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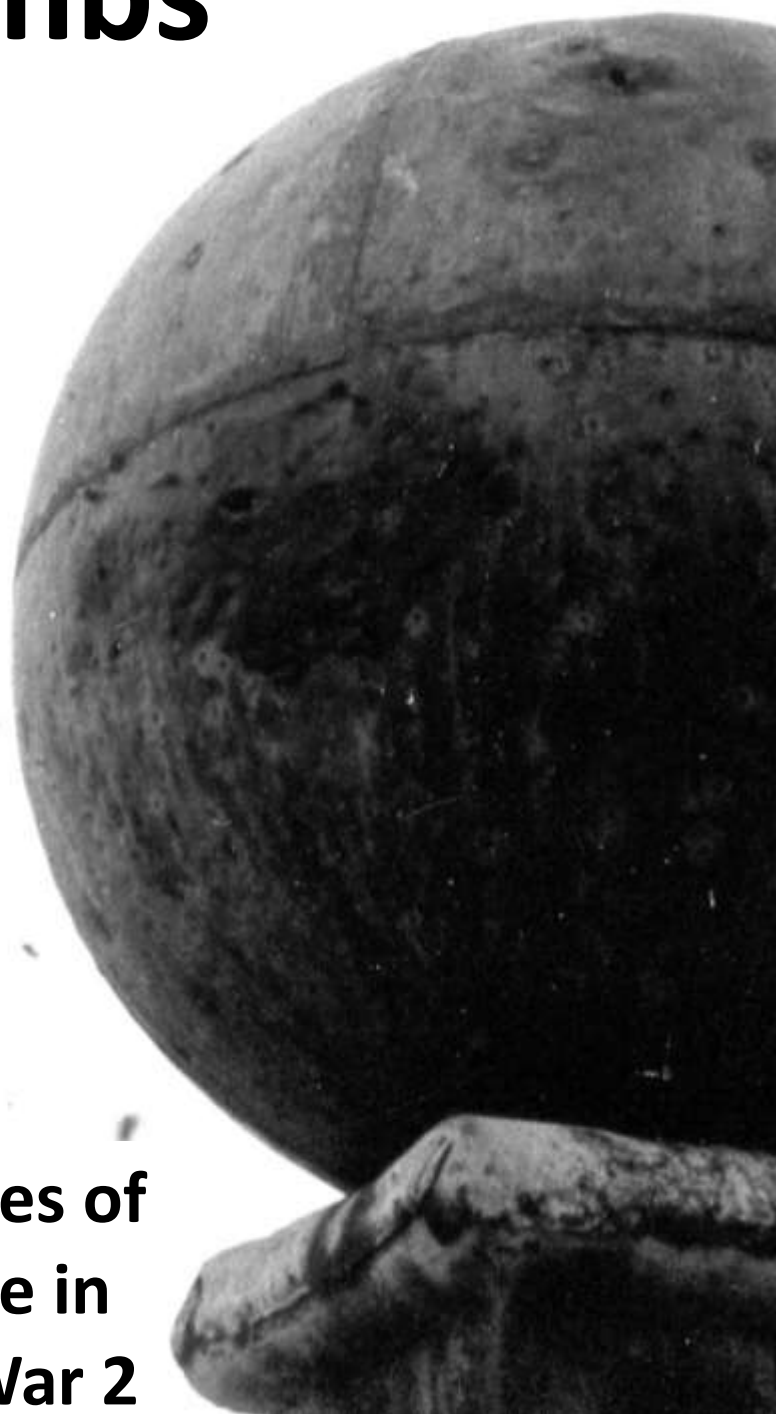
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Milborne St. Andrew

Bees, balls, bullets and bombs



**Memories of
Milborne in
World War 2**



Wednesday Social Club

THE October meeting of the Wednesday Club went very well. The E.G.M. meeting was called mainly to qualify the audited accounts which were presented by our new Treasurer, John Wright, and to ratify the clubs new constitution. Re-election of officers will not take place until next October, at our A.G.M. Subs will be due at the beginning of April 2011. Questions were invited from the floor and answers given. We had some entertainment, Margaret and Neville sang a duet very, very well. It was from a Rogers and Hammerstein show. Melva and Sid Coe sang a comic duet and recited a poem called "Not Ballet Likely!". Margaret Evans gave us a couple of scenes from her repertoire, they were very amusing. John and Josie Wright told us some jokes off the internet. For a finale all five people gave us a broadcast where the radio kept cutting out and the lines were muddled that was very funny and made us laugh. Anyway it all seemed to go very well.

We are all looking forward to our next meeting which is a talk by Alan Martin of Saga Cruises on British folklore and traditions (or how mad are we 'Brits'). This should be interesting, different and funny. So we look forward to seeing you all again then.

Our final outing for this year will be for our Christmas Dinner on Wednesday, 1st December. We shall be going to Sherborne Castle Garden Centre for coffee and to see their magnificent Christmas display. Then on to Christmas lunch at the Green Man, King Stag. The cost for a two course Christmas dinner with all the trimmings plus tea or coffee and mince pies is £17.00. Coach is £1.50 members, non-member £4.50. Coach leaves Stileham Bank at 10.00am. Other pick ups can be arranged. Please contact Hilary Daffern 837227.

Look forward to seeing you at the above events

Eve Richardson

We wish Margaret Evans a speedy recovery after her accident.

100 CLUB WINNERS

Draw Date – Tuesday 28th September 2010

1st prize	£100	Ann Snape
2nd prize	£50	Margaret Hurley
3rd prize	£20	Bruce Dyer

The next draw is at 8.00pm, in The Royal Oak,
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Anyone is welcome to attend

New members always welcome

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You are all warmly invited to the popular Milborne St. Andrew

VILLAGE CHRISTMAS LUNCH

To be held at the Village Hall on
SATURDAY 4TH DECEMBER from 12.15pm

Christmas dinner with all the trimmings : Sweet : Wine/Tea/Coffee : Mints
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Oh Dear – Yes it is!

Pantomime rehearsals

WELL – Milborne St. Andrew – you have certainly pulled out all the stops this time! In 2008 we had around 12 members in our young cast – in 2009 there were 15 – and earlier this year there were 17. At the time of writing this (just after first rehearsal in the middle of October) we have had 35 sign up between the ages of 5 and 15 (yes thirty five – it is not a typing error!)

Even with all our hall changes – this is a staggering number to rehearse each week – and an even greater problem for the four performances of the Panto. But it is also amazing that so many of the young people in MSA are willing to forget their "Street Cred" and join in. For some of the new members – Panto is nothing like anything they will have done before!

So – watch this space to see what happens in the next month and how we sort out the numbers! And if I look stressed, vacant, or just plain mad when you see me around the village, I don't mind if you give me a caring hug or kindly glance to get me through another rehearsal. Having said that – I already have some wonderful helpers who have offered to help with rehearsals. So onward . . . ! *Melva*

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Bees, bullets and a ball

IN 1988 when it was decided to create a public footpath through Manor Farm up to Wetherby Castle the Parish Council sought permission from the Hooper brothers to make safe the obelisk which stands in the centre. This was readily granted.

A voluntary fund was started and, eventually, work began. Once scaffolding was erected the workman soon discovered that the copper ball which crowns the memorial to Edward Morton Pleydell was peppered with holes and was colonised by a swarm of black bees. The story goes that the holes had been made by members of the local Home Guard during the war who had used the ball for target practice. The photograph on the front page shows the bees swarming around the copper ball at the time of the restoration.

When the work was completed and the structure made sound, the bees were left to their own devices once more.

June Maitland



The Home Guard, silk underwear and condoms

Dusty Miller's wartime memories as a boy in Milborne

WHEN the war broke out members of the Rifle Brigade were billeted in the village before being sent to France as part of the British Expeditionary Force (BEF). They used the pumping station as their headquarters. Dusty's family were lucky enough to house the quartermaster. Sadly, many of the Brigade failed to escape from Dunkirk and the quartermaster and many others were captured and spent the rest of the war as prisoners of war.

In August 1940 the Milborne St. Andrew platoon of the LDV (Local Defence Volunteers – later the "Home Guard") was set up. Dusty's father was a member (back row, first on the left) of the platoon which used the skittle alley that used to be behind The Royal Oak as its headquarters. Dusty remembers that they were armed with Canadian "Ross" rifles, water-cooled Browning Machine guns, Browning automatic rifles, Sten guns and grenades.

In 1940 a stick of about 10 bombs fell around the Rings. One exploded on the main road making a huge crater. Five failed to explode and were defused and dumped at the sewerage farm at Foxpound.

During the Battle of Britain there were lots of dog fights overhead. You could see bombers attacking Weymouth and Portland in the night sky. A searchlight by the reservoir at the top of Coles Lane was shot up three times by attacking German planes.

In 1942 the Royal Navy established a stores unit at the factory. Many of the unit were billeted around the village until hatted accommodation was built for them. They stayed until the end of the war. Dusty's family had to feed three of them and provide accommodation for one.

The Germans dropped two parachute mines close to a local poultry farm believing that it had some military significance. Nether caused

Below: The Milborne Home Guard 1943.

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

Dear Friends,

Finding a New Vicar

As I wrote earlier this year, I will be moving on from the Benefice at the beginning of next year, and questions obviously arise about the appointment of a new vicar.

In the Church of England, the time between the old vicar leaving and a new vicar starting work is called an 'Interregnum' - a rather old fashioned word which is a little outdated today - but it is still the term used.

Interregnum's can last for anything up to two years in some places, but because we have been able to start preparing early, the good news is that the Interregnum here is likely to be a very short one, with the announcement of a new vicar possible around Easter. (This may qualify us for the Guinness Book of Records!)

So I thought that it would be helpful if I outlined the process for finding your new vicar, together with the dates that have been agreed with the diocese.

Producing the Benefice Profile

The first thing to do is to gather information for a 'Benefice Profile'. This is the document which will be sent to each clergyman or woman who is interested in applying for the post. It is your 'Brochure' describing the Benefice, its villages and churches. It includes statements about what kind of person you are looking for and describes your vision for the churches' ministry in the future.

During October, there have been a number of Open PCC Meetings across the Benefice to help each congregation consider what is important to include in the Profile.

Appointing Parish Representatives

At the same time, PCCs in the Benefice will be nominating their Representatives for the interviewing and appointment process. These 'Reps' will be fully involved in interviewing candidates (alongside the Bishop, Archdeacon and Patrons) and in the decision as to who is appointed.

They will also be meeting together in November to gather all the information which each Parish has provided and finalizing the Benefice Profile above.

Advertising the Post

After I have left at the end of January, the post will then be advertised nationally in the Church newspapers, with a closing date for applications in March. Any stipendiary priest in the Church of England (or indeed the Anglican Communion around the world) can apply, and everyone will be considered on their own merits.

Interviews

Then after a short-listing process, several candidates will be invited to come to the Benefice for interview. The interviews will take place on one day, and the candidates will have the opportunity to see around the Benefice and meet people. At the end of the day, the interview panel will then discuss the merits of each candidate and offer the post to the best candidate. If that person accepts, there are then various Criminal Records checks to be completed and they will have to give three months notice in their present post before moving to Puddletown and starting ministry here.

It is important to recognize that the 'best' candidate is not necessarily the one with most qualifications, or experience, but the one who best fits the vision, priorities and aspirations of the Benefice.

So it is worth starting our prayers now, that God will be preparing the heart and mind of the person best suited to the role of Vicar of this Benefice, and I finish once again with the verse from Jeremiah which reminds us of God's love and plans for each of us.

For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart." Jeremiah 29:11-13

God Bless and Keep You

Timetable for Appointing a New Vicar

- Sunday 30th January - Benny's last Sunday
- 18th and 25th February - Advertisements in the national Church newspapers
- 10th March - Closing date for applications
- Friday 8th April - Interviewing and Appointment

Benny Houghton

**CHURCH SERVICES
November 2010**

THURSDAY 4th NOVEMBER

12.00 Lunch-time Communion Milborne

7th NOVEMBER – 3rd Sunday Before Advent

9.30am Family Communion Milborne
11.00 Holy Communion Puddletown
With Sunday Seekers and Creche
11.00 1662 Morning Prayer Dewlish
4.00pm Tolpuddle Praise! Tolpuddle
Village Hall

THURSDAY 11th NOVEMBER

12.00 Lunch-time Communion Puddletown

14th NOVEMBER – Remembrance Sunday

(No 8.15am Service at Puddletown this month)

9.30am Joint Methodist Service Tolpuddle
10.00 Service of Remembrance Milborne
(followed by procession to the Memorial Stone for 11am)
10.50 Remembrance Day Service Dewlish
(starting at the War Memorial at the Crossroads)
11.00 Family Service Puddletown
Village Hall
3.00pm Royal British Legion Service of Remembrance Puddletown

THURSDAY 18th NOVEMBER

12.00 Lunch-time Communion Dewlish

21st NOVEMBER – Christ the King

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 25th NOVEMBER

12.00 Lunch-time Communion Tolpuddle

28th NOVEMBER – Advent Sunday

9.30am Holy Communion Tolpuddle
9.30 1662 Parish Communion Milborne
11.00 Family Communion Puddletown
With Creche and Sunday Seekers
11.00 Family Service Dewlish

Flowers – w/e Saturday

30th October and 6th November Lin Chatfield
13th and 20th November Tony Fox
27th November Advent No flowers

Church Cleaning – w/e Saturday

30th October Margaret Hurley and Eva Stockley
6th November Geoff and Pat Bull
13th November John and Ann Miller
20th November Victoria Bone and Lin Chatfield
27th November Ed and Rose Frost

MILBORNE ST. ANDREW CHURCH NOTES

Fairy trade at the Christmas Fair

ST. ANDREW'S Church Christmas (Fairy) Fair will take place in the Village Hall on Saturday 20th November, from 12noon-3.00pm. Come and meet Father Christmas and his Fairy, enjoy mulled wine, home-made soup, tea, coffee (and fairy cakes!), and buy your Christmas presents.

All the usual stalls will be there: gifts, cakes, bric-a-brac, decorations, books, pies and preserves and bottle tombola. Children (and adults) will enjoy the toy stall, the sweet tombola, the games and, of course, there will be a splendid raffle. If you can provide items for any of the stalls, please contact Eva (Tel: 837468) or Pat Tribe (837684).

Candles to remember the Fallen

At the Remembrance Day Service in church on Sunday 14th November, which starts at 10.00am, 21 candles will be lit for the people of the village who lost their lives in the two World Wars. The collection will go to the Royal British Legion Poppy Fund. At 10.50am we will parade to the Memorial Stone to join with the Royal British Legion for prayers and the two minutes' silence at 11.00am.

Thinking of those who are ill

October's Milborne Praise celebrated healing. The Bible story was from St. Luke, who was a doctor. Benny had chosen some very fitting songs and we were also shown a video from India about a little girl being healed of a rather dreadful skin disease.

We were then asked to think of a person who we knew was ill and write their name on a cut-out leaf which we then hung on the prayer tree. At this point some people found the service very moving. (This tree is now in church for anyone who would like to add a name). Afterwards there was lots of gluing and cutting as we all made "Get well" cards for the people we had said prayers for, and these were then delivered.

Churchyard hard-at-work party

On 2nd October we had a very successful churchyard working party. Maurice Fox had done a splendid job strimming the rough areas and these were raked clear. The compost heap on the older part was sorted out (the other one still needs dealing with). Ten saplings of hawthorn and field maple were planted behind the church, hopefully to reinstate the hedge and, in front of these, foxglove seedlings were planted.

In the spring and early summer wild flower area, wild daffodil and bluebell bulbs were planted. In the later wild flower area, patches were cleared and wild flower seed was scattered. Behind the church broken tiles, bricks, stones, etc. were collected into piles and will be taken bit by bit to the tip.

Many thanks to Linda, Margaret, Eva, Patrick, Roger, Adrian and Dave for all their hard work.

Santa's generous costume

The church has a Santa's costume available for hire at £10.00. It is generously sized and consists of a beard and wig, a hooded jacket with belt, trousers and a sack. Father Christmas needs to provide his own wellies and presents! If anyone would like to hire this outfit, please contact Pat Tribe on 837684.

Eva Stockley and Pat Tribe (Churchwardens)

Church Contacts

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DEWLISH CHURCH NOTES

The beautiful colours of autumn

AS WE celebrated our Harvest Festival one could not help thinking how beautiful the church looked again! Each year it seems to take on a different hue, and this year the colours varied between the darker pinks, reds and oranges of autumn. Thank you to all who contributed to making the church look so lovely.

The Sunday Festival was followed the next evening by the Harvest Supper and auction, which proved again to be a most enjoyable occasion. Thanks to Mrs Margaret Groves for all her hard work in reserving seats and arranging the food, and to all who helped on the day with preparation, clearing tables and washing-up. Especially big thanks must go to Mr Andrew Booth for being such a great auctioneer!

We raised £234 for church funds from the supper, and £282.80 from the auction. These monies are to be divided between Water Aid and FRMME, the Foundation for Relief and Reconciliation in the Middle East.

Dates for your diaries

Our Remembrance Day service on 14th November will commence at the War Memorial on the crossroads at 10.50am, and then continue in church. We hope very much that Cub Scouts and Scouts will join us once again.

Finally, an advance note for December for your diaries. We shall be holding our Christmas Bazaar on Saturday 4th December in the Village Hall, starting at 2.30pm. Further details next month.

Daphne Burg



Royal British Legion Service of Remembrance

AT 11 o'clock on Sunday 14th November 2010, following the church service, the annual Remembrance Service at Milborne St. Andrew will take place at the Memorial Stone. The names of the fallen from the 1914-1918 and 1939-1945 World Wars will be read out. Assemble at 10.55am come rain or shine.

On Thursday 11th November at 11 o'clock there will also be an opportunity to observe the two minutes silence, the precise time the armistice came into effect in 1918.

They shall not grow old as we that are left grow old;

Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.

At the going down of the sun and in the morning

We will remember them.

We will remember them

Please also remember to wear your poppy with pride, our boys and girls are still fighting and dying to keep us safe. Poppies and other items to commemorate the fallen and support the work of Royal British Legion will be on sale again from the end of October until just after Remembrance Sunday.

Michael Hopper

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Gardening Club

MEMBERS enjoyed Diana Guy's Talk in September about designing and planting her new garden. She wanted to move to a non-thatched, non-listed property, in a village with a pub, post office and shop, but ended up in a thatched house in a village with no amenities. (She should have tried Milborne!) She had spent 20 years creating her previous garden, but this time she had completed the design, structure and planting within two months, quite an amazing feat. Having seen all the photographs, we are looking forward to having a visit there next Spring.

Members had a good afternoon at Poundbury Garden Centre in October, enjoying a short talk and cup of tea, as well as buying shrubs, seeds and Christmas presents with our special discount.

There will be no meeting in November, as our AGM will take place on Thursday 2nd December at 7.30pm. There will also be wine and mince pies and some fun activities, so please come along and take part in the evening.

Linda Harris

Milborne St. Andrew Friendly Art Group



THE Art Group has had a change of organizer with Sue Marsh moving on to pastures new leaving Elaine Anthony to take on the task. Sue started up the group and has been a great inspiration to us all with her support and encouragement. We would like to thank her for all her work with the group and wish her well for the future.

We are a small group of aspiring artists who get together twice a month to share ideas and encourage each other to draw or paint. We are fortunate to have booked local artist Jill Glover to come and demonstrate watercolour painting on 17th November so why not come along and have a go.

If you are interested in joining the group or would like to come along to the demonstration please contact Elaine on 837089.

Pearls in all their glory at the October meeting of the WI

AS anticipated many of us did rise to the occasion, wore our glitter and brought along friends to hear this month's talk. Anne Burgess, wife of the original speaker, who was ill, substituted pearls for diamonds. Down the centuries pearls have always been considered beautiful products of nature and, as such, are cherished and valued. Anne talked about the different types of pearls, natural and cultured, and illustrated the wide variety of styles, shapes and colours with an array of necklaces, etc. We were advised what to look for when buying and how to look after them – they should be 'the last thing to put on and the first to take off'. Becoming very fashionable again, high profile wearers include Michelle Obama and our Queen. We learnt a lot and were suitably dazzled.

As befitted the occasion, we were served Bucks Fizz by two smartly dressed waiters who bore a distinct resemblance to John Wright and Peter Wright! Thanks to them and to those who provided the many delicious canapés enjoyed by all. Our roving 'snapper' commemorated the occasion with a picture and the special raffle prizes of chocolates and Bucks Fizz were won by Lin Chatfield and Josie Wright respectively.

A framed example of 'stumpwork' depicting the Tolpuddle Martyrs by our very own Sheila Bird, has been awarded an Arts and Crafts certificate – they referred to it as 'sensational'. Needless to say we are very proud of her!

It was great, and much appreciated, to see so many familiar faces from the village at this event and it would be really good to see them again at one of our open evenings, or even on a more regular basis as members! What about coming along on Thursday 11th November and enjoying some friendly companionship?

The pub lunches continue – a reminder that the Christmas menu will be served on Wednesday 20th December.

Pat Bull

ABBEY SWIMMING CLUB

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

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Village lunch birthday

THE Village Lunch Celebrated its second Birthday with a delicious roast, cooked to perfection by our own village pub, The Royal Oak.

Forty one diners sat down to roast beef and Yorkshire pudding followed by homemade rhubarb crumble and custard.

The September lunch was extra special because the diners donated tinned and fresh produce for the Harvest Celebrations at St. Andrew's Church. There was a marrow that needed a wheelbarrow to carry it in; carrots that were so long; and beautiful dahlias to name but a few. Monty Don would have been proud of them.



We also had a very special guest, Sue Inman from POPPS, Wayfinders, North Dorset. Sue came along as part of her visiting rota for looking at the various lunch clubs throughout North Dorset that have been set up with grants from POPPS.

Sue commented that of all the clubs that she had visited, The Village Lunch was the friendliest by far and had a relaxed and happy atmosphere.

I should like to take this opportunity of thanking all those who



support the village lunch and help out behind the scenes thus helping to keep everything running smoothly to enable us to enjoy each others company and have a good time.

Margaret Kirk - Chair
(Photos by Sid Coe)

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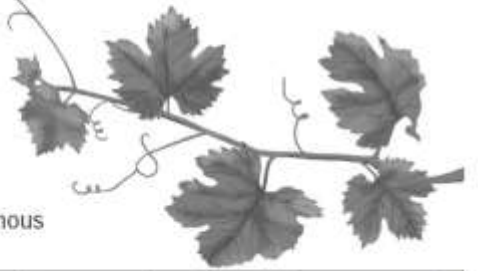
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Notes from the Parish Council Meeting

6th October 2010

More about the Corner

The planned "sub-committee" has been changed to a Working Party because of the red tape. A sub-committee has to have all the trappings of minutes, and a published meeting dates, etc. A working party is much more informal, the only problem is that they can't make decisions! Andy from the pub has been approached to build the planters as he has done such a good job of those outside The Royal Oak said he is happy to consider making the planters for the corner of Milton Road in the winter season unless there are any other volunteers.

Water trouble

After the recent rain a lot of stones and grit has washed down the various hills (the joys of living in a valley!) The chairman, Mick, has requested that the maintenance team clear this, to prevent it going down the drains, and for safety on roads, he is disappointed that this had not happened before the meeting. Phillip has asked if the Council Maintenance team could flush through the drains between the Grays Stores and the next drain, as it is not travelling through effectively, and is building up, causing the water to back up. He has also heard that there is seepage into the Wessex Water drainage system from the culvert, which adds to the problem. This issue and the flushing of the drains would be requested of the team from Dorset County Council.

Dave Andrews, the previous flood warden, was at the Council meeting, there seemed to be some confusion as to whether Dave actually resigned, but he is happy to step back and hand over to John Harris, the reluctant flood warden. John is eager to be a temporary flood warden, so if anyone is interested?

Bungalow on Chapel Street

Robin asked if there had been any complaints about the clearance at the late Mrs Northover's bungalow (next to the old school). Mick Hopper confirmed that the tree officer had visited, but all is fine. No complaints were raised by the Parish Council.

WANTED - a new Parish Clerk

There have been five applications so far for the Parish Clerk, with possibly two more to come. A shortlist will be prepared; those chosen to go on the shortlist will be sent a Job Description and Job Specification. The interview panel will be appointed and the interviews will be held in the village hall committee room.

The Grit Bins are nearly sorted

There have been three responses suggesting positions for grit bins. At the moment, positions are half way up Hopsfield on the first very steep road, the top of Hopsfield outside school, and the top of Orchard Rise (in the position of original grit bin). These locations have to be forwarded to Dorset County Council for approval, if they authorise these positions, they will then undertake to fill the bins FREE OF CHARGE! The issue of insurance has to be cleared up, apparently if the Parish Council actively try and organise a "grit

squad" and someone has an accident, the Parish Council would be liable, their insurance does not cover it. However, if residents choose to get together to do something themselves then this would remove the responsibility from the Parish Council.

Caravans and Carrots at the Sports Club?

The Sports Club has written to the Council to ask if they can go forward with allowing the Caravan Club to use the site in June, July and August, creating an extra income. This is because, at present, they are struggling to remain viable. The PC has agreed to discuss this further, John Harris is concerned that any funds would go directly to the Football Club, and Paul Morgan agreed that this must be clarified.

As you may remember, there is a portion of land behind the Sports Club which is not at present used. The Parish Council have been offered money by the owner of the Factory site, they have considered fencing it, and allowing grazing (but the cost of fencing would not be recoverable from any grazing revenue), and now they are looking at the possibility of allotments. Personally, I think it's a great idea, as our garden has about four inches of topsoil, then solid chalk! What do you think? If people are interested in progressing this idea please let the Parish Council know as soon as possible.

The Planning Officer is to have a meeting with our Parish Council before the next village meeting. Chair Mick Hopper has a nice long list of questions, but is anxious that the village residents also have the chance to submit questions. Time is short, so if you have an issue you would like our Parish Council to put to the Planning Officer, please let them know urgently.

The next meeting is on Wednesday 10th November 2010

Correction

IN the October *Reporter*, under the Parish Council News, (page 17), it states that the seat at the Parish Pit was sponsored by the Maitland family in memory of Glen. This is NOT so; we only sponsored several of the trees and, I believe, the seat was placed there sometime later by the Parish Council.
Yours, June Maitland.

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News from Milton Abbas and Milborne St. Andrew Surgery

Open Surgery every morning

Our open surgery each morning appears to be working well. Just to remind you all of how it works:

- You need to telephone the surgery as early as possible and inform the receptionist of the time you would like to come (between 9.00am and 12.00noon)
- The receptionist will advise you of a free slot around a convenient time for you
- The doctor responsible for the surgery that day will view the list and allocate patients to the appropriate clinician
- If you are seen by a clinician who cannot deal with your problem you will be seen by another person.

We have monitored the surgery by patient questionnaire. 159 patients completed the questionnaire. This is what you said:

- 61% of patients were aware that we now ran an open surgery each morning
- 63% of patients had the open surgery explained when they phoned.
- 82% of patients were seen within 15 minutes of arrival
- 18% of patients waited longer than 15 minutes
- 31% of patients were seen by Dr Longley
- 33% of patients were seen by Dr Rees
- 42% of patients were seen by other clinicians
- 9% of patients were seen by more than one person
- 99% of patients were happy with their consultation
- 58% of patients would prefer a walk in surgery
- 37% of patients did not want a walk in surgery
- 4% of patients were unsure about a walk in surgery.

The most popular reason for not wanting a walk in surgery was concerns over waiting times. Other reasons included overcrowding in the waiting room and the spread of infection.

The most popular reason for wanting a walk in surgery was flexibility without having to telephone first. Other reasons were that it would be easier for working patients.

The majority of patients who completed the questionnaire gave positive comments.

There were a number of patients who would like an open surgery in the afternoons.

The practice will continue to monitor the open surgery by patient questionnaire. Please complete a questionnaire if you attend. This will help us to make improvements to the open surgery.

Abbey Swimming Club

QUIZ Night at the Hambro Arms, Milton Abbas on Sunday 21st November at 7.00pm.

Please come and support the Abbey Swimming Club's Quiz Night and have fun at the same time! Everyone is welcome.

Teams can be made up on the night – £2.00 per person to enter. Prizes for the winning team. There will be a Raffle on the night. Meals available from 6.00pm. £1.00 from each meal ordered will go towards the proceeds.

All proceeds from the night go to support the Abbey Swimming Club. Hope to see you there.

Milton Abbas Sports Club – Cricket Club Free Cricket Training

THE Dorset Cricket Board are running free cricket sessions for people with a hearing impairment, over the winter. These fun sessions are free to attend. Minimum age is 12.

If you are interested, or you know someone who might be interested, please get in touch with Maria Timperley, Milton Abbas Sports Club Secretary for more details. Telephone: 01258 880895. E-mail: metimperley@btinternet.com

Christmas opening times

Thursday 23rd December	Normal opening
Friday 24th December	Normal opening
Saturday 25th December	Closed – Christmas Day
Sunday 26th December	Closed – Boxing Day
Monday 27th December	Closed – Bank Holiday
Tuesday 28th December	Closed – Bank Holiday
Wednesday 29th December	Normal opening
Thursday 30th December	Normal opening
Friday 31st December	Normal opening
Saturday 1st January	Closed – New Years Day
Sunday 2nd January	Closed
Monday 3rd January	Closed – Bank Holiday
Tuesday 4th January	Normal opening

How to get help when the surgery is closed!

If you need medical advice call NHS direct on **0845 4647** or logon to **www.nhsdirect.nhs.uk**.

If you need urgent medical attention telephone the out of hours GP service on **0845 600 1013**.

If you or anyone you are caring for have the following dial **999** for an ambulance:

- Is unconscious or not breathing
- Has had a severe allergic reaction
- Has uncontrolled bleeding
- Is having an asthma attack unresponsive to medication
- Has severe chest pain
- Is choking
- Is fitting (if this is unusual)
- Has taken an overdose
- Is alcohol intoxicated and under 17 years of age
- Has been submerged in water for more than one minute.

Weather in Milborne St. Andrew September 2010

SEPTEMBER'S rainfall of 89.9mm was spread evenly over the month and was 115% of average.

There was rainfall of 18.5mm on 22nd and 22.1mm on 30th which was accompanied with strong winds that night. The temperatures during the month were around average and there were no early frosts. The heaviest daily rainfall so far this year was on 1st October when 34.5mm fell but since then there has been little rain and we enjoyed 'St. Luke's Little Summer' between the 8th and 10th October. Over the year to date there is still a shortfall of around 100mm rain to reach average so we can expect some heavier rain over the next two months. Should the coming winter be cold and dry again, it could mean water shortages in some areas of the country later next year.

Much Weather Lore has been written surrounding Michaelmas Day (29th September) and according to 'The Husbandman's Practice':

"If Thou wilt see and know how it will go that year, then take heed of the Oak-apples about St. Michael's day, for by them you shall know how that year will be: If the Apples of the Oak-trees when they be cut be within full of spiders, then followeth a naughty year; If the Apples have within them flies, that betokens a meetly good year; if they have Maggots in them, then followeth a good year; if there be nothing in them, then followeth a great dearth."

Pluvius

Sloe Gin Recipe

FRIENDS of mine who own a time share villa in Tenerife often boast of escaping the British Winter. In fact their 'villa' is a high rise flat overlooking a concrete jungle. I don't envy them one bit.

This recipe cries out to be made on a cold wet day in October or November. It should be ready by Christmas and when decanted into small bottles, makes a very welcome gift.

1. First pick your sloes, they are plentiful this year. (Thanks Dusty!)
2. Assemble a few friends round the kitchen table.
3. Open a 1 litre bottle of gin (any sort will do, but the better the gin, the better the result).
4. Drink half the gin. (See step 2).
5. Prick the sloes a few times with a skewer or point of a sharp knife, and then pop them into the half full (half empty?) bottle until the level of gin is near the top. (Step 4 helps to dull the pain of any mishaps.) Sloes seem to have been cleverly designed to just fit in to the neck of a bottle.
6. Add 150g of sugar (about a wineglassful) to the bottle, using a funnel or twist of paper.
7. Add 1 teaspoon of glycerine – helps to improve the viscosity. (Optional) If you can't find any glycerine don't forget to put it on your shopping list as you will need it shortly for the Christmas cake icing.
8. Shake the bottle until the sugar dissolves. Then shake daily for a week and then weekly for about 6 weeks. Decant into clean bottles. Father Christmas really enjoys this on Christmas Eve; it goes well with mince pies. It is also good with sparkling wine as a change from Kir Royale. Sloe gin improves with keeping, so try to save some for next year.

Rose Frost

Volunteers occasionally needed to deliver the Reporter magazine to cover for holidays



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Any questions, please feel to contact: Ian Bromilow, 01258-880044.

SUNDAY 7th November – 2.00pm

Tarrant Monkton and Launceston Wood

Church car park at Tarrant Monkton (shared with Langton Arms pub) off A354 north-east of Blandford.

Grid reference: ST 948084 on OS Explorer 118 (approx. 5 miles)

Wednesday 17th November – 11.00am

Whatcombe Wood and Winterborne Clenston

Park near St. Jame's Church in Milton Abbas.

Grid Reference: ST 806018 on OS Explorer Sheet 117 (approx. 6 miles)

SUNDAY 5th December – 1.30pm (note earlier starting time)

Hambledon Hill

Park in the vicinity of St. Mary's Church in Shroton (off A350 Blandford–Shaftesbury road).

Grid Reference: ST 860124 on OS Explorer Sheet 118 (approx. 4.5 miles)

5th December is the last walk of 2010. Walks will start again on Wednesday 19th January 2011.

Please note:

- WHO** All welcome including well-behaved dogs and their responsible owners. No pre-booking required just turn up.
- WEAR** Suitable clothing for conditions and location, walking boots or Wellington boots.
- BRING** Waterproofs and refreshments (packed lunch on Wednesdays).
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Sunday 28th November - Royal Oak Quiz 8.00pm



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Councils

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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
Computer Drop-in Sessions	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	Suzy Curtis	07808 252012
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

Or email blandfordruralsouthSNT@dorset.pnn.police.uk

School

Milborne 1st School		
Headteacher:	Anne Purdy	01258 837362
Chair Govs:	George Legg	
Friends of School Chair:	Sally Taylor	

Special Interest

Bellringers	Pip Bowell	01258 837329
Food and Wine Society	Maureen Lock	01258 837929
Healthy Eaters	Heather Gippis	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
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		
Chairman:	John Sanderson	01258 837049
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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November

- Wednesday 10th **Parish Council Meeting** Village Hall Committee Room. 7.30pm.
- Thursday 11th **Two Minutes Silence** Memorial Stone with the Royal British Legion 11.00am – see page 5.
- Saturday 13th **Ladies Night Out** with Vie at Home and Imagine Photographic, in aid of Ladybirds. Royal Oak 8.00pm
- Sunday 14th **Prayers and two minutes' silence** Memorial Stone with the Royal British Legion 11.00am – see page 5.



- Monday 15th **Are your children safe?** Information and advice on internet safety. Milborne St. Andrew First School. 3.15pm – see page 2.
- Saturday 20th **St. Andrew's Church Christmas (Fairy) Fair** Village Hall from 12noon–3.00pm – see page 5.
- Thursday 25th **Moviola Tamara Drewe** Village Hall 8.00pm – see opposite.
- Friday 26th **Milborne Ladybirds Playgroup AGM.** The Royal Oak (Skittle Alley) 7.30pm. All most welcome.
- Saturday 27th **Annual Christmas Fayre** The Old Brewery Hall, Ansty. 12noon–4.00pm. Father Christmas. Free Admission.
- Winter Wonderland** Weatherbury Singers. Buckland Newton Village Hall 7.30pm – see page 18.

December

- Wednesday 1st **Wednesday Club** Visit to Sherborne Castle Garden Centre and Christmas lunch at the Green Man, King Stag – see page 2.
- The Friends of School Christmas Fayre** Milborne St. Andrew First School. 3.00pm. Christmas shopping, fun and games. All welcome.
- Saturday 4th **Village Christmas Lunch** – 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 8.30am–1.00pm 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
- 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

November at the Sports Pavilion

- Friday 5th **Ballroom and Latin Dancing** 7.30pm. Contact John Kane Tel 837108 or email jkane47@btinternet.com
- Saturday 6th **Hotpot Supper and Quiz** 8.00pm. Contact Roger Harrall Tel 837371 or email roger.harrall@gmail.com
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Milton Abbas Neighbourcar



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Dear Millie,

I hate Halloween, how can I discourage all the children from around the village knocking on my door demanding trick or treat?

Millie says – Personally I think the Americanised trick or treat is better than the old fashioned English Mischief night, which just involved playing tricks without any warning. I find buying a few sweets down at the 'ondis shop keeps everyone happy. But if you are really mean then I suggest you leave an empty tin of sweets on your doorstep with a large notice on it saying "Happy Halloween everyone! Please don't ring the doorbell, just help yourself to sweets from the tin".

Dear Millie,

I recently moved into the village and have a problem with nosy neighbours. They keep peering in through my front window. What should I say?

Millie says – This is a village, be grateful that someone will notice one day when your curtains remain closed. Try asking them in for a cup of tea and a closer look at your front room.

Next month's problem – *Dear Millie, My next door neighbour puts her rubbish bag out on Monday when the collection day is Wednesday. It looks unsightly and is attracting vermin. I hate confrontation and I'm unwilling to complain to her face. What can I do?*

Questions and answers welcome, e-mail to
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LETTERS TO THE REPORTER

The Winterborne Whitechurch walk

Dear Editor,

We would like to thank Anne Snape for encouraging us to visit the next village, Winterborne Whitechurch, for a fantastic walk. We chose a beautifully sunny but chilly Autumn day to try out the 4½ mile walk that she kindly suggested in the October issue of the Reporter. It was a thoroughly enjoyable walk that circum-navigated Whatcombe Park, taking in farmland with newly planted crops, parkland with many species of trees and woodland revealing the early colours of Autumn.

The walk instructions were very clear, thank you. Apart from a 'panic' of pheasants, a 'flurry' of wood pigeons, a soaring buzzard and an extremely agile grey squirrel, we didn't see a soul; a lovely walk and so close!

Wendy and Tim Chambers

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damage to the farm but one made a huge crater in the field adjacent when it exploded. The second mine exploded near Dewlish and blasted its silk parachute into the air, intact. Apparently the parachute was converted into exquisite silk underwear by many of the local girls. (Not sure how Dusty knew this!)

At the start of 1944 the build-up for D-Day led to many American soldiers moving into the Milborne area. The local unit – Big Red 1 – had the job of preparing tanks and half-tracks for the landings on the beaches of Normandy. There were several test pits around Whitechurch and Stickland used to test the effectiveness of waterproofing the vehicles. Many of the servicemen who prepared around Dorset were lost during the landings at Omaha Beach on D-Day.

At this same time the aircraft in the skies over Dorset were changing. Most of the Hurricanes and Spitfires were gone and fighter bombers filled the skies – Westland Whirlwinds, rocket firing Typhoons, U S Thunderbolts and long-range Lockheed Lightnings. Many of them were based at Warmwell.

About two weeks before D-Day the road through the village was filled with vehicles heading for Weymouth and Portland ready for the invasion. Dusty particularly remembers the sight of the .5 machine guns on the transports with their barrels protected from the weather by condoms!

Dusty told us that he will never forget the sight of aeroplanes and gliders passing overhead on the evening before D-Day. The sky was black with hundreds of Halifax bombers, many towing gliders filled with troops and the procession seemed to go on for hours.

During the war, rural Dorset was relatively safe, compared to local towns. A number of evacuees from Southampton made their homes here for a while. Dusty introduced us to Primrose Riggs (nee Blakemore) who lived in Milborne all her life, right up to moving to Blandford 10 years ago. She told us of the two girls, Jean and Doreen, who came to live with her family during the war. She remembers the social evenings organised at the school and how jealous she was when her father carried one of the girls back home on his shoulders at the end of one such evening. Primrose lost contact with Jean and Doreen when they returned home but, some 60 years later in 2005, with the help of an old photograph and the Southampton Evening Echo, she made contact again and renewed their friendship.

Our village – but not as we know it now!

The memories of Maurice Willsher

I was born in the bungalow next to Victoria Park Creamery in Dorchester, where Father worked on the lorries. We moved to Milborne St. Andrew when I was eight months old to the new Factory Houses at the Rings with all mod cons, running water, electric, an inside loo, but the rent was 12/6d (62½p) which my Dad thought was too much, so when I was eight years old we moved down to The Nest, it was 8/6d (42½p), but had no running water, no electric and no loo (except a bucket in a shed in the garden). If you had to visit the toilet at night, you took a candle with you, and the toilet paper was the Daily Express! We didn't sniff if Dad was emptying the bucket! When we went into The Nest, we had a pump in the corner of the garden, but the water ended up undrinkable, and it was nothing to do with emptying the toilet! We had to go to the communal water pump, which was outside the cottage opposite (Cottage Green).

I was 10½ when I heard on the radio about the war. The radio ran on batteries, they were called accumulators, we used to take them down the garage for Bert Butler to charge them for 6d. Father built our own air raid shelter. He got 40 gallon drums and filled them with rubbish, half buried them and then put railway sleepers with earth on top. We went down there a couple of times. We had some benches down there. If we kids started looking out the door when there was a dog fight going on, dad told us to come back in – mind you, he then went to stand at the door and watch it – just as dangerous! One day there was a fight

going on, I was out in the garden, looked up and there was a loud bang, two planes had collided, there was a big purple black ball as they exploded. It was over Coles lane, across the fields, something came down by parachute. Us kids went up there afterwards to find bits of the parachute. We found some, which my mum kept for years and years! At night, laying in bed, I could hear the German bombers going overhead, we could tell the difference, their engines had a modulating sound, ours were more constant. I remember seeing all the gliders being towed across the sky ready for D day.

Father was looking out of our front bedroom window when we were living in The Nest, he heard a blast, which happened at the back of the cottage, and the force of it blew dad back in the room, not sure how that happened! Father was in the Home Guard (consisted of a couple of dozen of villagers), they had a report of someone up at the reservoir, up Coles Lane, they were flashing a torch about, the Home Guard went to keep a watch, this shadowy figure crept by, father shouts "halt who goes there" it was Mr Higgins who lived up the pub. Mr Spiller was in charge (he lived in the John Deere garage). He yells "What are you doing wandering about like that, I bl**dy near shot you!" There used to be a hut at the back of the pub for skittles, with an archway through from the road where the skittle alley is now. The Home Guard used it for their meetings and for any practice. They were having instructions of how to use the guns (.303 rifle), which they used to take home with them without bullets. Father then changed to a Browning automatic. The chaps were told that they couldn't be emptied except by pulling the trigger, father said that was rubbish. He got most of them out, but the last half dozen ended up accidentally being fired out of the window! Good job no one was outside!

Lots of different changes happened during the war. The old school lost its railings to the war effort. I went there from five to 14. We had ration books, I remember Mr Dyer coming from Dorchester with the groceries. And Eastmans of Blandford was the Butcher, he used to walk into our place saying "Good morning, what is it today – Kate and Sidney?" We all had gas masks, we used to test if there was any gas about, raise the side and sniff!

And the games changed, for instance, the swifts used to fly around and around the roof of the cottage opposite us, so a few of us lads treated them as German planes, throwing stones at them, we kept missing, then I hit one, it fell like a stone, I was immediately filled with remorse, and wish I hadn't done it. Other games stayed the same, we played hoops, with a hoop or wheel, pushing along with a stick. If we put French chalk on them they went better.

We had evacuees from Southampton here. For some reason I can only remember a couple of the girls' names! I remember Harry Park and I used to chase Ruby Palmer and Jean Slater. But I do remember that Harry Park had one evacuee, Bunny Beauchamp (called Beecham!) Just below them was a couple of cottages, in one of them was an elderly bucksome spinster called Miss Whitmore, she looked after evacuees the Jenkins brothers. And Gordon Cross was nicknamed "Hitler" because his hair style was parted just the same way!

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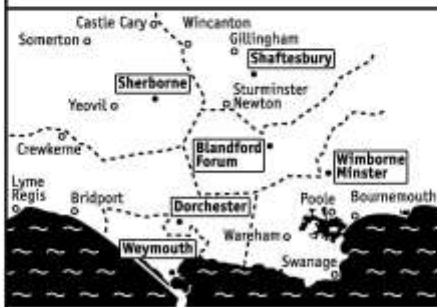
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Homewatch Newsletter Blandford Rural September 2010

Lead thief nailed

A local man has been arrested in connection with a theft of lead from Spetisbury Primary School. The Police executed a warrant on a property in the village and recovered a quantity of lead. The arrested male has been bailed to appear before magistrates in November.

Spaniel puppies found

A recent theft of Springer spaniel puppies prompted a thorough investigation resulting in the charging of a Dorset man and four of the puppies being returned to the owner in Winterborne Whitechurch.



Four more puppies are still unaccounted for. Anyone with information regarding the whereabouts of the remaining puppies is asked to contact Police with information as soon as possible. The male has been bailed until late October. The investigation is ongoing.

Suspicious vehicles seen outside local schools

Police in North Dorset are issuing a warning to parents following a number of suspicious incidents involving approaches to children in the area over the last few days.

Police have received four reports of children being approached and offered a lift in a vehicle across the section – which covers Blandford, Shaftesbury and Gillingham – since Monday 27th September. In some cases children have been asked if they would like to see some puppies. In all cases the children concerned have refused the offers and have informed their parents immediately. North Dorset Section Commander, Inspector Shawn Whitley said: "Although the reports don't appear to be linked as the descriptions of both the people and vehicles involved are very different, all are being treated as a priority. High visibility patrols have been stepped up in areas where reported incidents have taken place and each report is being investigated. Safer Neighbourhood officers are working closely with local schools to encourage parents and pupils to remain vigilant". Anyone who is approached should contact Dorset Police immediately on 01202 222 222.

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

Local incidents in September

Date	Village	Incident	Location
7th Sept	Milborne St. Andrew	Theft – Hay	The Grove
11th Sept	Winterborne Whitechurch	Burglary – Sheds etc – Puppies stolen	St Mary's Close
24th Sept	Milton Abbas	Theft from Motor Vehicle – Purse	Milton Abbas
26th Sept	Milton Abbas	Criminal Damage – Windscreen	Catherines Well
28th Sept	Milton Abbas	Criminal Damage – Electric fencing	Delcombe

Homewatch Meetings

We have received enough responses in relation to future meetings being held at Okeford Fitzpaine Village Hall. We will be setting up meetings to be held there and will assess the level of support after the first few gatherings. Mike Wood of Okeford Fitzpaine is very kindly helping set up the meetings with appropriate dates and when some definite dates are known, we will be in touch via emails and ringmaster.



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The evenings were long, so I developed my hobby during the war, drawing and copying the war cartoons out of the newspaper, I had about four exercise books full of them, drawn freehand. I copied a drawing of a Russian bomber, and my mate, John O'Keefe, who lived in the post office, told his dad, who didn't believe I'd done it freehand, he offered a shilling to do it again in front of him – I got my shilling!

Yanks were in tents opposite the factory. Maurice asked "Can I pose you a puzzle? Why was the American walking through the village with a young lady with a blanket under his arm?"

Our village

Billy Biles lived in Little England, he was the coffin maker, and he was also a really good carpenter. Next door to Billy was a lady called Mrs Jeffries who used to sell sweets and toffees from her house. Her door was near the start of the public footpath. She just had jars on the shelf in one of her rooms, I can see them now! We used to use the Reading Rooms as a meeting point – like a club. Up Blandford Hill was a Bakery run by Jimmy Lane (last house on the right), They used to make nice tea cakes, and we would buy some, then go back to the Reading Rooms to eat them, then someone said they'd seen Jimmy's nose was dripping in the mixture!

The Londis/Grays Stores looked much like it does now, with the square shop next to the house, Mr Gray ran it. We had the Post Office and The Royal Oak. Up Milton Road was an off-licence (opposite the entrance to Huntley Down), Bucky Harris lived there and the off-licence was at the back of the house. I used to go up and get a bottle of brown ale and stout for mother and father. I remember an elderly lady called Miss Oddy – she used to make ice cream in the summer. I'm sure we paid for it, but not much.

And the field next to the village hall where we all played football was called "Crown Meadow" as the house the other side of the road is called Crown House.

My life

As I said earlier, I went to the village school from age five to 14. As I got old enough I worked after school and at the weekends milking cows for Farmer Brown, where Orchard Rise is – a small dairy. While I was working there, a cow had trouble calving – Mr Pope, one of the farm hands, put his hand right in and helped the calf out. I remember thinking, "hope mother doesn't have any more children". One week I asked for more money (dad told me to ask) – his answer "Alright me sonny – don't come any more" – tight as a ducks arse! I left school at 14, for three months I worked on the bread van for Grays Store.

I was a Server in the church, plus, for 6d (2½p) I'd pump the organ, Mrs Cooper played it. She had the knack of knocking her hand against the side of the organ, I'd hear her ring hit against the wood, and I would know to start pumping!

It might have been war time, but we still got up to mischief. We used to raid the orchard for apples (where Orchard Rise is now), Harry Park got caught, and fined 10s (50p), it was scary, scrumping, we kept thinking we saw movement! There was a Bus conductress called Pat Musselwhite, all us lads fancied her, we knew which bus she was going to be on, so used to get down to the bus stop early, and wait, just so we could chat her up. And we used to use Burt Butler's taxi to go to dances, we went to Milton Abbas, and filled the car with people, paying about 2/6d each (12½p). We listened to the radio, programmes I liked were Dick Barton Special Agent, and Saturday night "In town tonight".

PC Montagu was our policeman. He stood in the doorway of the Reading Rooms one night, as Reg Corbon went by with a young lady on their bikes with no lights. She was saying she was dubious about riding to Bagber. But I think Reg insisted, so the PC followed them to Bagber, waited for Reg to say goodbye then gave him a rollicking, and made him WALK back to Milborne! I reckon PC Montagu probably followed him all the way.

When the time came to join one of the services, five of us joined the navy from the village, I was the first one – being the oldest.



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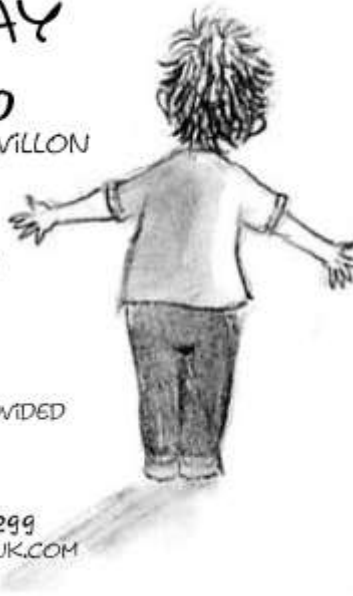
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In your Garden

Seasonal notes and tips from Maureen Lock of *Designer Gardens*

Winter protection

AS I am looking out of my window and seeing the frost on the ground, I realise that winter has a nasty habit of creeping up on us and often our good intentions of protecting those tender plants are forgotten as we hope that the predicted frost will only be a light one. (Oh heck!) It is so easy to forget to protect our containers and plants. I was caught out last year and lost several nice terracotta pots – that'll teach me! So guess what my job this weekend is?

Cold air and frost always descend to the lowest point in a garden so when you are putting your lovely tender plants in the garden in the summer, just remember where the frost lays and avoid planting them in obvious frost pockets. Frost problems can be made worse by placing tender plants and early flowering plants where they face the morning sun causing them to defrost quickly. This is often the cause of beautiful Camellia flowers dying before they bloom – they thaw out too quickly in the early morning sun.

Plants in containers are especially vulnerable as the frost can penetrate the container and kill the roots. You can protect your containers by moving them to a more sheltered position in the garden – grouped together and close to the house is ideal. If they can't be moved (as many are far too heavy) then insulate them by wrapping the container (only) in bubble wrap; the plant can then be protected with horticultural fleece. It is also a good idea to put 'pot feet' underneath to prevent waterlogging – another classic cause of cracked pots and damaged plant roots.

Of course, the best type of pots to use are glazed and/or frost proofed terracotta as the water cannot

penetrate the clay. Even if you do use frost proof pots, you will still need to protect the vulnerable roots of the plant.



As you would imagine, plants in the ground are much more protected against harsh frosts as their roots are protected by the soil surrounding them. If you have the space (or the inclination) you may be able to sink the pot into the soil as this will give added protection for the root ball. You can then cover the top with fleece or even straw.

If you need to protect the plant in-situ you could use a cloche and cover it with fleece so that the plant can still breathe and won't rot. For a large tender plant such as banana (*Musa basjoo*) you can make a cylinder using wire netting and canes, and fill it with loosely packed straw taking care not to damage the plant in the process. A lot of us have tree ferns these days and they too will need some protection from harsh frosts. I have planted mine in the ground in a shady but sheltered part of the garden which works really well and last year didn't suffer any frost damage at all. I protected it by stuffing the crown with fleece – you can also use hessian sacking. The trunks can be further protected by once again, wrapping in layers of fleece or hessian stuffed with straw. Plants in raised beds can be protected with cloches covered with fleece.

It is really not a good idea to cover your plants with polythene or plastic bags as I have sometimes seen, this creates excess condensation which will freeze on the leaves and the plant will probably rot and die.

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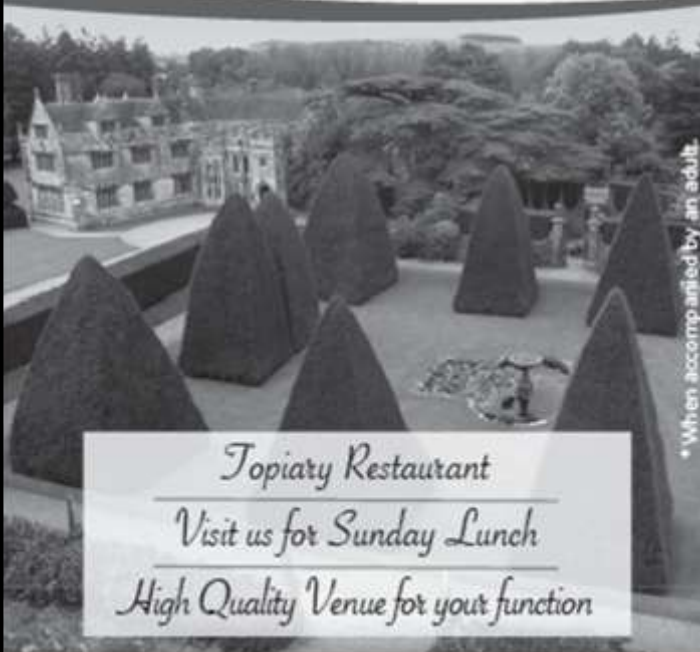
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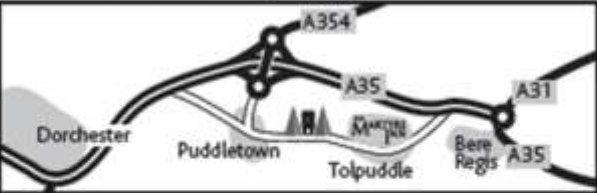
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“Trees For Dorset” Schools Project

IT is autumn again and on 21st September we took the Year 1 children to the church and The Grove to look at some of the beautiful old trees in our village, as part of the “Trees For Dorset” Schools Project. The children looked at the difference between young trees and old trees, how to identify them by the shape of their leaves and the different types of seeds and berries. We gathered under the “Singing Tree” (ancient Lime tree, just inside The Grove) and looked up through the leaves to the sky. This is a particular favourite with us all at Milborne School as it has heart shaped leaves, sings with



bees in spring and has a wonderful scent, and that is not all. The Lime tree also produces helicopters, how amazing is that? We call that “wind dispersal” and had great fun throwing them into the wind to watch them fly. Apart from their great enthusiasm, the children collected lots of tree seeds that day, which we identified and planted the next week. Oh yes and the sun shone all day!

In November Year 3 will be looking at autumn leaves and doing amazing things with them, but that’s another story. There are photos of the project on my website www.mary-annfeatherstone.webs.com

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SCHOOL NEWS

AS promised Eddie the barn owl came to visit the school and after meeting all of the children in assembly, spent a morning with Owls class. The children learnt all about owls and are now fundraising to be able to buy an owl box and camera. The Rabbits class went off to Corfe Castle as part of their topic work on castles. They were treated to a sunny autumn day and had great fun exploring this famous Dorset landmark. Our harvest festival assembly welcomed family and



friends. Donations of tinned and packet goods were taken to the Dorchester Women's Refuge after the assembly. In November for Children in Need Day we would like to further support this local charity by providing activity packs of colouring books and pencils for the children. The Milborne WI are kindly making bags for us to fill and we will be asking for donations to go inside. If you would like to make any donations, they would be very welcome.

Don't forget – if you have a child due to start school next year now is the time to apply for your school place. Please get in touch to arrange a visit and we can let you know which forms have to be completed.



JOB VACANCY

LUNCHTIME SUPERVISORY ASSISTANT

The Governors wish to appoint a Lunchtime Supervisory Assistant who is kind but firm with children, is keen to help the children learn through play, and can work in a team.

Applicants should also be willing to undertake relevant training as directed by the headteacher.

The hours of work are Monday to Friday, term time only,
12.00noon–1.05pm.

A job share will be considered

Dorset Salary Grade 1, £6.38 per hour

Please contact the school office for further details.

**The Friends of School Christmas Fayre will be held on
Wednesday 1st December at 3.00pm.**

Please join us for Christmas shopping, fun and games.

CONTACTS

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

Headteacher: Mrs Anne Purdy, **Secretary, School Office:** Mrs Helen Pugh

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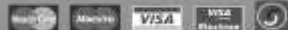
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Milborne 10 road race

Sunday 9th January 2011

THE next event will take place on the above date and this is a request to the people of Milborne St. Andrew for help on the day. As many of you may know the 2010 event had to be cancelled due to dangerous conditions out on the course. We sincerely hope that the 2011 will go ahead as planned.

All we need are volunteers to be marshals out on the course and within the village and a few volunteers to work at the finish line, both recording the finishers and with refreshments, handing out certificates, etc. Volunteers must be available to work from 10.00am until at least 1.00pm on the day. Everything else is already in place, the registration for the event will take place at the village hall along with post race refreshments and the presentation, as it has successfully been for a number of years.

This coming event has been entered on the calendar as a Dorset Road Race League event.

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John Mills [Race Director] 4 Middleton Row, Milton Abbas

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On the evening of Saturday 19 October vandals tore down and smashed the floodlights at Milborne Sports ground causing £2,000/£3,000 worth of damage.

The consequence of this is that our senior teams who train on Tuesday evenings and our under 15 team who train on Thursday evenings will have their coaching curtailed when the nights shorten. But hardest of all this will affect our 6 – 11 year olds who train on Wednesday evenings.

To enable Milborne Sports to continue we need to replace these lights as quickly as possible.

Your donation will be gratefully received.

Cheques should be made payable to Milborne Sports and can either be left in the bucket, sent to a committee member or handed to:

John Kane
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Milborne St Andrew
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Malcolm Applin
6 The Rings
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A mixed start to the season

MILBORNE Sports have now got a thriving youth set up with the existing under fifteens being enthusiastically run by Grant Taylor and Glenn, whilst, since the summer, a dramatic change has occurred with the addition of Bob Mowlem to the club. In just a few months he has increased numbers threefold for the youth six to nine years old section. Games are planned and Bob's commitment to this group is evident in the response he has received by way of support. As the nights draw in, he will be looking to continue training sessions, although the recent mindless vandalism has created some problems with regards to the floodlighting. However, as a club, we will be looking to take what ever action is needed both with regards to the people responsible for the vandalism as well as restoring the floodlights.

On the senior side, Paul Hammond's first team charges have had a mixed start to the season and, after winning their first two games went through somewhat of a slump losing twice and then drawing away from home against a fast improving Lytchett outfit, a game which was played out on what can only be described as an atrocious playing surface. Since then there have been two back to back victories, the first, narrowly against local rivals Childe Okeford and, on the 16th October, in a high scoring 8-4 victory at Weymouth against Weymouth Spartans. The experienced Simon Kibler returned from injury in this fixture to make his mark with four of the goals, whilst Matt Hall once again proved his worth covering in goal for the absent Morgan. The game against Mere on the 23rd October now takes on a significant importance as they are placed third to the Laneenders fourth. With three successive promotions, and playing at their highest ever level Milborne are still looking to progress further, whilst continuing with their attractive brand of football.

The Reserves have had a hard start to the season winning just one of their opening five games. However, due to a combination of injuries, absenteeism, and first team call ups, the side has not yet had a settled feel. With a game on Saturday 23rd October against the bottom club, hopefully the revival will start, as Tom Lane takes over the reins, following unavailability since the start of the season.

Despite being a small club in financial terms, Milborne are looking to provide a standard of football that is entertaining and also successful. Unfortunately, the recent wanton vandalism resulting in considerable damage both to facilities and, accordingly, financially, came as something of a body blow. However, we are also a strong club that will overcome this setback. We also have one of the best playing surfaces in the locality and this is due to the sterling work carried out by our fastidious groundsman, Malcolm Applin.

Anyone who has an interest in football is welcome to games and, if there are people who want to get involved with the club at any level, we would be pleased to meet them. Senior games are on Saturdays (2.15pm kickoff from November) whilst youth games are on Sundays.

Mike Lathbury Chairman, Milborne Sports FC

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- 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 redcurrant 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
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- Fig 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
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