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News and Views from around the area

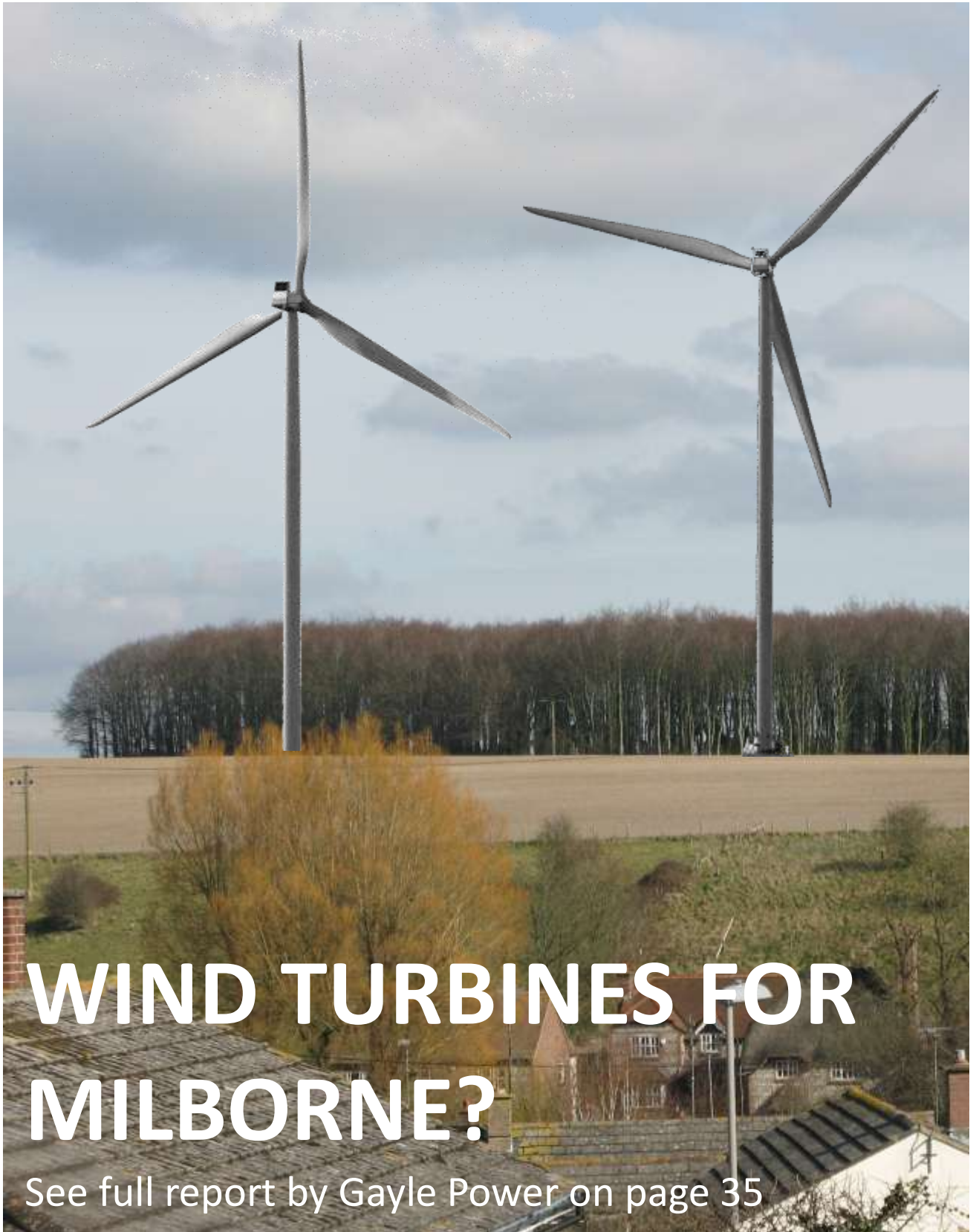
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Milborne St. Andrew



## WIND TURBINES FOR MILBORNE?

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### The Royal British Legion

#### Puddletown & District Branch

Registered Charity Number 219279



THIS is a special year for the Royal British Legion, it is 90 years old. Founded in 1921, it is the Legion's Mission to be the organisation which is recognised as the No. 1 provider of welfare, comradeship, campaigning and Remembrance for the Armed Forces community. The Legion provides financial, social and emotional support to Service people, past and present and their dependants.

The Puddletown & District Branch will, as a part of the 90th celebrations, be holding a Cream Tea from 2.30pm until 5.30pm on 30th May at the Parish Room, Puddletown.

Proposed future events; a Curry Night (April) and later in the year (September) a Fish and Chip supper, both at the Martyrs Inn, Tolpuddle.

Please support the Royal British Legion as there are currently over 9.5 million people who are eligible to approach The Royal British Legion for help. We spend over £1.2 million a week carrying out our vital work. Our welfare services range from rehabilitation, emotional and practical support to war pensions advice; from counselling and job retraining to organising pilgrimages to visit war graves; and from home and hospital visits to the provision of full nursing care.

The Royal British Legion has also set aside a £50 million grant over ten years for two projects which will provide an individually-tailored pathway for injured Armed Forces personnel.

The Legion has committed the funding over the next decade towards capital and operating costs for four Personnel Recovery Centres (PRCs) in the UK.

The PRCs will provide residential accommodation for Service personnel undergoing recovery with tailored programmes to assist them in their rehabilitation leading them back into Service or smooth transition to a successful resettlement in a civilian career.

The second project, The Royal British Legion Battle Back Challenge and Assessment Centre will open in late 2011, providing seriously injured personnel from across the Armed Forces with adaptive sports and adventure training to help physical rehabilitation and confidence building.

The Armed Forces Community, past and present, know that if they need our support – now or in the future – the Legion is always on active duty for them.

*Michael Hopper*



## Milborne St Andrew Gardening Club

AT our meeting near the end of February, Philip Gamble, who was Head Gardener at Kingston Maurward and Pecorama, gave us a talk entitled "Colour in the Garden Without Flowers". By means of his many beautiful slides, Philip showed us how this could be achieved, with clever planting and the use of different materials. He said that what makes planting successful is often a question of what is left out, and too many of us are 'gap gardeners', ie, we see a gap and put something in it. Several of us nodded as he spoke and hoped to put all we had learnt to good use.

After refreshments various events were discussed. The Gardening Club has to set the questions for the Village Quiz on 9th April, and Peter Dunkley has taken on this task. Members were reminded that our annual Plant Sale will be on Sunday 15th May, when we will also be selling tea, coffee, and home-made biscuits. Members are being encouraged to bring along as many plants as they can, particularly larger specimens, and volunteers will also be needed to help out. A decision on the summer outing will be made when we meet at the end of March.

Finally, there will be no evening meeting on Thursday 28th April, since we are visiting Diana Guy's garden in the afternoon, sharing cars. If any member who wishes to go has not been able to arrange a lift, please contact me.

*Linda Harris, Secretary*

## Milborne Crib League



THE presentation night at The Royal Oak for the Milborne Crib League took place on Monday 14th March, being the culmination of the league which had been running since last October. The league has been running for four years and we now have eighteen players who all enjoy the competition and also the social aspects of the game.

This year's competition went down to a play off to decide the winners, between Bruce Dyer and David Gosling against Anne and John Miller, with Bruce and Dave coming out on top.

The presentations were followed by a buffet and then a round robin crib competition which was great fun for all.

Although the next league does not start till next October a number of "one off" round robin crib evenings will take place over the summer. If you are a crib player and want to get involved in these or the league village competition in October then contact Peter or Elaine Anthony on 01258 837089.

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

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## Wednesday Social Club

OUR speaker for March was retired equine vet James Crouch, B. VET.MED.M.R.C.V.S. At one time he was an equine vet locally. James started his talk at the very beginning of history with the ancient Egyptians and their relationship with horses through to the Romans and William Shakespeare's "Taming of the Shrew" in which Shakespeare explains in detail the various diseases and ailments of the horse. During his illustrious career working with famous race horses and horses at stud, Buckingham Palace invited him to attend some of the Queen's race horses. James' talk concluded with particular emphasis on our relationship today with the horse and countryside.

Wednesday 6th April is a very special meeting for us at the village hall. We have our club's 35th birthday celebration; subs are due; we have an Easter Bonnet competition and an audio/visual presentation by Eric Austen on Fairtrade. All welcome, please bring a friend.

Saturday 21st May: Memory Lane Swing Band – please see main poster on page eight for details.

Saturday 4th June: Our celebrations continue with a Cream Tea and cameo performance by the Junior members of the Milborne Players directed and produced by Melva Coe. More details next month . . . Tickets will be available and all are warmly invited.

You can follow us on Facebook. Search for Milborne St. Andrew Wednesday Social Club.

We look forward to seeing you at the above events. *E. Richardson*

### Lost

Two inch long engraved gold teardrop ear ring for pierced ears, possibly near the Village Hall.  
If found please call 01258 837392.

## Facing your fears:

### March WI meeting

A DIAGNOSIS of breast cancer naturally elicits so many fears and anxieties for a woman and her family, which can be facilitated by information and knowledge. At our open meeting this month we welcomed Tracy Acock and Lynn Warner from Poole Hospital who came along to talk to us about raising awareness and information about breast cancer. We are fortunate to have a national breast screening programme which we are encouraged to join and Lynn, a radiographer herself, could not emphasise the importance of this enough. Screening is for the 'well woman', picking up very small changes in the tissue at an early stage. Statistics show that our risk increases with age, particularly in the 60-plus age range. Probably because we are living longer, more is seen of it, but importantly we do now have better drugs and treatments than we did 15–20 years ago. The message is clearly not to worry, just be aware! The earlier we pick it up, the easier it is to treat. Take care of ourselves, look for changes, have screening – all these will lead to earlier diagnosis, which is the key.

Not surprisingly, there were many questions from our audience, a lot of interesting discussion and sharing of personal stories and, very importantly, informed answers from Lynn and Tracy. Linda Wright gave our thanks. This was time well spent and we have learnt a lot about this very topical and emotive issue.

Feedback from Ann Mephams' **cookery group** – the tarte tatin was delicious! Another member for the 'Bookends' **reading group**, brings them to their maximum number of 12 members. We are joining in with the **Village Quiz** on 9th April and there is still time to form another group if two more volunteers come forward. Tickets for the **Lighthouse events** are with Shirley Dunkley. Our **annual dinner** will take place on 19th March at The Fox. **Group meeting** on 29th March at Bere Regis. **Pub lunch** next month is on Wednesday 20th April.

Thursday 14th April is our next meeting, when Gerry Spivey will be showing us how to put together 'Hanging Baskets'. It is also our annual meeting. As always, we welcome visitors and anyone interested in seeing what we do.  
*Pat Bull*


## The Freedom Bell

THE 1983 picture from last month's *Reporter* had a good few people coming up with names. We hope we have got them all right.

*Children with backs to school (left to right):* Paul MacSavage, Michelle Stickland, Louise Gollidge, Chris Brown, James Gould.

*Standing:* Arthur Case, Sally Foote, Bruce Craig, Gordon Sutcliffe, Neil Chatfield.

*Front Row:* Teresa Hanger, Samantha Beadman, Alison Oxenham, James Pearce, Clare Surtees, Martin Tisseman, Alison Bethel.



**Milborne St Andrew  
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Tickets available from the Drop-In Centre at the Village Hall  
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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,

Well, it was a hard winter at times even though the snow is long gone. Until a few days ago many of the trees still looked dead. If we didn't know better, it would seem inconceivable that from such bareness there could come such beauty as we see green shoots and blossom appear. Yet resurrection comes and the deadness of winter is replaced by rich and unbelievable new life.

Sometimes we experience an interior winter. A relationship goes cold. Love which was once there disappears in the face of deadening routine, or sheer lack of energy from the demands of work. Perhaps work which once seemed to excite passion and enthusiasm has become just what it is – work and nothing more. Illness and unemployment can rob us of hope as we struggle to keep our anxieties in check.

Yet the greyness of spirit which so oppresses us can miraculously be dispelled by something which grabs our attention, captivates us and lifts us out of ourselves; birdsong or the uncluttered laughter of a child, or a painting or music or the beauty of a flower or . . .

It can happen with relationships. Emotions can feel completely dead. Yet a chance remark or an act of kindness makes us realize that people do matter to us and that we do care, can care and are cared for. We are put in touch with our feelings again. We experience a resurrection and life seems the better for it.

Looked at like this, being raised from the dead is not such an uncommon experience. We know what it is to feel dead. We know what it is to feel alive again. We sometimes talk about being given a new lease of life. The transformation isn't something we bring about by ourselves. There is a givenness about it and the most we can do is to allow the circumstances for new life to be breathed into us.

Easter is a time to celebrate resurrection. The followers of Jesus didn't find it easy to accept that after the crucifixion Jesus had been raised from the dead – it was as unbelievable then as it is now. Yet no one could deny that the disciples were changed from being frightened people sheltering behind locked doors to being courageous and outspoken as they set out to walk in the footsteps not of a dead hero but a living presence whom they dared to call Lord – the human face of God. What the disciples experienced convinced them that Jesus was 'alive' – that he was not lost to them.

Some of that story must remain a mystery not least because we are far removed from what actually happened. But if you find Easter hard to believe, try approaching it from your own experiences of renewal, love and hope, when all seemed dead. We still have to make the journey through the darkness and pain of Holy Week and Good Friday first but then – Happy Easter!

Patrick Evans

**A Big Thank You!**

Benny, Mel, Zac and Iona would like to say a huge thank you everyone for all your love and kindness on my last Sunday at the end of January.

It was wonderful to see so many people there in church and at the lunch afterwards in Puddletown Village Hall. We felt really loved and cared for, and your kindness transformed what could have been a sad day, into a day of warmth and celebration.

Thank you too, to everyone who contributed to the generous leaving presents we received. Mel and I have so far bought a 'notebook' computer (which I am typing this on) and are intending to use the rest on blinds for the conservatory in our cottage, so that we can use it for exercise without feeling too self-conscious! Zac and Iona are also very grateful for the Argos vouchers with which they have expanded their Star Wars Lego collection.

So thank you for all your kindness, and please be assured of our continued prayers for Puddletown, Tolpuddle, Milborne St. Andrew and Dewlish – you will always be close to our hearts.

Benny, Mel, Zac & Iona Hazlehurst

**CHURCH SERVICES  
April 2011**

**3rd APRIL – Mothering Sunday**

9.30am	Family Communion	Milborne
9.30	Praise Mothering Sunday service	Tolpuddle
11.00	Holy Communion <i>With Sunday Seekers and Creche</i>	Puddletown
11.00	Mothering Sunday Service	Dewlish

**WEDNESDAY 6th APRIL**

6.00pm	Compline	Milborne
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**THURSDAY 7th APRIL**

12noon	Lunch-time Communion	Milborne
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**FRIDAY 8th APRIL**

6.00pm	Evening Prayer	Dewlish
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**10th APRIL – Lent 5**

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

**WEDNESDAY 13th APRIL**

6.00pm	Compline	Milborne
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**FRIDAY 15th APRIL**

6.00pm	Evening Prayer	Dewlish
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**17th APRIL – Palm Sunday**

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

**MAUNDY THURSDAY – 21st APRIL**

12noon	Lunch time Communion	Puddletown
7.00pm	Maundy Thursday Communion	Puddletown
7.00	Agape Supper	Dewlish

**GOOD FRIDAY – 22nd APRIL**

11.00am	Good Friday Family Service	Tolpuddle
12noon–3.00pm	Church open for Meditation	Puddletown
2.00pm	Easter experience	Milborne
6.00	Good Friday Service	Dewlish

**24th APRIL – Easter Day**

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

**Church Cleaning – w/e Saturday**

2nd April	Geoff and Pat Bull
9th April	John and Ann Miller
16th April	Victoria Bone and Lin Chatfield
23rd April	Ed and Rose Frost
30th April	Sue Lee and Val Hodges

## MILBORNE ST. ANDREW CHURCH NOTES

AT our PCC meeting of 4th March we discussed the Quinquennial Report. Some of the work has already been done, like clearing the gullies and guttering. When the weather improves we will arrange a working party to help do some of the tasks ourselves such as removing moss and vegetation from the outside walls.

We also discussed the vacancy and the interregnum; it is going to be a very busy time for us all, especially Sarah. It is very important that we keep our services and the good work we do in our church going for the next few months. We do appreciate the help of Patrick, Roy and Norman who come and take some of our services. Our first Morning Prayer service, which is on the fourth Sunday of each month, was very much appreciated by the congregation.

The diocese policy on Women Bishops was also discussed and voted on.

During Lent we have been holding a service of Compline in church on a Wednesday evening at 6.00pm. This is a short late evening service of prayers and hymns. There are two dates to keep in your diary 6th and 13th April.

**Mothering Sunday** is on 3rd April. We would love to see children at our 9.30am Family Communion service. During the celebration there will be posies for the children to give to their Mothers.

**On Maundy Thursday** there will be the usual Agape Supper held at Dewlish Village Hall at 7.00pm. Rev. Norman Beggs will be officiating at this service of Communion with supper. Anyone wishing to attend please let Pat or Eva know so that we can arrange numbers for supper.

**Good Friday** – We will be having our usual Easter Experience in the Village Hall at 2.30pm when we will be making hot cross buns, Easter biscuits and chocolate nests. While these are cooking we will

### 100 CLUB WINNERS

Draw Date – Tuesday 22nd March 2011

1st prize	£100	Hilary Daffern
2nd prize	£50	Trish Garland
3rd prize	£16	B. Fry

The next draw is at 8.00pm, in The Royal Oak,  
on Tuesday 26th April 2011

Anyone is welcome to attend

*New members always welcome*

### Flowers – w/e Saturday

Lent No flowers

23rd April EASTER All helpers please

30th April and 7th May Tony Fox



### Church Contacts

Associate Priest Sarah Godfrey 01258 839067

#### Church Wardens

##### Milborne St. Andrew

Eva Stockley	01258 837468	Jim Burg	01258 837466
Pat Tribe	01258 837684	Sue Britton	01258 837218

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be going into church to hear the Easter story. There will be music playing in church from 12noon for those who wish to go into church for meditation.

### 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.

### Milborne Praise

At Milborne Praise we began by making bread – great fun and very sticky! Sarah then talked about the last supper and explained we would have some of the bread in a very simple form of Communion service. While the bread was cooking we then had 'consequence' prayer (if you don't understand this you can read them in church pinned up along the north aisle). The prayers were read and the bread used during Communion. After the service we enjoyed eating a lot more bread, this time with butter and jam. It was food for the body and food for the soul. *Eva Stockley, Pat Tribe Churchwardens*

## DEWLISH CHURCH NOTES

### A busy weekend for All Saints' Church

WE ARE looking forward to seeing everyone at our **Spring Sale** and Coffee Morning in Dewlish Village Hall on Saturday 2nd April, 10.30am–12noon. The stalls will include a raffle, Mothering Day gifts, cakes and produce, new items, bric-a-brac, a children's activity table and toys and books. Do come along for a cup of coffee and a (pre-) Easter Biscuit, and have a browse among all the things on offer.

Next day our **Mothering Sunday service** will be at 11.00am when we look forward to seeing families in church, and where we will present each mother with a flower posy.

The **Agape Supper** will be held in Dewlish Village Hall at 7.00pm on **Maundy Thursday** 21st April. Will you kindly let Daphne or Jim (Tel: 1258-837466) know – by Sunday 17th April please – if you are able to come. The supper costs £4 and the proceeds after expenses will be donated to Water Aid.

Because of a prior booking, the date of our **Church AGM** has now been changed to Thursday 14th April at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. All church members on the electoral roll are very welcome to attend.

*Daphne Burg*

### Results of last month's Limerick Competition

THANK you to everyone who entered the limerick competition. We have raised over £30 towards the Flush Fund. The lucky winner of the crisp £10 note is Cate Williams for this poem:

There's a Church at the top of the hill  
Where people they go to be still.  
You can hear the odd thrush  
But never a flush  
'Cos there's not enough cash for the bill!

We were also impressed with this effort by Pat Tribe which comes second – but no prize I'm afraid.


While walking down our village street  
I nearly fell over my feet,  
For potholes abound  
And uneven ground  
Caused by last winter's snowfall and sleet.

All your efforts will be on display in the church soon.

*Josie Wright*




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## 'Stories and pancakes'

THIS month Ladybirds have been looking at some of our favourite stories. We started with the *Smartest Giant in Town*, making good use of the wonderful story sack that the WI made us a few years ago. The children painted life size pictures of themselves which were hung around the room for parents to see. There were some strange coloured bodies – bright orange and green – anyone coming into the Hall must have thought an alien invasion had occurred. The next story was *Goldilocks and the Three Bears*. The children tried porridge at snack time and had fun making their own porridge.



Of course we made pancakes. As well as making and eating them all the children had a go at tossing one.

Liz Dyer




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# Village Hall Update

WELL we are another month on and another month closer to the AGM. The date has been set for Wednesday 13th April at 7.00pm in the main hall. This is an open meeting when everyone in the community is invited to attend and make a contribution. Reports will be presented on the management of the Hall and the trustees would certainly welcome any feedback on their recent activities and where you see the Hall in the future because it is 'Your Hall', the trustees are just the custodians of what is a vital community facility. We hope that the hall is packed out even more so than the showing of 'The Kings Speech' on the 6th April.

We are now at a watershed in the life of the Hall, well it looks like one and it is in The Causeway! The outcomes of the last Village Hall Survey have largely been completed and we as a community need to sit down and plan for the future and move on. A new hall build is highly unlikely so modernising, extending, modifying the existing facilities are the next challenge. Standing still is not an option, to do so means that you go backwards and things will deteriorate and the trustees will fail in their duty to provide facilities that, at the very least, match the expectations and aspirations of the community and the user groups, some of which have yet to be formed.

Trustees are drawn from the respective hall user groups and also from members of the community and it is important, right and healthy that the management committee reflects the widest possible views, with no one person/group in ascendancy. Following calls for people to become a trustee Paul Tasker of Coles Lane came along to our last meeting and is prepared to become a trustee. He was welcomed into the group and brings a new and fresh dimension to the trustees. The AGM is also the time when the user groups nominate their trustee representative for the ensuing year.

The first meeting of the new management group meets straight afterwards and the first item on the agenda is the election of Officers. The trustees do the electing bit and to ensure impartiality Eric Crichton, our President takes the Chair for the election of the new Chairman.

Before all this happens we have got to get through the Village Quiz, this year being organised by the Gardening Club who were last year's winners and it is expected to be a good evening of fun especially for those who like to watch the jockeying for second place as the evening draws to a climax. Do come along, with Peter Dunkley having a hand in the questions it will definitely be a brain teaser but not of MASTERMIND proportions.

*Richard Lock*

## Victory for Food and Winers

THERE are still some spaces available for the trip to HMS *Victory* complete with meal on the gun deck. This is a rare opportunity and we had to give up our first choice to the First Sea Lord so if you are interested please contact Maureen on 837929 or Karen on 837186 for details. It promises to be a memorable evening with a stroll around the poop deck afterwards. For those that have searched Wikipedia for the nautical term 'spur lash' following the last *Reporter* were no doubt disappointed to learn that it had nothing whatsoever to do with the likes of Cynthia Payne. It was in fact the nickname of the 16lb cannon balls that litter the gun deck and so called because of the noise they made if dropped overboard! Anyway, you don't have to be a food and wine member to enjoy this experience, if there are places available, they will not be wasted.

### Where are we now Sid?

In June, Sid Coe (note the spelling Sid!) will be organising the very popular treasure hunt, but more about that in the next edition . . . well not too much, we want it to be a surprise and we can guarantee that you will see parts of Dorset you never expected to see or knew existed as you hunt for clues to get to the end game.

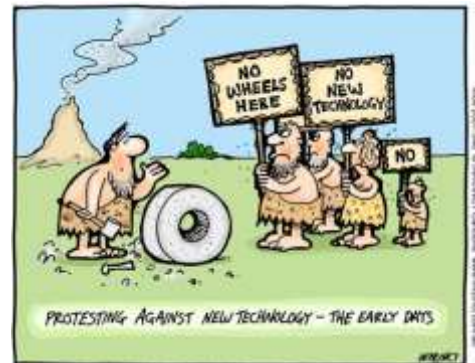
# Coffee, Cake and Computers

THE Friday morning drop-in will be closed on Good Friday, 22nd April and for the Royal Wedding on Friday 29th April.

We are pleased to let everyone know that we have just been awarded further funding of £1,000 from the Dorset Partnership for Older People Project (POPP). This money will be used to buy two of the latest tablet devices – the iPad 2, as soon as they are available.

Remember that the drop-in is open to everyone of all ages. It is not a club and we extend a warm welcome to all on Friday mornings in the Committee Room of the Village Hall between 10.00am and 12 noon.

*Ed and Rose Frost*



## News from The Milton Abbas and Milborne St. Andrew Surgery

### New doctor

We would like to welcome Dr Stephanie Dean who will be joining the surgery as a part time partner on 1st April 2011.

She has a special interest in Paediatrics (Child Health) and has three young children of her own. In the past she has been a partner in both a small and large practice in Southampton.

We would also like to welcome our new GP registrar Dr Rebecca Trickey. Dr Trickey is a fully qualified doctor who is with us for six months during her specialist qualification in general practice.

### New doctors rota from 4th April 2011

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Morning</b>	Dr Longley Dr Rees Dr Dean	Dr Longley Dr Rees	Dr Longley Dr Dean	Dr Rees Dr Dean	Dr Longley Dr Rees
<b>Afternoon</b>	Dr Longley Dr Rees	Dr Longley Dr Rees	Dr Longley Dr Dean	Dr Rees	Dr Longley Dr Rees

**Please note:** Monday mornings will be a shared rota. Two of the GPs will be on duty but this will change on a weekly basis.

Our advanced practitioner, Carol Rowland, will be working together with the duty doctor each morning in the Open Surgery.

### Bank holidays closures

**Friday 22nd April – Good Friday**

**Monday 25th April – Easter Monday**

**Friday 29th April – Royal Wedding**

**Saturday 30th April – Closed for re-decoration**

**Monday 2nd May – Early spring bank holiday**

We are closing the dispensary on Saturday 30th April to take advantage of the long bank holiday weekend for a much needed re-decoration of the dispensary. Please make a note to collect your medication before 6.00pm on Thursday 28th if you think you are likely to run out of your tablets etc during this time. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause, however we will need the full four days as the dispensary will need to be emptied and restocked either side of the decoration.

We would like also to ask for your help in collecting medication ordered before the bank holiday as quickly as possible. Many patients like to order in advance when there is a bank holiday due. This means that we have problems in finding space to store all of the made up bags of medication. Your help in the prompt collection of your medication would be much appreciated during this busy time.



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# Have you met . . . Trevor Mexson

Trevor was born on the 5th of March 1950 in Bexleyheath in Kent, the youngest of four children. There were difficulties during his birth when he did not get enough oxygen; consequently he was born with cerebral palsy. Trevor's father was an engineer, his mother a shorthand typist and they, along with his two brothers and his sister were, understandably, very protective of him as he grew up. Trevor's physical disabilities meant that he was able to go away to Vallance School – a specialist boarding school in Kent. He remembers his schooldays as being quite fun but not particularly demanding academically. The school was a big old house with lovely grounds and it was there that his schoolmates christened him "Doggie Ears". He tells me that, in those days, his ears stuck out from his head almost at right angles and were an obvious target for his schoolmates' humour.

When Trevor left school he got a job making up circuit boards ready for photo printing. He really enjoyed his work and the company of the other people in the factory.

In 1973 Trevor moved with his mother to Milborne St. Andrew into a brand new bungalow, which he still occupies. Despite his disabilities he was pretty mobile and got around the village a lot until he had a serious fall at home about four years ago. After that he became, more or less, confined to a wheelchair. Trevor also had a car but had to hand back his driver's licence because his eyesight – particularly his peripheral vision – deteriorated. All of this could have been devastating but the day after losing his licence he was on the phone to a mobility scooter supplier in Weymouth to arrange demonstrations of this alternative form of transport which he now uses with confidence.

We asked Trevor:

*What he felt about living in Milborne.* The positive community spirit and the friendliness of the people I meet. There are a few who treat me a bit like a child in the "does he take sugar" sort of way. I know they mean well but I am an intelligent full-grown man!

*There are downsides though.* The wheelchair-friendly buses which I used to use to get about are no longer in service on our village routes. Village pavements, particularly those in the older parts of Milborne, are not at all wheelchair friendly and garden hedges, overgrowing the pavement, make some routes almost impassable. I also have to ask for help at the village shop because I can't get up the step in my wheelchair. It was great when the Church made ramps available and I

can now get there almost independently. I know that the traffic lights at the pub are an annoyance for some people at the moment but for me it's great; I can get to and fro with ease! One particular annoyance is the presence of dog poo on the pavements. Removing it from the wheels of my chair is a real pain!



*Trevor's claim to fame.* Before I had my fall I was a member of the Dorchester PHAB (Physically Handicapped and Able Bodied) club. I was pretty good at archery and throwing the javelin and was selected to represent the club at the Games for the Disabled at Stoke Mandeville Hospital. This was before the Paralympic games became established. I was pretty good and might even have made the British team with the present arrangements. Now I'm involved in horse riding and am club secretary and treasurer for the Riding for the Disabled club at Kingston Maurward College.

*Who is your hero or inspiration?*

Douglas Bader. As you know, he lost both his legs in a flying accident but through sheer determination went on to overcome his disability and made a

massive contribution as a pilot in the Battle of Britain. I like to think that I don't let my disability stop me from doing the things that I want to do. (*Trevor's sister, Marian, commented that Trevor just gets on and does what he wants, often to the exasperation of those who care for him. She cites the examples of him losing his driving licence one day and getting a mobility scooter the next and travelling all the way to Puddletown to visit friends on his scooter and taking his charging equipment so that he could get back. He's game for almost anything!*)

*Have you had an embarrassing moment?* Not really. When you are disabled you are often in situations that able-bodied people would find difficult or embarrassing. I'm so used to it after all this time that I think nothing could embarrass me.

*Is there anything that you would really like to do that you have not yet managed?* I'm pretty busy most of the time and enjoy visiting the Church, pub, Moviola, Village Lunch and all those things. I have been on cruises and enjoyed visiting new places and seeing amazing sights. As far as I can think, the only thing I would really like to do would be to go up in a helicopter. I think that would be fantastic.

Dave Payne and I had a lovely time talking to Trevor. We were pleased that his sister, Marian, was able to share some anecdotes that Trevor might have been a little too modest to tell us about. Thank you very, very much for sharing your thoughts with us. Ed Frost

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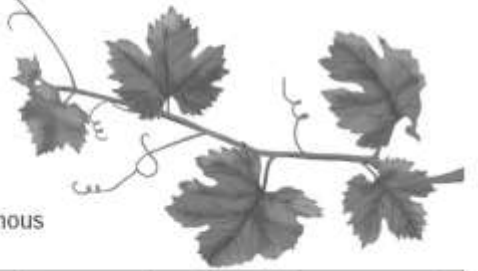
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Jon Riddle (left) and Gren Elphinstone Davies of The Milborne Players presenting a cheque of £250 to Mosaic's Director of Operations, Margaret Hannibal.

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## Community Message from Dorset Police Blandford SNT 21.03.2011

### Thefts from Unattended Motor Vehicles

UNFORTUNATELY over the weekend, we have suffered five breaks to unattended motor vehicles parked in various beauty spots around North Dorset. The better weather often sees an increase in the number of people going out into the countryside to enjoy the sunshine.

Please do not take your valuables out unless necessary. If you must, ensure you take them with you. Do not leave anything in the car to tempt a thief even if you think it appears hidden!

Kind Regards, Blandford SNT

## Ginger Oatie

### Ingredients

#### Base

- 8ozs Porridge Oats
- 4ozs Demerara sugar
- 4ozs Butter or margarine
- 2 teaspoons Ground Ginger
- 2 level tablespoons Golden Syrup

#### Topping

- 6 level tablespoon Icing sugar
- 3ozs Butter
- 1 level teaspoon Ground Ginger
- 3 level teaspoons Golden Syrup

### Method

1. Grease or line 7 inch dish.
2. Melt fat and syrup over low heat.
3. Pour into mixed dry ingredients and mix well
4. Cook for 20 minutes at 180°C, melt topping ingredients and mix together, pour melted topping over, whilst still hot, and allow to cool.



*June Maitland*

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## Traffic Light works!

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Turning right out of Chapel Street is now an absolute doddle and the noise of screeching tyres as drivers shot across the road with their eyes closed is now a thing of the past. Pedestrians are back in the ascendancy; not the cars and juggernauts helped by the ramped chicane around the Post Office catapulting them, like a slingshot, on their way up the hills.

People of all ages can now cross the road with ease and that includes young children on their way to the VH play park, parents with pushchairs taking their children to and from school, people visiting the Post Office and the Londis and returning laden with heavy bags of shopping and people with mobility problems and their Zimmer frames, etc. In fact with the lighter evenings, singing skylarks overhead and the occasional vole meandering up the Causeway, everything in the garden boxes is coming up roses, or is it primulas?

And what a clever idea to narrow the road outside The Royal Oak! Now that is a bit of inspirational thinking and a decision to be supported. The Pub is now a friendlier place on the outside as well as the inside and there is absolutely no fear now of leaving the pub and being sucked into the wake of speeding lorry, nor of having to wait for a break in the traffic to make a quick dash past.

It would have been nice to say that this combined 'pedestrian safety' initiative was a first in Dorset but anyone that travels up the A350 through Iwerne Minster will find that the same road narrowing scheme on a busy trunk road in the middle of a village is already in place!

Those of Cautionian tendencies will have great difficulty in convincing others that their vocal, but minority viewpoint has any credence any more. Vehicles aren't crashing into each other on the blind bend when they unexpectedly come across a red light district which was one of the red herrings swimming about.

The Parish Council have the outcome of the Parish Plan under their belt and we all have Andy and Sarah to thank for proving that the majority of people within the community were right to ask for a crossing and a safer road after all, so let's get on with it and make The Square a permanent red light district. No excuse this time, it works elsewhere and it can work here too. Put People First.

*Richard Lock*





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## Anthe's Moussaka (serves 4)

READING the 'Ask Millie' article last month reminded me of this vegetarian recipe which was given to me by a Greek Cypriot friend, Anthe. If you hate aubergines then substitute potatoes, they don't need brushing with oil or grilling. This is a great 'store-cupboard' recipe; the cinnamon works really well with the savoury flavours.

### Ingredients

3 large aubergines, sliced (or 6-8 cold, sliced, cooked potatoes old or new, no need to peel them)

Olive oil

2 garlic cloves, crushed

1 large onion chopped

1 red pepper, de-seeded and chopped

420g canned chopped tomatoes

2 tbsp. tomato puree

420g canned red kidney beans, drained and *lightly* mashed with a fork, don't squash them to a mush, but break the skins to allow the floury middle bit to mingle with the juices and absorb the flavours.

½ tsp. ground cinnamon

4 tbsp. red wine

4 tbsp. cornflour

1 pint milk

4oz. /120g cheddar cheese

1 egg

Salt and pepper

### Method

1. Pre-heat the oven to Gas mark 5/190°C/375°F.
2. Grease a baking sheet with olive oil, place the aubergine slices on it in one layer and brush them with oil. Bake them for 20 minutes. Keep the oven at this temperature.
3. Meanwhile, heat 2 tbsp. olive oil in a saucepan and cook the onion gently for 5 minutes, then add the garlic and red pepper for a further 5 minutes. Then add the tomatoes, tomato puree, beans, cinnamon, wine and seasoning. Simmer for a further 10 minutes.
4. Mix the cornflour with a little of the milk in a saucepan and then add the rest of the milk. Cook over a moderate heat, stirring frequently until thickened. Stir in half the cheese, season. Allow the sauce to cool slightly and then stir in the lightly beaten egg.
5. Arrange half the aubergine (or potato) slices in the base of an oven proof dish. Spoon over half the bean mixture, then half of the cheese sauce. Repeat the layers finishing with cheese sauce. Finally, scatter over the remaining cheese.
6. Bake in the oven for about one hour, until golden and bubbling. Serve with salad and garlic bread or lemon bread (substitute finely grated lemon zest and lots of black pepper in the butter instead of garlic).

Rose Frost



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## Champions retain their titles in

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TUESDAY 8th March saw the return of last year's successful competition and with an increase in contestants another age band was added. 18 children arrived to try and eat as many pancakes as they could in one minute. We split the group into two, *10 years and under* and *over 10 years* with tissues, buckets and a stop watch to hand. Supported by parents and friends Peter Riddle retained his



title following an eat off with Niall Summers (second place) and Beth Leonard coming a close third in the *10's and under*. The *over 10's* was dominated by the eventual winner Aaron Joyce with sisters Charlotte and Lucy Delamare coming in second and third. The adults section was much more competitive and was won by last year's champion Dan Amey, followed by Austin Steele and Rob Moore. Thanks to all those who came and took part or supported.

### A right royal knees-up

THE Royal Oak cordially invites you to celebrate the wedding of HRH Prince William of Wales and Miss Kate Middleton on Friday 29th April from 10.00am

Why not nominate a street/group ambassador and organise your own street party but have it in the grounds of The Royal Oak. You can bring your own plate of food, trestle tables and chairs and still enjoy the village feel of the day. We will be showing the celebrations on our TV screens, including one in the garden, and have booked the fantastic band JIGSAW to play from 9.00pm. Why not dig out your wedding dresses, bridesmaid dresses or morning suits and let's see how many bridal parties Milborne St. Andrew can have on the day.

If you wish to participate then please let The Royal Oak know so that they can accommodate as many streets/groups as possible 01258 837248 or theroyaloakmilborne@hotmail.com.

### Charity Car Boot Sale a MASSIVE SUCCESS

THE boot sale held at The Royal Oak and Heathcote House on Sunday 20th March in aid of the Ectodermal Dysplasia Society was a huge success on all levels. It was very well attended by buyers as well as sellers and raised a massive £664 for the Ectodermal Dysplasia Society. With stalls ranging from Cakes and Pies, Plants and general Bric-a-Brac many of the village charitable groups namely Ladybirds, St. Andrews Church, The Wednesday Social Club, Busy Bees and The Milborne Players also benefitted from the generosity of the buyers.

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Women's Institute	Linda Wright	01258 839255

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# Community Events Diary

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

## April

- Saturday 2nd **Spring Sale** and Coffee Morning in Dewlish Village Hall, 10.30am–12 noon – see page 5.
- Sunday 3rd **Mothering Sunday** Family Communion 9.30am – see page 5.
- Wednesday 6th **Wednesday Club** presentation on Fair-trade and Easter Bonnet competition – see page 3.  
**Moviola** “The King’s Speech” Village Hall 8.00pm.
- Saturday 9th **Village Quiz** Village Hall 7.00pm.  
**Weatherbury Singers Come and Sing** – see last month’s Events page.
- Wednesday 13th **Village Hall AGM** Village Hall 7.00pm.
- Thursday 14th **WI** Annual Meeting and “Hanging Baskets” presented by Gerry Spivey. Village Hall 7.30pm.  
**Ranter’s Folk Club** Sports Club.
- Friday 15th **Easter Day** 1662 Parish Communion St. Andrew’s Church 9.30am.
- Sunday 24th **10th Anniversary Celebrations.** Milborne St. Andrew First School 4.30pm–7.30pm – see page 27.
- Wednesday 27th **Royal Wedding.**

## May

- Sunday 15th **Gardening Club Plant Sale** Village Hall.
- Saturday 21st **Dance** Memory Lane Swing Band. Village Hall 7.30pm – see page 3.
- Monday 30th **Cream Tea** Royal British Legion Puddletown & District Branch. Parish Room, Puddletown, 2.30pm until 5.30pm.

## July

- Saturday 30th **Milton Abbas Street Fair.**

## Moviola presents **The King’s Speech** (12A)

**Milborne St. Andrew Village Hall**

**Wednesday 6th April at 8.00pm**

THE King’s Speech is a riveting, intimate account of how a British king triumphed over a speech impediment with the help of an unorthodox speech coach. It is based on the true story of King George VI (Colin Firth), who has suffered from a debilitating speech impediment all his life. He is suddenly crowned King George VI of England after the scandalous abdication of King Edward VIII (Guy Pearce). With his country on the brink of war and in desperate need of a leader, his wife, Elizabeth (Helena Bonham Carter), the future Queen Mother, arranges for her husband to see an eccentric speech therapist, Lionel Logue (Geoffrey Rush). The performances of Firth and Rush as the movie’s central characters are both superb, with Firth in particular doing a stunningly convincing job, portraying the king as a man who was both fragile and extremely courageous. We all have our troubles to overcome in life and this film gives a warm, richly funny and highly enjoyable human story that takes an intriguing sideways glance at a crucial period in 20th-century history.

The film is beautifully shot with the sets and costumes reflecting the times perfectly and the highest standard of sartorial excellence is adhered to at all times. The eponymous speech – a famous address given by the monarch to rally the nation and the empire at the beginning of World War II is delivered at the end of the film and is, like the rest of it, done masterfully.

“Made in Dagenham” in March was pretty much a sellout, so **booking is essential for “The King’s Speech”.**

Tickets £5.00. To book your ticket contact Alice Harrall on 01258 837371 or email <msa.moviola@gmail.com>.

Film starts 8.00pm, doors open 7.45pm (We regret that the public cannot be admitted before 7.45pm due to Health and Safety with setting up for the film.)

Alice Harrall

## Regular Bookings at the Village Hall

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**Computer drop-in session** Monday 6.30–7.30pm CR (starting soon)  
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**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  
**Coffee, Cake and Computers** 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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- 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

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**Hotpot Supper and Quiz** at 7.30 for 8.00pm supper and quiz at 9.00pm on Saturday 2nd April. Contact Roger Harrall Tel. 837371 or email roger.harrall@gmail.com

**Table Tennis** from 7.00pm to 9.00pm every Monday evening. Contact Sandra Shannon Tel. 837253

**Bingo** at 7.30pm on Saturday 9th April – all welcome. Further details contact Bob Mowlem on 01305 751930 or email bobmowlem@btinternet.com

**Football Adult football training** – Tuesday evening – contact Paul Morgan 01258 / 837619 email morgan56@btinternet.com or Matt Hall email matttoon@hotmail.co.uk

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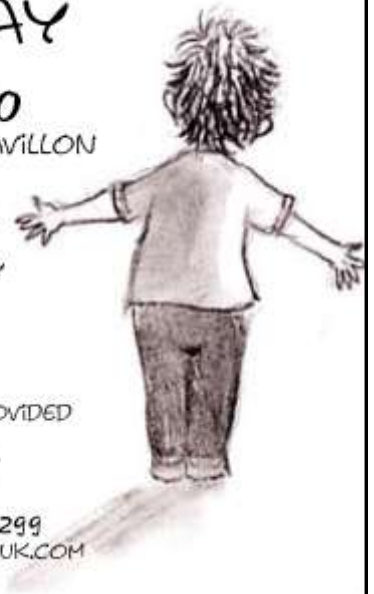
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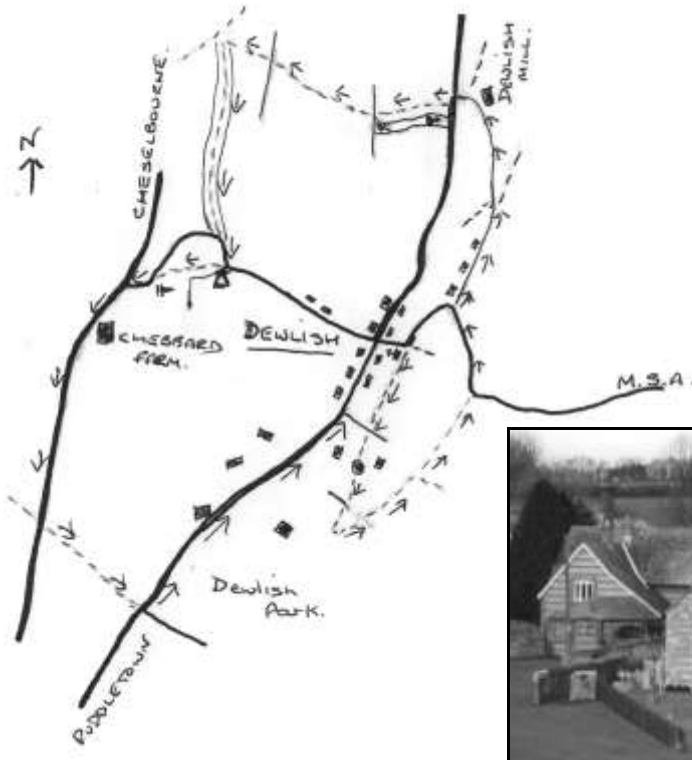
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# A walk along paths and country lanes around Dewlish

Distance – 5½ miles Can be muddy in places



PARK carefully in the centre of Dewlish. From the cross roads walk downhill past the church to the left-hand bend, cross over the stile ahead of you and turn right. Cross one more stile as you walk around the edge of the churchyard, then take the footpath straight ahead across the field. In front of you can be seen the remains of a medieval settlement.

Head for a triple stile which leads into Dewlish Park. Bear very slightly left to head for a clump of trees surrounded by a wooden fence, the footpath goes through this area of trees. Once out of the trees

head for the bridge over Devil's Brook, after crossing the stream turn slightly to the right and walk uphill to a stile on the edge of the woodland. Once over this stile follow the path for a few metres and then turn sharp left onto the bridleway, the path climbs for a while before levelling off and continuing to a road. Turn left onto the road and walk downhill, there are good views to your left of Dewlish and the church.

At the bottom of the hill turn right along a track (note sign "not suitable for motor vehicles"). Continue, passing quite a few houses on your left. After about 750 metres the path divides, take the centre track, the one without a gate (it is not sign-posted). Continue until you can see Dewlish Mill ahead of you, turn left here over the stream and on towards the road.

Cross the road and take the bridleway in the field running parallel to the woodland on your left, at the end of the field go through a gateway (straight ahead) and continue up the side of the next field. At the top go through another gateway and follow a well defined path across a cropped field, and head for a wicket gate.

Pass through the wicket gate and turn left along the edge of a narrow field, keeping the hedge on your left, continue along these narrow fields until you come to a phone mast. Cross the road and take the footpath to the right in front of the mast, follow the fence on your left until you come to its corner. Leave the fence boundary and head for a telegraph pole

at the bottom of the field – it is a steep descent so take care. To the right of the telegraph pole there is a gate out onto the road.

Turn left along the road and continue past Chebbard Farm, after about 750 metres look out for bridleway sign. Take the left hand path and follow the edge of the field to reach another road, this is the road from Puddletown to Dewlish. Turn left onto the road, there is a slight incline to start with and then it levels out as it passes Dewlish Park on the right. Continue into the village passing the "Oak at Dewlish" on your way back to your car.

*Anne Snape*



## Weather in Milborne St. Andrew February 2011

RAIN was recorded on all but one day in February but amounts were generally quite small and it was a damp month rather than a wet month. Total rainfall for the month was 78.0mm which was 96% of average. The wettest day of the month was the 13th with 13.8mm of rain. This was the day of the Point-To-Point races in Milborne. Fog occurred on 7 days and air frosts occurred on only 2 nights. The total winter rainfall (December-February) was 249.8mm which was 60.0mm less than my 40 year average.

February 2011 was the mildest February I have recorded in 41 years with an average temperature of 6.82°C. The last mild February was in 1995 with an average temperature of 6.71°C. In contrast to this, February 1986 was the coldest calendar month I have ever recorded. The average temperature that month was -2.9°C. Frost occurred on every night during that month with the daytime temperature rarely getting above freezing and it was one of the driest months I have ever recorded. The river Stour became frozen completely across at Sturminster Newton at that time.

With the earthquakes in New Zealand and Japan being continually in the news recently it is interesting to note that there are several hundred earthquakes recorded by the British Geological Survey in the UK each year. Most of them are too faint to be noticed by the population and those that are noticed cause little damage. The last damaging earthquake in the UK was in 1906 at Swansea when a 5.2 earthquake damaged buildings and caused the Mumbles lighthouse to 'wobble on its foundations'.  
*Pluvius*

## Family Announcements

### In Memoriam

Michael (Badger) Way 24th April 2010  
Michael, you left us a year ago and we will never forget you. You are always in our hearts and minds, always watching over us. You are the brightest star in the sky.

We miss you so much Michael, you were so special to us. Your sister Veronica, nephew Paul and brother David.

### Birthday Celebration

Wednesday 6th April Wednesday Club will be 35 years old.

To add your Family Announcement to this new column send it to [reporter@milbornestandrew.org.uk](mailto:reporter@milbornestandrew.org.uk) together with your name and address (not for publishing)



Is it someone's birthday next month, is it an anniversary, or birth, or wedding? Send us the words you would like to use (up to 30) and maybe a simple photo. We need it before the 20th of the month, and we'll try and include it

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# Ask Millie

– your problems solved



**Last month's problem**

In reply to the carnivore with a fussy vegetarian friend.

**Millie says** – She is your friend, and you should respect her vegetarian views, even if you don't share them. Not all vegetarian food is as dull as you describe. Why not ask for pizza or cheese and onion pie or macaroni and cauliflower cheese. They are simple dishes which, when home-made with care, can taste sublime and will be enjoyed by everyone, veggie or not. Friendship is much more important than doing without meat for one meal.

**Dear Millie,**

A neighbour has put up a home-made NO PARKING sign in front of her house, has this any legality? It drives me mad to see signs put up everywhere and frankly they are an eyesore. Would I be breaking any laws if I quietly removed it?

**Millie says** – Where do I start? Milborne seems to be the world epicentre for officious little signs. I have a theory that they are put up by people who used to be prefects when they were at school, but never quite made head boy/girl. Some signs are of the Health and Safety variety. I saw a typical example in a pub this week, the wood burning stove had an A3 sized notice on it saying 'BEWARE HOT SURFACES' There are other signs which issue stern instructions such as 'Keep off the grass' or 'Don't pick the daffodils'. I don't know about you, but whenever I see one of these signs, I have a sudden wicked impulse to do the opposite. Most people in our village are law abiding and reasonable, the others are certainly not going to be influenced by an annoying little sign. Some signs, however, brighten the day. I spotted a temporary road sign near Bere Regis recently which said 'Cat's eyes removed' and someone had written underneath 'only £20 a cat'.



As to breaking the law if you removed the sign: Your neighbour has the right to put up any sign they wish on their own property so long as it is not offensive. If you remove their sign then, technically, it is theft and the police could be asked to investigate.

**Next month's problem –**

**Dear Millie,**

I have a neighbour who is an absolute 'star.' She is always doing me favours such as fetching my newspaper when I am ill and babysitting at a moment's notice. However, I can't keep accepting favours from her without doing anything in return. She is very self-sufficient and never seems to need any help. Have you any suggestions as to how I can repay her kindness?

Dear Editor

The children in the picture from 1983 on page three of last month's Reporter are left to right: Arthur Case, Sally Foote, not known, Gordon Sutcliffe (my grandson), not known, not known, Michelle Stickland, Chris Brown and James Gould. Front row, Teresa Hanger.

Gordon now lives in Peru with his wife and daughter. Mrs Joyce Thorne

Thank you Joyce, it prompted us to try and get all the other names. See page 3. Editors

Dear Editor

On Sunday 8th May I hope to compete in the British Heart Foundation Dorset Bike Ride. I would like someone to come along with me for company on the day (or before for a bit of practice), although if it's anything like last year there were nearly 2,000 other people taking part. The route I am proposing to do is 25 miles, but there are 50 and 66 mile routes if you want something a bit more challenging.

The ride starts and finishes at Wimborne and you can start anytime between 9.00 and 10.30pm. I hear there is a ladies' cycling group in the village, so with a bit more practice there is nothing to stop some of them taking part as a group. If you would like to accompany me or would like more information then give me a call on 837700.

David Payne

Dear Editor

I don't know about you but now we have had a taste of traffic lights on the A354 outside The Royal Oak wouldn't it be great to have them there full time? It certainly makes going to the pub a lot easier and it's a lot safer coming out. David Payne



The bench and planters now in place at the Milton Road junction.

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# Homewatch Newsletter

## Blandford South, February 2011

### Local incidents in February

Date	Village	Incident	Location
1st	Milborne St. Andrew	Burglary - Dwelling - Cash Stolen	Milborne St. Andrew
3rd	Milton Abbas	Criminal Damage - Vehicle - Panels Keyed	Milton Abbas
8th	Milton Abbas	Theft - Cash Stolen	Milton Abbey
9th	Winterborne Kingston	Criminal Damage - Dwelling - Window Smashed	Broad Close
15th	Milborne St. Andrew	Theft - Conifer Trees Stolen	Milton Road
21st	Milton Abbas	Theft - Silage Bales Stolen	Milton Abbas
23rd	Milton Abbas	Theft - Gardening Equipment Stolen	Milton Abbey
24th	Milborne St. Andrew	Burglary - Outbuilding - Nothing Stolen	Milborne St. Andrew

### Crime Prevention

Members of the Blandford SNT are able to conduct Crime Prevention Surveys on properties to give specific recommendations around security. These 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.

The quicker police get good information, the faster we can positively act on it. All information is treated with care and it is all put together to form a big picture. Please call us with any information you have, no matter how small it seems. It might be the final piece of the puzzle.

Kind Regards

PC Dave Mullins and PCSO Luke Goddard

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## Latest news on malicious letters

ON Tuesday 22nd March 2011, Dorset Police received a number of calls relating to malicious letters being sent to a large number of properties in Milborne St Andrew. All letters received were sent from the North West Midlands and as such, Officers from West Midlands Police are dealing with the crime. The letters were all generic and no particular property was targeted. A number of unopened letters were seized by Police to be forensically examined along with a large quantity of opened ones. Any further letters received are not required by Police and may be disposed of. Thank you.

*Received by the Reporter on 25th March*

# THE RURAL 'G'

## Homewatch Newsletter Blandford Rural February 2011

### Public diligence pays dividends

FOLLOWING a call to Dorset Police, immediately after suspicious circumstances were observed, three males were arrested. A member of the public diligently took vehicle details and descriptions of the occupants of the vehicle and phoned the Police without delay.

Blandford SNT, accompanied by local Patrol Officers were able to act efficiently and effectively following the report, who had just witnessed a theft of a large quantity of scrap metal from Shillingstone. Whilst on route to the scene, Officers found the offending vehicle on the A354 Blandford By-pass, pursued it and were able to stop it shortly after. The stolen scrap was recovered and the three males on board were subsequently arrested on suspicion of theft.

This incident pertinently highlights the need for reports of suspicious circumstances, thefts or anything else you deem as important for the Police to be aware of, to be reported to us as soon as practicable. The sooner we know the information, the sooner we can act on it.

### Blandford robbery

On Monday 7th February, a robbery took place at Chaffers Estate Agents, Salisbury Street. Police were immediately on scene, however the offender had already fled. The offender was described as 5'8", wearing all black clothing, a black balaclava and white latex gloves. Approximately £200 in cash was stolen but thankfully no one was hurt during the incident. Dorset Police Criminal Investigation Department (CID) are still investigating the robbery, and are urging anyone with any information regarding this matter, please contact Dorset Police on 01202 222 222 quoting crime number C:11:D:005758 or anonymously to Crime Stoppers 0800 555 111.

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# Village Hall Quiz

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## In your Garden

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

### Planning the Planting

IT was my love of gardening that first attracted me into the world of garden design and learning more about growing plants and how to use them to create the best effect in the garden.

After planning the layout of your garden and choosing the hard landscaping (paving, walls etc), the next part of the design is to clothe the garden with plants. Choosing the plants is, for most people, the most enjoyable aspect of the design process. Colour can be provided in both foliage and flowers. However, flowers are often fleeting and seasonal, whereas foliage can give you colour, interest and structure all year.

Look at your plan, or view your garden from an upstairs window and imagine what it will look like when you add the plants. Look at height, structure and form – especially with the evergreens, and then think about adding the deciduous plants and perennials. This is a good time to consider whether you want a formal approach with lots of clean lines – neat and tidy or informal and cottagey with soft colours and lots of billowy shapes.

When you are planning your garden from scratch, start with the trees placed at strategic points, then add in the feature plants and/or focal points – *Viburnum plicatum* ‘*Mariesii*’ with its tiered layers makes a great focal plant, so does *Fatsia japonica* and *Chamaerops humilis* (Chusan Palm). Then add in the shrubs – a good ratio is 1:3 evergreen to deciduous. This will give you enough colour in the winter to keep the garden interesting. Finally add the perennials – in fill between the shrubs with all those plants that give you lovely flower colours. Remember the height and spread of all the plants you want to use and make sure that you allow enough room for growth. Remember too, the aspect – some plants need sun and others need a shady spot.

Don't put all the tall plants at the back of the border. Treat height like rhythm – it should flow backwards and forward through the borders. Use tall plants like *Verbascum*, *Verbena bonariensis* and foxgloves to interrupt the low planting and relieve the monotony. Use



short lived plants such as rosemary and *Cistus* as semi-permanent stop gaps while you are waiting for the other plants to grow.

Planted areas need to be as wide as possible – plants often get much larger than you originally thought they would. Shrubs, perennials and climbers cannot create a wonderful effect in a narrow strip, especially near a wall where the soil is often dry, or near a hedge. That reminds me – if you do plant a border next to a hedge remember it has to be even wider to allow for growth during the

summer and so that you can clip it and remove the clippings. You may even want to leave a grass strip between the hedge and the border to make maintenance easier.

There may be focal points already in the garden or on the boundaries. A *Robinia frisia* tree or a *Aucuba japonica* ‘*Variegata*’ hedge cannot be ignored because of its yellow colour and you will have to work with



it. If you add some yellow plants into the planting scheme it will provide unity with the hedge or Robinia tree and it will make the garden appear larger. I like to introduce some contrast into the border with dark leaved plants such as *Phormium* ‘*Bronze Baby*’, *Physocarpus* ‘*Diabolus*’,



*Pittosporum* ‘*Tom Thumb*’, *Actea simplex* ‘*Brunette*’ and plants with blue flowers such as *Agapanthus* and *Hebe* ‘*Great Orme*’.

Obviously the choice is endless but if you can narrow down your choices and keep to a theme, your garden will look great.



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## Casterbridge Probus Club would welcome new members

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Probus Clubs were originally formed by retiring members of the Rotary organisation but soon acquired independence and now exist in a number of different countries. Each club is totally independent but all have the common aim of providing a social network for retired professional and business people in their area (Probus). The Casterbridge Club draws members from around the Dorchester area, including Osmington and Weymouth.

Current members come from a wide range of professions and skills with a common interest in local life and active retirement. In addition to the monthly lunch meeting, there is also a programme of social occasions and country walks to which partners and friends are invited.

Anyone interested in learning more about the Club can contact the President, Dick Palframan on 01305 251599 or the Secretary, Francis Copeman on 01305 848499.

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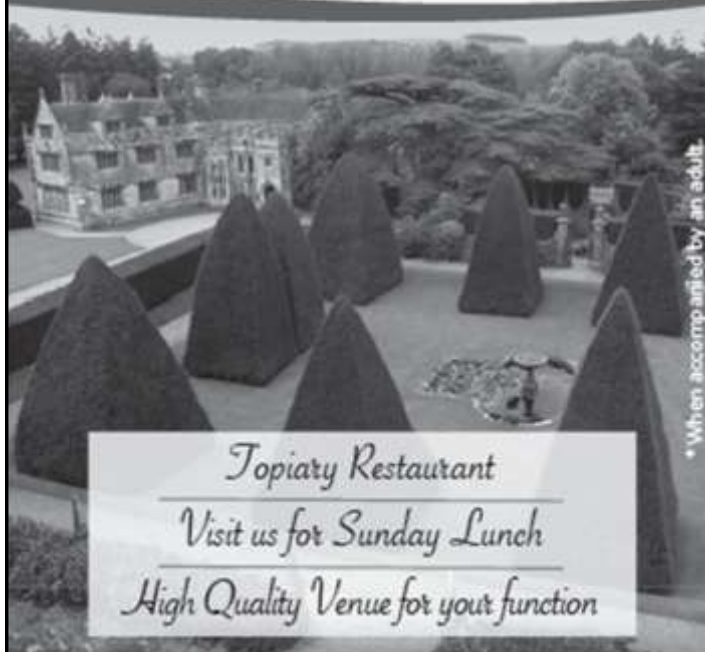
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# Milborne St. Andrew First School



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## School News

### **Bonjour!**

That's the word that's been heard around school for the last few weeks as we enjoyed our whole school topic on France. The children have been thoroughly enjoying learning more of the French language, but also about the French way of life and culture. There have been a wide range of activities – boules competitions, sittings for painting the Mona Lisa and a very popular Milborne Tour De France. It was a cold morning when many of the children took to



their bikes to complete a circuit around the playground. The supporters waved their flags and cheered loudly to encourage their classmates on. Of course the learning would not have been complete without enjoying some French cuisine and the children welcomed hot chocolate and



croissants at a visit to a French café. There was even a trip by plane to France for the children. Once they had completed the security checks before boarding, listened to the safety briefings and cleared customs in France they were met by a guide before touring the Louvre and playing some



traditional French games. We were joined by pupils from St. Mary's Middle School, who helped our guides. If we needed any evidence that the children were keen to learn from an early age, it came when they asked if they could write poetry in French rather than English and the art that has been displayed around the school has shown some real talent, with great work inspired by Renoir and Monet. As always these events don't organise themselves and are the result of our dedicated staff and keen volunteers, to whom we all say Merci!



Red Nose Day was a day to dress up in our red clothes for Comic Relief. During assembly the children also told jokes to make us laugh (or in some cases groan!). Including a cake sale of Red Nose cakes after school we raised £200 for the charity

Before we break for the Easter holidays we are now planning our 10th anniversary celebrations. We hope that as many of you as possible will be able to join us on Wednesday 27th April between 4.30pm and 7.30pm for fun and games. We would like to welcome as many past pupils and people connected with the school as possible, so please pass the details on to those you know.

Thank you to all those people who came forward with offers of a piano. We are just in the process of moving a few items around in school to create more space and will get in touch with you as soon as possible to see if any are suitable.



## 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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## Rainbow Pre-School

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Ofsted have endorsed our selection of a new play leader, saying that Denise "has a very clear vision for the future development of Rainbow and lots of ideas about how to take Rainbow forward in order to improve outcomes for children".

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Granby came out for the second half with intent but the Laneenders back four of Ross Heaton, Carl Tewkesbury, Mark Lambert and Karl Dean were looking strong with Lambert having a particularly fine performance. Now playing with the wind, Milborne added a second after fifty-two minutes when the hard working Paul Myatt closed down a wind held clearance before driving the ball in to the far corner from about sixteen yards. The Laneenders were now playing some assured football with Paul Aston playing superbly in the middle of the park alongside the influential Kibler. Another goal looked on the cards and this came after about fifty-five minutes when the impressive Rob Hunter, returning after a spell with Chickereell, cut in from the right flank and, surprisingly, rather than shooting, laid the ball back square for Kibler to add to his impressive tally for the season with a shot in to the bottom corner. More chances came, with Oldham adding an extra dimension to the team, but Milborne were profligate in their finishing and Granby never gave up the fight and were unlucky not to grab at least a consolation goal.

Unfortunately, Milborne suffered a horrendous run of injuries earlier in the season which has affected results, but this performance shows they are capable of competing and, indeed, beating the best in this division when they have a full squad at their disposal.

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