



Reporter

News and Views from around the area

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Milborne St. Andrew

Royal Wedding at The Royal Oak



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Wednesday Social Club

ON Wednesday the 27th April we had a stall at the School's 10th anniversary fair. The winners of our competition were Sam B, Alec Jay and Makenna. Ross Purdy won the £10.00 Tesco gift voucher. Congratulations to all the winners.

Thank you to everyone that supported the event and £43.80 was donated to school funds.

Reports of the Swing Band and Cream Tea in next month's issue.

Eve Richardson

Family Announcements

Birthday Celebration



Happy Birthday to Finn, our handsome blue eyed blondie! 6 years old on the 2nd June! Lots of love from Grandma and Grandad

Emily Chastey will be 13 years old on the 13th June. Happy Birthday Emily from Daddy and Kate x x x



Tweet and Sour

Due to lack of space this month, Tweet and Sour will be held over until next month. Please continue to send in your tweets.

Welcome to . . .

WE have noticed some new faces in the village over the past few months and are introducing a new feature to welcome them and introduce them to you.

Linda and **Peter Constant** have moved into Homefield, their interests include walking, travel and motorbikes.

Jacqui Andrews in Chapel Street likes live music and amateur dramatics. **Lucy** (Jacqui's daughter) and **Simon Bishop**, not forgetting son **Alfie** are in Coles Lane and they're keen on dancing, travel and sport.

Paul and **May** and their two children **Matthew** (11) and **Leon** (2) moved to Chapel Street in April. The family moved from Bury St. Edmunds and Paul works as a truss designer at a timber engineering company in Piddlehinton. Matthew has joined St Mary's Middle School at Puddletown. May says that the family are very pleased to be here in Milborne!

Phil and **Marie Hayter** with their two sons have moved into The Rings. Phil likes motorbikes and skittles, his wife is interested in history, reading and DIY, **Zach** (7) and **Ethan** (5) both attend Milborne School and are members of the Milborne F/C junior football team, but while Zach likes tennis and anything military, his brother is more interested in Lego, reading and drawing.

Phil is a partner in haytersfeeds.co.uk Rowe Hill Farm, Holt (Wimborne) – Equine, agricultural and Pet food suppliers – Sponsoring Milborne Football Club by supplying all grass seed for current and new pitch.

Doreen Baldwin aged 93 is also new to the village, living with her daughter in Brooklands. She loves the Pop-in, the village lunch and any social activities.

If you know of anyone new to the village who would like to share a little information about themselves, please let the *Reporter* know – nothing will be published without their permission.

Opening times

Our Londis Shop opens from 7.30am to 7.30pm from Monday to Saturday; Sunday opening is 9.00am to 1.00pm.

Our Post Office opens from 9.00am to 1.00pm and 2.00pm to 5.30pm each day except Thursday and Saturday when it closes for the afternoon, Sunday closed. Mail is collected from the box at 4.00pm on Monday to Friday on Saturday 10.00am, no collection on Sunday.

Our pub The Royal Oak has just started its summer opening times, all week 12 noon to 11.00pm, food served from 12 noon to 9.00pm.

Lots more information on the village website at
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"Good Evening All"

WHEN the coach arrived back at the Londis at about 2345hrs the other evening the laughter and chatter masked the fact that there were a lot of sore heads making their weary way home. Some were caused when occipitofrontal bits (one's bonce or forehead) came in contact with a lump of pure English oak (HMS *Victory*) positioned rather too low for most, others by the consumption of rather too much of the liquid stuff of the falling down variety.

Anyway, that aside, about 12 hours earlier a coach load (40) of Food and Winers departed from the Square and some time (about 90min) later arrived at Gunwarf Quay, Portsmouth. From there they bomb-burst to all points of the compass agreeing to meet up again at about 7.00pm ready to be escorted into the Dockyard and on board the *Victory*.

Some got no further than the nearest bar with Sky Sports, most (men) endured being dragged around the countless 'Outlet Stores' that now pervade what once was a proud Naval Dockyard. Others reached the dizzy heights of the Spinnaker tower and some even ventured onto the water and did their own 'fleet review' of what remains of the Royal Navy. All very interesting stuff but we had to be back by 7.00pm and at 7.15 some were still mizzen.

As the coach approached the high security Dockyard gates we were all taken aback when suddenly asked to don police uniform in order to fool the dockyard security matey that we were all serving Police Officers on a day out. One or two took to the challenge with such gusto and aplomb that they actually believed they were serving police officers and still do!

Anyway over 40 souls eventually made it on board and had an evening to remember. Mind you, being plied with drinks from the HMS *Victory* bar, (not authentic by the way) as soon as we stepped on board, some were already well on the way to forgetting. There then followed a detailed and personal tour of the ship that was something very special, ending up where we started . . . in the bar. Eventually, we were all called down onto the gun deck where nothing short of a feast had been prepared, 2nd and 3rd helpings were the order of the day.

The Chef had certainly gone overboard with his buffet selection and after thanking our hosts most sincerely we climbed back on board our coach, donned our police disguises and set sail for good olde MSA.

Gives us a clue, we're lost

If you lost the plot on the above then fear not, you can redeem yourself on the Food and Wine Society car treasure hunt organized for Sunday 12th June from 2.00pm onwards. The sunshine has been booked and Sid Coe has worked out all the clues and the twists and turns that will eventually lead to a massive picnic. If you haven't been on a treasure hunt before you are in for a great afternoon. The clues will be kept easy, the route will be stunning and should you get hopelessly lost the sealed envelope handed out at the start will give you the finish venue details.

The event is not a race and prizes will be given to the winning team(car) that answer the most clues correctly. Each car will pay an entrance fee of £10 – no matter how many in the car . . . but keep the number legal and within your insurance policy criteria.

Set in the willows

To top off the summer season the members have organized a summer garden party. With its riverside setting, garden games, bar-be-que, good company and a couple of sets from Nina Garcia this promises to be yet another stunning event organized by the Food and Wine Society . . . interested, contact Karen 837186 or Helen 839222, new members always welcome.

Factory Farming and Local Libraries – WI May 2011

THIS was our members' evening, with Resolutions top of the agenda. Every year WI members put forward resolutions for discussion at the National AGM which, if passed, then form the basis of our future campaigning and awareness-raising activities. This year we were asked to discuss and vote upon two resolutions. The first resolution urged the Government to ensure planning permission is not granted for factory farming projects, particularly relating to large animals such as pigs and cows. Ann Mepham took us through the background data and arguments for and against were discussed. Opinions seemed evenly divided and with a vote of 6 for and 6 against and a number of abstentions, no clear consensus was reached. The second resolution, read by Shirley Dunkley, relating to the closure of local libraries was, however, carried by a majority of votes.

Coming up: *Globe Theatre* touring company will be at Upton Park on 18/19th June with 'As You Like It' – Shirley Dunkley has details. *Flower Festival* at Milton Abbey on 3rd-6th July – a plea for stewards. *Portland WI* have asked us to provide cream teas in the Village Hall on 5th July – June Maitland is liaising. *Autumn Council Meeting* is on 20th October and Ann Widdecombe is one of the Speakers. *Dorset Show* is on 2-4th September. *Group Walk* from Lytchett Matravers on 20th June at 6.30pm, also the visit to Denman College on 4th July – Pat Shipton has details of both.

Also: – Shirley Dunkley has offered to host a strawberry tea for Breast Cancer in early July, which it is intended will be open to non-members. There will be a charge but we would provide the 'eats'. Anya Bruty has offered to hold our *Summer Supper* at her home on 24th June, parking courtesy of June Maitland. More on both of these items at a later date.

Ongoing: 'Bookends' meetings continue to be much enjoyed, Anya brought along her Kindle – love them or hate them they are now part of our lives! Don't forget lunch at The Royal Oak on Tuesday 14th June at 1.00pm.

Well done to members who took part in the Group Quiz and came away with the cup!



WI Group Quiz Winners, Anya, Heather, Pat, Lynn and June.


Next meeting Andrea and Alan Smith will be talking about a *Children's Home in Nepal* with which they have been involved for a number of years. This will be an Open meeting, so all are invited to come along on Thursday 9th June and join in what is sure to be a worthwhile evening. (Bring along a photo of a schoolchild – any schoolchild – for the competition).

Pat Bull

New members for the Reporter team

We're pleased to welcome Jo Perry (late of The Royal Oak) and Josie Wright to the **Reporter** team. Read Jo's articles on the Parish Council on pages 5 and 13 and Josie's short story on page 29.

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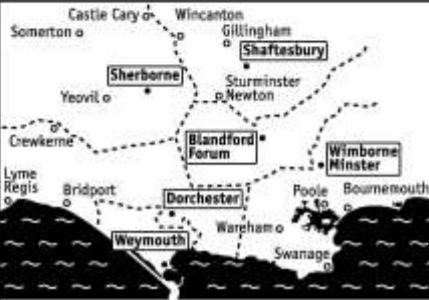


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Ladybirds have fun

IN preparation for the Royal Wedding we talked about weddings, dressed up, danced to wedding music, wrote invitations and made cakes. The girls particularly enjoyed this time but there was a shortage of willing bridegrooms!

We have secured the fenced area outside with green mesh and can now play safely outside. The



weather has been great and we have already enjoyed lettuce and strawberries from our small plot of land. The children are becoming adept at growing and hopefully we will harvest peas, beans and tomatoes before the end of the school year. The outside area has also been used to facilitate large

construction with the boys deciding to build a house which all the children then played in. It was a pity it had to be dismantled at the end of the morning after all the effort that had gone into it.

The book this term has been Jack and the Beanstalk – a good base for talking about growing, right and wrong, giants and then hens! A parent brought a real chicken into Ladybirds and the children were given the opportunity to gently stroke her. We then discussed eggs and all that they can be used for.



Some of the older children poached, hard boiled, fried and scrambled eggs for everyone to try at snack time.

Liz Dyer



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Parish Council report

Parish Council AGM – Wednesday 11th May 2011

IT was with trepidation that I agreed to take notes for Sue this week but being a newbie on the *Reporter* team I thought that I should be seen to be keen. I arrived at the village hall somewhat earlier than most and busied myself with preparation to take notes and be guided as to when to ask questions by the more experienced members of the public. I ventured into the village hall and took my place for what I hoped would be an informative and productive few hours!

Before the real meeting begins the public have a chance to ask questions as there were only 12 of us you can imagine that questions were few and far between:

A question was raised as to the validity of sections of previous meetings where the public are excluded. The clerk confirmed that such proceedings are allowed under particular circumstances.

A question was raised as to the overhanging cars from the garage that means members of the public wanting to walk in front of said garage must venture onto the road. It seems that as it is private land the council are unable to do anything but PC Mullins would be contacted to see if the police might help.

Formal Meeting:

Councillor Mike Hopper was replaced by Councillor Janet Allen as the Chairman for the term 2011/2012. Councillor Allen accepted the post.

Mr Paul Morgan and Mrs Jennifer Balcon were co-opted onto the council. Councillor Mike Hopper and Councillor Paul Morgan were nominated for Vice Chairman post. Councillor Hopper refused and Councillor Morgan accepted. The posts of Tree Warden, Footpaths officer, Ancient Monument Officer, and Flood Wardens were filled as were the representatives of outside organisations for 2011/2012.

No objection was raised to a previously rejected planning application and the Internal Auditor post remains the same. The Council was unable to review statutory documents as they were not up to date so an action plan will be agreed at another meeting. A review of the council's assets was detailed in a report. The grants review meant a change in procedure, the village action plan is going to an informal meeting so that it can be drawn up and the suggestion of the medical centre going onto the paddock behind Brooklands is not feasible as access would be a problem. The eyesore at Little England is with NDDC as they are taking action against the owner of the site. Some cheques were signed and then all the councillors refused the offer of a financial allowance for the next years term. The vote was then taken to exclude the public as the clerk's terms and conditions were to be discussed.

If the members of the public that left the building felt the same as I did it was with confusion and just a little bit of anger, the meeting seemed to be at a loss with itself and had degenerated into what I felt a bit of a shambles. I did however feel that I needed to learn about the responsibility of the council as the councillors are making decisions about the village that I live in and spending the money that I earn. See my second article on page 13.

Jo Perry

Official minutes of the Parish Council meeting can be viewed at www.milbornestandrew.org.uk/parishcouncil.

News from Milton Abbas and Milborne St. Andrew Surgery

Thank you – We would like to thank our patients for their patience and understanding whilst we fitted 15 days surgery hours into 11 days over the extended bank holiday weekends at the beginning of April.

Open Surgeries – We constantly monitor our morning open surgery policy. Currently, if you need to be seen quickly you can telephone the surgery in the morning, be given an approximate time slot to attend, and be seen by either a doctor or advanced nurse practitioner. Routine matters can be dealt with by booking an advance appointment. However, provision of a morning open surgery, and the doctor time taken, sometimes means that our advance booking, especially with the doctor of your choice, is more limited than patients would like. Therefore, once again, we are reviewing this and would welcome comments and ideas from patients on how to improve access. Patient comment forms are available in both surgeries for you to complete and hand to the receptionist or you can comment on our website at www.masurgery.co.uk. Go to *contact online* and click on *feedback*.

Patient Participation Group – The surgery patient participation group work hard to raise funds and provide us with feedback from patients. Recent equipment purchased for the surgery include: dressing and equipment trolleys for each room; a drip stand and extra syringe driver to aid care for very ill and palliative care patients; an extra blood monitoring machine for the Milborne St. Andrew surgery and glove holders for consulting rooms.

New Doctor – Our new partner, Dr Stephanie Dean joined us at the beginning of April. Dr Dean will be working on Monday and Thursday mornings and all day on Wednesday. She is available for pre-booked appointments on Monday morning at Milborne St. Andrew and Wednesday afternoon at Milton Abbas. She is the open surgery doctor on Wednesday and Thursday mornings at Milton Abbas.

NHS Dorset website has gone live

ALONG with a new look, the site will act as a health portal for the people of Dorset. It contains health information along with links to other sites which have useful information, e.g. NHS Choices.

During the development of the site, local people were invited to share their views and offer feedback. As a result, the site has been designed to be more user friendly than previous and more intuitive. It also meets current web standards in terms of accessibility.

In order to ensure public funds have been used efficiently, no external contractors or agencies were used. Costs were minimised and experience and knowledge were maintained within the organisation. Future maintenance and updating will also be undertaken within the organisation.

The new site will be accessed using the same internet address www.dorset-pct.nhs.uk.

If you have any questions or queries please email the communications team at communications@dorset-pct.nhs.uk.

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BUSY BEES mother and toddler, (latterly termed, under 5's) group is set to close if another group of willing helpers cannot be found.

It was started many years ago by a group of keen mothers in the village who wanted somewhere to meet up together with their preschoolers during the term time. These early campaigners worked tirelessly to secure much needed funds to buy equipment and storage for the toys. It then moved from the village hall to the sports pavilion to accommodate the Ladybirds Playgroup. Though sadly, it now loses a percentage of older children to Ladybirds as they have dropped their lower age limit.

Children and parents alike have enjoyed many happy years at the pavilion where the facilities are excellent. The large storage shed facilitates easy access to a large range of equipment enabling the children to play safely both inside and out – whatever the weather.

For a minimal sum of £1.50 (for two hours) families have been able to drop in 'as and when' to play and socialise. Freshly ground coffee and, often, home-made cakes were available to parents/carers whilst a healthy snack was provided for the children.

Each week a new creative activity was planned from cress/heads to crowns to finger mice! Paint, play-dough etc was also regularly accessible.

During the last year plus that I've chaired the club we've also organised:

- visits from various health professionals
- inputs from Surestart workers
- hand/foot printing pottery workshops
- photographers
- Christmas cake baking
- fund raising

We also started a story/singing time at the close of the sessions which the children loved.


It has always been a low-key group where parents can come and relax with their little ones. I have tried very hard to make it warm and welcoming to anyone who comes and try to make sure each child enjoys their visit.

My youngest goes to school imminently and as my work and other voluntary commitments pile up it's high time I stepped down.

It would be an absolute travesty if this group was to shutdown after so much hard work by so many mothers over so many years. A committed team is needed to come forward, quickly, otherwise the future of our village's only mother and toddler group looks very bleak indeed.

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School News

WE'RE nearing the end of a short half term, but one where there has been a lot happening in school. On Wednesday 27th April the school celebrated 10 years at the current site. Friends of School organised a celebration party and fayre for all associated with the school. It was a pleasure to see so many past pupils with their families, previous members of staff and community groups join us for the event, which included a variety of stalls, games and refreshments, live music from a local band and a disco for the younger ones. The beautifully decorated cake (which proved to be delicious) was made by Lianne Summers and Jacqui Davies and was cut by our youngest and eldest girls, Sinead and Emma. The party had been opened by Harry and Niall, our youngest and eldest boys. Thank you to everyone who helped make it such a fun and successful event, through volunteering or attending.



The spring poem below was written in school by Ella Fernandez, a year 2 pupil, who was awarded first prize for her age category in a local poetry competition organised through the local Dorchester Area Schools Partnership. Ella received her certificate at a presentation at Maiden Castle Farm, where she was also able to meet some new spring lambs.

Fluffy Chick

*Quick chick come out of your shell
It's hot it's sunny it's dry as well
The grass is smooth
At last it's happened the chick has
come out of its egg
It's playing, playing on the flowers
It's a cute yellow smooth chick
Pecking at the food with its bright
orange beak
At last the chick is asleep zzz
And the chick has not made a peep
On a spring day.*



have also been enjoying the good weather and have walked to Milborne Woods to see the display of bluebells and learn more about the environment through their work with the Trees for Dorset Project.



You may recall earlier in the year that the school was visited by aliens – the Rabbits and Fox classes were able to write to them after their eggs were found in the school grounds. This term it's the turn of the Owls class who had a very unexpected visitor to their class as you can see. They will be learning all about robots during the summer term, so this was the ideal opportunity to get some inside information. The Owls class

Piano Found

Thank you to all the people who contacted the school with a possible piano for us to use. Just like buses we waited for one and a number came along at once. We have now secured a piano to come to school, so all others may go to other good homes. Many thanks.

CONTACTS

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

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Homewatch Newsletter Blandford South, April

Local incidents in April

Date	Village	Incident	Location
1st	Milton Abbas	Theft - Grit bin Orbistor	School
7th	Milborne St. Andrew	Shoplifting	Grays Stores
14th	Milton Abbas	Theft - Container and fuel	Catherine's Well
23rd	Milborne St. Andrew	Criminal Damage - Vehicle - BB gun used	Bladen View

"Don't hesitate to call in the police"

Just call us . . . That's the message from a PCSO patrolling villages south of Blandford, who said residents shouldn't hesitate to contact officers if they have concerns.

PCSO Luke Goddard, 28, who joined Dorset Police in 2007 and previously served in Blandford Town, said police relied on the public for information, and praised Homewatch teams for helping officers to protect communities.

"Homewatch is incredibly important. We rely heavily on people telling us what is going on providing intelligence," he said and he urged villagers on his Blandford Rural South patch, not to stay silent.

"The main advice is just to pick up the phone and call us", he said.

PCSO Goddard, who is currently the lead officer for security equipment in the Blandford area, said low cost improvements could help to keep properties safe.

"Sometimes it can be quite subtle things, like fitting a slatted gate rather than one with a crossbar that can be used as a ladder," he said.

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Have you met . . . Roger (the Rant) Harrall?

DURING my talk with Roger and his wife, Alice, Roger said he had no claim to fame. I wonder if he realises that a Google search on "Roger Harrall" reveals four screens of references to him – no, not other people of the same name but Milborne's own Roger (the Rant) Harrall.

For the last 25 years, Roger's life has been punctuated with major bouts of ill-health. He described his problems when he had a mental breakdown caused by manic depression, an illness which was effectively treated by modern medical methods. At one stage the onset of arthritis meant that he could hardly walk and had to be pushed around in a wheel chair but he had both his knee joints replaced and he became mobile again. Now, his chronic arthritis comes and goes and he manages it by being careful with his diet and taking modern medication which slows down the deterioration of his joints. He still has to take it easy though when his illness flares up. After all this you might expect Roger to be grumpy but he's not; he's one of the gentlest and kindest and most positive people you could ever wish to meet.

Roger was born in 1947 in Kingston upon Thames. His father was a chimney sweep and one of his earliest memories is of helping him by going out into the road and yelling when the sweeping brush emerged from the chimney pot. At that time his family was one of the few in their street with their own motorised vehicle and at the time of the Coronation they were able to afford a television set and entertained half the street in front of the nine inch black and white screen. The lack of traffic meant that playing football, cricket and rounders out in the street was the norm as were unaccompanied visits to Richmond Park in the summer where Roger and his friends would roam free.

Family parties at his grandmother's house were always a bit of an event with everyone expected to do a "party piece". It came as no surprise to learn that Roger's contribution was to sing. He told me that "I love to go a wandering" was his favourite with the rest of the family joining in with the "Val-de-re, Val-de-ra" chorus. This, he believes, was the beginning of his love of singing.

At secondary school, Roger did well in Science and especially well in Woodwork and Metalwork and when he left at the age of 15 he took a job at the Roberts radio factory. He hated it and left within a year. Roger had been in the Sea Cadets since he was 12 and he moved on to a job at Raven's Ait – an island in the Thames – where he was trained up to maintain and repair the Sea Cadets fleet of boats at their base on

the island, putting his woodworking skills to good use. His new job also gave him opportunities to sail on bigger sailing vessels as well as a multitude of sailing dinghies. Roger's woodworking skills were put to good use in bridge building as well. Hammersmith Bridge was being refurbished and some curved timberwork could only be created by

craftsmen with boat-building skills – Roger was in demand!

Around this time Roger was introduced to Alice. Alice's then boyfriend, a colleague of Roger's, had arranged for Roger to take her sailing. Roger decided that he would rather work on his boat, offering the excuse that there was not enough wind for sailing. Fortunately, fate took a hand and a few months later, by which time Alice had split from her previous boyfriend, Roger and Alice became "an item". They were a successful partnership both on and off the water and, as well as getting engaged and married within a few months also won the prestigious Yate's Cup and Braganza Bowl trophies at the Thames Rater class Whitsuntide regatta on the Thames.

Roger's parents died in the early 80's and Roger and Alice decided to move down to Dorset to be nearer to Alice's mother who lived in Wareham. Roger became self-employed, first as a furniture restorer, then a gardener. He also had a spell working with the Purbeck and Bovington Beagles and was

invited to join the mastership in 1987. As Roger told me "Once I couldn't run around any more I got more and more involved in the local Folk Music Scene as an unaccompanied singer of traditional songs. As a result my 60th birthday party grew from a barn dance to a weekend festival with friends and family from all over England. We made a bit of money for the RNLI and the Air Ambulance and decided to run a repeat the following year. Roger's Rant is now a fixture for July on the local folk music calendar."

I asked Roger what he particularly liked about Milborne St. Andrew.

"It's a mixed village with people from all walks of life and different interests. From the time we arrived people went out of their way to be friendly and there are more societies in the village than one could belong to."

Is there a downside to living in Milborne St. Andrew? "No, apart from the lack of public transport which is the price you pay for living in our beautiful countryside."

Is there anyone you would describe as your hero or inspiration?

"No-one famous but I was inspired by my boss when I worked at Raven's Ait. Despite his major health problems he soldiered on with absolutely no complaints, he was a really selfless man."

Do you have a fantasy dinner date? "No, not really. Alice and I have lots of good friends whose company we really enjoy."

Your interests? "I loved my gardening and woodwork but much of that is now impossible. When I was really ill, I ended up watching a lot of daytime TV and became addicted (almost) to the various cookery programmes. Cooking is one of the things I can manage. I have a creative mind and build on basic recipes. The family seem to like what I prepare. We even had one of my lasagnes, by special request, as an alternative Christmas Dinner one year. I have an interest in history, particularly the way that society has evolved as a result of technological and industrial development. On a less serious level I love the TV programme *Desperate Housewives*. I am fascinated by the surreal and contrived story lines and characters – not to be taken seriously!"

Roger is a very modest man and I am grateful that Alice was able to persuade him to be interviewed for our magazine. Thank you both for a most entertaining and interesting lunchtime.

Ed Frost



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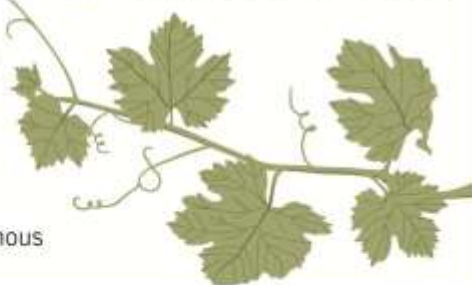
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Busy time at Gardening Club



Members had a busy time at the end of April. The Club had a stall at the School's 10th Anniversary celebrations, the sun shone and the whole event seemed to be very successful. The following day some of our members visited Diana Guy's garden and were just amazed by the wonderful planting schemes. Tea in the conservatory was nice and relaxed and we spent a very pleasant afternoon.

In mid-May we held our annual Plant Sale which did better than



last year. Many thanks to everyone who donated plants, brought along cakes, helped sell, served tea and especially to all those who came along and spent money.

If anyone else would like to join us on our outing to Rosemoor on the 16th June, please contact Josie Wright (839090) to see if any seats are still available.

By popular request, we will once more be holding the Village Show in September, and the classes have been decided. We hope that lots of people will put in entries – it is not too competitive, just for fun, the public will be voting again with pennies for their favourites, and the funds raised will go to a very good cause, the Mosaic charity here in our village.

Linda Harris, Secretary

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 - c. Penstemon
 - d. Rose
- 2. Mixed bunch of garden flowers**
- 3. Fruit and Vegetables**
 - a. Bowl of fruit – one variety (eg apples, pears)
 - b. Bowl of mixed fruit
 - c. Selection of up to 6 varieties of vegetable
 - d. Selection of 3 vegetables of one variety (eg 3 carrots, 3 beans)
 - e. Selection of salad vegetables
- 4. The heaviest potato**
- 5. The longest runner bean**
- 6. Flower arrangements**
 - a. Table centre arrangement
 - b. An arrangement in an unusual container
 - c. A miniature arrangement (maximum 4 inches in any direction)
- 7. Photographs** (Unmounted. Maximum A5 / 8 x 6 inches)
 - a. Water
 - b. Transport
 - c. Pets
- 8. Cookery**
 - a. Three cup cakes of any variety
 - b. Three sausage rolls
 - c. A jar of jam (any variety)
 - d. A jar of jelly (any variety)
 - e. A jar of marmalade (any variety)
 - f. A jar of chutney (any variety)
- 9. Children's Section for 9 years and under – to be announced**

All classes are open to everyone living in the village to enter. You do not have to be a member of the Gardening Club, so start growing plants, taking photos and doing some cookery. Printed schedules, including entry forms, will be available from various places in the village at the end of June/ beginning of July. More details in the *July Reporter*.

The Milborne Players

“What’s occurring this summer”

HAVING decided that this year we would cut out one of our productions to give not only the members but our loyal audience a bit of a rest we are pleased to announce that our next production will be in September. This time a thriller play by Francis Durbridge **“Suddenly at Home”** under the direction of yours truly, the performances will be in the Village Hall on **23rd and 24th September 2011**.

Panto planning is high on our agenda too and we plan to call a meeting later in the summer to invite people to come along and find out what is in store. Help is always needed particularly during the panto season with costumes, and other production tasks so if you are interested in becoming involved in any capacity please get in touch.

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Ask Millie

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Last month's problem

In reply to last month's problem about an ungrateful daughter and son-in-law constantly asking for favours.

Millie says – Apart from changing your telephone number or using caller display on your telephone, I suggest that the next time they ask you to do something for them; you tell them that you are busy on that day and are unable to help. You might find their response interesting if you tell them that the reason you can't help is because you have an appointment with your solicitor to update your will.

Dear Millie,

My next door neighbour is 'the neighbour from hell', she has noisy children who scream and yell in the garden all day, she has a barking dog and to cap it all she has regular very smelly bonfires which means that I can't sit in my garden and have to close all my windows. I have spoken to her on many occasions about all the problems, but nothing changes. What can I do?

Millie says – Hmm . . . Read the following letter and my response at the end.

Dear Millie,

I would appreciate your advice on how to deal with one of my neighbours. She is constantly on my back about something. She complains about the dog barking, the children playing out, music playing and even objects when I tidy up the garden and burn the garden rubbish. The neighbours on the other side are fine and have never once complained and they say 'live and let live'. My children are lively, but are only playing and I do try to quiet them when they get too shouty. Apart from moving house is there anything I can do as her constant sourness and whingeing is really getting on my nerves.

Millie says – Which of the writers of the above two letters is the neighbour from hell? Living in a village means that we are all living close together and this can lead to friction. Give and take, live and let live, do unto others as you would have them do unto you. Above all try to be tolerant and see things from the other person's point of view. Remember that moving house may not necessarily help – 'out of the frying pan into the fire'. Please try talking (and listening) to each other honestly without blaming each other or scoring points.

Next month's problem –

Dear Millie,

Since he retired, my husband spends hours on the internet all day and most of the evening as well. When I come home from work nothing has been done and I find it difficult to keep my temper. Our children have all left home now, but when they were teenagers we set limits on how much telly and computer games they played. How can I get him to see that he should limit his time?

Flower Festival

'Favourite Childhood Stories'

St. Laurence's Church, Affpuddle 15th, 16th and 17th July from 11.00am–5.00pm
16th July – Church Fete In the Peace Garden at 2.00pm
17th July – Bar B-Q – 1.00pm

It's not what you can do for your Parish Council, it's what your Parish Council can do for you

So what are Parish councils all about? What do they do? How do they work and how are they funded. These were the questions that I brought home with me the night of the AGM and so I got reading:

The first thing I did was to have a look at my council tax bill – not something I usually do I just look at the total, moan a little bit and then think oh well. It seems that in a band D property the breakdown totals £19.45 as a precept for the Parish council on an individual property. The Parish Council has received a total of £7,675 this year from the residents of Milborne St. Andrew.

Next I did a Google search and I came up with the following:

There are about 10,000 parish councils in England and Wales. They are the first tier of the local government system and are therefore the grass roots of our council system. They have a number of basic duties within the community including representing the whole electorate within the parish; delivering services to meet local needs; and striving to improve quality of life in the parish. They are responsible for providing a range of community services, such as: street lighting, local transport and traffic services, allotments, cemeteries, recreation grounds, war memorials, seating and shelters, rights of way and tourist information centres.

The parish council are notified of any planning applications or highway development planned for the area and on some occasions the councils approval is also needed for any work to go ahead.

The council can also make decisions and lobby the district council on areas that they are responsible for. For instance running more bus services or traffic calming issues, they can help local community projects and associations by providing grants.

However, the local community need to get involved and as a village we need to let the Parish Council know what we need and make them aware of any issues that need attending to.

The way that the council meetings work is that there is a space at the beginning of a meeting for the public to ask question or raise issues. We can also raise issues prior to a meeting or put an item forward to be considered at the next meeting. The agendas and calendar of meeting are placed around the village for all to see and can also be accessed through the village website (www.milbornestandrew.org.uk). This is a very basic run down of a Parish Council and it's responsibilities. The only way we can learn more is to visit the meetings and ask questions, listen to the decisions being made, hear what has become of The Village Plan and get involved. Because if we don't the Parish council will make the decisions for us as it is their job to do so.

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 15th June at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. The agenda will be available on the website and all questions or queries should be directed in the first instance to the Clerk at Joyce Holman, The Old Fire Station, Pidney Hill, Hazelbury Bryan, DT10 2EB or cannonhill@btinternet.com

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The Oak Motorcycle Rally 2011

FOLLOWING last year's successful event the Oak Motorcycle Rally will be taking place on Sunday 19th June at The Royal Oak, Milborne St. Andrew.

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On Sunday 19th June at 11.00am the bikes will start to arrive at The Royal Oak (if you wish to register for the event then please go online at www.oak-motorcycle-rally.co.uk or call 07553 847463) each registered participant will receive a free bacon roll. At midday the rally will start its journey to West Bay, Weymouth and then back to The Royal Oak. Whilst the bikes are out, family fun, music and a BBQ will be happening at the pub whilst we await the return of the riders. When the riders return at around 3.30pm a raffle and more music will end what is looking to be an amazing day!

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	Chair: Mike Claydon	01258 837314
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Computer Drop-in Sessions	Sue Gould	01258 837575
Ladies Group – Dewlish	Judith Bridgen	01258 837157
Memory Lane Swing Band	Gilly Pink	01258 837695
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Wednesday Social Club	Margaret Evans	01258 450518
Women's Institute	Linda Wright	01258 839255

General – Youth

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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
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Milborne Players	Roy Sach	01258 837033
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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

June

- Saturday 4th **Cream Tea** with Milborne Young Performers giving a cameo performance of 'Joseph and his Technicolor Dreamcoat' – see last month's *Reporter* on page 3.
- Thursday 9th **Children's Home in Nepal** by Andrea and Alan Smith. WI meeting Village Hall 7.30pm all invited – see page 27.
- Saturday 11th **Skittles Tournament** at The Royal Oak in aid of Ladybirds – see page 14.
That's Entertainment – see below.
- Wednesday 15th **Parish Council Meeting** Village Hall 7.30pm.
- Thursday 16th **Outing to Rosemoor** with the Milborne St. Andrew Gardening Club – see page 11.
- Sunday 19th **Motorcycle Rally** The Royal Oak, – see page 14.
- Saturday 25th **Concert by Dulcima** at Durweston Village Hall, 7.30pm. Tickets £7.50 from Nicki 01305 848383 or Margaret 01305 848161 – or visit the website at www.dulcima.net.

July

- Friday 8th–10th **Roger's Rant Weekend** Sports Club, Village Hall, and St. Andrew's Church – see below.
- Friday 15th–17th **Flower Festival** 'Favourite Childhood Stories' St. Laurence's Church, Affpuddle 11.00am–5.00pm.
- Saturday 16th **Church Fete** Affpuddle 2.00pm.
- Saturday 30th **Milton Abbas Street Fair**.
- September**
- Saturday 10th **The Show** Milborne St. Andrew Gardening Club Village Hall from 2.00–4.00pm – see page 11.
Dorset Historic Churches Ride and Stride.

Regular Bookings at the Village Hall

- Ladybirds Playgroup** Monday–Friday 8.30am–1.00pm MH (term time only)
- 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

June 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 17th June. Contact Roger Harrall Tel. 837371 or email roger.harrall@gmail.com
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- Football: Adult football training** – Tuesday evening – contact Paul Morgan 01258 / 837619 email morgan56@btinternet.com or Matt Hall email mattyoon@hotmail.co.uk
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Roger's Rant

From the 8th–10th July Roger's Rant is celebrating traditional and contemporary folk music, song and dance at Milborne St. Andrew Sports Club. The Village Hall will be used for the dance workshop on Saturday afternoon with a Ceilidh (barn dance) in the evening and then on Sunday afternoon there will be an assembly where 17th to 19th century dancing will take place. The weekend will finish with a concert in St. Andrew's Church.

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Lack of rain in Milborne St. Andrew

AFTER the very low rainfall of March, there was an even lower rainfall in April with a total of only 3.9mm. This was 7% of the average rainfall for April. The lowest April rainfall I have recorded was in 1984 with 2.3mm. The average temperature for April this year was 12.80°C which is some 3 degrees higher than average. April 2007 was exceptionally mild and dry and it was thought then that it would be a long time before we would have another April like that but this April has matched it exactly with the same rainfall and temperature.



There were no air frosts in April at all but there may have been a ground frost in the lowest parts of the village on the 3rd. The combined rainfall for March and April this year was 22.10mm which is almost half as much of the rainfall we had in March and April of the drought year of 1976. There was a welcome 30.6mm rain over the three days 6/7/8th of May but the prospects for much more rain for the rest of May look slim at the moment.

There are periods during the year when the same weather pattern seems to repeat itself. These are known as singularities and one such singularity is a cold spell which usually occurs around the middle of May. There are four feast days for St. Mamertus, St. Pancras, St. Servatius and St. Boniface between 11th to 14th May and these have become known in Weather Lore as the 'Ice Saints' because of the damaging frosts that can occur at that time. Farmers across Northern Europe would delay the planting of vulnerable crops and shearing their sheep until after the 'Ice Saints' days. We certainly experienced colder winds and lower day temperatures during that period this year but escaped the air frosts, although it was approaching a ground frost on 12th of May. *Pluvius*

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THESE are the last walks of this season – RRR will take a break in July and August. *Walks will start again on Sunday 5th September.* The walks for September will be published in the September magazine.

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

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

SUNDAY 5th June – 2.00pm

Turnworth – Okeford Hill car park.

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

WEDNESDAY 15th June – 11.00am (coffee and cake served from 10.30am)

Hilton – The Old School

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Dear Editor,

Now this is Democracy

I wish to start by thanking all the many people of the village who have expressed their support to me for the short time during which I was privileged to be your Parish Chairman.

I really enjoyed my time serving the community and moving forward the projects which are fast coming to fruition. Your new Parish Clerk and I have worked hard to turn around the meetings and brought a professional approach to reports, agendas, tendering etc.

Unfortunately, following the recent uncontested election of the new parish council, I was unable to obtain any support from other members of your council to continue in the role as Chairman for another year. No one has had the good manners to tell me why they felt they could not support me or why they felt it was better to nominate Mrs Janet Allen as your Chairman, someone who has only recently moved to the village and knows so little about it. Mrs Janet Allen was proposed by Mr John Harris and seconded by Mr Phillip Smith, there being only five councillors the mathematics precluded any other nomination succeeding. This, given the numbers, is democracy.

My real regret in this whole business is that in losing the chair I have also lost someone whom I was misguided into thinking was a friend.

Due to the lack of candidates, only five people put themselves forward in the election and thereby we were all returned uncontested. I weep for all those people who over the years have died for us to use the vote and all those throughout the world who are still fighting and dying for true freedom and democracy, which we so readily abuse.

Be assured I shall continue to try and represent your views and stand up for what I believe in this community of ours.
Michael Hopper

Dear Editor,

I was very surprised and disappointed that Cllr Hopper had not been re-elected as chairman of the Parish Council. Cllr Hopper came forward to join the Parish Council at a time when its future was in doubt. As a result of his leadership the Council is now fully manned and has moved forward in a credible way and has regained the respect and trust of our community. Parish Council meetings are now well-attended by a cross section of the community and this, I believe, reflects the improved status that the Council now enjoys.

As we all know, none of our Parish Councillors were elected but all are people who are willing to give of their time to promote the well-being of our village and, we trust, will actively and objectively seek out and evaluate the diverse views of all members of our community for the benefit of the whole community.

The new chairman will have a challenging time managing this

process and I wish her well in this task. The recently published and adopted "Village Plan" gives a clear indication of the priorities for the future development of Milborne St. Andrew and I wish the Parish Council well in pursuing these goals. Councillor Hopper has set us on the right road, I trust his successor will be a similarly competent and knowledgeable driver.
Name and address supplied

Dear Editor,

I met with a group of village friends last week, and we were talking about the different perceptions of our village. The youngsters (20 and 30 somethings) were saying how difficult they found moving here, and being accepted. The oldies (60 somethings) were saying how they had been told by others of similar age new to village just how friendly the village was.

Now I feel really comfortable living here, and find it hard to listen to hard truths. But I made myself look back to when I first moved here. Probably like lots of younger people, it is hard to "join" things when you are working all the time, and it is really scary doing it by yourself. I initially felt isolated, and working in Blandford helped me a lot. When we had our first baby, it was difficult and only when I started going to things like playgroup and toddlers did I get to know others. I am sad that this seems to be the situation still, but am at a loss to know how things could be changed. Is this village more welcoming to some than others? I hope not.

Name and address supplied

Dear Editor,

I would like to thank everybody who sponsored me on my recent 25 mile bike ride in aid of the British Heart Foundation. When I collect all the money in it will amount to just over £200.00.

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The Safari Supper Party pictures by Ed Frost.

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The footpath is on the right-hand side, up some steps. Over the stile and follow the track through the young plantation of trees. At the top turn left alongside the hedge. Follow the hedge until you see the edge of Piddle Wood over the other side of the hedge. There is a gap in the hedge here – even though efforts have been made to block it (it is illegal to block off paths).

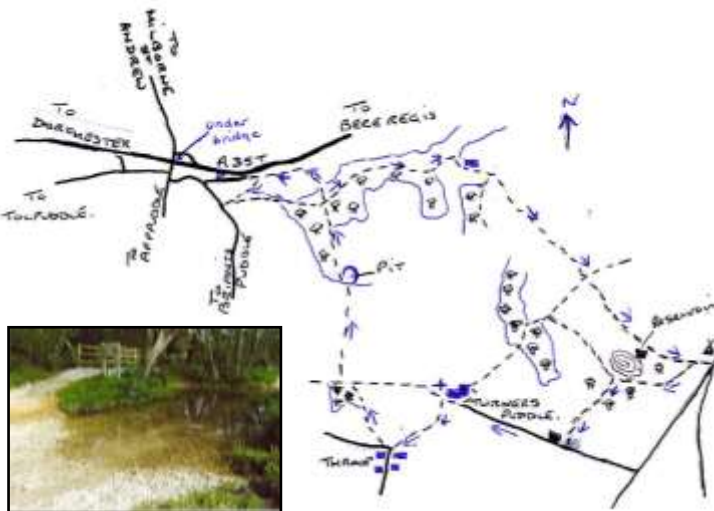
Once over the other side take the track into Piddle Wood on your left. It is a well defined path. After about 300 metres you will cross over a hard road. Carry on ahead taking the good forestry track. You will soon pass the remains of an old shepherd's hut on your right.

After about 600–700 metres look out for a bridlepath sign off to the right. Take this path and follow it alongside a fence. The path soon drops down to a junction of paths. Turn right and continue uphill passing some derelict farm buildings.

Carry on straight ahead passing through two gates, and with views of Bere Regis on your left. Keep going straight ahead passing some old quarries on the way. You will soon see a reservoir off to your right through the trees. The path then drops downhill to a gate. Turn left and look out for a stile and footpath sign on your right. Turn right here and follow this path for about 650 metres as it winds its way around Blackhill Clump, a hill on your right.

Look out for a well defined path on your left and turn off here. Not very far down here (around 20–30 metres) you will come across a concrete structure about two foot high with a manhole cover on top of it. Continue along this lovely path passing through a kissing gate and on downhill to the lane. Turn right along the lane passing the Dairy House, and on to Turnerspuddle.

As you reach Turnerspuddle look out for the path off to the left. This path continues to Throop, crossing the River Piddle twice, via a ford and



footbridge on each occasion. Throop is a pretty little hamlet. As you reach the lane look out for a bridleway off to the right. Follow this lovely path for about 400 metres, until you come to a junction of paths. Turn left and then right onto a bridlepath heading up to Piddle Wood again.

Just before you reach the woods you will pass a chalk-pit on your right. Follow the path uphill through the wood for about 300 metres. The path levels out for a while but as you round a right-hand bend take the path on your left, uphill.

Follow this path, crossing the morning path, and continue on downhill to a wicket gate and on to the road that leads back to where you parked.

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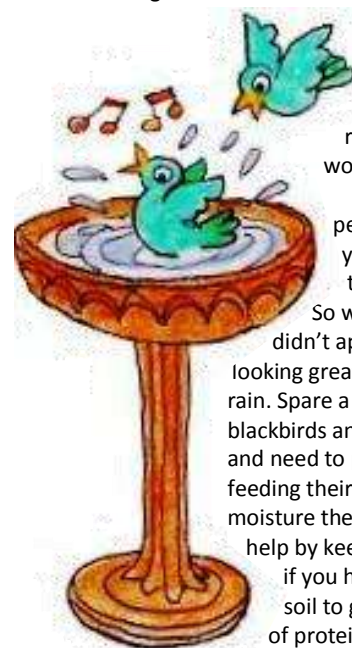
I DON'T know about you, but the flowers in the garden seem absolutely fantastic this year – my roses are completely covered in buds; they are going to make a lovely display. I'm sure the hard winter we had has helped. Hopefully it will have killed off a lot of the bugs too – especially the evil vine weevil.

It is always SO tempting to plant out those summer bedding plants too early, but now is a good time to get planting and putting out your hanging baskets. You should gradually introduce plants to the colder temperatures outside before planting. My greenhouse which was full of plants waiting to go out, is now home to tomatoes, cucumbers, chilli peppers and some tender herbs. I just love the smell of basil when you brush past it in the greenhouse. I have also grown some short marigolds to plant around my tomatoes to keep the whitefly away.

Now is the time to **prune** flowering shrubs such as Kerria japonica, Weigela, Viburnum tinus after they have finished flowers – in fact you should prune all those shrubs that have flowered **before** June. This will keep the plants looking good and ensure flowers for next year. **Wisteria** should be kept under control after it has flowered in the spring. It has been known to break iron bars, so a wooden pergola would stand no chance! Tie in the long, string-like tendrils and trim back to the main woody framework. Continue cutting back excess tendril growth until only a fraction of the summer growth remains.

Chopping back perennials in late May is known as The Chelsea Chop and is carried out around the time of the Chelsea Flower Show or just after. It can be a bit nerve-wracking if you haven't done it before and you see your precious plants nipped in the bud, but give it a go. Brunnera, sedum, rudbeckia, asters, heleniums and golden rod all

respond well to The Chop. Cutting back poppies, lupins, early flowering geraniums and foxgloves after they have flowered will promote new growth and a second flush of flowers later in the summer. Sedums are ideal candidates for the chop – it will stop that messy, irritating habit where the weight of the flowerheads causes the plant to flop open.



After you have cut down the plants don't forget to water and mulch them. For good repeat flowering the plants will need a richer food supply, but it is well worth the effort.

DO NOT however chop down those perennials that flower only once or you will lose the flowers – this applies to peonies, irises and aquilegias.

So where were the April showers – they didn't appear in May either. OK the garden is looking great but we really could do with some rain. Spare a thought for the birds – thrushes, blackbirds and robins feed on worms and slugs and need to peck through the surface. They are feeding their young now and get most of the moisture they need through their food. You can help by keeping the bird bath full of water and if you have space dig over a patch of bare soil to give them a chance to munch a bit of protein.

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Hello everyone,

We've had a bit of luck. My wife Jennifer and I have been offered tickets for The Chelsea Flower Show. The invitation means more to Jennifer, the gardener in our family, than to me, definitely the non-gardener. We both love gardening – she loves doing it and I love watching her. Don't get me wrong, I am really sorry that we are unable to go to the Flower Show. I remember the last time we went. We met some on their first visit, others, like us, were occasional visitors whilst others went every year. There was also similar diversity when it came to botanical and horticultural knowledge! Some knew all the Latin names and some, like me, had constantly to ask the names of even the commonest plants. Despite the crowds we managed to see all the displays without too much difficulty. This was, in part, because of the one-way system. Sometimes people went the wrong way, creating a hiccup!

What displays there were! Such beauty and wonders of nature, gifts from God lovingly and skilfully arranged by human hand. The colours, the shapes, the textures! I was naturally interested in the NSPCC display. This was in the form of a circle with a number of paths rather like the spokes on a wheel. It reminded me of St. Theresa's teaching that although we each may take different paths through faiths and levels of Churchmanship, we are all journeying towards God, the centre. She also said, using the wheel analogy, that the closer we get to God the closer we become to each other.

Writing this I am reminded of the story of the Vicar who was admiring an old villager's garden. "My word George", said the Vicar, "You and the Almighty have made a wonderful job of this garden." "Humph!" grunted the old man, "You should have seen it when The Almighty had it on his own!" That story reminds us that God requires us to play our part in His creative scheme. We all have a contribution to make, not just in gardening but in our homes, schools, work, communities and Churches. We should all feel happy and privileged to make it – but we should never make the mistake of accepting all the credit for ourselves and disregarding the Almighty's hand in things.

Before I finish I must 'come clean' and admit that I was one of those at Chelsea who, found himself struggling the wrong way along one of those one-way paths (and leading Jennifer) against a flood of people. It was so easy to get into that situation that I didn't even know that I had done it until it was too late. You should have seen the looks on some of the faces, and the comments! But oh, the relief when we got back to the right path again. For some, perhaps there is a lesson about life to be learnt here.

Rev'd Norman Beggs

CHURCH SERVICES June 2011

THURSDAY 2nd JUNE – Ascension Day

6.30am	Morning Prayer	on hill by Dewlish mast
12.00	Lunch-time Communion	Milborne

5th JUNE – Easter 7

9.30am	Family Communion	Milborne
11.00	Holy Communion	Puddletown
	<i>With Sunday Seekers and Creche</i>	
11.00	Morning Prayer	Dewlish
4.00pm	Tolpuddle praise	Tolpuddle
		Village Hall

12th JUNE – Pentecost Sunday

8.15am	1662 said Communion Service	Puddletown
9.30	Methodist United Service	St Johns
		Tolpuddle
9.30	Parish Communion	Milborne
11.00	Family Service	Puddletown
11.00	Family Communion	Dewlish

Thursday 16th June

12.00	Lunch-time Communion	Puddletown
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19th JUNE – Trinity Sunday

9.30am	Family Communion	Tolpuddle
9.30	1662 Said Communion	Milborne
11.00	Holy communion	Dewlish
4.00pm	Milborne Praise!	Milborne
		Village Hall
6.30	Open gardens Songs of Praise	Puddletown

26th JUNE – Trinity 1

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

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4th June	John and Ann Miller
11th June	Victoria Bone and Lin Chatfield
18th June	Ed and Rose Frost
25th June	Sue Lee and Val Hodges

Meet the Rev'd Sarah Hillman

I'VE been asked to write something about myself so that you know a bit about me before I arrive in Dorset. It's always hard knowing how to introduce oneself to people, but I'll give it a go.

I was born and brought up in an Oxfordshire village, where I lived with my parents, a sister and brother, and various cats. After leaving school, I read theology at Selwyn College, Cambridge, and then spent a year in the Root Group at the Cathedral in St Albans, gaining insight and experience relating to a vocation in the Church. It was some years before I was ordained, and in between I had a number of jobs: teaching, working for churches and at the *Church Times*. In 2001 I moved to Sandy in Bedfordshire for the start of my ministerial training and curacy. I was the first in my diocese to train in this way, where parish-based learning is interspersed with times away at college (known as a mixed-mode course). In 2006, I moved to my



current benefice of Barkway, Reed and Buckland with Barley.

I will arrive in Puddletown with a small menagerie: Cocker Spaniel Toby, four cats, guinea-pig and hen. At present I also have seven kittens, all of whom I hope will have new homes before I leave here! I also enjoy playing the piano, making greetings-cards, staying fit, reading, and spending time with my niece (2) and nephew (1 in July). It won't take you long to work out my favourite colour – it crops up rather a lot – so I shall leave that piece of information for you to discover!

I love living in the countryside and village life. I very much see my role as serving the whole community, and not just those who are active in the church. I am looking forward to coming to live and work among you later this year.

With all good wishes, Sarah

MILBORNE ST. ANDREW CHURCH NOTES

Pilgrimage to Canterbury

ON 9th May eleven of us from Milborne joined the rest of the "motley crew" from Tolpuddle, Puddletown and Dewlish on the trip to Canterbury that Patrick Evans had organised. The 7.30am start from Tolpuddle felt like the middle of the night except that the birds were singing and the sun was shining brightly. That set the tone for the day – glorious weather throughout. Reaching Canterbury we made our way to the Cathedral and Patrick led us to the Chapel of Saints for an introduction and short time of prayer. This was followed by a tour of the Archdeacon's garden (beautiful) and a potted history of the house (fascinating).

After a break for lunch we split into three groups and were given a guided tour of the Cathedral. Our guide was excellent and the hour and half passed far too quickly. Some of us went into the library and archives which was very interesting. After a tea break and a wander round the Cathedral shop we attended sung Evensong. What a treat to hear psalms sung correctly! It was a lovely service. The journey home was relatively quick (less traffic) and we were back in Tolpuddle by 11.00pm. Very many thanks to Patrick and Jane for organising such a wonderful day.

SPLASH! for Christian Aid



Christian Aid Week commenced on Sunday 15th May which was our day for Milborne Praise in the Village Hall. We decided to combine the two projects and held a "Car Wash" to raise money for Christian Aid. People brought their cars to be washed by some "all age" enthusiastic workers (see picture). While their cars were being washed people were able to come in for a cup of tea and home-made cakes. The sum of £176.80 was raised for Christian Aid. Thank you to everyone who helped or supported this event.

Changes to church services

During the summer there will be some changes to the **type** and **time** of the services. This is partly due to the interregnum and partly to

holidays. Please keep your **Reporter** handy to check each week. On Sunday 19th June we will be holding our usual Milborne Praise at 4.00pm at the Village Hall. Bring along a picnic, and join in the games and projects. This is our end-of-year party as we close for July and August. We will be open again **in Church** on Sunday 18th September at 4.00pm.

Eva Stockley and Pat Tribe (Churchwardens)

DEWLISH CHURCH NOTES

Increase giving to protect All Saints' future

THIRTEEN people took part in the sharing of Holy Communion and supper at the Agape Supper. Very many thanks to Norman for once more leading us on such a moving evening. Norman also took the Easter morning Holy Communion Service. The church once again looked beautiful with such lovely flowers, a true celebration of a great day. We collected £261 for Water Aid from our Lent lunches and Agape Supper. Many thanks to our host and hostesses who served a wonderful array of soups. We shall miss our communal get-togethers!

At our AGM all existing members were re-elected. In 2010 we had our first financial deficit for a long time, mainly due to lower giving. We would implore villagers to consider regular giving if they do not already do so, so that All Saints will still be there for future generations.

To help our income, we are holding two fund-raising events in June. On **Thursday 23rd June** Mrs Daphne Berridge of Shailes Farmhouse is holding a Coffee Morning, 10.30am-12noon. Come and see her beautiful garden which, at this time of year, is full of roses. On **Sunday 26th June** Mrs Audrey Penniston of Flower Cottage, Lower Waterston, will be opening her delightful garden, 2.00pm-6.00pm. Teas will be available.

Please do not forget our Ascension Day (**Thursday 2nd June**) Service at the TV mast at the top of Greenways, starting at 6.30am.

Everyone welcome to WI Open Meeting Children's Home in Nepal

Thursday 9th June at Milborne St. Andrew Village Hall

Andrea and Allan Smith (long term residents of Briantspuddle) left their 'normal' jobs to spend seven years living and working in Nepal. Come and hear their stories and experiences from their work with poor communities, orphans and young people. Their talk will be illustrated by slides, and they will also have a selection of jewellery for sale, made by a Nepali women's cooperative.



This meeting is arranged by Milborne St. Andrew Women's Institute, and is open for anyone to attend. The talk starts at 8.00pm.



Flowers – w/e Saturday

4th June Eve Richardson
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MIRROR, MIRROR on the WALL

Short story by Josie Wright

'It *is* nice sitting here looking at the room reflected around me in dad's lovely old mirror and a good fire blazing up the chimney – mine at last!

Looking after dad these past few months hasn't been a picnic. I thought I'd never get him to make the house over to me, wanting me to share it with Laura. What's she ever done for goodness sake! But it's surprising what a difference a few days without food makes. He was a stubborn old so and so though, took nearly a week before he signed. There's a dirty mark on that mirror, I must get the Windolene out tomorrow.

That mark wouldn't come off – it looks more like two now – two dark patches near the top.

Of course once the will was sorted, I had to wait for him to die – well I wasn't going to wait long I can tell you! The heating went off straight away and the extra blankets – it was that really damp, cold spell in November. I called in the doctor when he *did* get ill – made sure it was nice and cosy then! Dr Brown was very sympathetic; said, 'The poor old chap keeps saying the house is chilly; it's as warm as toast – it's just his age don't worry.'

Good job I'm not superstitious. Those marks are getting worse, and when the light catches them, they seem to be watching me.

I'm really not feeling well, perhaps I've caught one of those nasty viruses, I can't seem to get warm. No! It's not fair; I've done nothing! – he was old – it was *my* turn.

Two months pass, a shabby car draws up outside the now sleeping house. The young man jumps out, eager to make his first sale of the week. He greets Abbie and Ben waiting apprehensively outside the gate and ushers them inside.

'It's just on the market. Nice little place isn't it? The sister wants to sell quickly, needs the money to look after the poor old duck that used to live here. She's in one of those secure places. She got a nasty bout of flu, sent her completely round the twist, raving on about "freezing in hell" and her old dad watching her "from beyond the grave". Load of old tosh. The doctor says her dad went a bit crazy at the end, so it runs in the family.

Furniture? Yes, the whole lot, she'll be glad to let you have it at a reasonable price.

That old mirror – lovely frame – you could replace the glass. If I take the back off you can see what's happened. A while ago it must have got very cold and damp – loosened all the silvering. Then on that chimneybreast, once the fire heated up the wall, it just flaked off.

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Abbey Swimming Club

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Milton Abbas April Sports Report

HURRAY the Summer is here and the mens/youth cricket team kicked off the summer friendly fixtures with a tough opening game against league team Cheselbourne.

Having lost the toss we had to bowl first. The glorious summer weather was ideal for batting but the Milton Abbas bowlers were soon into the wickets. Andy Smith removed the opening pair in his first 3 over spell and carried on to finish with 3 wickets for 15 runs. This was eclipsed by an even better spell by Ian Colmer who



claimed 4 wickets for only 4 runs! Cheselbourne were all out for 134 in 32 overs. A fine all round fielding display.

An easy target to chase we thought, but we never make it easy. Batsmen got in, then got themselves out, with Keith Gallagher the only exception producing confident strokes.

So we found ourselves on 123 with the last man, Stewart Rosoman striding out to join Keith at the crease. We all feared the worst, but some fine work by Stewart to push the singles rotated the strike to allow Keith to hit a four to win the game and leave him on 36 not out.

All the fixtures are in the What's on Guide.

Colin Chastey

An enthralling last ball victory for 1st game of the season!

WELL what a game it was, having struggled to get a team, Milton Abbas got a team with a mixture of ages from 8 to 12. Kilmington batted 1st and scored 82 for only 1 wicket in 15 overs. Everyone bowled and did a good job. This wicket was a great run out by Sam Sach. When we batted we lost an early wicket, but Dan Banyard got 9, but we kept losing wickets and it came down to the last over when we needed 6 to draw, Will Taylor who had batted most of the innings, got to the batting end by sacrificing a run out and had 3 balls to get the 6 runs. 4 runs from the next 2 balls and then on the final ball Will needing 2 to draw or 3 to win hit a 4 to win the game. Will finished on 27.

A thrilling opening game.

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Mere U13's v Milton Abbas U13's

A LONG away trip for the juniors, but a very enjoyable close game. Mere batted first and Milton bowled a lot better than their 1st game, Greg Holland got a couple of early wickets and everyone bowled well, Greg ended up with 4 wickets and Ben Holland and Sam Sach one a piece as Mere set a target of 89.

Milton made a good fist of it but ultimately fell 10 runs short, but the start performers with the bat where Will Taylor 25 and Matt Handley 12 not out who batted for a good number of overs and held the innings together.

Star man Milton Abbas – Matt Handley – very tidy bowling only 8 runs from 3 overs and as above a good batting display.

Star Man for Mere – Danny Harkin – 29 runs and 4 wickets for 16 runs.

Colin Chastey

Milton Abbas v Shaftesbury U13's

Shaftesbury batted 1st and scored an impressive 101, this was down to a great batting display from their opening batsmen R De-Carteret who scored 32 at which stage he had to retire. Milton Abbas did not bowl well in the early part of the innings but got better.

In reply Milton fell short again by 10 runs of the winning score, they were always slightly behind the run chase after a couple of early wickets, however Greg Holland scored a very good 31 before he had to retire and Sam Sach got an unbeaten 11.

Star Player Milton Abbas – Greg Holland and Shaftesbury – R De-Carteret.

Colin Chastey



Bankes Cup Semi Final

Milborne Sports 4 Weymouth Spartans 0

HAVING routed Maiden Newton in the quarter final the Lanenders knew that they faced a much tougher opposition in meeting a strong Spartans squad. The game started at a fast pace and when Paul Cole got clear on the left his well struck shot just cleared the far post to Sports relief. The hosts replied with some fine passing moves and looked certain to score on at least three occasions but the industrious Paul Myatt was unfortunate to see his fine drive superbly saved by the visiting custodian before hitting the post shortly afterwards from a very tight angle. Milborne's defence were looking very solid with the impressive Carl Tewkesbury aided by the speedy Mark Lambert and Kevin Seal together with the assured play of Ross Heaton. When Tewkesbury was harshly adjudged to have given a back pass Spartans looked likely to take the lead with the free kick just ten yards out meaning all of Milborne's team spread on the goal line. However, the commanding figure of Wayne Gifford made a great block to ensure the interval came with no score on the board.

The Lanenders came out for the second half with the encouraging words of manager, Paul Hammond, resounding in their ears and took the game to the visitors. The clever Cris Pavey created a chance for Chris Skinner to expertly drive the ball in to the far corner of the net after about fifty-two minutes before having to later leave the action after incurring an injury. After about sixty minutes, Skinner refused to give up on a ball near the corner before beating his man and then being hauled to the ground. The resultant penalty was taken by the unlikely figure of defender Lambert who drilled his spot kick past a helpless keeper. Sports were then able to play their renowned passing game and with the impressive Paul Aston aided by the talented Carl McClements and the contribution of Karl Dean controlling the middle of the park further goals looked likely. Indeed a third followed when Gifford's long kick enabled Skinner to get behind the opposing defence and just nick the ball past the advancing keeper. After this Milborne dominated despite the fact that the Spartans refused to concede, and the final goal was a superb turn by Skinner who then found the corner of the net to complete his hat trick.

Bankes Cup Final

Mere Town 4 Milborne Sports 3 (after extra time)

IN what was a pulsating contest Milborne's hearts were broken by a winner in the last two minutes of extra time. Despite being the underdogs against the team that had won the league, Sports took the lead after about twenty minutes when Ricky Lane held the ball up well on the right before Paul Myatt cleverly passed the ball in to Carl McClement's path before he found the top corner with a delightful curler. A second came in the second half when Matt Williams hit a great free kick from about thirty yards out. Unfortunately Mere were not prepared to surrender and their abrasive style brought dividends when they scored from the spot after a penalty was harshly awarded. With barely a minute remaining they drew level and they then went ahead in extra time before Lane harassed a defender and then expertly lobbed the ball past a bemused custodian. The winner came two minutes before the end of extra time to deny Sports a win their play deserved against a team whose often over-zealous challenges were matched by a will to win.

Mike Lathbury, Chairman



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