies,



which lay their eggs on garlic mustard. The bluebells were beautiful and we found orchids, discussing rare flowers as well as medicinal and poisonous plants. We heard a chiff chaff, blackbirds

and many others, which Rachel could identify, but I couldn't!

We were wood detectives and looked for man's influence on Milborne woods, discussing why pheasant



rearing and shooting can help the farmer raise money to manage the woods, also that if the woods were not managed, the farmer would not be able to spend money and time

looking after it and it would become overgrown and not as good for wildlife. The wood is coppiced and there were signs of coppicing and pollarding trees from a long time ago.

We identified ancient woodland trees and flowers, bluebells, wood anemone, primroses and polypody ferns, which grow up in the old oak trees, crab-apple, holly, hazel coppice and ash coppice.

We didn't find much rubbish, which was good.

The wind was NE we found, using a compass and it was cloudy and cold, but as we sat down for our picnic on the west side of the wood, the sun came out for 20 minutes and we suddenly found lots of insects on the move and used a bug viewer to identify a few. We used field guides for identification.

The children were really enthusiastic and uncomplaining. There was a vast amount of knowledge shared and I look forward to seeing the results of the work they do in class next week with Mrs Plant, Mrs Hewish and Miss Allen. An excellent day outside.



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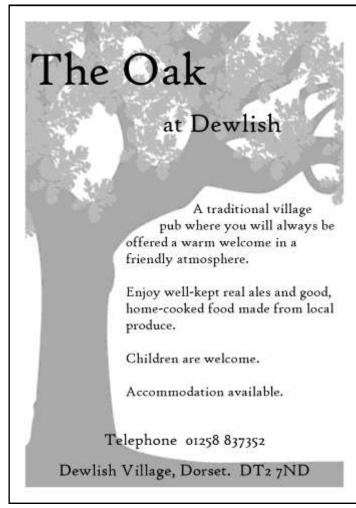
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Adults £80. Senior Citizens £60. Juniors (17 and under) £28 as part of a family, £45 individual. Children (3 and under as part of a family) free.

Club Sessions

Tuesdays: 7.00 pm - 9.00 pm Fridays: 7.30 pm - 8.30 pm Saturdays: 10.00 am - 12.00 noon Sundays: 8.00 am - 9.00 am

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A date to put in your diary

ON Sunday 8th August 2010 from 11.00am-3.00pm there is going to be a village fete in aid of Weldmar Hospicecare Trust, held in the village hall and field of Milborne St. Andrew.

Formally known as Joseph Weld & Trimar Hospice and Cancer care Dorset, Weldmar Hospicecare Trust is an independent charity working in Dorset. All of our services are provided free of charge without a penny to the patient or relatives. 70% of the funds we need are raised locally; the rest is given by the NHS.

Our job is to support people in Dorset affected by cancer and other life-limiting diseases, largely at the end of life. We work both with patients and their families. We also provide respite services for people with complex long-term progressive conditions.

I work for the trust and am organising this fete in the village of Milborne to spread the word about the service we provide, raise as much money as possible for such a worthy cause as well as deliver a family fun day for all!

Stalls on the day will include wet sponge target, homemade cakes, handmade jewellery and a bouncy castle. There are also lots more fun things which will be happening throughout the day including a main arena of acts which will keep everyone entertained and also the Dorset Police will be on hand along with two police vehicles for the children.

Keep your eyes peeled for more information about the service we provide as a Trust as well as more information about this village fete, over the next few issues.

We are still looking for donations of any unwanted Books, CDs, DVDs and bric-a-brac Items. If you have any that you wish to donate for the event, please bring to Joseph Weld Hospice, Main Reception, Herringston Road, Dorchester, labelled - Milborne Village Fete. Thank you.

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In your Garden Seasonal notes and tips from Maureen Lock of Designer Gardens The herbaceous border

SPRING is just about behind us (hopefully), and we now look forward to those brief but colourful summer months. The typical English herbaceous border is at its best in the summer and there are plenty of gardens to visit through the National Gardens Scheme - you can find these in the NGS's Yellow Book. If you want to see a really fantastic

herbaceous border then make the trip to one of the RHS gardens at Wisley in Surrey, or Rosemoor in Devon - you will be in for a real treat.

It is the herbaceous perennial that gives us colour in the summer. Some perennials are evergreen but most will die down completely in the winter and start to emerge again in early spring. You can find a perennial for just about any situation shady, sunny, woodland, boggy - you name it and there will be a plant to suit the conditions. Perennials will often flower more than once in the season. If you cut

them down after they have finished flowering – you will more than likely be rewarded with a second show later in the summer. This applies to lupins, delphiniums, oriental poppies and many others.

When you are planning your border it is more important to consider the form of the plant – its growth habit and the shape and texture of the leaves, and then choose the colour of the flower. The flowers are soon over but it is the shape of the plant and the leaves that remain. Perennials can be used as ground cover; to fill gaps in the border; to provide height or create soft mounds and domes.

Try and choose colours that work well with each other – for example pink and orange would not look too good together. If you look at the colour wheel you can choose colours opposite each other e.g. yellow and blue, or colours next to each other i.e. pink and mauve. Weave a

> pattern through the border - I like to have a 'river' of purple alliums and blue camassia running through the shrubs, and then when these are over the purple verbena bonariensis and verbena rigida take over the mantle. At the middle to front of the border I like the pink and deep reds of the astrantia and at the very front lavender and dianthus.

> For a bit of height add an obelisk to the border and cover it with roses and clematis or sweet peas. Or plant verbena bonariensis or knautia macedonica near the front/ middle of the border to add depth to the planting – its fine stems and small flowers

give it a see-though quality.

Remember though that some perennials can be a bit on the invasive side – so unless you've got the space be a bit careful with plants like solidago (golden rod), alstromeria, aegopodium podagraria 'variegatum' (variegated ground elder) and some phlox varieties. Check the label!!

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It's a dog's life . . .

THE sun beat down, perhaps a little too hard for some of the 40 canine entrants of this year's Fun Dog Show at the May Fayre. There was a wide variety of dogs competing, from the exotic Lowchen (or 'Little Lion Dog') to a Staffordshire bull terrier, and from young pups to a thirteen year old Spaniel.

The first class, Best Veteran, was won by Bud, a nine year old Patterdale/Jack Russell terrier owned by Sarra Dellou. Picking the top

three of each class was Damory Clinic vet, David Harding, who had his work cut out in the next round, Best Adult. This round had 21 dogs competing, including 2008's Best In Show, Teddy. Mr Harding finally picked out Alfie, a 19 month old cocker spaniel as the winner, owned by Margaret Macleod of Puddletown. Second place went to Blue, a whippet with Ruby, a West Highland white terrier being placed third.

The Best Puppy class proved another tricky judging task - how to separate the three best pups from

fourteen? It was eventually won by Jumble, a very cute Spanish water dog, owned by Laura Henderson, who out-cuted her litter-mate Twiglet, also in the Puppy class. Afterwards, David Harding acknowledged how difficult it was, saying, "I could have picked all of them to win". Second place went to Yoji, a cocker cross, with the Lowchen taking third.

The next class proved popular, with 21 entrants trying to prove they had the Waggiest Tail. Chuck, the Staffie, owned by Simon Black wagged best and bagged top spot, beating Potter the cocker and Mojo the greyhound into second and third place. Fittingly, the winner

received some Wagg food and treats, as did all the first placed class winners.

Best Rescue Dog, kindly sponsored by Greyhound Rescue West of England, attracted eight entrants. The other seven had to go some way to beat cute puppy Clyde, the Jack Russell terrier. The pup, owned by Ray Harradine won first place, with Merlin the greyhound taking second and Rocky (Labrador) and Charlie (Jack Russell cross) third and fourth.

> The last class, Temptation Alley could have been mayhem with 26 dogs lined up to walk the walk - turning their noses up at sausages, tennis balls and a 'dead rat' (it was a pheasant, Brian, but I think you knew that!) Whether it was the afternoon heat that got to them, or that they were just plain obedient, in the main, the sausages stayed uneaten. Until that is, the second round when the six best performers got to do it again - this time off-lead. This had the desired effect, with sausages being

wolfed down and three clear winners established. It was extremely close between two Labradors, Teddy and Breeze, who both walked at their handlers sides perfectly, taking no interest whatsoever in the goods on offer. Teddy, owned by Jacqui Davies, just nudged it with Geoff Hodgson's dog Breeze placed second. A highly commendable third was awarded to Oliver, the thirteen year old English springer spaniel, owned by Conal Low-Grier.

Special thanks to Brian Parkinson for providing a very entertaining commentary throughout. Also thanks to Mr David Harding of Damory Vet Clinic for his excellent eye and Wagg dog food for kindly providing prizes. And, of course, many thanks to all the entrants and their owners and handlers. Ed Richards



Best Adult winners



Have you met . . . Melva Coe

Can you tell us a bit about yourself and your family? I was born in Hampton Court, Surrey in 1945, went to secondary school and on to 6th form college doing a secretarial course. I was married at

19 (as we did in those days – no living together allowed!) and had our first son at 21 – and three sons by age 25. As we had our children fairly early on in marriage, we have been offspring free for over 20 years! The boys are scattered – one in Cyprus, one in the States, and the youngest remaining near to our original home for 30 years, Horsham, West Sussex,

What did you do for a living?
Following on from college, I did secretarial work, then after some years at home with the boys, worked for the national charity Action Medical Research for over 20 years. Starting as part time office worker – and moving up to Administration and Personnel Director for the whole charity – which I absolutely loved, probably because I am an obsessive organiser! We left to move to

Dorset some nine years ago, and I went part time in Dorchester for a couple of years, before retiring some three years ago. How about your time in the village?

We've lived in the village for nine years and love being here. The village, the people, the surroundings, the walks, the nearness to the sea – and the wonderful activities going on in our fairly small village. I think it puts many a town to shame! I really don't want to change anything – we came here to embrace all village life and enjoy the country. Previously

Arial view of the May Fayre

we lived in a town, which was brilliant for the boys, but always planned to move to a village for a while. We started off with a holiday home in Swanage some 20 years ago, and kept it on until we moved here. The



would be great to be able to tell them that they will go on to be recognised as brilliant in future decades! But, thinking about it, maybe I would choose Leonard Berstein and talk about the music for West Side Story. It would be calmer!

Do you dare to share an embarrassing moment?

One stands out when I was around six – mum had made me a lilac dress with matching pants for a small piano concert. I was so nervous and embarrassed that I never told anyone that I wanted to go to the loo – and the pants and dress eventually turned to a lovely shade of purple and "dripped" just a bit! I was hurriedly collected from the stage! Also, when visiting my middle son's new in-laws for the very first time, I asked their other daughter-in-law when her baby was due. Needless to say she was not expecting.

Have you any amazing, frightening or challenging moments in your life that you would like to share?

In 1997 my eldest son, who was a sport diver at that time, said that I should learn to dive so that I could go with him! So at the relatively late age of 52 I learned to scuba dive off Swanage pier – and passed first time! There followed an amazing 10 years of diving in many exotic places – particularly in Egypt where I went for seven consecutive years. I've also done a parachute jump – the most frightening thing ever!

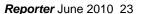
Consequently I was sick all the way down! And I've trekked 90 miles through the Atlas Mountains in Morocco for the charity, which was the hardest thing I ever did!

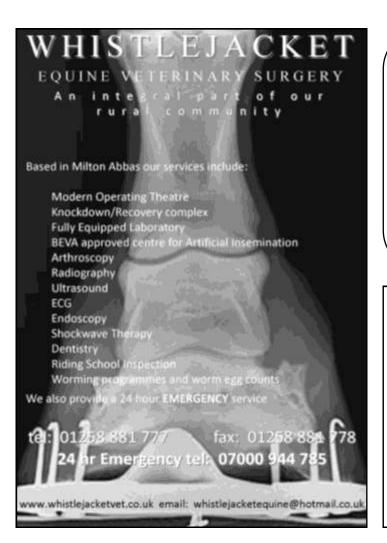
Can you surprise us?

Everybody knows I can talk for England! But for 10 years in Horsham I worked as a Samaritan (listening – not talking!), the very first national helpline, and ended up as Director of Training for the Branch. This meant I had to train people not to talk!

How did you get involved with the Players?

I love all live theatre, especially dance, as I spent ages from three to 19 in a dance school and used the last years helping the school with their dance routines. Also Sid and I had a brilliant 10 years in a very large musical/show society in Horsham, being in many musicals (only small parts!) with full orchestra and set with 700 customers for each of the shows – the very best of training for helping with our Players group. It has been wonderful watching all the Players get more professional, and also seeing such an increase in children (17 this year). But, apart from the Players, for the last couple of years, Sid and I have helped out at the Coffee and Computer sessions, and we are also involved with the monthly Village Lunch, I do all the secretarial bits, but Sid just eats the lunch! Oh – and I forgot – I do yoga, keep fit and belong to an indoor bowls club . . . now, have I remembered everything?







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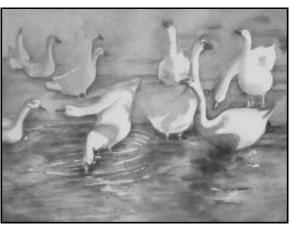
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Those bright yellow and red directional signs are all over the county again!

DORSET Art Weeks' 10th biannual event is back. May bank holiday weekend 29th May to 13th June.

It is reputedly the largest open studio in the country, one of the first starting in 1992.



Above: 'Milborne Geese'

Right: Japonise Lotus flower



Dorset has the thumbprint of The Creators beauty; we are really privileged to live with Dorset's amazing surroundings, which I am sure has a "chicken and egg" effect on so many different creative people in the county, only one of which is art.

Milborne St. Andrew comes in the Blandford area on the art map. A western trail has been created taking in Dewlish – venue 81 Hazel Wainright; Milborne St. Andrew – venue 108 Jill Glover; Milton Abbas – venue 107 Carol Mattingley; next Winterborne Stickland – 3 venues 83 Jaqui Barrett, 84 Jo Butchell and 85 Dave Webster. Please don't be shy of exploring and looking at any of the venues and work, it is free and not intimidating.

You may see wonderful areas of Dorset you have not found before; gardens, good pubs, amazingly friendly people, beautiful art and often refreshments as a bonus. Buying a card, print or an original work is an optional blessing!

Alternatively you could cherry pick a media you like – Oils, Jewellery, Photographs, Textiles, Sculpture, Furniture, Watercolour and more. There is so much to visit and see, even if you don't feel you are the arty type! During my visits in previous years, I have found the standard very high, diverse and interesting and greatly enjoyed the variety and enthusiasm of fellow artists.

Catalogue information can be viewed on www.dorsetartweeks.co.uk and hard copies are available from our Post Office, Libraries and tourist information centres. You don't need to travel far as I am on your doorstep in the village! My work is very colourful and varied: flowers, landscapes, frogs, dogs and other animals! I work mostly in watercolours. You will be very welcome.

Just follow the yellow and red!

Jill Glover

Winterborne Kingston to Combs Ditch

5**–**6 miles

THIS walk takes in ancient holloways, a winterborne stream, a Roman road and an early medieval boundary ditch.

Park near the church and walk east into East Street, a Roman road. The fields to the south often hold a huge roost of starlings in the winter months. After half a mile the path runs alongside a farm yard, Abbot's Court Dairy. You need to continue on the straight course of the Roman road and enter field on the right and continue eastwards to Muston Lane. Stay on the lane for a short distance and continue straight ahead into another field. Here you will have to cross a winterborne stream which may be a bit too deep for walking boots in the winter, but it dries out completely in the summer. Carry on still in a dead straight line into another field with a beetle bank on the left. This is a strip of rough grass through the middle of a crop and is designed to encourage insects that will feed on pests in the crop. Skylarks and yellowhammers are common in these fields. Walk across the track leading to the strangelynamed Goschen into another field. This one has unmown margin for wildlife such as partridges. Next go through a gate (marked active badger sett), across another field and onto a track. Bear slightly left and cross into a holloway leading to Great Coll Wood. These holloways gave sheltered routes from one village to another. This one appears older than the Roman road leading to it!

Reaching Great Coll Wood bear left along the western margin, eventually reaching the medieval Combs Ditch at the northern end of the wood. This is visible as a bank at the edge of the wood and runs in a westerly direction across the fields to Little Coll Wood. Combs Ditch is one of several ancient defensive ditches in the area that were built in the Dark Ages when the country was made up of many separate kingdoms.

Turn right at the end of Great Coll Wood and follow northern edge to Rendezvous Plantation, a hazel coppice. The path enters the eastern edge of a plantation before meeting a track where you need to turn left following the northern edge of the wood until another track is reached. Turn left again and continue on to Little Coll Wood. Turn right following the

northern edge of



The holloway leading to Great Coll Wood.

wood, then left around the western edge to Combs Ditch.

The final part of the walk is downhill across Muston Down. This exposed hill is often left as stubble through the winter and supports a huge population of skylarks and linnets, often hunted by merlins, our smallest falcon. After about half a mile the path turns right along a hedge then left towards a second Holloway – Muston Lane. At the bottom of the hill cross the stile on the right and walk up the hill to Hill Barn. Follow the footpath sign and diagonally cross a field to a copse. Follow the path across the track down to a stream and over a recently-repaired stile and up the hill to the village. The church tower can be seen ahead.

Bob Ford



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Dear Editor

Recently, while in the Village Hall, I studied the poster displaying the proposed MUGA. The size of which is big and will take up a large proportion of the grassed area. Is this what the village wants? Looking at the green from the Causeway it is already looks a mishmash of obstacles. The blue youth shelter and green outside gym both we were assured by the Hall Chairman were requested but I have seldom seen used. I have no criticism of the amount of effort put in applying for Grants but has this become an addiction or greed? Is the Hall continuing to apply for grants for 'improvements' without considering the legacy they are leaving future Hall users.

Who is going to pay for the upkeep and repair of all these improvements? The cost of renting the Hall has increased - is it going to continue to do so causing users to be forced out?

Name and address supplied

Dear Editor.

I wanted to write to thank the Reporter for inserting my advert last month for selling my bungalow. I was very impressed with the results of just a small advert placed in a local monthly magazine as I had several people very interested and viewings. I am hoping that this interest will result in a sale as I would love my home to go to someone who really wants to live in Milborne St. Andrew. I have really enjoyed my 10 years living here and will really miss the lovely people I have come to know but unfortunately due to my redundancy threat I have to make that painful decision to sell up, find alternative employment and downsize. I also had success with the other advert I placed wanting a man's mountain bike and I managed to get a nice bike. The residents of Milborne are very lucky to have such an informative, interesting and lively monthly magazine - well done to all involved, I know how much hard work you all contribute to its success. Sue Marsh

Sponsored Cycle Rides
Thank you to all those people who
sponsored me on my recent 25 mile cycle
ride in aid of the British Heart
Foundation. With your help I managed to
collect £213.

The ride which started and finished in Wimborne attracted about 1,600 cyclist and the route which I took went as far as Witchampton before turning down the Tarrant Valley, through Shapwich and finaly back to Wimborne.

Don't forget the Dorset Historic
Churches Trust cycle ride on Saturday
11th September. This event takes place
each year and last year over £62,000
was raised, half of which goes to the
church of the cyclist. Dewlish church was
only one of nine churches to achieve fourfigure sums, well done Jim and team.

If you have not participated before the aim is to get sponsored for every church you visit during the day. You can go either on a bicycle, walk, or on horse back, going on your own route and at your own speed. Get together with like minded people and have an enjoyable few hours visiting some of the beautiful churches in Dorset.

Half the money you collect goes to the organisers and the other half to the church or chapel of your choice. Sponsor forms can be collected from Pat Tribe or myself, David Payne

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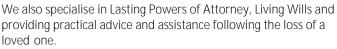
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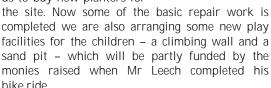


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SCHOOL NEWS

THE summer term started with sunshine, which was very welcome for our community Ground Force Day on Saturday 24th April. You

will have already seen a photo of some of the willing volunteers who joined us on the day on the front of last month's Reporter, but further thanks are needed. The village gardening club held a plant sale earlier this month and have kindly donated some plants which we will be incorporating in the landscape. Also we are very grateful to Dorset Gardens Trust who have given us a grant to enable us to buy new planters for



The children have been out and about this term. "Owls" completed a day walk to Milborne Woods as part of their Trees for Dorset project and enjoyed the fabulous display of bluebells. "Hedgehogs" enjoyed a day trip to Kingston Maurward Gardens, a prize for the class following Louie Brown's win in the harvest picture competition in the autumn.

I'm sure many of you will have been collecting the school vouchers from Tesco during recent months. We have participated in

the scheme for many years and have received equipment ranging from cricket stumps to laptops. This year our tokens must be ready for collection by Tesco on Friday 11th June and any vouchers received after that date will be wasted. Every year we receive lots of vouchers after the closing date which we can't bank, so if you have any vouchers please pop them into the school office as soon as possible and help us buy further resources for the school. We also participate in the Sainsbury Active Kids voucher scheme and Nestle box tops for books – all very welcome.

Please remember to pop into the school office if you would like any details about Mid Dorset

Children's Centre. Their aim is to support parents to give their children aged 0-5 years old the best start in life by providing new learning experiences, ensuring children are safe from harm, helping families get the most from their local community and services and promoting lifestyles healthy operate as a contact point in the village and have details of events and flyers available for collection.





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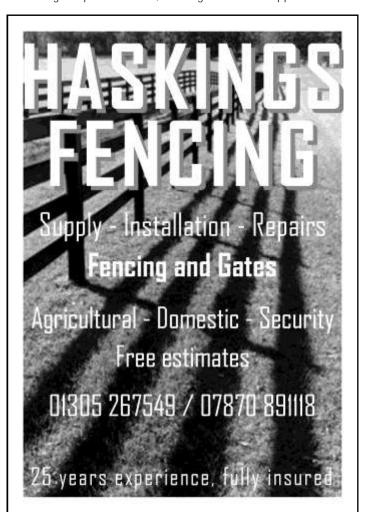


Dorset League Two

Miborne Sports 3 Antelope 2

ON a bouncy pitch Milborne's usual passing game was made difficult in what still proved to be an enthralling encounter against uncompromising opponents. With the Lane-Enders still needing to get maximum points to keep up the pressure on their two rivals at the pinnacle of the table a close game was on the cards against a team that they had narrowly beaten at Wareham a few weeks ago. After fifteen minutes a ball over the top found Antelope's striker in a race for the ball with Wayne Gifford who came out of his area to superbly head the ball away to safety. With twenty-eight minutes on the clock Milborne replied with a driven shot from fully thirty yards by Carl Tewkesbury that seemed destined for the bottom corner of the net until the visiting custodian made a great save. Shortly after Antelope won a corner on the left flank and a quality delivery to the near post was headed with venom in to the top corner of the net to provide the visitors with a shock lead. However, Milborne did manage to equalise just before the interval when the accomplished Ed Evans delivered a bolt from the blue from twenty yards which flew in to the far top corner.

The second half began brightly for Milborne when, after fifty minutes, Tewkesbury put in Cris Pavey who seemed sure to beat the advancing keeper. However, although his first clipped shot was



saved, fortunately, the rebound fell kindly to him to calmly cross the ball for the waiting poacher Carl McClements to sidefoot home from close range. It looked as though Milborne might take the game by the scruff of the neck but midway through the half another through ball led to Antelope's front man drilling the ball in to the net. The centre pairing of Kevin Seal and the returning Cormac Lochrie then kept their attackers in check although the game still looked to be heading for a draw until the promising young pacey Josh Harman found the consistent Ross Heaton who delivered yet another fine inviting pass over the Antelope defence to find Carl McClements who gleefully thrashed the ball past the keeper from about twenty-five yards to keep him at the top of the league goalscorers chart. With only a short while to go before the final whistle there was no way back for the Antelope.

So near yet so far

DESPITE winning their last nine games in a row and scoring almost one hundred goals in the league the Lane-Enders were pipped at the post by Sturminster Marshall and Blandford Sports who both finished up with one point more than the Sports after winning their final games. Unfortunately for Milborne, draws earlier in the season cost them dearly. Indeed, they were the only team in the Dorset Leagues to lose just one game during the season, this by the narrowest of margins away at Blandford, and so they were left to rue the dropped points, this including three successive draws against mid to lower table opposition. One of the highlights of their season was an 8-3 home victory over Blandford Sports, a team who had almost seventy players signed, and including a former Leeds United player. This was matched by a victory away against Sturminster Marshall, the eventual league winners, by the slenderest of margins, with an early goal settling the proceedings. Away from home ten matches were won with one draw and one defeat whilst, at home, there were seven wins, five draws and no defeats. From this it can be seen that teams obviously like visiting Lane End and its great playing surface and the warm welcome they receive. Perhaps too welcoming bearing in mind the draws! Next season no doubt manager Paul Hammond will be looking to continue making Lane End a fortress but with a few more wins and, hopefully, support will be forthcoming on the touchline where spectators can look forward to some fine flowing football.

If promotion is achieved, Milborne can look forward to appearing in the highest league to date and this will be an achievement for a team that were languishing at the bottom of the lowest league only three seasons ago. With a reserve side having been introduced last season they are looking to continue their improvement and will welcome any players who have the right commitment and attitude to play at the highest level their ability and enthusiasm enables. For those who may have passed their playing days there are opportunities at all levels to be involved with a club that is keen to progress and also has a professional approach that bats above its village status. Mike Lathbury, Chairman

Open Day at Milton Abbas launches Cricket Season

THE Milton Abbas Sports Club senior cricket team got off to a fine start on Sunday 25th April with the first home game against the Dorset Wanderers.

The Sports Club launched the summer season with an open event from 12 noon for the village to see the new cycling section and try their hand at mini cricket games. We would like to thank everyone who came along and enjoyed the games and the B.B.Q. Hopefully we have kick started a few cycling and cricket members both young and old.

The senior game started at 2.30pm with the Dorset Wanderers choosing to bat first. A fine opening bowling spell from Milton Abbas however soon had the Wanderers on the back foot and after ten overs they were 17 for 3. The Wanderers rallied in the middle order, but the winter net practise soon showed in the bowling with Stewart Rosoman and Grant Taylor both taking three wickets. Roy Sach chipped in with two wickets to leave The Wanderers all out for 111 after 35 overs.

After a fine tea Milton Abbas set about chasing the runs. First game nerves were quickly settled by new boy lan Colmer who looked completely at ease at the crease, and breezed to an unbeaten 50 not out before retiring to allow others to finish the job. In went the under 15 lads Nick and Charlie to get some experience and then Tom House finished the game off in fine fashion by stroking three consecutive fours.

The total of 111 reached in less than 20 overs. A great result to finish off the open day. Please come along and support your village team.

Milton Abbas Under 13's Cricket

Milton Abbas v Blandford U13's – 1st league game of the season MILTON batted first, good opening bowling from Blandford restricted the scoring chances. Milton lost both openers then Ben Sach scored a very good 25 in a good partnership with Matt Handley. Milton ended up on 55. Blandford had a good opening stand with both openers scoring 13. Jack Timperley took two good quick wickets. However Blandford knocked off the runs to win by four wickets.

U13's North Dorset Cup 1st round

Milton Abbas v Shaftesbury

THRILLING Cup game, went down to the last over, with both teams in with a chance. Shaftesbury batted first on a bitterly cold evening and scored 118 for 2 in 20 overs. Good batting from Shaftesbury, Milton Abbas bowled well with Matt Handley getting both wickets.

Wanted:

Occasional Cleaner for Holiday Cottage



We are looking for someone to assist with cleaning of a holiday cottage in the village (MSA) on an occasional basis. The job involves cleaning the cottage after guests and preparing for the next, usually on a Friday morning.

Hourly rate £8.50.

If you are interested in applying, please contact us at our email address:

p.fleetwood@btinternet.com or call Jill Storey on (01258) 837126.

Paul & Pam Fleetwood

In response Milton Abbas got off to a good start and an excellent third wicket partnership of 70 between Ben Sach (who top scored with 30) and Jack Timperley (15). Shaftesbury then got back into the game and an unfortunate run out of Timperley was the start of a clutter of wickets for Milton Abbas. Shaftesbury caught some excellent catches. The last over Milton Abbas needed seven runs with one wicket. Shaftesbury bowled well and got the last wicket. Milton Abbas were bowled out for 112.

The game was played in great spirit by both sides and Milton Abbas had some young boys playing for the first time at U13's and they did really well. Good luck to Shaftesbury in the next round.

Anyone interested in playing junior cricket please contact Colin Chastey 01258 837934.



Wanted! Wanted!

Milton Abbas Sports Club is looking to grow its Membership



INTERESTED in Cricket? Ever tried Cricket? Come along on a Friday evening for a FREE taster session.

Friday evening is training and Juniors at 6.45pm and Seniors at 7.30pm on the sports ground above Milton Abbas, the home of Milton Abbas Sports Club. We are particularly keen to attract new junior members, but all are warmly welcomed. We have three ECB Certified coaches. Your first taster session is FREE!

For more information contact Andy Smith 01258 880310 or Colin Chastey 01258 837934.

We are also looking for cyclists

Get those bikes out of the garage or shed, dust them down and come out.

We currently hold two weekly rides. Wednesday night for about one hour from the local pub starting at 7.00pm, a great event for the whole family. Your first ride is FREE.

Sunday rides from the sports field alternate weeks of road and mtb, these are quite serious rides lasting up to three hours so technical ability, suitable bikes and fitness are required. Helmets required.

All with a CTC Mountain Bike Trail and Bikeability Certified leader.

More information and confirmation of the rides contact Adrian Goodhand 01258 880895, email cyclesafaris@btinternet.com

Milborne 100 Club JOIN NOW

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Forthcoming Events

Special Board Sunday

We are extending the promotion on Sunday evenings throughout the month of June. We are offering 2 for price of 1 on main courses from our Specials board (the cheapest is free).

Tex-Mex Evening - Saturday June 12th

A selection of favourite Tex-Mex dishes, including nachos, ribs, chilli and enchiladas. Come and try them all, washed down with a margarita, or a shot of tequila perhaps? Eat as much as you like only £14.95. Reservations advisable.

Charity Quiz Sunday 13th June - Middleton Players

As usual, the event will be hosted by Graham Senior. All entry fees (£2 per person) will be donated to the charity. Please come and support this worthwhile cause. This month's pre-quiz supper is chilli and rice. Join us from 6.30 to 7.30pm. Only £6 per person, with £1 being donated to the Charity.

Indian Curry Night - Friday 25th June

Starting from this month, on the last Friday of every month we will be offering our curry night. Sample a selection of four different homemade curries, (including Aggies extra hot one, if you dare!) with rice, poppadoms and chutneys. Eat as much as you like only £11.95. Reservations advisable

Tex-Mex Evening

Saturday 12th June

Come and try a selection of Tex-Mex dishes Food from south of the Rio Grande . .

To start

Nachos with melted cheese served with spicy salsa, quacamole and sour cream

Main courses

Acapulco five bean chilli (v)

El Monterrey spicy ribs

Tijuana beef chilli

Cancún chicken enchiladas

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