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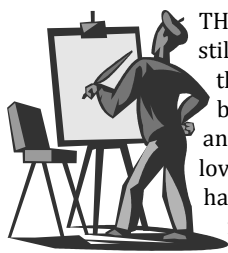
Millborne St. Andrew

Village Show Success

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Milborne St. Andrew Friendly Art Group



THE Milborne St. Andrew Friendly Art Group are still going strong. We have not taken a break through the summer but some members have been away to exotic places for their holidays and are now keen to get on with painting some lovely scenes. Unfortunately one of our members has been poorly and we all wish her a speedy recovery and to be able to join us again at the group sessions. Sue Marsh is handing over the reins of the Group to Elaine Anthony who has some great ideas for the future and is trying to arrange a visiting local artist for the autumn.

Unfortunately due to prior commitments, the Art Group were unable to give a show of their work at the Horticultural Show in September as requested but they are keen to provide some stunning art work to be displayed in some of next year's events. If you are interested in joining the group who usually meet twice a month, the second and fourth Wednesday at 7.00pm in the committee room, further details can be obtained from the village web site, village hall notice board or by contacting Elaine Anthony on 837089. Annual membership is still only £5 from January to January and the session fees are only £3 so come along and join in.

“OH YES IT IS!!” Panto Time – Cinderella 3rd/4th/5th February 2011

PLEASE make a note in your diaries that **Monday 11th October** is the first audition/rehearsal for the young cast and adults willing to wave goodbye to their street cred! We still need brave people for main parts, a fairly good fairy, an evil wizard, dames, beauticians, court ushers, bailiffs, lost hunters, animals, weeds and a virtual penguin! Children and teenagers please come along at 7.00pm for an hour (parents can stay on the first night if they can take all the noise!) and adults follow at 8.00pm.

Just turn up to see what we are up to – we would love to see more adults joining us – and if the last thing you want is to show yourself up (like the rest of us!) then we have a selection of other backstage jobs.

For more information contact Melva on 01258 837453 – *Young Cast Director*; or Roy on 01258 837003 – *Production Director*.

See you on the 11th!

Melva Coe

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BOOKING ESSENTIAL!

Tickets available from the Drop-In Centre at the Village Hall
from Friday 1st October (10.00am to 12 noon)

or call Melva as soon as possible to reserve tickets!
01258 837453

Milborne St. Andrew Parish Council Vacancy for Parish Clerk

Applications are invited for the post of Clerk to Milborne St. Andrew Parish Council with effect from 1st October 2010.

The successful applicant should be a good communicator, computer literate in Microsoft Word and Excel – and basic accounting skills would be useful as duties include keeping the financial records and monitoring/preparing the annual budget.

The Clerk will work from home but will be required to attend evening Council meetings as necessary. A laptop computer will be provided. Remuneration is based on 15 hours per month starting at a minimum of £8.34 per hour depending on experience. Training is available.

The Clerk supports the work of the Parish Council administratively – arranging and attending meetings, preparing agendas, taking and producing minutes, providing advice and guidance, dealing with correspondence, filing and record keeping, handling financial transactions and accounts reconciliation.

Interested parties should apply in writing to: Cllr Michael Hopper (Chairman) Milborne St. Andrew Parish Council, Hurdles, The Causeway, Milborne St. Andrew, Blandford Forum, Dorset DT11 0JX

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Remembering the abandoned

at the September meeting of the WI

WITH our summer break behind us WI members were invited by the speaker, Mike Bolton, to think about and reflect upon some of those now abandoned and forsaken places across the south west. Tyneham in Dorset and Imber village, Salisbury Plain, probably have the highest profile, many of us having already visited or at the very least read about, the former. Tyneham has been deserted for over 60 years since the Second World War, and Imber was taken over by the army at the same time. On a smaller scale, there are the old mills, now shut down and derelict, toll houses and lovely small railway stations and lines which have now disappeared. Many are historically significant and it's good to know that a significant number are now the subject of renovation projects.

Business was as brisk as ever, and we are encouraged to support **Moviola** in the village, with the warning that we will lose this valuable facility if we do not do so. 'Bookends', our book group continues to flourish, but new members are always welcome. A new list of dates for our successful **pub lunches** at The Royal Oak has been circulated. **Skittles** is up and running again and volunteers for this lively activity are always welcome.

We are asked to really 'push the boat out' for our next meeting on Thursday 14th October - this will look at '**Diamonds and the care of jewellery**'. Please do come with a friend or friends, and add a sparkle to the occasion by donning your brightest, most glittery outfit! Bring along your favourite piece of jewellery for the exhibition. *Pat Bull*

Five arrested over stolen puppies

FIVE people have been arrested in connection with the eight stolen Springer Spaniel puppies from Winterborne Whitechurch. Police have recovered two of the pups, but six are still missing. If you have any information please contact PC Mark Holdgate on 01202 222222.

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Milborne St. Andrew Gardening Club



WE had an enjoyable afternoon at our Show on the 12th September and would like to thank everyone who brought along their entries or just came along to vote for their favourites. When all the expenses are in we will be able to give a small donation to Mosaic, our chosen charity for this year.

We are now looking forward to two events in October. Firstly, we have booked our annual visit to Poundbury Garden Centre when members will receive a 25% discount on everything purchased. We will meet there at 2.30pm on Tuesday 19th October. This year we are going in daylight hours, so that we can see clearly all the plants we wish to buy!

Secondly, we have our normal meeting on Thursday 28th October at 7.30pm, when we will have a Talk from Byron Harris of the North Dorset District Council. He is an entertaining speaker and this time his subject will be Soft Planting in New Developments. We hope all members will be able to attend, and guests are also welcome.

The Show Prize Winners

First prizes were awarded to the following:

Margaret Hurley	Dahlia
Helen Lord	Gladiolus
Ann Love	Rose
Helen Lord	Mixed bunch of garden flowers
Tony Dyer	Bowl of one variety of fruit
Margaret Hurley	Bowl of mixed fruit
Tony Dyer	Selection of mixed vegetables
Margaret Hurley	Three vegetables of one variety
Philip Noyes	Heaviest potato
Bill Love	Longest runner bean (49 cms)
Helen Lord	Foliage arrangement
Helen Pugh	Flower arrangement in an unusual container
Ann Love	Miniature flower arrangement
Elaine Anthony	Photograph of the Jurassic Coast
Kathy Noyse	Photograph of my garden
Caroline Richards	Three cup cakes
Linda Harris	Jar of jam
Margaret Hurley	Jar of jelly
Linda Harris	Jar of marmalade

Trophies:

President's Shield for Best Veg Exhibit - Tony Dyer
Cup for Best Fruit Exhibit - Pat Hurley
Rose Bowl for Best Bloom - Margaret Hurley
Rose Bowl for Best Flower Arrangement - Helen Lord
D T Brown Cup for Best Coast Photo - Elaine Anthony
Haylock Cup for Best Garden Photo - Kathy Noyse

Cups for the winners of the children's classes were awarded at school assembly to: (picture on page 25)

Esther Fookes	Greetings Card
Helena Sawley	Insect pictures
Fred Marsden	Still life
Sebastian Lowe	Handwriting competition

We would like to thank the school for encouraging the children to put in many excellent entries, which were very difficult to judge.

Linda Harris (Front Cover pictures taken by *Michael Hopper*)

Ranters' Folk Sessions

Ranters' Folk Sessions are held at Milborne St. Andrew Sports Club at 8.00pm. Dates: Friday 15th October: Friday 19th November: Friday 17th December.

Come along and play a tune, sing a song, tell a story, recite a poem or just sit and enjoy the company. For more details contact Roger or Alice on 01258 837371 or email rogers.rant@googlemail.com



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

Dear Friends,

I have just finished cutting back the vines which grow either side of the patio at the vicarage.

Before you write to tell me – yes, I know that this is not the time of year to be pruning vines – but when we returned to Puddletown at the end of my sabbatical, I discovered that they had grown so much while we were away, that we could no longer see out of the dining room windows.

Normally I train them as they grow, but left untrained and untrimmed they had simply taken over. Growing in all directions, filling every space, I couldn't help seeing a metaphor for our crowded lives.

Left to their own devices, our lives can often fill up with different tasks and responsibilities. The danger is that, unchecked, and untrained, we simply fill our lives over and over again, layer upon layer, until there is no space left.

In John's gospel, Jesus compared us to the branches of a vine and described God as the gardener who prunes the branches so that they might bear fruit. (John 15)

I wonder, however, how willing we are to allow God to prune our busy lives. Too often we have a tendency to want to hold on to the things we do. We are more likely to try to add something new rather than let go of one thing in order to do something else. The result is increasingly pressured and frenetic activity as we try to cover all the bases.

I wonder what would happen if we were to let God have a free reign to prune where he wishes, training and directing our lives as he would want.

One thing I am sure of – that our lives would be less crowded and more fruitful as a result!

Having cut back our vines at the vicarage, I can now see out of our windows, and the light from outside now illuminates the inside of our dining room. It feels a lot less claustrophobic in there as the light streams in. I wonder how many of us would find the same if we would allow God to have his way.

God Bless and Keep You

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MILBORNE ST. ANDREW CHURCH NOTES

Striding with some purpose

SATURDAY 11th September dawned grey, damp and unpromising for the "Ride and Stride" as it is now known. Hazel Ingram and I (writes Pat Tribe) had decided to stride and, armed with packed lunches and cagoules, caught the bus to Blandford.

At our first church, Blandford St. Mary, the waterproofs went on and stayed on as we visited the four churches in Blandford Forum and then walked to Bryanston. There the waterproofs came off and were not needed again. In fact, by the time we were halfway to Stickland (mostly via footpaths) the sun came out and shone on us through Stickland, Houghton, Milton Abbas and Milborne.

We thoroughly enjoyed ourselves and, thanks to our many sponsors, raised £244 between us, half of which will go to St. Andrew's Church. The other half goes to the

**CHURCH SERVICES
October 2010**

3rd OCTOBER – Trinity 18

9.30am	Family Communion and Baptism	Milborne
11.00	Holy Communion (with Sunday seekers and crèche)	Puddletown
4.00pm	Harvest Service	Tolpuddle Church
6.00	Harvest Service	Dewlish

THURSDAY 7th OCTOBER

12.00	Lunch-time Communion	Milborne
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10th OCTOBER – Trinity 19

8.15am	1662 Said Communion	Puddletown
9.30	Methodist Joint Service (a celebration of lay ministry)	Tolpuddle Methodist Chapel
9.30	Parish Communion	Milborne
11.00	Family Service	Puddletown
11.00	Family Communion	Dewlish

THURSDAY 14th OCTOBER

12.00	Lunch-time Communion	Puddletown
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17th OCTOBER – Trinity 20

9.30am	Family Communion	Tolpuddle
9.30	1662 Said Communion	Milborne
11.00	1662 Morning Prayer	Puddletown
11.00	Holy Communion	Dewlish
4.00pm	Milborne Praise!	Milborne Village Hall

THURSDAY 21st OCTOBER

12.00	Lunch-time Communion	Dewlish
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24th OCTOBER – Bible Sunday

9.30am	Holy Communion	Tolpuddle
9.30	1662 Parish Communion	Milborne
11.00	Children's Society Family Communion (with Sunday seekers and Creche)	Puddletown
11.00	Family Service	Dewlish

THURSDAY 28th OCTOBER

12.00	Lunch-time Communion	Tolpuddle
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31st OCTOBER – All Saints

3.00pm	Benefice Service	Dewlish
	Followed by Tea in Dewlish Village Hall	

Flowers – w/e Saturday

2nd and 9th October Eve Richardson
16th and 23rd October Sally Dyer
30th October and 6th November Lin Chatfield

Church Cleaning – w/e Saturday

2nd October Ed and Rose Frost
9th October Sue Lee and Val Hodges
16th October Mary Bennett and Pat Tribe
23rd October Carolyn Martin and Elizabeth Walker
30th October Margaret Hurley and Eva Stockley

Historic Churches Trust. So, very grateful thanks to all our sponsors.

Thanks are also due to those who acted as stewards in our church throughout the day. Several of the churches Hazel and I visited were not stewarded and it is always more pleasant to find someone to welcome you so the fact that St. Andrew's was stewarded would have been much appreciated by the visitors.

The what and why of baptism

As the Village Hall was unavailable, September's Milborne Praise took place in church. The theme was baptism and Sarah explained to the children what happens when a person is baptised and why. Benny read the story of Christ's baptism with the Spirit of God, descending like a dove, so we made paper doves with prayers on which are hanging on a prayer tree. We also decorated crosses to be used as badges, learned some new songs and prayed. We finished with a picnic which, because of the weather, had to be in church but was nonetheless enjoyable.

The north aisle with the pews removed proved its worth as there was space for the planned activities and to set up the screen and projector. Children and adults alike learned and enjoyed. Don't miss the next Milborne Praise on 17th October!

It's not all back-breaking!

This issue may reach you in time to remind you there will be a churchyard working party on Saturday 2nd October, starting at 10.00am. Not all the work is back-breaking! Tea, coffee and cake for the workers! Come armed with any of the following: strimmer, shears, rake, fork, spade, trowel. If the weather is appalling, we will postpone. If is just uncertain, 'phone Pat Tribe (Tel: 837684) to find out what's happening.

Very successful fete at Athelhampton

This year the August Bank Holiday Monday fete was very successful. The Athelhampton House gardens make a wonderful venue, and the weather was perfect. The final profit was £3,200. Milborne's bric-a-brac stall made £155 and the sweet tombola made £60.

Thank you to everyone who turned out their bric-a-brac or donated sweets, and many thanks to everyone who helped on the day. Special thanks go to Jim and Marion who organised the whole show.

Curry supper proved hot stuff

Repairs are costly especially for old buildings which often have to have specialist treatment and building materials. I knew any sum I could raise (writes Eva Stockley) would only perhaps replace a couple of roof tiles! But instead of the usual cream teas I decided to hold a curry supper in my garden on 7th September, and I am delighted to report we raised £214 for the St. Andrew's Church Fabric Fund.

Despite the vagaries of the weather, the event went ahead on the evening, and I am most grateful to the band of friends who helped in the kitchen, sold raffle tickets and helped to build the seating. I do appreciate very much everyone's hard work.

Eva Stockley and Pat Tribe (Churchwardens)

100 CLUB WINNERS

The results of the 28th September draw will
appear in November's *Reporter*.

The next draw is at 8.00pm, in The Royal Oak,
on Tuesday 2nd November 2010

Anyone is welcome to attend

New members always welcome

DEWLISH CHURCH NOTES

Athelhampton's lovely atmosphere

WE HAD wonderful weather for the Athelhampton fete on August Bank Holiday Monday. Everything went exceedingly well, with a good variety of stalls, games, entertainments, children's rides and food and drink for all the family. The lovely atmosphere of the fete was further enhanced by music from the Memory Lane Swing Band.

We were also given several donations of beer, and therefore we are so grateful to the following: John and Dianne at The Oak, Dewlish, Ringwood Brewery, Hall and Woodhouse, and Piddle Brewery.

Many, many thanks to all those who gave so generously of their time to make this such an enjoyable and successful event, but especially to Jim for organising it, Marion for all her help and to Roy for his support. Particular thanks, though, must go to Mr Patrick Cooke for allowing us to use the lovely grounds of Athelhampton House, and for being so supportive. We are very grateful for all his help.

The final total of monies raised was £3,200 – a wonderful result.

And the sheep were well-behaved too!

We held our Farm Service this year in the barn at Mrs Sue Britton's Parsonage Farm, along with some well-behaved sheep! Jim led the service and Ed once again helped out with the sound system. The lovely service was followed with coffee and Sue's delicious home-made biscuits, and we thank everyone for all their hard work, and especially of course Sue herself. A collection was taken for the Pakistan Floods Relief Fund and, at present, that stands at £190.

Harvest-time thanks and blessings

Our Harvest Festival will be held on Sunday 3rd October at 6.00pm and the Harvest Supper is on the next day (Monday 4th October) at 7.00pm in the Village Hall. The supper will be followed by an auction of produce, proceeds from which will go to our chosen charities.

As Benny's sabbatical and summer holiday come to a close, we have to thank all our wonderful retired vicars and Jim for giving us such enjoyable services.

Daphne Burg

Wednesday Social Club

IT was a lovely evening for our last trip out on 1st September, a mystery trip. We were taken to Corfe Castle and turned towards Studland where we had wonderful views over the heath to Poole Harbour. The tour continued around Swanage and Langton Matravers. A very pretty ride, you can see so much of the beautiful Dorset countryside from the coach. We arrived for our meal, a carvery, at The Sandford Hotel, Wareham. An enjoyable time was had by all.

Dates for your diary:

6th October – E.G.M. with light entertainment the 'Wednesday Social Club Entertains'.

3rd November – Alan Martin from Saga Cruises presents Quaint Customs and Folklore from around the British Isles, or . . . (aren't we a crazy lot!!)

1st December Coach outing to Sherborne Castle Garden Centre to see their winter wonderland display and then on to Christmas Lunch at the Green Man, King Stag. Cost: £17.00 for a two course Christmas Dinner with all the trimmings plus tea/coffee and mince pies. Coach: £4.50 – coach leaves Stileham Bank at 10.00am other pick-ups can be arranged. Early booking advised, please contact Margaret Evans 01258 450518. Everyone is welcome to join us at the above events, please bring a friend. A warm friendly welcome awaits you.

Many thanks

Eve Richardson

Boatbuilding at Ladybirds

THIS school year has started off very busy with us welcoming several new children and their families to Ladybirds. At the end of this term John and Josie will be retiring from being volunteer helpers. They have been with us since we first opened and will be very much missed. Many of you will know that over the years John has carried out real woodwork with the children.



This term sees his last project – boats – the photo shows one of our newest Ladybirds getting to grips with a hacksaw. The last time we made boats was three years ago when we sailed them along the stream in the Causeway. John's other projects include bird boxes, trucks and planes.
Liz Dyer

A Celebration



ON Wednesday 25th August several friends were invited to The Royal Oak. The occasion was the 90th birthday of Hilda Burbidge who lived at Wetherby Close for over 30 years, before moving with her husband Fred, to live in Barnstaple North Devon to be near their son and daughter-in-law, Roy and Mary.

It was a "surprise" lunch party for Hilda, who was completely unaware of the planning. She was totally overwhelmed, and so very thrilled to meet up again with old village friends and neighbours.

We all enjoyed a buffet lunch together and caught up with "news". Her daughter Lesley and grandson, Philip, with girlfriend Doris, came over from Austria, and seeing Philip was the "icing on the cake" for Hilda. Fred celebrated his 90th birthday last December, so here's to our nonagenarian friends for more happy celebrations in the future.

June Maitland (photograph by Heather V. Hogg)



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An audience for the Council

THERE was a nice little audience for the Parish Council meeting this month (September), whereas, for most of the meetings I have attended since the birth of the *Reporter*, it was in very single figures. I asked one of the public why they came; they commented that they had come to make sure that they knew what was going on. I was really pleased, although I found those recent open meetings very fraught; it has served a great purpose. Our village want to know what is happening, and care about what happens. And that is a great outcome.

Flood and Footpath Volunteers needed

AT the Parish Council meeting this month, John Harris said he'd be temporary flood warden, but, with the persuasive power of Mick Hopper, he has agreed to be named as warden, but he needs one other to help him. Issues include the stream under the road, which continues to be a problem, plus valuable flood plain is being eroded, for instance, Stileham Bank and other abutting roads are a dilemma where the stream has been narrowed, loosing the flood plain.

Peter Anthony, the rights of way officer, has walked all the footpaths in the village twice! He has written to the Parish Council to ask to resign, so the village needs a new volunteer. Please contact the Parish Council with your expression of interests.

Note: Since the meeting Adrian Hodges has kindly stepped forward, no pun intended, and volunteered to be the Rights of Way Officer, for which the Parish Council is grateful.

Where should the grit bins go?

THE Parish Council are buying a couple of grit bins, they are six cu.ft and will cost £151.42 plus VAT (thus why we only can get a couple this year!) Filling them will also cost our council around £25 a time. What the council needs are nominations for the best and most

effective place for these two bins. **Please let them know!** Put it this way – if you put in an idea – which isn't taken up – you can moan about it, secure in the knowledge that you tried. If you don't say anything, and you don't like where they are put, you really can't complain! Hopefully in the next financial year they will be able to afford a couple more.

Milton Road Corner Scheme – Getting it sorted

QUOTES have been gathered for the two planters of £300, local craftsmen are to be contacted to see if they can better the price. A sub-committee will be formed, with Parish Council members Marion Regan, Janet Allen, Mick Hopper (in a supporting role) and also including residents. It will contain a minimum of two council members and will hopefully also include Milborne St. Andrew Gardening Club. It was made clear that permission and a licence for the planters will be needed from the Highways Department of the County Council, but that it is already covered by insurance. The bench, bin and planters would need to be fixed to the pavement.

In the open session, Robin brought up the problem of the shape of the new corner of Milton Road, and the large agricultural vehicles that are at present being used. He has noted that, for them to get around the corner, they have to mount the pavement. The Parish Council agreed to write to the council and ask them to revisit and examine the radius of the corner, and whether it is appropriate for the type of vehicles, as a matter of safety. The PC will also ask if the painted lines (showing the planting beds that are no longer happening) be removed. The photo of the lorry mounting the pavement opposite the bus stop was passed to the police. They identified the company, and the driver. They have spoken to the driver and the owner of the company, and advised them on the error of their ways!

Sue Gould

ABBAY SWIMMING CLUB

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

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

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

Annual Membership

Adults £80. Senior Citizens £60. Juniors (17 and under) £28 as part of a family, £45 individual.
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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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Village Hall Update

NOTHING much to update this month. The Hall is still there and we are still waiting for the first person to come forward and volunteer their services in support of the Hall and the play equipment. Oops, sorry, apart from Steve Lord and his trusty strimmer who helped clear the wildflower banks and fill the fedge.

Maybe next month there will be more to report, particularly as we have just signed the contract for the MUGA and construction work on the rebound fencing and multi use goal ends has started. We have been given the opportunity by NDDC to have a fantastic facility that will be free at the point of use. We have been lucky in that we have not had to compromise our order and expectations and very soon we will have:

1. A MUGA big enough for recreational tennis,
2. Two multi use goal ends also with basket ball nets,
3. One metre high rebound fencing on the Causeway side of the playing surface,
4. Tennis net and posts,
5. Netball nets,
6. Court marking for tennis, football, basketball and netball.

A little bird (well a mature lady actually) whispered in my "shell-like" that she had heard of my demise at the last Parish Council meeting... wishful thinking me-thinks or maybe something else...

Richard Lock

Weather in Milborne St. Andrew August 2010

AFTER five months of below average rainfall, August rainfall was 152% of average at 100.9mm.

There was recordable rain on 18 days with 34.2mm and 29.5mm of rain on 22nd and 25th respectively. Heavy rainfalls in August are usually associated with thunderstorms but Atlantic depressions crossed the country on those two days bringing particularly heavy rain to Hampshire. Whilst depressions in August are quite normal, having two in the same week in August is quite rare. The last time that occurred was in 1960. August was particularly gloomy and was the third dullest August in the last 100 years. The other dull Augusts were in 2008 and 1912.

The summer of 2010 was an unremarkable season. June was the sunniest month but from mid July to the end of August it was dull and cool. The temperature struggled to get over 20°C on most days during August.

The nearest full moon to the autumnal equinox is known as the 'Harvest Moon' as it rises near to the same time each night for a few nights. This phenomenon only occurs at this time of the year and provided more light for farmers to gather in the last of the harvest when sheaves of corn were left in 'stooks' to ripen in the fields.



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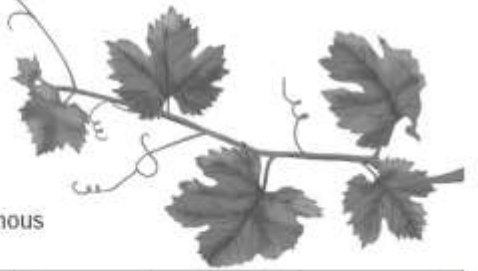
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The Weatherbury Singers

THE Weatherbury Singers, the lively mixed voice choir based in Puddletown, got the term off to a flying start on Tuesday 7th September! This enthusiastic group of singers has shown great commitment to the community, through their popular concerts, appearances at civic events, and raising funds for charitable causes. Under the direction of their new conductor, Helen Brind, the choir is now rehearsing for their winter concert.

Helen is a choral director and singing teacher who works with several choirs in Dorset and Somerset, including Yeovil Chamber Choir and Weymouth Choral Society. The Weatherbury Singers' first concert with their new musical director will take place on Saturday 27th November at Buckland Newton Village Hall, starting at 7.30pm. The programme will contain some seasonal favourites but also a good range of music from several genres including traditional, spiritual, popular and classical, with additional guest items.

If you are interested in joining the Weatherbury Singers, you are invited to come along to St. Mary's Church Room, Puddletown, on a Tuesday evening from 7.15pm. The choir will be happy to see you. Contact the Secretary, Sid Coe, on 01258 837453 or e-mail weatherburysingers@goolemail.com for more information.

News from the Milton Abbas and Milborne St. Andrew Surgery

Open Surgery – The surgery is now running an open surgery each morning for those patients who need to be seen on the same day. If you would like to be seen in the open surgery we ask that you telephone as early as possible, preferably between 8.30 and 9.00am and you will be given a guide time to arrive. The open surgery is at Milborne St. Andrew on Mondays and at Milton Abbas on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. There may be occasions when the Monday surgery needs to be held at Milton Abbas. Please check with reception for any changes.

Flu Clinic – Will be on Saturday 9th October at Winterborne Whitechurch Village Hall. All eligible patients should have received a letter in the post inviting them for a vaccination. If you think you are eligible and have not had a letter please contact the surgery.

Changes to the dispensary – We are currently reorganising the reception area at Milton Abbas to create a dedicated dispensary collection area. This will enable patients to have direct access to the dispensary and dispensing staff. Hopefully the work will be completed by the end of October. We apologise for any inconvenience whilst we are undertaking the building works.

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When you come to Whatcombe Lane cross the road and head for the kissing gate, to your left. Over a stile and footbridge and on uphill along the field edge, you will soon come to a "cross-paths". Continue ahead:



You now enter some woodland. The path divides after a while, keep right and then left at the next junction. Leaving the woodland, keep the woods on your left and the open field on your right. When you come to the end of the woodland turn sharp left and take the farm track downhill.

You will soon see some buildings ahead of you. Go through a gate and pass between Keepers Cottage on your left and a derelict cottage on the right. Stay on the same track and continue to Whatcombe Lane again. Turn right and follow the road for about 250m until you come to an 'S' bend. Half-way round the bends take the bridleway path off to the left.



Follow the path along a tarmac road. There are some very attractive houses and an old barn on your right. Continue ahead along the tarmac road which will soon become a forest track along the bottom of Cliff Wood. When you come to an area of woodland that has been cleared recently (on your right), look out for a bridlepath sign on your left. Turn off the forest track here and continue up a short steep hill which soon comes to a field.

Keep the hedge on your left and continue ahead to a gap in the hedge in front of you. Follow the woodland hedge round to your left and cross a stile. Continue ahead for 20m and then bear right around the field boundary, keeping the woodland on your left. When you get to the end of the woodland follow the track to pass into the adjoining field.

At the end of this field turn left onto a grass track with the hedge on your right and a wire fence on your left – a few yards ahead. Cross the next stile and turn right onto the concrete road to continue downhill back to Winterborne Whitechurch.

With thanks to *Anne Snape*



Anyone got a light?

Isn't it amazing how you can miss things until you read about them in the *Reporter*. I hadn't noticed the new street lamps sprouting up even though I had fallen down one of the holes on the way home from The Royal Oak . . . so now I know!

And how good that we in Milborne are keeping up with eco progress in the 21st century with new improved energy efficient street lamps that directs light where it is needed whilst still enabling the star gazers to do just that.

It set me thinking, so much so that I went out one dark night and carried out my own (not very representative) survey and found that with only six extra lights all the road intersections in the entire village would be illuminated. This would greatly assist both pedestrians and road users as they move around the village cloaked in darkness (in places) and avoid all those 'funny walk' situations as people either miss the kerb and fall into the path of a passing car or trip up the kerb and disappear over a nearby hedge!

Come to think of it, it is not very dark anyway as it seems that almost every house has a 500w halogen lamp ready to trigger and burn the back of your eyeballs if you pass within 100 yards of the sensor, not very ecologically friendly.

So perhaps I had better turn up mob handed at the next Parish Council meeting and present my case in a way reminiscent of the 'Red Robbo' democratic meeting process developed during the British Leyland (Longbridge) strikes of the 1970's.

With the overturning of the proposals for a pedestrian crossing and for the relocation of the bus stop to a more sensible location despite overwhelming support within the Parish Plan, perhaps I might even succeed even though there was equally overwhelming support to keep everyone in the dark.

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North Dorset District Councillor	Michael Cox	01258 881396
Parish Council – Dewlish	Clerk: Pat Gubbins	01258 881348
	Chair: Mike Claydon	01258 837314
Parish Council –	Clerk: Colin Fletcher	01258 450639
Milborne St. Andrew	Chair: Michael Hopper	01258 837642

General – Adult

Drop-in Centre – POPP	Rose and Ed Frost	01258 837921
IT Club (Connecting Dorset)	Sue Gould	01258 837575
Ladies Group – Dewlish	Judith Bridgen	01258 837157
Memory Lane Swing Band	Bob Boorman	01258 839077
M.A. Neighbourcar	Nigel Hodder	01258 881709
Wednesday Social Club	Margaret Evans	01258 450518
Women's Institute	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)	Liz Dyer	01258 839117
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
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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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Chair Govs:	George Legg	
Friends of School Chair:	Sally Taylor	

Special Interest

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Food and Wine Society	Maureen Lock	01258 837929
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
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Athletics – Junior	David Pearson	01258 837057
Badminton	David Payne	01258 837700
British Horse Society (Dorset)	Carol Shoopman	01258 880318
Circuit Training and Pilates	Claire Barratt	01929 554999
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Cricket – Dewlish	Elaine Kellaway	01258 837696
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		
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Bookings:	Jenny Balcon	01258 837121
Table-tennis (over 50's)	Sandra Shannon	01258 837253
Tap Dancing for Men and Women		01258 880523
Yoga	Sue Chapman	01305 848053

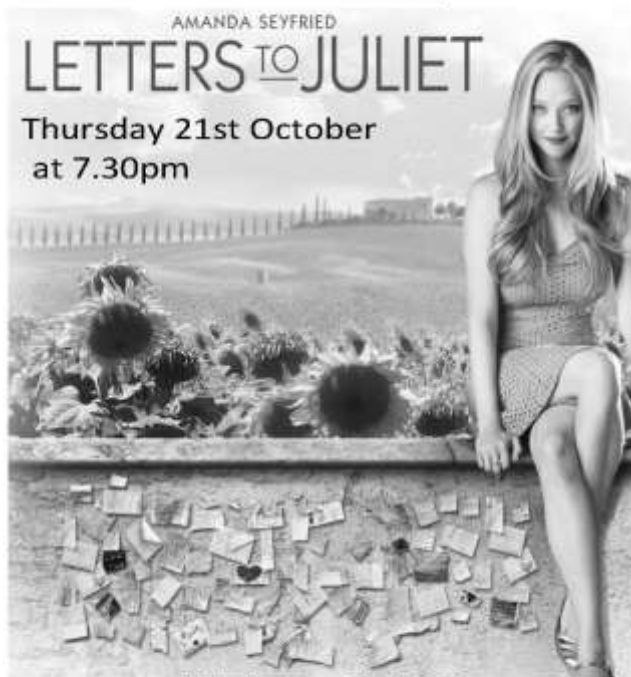
Village Hall

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Community Events Diary

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October

- Saturday 2nd **Churchyard working party** 10.00am – see page 5.
Hotpot Supper and Quiz Sports Pavilion, Lane End, Milborne St. Andrew. 8.00pm. Licensed Bar and Raffle. Numbers for Supper are limited, so please book with Roger Harrall 01258 837371 or email roger.harrall@gmail.com
- Sunday 3rd **St John Service of Thanksgiving and Re-dedication** Sherborne Abbey 3.00 – see page 20.
- Wednesday 6th **Wednesday Social Club E.G.M.** Village Hall 2.30pm – see page 5.
Parish Council Meeting Village Hall Committee Room 7.30pm.
- Saturday 9th **Milborne Sports** v Childe Okeford at Lane End.
- Monday 11th **Milborne Players** audition/rehearsal Village Hall – see page 2.
- Thursday 14th **WI 'Diamonds and the care of jewellery'** Please do come with a friend or friends. Village Hall 7.30pm – see page 3.
- Friday 15th **Ranters Folk Sessions** Milborne St. Andrew Sports Club 8.00pm.
- Tuesday 19th **Gardening Club** visit to Poundbury Garden Centre – see page 3.
- Wednesday 20th **Harvest Festival** Milborne St. Andrew First School 9.00am. All welcome.
- Thursday 21st **Moviola Letters to Juliet** Village Hall 7.30 – see below.
- Saturday 23rd **Milborne Sports** v Mere at Lane End.
- Saturday 30th **Village Lunch** Village Hall 12.15pm – see page 2.

Regular Bookings at the Village Hall

- Beavers** Monday 6.00–7.15pm MH (term time only)
Computer drop-in session 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 7.30–10.00pm 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

Moviola presents "Letters to Juliet" (PG)

THIS film is a warm, irresistibly romantic comedy, set mainly amid the gorgeous old city of Verona and the sun-drenched northern hills of Italy. The script is based on a real-life tradition in Verona, where Shakespeare's tragedy of Romeo and Juliet is set.

The story begins in Manhattan, where wannabe writer Sophie (Amanda Seyfried) is a sensible, super-efficient fact-checker at New Yorker magazine. She's off on a prenuptial trip to Verona with her exuberant, self-absorbed restaurateur fiancé, Victor (Gael Garcia Bernal), who becomes so obsessed with the food and wine, that he ignores her. He is less interested in being her Romeo, than in researching local produce for his restaurant, soon to open in New York. Sophie finds herself utterly entranced by the local tradition of lovelorn women, who therapeutically write letters to Shakespeare's Juliet and leave them on the walls of her supposed house. Amanda finds a letter hidden behind a loose rock, written some 50 years before and describing a lost love of such intensity that she feels compelled to answer. As a result, Claire (Vanessa Redgrave), a feisty, impetuous yet life-affirming grandmother and elderly letter writer, shows up intent on rediscovering her lost Italian *amore*. She is accompanied by her dishy but pompous and sceptical grandson Charlie, (Christopher Egan). Fascinated by Claire's quest, Sophie joins them on an adventure through the beautiful hills of Tuscany searching for Claire's long lost Lorenzo. The journey will change their lives forever, as all three discover that sometimes the greatest love story ever told is your own. This film needs no car crashes, or gun fights, or pratfalls, no terminal diseases, and certainly no talking animals and or aliens. It is simply just one beautiful love story with two captivating romances and oodles of picturesque Northern Italian scenery.

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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Talking about the other stuff!

AT the Parish Council Meeting on 8th September 2010 the shortage of councillors was slightly alleviated. Janet Allen has volunteered and been co-opted; Janet has experience of Parish Councils where she served as a councillor and chairman in a West Dorset Parish for several years. Simon (formally Chair of the PC) has been thanked for his work and achievements on the Parish Council.

Current planning matters

The planning meeting of the 13th August objected to an extension of Barton Hill Cottage. In this meeting, planning was granted for tree work at the Old Rectory, with sympathetic pruning to a Copper Beech and a Cedar Tree to make safe. Despite the Parish Council objections, the plans have been passed by the District Council for 13 dwellings on the Gould's Farm site, but with 24 different provisos (which the Clerk commented was far more than normal).

Mending and clearing

The seat at the Parish Pit – John Harris is in touch with June Maitland about its repair (The Maitlands originally sponsored the bench in memory of their son, Glen). Roke Road's poor road surface has been reported. The Maintenance Team are due to come out here next month, but they need specific locations for things like drain or weed clearance. Phillip has asked that drains could be cleared after the harvest (the transportation of hay/straw/grain etc tends to clog some up). He has identified Milton Road, Blandford and Dorchester Hill and the Square.

Parish Plan

Tony Dyer has completed compiling the Village Survey, and the document was passed to the Parish Council, with copies being circulated among the public who were present. It was accepted for evaluation. Tony has asked if the village magazine could publish this

in the next edition. (The MSA Reporter has requested that this be held back at present, but *hope* to be able to publish it in the November issue). In the Open Session, Phillip expressed concern about the discrepancy in figures regarding the return of the village survey. At some point 80% was spoken about, but the final document shows 47.3%. He asks whether the survey is valid in view of the lower return, should it be used as cut and dried. Tony said that it was always only to be used as a guide or indication, and that 47.3%, in terms of survey return nationally, is higher than most. He acknowledged that there were some surveys uncollected.

When is the next Parish Council Meeting?

The Parish Council will meet monthly to try and keep projects moving a little faster. This will be continually reviewed. The clerk may have problems requesting and receiving required information with this short turn around.

The next meetings are 6th October, 10th November, and 8th December, all at 7.30pm and all on Wednesdays.

Please Note: If members of the public speak in the "Open Session" they will only be identified by their first names (where I know them!) so as to differentiate between different members of the public. If you would prefer to be unnamed, or named completely, please let the Reporter representative know at the next PC meeting.

Parish Clerk Vacancy – and you get paid!

Colin Fletcher, the parish clerk is to resign, but will stay on until a new person is appointed. (Advert for the vacancy is on page 2 in this magazine). There is a salary involved, which may be just right for someone in the village – no travelling to work every morning! A laptop and even training will be provided. If you are a good communicator, are computer literate, have basic accounting skills and can spare approximately 15 hours per month this may well be the perfect job for you.

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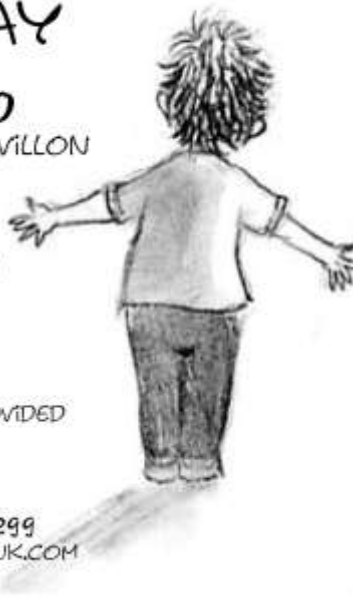
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TREES form an important part of the landscape, and are extremely important in our gardens too. They provide a vertical element and a third dimension to the smallest of gardens. A tree will add form, height and structure to your garden.

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Shapes When choosing a tree it is important to decide what shape you want to bring into the garden as well as its ultimate height.

If horizontal space is restricted, then a conical or columnar tree can be used as it will occupy less space than a spreading tree of the same height, create less shade and allow plants to be grown underneath. However, do be careful where you place it, so it doesn't stand out like a sore thumb! If planted close to or next to something equally tall, ie a telegraph pole or lamppost, it will only serve to emphasise the shape of the thing you are trying to hide.

Round shapes are good when a more formal effect is required – they can be clipped or left natural and are good for avenues and focal points. Weeping trees also make good focal points – the weeping pear *Pyrus salicifolia* 'Pendula' is a lovely small tree for a garden.

A tree for all seasons Berries and flowers come and go, so it is important that the tree you choose has the right shape and suits the soil you are planting it in. However, when there is space for only one or two trees, they have to earn their place in the garden – I choose trees

that will offer me more than one season of interest. For example a crab apple such as *Malus* 'Gorgeous' (a good tree for a small garden), will provide flowers in spring and then a crop of lovely red crab apples throughout the autumn and early winter months, which incidentally are edible and make lovely crab apple jelly, and it has good autumn colour. It is round headed and provides shade in summer and grows well on chalk.

Leaf colour is an important consideration when choosing a tree. If you want to brighten up a dark corner choose *Robinia pseudoacacia* 'Frisia' or *Gleditsia triacanthos* 'Sunburst'. Trees with red or purple foliage need to be used with care as they can create a leaden effect as they will absorb the light – they do however provide a good contrast with lighter foliage plants and can look lovely with the setting sun behind.

If you are growing a tree for its bark, then choose a spot where it can be seen to best effect. The white bark of *Betula utilis* var *jacquemontii* is particularly stunning in the winter.

Soil matters Now that brings me to say that you must match the tree to the site with care. Some trees that would thrive on chalky soil would struggle on light sandy soil, and many prefer acid soil. It is always best to check that the tree you have chosen will actually grow in your soil. In Milborne St. Andrew, we have chalky soil which has the advantage of being fast draining, but is low in nutrients and will always benefit from the addition of organic matter such as well rotted horse manure or compost.



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WILLIAM JOHN MILLER – called John and known as Dusty, he tells us that William was his grandfather's name.

Born in Weymouth, opposite Queen Victoria's statue, in a basement flat in January 1930. His father was an engineer, who was also called Dusty; he used to go out to the boats in the harbour in row boat, to get there first, as most needed some sort of repair. Dusty left Weymouth when he was eight or nine weeks old and moved to the village where his Dad had the first garage in the centre of the village. It was on the corner of the Causeway. Dusty tells us, he repaired motorbikes and cars but people tended to pay their bills about six months later, which scuppered Dad, he had to leave that, and went up the factory to work on the lorries. I lived in original Tilly Whim (the cottage on the corner opposite the Post Office) for a couple of years, and then the family moved down to Milton Road when I was eight. In 1943 I went to the grammar school in Dorchester (the old Dorchester Grammar School site) until 1947, I really loved my time there, I met my good mate Bob Carew at school (his Dad was the baker in Whitechurch) and I'm still good friends with him. When I was at school you had to belong to the army, or air force cadets, I was a bit of a rebel so as the ultimatum was that I had to go in one, we went into town and joined the sea cadets! We were called into the headmaster's office, to ask why we weren't on the list of cadets, we told him we were in the sea cadets, and had outmanoeuvred him.

When I came out of school, it was still conscription time, so thought as I'd got all this time in the cadets I'd try the navy, trouble was I only excelled in school at the things I liked! I liked History, Geography and English, but not really maths. They recommended me for the Fleet Air Arm and trained me at HMS *Excalibur* up near Stoke. We had a really severe winter, and I remember I "enjoyed" a first supper of cold fish and chips when I arrived. My specialist camp was at Warrington, doing Electrical and Instruments. I was posted to Abbotsinch in Paisley (now the airport) and straight into maintenance, after about 18 months I was posted to form "820 squadron" in Northern Ireland, near Londonderry. We had to patrol with the local police, but there wasn't any trouble at that time. My home base was HMS *Vulture* down in Cornwall near Padstow. Basically wherever the aircraft the squadron was attached to went – you went too! We worked off the *Indomitable* and *Theseus*. In February 1953, HMS *Indomitable* was off Malta, when we had a warning – octane leak – we had to shut down all the motors, it was bang on rum issue time, and I was waiting for mine. I felt a suck of air coming past me, then a rush of air back, it was an explosion. It was watch change, so hatches that were normally shut were open, they called "emergency stations", I went straight to my post, in the aircraft hanger, the fire came, but we were all OK in the hanger, the heat outside took the paint off the inside of a four inch thick steel bulkhead, and we kept the walls as cool as we could by spraying water. We had eight dead and about 52 invalided out, with nearly quarter the carrier burnt out.

I met my wife, Anne, in 1953 up at Abbotsinch when I asked to be posted there as a second posting, we were married in 1954 in Paisley when I had a weekend off! I left the Navy in 1955 and worked in Flight Refuelling in Tarrant Ruston, living back in Milton Road. We have two sons; Johnny was born in Dorchester in 1955, and Paul in Weymouth 1956. We managed to buy a house, and all the furniture for it, but it all got a bit on top of us, so I decided to join the Royal Rhodesian Air force. I went out, and Anne followed behind with the children by ship. I worked in Salisbury (Rhodesia) working on the aircraft, flying all over Africa. I'd experience on the Canberra in UK, so they used me on the DC3 (Dakotas) travelling up the West Coast of Africa in steps, dropping in Rwanda, Angola, Point Noir (French Congo) Libreville in the Cameroon, then up to Kano Airport in Nigeria (in the desert) to service the Canberras. Around the Kano airport were yard long lizards, we used to sit out on the balcony watching them, it was as though someone had

drawn an invisible circle, they used to run up to edge of this circle, look both ways, and never go any further, it was as though they dare not put a foot outside, the hawks were waiting for them!

We could see the troubles starting in Rhodesia, and Congo. The amount of refugees coming over the border was bad, not only Europeans, the refugees included different tribes that were being persecuted, and religious representatives, like nuns. We returned to

England in 1964 (February) and we lived with my Mum in the village, but within a month I got a job up in Boscombe Down near Amesbury, once again with the aircraft. I travelled all over the place doing trials. I must have worked on 100 aircraft in my working life, I became a Canberra expert. We had one aircraft set up with ejector seat testing, all different types, using detonators and explosives all the time – obviously with dummies sat in the seat! We had to find out what happened to the body, to prevent damage to the real thing! I was at Boscombe Down until I retired in 1993.

My dad died in the middle 80's, and Anne came down to look after my Mum, whilst she worked up at Milton Abbey School. Mum was

such a good seamstress; she used to dress dolls, I have a replica of the Queens Coronation outfit that Mum made on one of the dolls, she wrote up to the palace for a picture of the costume so she could get it exactly right. When I went to Rhodesia I encouraged her to make home made wine, which continued when I returned. She and I used to put them in the Dorchester Show, I spent a long time sorting out 12 bottles of mine, then came down to the village for the weekend and sorted out Mum's, she won best in show three or four times and I didn't! Once Dad cobbled together a rose petal wine, I thought too sweet and couldn't see through it – he won a class for it – he was forever bragging about it. When I left Boscombe Down, I had 60 gallon of wine in the house, so I went down to the local pub and asked if I could leave some wine there! They could not believe it, you can only put six gallon in the back of the car, and slowly I managed to move it all back here!

The best thing about living here is that it's a very friendly village – these so called "newcomers" – I have no quarrels with them, they are doing things that we can't as we get older! And the only downside is that if you haven't got a car you are in a bit of trouble – I don't want to change anything here, that is why I like it.

Things that have really bugged me recently – I thought the gardening bit on the corner was an anathema – who wants to sit there next to a busy road? The corner extension is all wrong, it just seems designed wrong. I was confirmed in the church in 1944, I used to sing in the choir until my voice broke, and then they got me pumping the organ! We clean the church – have done for years and years. They've taken out about a fifth of the pews, why do they need two loos in the plans for the church, it takes up so much room, why not just one loo. And I don't think there needs to be facilities for coffee up there; there is more of a priority to sort out the walls on the road which are leaning and starting to break up. The vestry badly needs renovating – make it a nice place to be! I love the church and that is why I am worried about what is happening there.


As for my hobbies and interests – I still make wine – I'm off to pick sloes this afternoon! I play crib down at the Pub, I also enjoy coming down and enjoying the social life in the Pub. And I'm almost self sufficient in my veg' patch – this year carrots and beetroots are not good – I know why – I didn't put enough manure. The fruiting season has been really good this year – I picked strawberries for far longer than normal.

Finally my favourite charity – Anne and I support Somerset and Dorset Air Ambulance. I have to say that Anne is a brick to have put up with me all these years – we have had a wonderful life.

Sue Gould and Janet Allen

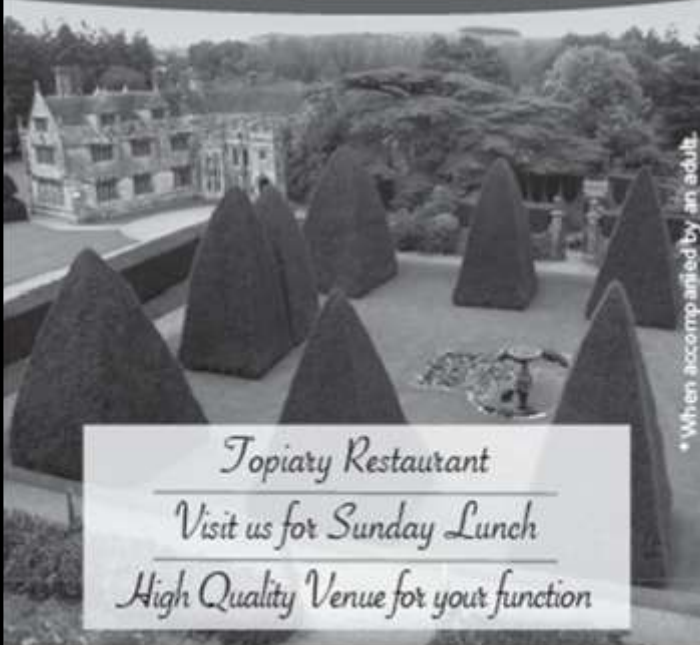


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SCHOOL NEWS

AFTER saying goodbye to so many families who had been associated with the school for many years back in July, it has been a real pleasure to welcome many new families to the school as their children start their school life. At this time of year we also start thinking about the children who will join us in September 2011. They may seem very young now, but this is the time to complete the application forms. So if you have a child due to start school next year or know people who do please get in touch and we can let you know which forms have to be completed. Please also get in touch if you would like to have a look around the school.

Milborne Gardening Club Village Show

The first week of school was busy with children making cards and painting for the village show. I hope many of you managed to see the fabulous work that was on show - there are clearly some good



future artists amongst them. We were very thankful to Sally Dyer for coming to school on the Friday following the show to present the trophies to the winning entries and to the Gardening Club for making us so welcome at their annual event.

What's happening in school?

A new academic year has brought with it a few class name changes. The Squirrels have been replaced with the Rabbits and to mark their name change, they have a new class pet - Hutch, the Dutch rabbit. We still have an Owls class and this week they have been making owls from clay and papier mache. Next week however the children will have a treat of real owls coming into school for them to meet and learn about. It's not quite so easy for that class to have a pet to go with their name, so instead they have a Giant African Land Snail. Much easier to look after and as you can see provides a great outdoor art project whilst the autumn weather stays fine.



Harvest Festival

On Wednesday 20th October we will be holding our harvest festival assembly. As well as family and friends of the children in school we would like to extend the invitation to any other members of the community who would like to join us on that morning.

CONTACTS

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The next chapter in the life of St. James, Milton Abbas

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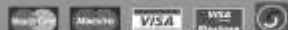
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Homewatch Newsletter Blandford Rural August 2010

Snt retrieve cash for Elderly resident

BLANDFORD Safer Neighbourhood Officers were called in to investigate a possible Rogue trader. An elderly resident of The Paddocks in Iwerne Minster had been approached as to whether they wanted any garden work done for them. The resident had paid a sum of money to the passing trader to have some work done and he promised to return to complete the work. Suspicions were aroused when the trader failed to return when stated. Police were called to investigate and after completing enquiries, the trader was traced and returned to refund the money stating there had been a mix up but they now could not do the work. Thankfully, on this occasion, the resident and their money were reunited but it should serve as a timely reminder to all to be vigilant and be very careful when dealing with this type of trader. We would advise you, NEVER pay any money in advance and if you want work done, then contact a well recommended and reliable tradesman. Do not be convinced to have unnecessary work carried out by random door-to-door sellers and tradesmen.



Steam fair villages operation runs smoothly

THE operation surrounding the controversial Temporary Travellers site at Tarrant Hinton was a success according to local Blandford Officers involved. Many local residents visited Tarrant Monkton Village Hall over the two-week period the Police were based there. Some expressed their concerns over the site along with many accounts of support for the police presence and operation. Only one crime (criminal damage to a vehicle) was reported to officers on the operation. Police worked with Local authorities, Steam Fair organisers, Critchel Estate security and several other key parties to minimise any incidents and rectify any issues quickly and effectively. Also, a special thank you to Mrs Cheater for her continuing support of the local officers!

Current PACT priority: Speeding in Milton Road, Milborne St Andrew.

Homewatch Meetings: *Following only one reply, please can this be considered and responded to.*

We have had an offer to hold our meetings in Okeford Fitzpaine Village Hall. The parish council has kindly provided this venue. Before we accept this offer we would like to see an expression of interest from members who would attend the meeting in the village hall. Please can you respond by email, letter or phone call to the below details so we can decide if it will be feasible to hold meetings at this venue.

The next public PACT meeting is at 7.00pm at Blandford Corn Exchange on 12th October 2010

Anyone with information relating to any crimes should contact local officers PC Dave Mullins and PCSO Luke Goddard, Blandford Rural South Safer Neighbourhood Team. Tel: 1202 223003 or 07825521850 email: blandfordruralsouthSNT@dorset.pnn.police.uk

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FOR the second season in succession, Sports are fielding two teams in the Saturday Dorset League, with the first team playing at their highest level. Hopes are high for another good season after the first team having gained three successive promotions following some campaigns in the doldrums. After an opening two victories at home to Portesham (5-0) and away to Balti House (3-1), the firsts surrendered their unbeaten start against a strong Bridport outfit losing 4-1 at home. The Laneenders were slow out of the blocks and went in at the break 3-0 down but managed to draw the second half one one with a final result 4-1. Although a setback manager Paul Hammond will be looking to regroup his charges in a busy October with five games with home games against Childe Okeford on the 9th and the 23rd (Mere) and three away at Lytchett (2nd), Weymouth Spartans (16th) and Sturminster Marshal (30th). Meanwhile the Reserves are at home on the 16th (Blandford) and the 30th (Cerne Abbas).

Once again, Milborne will be looking to play their style of attractive football which has become a feature of their game, whilst also looking to be able to compete physically when needed. The Reserves have started with one win at home (7-2) but unfortunately losing out to the odd goal in seven against Pimperne and also 4-1 against a very useful Littlemoor outfit at Redlands. Local youngster, Jake Tissington has persevered and both he and other local Ricky Limm gave sterling performances in the game against Littlemoor with the seasoned Limm scoring an excellent goal with a controlled volley from about fifteen yards.

The youth team are improving steadily under the guidance of Grant and Glenn, whilst there is also a flourishing 6-9's football 'academy' which is being very ably run by Bob Mowlem, with a couple of friendlies in the offing.

As always, there are opportunities for people who want to be involved at whatever level and whatever input. This applies across all the levels and there are also sponsorship possibilities again at all levels for anyone interested. Finally, if you just want to watch a good game of football in splendid surroundings, then Lane End is the place to be – it's also a lot cheaper than watching Sky Sports!

Mike Lathbury (Milborne Sports FC Chairman)

Milborne Sports FC Home Games for October

9th October – against Childe Okeford

23rd October – against Mere

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Christmas Party Menu

Starters

- Smoked Salmon, prawn and crab medley with mixed leaves and granary bread
- Homemade soup of the day served with warm crusty bread
- Duck and cherry pate served with a port sauce, mixed leaves and granary toast
- Creamy garlic mushroom pot topped with warm goats cheese and served with warm crusty bread (v)

Main courses

- Festive roast turkey served with all the traditional trimmings
- Roasted lamb shank with a port and currant sauce
- Chicken breast stuffed with wild mushrooms and wrapped in bacon with a whiskey and wholegrain mustard sauce
- Mediterranean risotto served with mixed leaves and shaved parmesan (v)

Desserts

- Traditional Christmas pudding with brandy sauce
- Homemade Dorset apple cake
- Trio of Chocolate truffles served with vanilla cream
- Homemade white chocolate and vanilla fudge cheesecake

Coffee & mince pies

All three courses, coffee and mince pies only £19.95
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Christmas Day Menu

A welcoming champagne cocktail on arrival

Starters

- Sweet Potato and chestnut soup served with a warm crusty roll (v)
- Pig and goats cheese parcel served with mixed leaves and granary bread (v)
- Smooth chicken liver pate served with cranberries served with mixed leaves and granary toast
- Smoked Salmon, prawn and crab medley with mixed leaves and granary bread

Main Courses

- Traditional roast turkey served with all the seasonal trimmings
- Roast sirloin of English beef with Yorkshire pudding and a red wine gravy
- Chicken breast stuffed with roasted vegetables with a sweet and tangy tomato sauce
- Vegetable nut roast with apricot topped with warm goats cheese (v)

Desserts

- Traditional Christmas pudding with brandy sauce
- Warm chocolate brownie with Baileys infused cream
- Homemade winter berry cheesecake
- Lemon meringue roulade served with clotted cream ice cream

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