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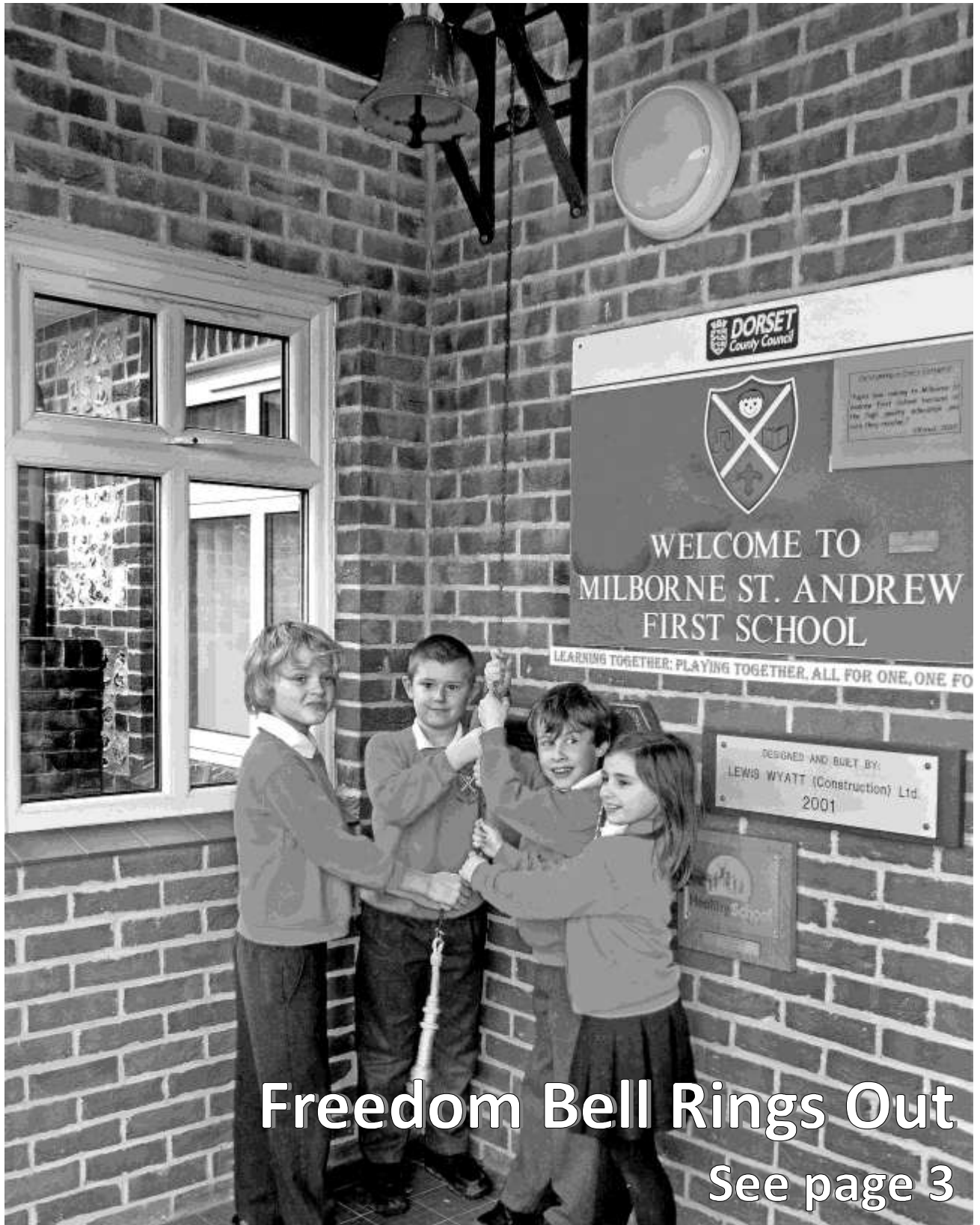
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Milborne St. Andrew



Freedom Bell Rings Out
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Wednesday Social Club

OUR first meeting for this year in the village hall was a presentation by Trevor Mexon's sister, Marion Lovegrove. Marion has a narrow boat moored at Warwick and from there she and her husband, during the summer months, explore the hundreds of miles of English waterways. It certainly looked very restful. It was amazing to see all the different types of locks including one called the guillotine and that is just what it looked like. Exploring the highways and byways of the waterways is appealing and very tranquil at a leisurely four miles an hour. It is refreshing to know that so close to the big old industrial towns and cities we still have the countryside that is so beautiful, peaceful and unspoilt.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 2nd March in the village hall, starting at 2.30pm. James Crouch B.Vet., M.R.C.V.S. (ret'd) will recount his experiences whilst looking after the welfare of the Queen's Horses and some famous race horses also.

Wednesday 6th April is renewal of membership fees (still at £8.00 for the year) and Eric Austen will give us a presentation on Fair-trade. We will be having an Easter Bonnet competition and yes, men, that includes YOU, the best decorated cap, either baseball, flat, trilby or panama hat. Any form of your favourite headgear so long as it is decorated.

Saturday 21st May, Dance the night away to the Memory Lane Swing Band in the village hall from 7.30pm. Tickets £12 (members £10) to include buffet - licensed bar available - see main advert (page 8) for further details.

Portsmouth Outing - monies to be paid no later than 6th April.

You are warmly invited to all the above events, please bring a friend. We look forward to seeing you then. *Eve Richardson*



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

VILLAGE LUNCH

To be held at the Village Hall on
SATURDAY 26th MARCH from 12.15pm

Mani Course : Sweet : Wine/Tea/Coffee : Mints
£6.00 per head (children £3.00)

BOOKING ESSENTIAL
Tickets available from the Drop-in Centre at the Village Hall
from Friday 4th March (10.00am to 12 noon)

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

A second successful year for the Reporter

THE Milborne St. Andrew *Reporter* had a financially successful year in 2010 and ended with a surplus of almost £500.00. Once again the *Reporter* Team were able to say "Thank you" to the team of distributors and "Have you met's" with a small celebration at The Royal Oak in January. In addition, the *Reporter* Team has been pleased to purchase a wooden bench to be placed at the corner of Milton Road and Dorchester Hill as part of the planting scheme.

Balance Sheet for the Year ending 31st January 2011

<u>Receipts</u>		<u>Payments</u>	
Advertising	£4,518.00	Paper	£847.08
Village Plan	£220.00	Printing	£2,570.78
Donations	£14.25	Expenses	£244.02
Bank Interest	£2.09	Stamps	£21.92
		Staplers etc.	£66.88
		Thank you Evening	£108.10
Total	£4,754.34	Total	£3,858.78
Cash in Bank		£3,812.01	
Cash in Hand		£4.32	
TOTAL IN HAND at 31st Jan 2011		£3,816.33	
Funds committed for village bench		£400.00	
Surplus for year ending 31st Jan 2011		£495.56	

The *Reporter* Team would like to thank Robin Keller for auditing the magazine accounts for a second year. We are most grateful.

Logging has cut short the walk – TIMBER!

AFTER drawing up the map, and working out the walking route, Anne and Eric Snape went off on a sunny day this week to check the way. In this way she can tell us of hazards and quirky turns that we have to take. Unfortunately they had only gone a short way when it became clear that the majority of the walk, through woods adjacent to the A35, would not be safe as logging has started. The woodland walk will appear later in the year, when it is safe again. Thank you Anne for taking all the trouble to set this up for us.

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

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The Freedom Bell

by Ed Richards

Some of the children who presented the nautical show with (standing from left) Mr David Payne, chairman of Governors. Mrs Webster, the Rev N Johnson, school headmaster Mr Alan Herridge, and Rear Admiral J M Webster.

How many of the children do you recognise? Please let the Reporter know.

Front cover: Harvey, Joel, Ned and Samantha ringing the Freedom Bell. Photo by Heather V. Hogg.

DID you hear the Freedom Bell being rung at Milborne First School on Thursday 17th February, at the end of half-term? As reported in last month's edition, this was a break with the tradition of ringing the bell at the end of a term, due to the early closure of the school at the snowy end of last year.

David Payne and Elizabeth Irvine have recently been digging into the history of the Freedom Bell and have unearthed an illuminating booklet, entitled *Bell Dedication Ceremony* in 1983. Les Oliver of Wetherby Close produced this at the time of the ceremony at the old school site in Chapel Street. It details the programme of the day, which included a service of dedication and unveiling of a commemorative plaque by Rear Admiral J M Webster.

The bell was donated by the Royal Navy and it originated from the Royal Maritime Auxilliary Service vessel *Freshburn*, which had recently been taken out of service. The year before saw the Falklands War, and the Freedom Bell was dedicated to those that lost their lives in that conflict. The plaque read "*Unveiled by Rear Admiral J M Webster on July 12th 1983 during the Bell Dedication Ceremony in Honour of Those who died liberating The Falkland Islands*".

The 'new bell', although itself 40 years old at the time, was a replacement for a bell that is thought to have been rung at the Chapel Street school since it opened in 1859. That bell, which hung over the school entrance, was apparently requisitioned to aid the war effort during the First World War. The bell housing stood empty until the old metal frame was re-discovered by painters decorating the school in 1982. It was decided that a new bell should be sought, and an application was made to the Royal Navy to see if they could help. Around this time, HMS *Sheffield* was struck by an exocet missile, resulting in the loss of twenty lives. Sadly, one of these was a crew member who lived at Winterborne Whitechurch, so the dedication of the bell to the lives lost during the Falklands conflict was fitting. The service, conducted by the Rev. Nigel Johnson, included these words from *Psalms 107*:

"That they go down to the sea in ships and occupy their business in great waters, these men see the works of the Lord and his wonders of the deep".



The *Bell Dedication Ceremony* booklet also details the history and technical data of the RMA *Freshburn*, on which the new bell was originally hung. She was built in 1943 and spent nearly all of her working life around the naval base at Devonport, supplying the Royal Navy fleet with drinking water and demineralised water for the ships' boilers. *Freshburn* was moved to Chatham in the 1970's when the new 'Waterclass' vessels were launched. A survey showed that there were cracks in the boiler, so she spent the rest of her days as a storage vessel until being sold to a Dutch company in 1982 for the scrap value of £6,125.

Following the Service of Dedication and unveiling of the plaque, the programme according to the booklet included a display by the school children. The *Dorset Evening Echo* covered the event and told of the 'nautical entertainment' that the children provided,

including sea shanties and the display of a model they had made of the *Freshburn*.

When the school moved to its new site in Hopsfield in 2001, the Freedom Bell moved there too, with all its history and tradition.

ROY MORBY
Painter, Decorator



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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,

Soon, the season of Lent will be upon us and I will need to turn my mind towards burning some of last year's Palm crosses in order to make some ash in readiness for the Ash Wednesday service. This year I have made a note to myself not to do it in my kitchen. The smell of burning lingered for weeks!

From the earliest days of Christianity, Easter was seen as so holy that people thought that they should spend some time preparing for it. The forty days of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and is a season of reflection, a time for personal stock-taking and a turning back to God.

Ashes are an ancient sign of penitence. From the middle ages it became the custom to begin Lent by being marked in ash on one's forehead with the sign of the cross. The use of ashes, made by burning palm crosses from the previous Palm Sunday, is very symbolic. The minister or priest marks each worshipper on the forehead, and says,

"Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.

Turn away from sin and be faithful to Christ"

At some churches the worshippers leave with the mark still on their forehead so that they carry the sign of the cross out into the world. At other churches the service ends with the ashes being washed off as a sign that the participants have been cleansed ready to make a new start with God.

The marking of their forehead with a cross made of ashes reminds each churchgoer that:

- Death comes to everyone
- They should be sad for their sins
- They must change themselves for the better
- God made the first human being by breathing life into dust, and without God, human beings are nothing more than dust and ashes

The ash is sometimes mixed with anointing oil, which makes sure that the ashes make a good mark. The use of anointing oil also reminds the churchgoer of God's blessings and of the anointing that took place at their baptism.

This year the benefice Ash Wednesday service will be held in Puddletown Church on 9th March at 7.30pm. It will be a quiet service with space for meditation and there will be opportunity to be marked with ash if you wish.

If you see smoke coming from my garage in the week before, you will now know what I'm doing!

Preparing for Easter during Lent

Since early days Christians have used the time of Lent to prepare for Easter. By carefully keeping these days, Christians take to heart the call to repentance and the assurance of forgiveness that Jesus gives us. Throughout Lent we grow in faith and devotion to Him by prayer and reading and meditating on God's holy word.

There are many opportunities across the benefice throughout Lent to do this.

We begin Lent with the Ash Wednesday service on 9th March at 7.30pm in Puddletown church.

In Milborne there will be a service of compline at 6.00pm every Wednesday.

In Dewlish, evensong will be said at 6.00pm every Friday.

This year there will also be a Lent Study Group held on Thursdays in Puddletown. We have asked the Rev Canon Steve Pittis who was the Canon Missioner at Winchester Cathedral to come and lead the course. Everyone is welcome. The Lent study group will begin on the 31st March and be fortnightly. We shall be thinking about the Holy Spirit. Look out for more details.

Also, don't forget there will be Lent lunches across the benefice, raising money for different causes.

Sarah Godfrey

**CHURCH SERVICES
March 2011**

THURSDAY 5th MARCH

12.00 Lunch-time Communion Milborne

6th MARCH – Sunday next before Lent

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

9th MARCH – Ash Wednesday

7.30pm Benefice Service Puddletown

13th MARCH – Lent 1

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

WEDNESDAY 16th MARCH

6.00pm Compline Milborne

THURSDAY 17th MARCH

12.00 Lunch-time Communion Puddletown

FRIDAY 18th MARCH

6.00pm Evening Prayer Dewlish

20th MARCH – Lent 2

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

WEDNESDAY 23rd MARCH

6.00pm Compline Milborne

FRIDAY 25th MARCH

6.00pm Evening Prayer Dewlish

27th MARCH – Lent 3

9.30am Holy Communion Tolpuddle
9.30 1662 Morning Prayer Milborne
11.00 Family Communion Puddletown
11.00 Family Service Dewlish

WEDNESDAY 30th MARCH

6.00pm Compline Milborne

Church Cleaning – w/e Saturday

5th March Sue Lee and Val Hodges
12th March Josie Wright and Pat Tribe
19th March Carolyn Martin and
Elizabeth Walker
26th March Margaret Hurley and Eva Stockley

Flowers – w/e Saturday

5th March Pat Tribe
Lent No flowers

MILBORNE ST. ANDREW CHURCH NOTES

Grateful thanks, and farewell, to Benny

THOSE of us from Milborne who were able to attend Benny's final service and farewell lunch thoroughly enjoyed the celebration, but of course we were very sad to have to say goodbye to Benny and his family. Our grateful thanks to Benny for all the work he has put into our church over the past five years. When we looked at the photographs which were shown on screen at the celebration lunch it was amazing how many projects he had been involved in, always smiling, even on the 'walk on the Piddle' when his feet were so sore! The sponsored walk to Charminster which he did to 'kick start' the fund raising for our loo and kitchen was also there on record.

Benny and Sarah worked well together and brought about Milborne Praise which showed us there are many ways to praise God. We will miss Benny very much and know how hard it will be for Benny's replacement to live up to his example. During the interregnum we must all work that bit harder to support Sarah, to make sure that all the good work she and Benny succeeded in doing for each of the churches is continued throughout the Benefice.

A start has been made on some of the jobs recommended in the **Quinquennial Report**. When the weather improves we will get the recommended builders over to give us estimates on the work which requires doing during the next 18 months.

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will take place on Sunday 27th March after the usual morning service (at about 10.30am). All those who are on the electoral roll are eligible to attend. We had a good turnout at the last year's meeting. Let's see if we can do even better this time.

On Wednesdays during Lent (i.e. 16th, 23rd and 30th March, 6th and 13th April) but excluding Ash Wednesday and Holy Week, there will be a **Service of Compline** in St. Andrew's Church at 6.00pm. Compline is a short late evening service of prayers and hymns. It lasts about 20 minutes and is very peaceful. Everybody is most welcome to join us.

Lilies for remembrance

For several years now St. Andrew's Church has been beautifully decorated at Easter with scented lilies donated in memory of loved ones. All those to be remembered have their names written in a special remembrance book that is displayed in church. If anyone would like their loved ones to be remembered in this way, please give your donation (no particular amount – just whatever you feel like giving) and the name(s) to be remembered to Pat Tribe at 14 Blandford Hill (Tel: 837684) by 14th April so that the lilies can be ordered. We can't guarantee one lily per name (it will depend on cost) but we can promise that every name will appear in the book.

Eva Stockley and Pat Tribe (Churchwardens)

DEWLISH CHURCH NOTES

AT OUR Parochial Church Council meeting we decided, among other things, on dates and details of future events.

During Lent we shall be holding an **Evening Prayer** service each Friday evening at 6.00pm starting from 18th March. The service lasts about a half-hour, and is a time for prayer and reflection, as well as Bible readings. **Lent lunches** will, hopefully, commence in the week beginning 14th March. Please ask a member of the PCC for days and venues. The collection will be given to Water Aid.

The **Spring Sale** will be held on Saturday 2nd April, from 10.30pm-12noon, in the Village Hall. The stalls will include raffle, Mothering Day gifts, cakes and produce, new items, bric-a-brac, a children's activity table and toys and books. Coffee and Easter biscuits will also be available.

The church **Annual General Meeting** will be held on Monday 11th April, at 7.30pm. All people on the Church Electoral Roll will be welcome.

Daphne Burg

Thomas John Keith Carpenter "Keith"

Has passed peacefully away at home on 9th February aged 85 years. Beloved husband of the late Violet, dearly loved father, grandfather and great-grandfather to all his family.

Keith's funeral service took place at Weymouth Crematorium on Wednesday 16th. Donations in Keith's memory if desired may be made payable for Milton Abbas Surgery and sent by cheque only c/o Co-operative Funeralcare, 130 Abbotsbury Road, Weymouth DT4 0JS.

L I M E R I C K C O M P E T I T I O N

Have a go at our competition in aid of the Milborne Church Flush Fund.

*I just don't know how to begin,
But to pass up this chance is a sin.
I won't wrinkle my brow
In pondering how,
I'll just write it and post it and win.*

You can surely do better than that!

Your first line is either:

'There's a church at the top of the hill'

or

'While walking down our village street'

Entries to 5 Brooklands MSA by 14th March, £1 per entry.

Add name and telephone number on back,
plus age if under 10.

The winner gets £10 plus the honour of being printed in the *Reporter*!

Josie Wright

100 CLUB WINNERS

Draw Date – Tuesday 15th February 2011

1st prize	£100	Mary Bennett
2nd prize	£50	Linda Chappell
3rd prize	£24	Caron Redding

The next draw is at 8.00pm, in The Royal Oak,

on Tuesday 22nd March 2011

Anyone is welcome to attend

New members always welcome

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A big thank you to Ladybird parents

THIS month Ladybirds have been very busy and are very lucky to have talented parents who came into demonstrate some of their skills. Andy showed us how to play the didgeridoo as part of our Australian week. The children all joined in with the didgeridoos they had made - (staff tried to join in!) Paul demonstrated Tai Chi which was quite difficult with the slow balance moves but we all had a go. Last but not least Kaye (and Brett)



made spring rolls which were very tasty.

I wonder what other talents we can unearth from our parents and friends



in the community. If you have something you could share with us we would love to hear from you.

Liz Dyer



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Changing Times for the WI

MARGARET Knight, County Chairman of the WI until recently, who came to talk about the history of the WI, cautioned all those in the second row "not to go to sleep" – a wake-up call for the WI maybe? Deserved or not, the public's perception of the WI comes with the label 'Jam and Jerusalem'. Do we make jam? Some of us do and are proud of it. Do we sing that much loved hymn, 'Jerusalem'? Well perhaps not. But national membership is thriving and there is a new generation of WI members out there who treat the aims and objectives of the organisation in a much less formal manner. Appealing to the modern woman, these WIs embrace lively social activities, although many do in fact sing Jerusalem, have cookery demonstrations and invite speakers on topical subjects. But what is the WI and why do they want to join? Everyone would agree that the social aspect is vital: getting to know each other and making friends within your local community. Just as important, though, is our influence nationally – the WI has lobbied successfully on many issues over the years and we are frequently asked by the Government of the day to appear at their standing committees and give our opinion. One contentious issue we are presently involved with is the proposed elimination of cheques.

For the record, Milborne is not a new WI; it is well-established and its members are largely from the local community. Within our membership are many talented and enterprising ladies who are willing and able to share their expertise with others. Meeting regularly, we have a Reading group, a Cookery group and a Play Reading group, not to mention Skittles.

Now take a deep breath before you read through the following activities and events which were offered at this month's meeting alone:

Annual dinner on Saturday 19th March at The Fox, Ansty. At the Lighthouse: **The Naked Truth** – nine members have so far expressed interest and **Andrew Motion** reads from a collection of war poems on 9th May. **Group meeting** on 29th March in Bere Regis will include short and funny play readings and sketches by Milborne members. **Evening of Jazz** at The Royal Oak on 30th March. **Village Quiz** on 9th April – we can have two teams if enough members participate. **Denman College** – miscellaneous courses. **Flower Festival** at Milton Abbey 1–7th July – this 'Summer time in England' event is open to all WIs or individual members. **Eric Knowles** from Antiques Roadshow is appearing at Burton Bradstock, bring along two antiques for valuation. **Literary workshops** at the County Office. And so on . . . phew!

This month's meeting – '**Breast Screening and Cancer**' on Thursday 10th March will start at 7.30pm and is open to all. This is topical and relevant; you are warmly invited to come along and join us.

Pat Bull

Ladies!

A talk that you should not miss!

"Breast Screening and Cancer"

Thursday 10th March at 7.30pm

in Milborne Village Hall

A WI sponsored event – *all welcome*

What are you doing for the Royal Wedding on 29th April?

Let the *Reporter* know

Important information from Milton Abbas Surgery

THERE was an error in the new dispensary opening times published in the last magazine. It should have read that the dispensary will be closed from 1.00–2.30pm Monday to Friday NOT 1.00–2.00pm. The surgery would like to apologise for any inconvenience caused by this.

New Dispensary Opening Times

Monday – Friday Morning	8.30am – 1.00pm
Monday – Friday Afternoon	2.30pm – 6.00pm
Saturday Morning	8.30am – 10.30pm
Please note that Saturday morning times are subject to change. If you are intending to collect your medication on Saturday morning it is advisable to check opening times with us the day before.	

To all Milton Abbas Surgery Patients

MILTON Abbas PPG are very pleased to be able to tell you that a PPG Newsletter will be falling onto your doormat sometime in April. You will need to look out for it as it is to be delivered by a service called Doc-Mail and so may look like a bill or even a circular. Here I must say a very big thank you to all the patient volunteers who have pounded the local lanes to deliver previous editions. Now to all of you, don't sit back, we still need lots of help for the gate and the cake and preserves stall at the Street Fair in Milton Abbas on 30th July.

Please if you can possibly spare us an hour or two on the day, please let one of the PPG committee know so that we can fill all the places in the rotas. Or you could make us a cake or a preserve for us to sell. Thank you all,

Angie Higgs



THE NHS is constantly reviewing its services to ensure they meet the needs of local people and represent value for money. One such review carried out by Dorset Community Health Services (NHS Dorset's provider arm) has resulted in a pilot of revised opening times for local MIUs (Minor Injury Units).

The pilot is being run between 1st February and 1st August 2011. During this time, opening hours of MIUs will be as follows:

	Opening hours during pilot
Blandford	9.00am–6.00pm Monday to Friday 10.00am–4.00pm Weekends and Bank Holidays
Wimborne	8.30am–4.30pm Monday to Friday
Bridport	Nov–March 9.00am–6.00pm April–October 9.00am–8.00pm
Sherborne	9.00am–6.00pm Monday to Friday 10.00am–4.00pm Weekends
Shaftesbury	9.00am–6.00pm Monday to Friday 10.00am–4.00pm Weekends
St. Leonards	9.00am–6.00pm Weekends and Bank Holidays opening only
Portland	10.00am–6.00pm Seven days a week

During the pilot, details of how to access appropriate healthcare outside of MIU opening hours will be made available through the MIUs themselves, the NHS Dorset website – www.dorset-pct.nhs.uk – and local networks.

There will also be the opportunity to offer feedback via feedback cards – which will be available at the MIUs – or online via the NHS Dorset website.

Saturday 21st May
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You lot out there – take a bow! *Thank you . . .*



WE couldn't produce the *Reporter* without the help of all these people. Pat Tribe and Diane Harris take two enormous piles of magazines and spread them around the village to various volunteer deliverers. These intrepid folk take the magazine, whatever the weather, and deliver it through your letterbox. Also in the picture were a few of those people brave enough to let us publish their life in "Have you met . . .", which takes a lot of courage, we wanted to recognise their leap of faith.

And one way we felt we could go some way to say thank-you was

with a little party at the end of January. A chilly night, but the atmosphere was so warm and friendly. The Royal Oak helped by allowing us to use their lounge bar, and also provided us with nibbles and a big bowl of punch. When all the folk had gradually made their way home, the *Reporter* Team sat and reflected on the last two years. We've had a great time, sometimes we may be stressed, but what a way to realise that we live in an amazing village, all the help, all the support is just so appreciated.

So – as the title says – you lot out there – take a bow!

The latest on the recent burglaries

THE Police came to the Parish Council Meeting this month, Sgt Matt Chutter and PCSO Luke Goddard told us that there have been no arrests connected to the crimes committed at the end of last year and the beginning of this. The incidence of crime in the village has soared by 9.1%, mainly due to these burglaries. In Sgt Chutter's opinion, it may have been outside professional individuals or groups that committed these burglaries, and not locally sourced. With regard to the distraction burglary that occurred a couple of weeks ago, he urged that, if someone knocks on the door saying they are from one of the utilities, or that you do not know them, ask for proof of identity, if in doubt, don't let them in. However, the incidence of anti-social behaviour has dropped by 25% – a brilliant statistic. Mind you, the really cold weather may have played a part.

There and Then

Keep an eye out for each other, especially elderly or vulnerable residents. If you see something suspicious, unusual or unexpected in the village, the police would like to know "there and then". As they said, don't leave it to the following day, it is much more difficult to follow up if you wait.

Homewatch

This is a system where you can ask to be contacted, either by a local co-ordinator, or by our local police, when there are things of note (like local crimes) to be warned of. This can be by phone, text or email. A phone call to Blandford Police Station will probably give you more details.

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Take part in a fundraising activity – run, sponsored walk, etc.
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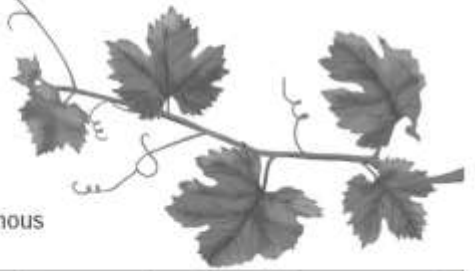
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At last with a break in the weather, the MUGA contractors were able to complete the tarmacing of the surface and apply some temporary tennis court markings. They will be back in April to apply the finishing green colour coat to the surface and apply the sport line markings for tennis, basketball and five-a-side soccer. The cost of this element being £1,870 + the dreaded VAT.

Hurrah, the tennis posts and nets have also arrived (£300 smackers this time) these are very professional and even have a marking stick to ensure that the centre height is right . . . if anyone wants a game then ask a trustee for the kit.



With all schemes there had to be a compromise, we have a court built by a professional company who are a member of the Sports and Play Contractors Association rather than a play equipment company. As a result we have a far larger multi-use area than most and dare I say, possibly the biggest in the County. The actual macadam is of the semi-dense, pervious variety to allow for the widest possible range of games to be played on the surface and for the area to drain into the soakaways around the perimeter.

What part of NO don't you understand?

Unfortunately it cannot take the beating that skateboarding would inflict so it has been necessary to make our 1st NO statement of NO Skateboarding. This was followed in quick succession by the 2nd one, this time stating NO Dogs, following reports that people are exercising their dogs on the grass, sometimes at night in the hope that no one will spot them. Fat chance of that, as the CCTV cameras have night vision and one has been redirected towards the MUGA and the grassed area.

We have already made some tentative enquiries about a skateboard facility but that would be in the region of £20,000.00 and a feasibility study would be required if things were to be taken any further . . . we await the call for action from the youngsters.

Luckily the last *Moviola* was a huge success and the next two are an absolute coup, *Made in Dagenham* showing on 2nd March, followed by *The King's Speech* on 6th April.

The hugely popular Village Quiz is still on for the 9th April and the AGM of the Village Hall is tentatively planned for the 13th April. This is an open meeting and all the community are invited to attend.

After the school holidays the school and the Hall will be joining forces and participating in the 'Dorset Trees' initiative. This will involve the planting of some 20 odd native trees on the top level of the field by the children under the stewardship of Mary-Anne Featherstone. A water trough 'planter' curtesy of John Martin, will soon be making an arrival and will be planted out, hopefully adding to the 'rustic' and floral appearance of the front of the building.

Village Surveys do make a difference!

Most of the negative issues identified on the previous community based surveys have now been addressed in a systematic and positive 'can-do' way. They, along with a host of other Village Hall documents, can be viewed on the village website. It is now time to sit down, look to the future and set down some key issues and activity plans that need to form the agenda for the next phase of the regeneration of the Hall, Whatever, we shall be guided by our mission statement which is actually based on the Trust Deeds of the Charity, namely:

To promote the intellectual, social and physical welfare of the inhabitants of Milborne St. Andrew irrespective of their race, creed, colour or physical ability.

To provide a range of facilities that will improve the conditions of life within the community including use for meetings, lectures and classes, and for other forms of recreation and leisure time occupation. Or to put it another way or two:

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HAVING been transported back in time to the era of the TV series 'Life on Mars' some might say that the recent AGM of the **Food and Wine Society** passed off uneventfully, but others are prepared to tell the truth. The only thing that can be said was that, thankfully it was dark outside so most might not have realised that there were some very strange goings-on in the Village Hall.

Most of the members entered into the spirit of the event by turning up in some outrageous 70's outfits and enjoying the drink, food and music (in that order) with Gusto. An outside catering firm provided the gastronomic delight and Gren Davies (not Gusto) provided the music. Maureen Lock woke up the next morning to find that she was still elected as the Chairperson of the group with the task of organising the usual diverse range of events all based on gastronomic and alcoholic delights to suit all tastes and palates.

The membership is holding strong at 44 members (precisely) and more are welcome to join provided they can demonstrate a willingness to stand the pace and enjoy the company of other like minded souls. Events this year will include:

A wine tasting evening planned for the 26th March at the village hall involving a sommelier from Wimborne and a range of wines to test and excite the taste buds, some cheese and biscuits and some water to clear the mouth ready for the next lot. The sommelier has been warned to bring an extra supply of bottles because members tend to put more wine than most into their glasses to ensure that they do not miss any of the flavours. There will be a light-hearted quiz throughout the evening and based on previous experiences, this will get even more light-hearted as the evening wears on.

Jim Park, our 'token' kilted member and malt whiskey buff has organised a coach trip with a meal on the gun deck of HMS *Victory* in Portsmouth for 7th May and, for a Southampton supporter, that took a lot of doing. This already looks like being a sell-out event for the members with the coach departing at about 1.00pm. There will be time for a bit of retail therapy at Gunwharf Quays, scale new heights at the Spinnaker tower followed by a special tour of the parts of the ship that others do not reach, together with some explanation of the origins of some of the old maritime terminology such as cat-o-nine-tails and the "spur lash".

Sid Cole will be organising a car treasure hunt during the summer, Helen and Steve Lord will be throwing their garden open for a garden party and in November the members will retire to The Royal Oak for a St. Andrew's Day feast of entertainment. Time permitting and if the roll of the dice allows, another meal and gambling night at the Cygnets restaurant at Weymouth College will be organised. So all in all, a pretty full-on programme.

The AGM in January 2012 looks like being a murder mystery event which is about par for most AGMs but this time there will only be fake blood on the floor.

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Parish Council Meeting 16th February 2011

This had an enormously long agenda. Thankfully many of the items were reports from on-going items.

- Milton Road Corner – permission from the County Council has been given for the bench to be “planted”, a quote of £70 has been accepted to do it. Andrew Fox from The Royal Oak is making the planters, NDDC is being asked to provide and install the litter bin they promised.
- Grit Bins – the sites have been agreed, the bins have been selected. It should all be happening soon. Of course, that means that we’ll have no snow until next year now!
- Parish Plan – the working party have met, and have chosen several items to move on, which include;
 - ◇ more comprehensive doorstep recycling service;
 - ◇ a better bus service, particularly for those who wish to get to Blandford for potential work start time;
 - ◇ encouraging a youth member to put forward their views.

The plan, with small amendments, will be printed and passed to NDDC and other authorities within the county. Choices for economical but effective printing are being looked at. It will then be adopted.

- Allotments – Cllr Harris is looking at wider options.
- Grass cutting in the village – four people have come forward; the clerk is to follow up.
- Medical Centre – there will be a meeting between several of the local agencies, including a representative from NDDC, on the 22nd February, to look at the options.
- The local elections in May – Voting day is Thursday 5th May. All those who wish to put their names forward for the Parish Council MUST do so by noon on Tuesday 5th April (and not a second later) at NDDC.

Following on from a comment in the open session before the meeting, quoting the *Reporter* “bits and pieces” report on the Parish Council meeting. It is really important to remember that this article is taken from notes taken at the time, it is intended to give a flavour of what happens, and it is only sent to the Chair and Clerk of the Parish Council to make sure that names and dates are correct, and that no glaring mistakes have been made. It is not intended to replace the minutes. If you wish to raise a comment in the meeting, please be sure to check the draft minutes first, which are available on www.milbornestandrew.org.uk/ParishCouncil or contact the Parish Clerk, Joyce Holman, tel: 01258 817898 or e-mail: cannonhill@btinternet.com for a copy.

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Park near village hall in Tarrant Gunville

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Wednesday 16th March – 11.00am

Sherborne, Haydon and Folke

Park near church in Haydon, 2 miles SE of Sherborne

Grid reference: ST 670157 on OS Explorer Sheet 129 (approx. 6 miles)

Sunday 3rd April – 2.00 pm

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The Royal Oak – Charity Appeal

WHILST Christmas and the New Year seem a distant memory here at The Royal Oak we have loads to look forward to and the first event that needs your support is a car boot sale we are holding on Sunday 20th March. We are doing this in aid of the Ectodermal Dysplasia Society. Not a well known charity we know, however we have chosen this charity because of a young lad in the village a few



of you may know. James Macnair is three and lives in Wetherby Close and he will be going to Milborne First School in September. James suffers from this rare condition that affects only about 400 families in the UK. He has one of about 170 variations of the family of diseases called the Ectodermal Dysplasia's. The variation he has is X-linked Hypohydrotic

Ectodermal Dysplasia. In general, all the different variations have common elements: It affects his ability to regulate his body temperature – he cannot sweat, so is at risk of overheating if it's too hot; and he gets very cold when it's cold, and takes longer to warm up again. It affects his teeth – James only has two fang-like teeth and has false teeth already. He will get full dentures in time. His skin is affected too – it's very dry, he has thickened skin on the soles of his feet, and eczema is a feature.

He has sparse, very blond and crinkly hair, and no eyebrows. We would like to raise some money for this society that supports James: Spaces for sellers (£5) are limited so please call and book. Sellers are welcome from 9.00am with buyers (£1) welcome from 10.00am.

In April we have loads to look forward to including the Royal Wedding on Friday 29th April. We are planning on showing the build up and ceremony on five screens dotted around the building. We have booked a fantastic local band, JIGSAW, for the evening and wonder how everyone feels about a village street party on the afternoon of the wedding held here in the garden and car park of the pub, or inside if the British weather lets us down! Tables could still be specific to individual streets and everyone could bring a plate of food and a table and chairs? Maybe a competition for which "street" has the best table? Please can you let us know what you think?

We look forward to hearing from you on the subject of the village street party and the boot sale ASAP – theroyaloakmilborne@hotmail.com or telephone 01258 837248.



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Gardening Club

Our annual dinner in February was very successful and members had an enjoyable evening at our village pub. Thanks must go to our Chairman, Sally Dyer, for organising it all, and to the staff at The Royal Oak for an excellent meal. Before that, in January, we finally held our AGM (postponed due to the weather) and enjoyed mulled wine and canapés brought in by members.

At our next meeting on Thursday 24th March our talk will be "The Bee Friendly Garden", which is quite a topical subject and should be really interesting. Also, after refreshments, there will be items up for discussion, such as more information about our annual summer outing. We will also need to firm up arrangements for our visit to Diana Guy's garden on the afternoon of Thursday 28th April, which will include tea. We will share cars as parking is limited, but there will be spaces for anyone who does not drive, so we need to liaise on this.

Meanwhile, I have spotted a couple of bumblebees in my garden, and some plants that looked very dead are beginning to bud, so maybe the worst of the winter is behind us. Linda Harris Secretary

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Thursday 17th: St Patrick's Day - with Live Music from Nina Garcia
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Sunday 20th: Charity Car Boot Sale in aid of Ectodermal Dysplasia Society.
Sellers from 9.00am £5.00. Buyers from 10.00am £1.00 - Sellers
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Sunday 27th: Quiz at 8.00pm.

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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: Joyce Holman	01258 817898
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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	07771 558521
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
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Community Beat Officer (Dorch)	PC Charlie Dale	01305 222222
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Blandford Rural South	PC Dave Mullins and	01202 223003
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School

Milborne 1st School		
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Chair Govs:	George Legg	
Friends of School Chair:	Angelica Cotterell	

Special Interest

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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
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Sport

Abbey Swimming Club	Pat Cowan	01258 880601
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Cricket – Junior (U11 – U13)	Andy Smith	01258 880310
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Football – Under 11s	Daryl Sims	01258 881397
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March

- Wednesday 2nd **Wednesday Club** Village Hall, – see page 2.
Moviola “Made in Dagenham” Village Hall 8.00pm.
Thursday 17th **Milborne St. Andrew Youth Club AGM** Village Hall Committee Room 7.30pm.
Friday 18th **Ranter’s Folk Club** Sports Club.
Sunday 20th **Car Boot Sale** in aid of the Ectodermal Dysplasia Society The Royal Oak – see page 14.
Sunday 27th **Annual Parochial Church Meeting** St. Andrew’s Church after morning service (about 10.30am).

April

- Wednesday 6th **Wednesday Club** presentation on Fair-trade and Easter Bonnet competition – see page 2.
Moviola “The King’s Speech” Village Hall 8.00pm.
Saturday 9th **Village Quiz** Village Hall 8.00pm – see page 11.
Weatherbury Singers Come and Sing St George’s Church, Fordington Dorchester. Singers: Tickets £15 includes Morning Coffee, Lunch and Afternoon Tea. For further information/registration form weatherburysingers@gmail.com or tel 01305251662. Sing Through at 4.45m. Public Audience Welcome – admission Free.
Friday 15th **Ranter’s Folk Club** Sports Club.
Thursday 24th **Gardening Club** talk “The Bee Friendly Garden” – see page 14.

Moviola presents “Made in Dagenham”

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.

Next Month the Village Hall and Dorset Moviola present **The King’s Speech**. Wednesday 6th April at 8.00pm.

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 8.00–10.00pm 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 7.30–10.00pm 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–12.00 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.

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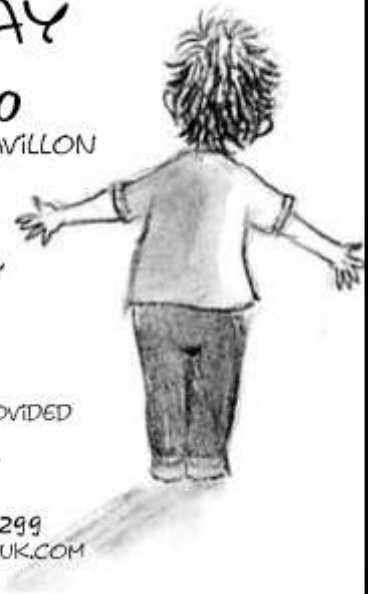
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Record Breaking Milborne Panto

Two records were broken at this year's Village Panto.

Record one – a sell out for all four performances of Cinderella.

Record two – the largest number of children on stage for a Milborne Panto.

I think there's a link between these two facts.

Now to the Panto itself. All the performers played their part to make it an enjoyable show, I hesitate to single out any one of the cast. But if I must . . . it was the adorable penguin, played by Beth Leonard. I would love to have a penguin like that as a pet at home.



The sound effects and lighting, provided by Ian Karley, were first class. The same comment goes to the keyboard accompanist, Sam Ryall.

The production team must have worked hard backstage and managed to keep the 27 strong Young Peoples Chorus in order.

The audience participation at the start of the show worked well and was enjoyed by everyone.

I hope you can allow me one tiny moan, it was difficult to hear some members of the cast, if you were seated in the back half of the hall.

A final mention regarding the scriptwriter, Ron Karley, who managed to give an entertaining update to the traditional Cinderella story. It is good to see a local drama group using local writing talent, instead of trawling the internet for material.

Joe McSavage

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Dear Editor

On Sunday 23rd January we hired out the Sports Pavilion for our daughter's first birthday party. Can I say what a wonderful venue this is and thank Alice and Roger Harrall for their help in opening up, etc. How great to have these facilities in our village. To all the family and friends that attended, we raised £320.00 for the Special Care Baby Unit with your generosity. Many thanks to you all, what a fantastic day.
Gary and Kate Cutts

Dear Editor

To ALL the cast members of 'The Milborne Players' both junior and principals. Thank you for providing us with such a quality, fun performance. The costumes were very colourful as were the portrayal of the characters. Special thanks must go to the Production Team and their dedication to ensure that this show surpassed all others.
Margo

Dear Reporter

Following an initial run in the Sports Club (and thanks to John Kane for getting it going), ballroom and latin dancing classes are moving to the Village Hall on alternate Sundays and Fridays. We are looking forward to having more room and a bouncier floor so that we can really get the hang of those quick steps and heel turns.

We may be mad but we also have a lot of fun and most of us are complete beginners. If you would like to join us (sequins optional; sense of humour vital) then please come along one evening or ring Chris Surtees (837182) or Elizabeth Humphrey (839263) for further details.
Elizabeth Humphrey

Ranter's Folk Club Diary dates
Friday 18th March, Friday 15th April
both at Milborne Sports Club
Roger's Rant Folk Festival is the 8th to 10th July



Cheselbourne Theatre Club



OUR next visit to The Playhouse Salisbury is on 11th April to see **The Game of Love and Chance** by Pierre Marivaux. To find out if there are any seats available, please phone Ann or Stephen.

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Ann Allum 880074; Stephen Terry 881524; Chris Higgs 880073

Ask Millie – your problems solved



Last month's problem

In reply to the middle aged male who is a newcomer to the area, looking for the best place or group to find ladies looking for fun.

Millie says – In a small village it is not easy, as there are less than 500 houses and very few of the occupants will be considering looking for a new partner; however fun loving he may be. In Milborne there are over 20 clubs and societies for adults advertising in the *Reporter*, all except the WI accept men as members (men are welcome at the WI as guests) so that may be a good place to start. I would think the pub also a good meeting place, but the most popular way of meeting a new partner is through an Internet dating site. It is a bit daunting at first for anyone, male or female, but worth considering if your search in Milborne proves fruitless.



Dear Millie,

I belong to a society in the village and am on the committee. When organising events it is very difficult to get all the other members of the committee to "pull their weight". It always seems to be the same people doing all the work, while others sit back and do nothing. Is there anything you can suggest?



Millie says – Most committees are run by enthusiastic and unpaid volunteers who all share the load of organising events for the good of all the members of the society.

Your mistake was that when you first joined the committee, you should have asked to be an "armchair committee member". Then you would have been able to sit back in meetings and make the odd unreasonable suggestion without having to do any actual work. Another responsibility of the "armchair committee member" is to take the credit for any success by telling everyone it was your idea in the first place, and having a full range of excuses at the ready when it looks like being your turn to do something.

Perhaps the Chair of your committee could clarify the role of each committee member at the next AGM?

Next month's problem –

Dear Millie,

A friend of mine is a rather fussy vegetarian. When I invite her round for a meal she lets me know what food she will eat and not eat and I cook something special for her. She has invited me back for a meal at her house, and has asked me to let her know my food preferences. I really hate most vegetarian food, especially mixtures of Tofu, brown rice and aubergines. Is it in order to ask for something with meat in it?

Millie welcomes questions or replies please e-mail millie@milbornestandrew.org.uk or drop a letter off at the village hall.



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EVA was born 1933 in a small village in Nottinghamshire. They were a family of five children, she had three sisters and one brother older than Eva. Her Mother was her Dad's second wife, he was a shepherd, and also a clerk and sexton to St. Mary's church. He was known in the village as "Uncle Bob". Before marriage Eva's mother was a house maid at the Rectory and Eva thinks that is how they met.

Eva continues the story: My Father died in May 1939 age 73. The Second World War broke out in September. That year made a great difference to our family, as the widow's pension was 10 old shillings a week. It was very hard for us all and the family began to split up, my three sisters respectively worked on the buses, joined the ATS and joined the Land Army, my brother wanted to go in the army, so left his job on the farm (a protected occupation) and went to the railways, but this was added to the "protected jobs". My Mother became a sort of District Nurse (equivalent to today's Carers), she would sit up with ill people all night whilst the family got some rest. Sometimes she would get paid if they could afford it.

I left school without any qualifications and worked at Boots Pure Drug Company in Nottingham, for 11 years, starting as junior filing clerk and ending as Chief order clerk dealing with hospitals purchasing drugs, quite a responsible job. In those days it was possible to do a good job of work and be rewarded with progress on merit. I have always done administrative work, moving to the Atomic Energy Research Establishment at Harwell after we were married.

I met John in 1956, who was in the Royal Navy. We married in September 1958 at my village church. That same year he was discharged with a deaf ear caused by gunshot on board ship. John was well qualified with his Naval exams which meant nothing in civvy street. So he started again, going back to night school to get qualified. He managed to get an engineering job at the Atomic Energy Research Establishment, Harwell, working on the reactors, whilst still studying. In 1962 we had twin girls which was a lovely way to start a family, 1964 our son arrived on the scene and in 1966 our youngest daughter arrived. We now have five lovely grandchildren.

1971 took us to Melton Mowbray in Leicestershire, where John's studies enabled him to be a lecturer in Engineering at the College. I also returned to work and took up a job as Administrative Technician at the Comprehensive school; I worked there for 20 years. It was here where we commenced working in the Community.

Eventually we both had our turns of office as Borough Councillors and in 1992/93 we had our Mayoral Year. I was Mayor and John was my Consort. We had a wonderful year (very demanding as I was still doing a full time job at the school) attending 360 appointments and meeting many interesting people. There was the Buckingham Palace Garden Party, but the outstanding day was when we asked the RAVC (Royal Army Veterinary Corps) to march through the town on a "Freedom of the Borough" parade, with the band of the Royal Lifeguards from London (by kind permission of Brig. Parker Bowles), and although we weren't allowed to advertise it (because of the Northern Irish troubles), there were crowds cheering them. We invited all the "rank and file" to come inside, an unusual touch, which they really appreciated. The only problem was that all the roads had been blocked to enable the parade, and in the traffic jam that ensued was the truck with the food for the celebrations, panic time!

In 1993 I was made redundant from the school due to cut-backs in education, the following year John took early retirement/redundancy from the college due to the government cutting back on apprenticeships, this was the college main intake on the engineering side (sounds familiar?).

It was always our intention to retire to Dorset (where John was

born) so this gave us the opportunity – we arrived at Portland in July 1994 just as the Royal Navy had departed. This had left Portland very disturbed. Members of Rotary had set up a helpline for Portland businesses in a campaign called "Portland Business Association" they needed a Chief Executive (voluntary). John applied and was accepted as he knew so much about Government and Council operations. It was at this point that we became more involved in the church, we had been going to church on the odd occasion but not attended on a regular basis over our working lives. I became a PCC member and very quickly their treasurer. We spent nine very happy and busy years on Portland. We moved to Sennen in Cornwall to help in a family business for three years, and then returned to Dorset. It was Milborne St. Andrew we chose to live, arriving in April 2004, but with great sadness John passed away with cancer in May 2005. As a regular attendee at St. Andrew's



Church eventually I was asked to join the PCC. Benny then persuaded me to become an LPA (Lay Pastoral Assistant), I had to go back to studying! I took over as Church Warden when June retired, all jobs are a big learning curve, including this one, especially with all the changes happening at the moment!

The best bit about the village is that we are well catered for, there is lots going on, it is an active village and it is very central, you can get to Blandford/Dorchester/Salisbury/Weymouth easily by bus.

Like all the other nine places I have lived, in Milborne there is a hard-core of people who volunteer and work in the community.

The only change in the village is that I wish more people would be brave enough to volunteer and see it's rewards.

My claim to fame is that I have shared a stage with Harold Macmillan, and had dinner with David Steele and Cyril Smith (along with several hundred other diners).

My mum is my inspiration, she was a real Christian, and she managed to bring up all five of us on her own. I remember, as the youngest, I'd go with Mum to do small farming work like potato picking or sugar-beet singling to earn the money to go to the Nottingham Empire up in the gods.

As deputy mayor I was asked to visit the Vale of Belvoir Mine, I wore a skirt (unsurprisingly), but then was offered to climb a ladder to look at the view of Melton Mowbray, I had to refuse. The following year as Mayor, I was asked again, so I and the deputy mayor (also female) opted to wear casual trousers in readiness for that ladder. When we got there the treat was a visit down the mine, and everyone was in their Sunday best suits and ties – *embarrassing!*

My main hobby is cake decorating including sugar craft. And I've just started playing short-mat bowls again.

And anything else you would like to tell us . . .

I think I have common sense, I'm not an academic, but I've always been able to work hard, learn quickly, and am proud of my achievements. I have never retired really, because I've always kept myself busy.

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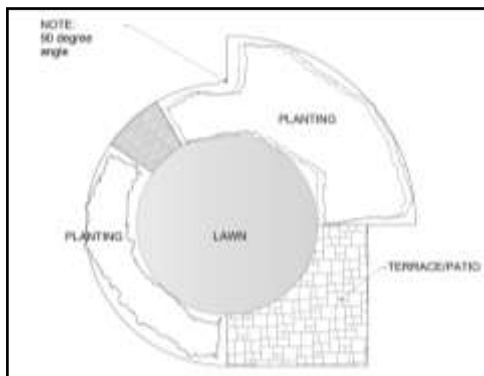


In your Garden

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

Developing your design

GARDENS generally consist of hard landscaping and plants, but if you look further, you will see that the shapes and lines make up the pattern that is your garden. Once you have the plan (ie survey) mark out the functions you want your garden to fulfil – eg a seating area to make the most of a view; an area for storage; a children’s play area; a lawn; and so on. You will probably need several copies of the survey plan to try out lots of different ideas before you finally decide on the one you want.



Another way of doing this is to lay a grid over your survey and try out different combinations of squares and rectangles, or circles or a mixture of the two that represent the areas you need/want in the

or in the case of a bungalow – the full height of the house will look better. Small mealy terraces look as though you ran out of paving slabs. Your outdoor furniture is usually larger than your tables and chairs inside so, on the whole, proportions for garden spaces need to be larger. This is when you need to decide how many people you want to accommodate on your terrace – you need at least one metre space all around the table for access and moving around.

Scale and proportion are important elements to think about – steps and paths outside need to be much larger in scale than those inside the house. Arbours, pergolas and seating areas need to be generously proportioned so that you don’t feel cramped and uncomfortable. Pergolas should be at least 2.5m high and wide enough to walk along comfortably. Main paths should be wide enough for two people to walk along together 1.2 – 1.5 metre is usually recommended. Pergolas can be used to connect different areas of the garden and may take you to a particular destination, eg, a summerhouse, or lead your eye to a focal point such as a sculpture or urn. They can also be used to separate sections of the garden providing glimpses of the garden beyond. They provide height in an otherwise flat garden and are very useful in providing support for climbing plants.

In the next issue I will look at planting design.

garden. You can even turn the grid round to create interesting diagonal effects.

Always remember that the garden has to be built, so the angles you use are important. An angle of at least 90° should always join two shapes.

Shading various areas will divide the shapes into the mass (the planting) and the void. Both are equally important in a design. A

garden design doesn’t have to follow the shape of the boundary – the garden is designed from within so you can have a circle or a square as a central theme and the bits that are left can be filled with planting.

It is a good idea to start with the area nearest the house first – this may be the patio or terrace. This is the link between the house and the garden and needs to be at least ⅓ the height of the house to the eaves



Average January weather in village

JANUARY 2011 was an average sort of January but it was a month of two halves. There was rain on most days for the first 17 days of the month with most of the total month’s rainfall of 120.1mm falling during that time. There were particularly wet days on the 6th and 10th with rainfall of 24.0mm and 20.5mm respectively. The last 14 days of the month were dry with frosts on most nights and only 0.6mm rain falling in that time. The total rainfall for the month was 110% of average.

The average rainfall for the winter months (December – February) is 309.8mm but to date the winter rainfall is only 187.5mm. Lakes and rivers in Dorset are beginning to be noticeably lower than they ought to be at this time. It will require particularly heavy rain during the rest of February to make up the shortfall.

There were no thunderstorms in 2010 which was unusual as we can normally expect seven thunderstorms during a year. There was a thunderstorm on the evening of 17th January which was the first since 23rd December 2009. If we experience a thunderstorm during February it may be a good sign for according to Weather Lore;

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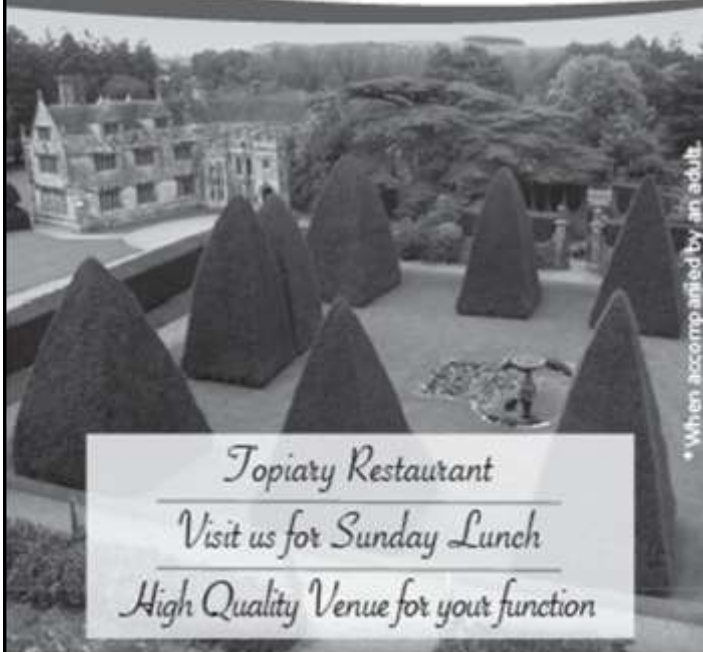
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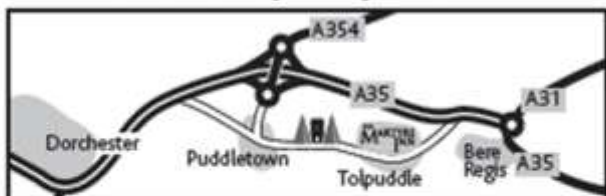
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SCHOOL NEWS

ON Tuesday 1st February we welcomed the Life Education Van to school. During the day all the children visited the van to learn more about themselves with the help of Harold the giraffe. The resource is run through a charity, whose administrative base has recently relocated to Milborne.



Our year 2 children can be seen (right) planting trees in our nursery this term, despite the rain. Working with Mrs Featherstone as part of the Trees for Dorset Tree Project, a number of saplings



were planted, some of which had been grown by the children from seed.

The plans for our 10 year celebrations are now in full flow. Friends of School will be arranging a celebration party on Wednesday 27th April from 4.30pm. With fun and games and refreshments on offer, we hope that as many people as possible will be able to join our celebrations. If you have been involved with the school in the last 10 years – as a pupil, parent, governor, staff member, volunteer, etc, we would be delighted if you could join us. Please spread the word. Equally however if you don't yet know the school please take this opportunity to come and see us. Full details of the event will be available in next month's *Reporter*.



School Job Vacancy

Required from 26th April 2011 until July 2011 (with the possibility of an extended contract in the new academic year), Milborne St. Andrew First School are seeking to fill a combined fixed term role of teaching assistant and lunchtime supervisor. Full details are available on the Dorset for You website or from the school website. Alternatively please contact the school directly for further information. Closing date for applications Friday 18th March.

Piano Wanted

We are looking for a piano to put in one of our classrooms, both for general music lessons and for the children who have piano lessons to use. If you know of anyone who might be getting rid of a piano that they no longer use, please mention this to them – it would be very welcome in school.

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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ABBEY SWIMMING CLUB

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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
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Michael 01258 881438 or Charlotte 01258 881036

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Rainbow Pre-School Happy New Year!

TO celebrate Chinese New Year we tasted some noodles, rice and prawn crackers. The children then used the raw versions to decorate some plates to show what they had eaten. Light is an important part of the Chinese New Year celebrations, so the children then made their own lanterns by painting some brightly coloured paper, and practicing their cutting and gluing skills.



We are very fortunate that Denise Morrell has now taken over the running of Rainbow to build on the foundations which Verina laid during her seven years as leader. Denise has 18 years' experience working in the Early Years sector, much of it running her own Montessori School. She is looking forward to introducing some new ideas which will help Rainbow become even better and stronger.

Is there anyone there?! We are looking for someone with some book-keeping or business experience, and a little time to spare, who would be prepared to help us monitor and strengthen Rainbow's financial position. If you would like to get involved and make a difference to this highly valued village charity please contact: Michael 01258 881438 or Charlotte 01258 881036.



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Milton Abbas Cricket Club

is preparing to take part in NatWest CricketForce on 9th April 2011, an England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) initiative aimed at rejuvenating local cricket clubs and giving volunteers an opportunity to get involved. NatWest CricketForce is the biggest annual volunteering event in sport and is set to attract enough volunteers to fill Lord's Cricket Ground three times over (85,000).



This NatWest CricketForce initiative will enable much needed work to take place at our club ensuring the 2011 season gets off to the best possible start. All players start their cricket careers at local clubs and it is crucial that we support the game's development. At Milton Abbas we want to provide good facilities and a fun environment for our players which can be the difference between our youngsters staying with cricket or not and NatWest CricketForce will help to make our club a real focus for many community sports activities and volunteering opportunities.

As part of our work for this year's event we have three main goals: (1) To re-paint and rejuvenate the pavilion and other buildings inside and out; (2) To replace the kitchen area; (3) To refurbish the ladies toilet facilities. Plus we have a number of other smaller but much needed maintenance jobs to get under way.

Colin Chastey Milton Abbas Sports Club Chairman

Milton Abbas Sports Club really needs your help on Saturday 9th April. Whether you play cricket, have an interest or not – as your local community sports club we would really welcome your involvement on the day. If you would like to know more about how you can help please call Mike Handley on 882118; Colin Chastey on 837934 or Maria Timperley on 880895. (Also see page 30.)

If you are not able to help out on the day but could donate some paint, equipment, kitchen units (or time on another day), we would be delighted to hear from you too. Thank you.



Cricket training up to Easter Calling all budding young cricketers

COME along and try cricket, we have FUN and all the training is undertaken by ECB qualified coaches, all the equipment is supplied, you don't need to wear whites, come along and learn about the rules of the game and new skills but mostly have some FUN.

Training will continue on Friday 4th March through to and including 8th April at the Milton Abbey Sports Hall. Please tell all your friends and bring them along as well, we are looking to get more junior and adults for the coming season.

Training times are from 6.45-7.30pm for the juniors and 7.30-8.30pm for the adults.

For further information please do call Colin Chastey 837934 or 07870 382017.

Wanted

IN early April Milton Abbas Sports Club are repainting the interior and exterior walls, etc of the pavilion on Hoggen Down (at the top of the village). If you have any left over emulsion or gloss and would be prepared to donate this to the club we would be very happy to receive it. We would also welcome donations of paint brushes, rollers, trays, etc.

We are also refurbishing the kitchen area in the sports pavilion. We really need a few base units with doors and a work surface. If, by chance, you are replacing your kitchen during March we would really welcome your donation of some old units in good condition. Thank you. Contact Mike Handley on 882118 or Colin Chastey on 837934.



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Milborne siege the castle Corfe Castle 1 Milborne Sports 9

AFTER a succession of disappointing results Sports returned to form in devastating fashion at a very windy Corfe venue. Milborne have been unable to field their strongest team due to a catalogue of injuries and were pleased to welcome back a fit Paul Aston who gave an impressive performance in midfield with some fine tackling as well as some great distribution. Playing against the wind Sports still looked the more likely to score and although playing some entertaining football were unable to break the deadlock despite going close with efforts from McClements and Karl Dean. However, after about twenty minutes they were undone when Mark Lambert lost possession was robbed after what appeared to be a deliberate push. The ball was moved quickly down the flank before being cut back to Corfe's tall striker who expertly clipped the ball into the far corner of the net.

Milborne, initially rocked, finally settled down after this setback and scored from a rare Carl McLement's header just nudging the ball over the keeper from close range, immediately after the home custodian had made a great save from close range. Corfe replied by pushing forward and created a one on one situation with only Wayne Gifford's superb save preventing them taking the lead. With the score remaining level at the break the Laneenders came out for the second half playing some wonderful passing football. Their back four including the dependable Carl Tewkesbury and the speedy Kevin Seal were hardly being troubled whilst skipper and experienced Simon Kibler was pulling all the strings in the middle of the park. After some great interplay, the impressive Ricky Lane got on the score sheet from the edge of the box to put Milborne in front and shortly afterwards a move involving five players led to the clever Cris Pavey threading a pass to McClements who found the corner with consummate ease. Kibler then made it four after leaving two defenders floundering before powering a wonderful drive into the top corner from twenty five yards. McLements then got his hat trick with another good finish before Lane rifled the sixth with another well taken effort. With the game safe manager Hammond brought on all three substitutes, Paul Myatt, Ross Heaton and Ross Jones who all contributed to the cause, with a further three goals scored in the last fifteen minutes, another from Ricky Lane, a fourth goal for Carl McClements and the final nail in Corfe's coffin coming from substitute Jones who was on hand to calmly side foot home from close range after McLements had made a surging run down the flank before cutting the ball back from the by line.

Milborne gave a masterly display against a shell shocked Corfe Castle outfit who gamely competed until the final whistle, and all of the Sports team were outstanding on the day.

Milborne arrest Marshall's run Milborne Sports 1 Sturminster Marshall 0

ON a perfect playing surface which was a credit to Milborne's long serving groundsman, the Laneenders started with great purpose despite missing their delayed influential skipper Simon Kibler. A couple of early chances went begging but after about ten minutes some great work by Karl Dean on the byline allowed him to outwit his marker before delivering a pin point cross that allowed the hard working Paul Myatt to head home from about eight yards. Spurred

on by this Milborne created a number of chances and with some one on one opportunities being spawned by both Cris Pavey and Carl McClements, manager Paul Hammond must have wondered if their profligacy would have later repercussions. Another one on one left Myatt rounding the keeper only to be unceremoniously dragged down leaving the referee with the only option and he duly showed the red card to the opposing custodian. Unfortunately for Milborne, he felt the foul took place just outside the penalty area and Ross Jones driven free kick unfortunately came to nothing. Despite playing with ten men, Sturminster still looked dangerous on the break although the impressive Carl Tewkesbury was confidently sweeping up whilst keeper Wayne Gifford's confident handling was also a feature.

Although having the wind against them in the second half Milborne must nevertheless have thought that they could add to their tally but once again chances were being missed with some over elaborate play often a reason. However, after about fifteen minutes of the second half they were presented with the perfect opportunity after the skilful Cris Pavey rounded the stand in keeper allowing Carl McClements the opportunity to score from the spot. Despite hitting the ball low towards the corner the keeper managed to get a hand to the ball to divert it onto the inside of the post before it was scrambled away. Buoyed by this Sturminster Marshall played with renewed hope and vigour and although the Laneenders midfield pairing of the industrious Paul Aston and the returning Kibler were working hard it was Milborne who looked the edgier team despite their extra man. Mark Lambert however was proving a solid figure at the back with Ross Heaton also giving good support on the other flank, and Sports saw the game out with a solitary goal win.

With another big game next week against Bridport away, Sports need to keep up their recent fine form whilst also ensuring that they take more of their opportunities that their fine approach play presents.

Mike Lathbury, Chairman

Mini Soccer Development Centre Touch line news

Bob Mowlem Coach/Manager: Tel. 01305 751930 or 07742139209.

Summer term – new season

8th June to 13th July (six weeks) I am so sorry but I will have to increase the new season training fee for the new terms at £2.00 per week. £12.00 payable please. All cheques made payable to Milborne Sports FC.

I will need to pay a little money to the Milborne Sports FC to help running costs (Floodlights, etc) It is only fair and proper. I like to point out that I have not been put under any pressure from our parent club to do this but it is a gesture and a reminder to everyone that at Milborne Football Club we are all as one and must pay our way although self sufficient. We break up for the Summer Holidays after 13th July and will not recommence until 7th September. A nice long break! Players selected for playing in the league teams will be signed up during June and will have to pay the leagues signing on fee of £3.00 each. These fees are charged by the DCFA Mini Soccer league for the registration of players.

Matches

During the spring term I will try and organise a few more friendly matches. Home and away with the home matches at the Milton Abbas Sports Ground. If luck is on my side next season from the middle of September we might be able to play friendly home and league matches on the new pitch at Milborne Sports ground.

Staff supervision

I am hoping my good friend and colleague, Mr David Drew who is a fully qualified football man, vast experience in management and coaching teams successfully to league championships will join me full time at the club during May of the new year. I will also require one or two adult volunteers to help me out at training, etc: I do not want parents who will interfere with my plans or have their own ideas on running youth football. I want adults who will work and support me by showing respect. Persons appointed to help must

have good communication skills, and pleasant mannerisms towards the members. We are a charter standard club which means under the FA safety code adults will have to undergo a police CRB check, and a child protection certificate one night course. If a parent is really keen and is in a position of responsibility for a team on a Sunday he can within the year apply to take a level one FA coaching course for qualification. Money well spent.

Membership

When I have sufficient numbers in an age group to make the league teams (*must be our aim for children to have fun*) I will keep a waiting list for children to join us. I will continue to keep proper discipline and supervision at all times. I aim to discuss the way forward by a meeting of parents already mentioned in this bulletin.

Membership fees for the new season

Renewal date is 6th June 2011. A complete season the fee is £5.00 each child. The increase is due to updating the present insurance cover with new premiums, etc: We have to do this due to the increased membership. Everyone will have to fill out a new membership form as per FA rules guidance regarding club administration. *Please use the same kit for another season.*

Accounts

I have run out of funds due to the huge problems I have had in purchasing the club standard kit. I need to find a new more reliable company. I have also bought ten size four footballs towards our independent club equipment scheme (bright yellow ones). See last month's *Reporter* for club accounts. Everything we do is fully transparent and can be viewed by parents any time.

Fund raising – flood light appeal

We may have an opportunity to organise a "Bag Pack" with a charity at a supermarket, hopefully Tescos at Blandford. David and myself have worked with this chosen charity before. There would be a 50% spilt of monies raised. I will need parents on the tills to pack bags for those members of the public who agree and boys to attend dressed in club soccer kit with buckets at the end of the tills. If we all can give up some time on a rota system and support each other (*not just a few turn up*) it may be a good way of raising much needed funds. Other fund raising events in the pipelines are a Race Night for parent's friends, relations, and Members. I am hoping for guidance from our parent club chairman and committee on this venture.

Finally if we have the space we could organise our own little mini soccer tournament, and invite a few clubs with entry fee to join us.

Don't forget to keep trying to raise the £200 sponsorship required for a floodlight.

End of season presentation night

I will not organise this event as other clubs seem to do. The reason is I don't want to single out members for an award. In my humble opinion all the members are players of the year. Each member I will try and treat the same.

Costs increase

I hope most of you know me well enough by now that I try to keep fees to a minimum. I am not in the habit of building up huge resources for the sake of it.

Big thanks

Like to thank Malcolm our groundsman at the Milborne Sports Club for his fantastic work in preparing pitch surfaces for us to train and play matches.

Tom and Matt youth coaches for giving up their spare time to help our club. These two young gentleman are a credit to both their families and themselves for what they have achieved with the centre. The members love them to bits. "Well done and keep up the good work whilst you have the time this season." It just proves that the youth of today are great

Patience and guidance goes a long way with the youth of today.

Future

We have a lot to look forward to next year. However we must not get too serious. Training and matches must be enjoyable for the children. We all have to avoid putting too much pressure on them. Club events must not get stressful and boring. Parents must continue to refrain from getting too verbally excited at matches.



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