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Let us know what's on your mind!

SO, when was the last time you 'tweeted'? Maybe you are not into the whole social media, Facebook, Twitter or even email revolution but, the *Reporter* is proud to announce our new monthly column. A place to air your thoughts about the topics in question, start discussions within our community and, hopefully, give a little laughter to our readers.

To get involved, you can follow our 'tweets' on line (or the topic proposed for the next issue) and deliver your anonymous one-liners (no more than 140 characters) to us in one of the following ways . . .

- Send an email to reporter@milbornestandrew.org.uk
- Post a note to 3 Huntley Down
- Air your thoughts on our Facebook page



The Positive Tweets:

- Hurrah for the bench and planters – at long last!
- Good design of bench and planters. Suits our village.
- The corner is transformed, a great start to the "new look" for Milborne. Makes a good impression as people drive through the village.
- Nice to see people sitting on the new bench, chatting and looking cheerful in the sunshine.
- New stuff in Milborne St. Andrew! Great! Now what's next I wonder?

And, of course, the not so positive – Sour you might say:

- Can you guess how long it will be until it is damaged? What about all the maintenance?
- This bench is in the wrong place, a complete waste of money. I don't expect anyone will use it except drunks.
- Why do we want to "pretty up" the village?
- Anyone sitting on the bench could be killed or injured by traffic turning into Milton Road.

All of the above are genuine comments made to members of the *Reporter* team.

Next Month's Tweet: What do you think of the facilities in and around the village for people under 18?

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Your parish council in your village – April meeting

WE have two more co-opted members of the Parish Council, hopefully meaning that the tasks are spread more evenly and there is not the embarrassment of too few members to make decisions at any meetings. Phillip Smith and Dean Hamilton have volunteered to become councillors and have been accepted by the present PC.

None of the District or County Councillors were able to attend, due to the short notice, and also the health of Michael Cox, the council and the village send their best wishes to Michael and Hilary. Della Jones, our representative on the District Council, sent a message which included the advice that local PC's need to get together to carry out and FUND new responsibilities being devolved down from NDDC.

The saga of the Parish Plan is drawing to a close and it has been accepted, will be printed (with a colour front sheet) for those unable to access it electronically. It will be available from the Post Office, and also at the Annual Meeting, and online on the village website (www.milbornestandrew.org.uk).

Milton Road Corner is practically complete, just waiting for the bin to arrive. The PC thanks Andy Fox for making the planters, the *Reporter* for sponsoring the bench, Gerry Spivey for the spring bulbs (which will be lovely next year) and Ian Rogers for some compost. Thanks and apologies to the Gardening Club, thanks for obtaining the prices, and apologies as the budget wasn't enough. The compost and polyanthus plants were just over £42. Plans now need to be moved on for summer flowers, plus a volunteer for regular watering.

Other significant items are elsewhere in the magazine.

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

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An eyesore and a blight

THAT is the description of the mostly demolished bungalow in Little England in a communication from Dr Brian Parkinson to the Parish Council. It is alleged that the site is not secure, and that it is attracting vermin. Dr Parkinson is to consider issuing a "blight" notice, as it is putting off potential viewing to his house, and is reducing its value. The PC is to write to the developer, as it feels that they have "scant regard to the people of the village to leave the plot in this condition". It is thought that the bungalow may have been originally demolished to prevent the necessity of paying Council Tax on an empty property. When so many of our local youngsters have to move out of the village to get affordable housing, it could be seen as a thoughtless act. What do you think?

Sue Gould

Calling all youngsters between 5 and 15 years old!

THE Wednesday Club have asked me to help celebrate their 35th year by organising a short show on Saturday afternoon 4th June at the Village Hall.

I am planning to do a short narration and two or three songs from "Joseph and his Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" together with a couple of other songs for the youngest performers.



Rehearsals will be at the Village Hall during half term week on Wednesday 1st June and Thursday 2nd June (both at 3.30 to 5.00pm) with the show on the Saturday at 2.45pm.

This will be a "fun" time with a chance to have a go on the village stage!

Please could you email or telephone me as soon as possible to express an interest in joining in - I already have some names but need many more!

Hope to hear from you!

Melva 01258 837453 or email: melva.sid@btinternet.com

Wednesday Social Club

35th Anniversary Celebration

WEDNESDAY 6th April. A packed afternoon's programme with 49 members renewing their membership. Eric Austin gave a presentation on how Fair Trade was brought about. It was very interesting and thought provoking, at the end of the presentation a film was shown which included a boy, who could have been no more than ten singing with such deep feeling "Can you tell me why?" It was very moving. Eric took £80.90 on the Fair Trade Stall.

Eva Stockley made the delicious celebration cake with Fair Trade products where possible. The cake was beautifully decorated with the club logo. We toasted the club's health with wine and Bucks Fizz! The cake was cut by two of the club's longest serving members; Trevor Mexson, whose mother was one of the founder members he used to attend the meetings with her and has since become a member himself and



Margaret Evans who joined the club during the late seventies, deputized for Ivy Dawe age 91 who was unable to attend the meeting.

Eric judged the Easter Hat Parade ably assisted by Melva Coe. Kay Parnaby won the ladies' prize and Neville Kirk won the men's.



The Royal Oak Charity Car Boot Sale: the Wednesday Club donated the takings from the morning of £48.00. Thank you to the members for donating the bric-a-brac and supporting the event.

On Saturday 21st May we have the Swing Band at the Village Hall with a buffet. Please see separate advertisement on page 8.

Saturday 4th June, Cream Tea with Milborne Young Performers giving a cameo performance of "Joseph and his Technicolor Dreamcoat". Please see separate advertisement (opposite).

We look forward to seeing you at the above events.

E Richardson

What did you do on the day of the ROYAL WEDDING? Send us your pictures and stories, and we'll publish as many as we can next month


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Picnic on the moon

'WHATEVER NEXT' by Jill Murphy inspired Ladybird children to think about what it would be like to travel to the moon. Like the bear in the story a picnic was packed and the children pretended they had flown to the moon and shared a picnic there.



On the last day of term the older children had a lovely day at Milborne First School joining in the egg rolling tradition. Congratulations to Georgina whose egg went furthest. After break the children joined in with the activities that the reception class were involved in. This is part of the transition programme to help our children become familiar with big school before starting there in September. We thank Mrs Purdy and her team particularly Mrs Greening for accommodating us.

Liz Dyer



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by

Teresa Holmes-Thompson

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Do you know about the obelisk?

IT is a stone tower in the centre and highest point of Wetherby Castle, and was featured on the front page of the *Reporter* last Autumn.

Back in the late 1980's or even earlier a public fund was set up to restore it, as, at that time, it was in a poor state of repair. With public subscription, and a grant from NDDC, the works were carried out satisfactorily. When the fund was looked at by our new Parish Clerk, very little could be discovered. We now know that it was a Post Office account, and that is now has £2,423.72 in it. We also know that the PC have checked with the farmer, Mr Frampton, who confirms there is access to the obelisk to allow for further maintenance. But the fund is in an imaginary "ice block" as there is no record of who the signatories are and the Post Office cannot reveal any details, due to the Data Protection Act.

Usually the Parish Council set up this type of account, which would have been controlled by them, however, this fund was set up separate to the council; it is called "Obelisk Fund". The Parish Council, and those villagers who care about the Obelisk, would like to find out who the signatories are, any information would be appreciated.

Discussions with English Heritage has confirmed that the structure is not listed, which is unfortunate, however they said they would be speaking to both Dorset County Council and NDDC conservation on the subject and would report back to the PC in due course.

Holy Orders win by a whisker

THE annual Village Hall quiz was won by a team from St. Andrew's Church who called themselves "Holy Orders". The quiz was organised this year by the Gardening Club (last year's winners) with questions prepared and presented by Peter Dunkley. Peter was the star of the show with his wit and command of the proceedings which he, more than once, had to control, thanks to a number of unruly elements in other teams. The contest initially ended in a draw between the Church bell-ringers team (aptly called the Clangers) and the Holy Orders. Peter's "Evil Tie-Breaker" questions eventually settled the competition with the Holy Orders correctly answering a question a fraction of a second before the Clangers.


Nine teams, representing all sorts of village groups, took part in the competition and £78.00 was raised for Village Hall funds.



The winning team accepting the Quiz shield from Sally Dyer of the Gardening Club. Left to right: Roger Harrall, Pam Shults, Linda Wright and Eva Stockley.

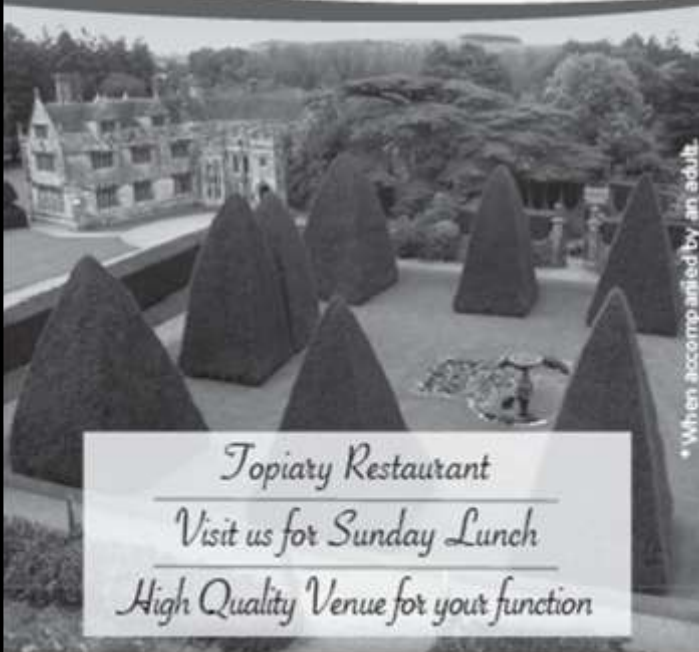
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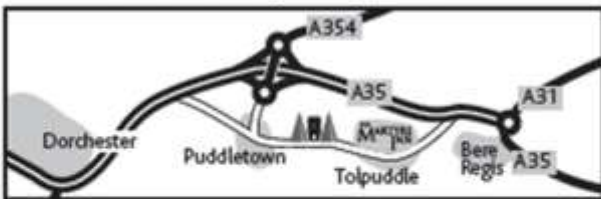
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SEVERAL staff members from Dorchester Police Station and a member of staff from Leonard Cheshire Disability are to tackle the West Highland and Great Glen Way Dorchester Police Staff Challenge.

Calling themselves the Dorchester Stompers, the happy band of intrepid walkers are being put through their paces by Tony Freudenfeld, a Milborne resident (and regular of The Royal Oak), who is station desk officer at the police station in the county town.

He has the responsibility of knocking the walkers into shape, and as the resident professional ensuring that a correct training programme is adhered to.

Each member of the group has been touched in some way by cancer, and all proceeds from this venture will go to the Weldmar Hospicecare Trust.

The Dorchester Stompers – PCSOs Mark Wodarek-Black, Sarah Pilcher and Vickie Hedges, Inspector Geoff Hicks, PC Kris Heron, Daniel Ling from Leonard Cheshire Disability, and Wendy Bainbridge, a clinical supervisor from the Joseph Weld Hospice – are challenging themselves to walk almost a marathon a day for a period of seven days. Setting out at the beginning of May and staying at hostels and campsites along the way, they will cover a distance of 175 miles through some of Scotland’s most breathtaking scenery.

The journey starts at Milngarvie, the start of the West Highland Way, and carries on to the town of Fort William. From there they will tackle Ben Nevis.

Following their descent they will pick up the Great Glen Way and stride on up to Inverness and their final destination.

If you are interested in sponsoring the Dorchester Stompers, Tony’s sponsor form is available at The Royal Oak or contact either the Joseph Weld Hospice, or Dorchester Police Station.



The Dorchester Stompers with Sue Leighton of Weldmar Hospicecare Trust – Tony Freudenfeld is pictured front row right.



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School News

ANOTHER term has been completed in Eggcellent style, with our traditional egg decorating and egg rolling. Friends of School donated Thorntons eggs for each year group winner and later served hot cross buns to all in school. Earlier in the term we were joined by two members of Thorntons staff who helped the children decorate their own eggs for Easter. As the staff who had a go too will tell you, it isn't as easy as they make it look to get those letters neat on an egg!

The year 4 children have had more opportunities to join with the rest of the children who will be going to St Mary's Middle School in September with both the Voiceworks concert and a lacrosse festival held at Sunninghill school. Last term they also invited the *Reporter's* very own David Payne to join them in school and share stories of his working life and local experiences. Amongst a wide variety of topics they learnt about were the Guinea Pig Club, where patients had reconstructive plastic surgery for injuries received in WW2 and also discovered why we refer to letters as upper and lower case. One pupil later discovered a reference to Dorchester Typesetting in a

Harry Potter book and linked it back to David's visit and his detailing of work experiences. Children gain so much from listening to the experiences of those around them. If you have stories to share that you think might be of interest to the pupils or have skills which could be shared please let us know. Our thanks of course go to David for giving his time to the school.

The term ended once more with the Freedom Bell ringing out, this time being rung by Cameron, George, Abigail, Adam and Makenna.



CONTACTS

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

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Lack of village Parish Councillors forces cancelled meeting

ONLY one of our councillors was available to attend the meeting scheduled for 23rd March 2011. It was planned to have no gathering at all, but about 12 villagers turned up, plus Michael Cox, PC Dave Mullins and the new conservative prospective candidate for the May elections, Jane Somper. So it was a simple open meeting. This means that no decisions could be made, good job that the village's prosperity wasn't counting on it to happen! The plus side, was that an exchange of dialogue was permitted throughout, questions could be asked about forthcoming agenda items.

A new date for the PC Meeting for March was arranged for 7th April 2011. Hopefully with more councillors! Let's hope that many villagers stand for election in May so that we can have the full complement of Councillors that this village deserves.

Sue Gould

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Have you met . . . Tony Dyer?

IT came as no surprise to learn that Tony's great-grandfather and his four brothers had been sea captains 150 years ago and that the sea had been in his family's blood since before Trafalgar. Indeed family history says that *VICTORY*'s purser at that time was also a Dyer!

Anthony Gascoyne Dyer was born during a thunderstorm in 1933 in Tewkesbury in Gloucestershire, the son of the manager of the Cheltenham Gaslight and Coke Company. The "Gascoyne" was his grand-mother's family name but seemed appropriate considering his father's occupation and led to him being nicknamed "Bob" – in a reference to shilling-in-the-slot gas meters. Whilst at Grammar School Tony considered going into teaching or the law but the call of the sea was too strong and in 1951 he joined Britannia Royal Naval College and spent the next 32 years as a Seaman Officer specialising in Navigation both of surface ships and submarines. As a Lieutenant-Commander he became second-in command of HMS *Jupiter* in the West Indies. He finished his career with the Royal Navy as Assistant Queen's Harbourmaster in Plymouth. Tony's career coincided with the "Cold War" when the USSR was the clear threat and he has sympathy for those in the armed forces today where the current threat shifts, almost from day to day. He spent several years training the



command teams of Polaris and Nuclear Attack and Conventional submarines in navigation and he particularly remembers the team spirit and camaraderie he experienced on board them. However most of his time was spent on the surface in the Caribbean, Mediterranean and in the Far East. In 1953 he saw the devastation of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Then, during a round-the-world deployment in 1959, he navigated the weather ship for a hydrogen bomb test at Christmas Island. This experience made him well aware of his later responsibility for ensuring the safe navigation of the "boats" carrying our nuclear deterrent. On leaving the Royal Navy, Tony became Harbour Master and General Manager of the Cattewater break-bulk harbour in Plymouth, a post he held for 13 years before retiring and moving to Milborne St. Andrew in 2003.

We asked Tony what had attracted him to Milborne St. Andrew. "I knew Portland and South Dorset pretty well since I had done four operational 'work-ups' in ships at Portland. The area is beautiful and the pace of life just right for retirement. There are good communications to the rest of the UK which makes visiting and being visited by family much more straightforward than it would have been had we stayed in distant Plymouth. We didn't pick out Milborne as the place to live from the beginning of our search but having had two very old houses and large gardens the new but traditional housing (with small gardens) going up in Milborne, together with the splendid facilities in the village, the Surgery, Post Office and shop and vibrant Village Hall, ticked most of the other boxes as well."

What do you particularly like about our village? "It has a fabulous location with beautiful countryside all around; a pleasant and welcoming community and so many activities."

Anything you don't like? "The experience I had had and the skills I developed pre-retirement led me to get involved in the village and this has been a rewarding experience. My disappointment is that there are so few younger people who are involved in the 'management' of village affairs. The life-experiences of the retired community are invaluable but the perspectives, ideas and skills of those 20, 30, 40 years younger are vitally necessary to maintain and develop a thriving community."

What would you like to change? "There seems to have been a certain negative view of how to manage the changes which we have to deal with in the village over the next decades. Society is changing and we

have to take advantage of the opportunities now available to make our village an even better place to live for all of us. I was very much involved in the recent exercise to create a 'Village Plan'. The high level of response from village residents was good and I'm pleased to see the beginnings of a change of attitude: the Parish Council has adopted the Plan almost in its entirety AND more people are coming forward to serve on the Parish Council. Like many residents I continue to be worried by continuing problems with dog mess but I am pleased that

some effort has been made to make the village appear more attractive to passers-by by the provision of the planters and bench in the village centre. The planting could have been much better but it's a start."

Do you have a claim to fame? "Not really. I was awarded the MBE for the work I did in the managing of the development of water sports alongside the very busy Naval and Commercial traffic in Plymouth, the largest Naval Base in Europe. I did sail in Ocean Racing Yachts both as navigator and skipper and was selected to be one of the British team in an Americas Cup Challenge, but as the junior of the three Naval Officers selected, I couldn't be spared and so missed out on a once-in-a-lifetime experience. Also, whilst in Plymouth I was race-director for Ocean Yacht Races

across Biscay to France and Spain and was very involved in management of the single and two-handed yacht races around Britain and across the Atlantic."

Who is your inspiration? "Captain Cook and Captain Scott (of the Antarctic) because of their courage and thirst for exploration."

And a fantasy dinner date? "From history: Marco Polo and Admiral Zheng He – both extra-ordinary explorers in the 15th century; the last Pope, John Paul II, who was and is such inspiration and Kate Adie, particularly because of her massive support for the members of the Armed Forces, and finally David Attenborough. His depth of knowledge and outstanding powers of communication would hold all enthralled, I'm sure."

Have you ever thrown caution to the wind? "No. My training has made me plan, be logical and in peacetime there are been few opportunities for recklessness . . . however . . . I was almost caught out! As harbourmaster I was often called for a lunch-time drink on board visiting ships. On one occasion I was invited aboard the massive Russian Ocean-Going Tug, *JAGUAR*, for a 'quiet' drink with the Master who was an old acquaintance. The vodka flowed and the Master said that I should meet his Commissar – the ship's political officer. The commissar was bidden – I expected the usual Russian Bear to arrive BUT – ***She*** turned out to be an almost six-foot blond, quite gorgeous and with seemingly extremely long and beautiful legs. I might have been easy prey but before any international incidents were triggered my pager went off to tell me that my boat was waiting alongside! A lucky escape?"

And anything else you would like to tell us: "My ships called at Aden many times for water and fuel and I had decided that it really was the slag heap of the world. I never wanted to visit it again. Then I was given "pier-head jump" to join the Naval Staff there, arriving much discombobulated, on my 30th birthday. I was met by a chum who had been two years behind me at school – and things improved markedly when he took me into the mess and introduced me to a willowy blond WRAF Flight Officer – Sally Metcalfe – we married three years later to the day. Now we have a son, a daughter, with her splendid soldier husband, and two granddaughters."

David Payne and I had a most enjoyable lunchtime talking to Tony and hearing his ideas and memories. Thank you Tony for sharing them with us.

Ed Frost

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AT the recent AGM, Michelle Scott was welcomed as the permanent new Club Leader, having completed the trial period. Elected Officers were: Kevin Maitland-Gleed – Chairman, Sallie Maitland-Gleed – Secretary, Vanessa Clarke – Treasurer.

It was reported that member numbers were still strong and the bank balance was looking very healthy, which will enable us to update any equipment/software necessary, and perhaps plan some trips out, and membership fees will remain static. Kevin thanked everyone on the Committee for their continued hard work and support.

We need you:

We do however, need a couple more volunteer helpers on a regular basis as we have recently lost our Deputy Leader, and our long-term volunteer, Wendy Joyce, will be leaving us in September. This entails setting up and packing away the equipment and supervising during the club sessions which are two Fridays a month during term time. CRB checks are free, as is any other training you may wish to do (child protection, first aid, etc.). If you are over 18 and committed to ensuring the club members have a good time in a safe environment, then please contact Sallie on 01258 837442 or Michelle on 01258 837159, or just turn up and see what goes on!

Club dates: 13th, 27th May, 10th, 24th June, 8th, 22nd July.

The grit bins are coming!

THE locations are finalized, the bins are ordered. But they won't be put in place until September or October. This is because the bins are relatively light, inviting theft when empty, and the grit mixture "goes off" so cannot be delivered until that time. More pressure will be put on Dorset County Council to see if we can get a "dumpy bag" for other areas, like the "parish pit" area of the road to Dewlish, which was shut for many days due to appalling road conditions this winter.

From the PC Meeting – Sue Gould



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Annual Meeting with a 'taste of summer' – WI April

AT our Annual Meeting, our President, Linda Wright, thanked everyone who had helped in whatever capacity, over the year. She asked us all to think about where we go from here – staying still is not an option. "Thinking caps" are called for; we need a strong membership with new members and maybe a move to greater informality at our monthly meetings. The new committee comprises Anya Bruty, Shirley Dunkley, June Maitland, Ann Mephram, Jenny Preston, Pat Shipton, Josie Wright and Linda Wright. Linda was also re-elected as President.

Our congratulations and warmest thoughts go to Margaret Daniels who is 90 this month – we wish her a speedy recovery from her recent health problems. Congratulations also to those who represented the WI in the village quiz and came third – all credit due to them. Thanks also to June Maitland and Heather Hogg for arranging a very enjoyable annual dinner at The Fox. Milborne's entertainment at the recent Group meeting proved to be an amazing success, with the Victoria Wood sketches going down extremely well with the audience. Well done to those thespians in our midst!

Looking forward: Our **annual outing** on Thursday 11th August will be to Minterne Gardens – details will be confirmed later, but please pencil this date into your diaries. Our **pub lunch** next month will be on Thursday, 12th May at 1.00pm: just turn up and join us for an enjoyable get-together. **Group walk** at Lytchett Matravers is on 20th June.

Gerry Spivey is a well-known MSA resident and gardening expert and we were delighted that she had agreed to come along and show us how to put together a hanging basket. Gerry makes up many dozens of baskets to order every year and has demonstrated her skill widely, but she confided that here on her 'home turf' she was ultra-nervous! Clearly, she didn't need to be, as, with considerable



humour and expertise, she made short work of making up an attractive summer basket. She gave us many tips along the way – which plants to use, how to feed and layer them, the different types of basket liners and compost and the overall cost. Interestingly, a lot of discussion centred on alternative planting, eg vegetables and/or fruit, using trailing tomatoes and strawberries, or herbs such as rosemary, mint, parsley, chives, thyme etc. Then there are winter baskets, using dwarf conifers, ivy, sedum, pansies and bulbs. These are miniature gardens after all, so virtually anything goes! Gerry donated her basket to our raffle and Val Andrews was the happy winner!

Our next meeting will be on Thursday 12th May. This will be a members' evening when the 2011 NFWI Resolutions ('Closure of local libraries' and 'Proposed mega farms') will be presented, debated and voted on.

Pat Bull

Would you like an allotment?

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Michael Hopper reported that it was always envisaged that this project, whilst overseen by the Parish Council, would be run by the community, maybe under an umbrella organisation like an Allotment Society.

It is hoped that someone from the community comes forward to set up and organise such a Society and is able to move the idea forward. In the event that no one comes forward, the PC will look again at the use of the land. The establishment of allotments is not going to be quick, but the end result will be of benefit to a wide section of the community. Anecdotal evidence has shown that allotments elsewhere in the county have a waiting list, and attract people from a fair distance.

If anyone from the community wishes to head up and start the Society please let the Parish Council know. The Parish Council has set aside a small budget to allow for things like hiring meeting rooms and possible site visits to other neighbouring societies to kick start this project.

Based on a PC report – Sue Gould

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to Dave from Sue



Congratulations to Sue and Dave from all the other members of the Reporter team.



Birthday Celebration

12th May – Happy Birthday to Ollie Sanderson, 8 years old today, our gorgeous oldest grandson.

Funeral

Wilfred Edwin Bagwell 1924 – 2011

The funeral of Wilfred Bagwell took place on Friday 15th April at St. Andrews Church. Donations in memory of Wilfred for Milton Abbas Surgery and/or Marie Curie Cancer Care can be sent to Woods Funeral Service c/o 11a Icen Way, Dorchester DT1 1EW

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Our village, Our responsibility **The AGM of the** **Milborne St. Andrew Parish Council**

THIS was the over-riding theme of the Parish Council's Annual General Meeting held in the Village Hall. The meeting was chaired by Cllr Michael Hopper with five councillors, the Parish Clerk and 20 members of the public present.

PC Dave Mullins presented a positive report from Dorset Police but he emphasised the need for all people to take sensible precautions to protect themselves and their possessions. A joint approach was vital to keep crime down, even here, in one of the safest places in the country. The police can only help if concerns or suspicions are reported immediately. Tomorrow will be too late and you should not assume that "someone else" will deal with problems.

In his report, Cllr Hopper expressed disappointment that there would be no elections for the Parish Council this month. With only five councillors the seats were uncontested but he hoped that the remaining two seats would be filled by willing and able volunteers in the near future. Cllr Hopper pointed out that with the advent of "Localism", Parish Councils will have a much more important and influential role in the future and it was therefore vital that our Parish was properly represented. He went on to describe the activities and achievements of the Parish Council over the last year and referred to the Council's adoption of the Village Plan which, he said, would be a valuable tool in guiding the Council's future work.

In her financial report the clerk – Joyce Holman – described a healthy financial position due, mainly, to donations and the reclamation of three-year's worth of VAT.

The reports from District and County Councillors praised the work of Parish Councils but emphasised that the savings in spending, now required, could not be achieved without a reduction in services. As "Localism" was introduced it would be essential for Parish Councils to seek ways of working efficiently as well as effectively.

There followed reports from the Village Hall Trustees, the Sports Club, the Footpaths representative and the Neighbourhood Watch representative. All the reports described the achievements of a small number of very active volunteers but emphasised that things would only progress very slowly unless more people got involved in the practical development of the village organisations and facilities.

The meeting concluded with invitations from representatives to get involved with the activities of the Women's Institute and the Wednesday Club. Tea, coffee and biscuits were served.



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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
Milborne St. Andrew	Chair: Michael Hopper	01258 837642

General – Adult

Computer Drop-in Centre	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	Mike Mullett	01258 839076
Cub Scouts	Mike Mullett	01258 839076
Hazelnuts out-of-school club	Hazel Barrett	01305 848588
Ladybirds (Playgroup)	Liz Dyer	01258 839117
Scouts	Mike Mullett	01258 839076
Under 5's Group – The Busy Bees	Suzy Curtis	07808 252012
Youth Club age 8 – 14 yrs	Sallie Maitland-Gleed	01258 837442

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Special Interest

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Milborne Players	Roy Sach	01258 837033
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Round Robin Ramblers	Ian Bromilow	01258 880044

Sport

Abbey Swimming Club	Pat Cowan	01258 880601
Adult Tap Dancing Milton Abbas	Libby Goodchild	01305 268029
Archers – Crossways	Sheila Ryall	01258 837504

Athletics – Junior	David Pearson	01258 837057
Badminton	David Payne	01258 837700
British Horse Society (Dorset)	Carol Shoopman	01258 880318
Circuit Training and Pilates	Claire Barratt	01929 554999
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Cricket – Dewlish	Elaine Kellaway	01258 837696
Cricket Club – Milton Abbas	Andy Smith	01258 880310
Cricket – Junior (U11 – U13)	Andy Smith	01258 880310
Football – Adult	Paul Morgan	01258 837619
Football – Reserve Team	Andy Draper	07824 394436
Football – Under 15s	Grant Taylor	07879 841518
Football – Under 11s	Daryl Sims	01258 881397
Modern Sequence Dancing	Grace Davies	01258 837261
Running Group	Anne-Marie Pearson	01258 837057
Skittles – Dewlish	Frank Ross	01258 837366
Sports Club		
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Bookings:	Alice Harrall	01258 837371
Table-tennis (over 50's)	Sandra Shannon	01258 837253
Tap Dancing for Men and Women		01258 880523
Yoga	Sue Chapman	01305 848053

Village Hall

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May

- Saturday 14th Valley Churches Walk – see page 27.
Sunday 15th **Gardening Club Plant Sale** 10.30am–12.30pm
Village Hall – see page 13.
“**Car Wash**” especially to raise money for Christian Aid. Come along with your car to the Village Hall between 3.00–4.30pm and get it washed. It will cost £5, which includes a cup of tea and cake.
Saturday 21st **Working party to do odd jobs** at St. Andrew’s 10.00am – see page 26.
Coffee Morning for Christian Aid. Dewlish Village Hall, 10.30am–12noon – see page 27.
Dance Memory Lane Swing Band. Village Hall 7.30pm – see pages 3 and 8.
Thursday 26th **Moviola “Morning Glory”** Village Hall 8.00pm – see below.
Monday 30th **Cream Tea** Royal British Legion Puddletown & District Branch. Parish Room, Puddletown, 2.30pm until 5.30pm.

June

- Saturday 4th **Cream Tea** with Milborne Young Performers giving a cameo performance of ‘Joseph and his Technicolor Dreamcoat’ – see page 3.

July

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

September

- Saturday 10th **Dorset Historic Churches Ride and Stride.**

Moviola presents “Morning Glory” (12A) at Milborne St. Andrew Village Hall

on Thursday 26th May

THIS film is an enjoyably straight forward romantic comedy, written by the team who did *Devil Wears Prada* and directed by Brit Roger Michell (*Notting Hill*). It is an entertaining throwback that tackles the oft-told tale of a young girl who goes off to conquer the big city, finds love along the way and just happens to remain hopelessly optimistic despite the many obstacles thrown in her way.

Rachel McAdams plays the fledgling but ambitious television producer Becky Fuller, who lands a nightmare job revitalising failing morning news show ‘Daybreak’. What she may lack in experience in the Manhattan media world, she makes up for with a sense of enthusiasm that would charm the most cynical. Becky approaches esteemed newsman Mike Pomeroy (Harrison Ford) to host the show with an anchor woman Colleen Peck (Diane Keaton) who loathes him.

Michell’s seamless, steady direction lets McAdams’s energy shine through and allows Ford and his fellow news anchor Diane Keaton to craft beautifully timed comedic performances. The contrast between Becky and Mike is the film’s strongest element. McAdams is charm personified giving Becky a sense of unflappable optimism that is backed up by a degree of strength that makes her a force with which to be reckoned, while Ford gives a very canny performance with many small moments to show that beneath Mike’s bluster is a man in pain, unsure how to connect with others. There is also a superb supporting cast. In short, *Morning Glory* a delightful surprise, extremely well-cast with a snappy script.

Tickets £5.00. To book phone 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.)

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Beavers Monday 6.00–7.15pm MH (term time only)
Scouts Monday 6.00–8.00pm CR/MH
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.

Regular Bookings at the First School

- Pilates** Monday 7.00–8.00pm (term time only)
Yoga Tuesday 6.15–7.45pm (term time only)
Badminton Wednesday 7.00–9.00pm (term time only)
Circuit Training every Thursday 7.00–8.00pm

May at the Sports Pavilion

The Busy Bees Under 5 Group from 9.30–11.30am on Thursday term time only. Contact Suzy Curtis 07808 252012.

Folk Club at 8.00pm on Friday 20th May.
Contact Roger Harrall Tel. 837371 or email roger.harrall@gmail.com



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

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

Adult football matches – 7th May.

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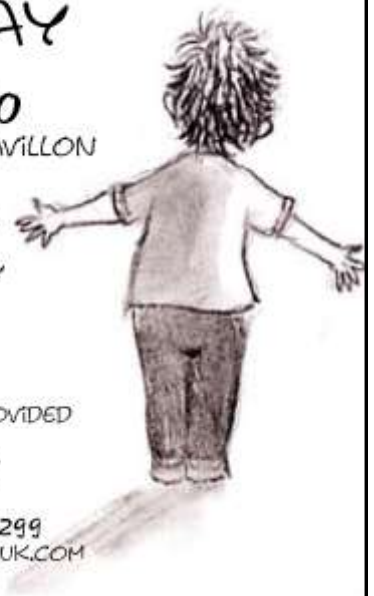
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On Saturday 9th April, in basking sunshine, over 60 local people from Milborne St. Andrew and Milton Abbas joined forces, with paint brushes and tools in hand, to revamp the Club House, changing rooms, garage and grounds – painting all of the buildings’ exteriors, renovating the ladies toilet and giving the kitchen an entire makeover.



The day took a huge amount of planning from the club’s committee and particularly Paul Calloway, and also the wives of the committee members. There was a huge amount of logistical work; from how to get the local community involved to who would donate the paint, brushes and

catering supplies needed on the day.

Focus Do It All, Build Centre and Tesco – all in Dorchester, helped immensely with the mission. They donated and discounted as much as they could, in total giving the club in excess of £250 worth of goodies. Kate Chastey, ‘chief cook’ on the day said “all the suppliers have been so generous. Tesco particularly were wonderful – they really understood our situation and offered me a ‘supermarket sweep’ style shopping spree for the event. It was just so great to be able to offer all of our volunteers free refreshments, breakfast buffies and a huge buffet lunch!”

The day was a fantastic success. The aim was to improve the facilities for the current and future club members and this is exactly what was achieved. The Milton Abbas Sports Club has big plans for the next few years – with the introduction of different sporting activities such as tennis and squash, and a dedication to making



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Colin Chastey, the Club’s Chairman, sends his heartfelt thanks to all those who gave their time, energy and supplies to the day. He says “everyone at the club is so grateful to the volunteers. I personally wish to thank Paul Calloway and Roy Sach for their sterling efforts with planning and organising for the event, and indeed on the day too. I personally hope everyone in Milborne and Milton Abbas will see the benefit of these changes and you are all most welcome to pop by at any time to see what we are up to . . . Cricket is just the beginning”.



Group picture of Milton Abbas Sports Club members answering the call to take up paint and brushes.

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Last month's problem

In reply to last month's query about how to repay a kind neighbour.

Millie says – Some people love to help others but find it difficult to accept offers of help in return. I suggest you invite your neighbour round for a meal, ask her along to your next family picnic or birthday party, weed the pavement in front of her house when you do yours, find out when it is her birthday and bake her a cake, offer to do shopping, gardening or DIY jobs. Perhaps you could ask your children to help you to make her a special card expressing your thanks for all the things she does for you and your family. Good luck!

Dear Millie,

Further to last month's letter about annoying notices, can you offer any advice about what to do about the vast numbers of posters on the telegraph poles in the village. Some clubs put up a poster on every single pole and they stay up for weeks and sometimes months. When walking round each day I must pass dozens of the same poster and it seems such a waste and extravagance, as well as being annoying.

Millie says – The people responsible for the posters probably really enjoy the "Go Compare" adverts on the TV as well as having never heard about over exposure and too much publicity being counter-productive. Posters do a useful job in publicising village events, but overkill from one or two spoils things for everyone as there is only a limited amount of space on the telegraph poles. If you feel very strongly about this then you could ask the Parish Council to put up a few more official notice boards and ban fly posters although This seems a bit draconian to me. Let's hope that a little more restraint and common sense is shown in future by those responsible.

Dear Millie,

What can I do to keep cats out of my garden? I love to watch the birds building their nests and feeding their chicks and it is heart breaking when a cat kills them all.

Millie says – The RSPB recommends that cats are kept indoors at dawn and dusk during the nesting period and that they should wear a bell on their collars. There isn't much you can do to keep a determined cat out of the garden that doesn't involve a certain amount of cruelty to cats (squirting them with water, throwing cans filled with pebbles, etc.) I suggest you get yourself a dog.

Next month's problem –

Dear Millie,

My daughter and son-in-law live about an hour's drive away and are constantly telephoning me to ask for favours. I try to help as much as I can but I'm beginning to resent being constantly used. They rarely include me in family events and avoid coming to see me unless they have an ulterior motive. What can I do?

Dear Editor,

On a recent visit to the churchyard I discovered that most of the new silk flowers I had put on my baby's grave were missing. I searched the area in case they had blown out (unlikely as they were firmly wedged in) to no avail, and so can only come to the conclusion that someone has taken them. If this is so, I can only hope that it was for an extremely good reason, because the distress it has caused me is immense.

Regards

Adrienne Rogers

Dear Editor,

Following on from my letter in last month's Reporter I have now entered for The British Heart Foundation Dorset Bike Ride which is on Sunday 8th May. I am hoping to do 25 miles.

If anyone would like to sponsor me, you can catch me at the Village Lunch or I have a form at 7 Bladen View or an on-line sponsorship at <http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/DavidPayne7>

If you would like to accompany me or would like more information then give me a call on 837700.

David Payne

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Anonymous letters

PC Dave Mullins popped in to the "Not a Parish Council" meeting in March to update us on the current crime position. He reminded us of "Shed Security", as large garden tools (like lawn mowers) are an attractive proposition for opportunist burglars. Make it difficult for them, and if anyone observes something that is *not right* call it in. It is then logged, maybe leading to more visits by the police in the area. Remember that they are willing to do a "Home Security Survey", ring Blandford Station for more information.

The anonymous letters, received by many in the village on the 21st/22nd/23rd March, have been sent up to the East Midlands' Police for following up. They now have enough to be used as evidence, and ask that any that are now received are torn up and binned appropriately.

Sue Gould

THE RURAL 'G'

Homewatch Newsletter Blandford Rural April

Little chef robbery on A31

ON Thursday 31st March 2011 at approximately 6.30am, two males dressed in black clothes with balaclavas entered the Little Chef restaurant on the A31 at Winterborne Zelston. The males accessed the premises via a window at the rear of the property. It is believed use of weapons was threatened during the robbery and two members of staff had their arms tied up. Luckily, no one was hurt during the ordeal and the alarm was raised causing the offenders to flee the scene without anything in a stolen vehicle, which was located half a mile down the road. Police are asking for anyone with any information in relation to this incident to contact officers on 01202 222 222.

AWOL - found!

LOCAL Police attending Milton Abbey School for a Military parade featuring a small concert by the Royal Signals Band were suddenly faced with a very real situation of a missing pupil from the school grounds. After high-ranking officials from HM Forces visited the school to greet and inspect cadet pupils, Police Officers patrolling the grounds were informed of the situation and, working together with staff and senior pupils from the school, put search parties quickly into place. All surrounding areas were covered until the pupil was sighted and delivered back to the Police Officer in the case and headmaster. Strong words of advice were given with the school ultimately dealing appropriately. Headmaster Gareth Doodes was hugely relieved that the pupil was found safe and well in such quick time and delighted with the Blandford Officers response to the situation and stated they were a credit to the force for their professionalism and attitude as always.

Anyone wishing to report a crime should call on 01202 222 222. Anyone wishing to report an incident in progress, 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. Local officers can be contacted on 01202 223003.

Homewatch Newsletter Blandford South, March

Unoccupied Property Burglaries

MARCH has seen a slight rise in the number of unoccupied properties being targeted by criminals. It is thought that offenders have sought out empty holiday homes and houses under renovation to attend at a later time or date to burgle. Please be aware of similar premises in your areas and call the police if anything suspicious or out of the ordinary is seen. Try and get as much detail as possible from the scene to pass on to police officers. Any vehicle registration numbers and descriptions are crucial, as well as direction of travel if they are moving. Descriptions of any persons seen and anything distinguishable that may help identify them is also very useful and may help officers act more effectively in dealing with the situation. Please call in and let the police deal with the incident and never put yourself at risk.

Thank you. Kind Regards

PC Dave Mullins and PCSO Luke Goddard
Blandford Rural South Safer Neighbourhood Team
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Monday May 23rd
Registration session at Littlemoor Library, Louviers Road.

Monday May 30th - no walk

Monday June 6th Sutton Poyntz
Meet by the village pond, [map reference SY706838](#)

Monday June 13th Abbotsbury Beach
Meet at the Abbotsbury beach park, [map reference SY561847](#)

Monday June 20th Powerstock Common
Meet at the reserve car park, [map reference SY547974](#)

Tuesday June 21st, 9.00 - 11.00 am Tadnoll Heath, Winfrith.
Meet at the reserve entrance on Redbridge Road between East Knighton and Crossways, [map reference SY791877](#)

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In your Garden

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

Hanging Baskets

I THOUGHT that I would write a piece on hanging baskets this month as it is a good time to start to prepare them for putting out at the end of May. Hanging baskets are the easiest way to brighten up a wall and although mainly used in the summer, they can be just as decorative in the winter. Their main drawback is that they need to be watered as often as twice a day on very hot days – but you can mix a water retaining gel into the compost which will help to retain water.

There is no magic about a beautiful display, it is just a matter of putting lots of plants into a hanging basket, watering, feeding and deadheading regularly.

The way I do it is to cut out a circle of black polythene – usually taken from an empty compost bag. I then fit it into the basket and cut out holes where I want plants to poke through. Garden centres sell lots of different types of liner from foam plastic to compressed fibre – but I find that thick polythene works just as well and it doesn't cost anything. Put the cut out compost bag into the basket so that the black side is showing – the other side (usually multi-coloured) is hidden. The plants will soon cover the liner.

Mix up a bucket of compost and incorporate some water retaining gel and slow release fertiliser, ie Osmocote. As you introduce the plants and push them into the holes, fill around them with the compost. Keep doing this until the sides are full of plants and then leave a space in the top for a few more. The final level of the soil/compost should be about one inch below the rim. Don't use your old soil from last year's baskets as it will provide very little benefit and may be infected with vine weevil. Better to use new potting compost.

I like to put some trailing plants such as trailing Verbena and lobelia in the base of the basket. You could also put in some trailing petunias or million bells, yellow flowered Bidens and Nasturtiums. For the top layer use some trailing plants around the edge – Helichrysum, trailing geraniums or fuchsias and then in the middle something more

upright – a pretty pelargonium (geranium) or fuchsia.

Hanging baskets with just a single variety of plant can look equally

stunning – Scaevola trails over the edge with its blue flowers and continues to bloom until late summer. Trailing and upright petunias and million bells produce a

colourful and fragrant display; and a display of geraniums both trailing and upright just keep on flowering. You can of course put trailing tomatoes in the basket – Tumbling Tom Red or Yellow will give you a good crop provided you feed them regularly. You could also make yourself a hanging herb garden using annual herbs such as basil and coriander, parsley, chives and thyme.

Gerry's Plants and Cottage Garden Nursery up at The Rings have a really good selection of hanging basket plants – why go further than that!

Happy gardening.



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Village Hall AGM accounts

THE Village Hall accounts were presented by the treasurer, Elizabeth Humphrey, at the AGM on 13th April 2011. A summary of the accounts is included below. Elizabeth highlighted that the Village Hall had had another successful year financially with significant grant income. Rental income had increased as the Hall becomes an increasingly attractive place in which to hold events and expenditure is in line with expectations. Elizabeth expressed a hope that this year would be a year of consolidation, to rebuild the Hall's reserves and build on the major work that has been done in the past few years. In particular, she said that any major expenditure would be expected to be income generating, increasing the use of the Hall. Elizabeth ended by thanking the auditor, John Moulson, for his support and help with the accounts.

MILBORNE ST ANDREW VILLAGE HALL

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Statement of Assets 2010-2011

Building and land at cost	8,955.18	Building and land at cost	8,955.18
Cash in hand	80.10	Cash in hand	86.64
Nationwide Building Society	6,006.44	Nationwide Building Society	1,586.25
Alliance and Leicester	3,402.84	Santander current a/c	2,817.46
current a/c			
May Fayre	89.25	May Fayre	0.00
Total assets at 31.01.10	18,533.81	Total assets at 31.01.11	13,445.53
Less excess of expenditure	-5,088.28		
	13,445.53		

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John Moulson March 2011

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Dear Friends,

At the beginning of the year, my husband and I visited South Africa. We went on "A World in one Country" tour. Indeed we saw such a variety of scenery, some wonderful people and lots of animals - large and small, a delight to see in their natural environment. I'll never forget coming round a bend in the track and meeting the rear end of a two and a half ton rhino!

When we were in the Drakensburg Mountains we learnt about the early pioneers who built roads and railways through the passes and we went to a railway museum where we were given a ride on a very old train along a very old track through a mountain pass. I have no head for heights but ventured forth nervously. The first part of the journey was fine with beautiful scenery and wonderful photographic opportunities. However when we went round the bend, there was an enormous drop into a valley and the rail for our little train was six inches from the edge. Health and Safety, I thought, would never allow this at home but this is not home. I'm here, six inches from the edge and it could go 'over'.

Then my thoughts turned to my God, creator of all this beauty, inspiration, strength-giver to all those pioneers who built the railway. Lord of life who has us all in his hands. If the worst possible scenario happens He promises us that if we hold to Him, believe in His Son, Jesus Christ, He will bring us to eternal life. I put my trust in God and His Son Jesus and the fragility of an old railway or the worry about what is around the next bend does not seem so important.

In this day and age we are suffering cut-backs and difficult times, in our country and in the wider world. We do not know what is around the corner but we can quietly put our confidence in God. In Scripture (John 14:1) Jesus said:

"Set your troubled hearts at rest. Trust in God always, trust also in me".

Sue Turner



Flowers - w/e Saturday

30th April and 7th May Tony Fox

14th and 21st May Lin Chatfield

28th May and 4th June Eve Richardson



**CHURCH SERVICES
May 2011**

1st MAY - Easter 2

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

THURSDAY 5th MAY

12.00	Lunch-time Communion	Milborne
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8th MAY - Easter 3

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

15th MAY - Easter 4

Start of Christian Aid week

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

THURSDAY 19th MAY

12.00	Lunch-time Communion	Puddletown
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22nd MAY - Easter 5

9.30am	Holy communion	Tolpuddle
9.30	1662 Morning Prayer	Milborne
11.00	Family communion	Puddletown
11.00	Family service	Dewlish

29th MAY- Easter 6

9.30am	Rogation Sunday walk beginning at Puddletown	
11.00	Benefice Service and Picnic	Tolpuddle

MILBORNE ST. ANDREW CHURCH NOTES

LENT and the lead-up to Easter is a fairly quiet time for the church. Services have continued as usual, with the addition of Compline on Wednesday evenings. This has attracted a small but steady group of worshippers.

Puppets and Praises

The April Milborne Praise was held on Palm Sunday. We were pleased to welcome Pat Wharf and her puppeteers from Bere Regis. The large rod puppets acted out three praise songs for us. We then made our own sock puppets and held them up to shout "Hosanna!" as we acted out the story of Christ's entry into Jerusalem on the first Palm Sunday.

Plenty going on in May!

The month of May looks to be quite a busy month for all . . .

On *Monday 9th May* many of us will be going on the **Canterbury Pilgrimage** with Patrick Evans.

Sunday 15th May is the beginning of **Christian Aid Week**. Our 9.30am service will be a 1662 Said Communion. In the afternoon at 2.30pm we have Milborne Praise at the Village Hall. This will be a "Car Wash" especially to raise money for Christian Aid. Come along with your car between 3.00pm and 4.30pm and get it washed. It will cost £5, which includes a cup of tea and cake. If you would like to

help during Christian Aid Week to deliver and collect Christian Aid envelopes, please contact Eric Austin (Tel: 837213).

On *Saturday 21st May* we are planning a **working party to do odd jobs** at St. Andrew's. The jobs are mostly straightforward: pulling vegetation off walls, cleaning out gutters, scrubbing mould from stonework, etc. We will start at 10.00am. Any volunteers will be gratefully welcomed. Refreshments are provided for the workers!

On *Sunday 22nd May* we will continue with our 1662 Morning Prayer service at 9.30am. There is no Communion on this day.

On *Rogation Sunday, 29th May*, there will be a **Benefice service at Tolpuddle** at 11.00am. We shall be walking from Puddletown Church to Tolpuddle to arrive by 11.00am. Those unable to walk should make their own way to Tolpuddle for 11.00am. After the service there will be a "Picnic Lunch" so please bring your own picnic.

Eva Stockley (837468), Pat Tribe (837684) (Churchwardens)

Church Cleaning - w/e Saturday

7th May Josie Wright and Pat Tribe

14th May Carolyn Martin and
Elizabeth Walker

21st May Margaret Hurley and Eva Stockley

28th May Geoff and Pat Bull

DEWLISH CHURCH NOTES

A welcome sum towards All Saints' running costs

A BIG thank-you to everyone who contributed and helped at our Spring Sale and Coffee Morning on 2nd April. I am pleased to report that we raised £329.15, a welcome sum towards Dewlish Church's annual running costs of £10,000.

Our next event will be a **Coffee Morning** on Saturday 21st May for Christian Aid. This will be held in Dewlish Village Hall, 10.30am-12noon. There will be books on sale, a raffle, and cakes and produce stalls, and we shall be glad of any donations.

This year's **Pet Service** will be held on 22nd May at 11.00am in the churchyard. We look forward to seeing you there with your pet(s) (well-behaved of course!).

On **Ascension Day** (Thursday 2nd June) we shall be holding our usual service at the top of Greenways, by the TV mast, starting at 6.30am.
Daphne Burg

Rev Sarah Hillman

We are delighted that the Rev Sarah Hillman, currently priest in charge of Barkway, Reed and Buckland with Barley in the diocese of St. Albans, has been appointed as our new vicar.

Sarah will be moving to this benefice in September to begin work as priest in charge here.

Rev Sarah Godfrey

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Pat Tribe	01258 837684	Sue Britton	01258 837218

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100 CLUB WINNERS

Draw Date - Tuesday 25th April 2011

1st prize	£100	Jon Riddle
2nd prize	£50	Ron Hagen
3rd prize	£20	John Bennett

The next draw is at 8.00pm, in The Royal Oak, on Tuesday 31st May 2011

Anyone is welcome to attend

New members always welcome

Do you love trees?

THIS village needs you! Since the resignation of the previous Tree Warden over a year ago, no volunteers have come forward to take on this role. The Tree Warden's tasks are minimal, requiring keeping an eye on the stock of trees in the parish, but mainly just around the village. Any tree work is carried out in accordance to the rules which are set out by North Dorset District Council.

A volunteer, interested in the protection of and management of trees here in the village, is sought. If anyone is interested, please contact the Parish Clerk, Joyce Holman. All the available information and history will be provided on the tasks.

From a report presented at the April PC Meeting by M Hopper

March Village Weather

TOTAL rainfall in March was 18.2mm which was 23% of average and it was the second driest March in Milborne in the last 40 years. March 1990 was particularly dry with only 10.6mm of rain. In some areas last month was the driest March for 50 years. The first week of the month was cold with night frosts but the rest of the month became progressively warmer. Wind speeds were unusually light for March. After the remarkably mild February and the settled, dry March there have been some of the finest early spring flowers and blossoms that I have seen for many years. It must have been such a spring as this which Thomas Carew had in mind when he wrote:

"Now doe a quire of chirping minstrels bring,
In triumph to the world, the youthful Spring.
The vallies, hills, and woods in rich araye
Welcome the coming of the long'd for May."

Pluvius

Bee-friendly at Gardening Club



THE Speaker for our March meeting was Neil Lovesey from the Picket Lane Nursery in South Perrot. Besides propagating around 60,000 plants a year and running the nursery business, Neil is a keen bee-keeper and told us many amazing facts about honey bees, the diseases that affect them and about bumblebees, wasps and hornets.

Since 70% of our diet relies on bees for pollination, it is essential for us to look after them. He showed us how to make homes for wild bees to encourage them into our gardens. We should try to grow as many bee-friendly flowers as possible, particularly in the very early spring when many bees die of starvation and in late autumn as well. Plants that flower for a long time are the most beneficial to bees, and some of the long-lasting ones that bees like include kniphofia (red hot pokers), anemones, echinacea, buddleia, stachys macrata, liatris spicata, verbena bonariensis and verbena hastata. Apparently, a big block of colour will attract bees into the garden, but they cannot see the colour red. Anne Love gave the vote of thanks to Neil for such a fascinating talk.

We were able to purchase some of the plants Neil had brought with him while refreshments were served, and then we discussed some of our future events. The most important one, for raising funds, is our Annual Plant Sale on Sunday 15th May 10.30am to 12.30pm in the Village Hall. Members have been busy growing annuals, perennials, and all kinds of plants for this, and will also be providing tea, coffee and home-made cakes and biscuits. So, even if you think you do not need any plants, you can come along and sample some of our delicious eats.

More dates for members' diaries include our trip to Rosemoor on Thursday 16th June, an extra evening meeting on Thursday 28th July and another fun evening is being planned for Thursday 25th August. More details will be given in next month's Report - so watch this space.
Linda Harris, Secretary

A date for your diary!

Valley Churches Walk: Saturday 14th May 2011

A walk around our six churches

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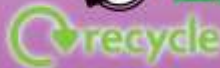
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The pool is hired for 4 sessions a week. Lifeguards supervise all sessions. RLSS National Lifeguard and Bronze Medallion courses are available as well as swimming lessons for adults and children.

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
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Hot Chocolate at Rainbow Pre-School

ON a beautiful day on Thursday 7th April, Rainbow Pre-School held their Easter Egg Hunt, Raffle and Picnic. The children, ranging from 3 to 4 years old, all hunted for chocolate eggs before having a picnic



Picnic time

lunch under the trees, supervised by staff and our new Play Leader, Denise Morrell.

Parents and staff had sold lots of tickets to raise money for more improvements to



Prizes!

the outside play area and lots of parents as well as local firms had generously donated all kinds of Easter chocolate and eggs that were drawn in the raffle.



There are more eggs over here . .

The children ran around the green and found eggs in the trees, shrubs and also the brand new Playhouse.

Our only concern for the whole afternoon was trying to stop the eggs melting because it was so hot!

For further information, or to arrange a visit, please telephone Denise at **Rainbow Pre-School - 01258 880795**



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At 'Flux & Flame' Jewellery School
Unit 11, Luccombe Business & Craft Centre, Luccombe Farm,
Milton Abbas, Dorset DT11 0BE
Saturday 7th and Sunday 8th May 10.00am – 5.00pm

'Debut 3' is the third in a series of annual events lending a platform to some of the South's rising jewellery design talent.

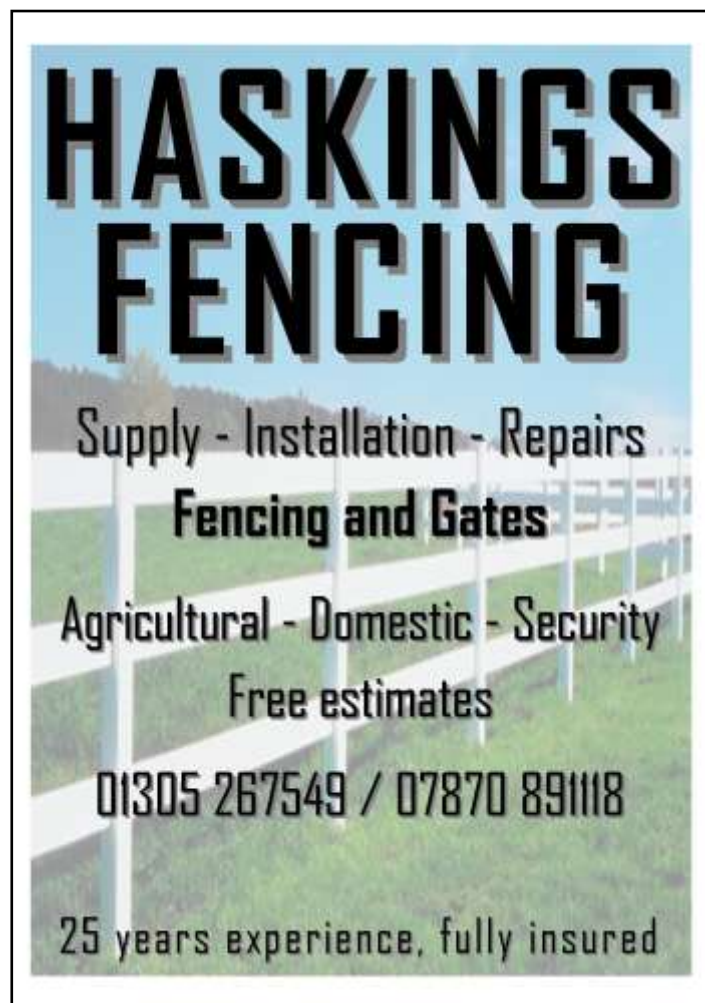
For nearly eight years, 'Flux and Flame' has been nurturing the creative talents of local jewellery enthusiasts. 'Debut 3' is a great opportunity to purchase individual jewellery hand crafted by both emerging and more established jewellery designers, all of which have passed through the school's accomplished term time and weekend courses.

Working in diverse materials and running a wide gamut of styles the exhibition is sure to hold something for everyone to take home. All pieces on display have been handcrafted by the designers themselves. All of the designers work in hallmarked precious metals often combined with stunningly beautiful gemstones. The designers will be on hand throughout the exhibition to discuss their work, commissions and generally give people the story behind their pieces! All the pieces on show will be for sale. Cheque and cash only please.

In addition work by established multi-award winning designers Jesa and Al Marshall, will also be on show and available to buy.

This is the perfect opportunity for some Spring time shopping, or maybe just treat yourself to something special!!!

For further details contact Jesa or Al Marshall 01258 881690 or 07785 550771 E-mail: jesa@fluxnflame.co.uk



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Music for a Will – the answering phrase-1

IN my first article encouraging everyone to consider the importance of making a will and planning their estate I posed four questions:

- ◆ **If I don't make a will, or my will is not valid, what will happen to my possessions?**
- ◆ *If I have to go into a care home will my wife/husband/partner have to sell our house to pay for my care?*
- ◆ *My husband died recently, if I have to go into care my home will go to my children, won't it?*
- ◆ *If I am not able to make decisions for myself any more my relatives will be able to act on my behalf and make decisions for me, won't they?*

The answer to the first of them is not as simple as you might imagine. When someone dies intestate (without a valid will) there is a legal set of rules to determine who will inherit all their possessions.

If you have a spouse or civil partner who survives you by at least 28 days and you **have children**, then:

- The first £250,000 goes to your spouse or civil partner with your personal effects
- Half of your remaining assets go to your spouse or civil partner for their lifetime, then to your children when they reach 18 years old
- The other half goes directly to your children when they reach 18 years old

If you have a spouse or civil partner who survives you by at least 28 days and you **have no children**, but you do have parents or brothers and sisters, nephews and nieces, then:

- The first £450,000 goes to your spouse or civil partner with your personal effects
- Half of your remaining assets go to your spouse or civil partner absolutely
- The other half goes to your parents if they survive you, otherwise to your brothers and sisters or their children, in equal shares

If you do not have a spouse or civil partner who survives you, then the full estate passes to whoever comes first in this list:

1. Children in equal shares when they reach 18 years old
2. Parents
3. Brothers and sisters or their children
4. Half brothers and sisters or their children
5. Grandparents
6. Aunts and uncles or their children
7. 'Half' aunts and uncles or their children
8. The Crown or the Duchies of Lancaster and Cornwall

For an unmarried couple the surviving partner is not entitled to anything under the rules of intestacy.

It is worth taking a few minutes to work out where all your assets would go if you died tomorrow – heaven forefend – without a valid will, leaving the courts to decide who will inherit. Who would you choose to leave them to?

You will see from this that the way to ensure that your hard earned money and property go to the people you intend to benefit from your estate is, of course, to take advice about your own individual situation and make an appropriate will!

I'll give an answer to the second question next time. If you have any questions about wills and estate planning you can email michael.moorsom@collectivelegalsolutions.co.uk or call me on 01258 440480.

Michael Moorsom

Della Jones MBE hangs up her hats and fascinators after 45 years service to North Dorset District Council – successor since 1974 to Blandford RDC. We thank Della for all the work she has done over the years for Milborne St. Andrew and wish her a happy retirement.



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WEDNESDAY 18th May – 11.00am

Abbotsbury and Ashley Chase

Park in lay-by on the Bishop's Road, NE of Abbotsbury, where the SW Coastal Path crosses this road.

Grid reference: SY 588866 on OS Explorer Sheet OL15 (approx. 6.5 miles)

SUNDAY 5th JUNE – 2.00pm

Turnworth

Okeford Hill car park.

Grid reference: ST 812093 on OS Explorer Sheet 117 (approx. 4.5 miles)

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

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