



# Reporter

News and Views from around the area

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## Milborne Mail Models

Local Services pull out all the stops – letters page 19

## John and Brian to the Rescue

WITH the help of two people, John Joyce and Brian Legg with their 4x4 vehicles, we were able to produce the January *Reporter* before Christmas. Without their help of transport to and from Longmead in the snow, from where we print the magazine, we would have struggled to produce the *Reporter* before the New Year, as Puddletown were using the printer after Christmas. Thank you John and Brian and all our distributors who work behind the scenes each month to deliver the magazine.

Volunteers are occasionally needed to help with printing and to deliver the *Reporter* magazine to cover for holidays and sickness. If you would like to help in any way, then please let one of the team know (names at foot of page).

Although we have several people up our sleeve for the "Have you met . . ." column, we are always looking for more of these. If you would like to be interviewed, or would like to nominate someone, then please let us know. The same applies if you would like something covered that is currently not in the magazine. If we don't know about it, we can't report it. E-mail your ideas to the *Reporter* or talk to one of the team *David Payne* (one of the *Reporter* team)

## Update on Treeguy – Chris Baxter

AS reported last month, Chris and Dan were both badly injured in an accident whilst working at the Old Vicarage in Chapel Street. This week we have heard that Dan is at home and, whilst Chris is still progressing, he will be in Salisbury Hospital for at least another seven weeks. However, Kathy, his secretary, has emailed to say that the business is still running, and the advert will continue to be in the magazine, so please support them both. *Sue Gould*

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## Coffee, Cake and Computers

Village Hall Committee Room

Every Friday 10.00am–12 noon

TWENTY people attended the first drop-in session after Christmas on the 7th January. Good to see some new faces as well as the regulars. We have been running for almost three years now and in that time have introduced quite a few complete beginners to computing. Also, showing others what to do can help the more confident among us to keep up to date in this rapidly changing area.

However, there are still a lot of people out there who think that the new technology is not for them, that they have left it too late, it is too expensive, it is all too complicated or they are too old to learn a new skill.

Nothing could be further from the truth. With the launch of the iPad and other similar devices there has never been a better time to make a start. Forget keyboards, if like me, you struggle to type, even with one finger, then the iPad could be for you. Its touch screen is 'intuitive' and the whole thing is much less complicated and more fun to use, even if you have never touched a computer before. So come along and try it out. Patient, expert help is free and for only 50p sub and 50p each for fresh coffee/tea and home-made cake it is a bargain. We are not a 'club', we welcome all ages and you don't have to come every week.

Being unable to use a computer in the 21st century could be likened to the inability to read and write not so long ago. In Thomas Hardy's *'The Return of the Native'* Humphrey says "Ah, there's too much of that sending to school in these days! It only does harm. Every gatepost and barn's door you come to is sure to have some bad word or other chalked upon it by young rascals: a woman can hardly pass for shame sometimes. If they'd never been taught to write they wouldn't have been able to scribble such villainy. Their fathers couldn't do it, and the country was all the better for it".

I wonder what Humphrey would have thought today? New technology can help make life a lot easier, especially as you get older, being able to order groceries for home delivery, order prescriptions, compare prices and keep in touch with friends and family through Skype, e-mail and Facebook, etc.

We look forward to welcoming you this Friday – make it your New Year Resolution, much more fun than trying to lose weight or get fit!  
*Rose Frost*

**Our village is now on "Facebook" – look for "Milborne St. Andrew Parish Council", to become a "friend"!**

The views expressed in this magazine are not necessarily those of the *Reporter* team.

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## Milborne St. Andrew Youth Club Update

WE are very pleased to announce that we have started 2011 with a brand new Club Leader, Michelle Scott and a new Deputy Leader, Keeley Grennan. We have sadly said 'Goodbye' to Sandra and Emma Northover, and they were presented with flowers, Next gift cards and a card signed by the members. We thank them so much for their commitment to the Club for nearly four years. However, we are so grateful that Michelle and Keeley answered our appeal for help, and have great pleasure in confirming that Milborne St. Andrew Youth Club can continue, which is fabulous news for the 38 members (and growing!). We also thank Sandy Sach and Sue Leonard for their offer of help on a part-time basis, and look forward to seeing them after Easter.

Our Christmas party to Sharkeys in Weymouth was hurriedly cancelled due to snow on 17th December, but we have managed to reschedule this for 4th February.

We would also like to give Advance Notice of our AGM on Thursday 17th March at 7.30pm in MSA Village Hall Committee Room. Everyone will be warmly welcomed for refreshments and a review of 2010/11, and any new Committee Members will have their arms ripped off! To continue this thriving club, we constantly need support, parental or otherwise, and thank you in advance if you would like to attend.

Club Dates    February: 4th (party), 18th    March: 4th, 18th  
                          April: 1st, 29th (Bank Holiday)    May: 13th, 27th  
                          June: 10th, 24th    July: 8th, 22nd

For more information regarding the Club, please feel free to contact Sallie Maitland-Gleed (Secretary) 01258 837442 or Michelle Scott (Club Leader) 01258 837159.

## Wednesday Social Club

IN early January, we had our New Year Party at The Royal Oak, which was enjoyed by all. Paul was our games master, he was very funny and kept us all entertained with his lively banter, quizzes and games. One game we played involved a bottle of beer; out of the three prizes, that was the one that was moved around a lot. We lost count of who got it in the end, it was great fun.



Our meal was cottage pie and vegetables which was delicious, and very hot. The bread and butter pudding was excellent too, served piping hot with custard.

Very many thanks to the staff of The Royal Oak as they worked so hard to ensure that we all had a good time and got us off to a flying start for our 35th Anniversary celebrations.

We are looking forward to our next meeting on Wednesday 2nd February, 2.30pm at the village hall, when Marion Lovegrove will be coming to give us a talk on 'Life on Canals'. Everyone is welcome to join us. See you at the hall.

A special outing is proposed to visit Portsmouth Historic Naval Dockyard on Wednesday, 6th July 2011. This will include HMS Victory, HMS Warrior, Mary Rose, Maritime Museum, Harbour Cruise and Spinnaker Tower.

For further details of this VERY special day out please contact Margaret Evans 450518 by February 19th. All are warmly invited to join us.

*Eve Richardson*

## Look out! There's a thief about

### Local Incidents in December and January

Date	Village	Incident	Location
15th Dec	Milborne St Andrew	Dwelling burglary – Nothing stolen	Stileham Bank
15th Dec	Milborne St Andrew	Dwelling burglary – Jewellery and cash	Hopsfield
16th Dec	Milborne St Andrew	Dwelling burglary – Watch and cash	Hopsfield
10th Jan	Milborne St Andrew	Dwelling burglary – Cash and cards	Bladen View

UNFORTUNATELY, December saw a spate of dwelling burglaries across the area with six occurring over a six-day period. Thieves forced entry by way of 'jemmying' either doors or windows and made searches of properties to find what they were after. On several occasions, nothing was stolen, lending itself to the explanation that they were after specific items and likely to be professional burglars. January has also seen a number of breaks and attempted burglaries across the area.

Please be extra vigilant in looking out for any suspicious happenings in your area and please consider the strength of your home security. Keep windows and doors locked and valuables hidden away out of sight, preferably in unusual places that would be hard to find. Consider the need to purchase separate window locks as they have prevented access being gained in some of the above attempted burglaries. Lots of external lighting around and secure fencing or hedging is useful although a fine balance must be met so as visibility onto your property from neighbouring premises is not lost. Gravel paths and driveways are good as they create noise when walked on. Securing side accesses helps to keep people out. If someone wants to gain entry to a property or outbuilding, you need

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## Milborne St Andrew Gardening Club



WE have two events to look forward to this month, which we hope will help dispel some of the winter gloom.

Our Annual Dinner will be on Saturday 12th February, at 7.00pm for 7.30pm at The Royal Oak. If any members wishing to attend have not yet booked, please contact our Chairman, Sally Dyer, as final numbers are required by the 4th February. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the evening last year and we hope as many members as possible will come.

Our talk on Thursday 24th February (postponed from our last meeting) is entitled "Colour in the Garden without Flowers", which promises to be interesting. There will be the usual refreshments and non-members are also welcome to join us.

*Linda Harris*

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Dear Friends

A big thank you to everyone who made it to one of the Parish open meetings held way back in November to discuss our benefice profile. Your parish representatives have been working hard to draw together your ideas to produce an attractive profile that can be requested by prospective candidates. The advertisement for the post of vicar to Puddletown, Tolpuddle and Milborne with Dewlish should be going in the church press by mid-February.

Please pray for your parish reps: Diana Bennett, Hilly Cobban, Pat Tribe, Jim Burg and Clare Tantrum (schools), that they may be filled with wisdom and discernment over the appointment of a new vicar here. Please also continue to pray that the person God is calling to be our vicar, hears that call and responds to the advert!

Inside the profile we have written a benefice vision statement.

Our vision for the Benefice is that we are united

- in bringing the light of Christ to our communities
- in reaching out to those who feel excluded
- in caring for the lonely and distressed
- in encouraging those of all ages who want to grow in their faith.

We do all this, safe in the knowledge that the love of God surrounds us all.

We have also included a benefice prayer

***Lord, bless this benefice and all who live and work in it's villages.***

Give us wisdom and understanding to seek your will for us and courage to follow your path.

Help us to make your love known to all whom we meet.

Amen

Both the benefice vision statement and prayer have been produced on a bookmark to help you pray for the parishes during the vacancy. You will find one in the back of church.

*Sarah Godfrey*

## MILBORNE ST. ANDREW CHURCH NOTES

No immediate major problems

MILBORNE Parochial Church Council met on 12th January, the most important item on the agenda being consideration of the quinquennial report. Fortunately, there are no major problems to deal with urgently. In fact, some of the most urgent jobs (cleaning out gutters, removing plant growth from walls, etc) we can do ourselves. Some lead work and roofing needs attention, and this will be put in hand shortly. Other more major repairs the architect identified as necessary will be dealt within the next five-year period.

Deep and crisp and wonderful

Christingle is always popular as so many families come to enjoy the event. The collection raised £51.00 which has been sent to the Children's Society. Thank you to everyone who contributed.

Milborne was "deep and crisp and even" over Christmas. Walking up Church Hill was perilous enough but walking to Church Hill was even more so. Despite this, there was a sizeable congregation for the wonderful Midnight Mass. Many thanks to Louisa MacNair for organising and rehearsing the choir for the anthem they sang at the service. There were also good congregations for the Family Service on Christmas morning and on Boxing Day. It was lovely to welcome people from all over the benefice to the joint Carol Service. (Photo: Sid Coe)



## CHURCH SERVICES February 2011

### THURSDAY 3rd FEBRUARY

12.00 Lunch-time Communion Milborne

### 6th FEBRUARY – 5th Sunday before Lent

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

### 13th FEBRUARY – 4th Sunday before Lent

8.15am 1662 Said Communion Service Puddletown  
9.30 Joint Methodist Service Tolpuddle  
9.30 Parish Communion Milborne  
11.00 Family Service Puddletown  
11.00 Family Communion Dewlish

### THURSDAY 17th FEBRUARY

12.00 Lunch-time Communion Puddletown

### 20th FEBRUARY – 3rd Sunday before Lent

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

### 27th FEBRUARY – 2nd before Lent

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

### Church Cleaning – w/e Saturday

29th January Margaret Hurley and  
Eva Stockley

5th February Geoff and Pat Bull

12th February John and Ann Miller

19th February Victoria Bone and Lin Chatfield

26th February Ed and Rose Frost

### Flowers – w/e Saturday

5th and 12th February Pat Tribe

19th February Sally Dyer

26th February Wedding

5th March Pat Tribe

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*Dewlish*

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Sue Britton 01258 837218

Five years, and still going strong

Did you know that Milborne Praise has been going for five years at Easter? We celebrated our January service under the title "Come and See", which was taken from the Gospel reading that day. We were asked to write down what projects we had enjoyed during the previous years. We were then asked to write down new ideas we would like to be introduced. After singing several songs like "Our God is a Great Big God" and "One More Step Along the Way" we then had to draw our foot and write what our New Year resolution would be to follow Jesus. This was a very interesting service and all our work is now on display in church for everyone to see.

PLEASE NOTE: During the interregnum some of our services may have to change. The time of services will remain at 9.30am. Please check in the *Reporter* or on the church notice board at the Londis.

*Eva Stockley and Pat Tribe (Churchwardens)*

## DEWLISH CHURCH NOTES

A big treat, despite the snow and ice

WHAT a busy December we have had, and all with such difficult weather conditions! None of our roads were treated by the council and we remained isolated for about 10 days with only the hardy making any journeys into, or out of, the village.

However, life went on and, amid snow and ice, over 100 people attended our Carol Service. What a treat was in store for those who came! The children were again wonderful as they acted and read the Nativity Story, the Ladies Group sang and our very talented sisters, Robyn and Imogen Carter, sang a beautiful duet of *Pie Jesu*, accompanied by Emily on the organ. They were truly wonderful.

The band was unable to come because of the weather, but Aiden very kindly offered to play the organ for us. We are extremely grateful to him, and to Ed and Adam who operated the sound and lights. Many thanks also to Jim for all his hard work in organising the whole thing. Our collection of £113.68 has been sent to the **Children's Society**.

Well-decorated Christmas trees and hearty carols  
The church looked beautiful for the Christmas Tree Festival. Many thanks to Sue for organising it and to all the clubs, businesses and churches for supporting it. All the trees were superbly decorated. It was such a shame that the weather was against us: we had very few visitors.

On a very cold, icy and snowy night, we sang carols around the village. We were delighted to have such a large group. Our collection (for Shelter) amounted to £175.00. Thank you so much to Hayley and Andrew for the delicious soup and mulled wine – and to Dianne and John at The Oak for more mulled wine and some mince pies. We needed something warm when the temperature was so low!  
*We wish you all a very happy and peaceful New Year.*

*Daphne Burg*

## Village Lunch Update

WE are coming up to the end of our second year of the Village Lunch and would like to take this opportunity to thank all our many diners and supporters in the village and surrounding areas. You have stood by us through thick and thin (so to speak!) and we have gone from strength to strength with the help of all the wonderful staff at The Royal Oak.

Our second AGM will be held on Friday 11th February from 12 noon at The Royal Oak.

If you would like to pop along to see what we are doing – please just turn up. Also any suggestions and/or nominations for committee members would be very welcome.

For further details please telephone me 01258 837453 or Margaret Kirk 01258 837749  
*Melva*

## St Andrew's Church Cleaners

THE PCC would like to thank all our wonderful church cleaners for the hard work they have put in over the last year. There are often comments in the **Visitors' Book** and from visiting bell ringers regarding the excellent appearance of the church, and the PCC thought that it would be nice to convey this to our loyal band of cleaners.



## Obituary

**Ginette Grant 3.8.1919 – 26.12.2010**

Ginette, beloved mother of Sohani Gonzalez and until recently of St. Andrews View, passed away after a short illness in Salisbury Hospital on Boxing Day, she was over 91 years of age.

Ginette was a former member of the Food & Wine Society which she thoroughly enjoyed and a brief member of the Wednesday Social Club, where she experienced some of their Mystery Tour trips.

She will be greatly missed by her daughter and grandson, Carlos.



## 100 CLUB WINNERS

Draw Date – Tuesday 11th January 2011

1st prize	£100	Margaret Hurley
2nd prize	£50	Trish Garland
3rd prize	£20	John Miller

The next draw is at 8.00pm, in The Royal Oak, on Tuesday 15th February 2011

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## 'Look at our people'

THIS month Milborne Ladybirds Playgroup have been talking about families. The children have drawn pictures of their families, collaged 2D people and made spoon people.



The photo shows some of them holding their spoon people with more of their work on the display board behind. There are new faces in the photo – we have had six new children since Christmas and helpers are kept on their toes – especially as we have three sets of twins! This is good for the group but means we are almost at capacity so if you have children who will need a place in the Summer or September term please phone for a registration form. Priority will be given to village children but if we don't know about you a place cannot be guaranteed.

*Liz Dyer*




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# Parish Council Meeting – 13th January – The best bits

## Gypsy/Traveller sites

IN the first open session, a member of the public commented on a rumour that landowners have received letters asking about possible locations for mobile homes. On checking, this transpires to be gypsy/traveller sites within North Dorset. Cllr Della Jones commented that the district council has an obligation to allocate an area for gypsies/travellers, and that the existing Thornicombe site has been successful. Cllr Janet Allen has had this issue in her previous parish, and warns that the Parish Council should act quickly, and make sure that any highlighted potential positions are suitable, but more importantly also informing the Council of any reasons why a site is NOT ideal.

## Obelisk fund

There still seems to be a bit of confusion. The fund stands at £2,423.72, however, we do not know who the signatories are – can anyone in the village remember? The money was originally raised by public subscription; therefore it seems appropriate that the decision has been made to discuss this matter at the Annual Parish Meeting in April (see future dates below).

## What is happening about the Parish Plan?

It has been accepted for evaluation (meeting of 8th September last year), however, Cllr Harris pointed out that he did not wish to adopt it. Finally, after much somewhat heated discussion, it was resolved to assemble a “working party” of two councillors and three others, either parishioners or/and members of the original steering committee. This is to go through the various recommendations, see if they are still valid, or if they are now redundant (due to action already being taken or being not attainable) and to be realistic about how it can be used. At present, the group consists of Cllr Janet Allen, Cllr John Harris, Phillip Smith and Adrian Hodges, one more member

is needed. Tony Dyer has requested that he is not included, due to the many, many hours he has already spent on it.

It was also resolved to pay travelling and other expenses to Tony Dyer however the estimate for further work was not debated.

## Winter Maintenance

Parishioner David Ballinger has contacted our local MP, Robert Walter, asking why the local farmers were unable to use their tractors for snow clearance. In Mr. Walters reply, he highlighted the **original problems were that “red diesel” was not allowed to be used to work on the public roads, and the high insurance was a problem. On 3rd December 2010 it was agreed that “Red Diesel” could be used in tractors that were snow clearing on the public road, however, the high insurance could not be resolved, and that it would have to be a private agreement between the farmer and their insurance companies.** The query was also raised about members of the public clearing the pavement or public places of snow and ice, saying that if the public followed the guidance on Direct.gov.uk regarding snow clearance; it would be highly unlikely that any prosecution would occur. Chair Mick Hopper thanked David for taking the trouble and time to take this action on behalf of the entire village.

Issues regarding the collection of rubbish were discussed, along with the need for contingency planning for emergencies and this will be explored shortly.

## The Continuing Saga – The Corner of Milton Road

Andrew Fox of The Royal Oak has confirmed he will make the planters, the size will be agreed with Cllr Janet Allen but these will be of a similar size to the planters outside the pub. Sally Dyer and Cllr Janet Allen will co-ordinate to use discount vouchers for a local garden centre to purchase any items needed to complete the project within budget. The Parish Council were very grateful for the **donation of dwarf spring bulbs from Gerry Spivey (of Gerry’s Plants at The Rings).**

## Future dates for your calendar

The Annual Council Meeting is on 11th May 2011 following the local elections, this will take the form of a standard meeting, with the election of a Chairman and Vice Chairman for the next municipal year. Previously this also included the Annual Parish Meeting, and it can be a long night. However this year, the Annual Parish Meeting will be held on 20th April 2011. The Annual Parish Meeting is not a council meeting. It is a meeting of the parish electors and should involve village organisations **such as the Women’s Institute, POPP, M.A. Neighbourcar, the police and all other groups.** The agenda should be set by the groups and they should contact the Parish Clerk with the items or report they wish to air. The meeting will be chaired by the chairman of the council. Everyone is welcome to celebrate local activities and debate current issues. All this together with the allure of nibbles!

Sue Gould



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## Flogging dead horses is not a good idea

BY the time you read this Milborne Moviola will have presented the film "From Time to Time". The new hearing loop system is now fully operational so you can hear it too.

If the *Reporter* hits your mat before the 26th January then please support us. If not then it is important to note that Dorset Moviola has given the trustees a reprieve with these three productions. If we fail to get sufficient numbers attending Moviola there will be no more in the future.

The film is (was) a period drama, filmed at Athelhampton and is a haunting ghost story spanning two worlds, that are two centuries apart. A Manchester lad Tolly (Alex Etel) is sent to spend Christmas with his grandmother (Maggie Smith) at her crumbling country pile (not to be confused with the Village Hall) during the final days of World War II, where he travels back in time to appear as a ghost in the Napoleonic period and begins to unravel an age-old family mystery. A hunt back in time for missing jewels becomes a voyage of self discovery.

Further Dates for your diary:

**"Made in Dagenham"** on Wednesday 2nd March 2011 which is a dramatization of the 1968 strike at the Ford Dagenham car plant, where female workers walked out in protest against sexual discrimination.

**"The King's Speech"** on Wednesday 6th April 2011 which is a riveting, intimate account of how a British king triumphed over a speech impediment with the help of an unorthodox speech coach.

Saturday 9th April has been earmarked as the evening for the Village Quiz. Last year's winners have the task of writing the questions and with Peter Dunkley as the team leader I suspect the questions will be interesting, testing, quirky and chosen to ensure that everyone can have a good time.

The MUGA has now been completed, well nearly. The boys will be back in the spring to add a touch of colour (green) to the black stuff and to provide the permanent ball court markings. Hopefully things will have settled down by then and all the fears and trepidations will be resolved as well. The MUGA space will still be available for the village fete, etc and we are assured by the contractor that because we have applied a permeable tarmac surface, water will drain through, not sit under the hard tarmac surface usually found on the highway, waiting to burst through during any icy spell into a pothole. The only restriction placed on its use is that it is not suitable for the hard impact roller blading or skateboarding and if you look at the 'Dorchester Massive' that is a concrete skatepark. The tarmac must also be given time to harden or cure. The trustees will be relying on the skateboarders to observe this limitation and for other responsible members of the community to help police the space (in the nicest possible way of course). We may have other options up our sleeve for the boarders so come and speak, we are still human and willing to listen!

With the completion of the MUGA (under budget and on time, I might add) the trustees have, at a stroke, not only completed the last remaining issue identified in the regeneration survey of 2002 and 2006 but also "ticked the box" on two of the major issues identified in the Parish Plan of 2009. A new Hall review is now underway to help set out the plans for the future as we continue with the regeneration process. Do we continue to modify and extend the existing building or build new; do we continue on our own or work with others such as the Doctor's practice?

What is for certain is that "doing nothing" is not an option, nor is flogging a dead horse! So watch this space, read your Parish Plan outcomes, check out the Village Website and join in the fun, it will be an open and inclusive process.

Richard Lock

## Road Safety First at the January meeting of the WI

OUR first meeting of the new year gave us a good opportunity to think about resolutions – we were encouraged by Jeff Parsons from the Road Safety team at Dorset County Council to start by abandoning any bad habits when behind the wheel! He began by asking us how long we had been driving and when had been the last time we had looked at the Highway Code! His presentation was clear, colourful and very 'on the ball'. We would all like to consider ourselves free from bad habits but don't have to travel far to spot potential hazards. We looked at the qualities of a good driver, as well as some very salutary road fatality statistics! We were encouraged to consider taking up the offer of the Road Safety team to go out for an accompanied drive with them – the statutory fee is being waived until March, so this is a very good opportunity. Heather Hogg thanked Mr Parsons for his illuminating talk and said she would probably be signing up herself.

June Maitland will organise our *Annual Dinner* in April, we are looking at Friday 8th and a suitable venue will be discussed over the coming weeks. Milborne is to provide some form of entertainment during the social time at our *Group Meeting* being held at Bere Regis on 29th March. We are all encouraged to go along for support, even if we do not take an active part. Two new members were welcomed – Anya Bruty and Alice Harrall.

Christmas might now be a gentle memory, but we took the opportunity to pass on recipes which had found some success. Josie Wright assured us that her coffee and sultana ice cream with brandy was not only delicious but very economical (*not sure about the calories though...*), and Shirley Dunkley had used her very own home-grown salsify to produce a creamed vegetable dish which had gone down very well with her teenage grand-daughters – praise indeed. Ideas for Guinness cake, 'cheat's Christmas meal' and various ways of cooking the turkey were also shared.

At our next meeting on Thursday 10th February Margaret Knight will talk about the history of the WI. Entitled '*More than Jam and Jerusalem*', it should prove of interest to us all. Please bring along a 'handicraft item' for our exhibition.

Pat Bull

## Bailey's Valentines Cheesecake

I make this in a heart-shaped metal mould which I've had for years but it can be made in a tin of any shape. It is a good way of using up any Bailey's Irish Cream which is left over from Christmas.

*Ingredients for the base*

One small packet of biscuits (Hobnobs, Digestives, etc.)

75g butter

*Ingredients for the topping*

200g/250g cream cheese

1 sachet gelatine powder

100ml hot water

100ml double cream

200ml Bailey's

150g caster sugar

*Method*

1. Melt the gelatine in the hot water and set aside to cool.
2. Melt the butter and add to the crushed biscuits.
3. Put biscuit mixture into base of loose bottomed cake tin and press smooth with the back of a spoon.
4. Beat the cream cheese and sugar together then add the cooled gelatine.
5. **Fold in the Bailey's.**
6. Fold in the lightly whipped cream.
7. Spoon the topping on top of the base and chill in the fridge.

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## From The Milborne Panto to the West End Stage

YES, Milborne does have talent – and to prove it, may I introduce Danny Chase.

Danny was a member of the Milborne Players and starred in many Pantos plus other productions in the late 1990's. At that time, there was a Dorset Panto Competition – Oh yes there was! – and the Milborne Players dutifully entered every year. Enter Danny – stage right, and for three years running he became the Best Juvenile Male Runner-Up (1994–95, 1995–96 and 1996–97) and then, as in all good pantomimes, we had a happy ending, Danny became Best Juvenile Male in 1998–99, starring in 'Jack and the Genetically Modified Beanstalk'.

Danny then enrolled at Weymouth College to study performing arts and has developed into an all-round performer with skills as an actor, dancer, trapeze artist and circus skills performer. From February 2007 to September 2007 Danny starred as Tarzan in the show 'Tarzan La Recontre' at Disneyland, Paris.

In 2010 Danny made his West End stage debut and is now appearing in *Love Never Dies* at the Adelphi Theatre.

I am sure that all of Milborne wish Danny all the best and we look forward to hearing more of our 'home grown star'. *Joe McSavage*



*Danny Chase appearing in 'Love Never Dies'.*

## The Slippery Slope

IN line with David Cameron's "Big Society in Action" the residents of Coles Lane have taken it upon themselves to club together and purchase their own grit bin, having recently been well inconvenienced by the exceptional snowfall, followed by the dense ice. Sourced and purchased by resident Peter Anthony, the green box was sited with the help of Paul Tasker, mid-way up Coles Lane, and fitted with a combination lock. The cost of the bin and its contents was approximately £300, so a donation of only £10 per household was required. Most residents were happy to donate.

Hopefully it will not need much use over the next few years, but if any of you know how to predict the weather more accurately . . .! If your road was hazardous during the recent icy conditions then maybe you could consider doing the same in your road. Ask your neighbours and go for it!

*Sid Coe*



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## Milborne 10 continues to support local charities

ON a sunny and dry Sunday 9th January, Milborne was again awarded a place on the Dorset Road Race calendar which ensured a good turn out. This year there were 271 starters with all finishing. The Course record still stands.

With proceeds of about £1,000 this will be split between two charities this year, Milborne St. Andrew Scout Group and a local charitable group which supports sufferers of Parkinson Disease.



### Results:

- 1st Male – Ian Habgood Bournemouth AC 55min. 54sec. (No. 278)
- 2nd Male – Simon Munro Bournemouth AC 58min. 03sec. (No. 121)
- 3rd Male – Jon Sharkey Bournemouth AC 59min. 11sec. (No. 143)
- 1st Female – Sarah Chaloner Poole AC 66min. 52sec.
- 2nd Female – Caroline Stanzel Poole Runners 67min. 13sec.
- 3rd Female – Christine Thomas Poole Runners 68min. 20 sec.
- 1st Milborne Finisher – David Pearson (*below*) Wimborne AC 87min. 48sec.



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## Councils

Environment Agency Floodline		0845 9881188
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 839255

## 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](mailto:blandfordruralsouthSNT@dorset.pnn.police.uk)

## School

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

## Special Interest

Bellringers	Pip Bowell	01258 837329
Food and Wine Society	Maureen Lock	01258 837929
Healthy Eaters	Heather Gipps	01258 837058
MSA Friendly Art Group	Elaine Anthony	01258 837089
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

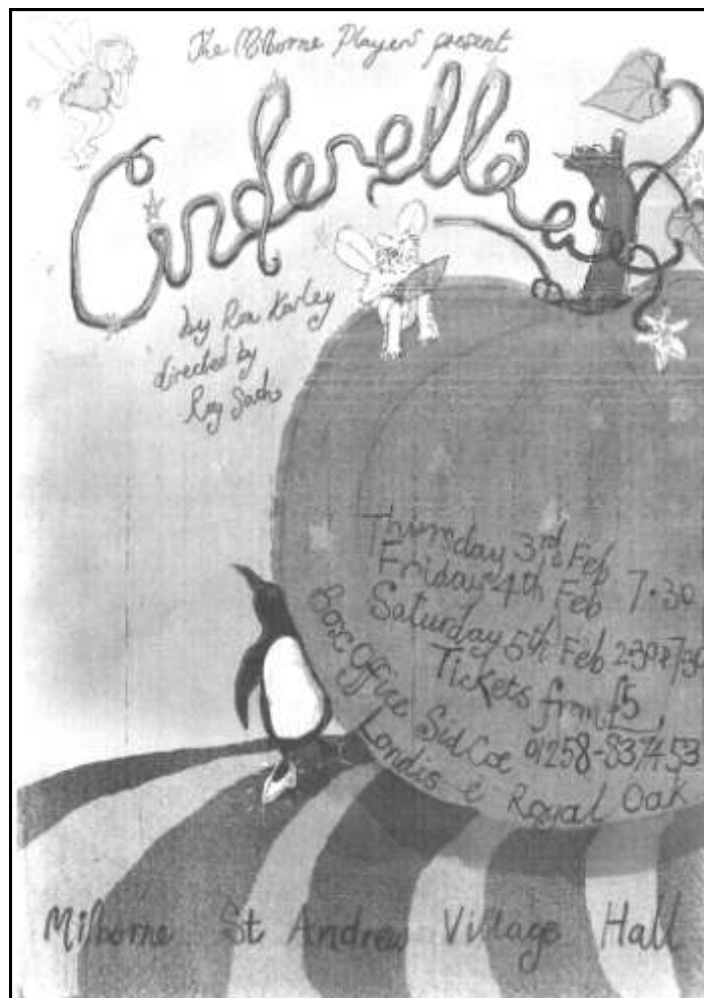
## Sport

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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:	Alice Harrall	01258 837371
Table-tennis (over 50's)	Sandra Shannon	01258 837253
Tap Dancing for Men and Women		01258 880523
Yoga	Sue Chapman	01305 848053

## Village Hall

Dewlish		
Chairman:	Alex Carter	01258 837312
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Chairman:	Richard Lock	01258 837929



# Community Events Diary

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

February	
Wednesday 2nd	Wednesday Club 'Life on Canals' a talk by Marion Lovegrove. Village Hall 2.30pm. – see page 3.
Thursday 3rd	"Cinderella" panto by The Milborne Players. Village Hall 7.30pm (also 2.30pm on Saturday 5th). Tickets from £5.00 – see page 16.
Friday 4th	PCSO Luke Goddard and PC Dave Mullins outside Milborne St. Andrew Village Hall from 10.00am–2.00pm – see page 24.
Saturday 5th	
Saturday 5th	Milborne WI Margaret Knight will talk about the history of the WI. 'More than Jam and Jerusalem'. Village Lunch AGM The Royal Oak 12 noon – see page 5.
Thursday 10th	
Friday 11th	
Saturday 12th	Gardening Club Annual Dinner at The Royal Oak at 7.00pm for 7.30pm.
Sunday 13th	Point-to-Point Milborne St. Andrew.
Wednesday 16th	Parish Council Meeting Village Hall 7.30pm.
Thursday 17th	Listen out for the Freedom Bell being rung at Milborne First School at 3.00pm – see page 25.
Thursday 24th	Gardening Club "Colour in the Garden without Flowers. Village Hall 7.30pm. – see page 25.
March	
Wednesday 2nd	Moviola "Made in Dagenham" Village Hall 8.00pm.
Thursday 17th	Milborne St. Andrew Youth Club AGM. Village Hall Committee Room 7.30pm – see page 3.

## Moviola presents "Made in Dagenham" at Milborne St Andrew Village Hall on Wednesday 2nd March 2011

THIS film is a dramatisation of the 1968 strike at the Ford Dagenham car plant, where female workers walked out in protest against sexual discrimination which ultimately led to the Equal Pay Act. The story of those crusading workers shows that the women clearly felt strongly about being treated unfairly and now with hindsight we can see that it was a really significant moment in British history. Back in 1968, the working-class motor-town of Dagenham in East London seemed to inhabit a different planet from Carnaby Street and the Swinging 60s. Although fashion and pop filtered through to the factory workers, the Dagenham revolution was not about sex, drugs and rock 'n' roll, but about women's wages. When their work was reclassified by Ford's new grading system to 'unskilled', and they found that teenage boy floor-sweepers earned more than they did, the women were furious, so they downed tools and came out for three heady weeks, the first female strike at the car plant. When the women who led the strikers at the Dagenham Ford plant marched on Westminster in 1968 they carried a banner with the words "We want sexual equality". Unfortunately, it had not unfurled and read simply "We want sex". The wolf whistles and car horns that supported them en route cheered them on nonetheless.

When film producer Stephen Woolley heard some of the women reminiscing on the 40th anniversary of the strike in Radio 4's The Reunion series, he realized it would make a classic tale of self-empowerment in the cinematic tradition of Educating Rita and Shirley Valentine. And that's how Vera, Eileen, Sheila and Gwen found themselves advising the film-makers on everything from the bikes they rode to work – they couldn't afford to buy the new cars whose seats they stitched – to the buckets they put out to catch rainwater from the leaking workshop roof. With Sally Hawkins and Geraldine James as fictional strike leaders Rita and Connie; Miranda Richardson in a splendidly spirited performance as Barbara Castle; Bob Hoskins as the supportive union organizer Albert and Dagenham born 60's pop star Sandie Shaw singing the theme song it is a truly inspirational story.

The village hall is open from 7.30pm and the film starts at 8.00pm. Tickets £5.00.

## 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 (starting soon)  
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 about every six weeks, look out for the posters, 8.00pm MH  
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

## February 2011 at the Sports Pavilion

Ballroom and Latin Dancing – contact Alice Harrall Tel. 837371 or email [alice.harrall@gmail.com](mailto:alice.harrall@gmail.com).  
The Busy Bees Under 5 Group from 9.30 to 11.30am on Thursday term time only. Contact Suzy Curtis 07808 252012.  
Folk Club at 8.00pm on Friday 18th February. Contact Roger Harrall Tel. 837371 or email [roger.harrall@gmail.com](mailto:roger.harrall@gmail.com).  
Hotpot Supper and Quiz at 7.30 for 8.00pm supper and quiz at 9.00pm on Saturday 5th February. Contact Roger Harrall Te. 837371 or email [roger.harrall@gmail.com](mailto:roger.harrall@gmail.com).  
Pottery There is no pottery in February but it will start again in March. Contact David Archer Tel. 07868 276296.  
Table Tennis from 7.00 to 9.00pm every Monday evening. Contact Sandra Shannon Tel. 837253.  
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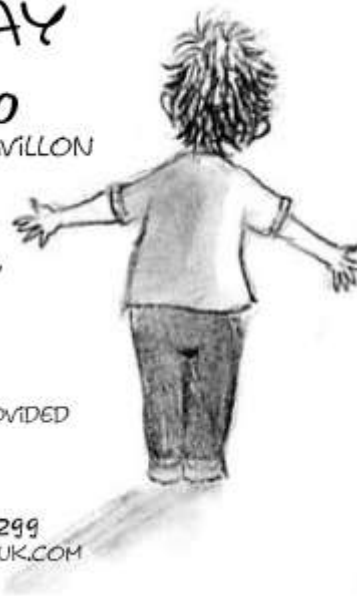
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# Have you met . . . Margaret Kirk?

WHEN in the winter of 2008, we formed the team to try and keep a village magazine, Margaret volunteered to help. She was there when difficult choices had to be made, and there to make us laugh when we were dealing with necessary and longwinded decisions. She was absolutely instrumental in ringing around countless companies, pubs and organisations getting us new advertisers, which we needed to enable the magazine to pay for itself. This is her story . . .

Margaret Kirk was born in Bedfont, Middlesex in 1948, to Mary and Donald Ross, to the sound of jet engines, as the BEA hangers were just across the field from where they lived. She says that her education was very erratic as they moved every few years, her nickname at school was **'lanky lamppost'**! Her father loved buying new houses but each new house meant a different school, all within the catchment area of Heathrow Airport where he worked upon leaving the Scots Guards in 1947 and up until his retirement in 1979. Her father was number 99 on the payroll!

Margaret continues: I am VERY proud of my **father's Highland Scottish heritage and three generations of unbroken military service to the 'Crown'**. My grandfather was highly decorated during the First World War and his brave actions are mentioned in several history books and indeed on the internet too. He was with the Scots Guards and retired after 32 years with the colours with the rank of **Major**. He was also a forerunner of his Regiment's charity as after the First World War he used to go around the East End of London seeking out the homeless soldiers, giving them food and finding them jobs. Paying particular attention to his own ex-regimental comrades. He was 6ft 4in and not one to be messed with by all accounts!

*What about your life?*

Throughout my working career I have had several jobs. Mainly based around customer service, admin and secretarial. I always preferred working in a technical engineering environment, although I did have a **year's contract at Bournemouth and Poole College, working for "Services to Business"**. I met my husband Neville, when I worked for an engineering company that was producing naval equipment, I was his secretary. Later we had our own business for five years in Southampton. We sold it in 1990 and moved to Dorset. I have two children, Stephen and Lisa and two grandchildren.

*And living in Milborne St Andrew?*

We are still VERY new to the village and have lived here for nine years, and the best thing about living in Milborne St. Andrew is the beautiful **countryside and the friendly community, I can't think of a downside to living in Milborne St. Andrew, and I wouldn't change it at all.**

*Can we talk about hates, fame and heroes?*

Hates are irresponsible pet owners who abuse their animals. My claim to fame is that I have sung on BBC Radio Cornwall, sung with The Band of The Royal Signals and The Band of The Scots Guards. I have also sung with Opera Del Mar on Brownsea Island. And my hero was my Father, he was a very sociable person, we always had parties and for thirty years he raised money for his ex Regiment. This was a follow on from his Father, who loved to organise Highland Games, shoots and parties. **My Father's brother was also in the Scots Guards but was killed during the Second World War aged 26. He was born in the Tower of London and Christened in 'The White tower'. My grandfather was stationed there at the time, together with his family.**

*Who is your fantasy dinner date?*

Rabbie Burns, he was a romantic Scottish poet and a larger than life character. He has left us a legacy of beautiful songs and words the most **famous of all, 'Auld Lang Syne' which is sung not only at New Year but at the closing of a lot of functions where people have gathered.** He was a very sociable person.

*When did you last throw caution to the wind?*

Two years ago, I sang at my daughter's wedding in Cancun, Mexico. I

had no idea who would be accompanying me. I took my sheet music and left the rest to chance!!

*Your most embarrassing moment?*

Loosing my hooped petticoat on stage in a production of Pirates of Penzance. I could feel it slowly slipping to the floor. When it did I just side stepped out of it and flicked it into the wings, like it had a life of its own! Much to the shock/horror of the producer, who exclaimed to the

**prompt "now what's she up to" as I was often playing practical jokes on the cast.**

*Can you tell us your favourite charity, website, and TV programme?*

Pets as Therapy, is my favourite charity.

Although, I also support the Colonels fund of the Scots Guards, Battle Back (a department based at Headley court). It comes under the Help For Heroes umbrella. I love Facebook and it helps me to stay in touch with the Regiment. My favourite **TV programme currently is 'Come Fly with Me'**. I used to work at London Heathrow and find the humour of the programme highly amusing and very true to life.

*Tell us about your life now?*

My hobbies have always been singing solo, fund raising for charity and bringing people together to have fun and socialise. Since my health forced me into early retirement I had two choices. Sit at home and mope or get out and live life to the maximum that my health would allow. I chose the latter and have become more actively involved in the social life of the village. I have always embraced volunteer work through my life. The very first charity work I did was when I was 11 years old. I joined the British Red Cross Society and at sixteen I was in charge of a nursing section. I was one of the youngest in the county at that time. Aged 21, I became a member of the WRVS and helped deliver meals on wheels to the village and surrounding area, where I lived at the time.

Seven years ago, we adopted our little dog Charlie from the National Animal Welfare Trust. He had been at the centre for a year because he was so aggressive. However, with regular attendance at obedience classes, for me as well as him, he became a different dog. So, much so, that we registered him with the Charity Pets as Therapy. Charlie visits a rest home in Dorchester and visits every single resident who wants to see him. It is so rewarding to see the smile on their faces as we visit them and they love to stroke him. To some it brings backs positive memories of a beloved pet dog. Charlie has a few party tricks which he performs for them also.

Two years ago, I was voted on as Chair of The Wednesday Social Club. This office has been exciting and mentally challenging not only for me but the committee also as they assist me with my whacky schemes. During the birth of the *Reporter* and its first year of publication I was responsible for the advertising. I relinquished my post due to other commitments in the village. I was elected Chair of the Village Lunch Committee two years ago and still hold the post today. The ethos of the Village Lunch is one of community, fun, sharing good food, at a reasonable price and a social occasion. Grateful thanks go to Sarah, **Andy and the 'team' at The Royal Oak who now supply the fabulous food as numbers have greatly increased and a 'family kitchen' can no longer keep pace.**

During the summer of 2009 the 'Fox' family were all set to purchase and move into The Royal Oak. However, a change of heart at the brewery put their plans in jeopardy and we the villagers were faced with an almost derelict pub and the prospect of it being run by yet more (short-term) brewery tenants as had happened over the last few years. I popped into the village hall for a coffee one Friday morning and **the room was in uproar at the brewery's new proposals. I offered to pen a letter to all media contacts to raise the profile of the campaign.** The Parish Council also got behind the well-organised village **"Save our Pub"** campaign. The rest, as they say, is history.



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## Ask Millie – your problems solved

### **Last month's problem**

Thank-you letters after Christmas

I think it is best to sit down with your children and write your own thank-you letters at the same time. Children learn by example, so even if you have already thanked people verbally it is always good to send a more permanent note. It can be either by snail mail, text or e-mail, some people are a bit sniffy about text and e-mail, but it makes it more interesting for both the writer and the recipient to get a message with photos attached, or a short video. Any form of thank you is better than nothing.

Dear Millie

As a further response to a previous letter and reply about a barking dog, North Dorset District Council provides a dog warden service which might be able to help with noisy dogs. They can be contacted on 01258 454111 or contact the Council's Emergency Service on 07774 972063 for advice.

### **Next month's problem –**

Dear Millie,

I am a middle aged male and a newcomer to the area and would like to know where is the best place or group to meet up with ladies looking for fun. I enjoy going out to eat, holidays and staying at home by the fire.

Millie welcomes questions or replies. Thank you to all who wrote in about the festive rubbish situation, my sympathy especially to the lady who had to eat her family Christmas dinner overlooking a pile of uncollected rubbish bags. Alas, however most of us try to enhance our environment with tinsel, twinkly lights, etc., there will always be those who seem oblivious to the obvious. Was it really so difficult to take your uncollected rubbish bags back over Christmas Day?

Please note that no offence is intended, all names have been changed, and any resemblance to actual villagers, living or dead, is purely co-incidental. However, if the cap fits . . .

Questions and Answers welcome by e-mail [millie@milbornestandrew.org.uk](mailto:millie@milbornestandrew.org.uk) or drop a letter off at the village hall.

Dear Reporter

Voyager Taxis

I would like to thank Caron Redding of Voyager Taxis for picking up my daughter and her husband from Gatwick Airport very early in the morning of Saturday 18th December. She really is a star for battling her way through horrendous conditions and being so kind and professional throughout.

Well worth every penny.

Many, many thanks Caron.

Rose Frost

Dear Editor

I was overwhelmed by the generosity of Milborne St. Andrew residents in the days leading up to Christmas. May I thank you all for your good wishes, gifts and doorstep hospitality as I delivered your Christmas mail? The difficult conditions this year could have made life really miserable but instead, the Christmas rush was an absolute pleasure.

Kevin Eddolls (postman).

The Editor

I would be grateful if you could allow me a few lines in the magazine for Joyce and I to express our thanks to all the many friends that we have made in the village during the thirty-three years that we have lived here and to express our regrets in leaving the village, not least my activities in connection with the Sports Club.

John Kane

### High fuel costs

Due to the rapidly increasing costs of fuel, the Police are urging people to be extra vigilant with regards to protecting their fuel stores, especially heating oil and red diesel. Hopefully, this will prevent future thefts. If anyone sees anything or anyone acting suspiciously near areas where large quantities of fuel are being stored, please contact Dorset Police on 01202 222 222, or 999 if a theft is in progress.

### Part time job in the village available

The grass needs cutting (the Parish Pit and around the War Memorial)! Geoff Cherry has done a sterling job for the Parish Council for many years, but has now requested to step down. Therefore there is part-time job up for offer. These areas need cutting about fortnightly during the growing season, and the Parish Council is asking local residents interested in carrying out the grass cutting for their estimates of cost. Please contact the Parish Clerk with your name and contact number, she will be able to give you more details.

### The Autograph Book



YET another, really small, offering from Georgina Goodland's autograph book, my mother-in-law kept this very carefully, there must have been many occasions when she might have thrown it away. We are so pleased

she didn't. I've chosen this one, as perhaps we could all do with taking the sentiment on board at different times. Maybe I have personalities in mind – but then again, I may be thinking about me . . .

*There's plenty of bad in the best of us  
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Monday	8.30am–1.00pm	1.00pm–2.00pm	2.00pm–6.00pm
Tuesday	8.30am–1.00pm	1.00pm–2.00pm	2.00pm–6.00pm
Wednesday	8.30am–1.00pm	1.00pm–2.00pm	2.00pm–6.00pm
Thursday	8.30am–1.00pm	1.00pm–2.00pm	2.00pm–6.00pm
Friday	8.30am–1.00pm	1.00pm–2.00pm	2.00pm–6.00pm
Saturday	8.30am–10.30am	PLEASE NOTE Saturday opening times are subject to change. We suggest that you phone the surgery the day before to check the opening times if you are intending to collect medication on a Saturday morning.	

### Snow

The doctors would like to say a big thank you to all for their patience and understanding during the winter. Also a very big thanks to those of you with four wheel drive vehicles who phoned the surgery to offer help, and to the staff who struggled to work on treacherous roads, especially the nurses and Paul the van driver, who braved the ice and snow to get to house bound patients.

As the highest surgery in Dorset, winter conditions and rural isolation always prove to be a bigger challenge to us than many other surgeries. However, snow followed by freezing conditions has proven to be a bigger challenge than usual this year. A big problem for us has been the delivery of medication to the surgery by our drug suppliers as they were unable to reach us in the worst of conditions.

If you are running short of medication when bad weather is forecast please telephone the surgery and we will do our best to ensure you receive your medication before the bad weather sets in.

As usual we advise patients to check their medicine cabinet and make sure you are well stocked with over the counter remedies such as paracetamol, other pain killers and basic first aid items.

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## In your Garden Seasonal notes and tips from Maureen Lock of *Designer Gardens* Designing your outdoor space

BEFORE embarking on your garden plan, it is vital to assess how the garden is going to be used and what individual features you would like: a space for entertaining; a vegetable garden; a garden to attract birds; a low maintenance garden or a plantsman's garden. Features may include water – a pond or a bubble fountain, a favourite sculpture, garden furniture, a barbeque, arches, pergolas, lighting to highlight particular features and so on.

Have a look at where the sun falls during the day? If the garden is in full sun most of the day you may want to create an area of shade by planting a small tree or introducing a pergola to sit beneath. If your garden is very shady, then a lawn may not be a good idea and the area may be better with a hard surface such as paving or gravel.

Consider how much time you want to spend maintaining your garden – everyday or just a couple of hours a week, or every now and then. Is it your main hobby and you like to spend hours tinkering away to your heart's delight, or would you rather just sit and look at it. Think about the surfaces you like – lawn is much less expensive to lay but is high maintenance; whereas a hard surface has a high initial outlay, but is easier to keep looking good.

Where do you get the best view of your garden from within the house – from the kitchen window, or the sitting room? You may wish to make the view

from this window the main focal point. It is always a good idea to have a focal point that will draw the eye to a particular place in the garden.



Think about the views – are they good or bad. Do you want to enhance a particular view with your design or hide it? If the garden is overlooked you can disguise the boundaries by planting shrubs and climbers keeping the eye within the garden itself. If you have something in the garden that you want to hide create a focal point somewhere else. For example if you want to disguise a shed or oil tank, putting trellis in front of it will only serve to attract the eye to the very place you want to hide. It is better to hide it completely by putting it behind a wall or fence and incorporate it into the design for the garden. Focal points have an almost magnetic effect of attracting attention and diverting your gaze away from undesirable views.

If your garden slopes there may be a need for a retaining wall or some steps. Divide the garden into thirds and don't make the break halfway down the garden. One third to two thirds is the ideal ratio to work to. Different levels and changes of height can make the garden more interesting to look at. This can be achieved by introducing a pergola along a pathway, an arbour or archway. Your focal point can, for example, be viewed through the arch or pergola.

Once you have made a list of all the items you want to include, decide where they are going to be positioned and how much space you need to allocate for each one. This is the time when you may need to (reluctantly) reduce your 'wish list'. Too many features in a garden can



make it look cluttered and smaller than it is. A well designed garden can make the garden look much larger than it actually is.

The next step is to measure your garden and draw up a plan. Using tracing paper over a grid, experiment

with different shapes and patterns taking into consideration aspect, seating areas and pathways from gates or doors – try to link them all together in a pleasing way and always give people enough room to move about.

The next article in the Newsletter will help you develop your design further.



## Cheselbourne Theatre Club



AFTER a short break, we are looking forward to our next visit to The Playhouse Salisbury on 28th February to see *The Constant Wife* by Somerset Maugham. Already we have almost a full coach but to find out if there is still a seat available please phone Ann or Stephen.

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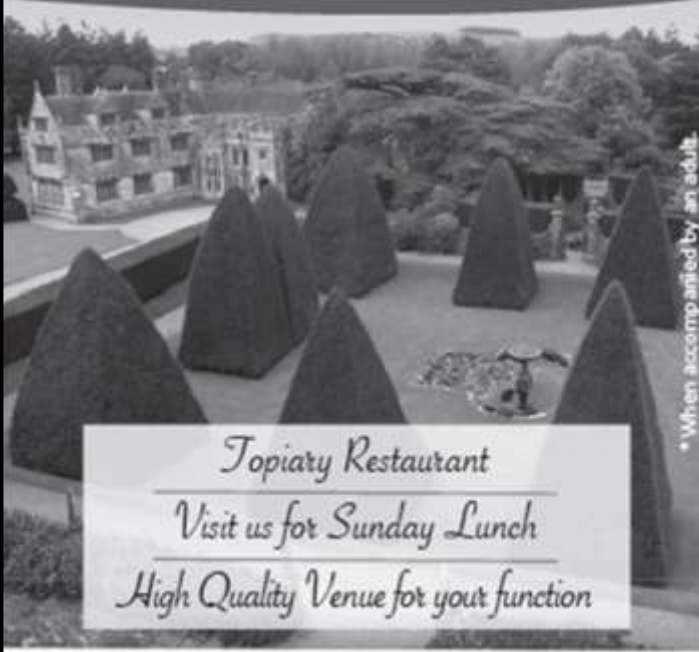
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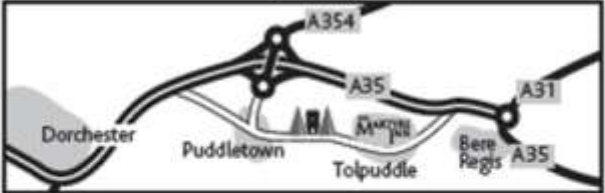
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## December and 2010 Weather in Milborne St. Andrew

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The year 2010 was a cool and dry year. It started with a cold and snowy January and ended with a cold and snowy December. June was the best of the summer months. August was particularly cool, wet and windy. Total rainfall for the year was 847.2mm which was 86% of my 40 year average but very close to the annual rainfall of 870mm in 1978. Reservoir levels in some areas of the country are at 70% of their normal levels for this time of the year and this is causing some concern but locally the Environment Agency report ground water and river flows at 'normal' levels. The average temperature for the year was  $9.54^{\circ}\text{C}$  which was the coldest since 1991 but very close to the average temperature of  $9.60^{\circ}\text{C}$  in 1977. The 40 year rolling average annual rainfall and temperature for Milborne show no particular trend in any direction. Climate Change and Global Warming does not seem to affect Milborne St. Andrew but my records only go back 40 years. The 'Central England Temperature' was established by Professor Gordon Manley using data from a number of sites in the Midlands and dates back to 1659. This C.E.T. shows a small but steady rise of  $0.8^{\circ}\text{C}$  in the Annual Mean Temperature over the last 350 years.

The snowdrop and daffodil buds are now starting to show and make the words of William Morris appropriate.

"Full soberly the earth's fresh hope begins,  
 Nor stays to think of what each new day wins:  
 And still it seems to bid us turn away  
 From this chill thaw to dream of blossomed May".

*Pluvius.*

### Look out! There's a thief about *continued from page 3*

to make it as difficult, unattractive and time-consuming as possible.

Members of the Blandford SNT are able to conduct Crime Prevention Surveys on properties to give specific recommendations around security. The above steps are basic advice and represent a common sense approach to home security. Anyone wishing to receive a survey is invited to contact local officers on 01202 223003.

Anyone wishing to speak to local officers to get advice or advise us of goings on should call 01202 223003 or 07825 521850.

Anyone wishing to report a crime should call on 01202 222 222.

Anyone wishing to report something happening there and then that requires urgent Police action, for example suspicious circumstances happening *now* should call 999.

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PCSO Luke Goddard and PC Dave Mullins will also be based outside the Milborne St. Andrew Village Hall on Wednesday 26th January from 10.00am–2.00pm and again on Saturday 5th February from 10.00am–2.00pm to offer reassurance to residents, give security advice and tackle speeding issues within the village.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a Happy New Year!

Kind Regards, PC Dave Mullins and PCSO Luke Goddard  
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## SCHOOL NEWS

DECEMBER continued to be a busy month for all in school. A superb show was put on by the children for family and friends in the last week of term, still involving all of the nativity characters, but applying a modern "X Factor" twist. Our judges would certainly be able to stand in for Simon Cowell and his friends, based on the performance they showed and Dermot would certainly be given a challenge by our compare. All the children performed as characters from the nativity, before hearing the judges comments - thankfully our judges had somewhat better manners than we sometimes hear from the regular panel! The audience had the pleasure of some fabulous singing from the Kings, a dance display by the Angels (including their mischievous trainees) and performances by the Shepherds and the Animals. Thanks to everyone who attended including members of the Wednesday Club and of course to the staff at school who worked so hard to producing a quality show.

Back in the Autumn we collected children's gifts for Dorset Women's Refuge as part of our Children in Need event. The

Milborne WI made bags for us to fill, which can be used by families who attend the centre. As you can see families were very generous and we filled lots of bags, which we know the centre were very grateful to receive.



Our Christmas wishes appeal also raised £50 for Mosaic, the village based charity supporting bereaved children. Thank you again to all those who contributed.

Now we are looking ahead to the Spring term. Hopefully we won't have too many more days disrupted by the weather following the further snow falls on the last day of the Autumn term. Unfortunately our year 4 children were unable to ring the freedom bell on the last day, as we shut the school early to enable children and staff to get home safely. So this year there will be a break with tradition and the bell will be rung at the end of

this half term at 3.00pm on Thursday 17th February. It would be interesting to know how far it is heard around the village. This April will also see the school celebrate its 10 year anniversary at this site. We are in the process of planning some celebrations for that week, so please look out for details of what is happening nearer the time.

## CONTACTS

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

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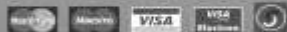
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## ABBEY SWIMMING CLUB

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

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

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

### Annual Membership

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

Children (3 and under as part of a family) free.

### Club Sessions

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

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

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## Milborne Sports Football Club Mini-Soccer Centre Income

Memberships	120.00
Training fees	326.00
Sponsorship money (kit)	250.00
Parents kit money	394.00
Playing fields grant	150.00
Donation for bibs	150.00
Raffle for tickets	11.00
	<u>1401.00</u>

## Expenditure

Mini Soccer Insurance	34.00
Fair Play Awards	50.00
Kit	769.00
Goals	210.00
Training Bibs	150.00
Floodlight Fund	100.00
Hall Hire	23.00
Purchase Footballs Clubline Sports	64.95
	<u>1400.95</u>
Total of income over expenditure	0.05

Paid to Milborne FC	825.00
Cheque playing field grant	150.00
To JC 041110	39.00
To JK 01/12/2010	84.00
	<u>1098.00</u>
Cheque to Elite kit and goals	640.00
To Club Floodlit Fund	100.00
King Kit (members kits)	68.00
Chq Elite kits	225.00
Clubline Sports – Footballs	64.95
	<u>1097.95</u>
Cash at Milborne FC	0.05
Cash in Hand	0
	0.05
Excess	0.05

## Milton Abbas Sports Club – Cycling

CYCLING is fun, but some people who ride are nervous of cars on the road and feel that they should make themselves as insignificant as possible when a car approaches by either riding along hiding in the gutter or stopping until the car has gone past. Neither of these actions are necessary and can in fact be quite dangerous.

The most sensible attitude to adopt is that you, as a cyclist, are equal to other road users and should not be too submissive. Cycling with care and courtesy is of course required, but a hesitant, wobbly cyclist may cause confusion and increase the risk to you. Especially at this time of year when the sides of the road are muddy and full of leaves and potholes, riding too close to the left will make your journey unnecessarily uncomfortable.

Taking a good position on the road will ensure that you can be seen by other road users – and your own view of the road is improved. Where possible you should ride towards the centre of your lane. Here the roads are flatter and you can be more clearly seen by traffic from either direction. In traffic you will of course move to the left, but stay about 0.5m (1.5ft) away from the left edge. Riding closer to the edge leaves you no room for manoeuvre in an emergency. On our narrow country lanes, other road users will wait until there is a suitable place to pass whereas pulling over in to the gutter may encourage them to try to pass you at an inappropriate point in the road. There are many simple tips and techniques to improve your skills and confidence for riding safely on the road, especially as a child or as an adult cycling with children. Milton Abbas Sports Club is planning the spring and summer schedules for Bikeability sessions (cycling proficiency). If you would like to register your interest or find out more contact Adrian Goodhand on 880895 or [cyclesafaris@btinternet.com](mailto:cyclesafaris@btinternet.com). These sessions are suitable for children and adults.



## John Kane Resigns

MILBORNE Sports Club and Milborne Sports Football Club chairmen, John Sanderson and Mike Lathbury reluctantly accepted the resignation of John Kane from both the above organisations. After 33 years living in Milborne John and Joyce are moving from the area.

We would like to thank John for his contribution over the years. If anyone is interested in replacing John on the committees of Sports Club and/or The Football Club please contact John Sanderson Sports Club or Mike Lathbury Football Club.

### Latest News from the Sports Club

Jenny Balcon has taken over as Chairman of the Sports Club, although John Sanderson remains on the committee.

## Round Robin Ramblers

*The local villages walking group*

WALKS are normally held on the first Sunday and the third Wednesday of each month. Please join us as we enjoy exercise, good company and the wonderful Dorset countryside.

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

SUNDAY 6th February – 1.30pm (note earlier starting time)

Minterne Magna and Cerne Abbas

Park opposite the church in Minterne Magna (A352 from Dorchester)

Grid reference: ST 659043 on OS Explorer Sheet 117 (approx. 5 miles)

WEDNESDAY 16th February – 11.00am

Whatcombe Wood and Winterborne Clenston

Park near St. James Church in Milton Abbas

Grid reference: ST 806018 on OS Explorer Sheet 117 (approx. 5.5 miles)

SUNDAY 6th March – 2.00pm

Tarrant Gunville and Pimperne Long Barrow

Park near village hall in Tarrant Gunville

Grid reference: ST 925128 on OS Explorer Sheet 118 (approx. 5 miles)

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).

PACE We go at the pace of the slowest.

TERRAIN Expect mud, inclines and stiles.

AIM **Keep fit, enjoy the Dorset countryside and each other's company.**

LEGAL We look after one another but in the end you are responsible for yourself.

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