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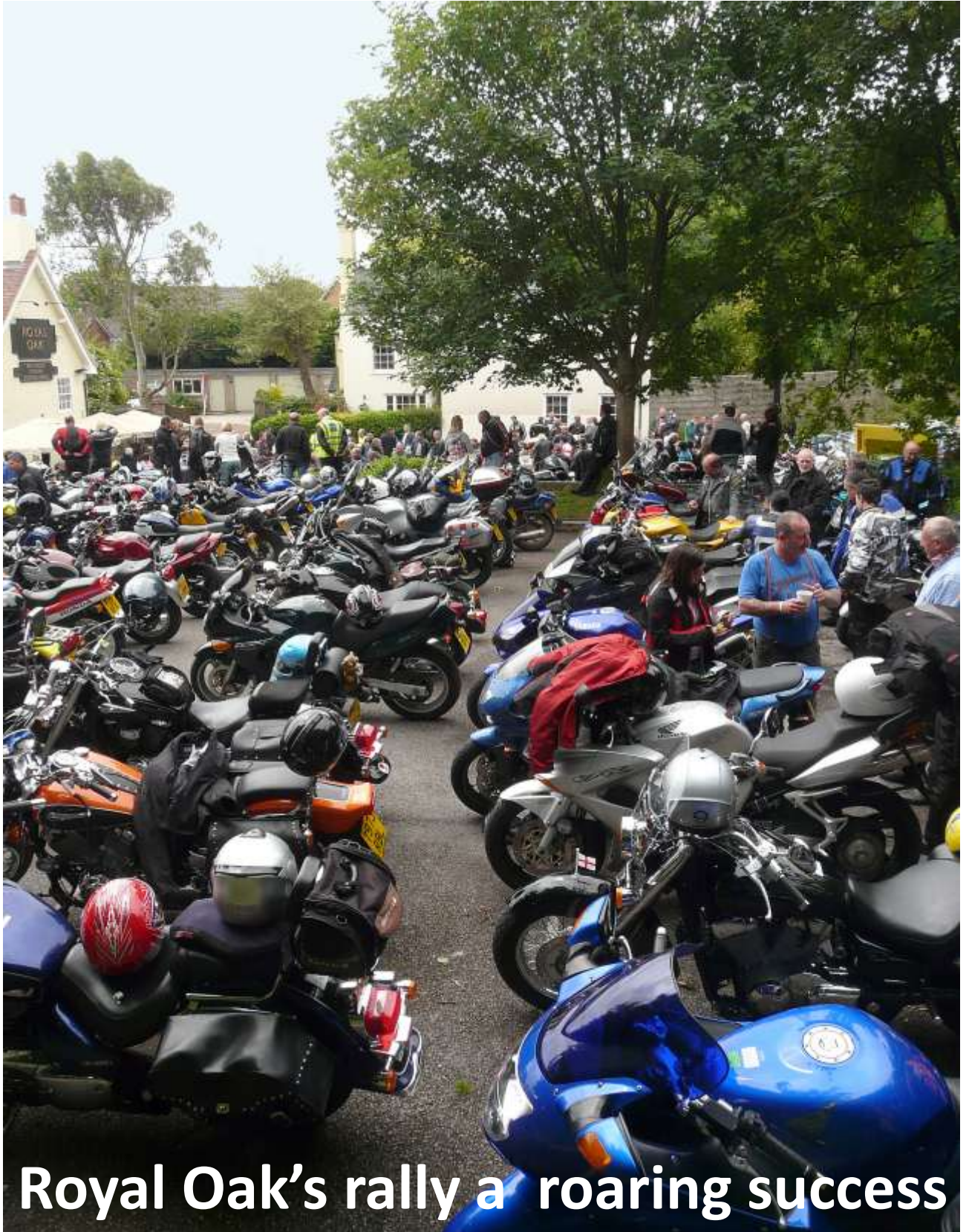
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Milborne St. Andrew



Royal Oak's rally a roaring success

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Milborne dumping ground for stolen vehicles

AS you probably saw in the *Dorset Echo* a few weeks ago, after a theft at a garage in Weymouth, Bladen View was the dumping ground for a Subaru Impreza complete with a safe on the back seat. In a separate incident, the day after, a stolen red scooter was abandoned in Brooklands. Thanks to sharp sighted villagers these vehicles were promptly reported to the police and restored to their rightful owners. Many thanks Carol and Barry Newton and John Wright.

Coffee, Cake and Computers

WE are having a break for the summer holidays. The last Friday morning Drop-In session at the village hall committee room will be on Friday 22nd July. We will re-open on Friday 9th September.

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

REPORTER TEAM ON HOLIDAY

The *Reporter* Team will be taking a holiday for the next few weeks. This means that the next (September) issue of the magazine will be published at the end of August / beginning of September.

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Children's home in Nepal – WI June

AT this month's open meeting Alan and Andrea Smith gave a graphic and emotive account of their involvement with the aptly named 'Hope Children's Home' in Butwal, Nepal. This home provides an education, as well as much needed care and love, for a number of orphaned and abandoned children. Alan and Andrea have been very much involved in the initial fundraising for this home and it is their aim to raise a target figure of £4,500 a year to help with ongoing clothing and schooling needs. A sale of locally made Nepalese jewellery was later the subject of intense interest from our members and hopefully the proceeds will help in some small way with the fundraising for this valuable project. We wish Alan and Andrea all the best.

2012 will be the Dorset Federation's 95th anniversary and many special events are being planned. These include a trip to Holland for the 'Floriad' flower festival on 13th April, to include three nights on a river cruiser, as well as a novelty cake competition for the Olympics.

Events to note in July: **Bestival** at Lulworth Castle on 29/31st. **Flower Festival** at Milton Abbey on 3/6th (our WI are providing cream teas in the village hall for Portland WI members). **Visit to Denman College** on 4th July, one spare seat. **Pub lunch** on 20th.

Ann Mepham needs volunteers to help with the Story Sack we are making for the playgroup, to take the theme of the Three Little Pigs. Finally, the five members who attended the Bowls Day at Weymouth on 3rd June had a most enjoyable morning, culminating in a very good lunch prepared by students at Weymouth College.

For our last meeting before the summer on Thursday 14th July, the speaker Mr Rod Oakes will talk about 'My Life as a Teacher' and the competition will be a 'A school souvenir'.

Pat Bull (with thanks to June Maitland for her scrupulous note-taking in my absence)

Strawberry Tea in aid of Breast Cancer Care

YOU are invited to share a delicious strawberry tea on Saturday 23rd July from 2.30–5.00pm at 31 Little England, Milborne St. Andrew. Tickets at the door will cost £4 and all profits will go to Breast Cancer Care, an umbrella collection of all the major Breast Cancer charities. The sandwiches, cakes, strawberries and cream will be catered for by the W.I. and the sponsor of the tea party is Shirley Dunkley. If it's fine, tea will be served in the garden, if wet in the house. You are warmly invited to this feast of home cooking and fruit eating to contribute to a cause devoted to the research and treatment of the cancer which poses the greatest threat to women today – so come and enjoy your four pounds worth knowing that your generosity will be helping countless others, whatever it may be doing to your diet.

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The Oak Motorcycle Rally 2011

A SUNNY Sunday 19th June was not only Father's Day but also a cracking day to raise money for Poole Cancer Unit. Once again the Carpenter family, moved by the care given to Malcolm during his illness and following the success of last year's event, wanted to raise as much money as possible. With the support of the helpers, family, friends, village, sponsors and all the 134 bikes that attended the day they managed to raise a tentative £1,800 (final numbers not available as we went to print).

The bikes arrived at The Royal Oak to coffee and bacon butties. There was an amazing array from vintage Harleys to Honda Goldwings and from Yamaha R1's to Moto Guzzi's with a massive range in between. The car park and beyond was full with the sounds of loved engines, the smell of leather and the anticipation of an amazing ride for an amazing cause.

The ride took the bikes to West Bay along the coast to Weymouth and then back to The Royal Oak for a BBQ, Prize Draw (with too many prizes to mention), an auction and live music with Paul and Abigail Brewster and the amazing GTI's. Family fun was had with lots of kids painting and playing on the monkey bikes. Let's hope that next year's event draws even more bikes and even more money. And whilst we would like to mention all the helpers and sponsors we don't have the room, so log on to www.oak-motorcycle-rally.co.uk for all sponsors details and updates on this year's and next year's event. *Mark Lovett and Jo Perry photographs by Heather V. Hogg*



Thank you, thank you, thank you

MALCOLM AND HELEN CARPENTER would like to take this opportunity to say a big thank you to everybody that helped to organize this year's event, our family and friends who worked tirelessly, and your commitment and dedication is very much appreciated, and to those who worked so hard on the day. Philip Minten Smith (and Bee) who took photographs, David Payne who parked all the motorbikes on arrival, Paul Hoskins for traffic control, Blandford police officers for their attendance and to Dave Way who led the rally in his car from the beginning to the end of the rally. Thank you Andy and Sarah Fox for hosting the event. Thank you to Darren for driving the van in case of breakdowns, thankfully there weren't any! Last, but by no means least, a big heartfelt thank you to all of the bikers who took the time out on Father's Day to make it a very special and emotional day for Malcolm and supporting Poole Cancer Care team. A special thank you to Abigail Brewster who stepped in at the last minute to entertain us with her beautiful singing.

The total amount raised will be released on our website at www.oak-motorcycle-rally.co.uk, along with photographs. We hope to see you all again next year.

Many thanks Malcolm and Helen Carpenter

Michael Hooper 1926–2011

MICHAEL was a quite private man, who was happiest when checking his cattle at Manor Farm, where he had lived since 1942. After leaving school the only nights that Michael did not sleep at Manor Farm were when he was ill and in hospital three years ago. Michael and his brother Bryan farmed in a tradition manner and did not enjoy it when those "trouble makers", as Michael called anybody from the government, came to inspect his paper work.

Michael was born at Langton Long near Blandford and then moved a short distance to Tarrant Rushton. He went to school at Clayesmore Prep School, Charton Marshal and then on to Allhallows School, Lyme Regis.

During the Second World War the farm at Tarrant Rushton was taken for an aerodrome for the gliders. This resulted in the family moving to Manor Farm, Milborne St. Andrew in 1942. At this time they were a family of six, Michael's parents, Bryan, Michael and their two sisters Betty and Beryl. One of Michael's stories which he told the younger members of the family was how, soon after they moved, one evening, they were all sitting in the drawing room, and they suddenly heard the sound of gun fire. The whole family thought the Germans had invaded. Mr Hooper went to investigate and found he had left a box of his First World War bullets on the shelf in the kitchen with a candle lit near by, the heat causing them to fire off. Michael's father's first war souvenirs got him into trouble with the community policeman just two years ago when he saw hand grenades hanging on the wall in the hall. This led to a flurry of police activity to remove them.

Michael's main interest in life was Manor Farm, He was very fond of his cattle, He was very knowledgeable about farm machinery, keeping up to date by reading the *Farmers Weekly*, for which he renewed his subscription at the end of May. He always took an interest, as all farmers do, in what his neighbours were doing and what new machinery they had acquired. At this time of year most Sunday afternoons he could be found watching the Formula 1 racing. After Bryan died Michael's company was Tiny the terrier, who many of you from the village probably know. Tiny was top dog, in some ways an independent character – just like Michael.

The Milborne Players

www.milborneplayers.org.uk

Panto meeting for *Treasure Island* February 2012

Monday 18th July 2011

AN OPEN meeting will be held on Monday 18th July 2011 at 8.00pm in the Village Hall and anyone interested in taking part in the Pantomime *Treasure Island* which will be performed in February 2012 is requested to attend including young people age 7 to 16 and all adults over that age. We are looking to secure a cast including young people with a view to holding auditions before the rehearsals start in October. Consideration will be given to younger children in due course. Application Forms will be handed out at the meeting for completion on the night which will give an indication of the type of parts people would like to be considered for, including backstage and production crew. We need a wardrobe mistress, costume makers, etc etc.

Once we know who is keen to get involved we can arrange auditions and release audition material.

If you cannot get to the meeting but would like to get your name down please contact Caroline Nobbs (01202 621547 caroline.nobbs@ntlworld.com) or Jon Riddle (01258 837030 jon.riddle@tiscali.co.uk) and an Application Form can be sent to you.

Caroline Nobbs for The Milborne Players Committee

Ladybirds, Slugs, Snails and a Tiger

THIS term Ladybirds children are looking at Mini Beasts. Jojo really got her hands dirty or should I say slimy when some children examined slugs and snails. We have made a lovely display of butterflies and caterpillars and created a number line of collage and painted snails. We plan to learn about ladybirds and other flying mini beasts next.



On Wednesday 15th June several of the children, some parents and helpers went to the Pavilion Theatre in Bournemouth to see The Tiger Who Came to Tea. It was a wonderful performance of one of our favourite books. It was the first time most of the children had been to a theatre and we were



very proud of the way they sat quietly enjoying the play. The photo shows some of the children waiting in the foyer at the Pavilion.

Next school year already has a waiting list – remember the baby boom of 2009. In order for us to plan opening hours and staffing for next year please register as soon as possible (see separate article on page 7) and we will do our best to accommodate all Milborne preschoolers.

Liz Dyer

Milborne welcomes new District Councillors

We would like to thank everyone in Milborne St. Andrew for giving us the opportunity to represent you on North Dorset District Council. We are here to help and will answer to all residents across all political views. We know that there are challenging times ahead and we will work hard to ensure that your views and interests are heard within the District Council. We will be available to residents through parish councils or parish meetings, or through direct contact and are happy to come to your home if it is more convenient.

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Parish Council report 15th June 2011

Parish Councillors on a personal ego trip?

IT WAS nice to see that the number of villagers were more than chairs when I entered the hall. I took my seat as the meeting was called to order. Chairman Allen set out her stall and made it clear that the meeting would be more structured than the previous one. The meeting was opened to the public to ask questions pertinent to the agenda. Richard Lock felt it would be a missed opportunity with local society and user groups within the village if they were not proactively involved in taking the Village Plan forward. Councillor Harris responded that all councillors were approachable at all times and that the opportunity to "grab a councillor" should be taken by villagers.

The meeting was then taken to agenda items. PC Dave Mullins and PCSO Luke Goddard reported that MSA had no crimes in May. There had been an increase in agricultural thefts on remote farms and could the public be vigilant. He asked that any suspicious people or vehicles should be promptly reported to the police with information about registration numbers, times and places. He also reported that there would be no cuts in the staffing of North Dorset police. They have spoken to the garage owner ref: overhanging cars on the narrow pavement on Dorchester Hill and that the owner had responded well and the reported parking issue in the village had been dealt with. He commented that motorists who are seen to be repeatedly speeding through the village should be reported to the police with times/dates and registrations so they could be dealt with effectively. A Sheduction session will be held on Saturday 25th June between 2.00pm and 3.30pm in the car park of the village hall for villagers to come along and discuss crime prevention issues and home security matters as part of National Home Watch week.

So to the agenda: No declarations of interest were made and all councillors were happy with previous meeting minutes. A welcome was made to the District Councillors in attendance Jane Somper and Emma Parker who explained that the localism bill meant that more powers will be handed down to PC and it was important that all voices are heard. Chairman Allen confirmed the PC assets and Councillor Hamilton confirmed that the Parish Pit had been made safe and that Councillor Harris had mended the bench. The clerk will address that the Flood Wardens are not listed on the website. The planning application for Huntley Down was approved. Item 7 on the agenda was the Action Plan with regards to the Village Plan. Issue 1 is the parking problems at Londis shop. Councillor Smith reported that the owner would not be happy to put signage up in front of the shop. Councillor Hopper suggested contacting DCC to look at a physical arrangement of raised kerbs or bollards that would not interfere with the sighting of the chip van. A working party is to be made up to maintain the village plan that would be committed to the inclusion of the villagers and that an advert be put in the *Reporter* to ask that positive interested parties come forward to help with the development and sustainability of the village plan. The report of the

Clerk with ref the CPEND project was accepted. Next came allotments and the setting up of an Allotment Society. It is a statutory duty of the PC to provide allotments for the village and whilst previous take up for the idea had not been encouraging Councillor Hopper feels that another push is needed before the option is binned. Advertising and a meeting will take place within the next three months before a decision is made to abandon the idea or not.

It was agreed that the PC do not want to sell the land adjacent to the Sports Ground at this time. A request was made to frame the OS map of the Parish Plan and this was agreed. Site for the aforesaid map to be displayed is yet to be agreed. The PC then considered the application from the Village Hall for a grant of £960 for the grass cutting of the recreation area. After some discussion with the Council and an enthusiastically received statement from Richard Lock on behalf of the Village Hall Trustees, the grant was approved. It was also discussed that the Village Hall grant and the PCC grant (for grass-cutting in the Churchyard) should be included in the Precept budget for next year.

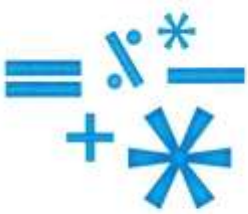
An internal audit has been carried out by an external auditor and suggestions have been made for the improvement of the administration of PC accounts. The final accounts have been published and approved and show an income of £9,189 (£7,675 from precept – Council Tax) and an expenditure of £7,805 with £3,229 going on Grants, Grit Bins, Village projects and Maintenance and £4,576 going on clerk's salary and expenses, repayments, insurance and miscellaneous administrative items. Cheques were signed and then it was time for questions from the floor.

A question was raised as to the storage container at the sports ground and that it was supposed to be painted and covered in trellis to make it unobtrusive. Councillor Balcon (who is chairman of the Sports Club) said this was now in hand.

A rambling and sometimes bad tempered but passionate conversation ensued between the council and the floor ref: parking, speeding and road crossing issues. A number of insistent questions were then raised by a member of the public (who has asked, surprisingly, that his name be kept out of the report) concerning procedures and a lack of transparency as a result of the last bit of the meeting being closed to the press and public. The councillors responded that their action were legal and valid. The same person then questioned the motivation of the councillors in volunteering for office, suggesting that they were driven by personal ego. Another question was raised questioning the leadership of the council. The public meeting was then closed.

It is my feeling that the constant reiteration of procedural matters be left alone and put to bed by the council. It is also my feeling that certain members of the floor are aiming only to disrupt the meeting and undermine the council. Surely the important thing is to let the council be allowed to get on with moving the Village Plan forward and put this tittle tattle to one side, for the benefit of us all.

Jo Perry



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Teddy Bees Picnic on 14th July

Busy Bees Survives!

A NEW group of people swarm together to ensure Busy Bees continues. The under 5's Group in Milborne St. Andrew, has found some new 'worker bees' who are willing to ensure that the facility stays open and provides a valuable service to MSA and other local villages. Busy Bees is a registered charity and provides a warm and friendly meeting place in the ideal setting of the Sports Pavilion at MSA, where mothers can meet, chat and enjoy coffee and cakes, whilst their children enjoy snacks and play with other children and the toys provided. Though it was very close to closure, due to the stepping-down of previous organisers, the new volunteers are enthusiastic about the future of the group and look forward to welcoming friends both past and present, as well as hoping to attract new faces to the group.

As part of the re-launch, Mums, Dads, Grandparents, Child Minders and Guardians with children under five are wholeheartedly invited to attend a Teddy Bears Picnic at the Sports Pavilion on Thursday 14th July at 9.30am, please bring a picnic and of course a teddy bear or two! If it rains there will be plenty of room inside! For further information and contact details, please visit www.busy-bees.org.uk.

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Milborne St. Andrew First School



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School News

BEFORE the half term break the year 4 children spent two nights under canvas during their residential trip to Carey outdoor education centre. This is a regular event for year 4 children, which Mrs Plant and Mrs Hewish accompany and was clearly enjoyed by all, helped no doubt by the relatively kind weather this year. Since returning the children have talked about their experiences in an



assembly for family and friends. This trip was one of the opportunities provided within the pyramid for them to meet some of the pupils who they will be joining at the middle school when they transfer in September.

Earlier this month the school held a cake sale to raise funds for the Multiple Sclerosis charity. Over two days parent volunteer Lianne Summers, assisted by Diane Parkin and Tracy Moore involved all the children in making delicious fairy cakes, flapjacks and chocolate brownies. The younger children had great fun decorating the fairy cakes before the sale on Friday which raised over £46. The support of this charity was linked to the imminent early retirement of a local DASP headteacher, who is suffering from this debilitating disease and it makes us very proud to make this small contribution to the charity. Thanks go to all who helped and supported.

Whilst we are preparing our older children for their transition to St Marys, we are also now welcoming the children who will be joining our reception year in September for some taster sessions. If you currently have young children the information packs for children due to start school in September 2012 will be distributed via playgroups when we return in the autumn term. However please do not hesitate to contact the school at any time for further information.

CONTACTS

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

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Milborne Ladybirds Playgroup

Important – Register Now!

LADYBIRDS PLAYGROUP continues its success and this year has seen record numbers of children being registered to join. Even though it is early we are beginning to plan for the new term in September and from those children already registered and our estimates it is likely to be even busier than this year.

In order to ensure that we can offer your child a place, whether this is one session or five, when they require it we are urging parents and carers to register their child with us as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

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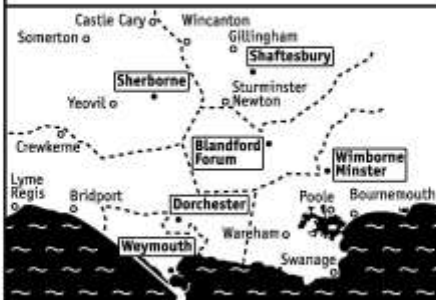
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Incident at Stereotypes Hairdressing Salon

By Josie Wright

TAMARA (*daughter of Viscount John Comelately*)

It happened so suddenly. I was chatting away to Pierre as he was doing the last few snips to my new 'do'. I turned my head to show him this stunning piccy of the Beckhams I'd spotted in *OK!*, and his next snip was in my ear lobe!! – Oh, the PAIN. Darling, I screamed, wouldn't you? There was blood – blood dripping on my lovely new frock; I'd only bought it on Tuesday. He said he was sorry, *really* – as though that's enough! My makeup was ruined as I shed a tear or two as well. What a dreadful start to my date with Freddie.

FRED SIKES (*An ex-con from Hackney*)

I fort she were gonna stand me up. She were ten minutes late *and* she looked a sight when she did show; wearing some old tat I'd give 'er weeks ago. And 'er *face*, Gawd 'elp us – she were snivellin someink about the 'airdresser. I 'ad to give 'er a few slaps 'for I got any sense out uv 'er. Stereotypes Salon eh!!

PIERRE LAPIN (*Hairdresser*)

That silly child, getting hysterical over such a little nick! These things happen after all! Whatever would she do if she were really 'urt. It took me 'alf an hour to calm her down. It'll cost me a fortune I know, with the bad publicity as well. These little rich girls are all the same and the *types* they pick up with, so unsavoury! Now who's that 'ammering on the door – don't they know we're closed?

Send your short stories to the Reporter for a future issue.

Milton Abbas Surgery PPG

Please help if you can!!

WE will be running our usual stall at Milton Abbas Street Fair on Saturday 30th July. We will need cakes and preserves, especially jams and marmalades, we will be able to sell as many as you can make.

Please let a member of the PPG have your cakes and jams, etc or deliver them to the surgery and I will collect them.

As always thank you very much for any help you can give to us.

Angie Higgs (880073)

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Flower Festival

'Favourite Childhood Stories'

St. Laurence's Church, Affpuddle

15th, 16th and 17th July

11.00am – 5.00pm

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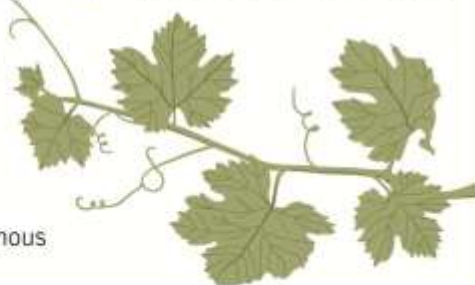
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35th Anniversary Celebrations continue in the village hall

Saturday 21st May Memory Lane Swing Band

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We welcomed visitors from Bournemouth and holidaymakers from Warwickshire, who had seen the posters and joined us for the evening.

Thank you to The Royal Oak for providing the delicious buffet.

Saturday 4th June Cream Tea



THE young performers of Milborne performed a cameo version of 'Joseph and his Technicolour Dreamcoat' directed and produced by Melva Coe. With only two rehearsals in the hall prior to the day, the young performers of Milborne gave an excellent

interpretation of this very popular musical. The singing was delightful to listen to and was enjoyed by parents and members alike.

It certainly was a very special afternoon and good to be able to share our celebrations with the younger members of our village community.

Special thanks go to Melva and her helpers for giving up their time; to all those who baked scones and cakes for the cream tea; and to the committee and volunteers for all their hard work in helping to organise both events.

Are we ready for our 40th celebrations? Of course we are! The club is thriving with 50 members and continues to increase.

Our next three events are:

July 6th – Portsmouth Dockyard

August 3rd – Evening Mystery trip

September 6th – Visit to R.N.L.I. Poole

Margaret Kirk – Chair

Very Hungry Caterpillars

HAVE you noticed something strange in the hedgerows around the village in the last month or two? Large silken webs encase sections of hedgerow that edge the fields and lanes in and around Milborne. This isn't an alien invasion or an attack of Doctor Who baddies, but is the work of caterpillars of two UK moth species.

The dense, but delicate, webs of the Small Eggar (*Eriogaster lanestris*) caterpillars can be seen festooned on blackthorn and hawthorn, the leaves of which they feed on. This moth has become scarce in the UK, but there are populations around the walks of the village. The caterpillars are active from April to late June, forming the compact web. They bask on this during warm sunshine and feed mainly at night. They can strip the leaves from the surrounding hedgerow but never enough to cause harm. When fully grown the caterpillars spin a rounded cocoon, near to the ground, to spend the winter before emerging as a moth from January to March. The Small Eggar has declined in the last few decades due to changes in the way hedgerows are managed – it is sensitive to very frequent cutting of hedgerows in the autumn.

But aren't moths and their caterpillars pests? In the vast majority of species, this is not the case. They are an essential part of the ecosystem, providing food for birds, bats and mammals. A staggering 35 billion caterpillars are eaten by Blue Tit chicks in the UK alone.

And only six of our 2,500 moth species are interested in eating clothes – and these caterpillars generally prefer dirty clothes anyway!

Small Eggars are completely harmless and not a pest species. If you do spot them, have a look and enjoy their spectacular markings. But be careful though, as their hairs can cause irritation to skin.

You may also have spotted roadside hedgerows swathed in large wispy webs appearing to cover the whole hedge. These are created by



caterpillars of the Spindle Ermine moth (*Yponomeuta cagnagella*). The caterpillars are grey with black spots and live together in a large group feeding on spindle in the hedgerow during May and June. The web is created to avoid being eaten by predators and

helps to protect the caterpillars from bad weather. The caterpillars can strip up to a couple of metres of hedgerow bare but the shrubs do grow back and don't suffer. The Spindle Ermine is fairly common in southern England on chalk soils.

Dr Caroline Bulman lives in Milborne and is a Senior Species Ecologist with Butterfly Conservation, the national charity with headquarters in East Lulworth. For more moth and butterfly information, see www.butterfly-conservation.org



May Weather in Milborne St. Andrew

TOTAL rainfall in May was 38.2mm which was 68% of average. There was rainfall of 24.3mm on the 7th with some thunder. The temperature during May was around average for the month but it was quite a windy month with night temperatures low enough to give a slight ground frost on the 24th and 30th. May was the fourth month in a row with lower than average rainfall making the deficit in rainfall for this year so far of 126mm. The agricultural drought of the last four months has been broken by the recent rainfall in June which to date has been considerably higher than the total average rainfall for the whole month of June.

June is probably the least remarkable of months for extremes of weather in Milborne being too late for very cold weather and too early for very heavy thunderstorms. There has not been any thunder so far this June which is just as well because, according to the Book of Knowledge, "Thunder in June signifieth that same year that woods shall be overthrown with winds, and great raging shall be of lions and wolves, and so like of other harmful beasts". *Pluvius*



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Milborne St. Andrew Gardening Club



IN mid-June 28 of our members visited Rosemoor, the RHS Garden in Devon. It rained as we boarded the coach and most of the way there, but on arrival the skies cleared and the sun shone. We had a lovely afternoon admiring the many flower, fruit and vegetable beds and it was a real delight to walk round the grounds. There were plenty of seats from where you could admire the views or have a picnic. If anyone ever has the chance to go to Rosemoor, take it as you will not be disappointed. The drive through the Devon countryside was pretty good, too.

Our next meeting is on Thursday 28th July, a Members' Evening when, traditionally, any member can speak about a favourite gardening topic. This time we will also be having a light-hearted Quiz on gardening and general knowledge, and we will be in teams of three or four so it should be fun. Wine and nibbles will also be served.

A date to put in your diaries is Thursday 18th August, which will be our social event. This year it will take the form of a Garden Trek, visiting some of the members' gardens and sharing a buffet supper at the final destination. All details will be given out at the July meeting and by email nearer the time.

Since there is no *Reporter* in August, one last plea to everyone – please try to put some entries in the Village Show and come along to support us. We cannot do it without you. Entry forms will be available in our Londis shop, the Post Office and The Royal Oak and the schedule is printed here again to remind you. *Linda Harris,*

Milborne St. Andrew Gardening Club

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1. Individual blooms or sprays

- Daisy – any variety
- Dahlia
- Penstemon
- Rose

2. Mixed bunch of garden flowers

3. Fruit and Vegetables

- Bowl of fruit – one variety (eg apples, pears)
- Bowl of mixed fruit
- Selection of up to 6 varieties of vegetable
- Selection of 3 vegetables of one variety (eg 3 carrots, 3 beans)
- Selection of salad vegetables

4. The heaviest potato

5. The longest runner bean

6. Flower arrangements

- Table centre arrangement
- An arrangement in an unusual container
- A miniature arrangement (maximum 4 inches in any direction)

7. Photographs (Unmounted. Maximum A5 / 8 x 6 inches)

- Water
- Transport
- Pets

8. Cookery

- Three cup cakes of any variety
- Three sausage rolls
- A jar of jam (any variety)
- A jar of jelly (any variety)
- A jar of marmalade (any variety)
- A jar of chutney (any variety)

9. Children's Section for 9 years and under

- Ages 4 and 5 – collage pictures of foxes
- Ages 6 and 7 – computer generated pictures of rabbits (designed by the children)
- Ages 8 and 9 – water colour paintings of owls
- All ages – poetry competition on theme of Milborne

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 the Londis shop, the Post Office and The Royal Oak.

PLEASE NOTE

All copy for the September *Reporter* must be received
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Can you identify where this is in Milborne?

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Another great fundraising day for Ladybirds

SATURDAY 12th June was a busy and fruitful day for the Ladybirds fundraising team. The day began with a well-attended baby sale that raised a total of £80.54 and was the most profitable baby sale so far as Sarah and Andy Fox of The Royal Oak offered the use of the Skittle Alley for the venue. And it was a quick turnaround as the Village Skittles Tournament began at 7.00pm that evening in the same venue. Eight teams participated including Ladybirds reserves, Ginge's Babes and the *Reporter*. Liz Dyer managed to score the only OXO in the tournament and the competition increased as the evening came to its conclusion. Both semi-finals were close until the last hand and the Final was won by "The Professionals" who beat "The Brownies" by only a few points. The winning team donated the £40 prize to the Ladybirds fund. A great evening was had by all and the total amount raised was £139.50. Well done to everyone who took part in the day.



"The Professionals" donating their £40 prize money to Liz Dyer for the Ladybirds fund. Left to right: Liz Dyer, Mark Elliott, Robert Lovett, Mark Lovett and Andrew Lovett. Photograph by Heather V. Hogg



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July

July 2nd - Darts tournament

July 5th - Bingo from 8.00pm

July 9th - Music with Nina Garcia

August

August 6th - Live Music with Loose Covers
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Parish Council – Dewlish	Clerk: Pat Gubbins	01258 881348
	Chair: Mike Claydon	01258 837314
Parish Council –	Clerk: Joyce Holman	01258 817898
Milborne St. Andrew	Chair: Janet Allen	01258 837551

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	Gilly Pink	01258 837695
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	Hayley Davis	07919 156578
Youth Club age 8 – 14 yrs	Sallie Maitland-Gleed	01258 837442

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Round Robin Ramblers	Ian Bromilow	01258 880044

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Cricket Club – Milton Abbas	Andy Smith	01258 880310
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Sports Club		
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Village Hall

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July

- Friday 8th–10th **Roger's Rant Weekend** Sports Club, Village Hall, and St. Andrew's Church – see below.
- Saturday 9th **Coffee Morning** Village Hall 10.30am – see page 27.
- Sunday 10th **Treasure Hunt** (in cars!) Luccombe Business Centre, Milton Abbas 3.00pm – see page 29.
- Thursday 14th **Teddy Bears Picnic** Sports Pavilion 9.30am – see page 6.
- Friday 15th–17th **Flower Festival** *Favourite Childhood Stories* St. Laurence's Church, Affpuddle 11.00am–5.00pm.
- Saturday 16th **Church Fete** Affpuddle 2.00pm.
- Monday 18th **The Milborne Players** Panto meeting for *Treasure Island* – see page 3.
- Thursday 21st **Sports Club AGM** Sports Pavilion 8.00pm. Everyone welcome.
- Saturday 23rd **Strawberry Tea** in aid of Breast Cancer Care. 31 Little England 2.30–5.00pm – see page 2.
- Saturday 30th **Village Lunch** – see page 2.
Milton Abbas Street Fair – see advert page 9.

August

- Saturday 27th **Village Lunch** – see page 2.
- Monday 29th **Athelhampton Benefice Fete** 12noon–3.00pm – see page 27.

September

- Saturday 10th **The Show** Milborne St. Andrew Gardening Club Village Hall from 2.00–4.00pm – see page 13.
Dorset Historic Churches Ride and Stride – see page 27.

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

July at the Sports Pavilion

- Sports Club AGM** on Thursday 21st at 8.00pm. Everyone is welcome.
- The Busy Bees** Under 5's Group from 9.30am to 11.30am on Thursday term time only. Contact Hayley Davis 07919 156578 or Jody Moore 07855 168117.
- Table Tennis** from 7.00pm to 9.00pm every Monday evening – contact Sandra Shannon Tel. 837253
- Football Adult football training** – Tuesday evening – contact Paul Morgan 01258 / 837619 email morgan56@btinternet.com or Matt Hall email mattyoan@hotmail.co.uk
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- 6–11 year olds** on Wednesday evenings – contact Bob Mowlem on 01305 751930 or email bobmowlem@btinternet.com

Roger's Rant

FROM the 8th–10th July **Roger's Rant Folk Festival Weekend** is celebrating traditional and contemporary folk music, song and dance at Milborne St. Andrew Sports Club. There will be some of the best of the local amateur singers and musicians, as well as those from further afield. There is also the opportunity for aspiring singers and musicians to have a go in a friendly atmosphere.

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Milborne Business Spotlight on . . . Spirit of Nature

In this new feature, the *Reporter* takes a closer look at some of the businesses on our doorstep – we'll be asking what they do, what it's like to work for them and how it suits them operating from Milborne.

Company name . . . *Spirit of Nature*

Business field . . . *Online retail; eco-living products*

Spirit of Nature occupies a large warehouse and adjoining offices in the Milborne Business Centre, prominently placed near the 'top end' of the site. They have been here, selling products aimed at environmentally conscious mums and families, since June 2010. Although new to Milborne at that time, Spirit of Nature had been going for over ten years and had been based in the New Forest. However, times had become difficult for the company until present owner, Adam Smith, stepped in. He moved the business to its present location, re-focused its strategy, and installed a new team.

So what kind of products does Spirit of Nature offer? Sarah Tiplady, of the Customer Service Team, says, "We have a focus on mother and babies – eco-biodegradable nappies, natural skincare products and toys. We also sell a comprehensive range of natural cleaning products, organic clothing, and eco gifts". By volume, the biggest seller is the biodegradable nappy, of which the company has a plethora of friendly and sensible advice in the field of what it light-heartedly calls "nappiology".

Sarah continues, "Our best-selling products here at Spirit of Nature are the eco-nappies, as they are approximately 40% more biodegradable than standard disposables, they are made of more natural fibres such as corn-starch and tree-pulp which is more breathable for babies' skin and much quicker to decompose in land-fill. They are a great way to do your bit towards a more eco family life". A range of re-usable nappies on the website is also popular.

The range of products is huge, from traditional toys to toothbrushes and bamboo clothing to car sunshades – all with an ethical edge. Is the working day fast and frenetic for the team at the Business Centre?

Sarah says, "Working at Spirit of Nature is a pleasure and a challenge – we are a keen team. We have a small, but perfectly formed team that can range from three to seven on any given day" as some are in and out of the office during the week. The working day can be fun and varied, she continues, "Speaking with our customers, suppliers and team is always interesting, there are always new products coming onto the market and fabulous facts to pass onto the people using our website via our blog or weekly e-newsletters. The world of eco can be weird and wonderful with a great mix of relaxed-charm and fast-paced eco-developments!"

The blog has a mix of topics, from themes around products ("Why wooden toys are best!") to more general entries such as the progress of an allotment to an environmental educational centre on the north Dorset border ("Pigs at Magdalen!"). Does this local aspect, being based in Milborne, Dorset add anything to the business? Sarah says, "Being located in the Dorset countryside has great perks, we have a dedicated team who are all fairly local and take pride in supporting local businesses by joining together to do promotions and competitions. We like to think we are boosting the business for the county we live in". Recently, Dorset Cereals, the Poundbury-based muesli success story, ran a competition with a prize of an 'eco bundle' from "our Dorset friends Spirit of Nature". A bit of county-based fraternity not to be sniffed at – and especially welcome in this economic climate.

How is the company faring with these trying times? "We are finding our consumers are dedicated to looking after the environment and their families and although we are all spending less at the moment, there is a steady market for what we are selling", Sarah says. And how do you see the company developing in the future? Sarah continues, "We hope to build the business 'organically' listening to valuable customer feedback and gradually build our presence online to become a well-known retailer of everything for a natural family life".

Ed Richards



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Dear Editor,

I get to see the 'Reporter' via my aged mother who still lives in Milborne and was disappointed upon reading, and earlier hearing, of Mike Hopper not being re-elected as chairman of your Parish Council.

It's not now my business but I still take an interest, after recently not standing for election again as one of Abbey Ward district councillors, in activities within the ward. After several years of a seemingly poorly functioning parish council, in those years never up to full complement and with frequent movements of members, Milborne had a new chairman, albeit not for long, who was getting a grip. Also a new clerk who is both experienced and efficient.

Also, there has been a greater rapport with Richard Lock and V.H. committee in connection with the magnificent works to and by the village hall – Richard particularly deserves greater recognition.

However, this is not to suggest that the new 'regime' will not fare well – I wish you all the best in the parish.
Michael Cox

Dear Editor,
Bonfires

In response to the letters to Millie in June's issue of the Reporter and inquiries from other people, I can say that there are no bylaws concerning garden rubbish bonfires other than consideration is given to the neighbours. Viz: Wind direction: Time of day: Washing hanging out: Windows and doors open: Parties in the garden, etc. Anything that would produce black smoke should not be burned but disposed of properly.
Janet Allen.

Dear Editor,

A member of the public at the last Parish Council meeting reminded us all of the huge number of volunteers who work hard to introduce, maintain and develop the various organisations in our village; from the WI to the Players and from the Scouts to the Parish Council. It was therefore particularly unpleasant to see other members of the public seemingly taking pleasure in challenging the work

and method of work of the Parish Council and their clerk. As far as I could see, the only purpose of this challenge was to seek to embarrass and undermine the Councillors although it was apparent from the signals being made from one to the other that they regarded this as some sort of intellectual "sport" – dressed up as legitimate concerns.

For the rest of us present at the meeting this negative barrage from just two members of the public was irrelevant. Those of us who regularly attend Parish Council meetings know that our Parish Councillors all have the best interests of our village community at heart and that, had they not come forward as volunteers to be councillors, our Parish Council would no longer exist and, as a consequence, our interests would now be "represented" by the district council in Blandford.

I believe that these individuals are not just unwilling but also unable to make any sort of positive contribution to our village. With such passionate and outspoken views they should have presented themselves to be elected as councillors themselves; but they didn't. I suggest they "put up" or "shut up" and let our councillors get on with their job.
Ed Frost, Huntley Down.

Please note: all Letters to the Reporter MUST contain the writer's name and address but can be printed without if so wished.

Ask Millie

– your problems solved



Last month's problem

In reply to the wife of the retired computer user, who spends hours on the Internet.

Millie says – If you expect to come home from work to a spotlessly clean house, your tea on the table and your slippers warming by the fire then you will need to swap your husband for a 1950's housewife.

Your husband does not have a problem, you have. You may find by checking his computer history that he has been visiting adult websites/dating, etc. and is well on the way to swapping you for a 21st century partner. I suggest you get an iPad – then you can start to communicate again.

Dear Millie,

I have a problem when taking my oldest child to school. The pavement outside the Londis is often blocked by cars parking on the pavement rather than in the empty spaces in the car park. This makes it difficult both for pedestrians pushing buggies and other car drivers trying to get out of the car park and also overtake

the parked car on this narrow part of Milton road. Can anything be done?

Millie says – This is thoughtless and oikish behaviour. It is actually closer to the shop doorway to park in the nearest space, so even people with limited mobility should find it easier to use the car park. However, people of limited intelligence will usually continue doing what they have always done, even if it inconveniences others. The white lines painted on the car park have made parking so much easier, (thank you to our Parish Council) and none of us want to see ugly double yellow lines painted in the road. Perhaps our community police could offer help and advice on this? In the meantime be very careful that your buggy does not scrape the side of any vehicles parked on the pavement and you don't break the wing mirror as you squeeze by. Obviously the above advice does not apply to tractors, milk lorries and other agricultural vehicles. They are a law unto themselves.

Dear Millie,

I was very pleased to see we have a new vicar coming so promptly. But it's another woman, we already have one woman, why couldn't we have a male vicar, we could choose then if we wanted to go to church or not.

Millie says – I agree our church representatives have really pulled the stops out on this one, the new vicar starts before the end of the year. I am surprised you have an objection to female clergy, being such an active and forceful woman yourself, surely she should be give a chance and not condemned for being female – I'm sure you wouldn't like it.

Dear Millie,

My garden seems to be besieged with snails this year, the more I get rid of them the more they appear, I've tried everything – my neighbours don't seem to have this problem.

Millie says – Are you on good terms with your neighbours? Are your neighbours either vindictive or just lazy? Try keeping watch one evening and see if you are the victim of flying snails!

Next magazine's problem

Dear Millie

My daughter still lives at home with me and her father, she shows no sign of wanting to find a place of her own and now my mother of 72 is ill and needs care. I have to visit my mother at least three times a week, it would be so much more convenient if my daughter moved out so I could move my mother in. What shall I do?

Questions and Answers to Millie and all e-mails to the Reporter at
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Have you met . . . Peter Dunkley

PETER DUNKLEY is a man who, in his own words, is extraordinarily fortunate. At so many points in his life there have been opportunities for real sadness or misfortune, but somehow, some way, there is always another path.

Peter was born on 30th March 1932 in Brockley, South London. At just three months old he became very ill with a virus, with only a 20% chance of survival. Saline drips were just beginning to be common place in hospitals and it is, without doubt, this medical advance that saved Peter's life.

In the mid 1930's education was free and readily available. Peter started nursery early and went on to primary school – already developing a passion for learning. It is fair to say though that his education was somewhat episodic with the arrival of WWII and his evacuation to Sussex aged seven. Eventually he settled at Haberdashers' Aske's Hatcham Grammar School which was a time of happiness, apart from his parents' divorce when he was just 13.

Like all boys of his generation, two years of National Service was mandatory after school. On the second day in the army, every new recruit took an intelligence test to see whether they should study languages or be sent straight to the front line . . . another stroke of luck, it turned out Peter was too smart to be given a weapon so was given the choice between learning Russian or Chinese. Peter decided Russian was for him as this was a two year course as opposed to three for Chinese. This two year course was to be the awakening of Peter's love for languages.

After National Service, in 1953, Peter was offered a place at Oxford reading English. Again a miraculous stroke of good fortune considering only 8% of the population at this time went to university, and only 2% went to Oxford or Cambridge. Peter was blessed with some very famous inspirational tutors. Nevil Coghill was someone Peter had only heard on the radio before becoming one of his pupils and was taught by him for three years. Nevil is best known for his work translating Chaucer's *Canterbury Tales* into modern English. Peter also enjoyed the lectures of C.S. Lewis who wrote *The Chronicles of Narnia* and of course Tolkien who was a "genius" although Peter believes his best known work of *Lord of the Rings* is nowhere near his greatest triumph and quite frankly a little "limited". Peter tells wonderful tales of this experience, not so much remembering the content of the lectures but talking of how the men inspired him and enthused the students to think and write to their full ability.

Within the first week of university, Peter found a pretty undergraduate, interested in literature and play reading just like him. Her name was Shirley, and at the time of writing this article for the *Reporter*, was sitting drinking tea in the very next room from us. Peter and Shirley have known each other for nearly 60 years, happily married for 53. The two immediately had things in common, both only children, both the apple of their parents' eyes. Shirley studied English too and with a love of great books just like Peter there are now two copies of the same books marked 'his' and 'hers' in their library. University courtship was a very different affair to what it is today – their relationship blossomed at the dances and cinemas, in the cafes and play houses. Young ladies were not allowed to be in the gentlemen's rooms after 7.00pm and all gates and doors were locked at 11.00pm.

Exam time at university was hard, whilst Shirley was revising three years worth of work in a few months, Peter was cramming three years worth of work into a couple of weeks. Although the pair share a passion for education, their work ethic is actually quite different. Straight after the exams they went to Germany together to perform in a play and to await the results which were to be published in *The Times*. They sat in a little cafe scanning frantically for their grades – quite unfairly for Shirley who'd taken the whole thing a little more seriously than Peter, they both graduated with second class degrees. Peter thinks he was lucky that it was before the era of the 2:2 – otherwise he would have got one!

After university, at just 24 years old, Peter was lucky to receive four job offers immediately. He set his heart upon a BBC General Traineeship, which he was awarded after a lengthy interview process. As his father said back then – the chance of working for the BBC beat working for a living. In the late 1950s, this was a job for life, a security that is very rare in today's world. Peter spent 32 wonderful years working on various TV and radio productions. Highlights included travelling the world and working with Wilfred Pickles (later awarded



OBE), and Richard Dimbleby (later awarded CBE).

Funnier stories are to be had too – of the time the Duke of Edinburgh stood on Peter's foot in a lift, and didn't realise for some time. Or indeed of the time Peter needed to move his entire programme's scenery from the ground to the fourth floor but there was a camel stuck in the lift!

The work Peter is most proud of is the Open University programmes which he worked on for seven years. At his most senior, Peter supervised 200 TV and 300 radio programmes each year and received huge satisfaction from seeing the participants who work "bloody hard" graduate

with degrees. He also enjoyed the early days working live in black and white although he says it's quite a relief that there is no record of these programmes now . . . the invention of video tape came much later.

Peter's claim to fame is that he once held the world record for the fastest time for filming a piece in another country (the Congo) and getting it on-air in the UK – involving a film crew on location, a special lab on a plane, a mobile cutting desk and a few people actually running about! 14 hours, now it'd be done in the press of a button over the internet. Peter enjoys watching the BBC's *The One Show* because of its documentary-type content and because he can really appreciate the technical ability involved in producing such TV.

After university, Shirley went into a post-graduate teaching degree, and in 1958 they married. They rented their first house from a famous art restorer, the father of one of Shirley's pupils, in Fulham. The couple planned to start their family after five years of marriage but fate had other plans. The first was born in 1959, then another in 1961 and then another in 1963. At this point Peter decided they needed to do sensible things like buy a house and get a mortgage. To his own admission, he was clueless about all things financial and at a time when there was a credit squeeze (not crunch!) he was incredibly lucky to have a bank manager that was willing to help.


As the children grew older, Shirley returned to teaching, then became a counsellor of teenagers. The highlight of Shirley's career came after Peter had retired in 1986 – she got a great job as Counselling Manager at Childline where she trained volunteers to help children over the phone. Due to the late hours and odd shift patterns, Peter's new 'employment' was as Shirley's chauffeur. Being retired was a funny experience at first for Peter. He feared it because he thought he liked being busy . . . he now admits that is rubbish. If you give him the opportunity to do nothing, he'll seize it with both hands! He did however do seven years voluntary work with the Citizens Advice Bureau until the time was right and the couple decided to move away from London.

In 1996, after looking at nearly 30 houses within a two hour radius of London, they fell in love with 'Little England'. Not exactly the modern, renovation-free house they thought they wanted, but fate's a funny thing. Both Peter and Shirley have embraced village life – Shirley worked as a governor for the primary school for seven years and Peter still enjoys working on the Village Hall committee and recently his work on the village plan. They have seen many changes in the village – Peter's biggest dislike is the main road and the speed of the traffic nowadays.

Peter and Shirley very much enjoy their life in the village and their family too. Anna is now a teacher, Matt is Head of Children's Services in Sussex and Charlotte is the Senior Probation Officer in Derby. Between them they have provided seven wonderful grandchildren to make their family complete.

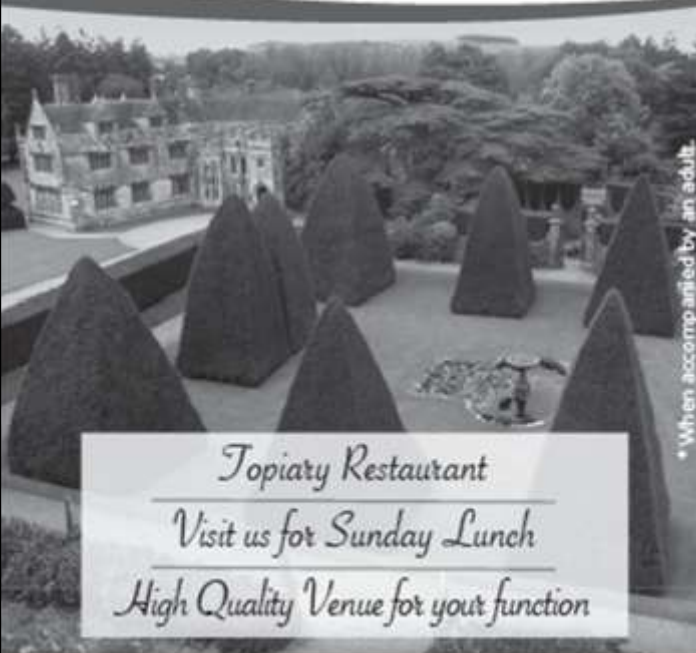
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Davies (Athelhampton and Martyrs Catering Manager) and former Milborne St. Andrew First School pupil Laura Dean (Athelhampton Manager), they were (or seemed to be) so relaxed, even the old family Labrador was allowed to attend. Thanks also to Eva Stockley (of Stileham Bank) who gave the cup cake queens a sugarcraft masterclass, and also made a beautiful sunflower spray to go on the top cake. The sun shone (against the weather forecast), the setting was perfect. Elaine and Jamie's three boys were stars, Ollie was best man (aged 8), and he, Finn (six years) and Zac (three years) did their own special speech to Daddy. Not a dry eye in the house.

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In your Garden

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

Your Garden in July and August

THE recent rains have been welcomed by gardeners and farmers alike – and isn't it good not to have to water the garden every night! Now I can let the water butts fill up again for the next period of low rainfall.

When I planned my garden several years ago, I chose plants that wouldn't take up too much time to maintain – however there are still things that need to be done and it is important that they are done at the correct time.

Obviously there is the dreaded weeding – constantly needing to be done unless you have mulched the soil with, for example, bark chippings or you have so many plants crammed in (like mine) the weeds don't stand much of a chance. Then there is the feeding – important to get the best out of your fruit and flowers. Hanging baskets and pots will need feeding regularly – use a slow release fertiliser eg Osmocote to save having to feed every week. Feed clematis with tomato feed to help prevent clematis wilt and encourage more flowers.

And then – the pruning. I said last time that all those plants that flowered before June should now have been pruned. Here are a few tips for things to get the secateurs out for now:

You can tidy up Clematis Montana after it has finished flowering – it will survive even if you cut it hard back, but don't expect many flowers the following year. All the wisteria plants were absolutely stunning this year – I'm not sure why – maybe it was the dry weather and the fact that the rain hadn't ruined the blooms! Wisteria should be pruned a couple of months after flowering by cutting back any side shoots and laterals to about 15cm (6in) of a main branch. It will need to be done again in the winter. To create a bit of interest in late summer, grow a late-flowering clematis through the wisteria. It won't cause a problem

because the clematis will need to be cut back to about 45cm (18in) above the ground in the spring. You can use any of the viticella or texensis clematis varieties for this.

There is really no need to worry about when to prune clematis. The early flowered types such as Montana (Group 1) only need a tidy up after flowering – they don't need to be pruned. The large flowered hybrids (Group 2) that flower mid-summer are the most difficult to maintain in my opinion and need to be pruned carefully to create a framework of old wood. If you stagger the pruning by cutting back some of the shoots to nice plump buds a bit later than others, it will make the plant flower for longer and if it gets too overgrown, it can be cut hard back every 2–3 years. The late flowering clematis (Group 3) flower on the growth made during the summer so cut them hard back in early spring – these are the tidiest of the bunch. If you're not sure which group of clematis you have, then you will have to wait until they flower and then you can look after them in the correct way. When I am designing a planting plan for someone I tend to use Group 1 or Group 3 clematis unless the owner of the garden has some experience and likes a bit of extra maintenance.



Gooseberries are cropping now, but don't be tempted to prune off the flowered stems. This is something you can do with blackberries and loganberries, but not to goosegogs. The best time to prune is late winter or early spring just before bud burst – you will then get fruit on the older wood and the shoots that are one year old – so if you didn't do it then, you will have to wait until next year. If you have any cane fruits – blackberries, loganberries, tayberries and summer fruiting raspberries – then cut out the canes that have produced fruit and tie in any new ones ready for giving you a bumper crop next year.

And finally – after a bout of heavy rain, check your plants as they may need to be re-tied into trellis or wires. Roll on summer . . .



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For this Benefice, May and June have been the months of pilgrimage.

In May a number of us went to Canterbury. On Rogation Sunday many folk
set off from Puddletown Church to walk and pray their way through the fields,
to Tolpuddle.

On the eve of Pentecost I took one of our older members from Puddletown
Church to Salisbury Cathedral to be confirmed. The service of baptism and
confirmation took the form of a journey as candidates, supporters and the
congregation make their way from the west doors, past the font and then to the
spire crossing at the east end.

At the west doors promises were made. Those being baptised were signed with
the sign of the cross. At the font baptisms took place, with a deluge of water on
the head of each candidate and a generous sprinkling by the Bishops and Dean for
the congregation, to remind them of their baptismal vows. Congregation and
candidates then moved to the spire crossing where those to be confirmed were
anointed with the oil of chrism and confirmed by the Bishops. Finally, with lighted
candles held aloft, candidates, bishops, clergy, sponsors, family and friends, walked
the length of the cathedral to emerge into the sunshine of a June evening.

The twenty-nine who gathered with Chaucer at The Tabard hostelry in
Southwark were a motley crew. Those of us who went by coach to Canterbury,
walked to Tolpuddle and were baptised and confirmed in Salisbury Cathedral were
also a diverse crowd. Pilgrimage is a picture of the church and the call of Jesus
which we have heard and responded to. All sorts and conditions of people but
bound by this common thread, the call from and the indwelling of, the Holy Spirit.
Pilgrimage from the west end of the cathedral to the east and back again, is a
small symbol of the journey of faith we are involved in. A pilgrimage from death to
life, from darkness to light, from unbelief to faith and we journey in the company
of all God's people, a motley crew.

With every blessing.

Roy Bennett

**CHURCH SERVICES
July/August 2011**

3rd JULY – Trinity 2

9.30am	Family Communion and Baptism	Milborne
9.30	Tolpuddle Praise	Tolpuddle
11.00	Holy Communion with Sunday Seekers and Creche	Puddletown
12.00	Picnic Service	Dewlish

THURSDAY 7th JULY

12.00	Lunch-time Communion	Milborne
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10th JULY – Trinity 3

8.15am	1662 Said Communion Service	Puddletown
9.30	Family Communion	Tolpuddle
10.00	Parish Communion with music from Rogers Rant	Milborne
11.00	Family Service	Puddletown
11.00	Family communion	Dewlish

17th JULY – Trinity 4

9.30am	1662 Said Communion	Milborne
10.30	Martyrs Festival Songs of Praise	Tolpuddle
11.00	Morning Prayer	Puddletown
11.00	Holy Communion	Dewlish
5.00pm	Martyrs Methodist Service	Tolpuddle Chapel

THURSDAY 21st JULY

12.00	Lunch-time Communion	Puddletown
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24th July – Trinity 5

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

31st JULY – Trinity 6

11.00am	Farm Service at Warren Farm
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7th AUGUST – Trinity 7

9.30am	Family Communion and Baptism	Tolpuddle
9.30	Said Communion	Milborne
11.00	Holy Communion	Puddletown
11.00	Morning Prayer	Dewlish

14th AUGUST – Trinity 8

9.30am	Methodist Joint Service	Tolpuddle
11.00	Family Service	Puddletown
11.00	Family Communion	Dewlish
6.00pm	Compline	Milborne

21st AUGUST – Trinity 9

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

28th AUGUST – Trinity 10

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

Church Cleaning – w/e Saturday

2nd July	Josie Wright and Pat Tribe
9th July	Carolyn Martin and Elizabeth Walker
16th July	Margaret Hurley and Eva Stockley
23rd July	Geoff and Pat Bull
30th July	John and Ann Miller

August

6th August	Victoria Bone and Lin Chatfield
13th August	Ed and Rose Frost
20th August	Sue Lee and Val Hodges
27th August	Josie Wright and Pat Tribe

September

3rd September	Carolyn Martin and Elizabeth Walker
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Flowers – w/e Saturday

9th and 16 July	Helen Pugh and Hilary Daffern
23rd and 30th July	Angie Nowell
6th and 13th August	Jill Harvey
20th and 27th August	Angie Nowell

100 CLUB WINNERS

Draw Date – Tuesday 31st May 2011

1st prize	£100 Sandra Northover
2nd prize	£50 Mick Tissman
3rd prize	£20 Pete Gray

The next two draws are at 8.00pm
in The Royal Oak,
on Tuesday 5th July and
Tuesday 9th August 2011

Results in the September Reporter
Anyone is welcome to attend
New members always welcome

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MILBORNE ST. ANDREW CHURCH NOTES

Church Working Party

ON Saturday 21st May we had a very successful working party at St. Andrew's Church. The aim was to deal with various areas of work that had been noted in our quinquennial inspection. Ten adults and three children set to with a will, pulling ivy off the church walls, clearing moss from the tower roof, removing growth from drains, clearing out gutters and removing mould from stone work. By the time we stopped for coffee and home-made cake (see the picture of us relaxing over our coffee break) most of the work had been done and the rest was completed shortly afterwards. Between us we achieved a great deal. Very many thanks to all those who gave time and energy to accomplish the tasks.



Milborne Praise

This month Milborne Praise coincided with Fathers' Day. We had already planned a "Picnic Praise" and the theme for the afternoon was God the Father and all that he has given us in this beautiful world. We began with a rainbow and God's promise to Noah that he would never destroy the world. We looked at the rainbow colours and then walked up to the wild flower area to see how many of those colours we would see. We found them all! We followed this by drawing pictures of God's beautiful world and thanking God and thanking our fathers. After a gloomy morning the sun was shining warmly so we enjoyed our picnic in the grass.

Please note: There will be no Milborne Praise during July and August. We will open again on Sunday 18th September when we shall meet in church.

Coffee Morning and "Nearly-new" Stall will be held in MSA Village Hall on **Saturday 9th July**, 10.30am to 12noon. There will be a raffle and all proceeds will go to the Church "Flush Fund".

As part of **Roger's Rant Weekend** we will be welcoming Ann Hinchliff and her Band to provide music for our Parish Communion Service at St. Andrew's Church at **10am on Sunday 10th July**. This has always been a very good service and we thank Roger for organising it. Please come and join us. At **5.30pm** there will be a concert in church, also as part of the Roger's Rant celebrations For further details check the noticeboard.

On **Saturday 30th July** (12noon-4.00pm) St. Andrew's will have a stall at the **Milton Abbas Street Fair**. We would welcome contributions. We will sell bric-a-brac, craft items, books, preserves, in fact anything except jumble (not allowed), plants (they take up too much space to transport) and cakes (to avoid being in competition with Milton Abbas Church). If you have anything that we can sell please get in touch with Eva Stockley (Tel: 837468) or Pat Tribe (837684) before 30th July. We can collect if necessary. Many thanks.

The **Athelhampton Benefice Fete - Bank Holiday Monday 29th August** (12noon-3.00pm) is where all the churches of the benefice benefit from this fund-raising through the generosity of Patrick Cooke. St. Andrew's Church will be doing the Bric-a-brac stall. If you have any items for sale please let Pat (837684) or Eva (837468) know and they could arrange collection - on other stalls there will be cakes, books, records, DVDs, garden produce, Tombola. If you would like to contribute to any of these stalls, or are able to help in any way, please let Pat or Eva know. All profit from the day goes into the Benefice account and is shared between the four churches.

Church services in July and August: Owing to the interregnum and holidays please note there are some changes to the times and types of service we will be holding at church. Please check church notice boards for details.

Dorset Historic Churches Trust Ride and Stride will take place this year on Saturday 10th September between 10.00am and 6.00pm. The aim is to cycle or walk (or go on horseback - several people do) to as many churches as possible and thereby raise money through sponsorship. Half the money raised goes to the Historic Churches Trust and half to the church of your choice. It is an ecumenical venture so you don't have to choose a Church of England church. For sponsor forms and full details contact Pat Tribe on 837684. *Eva Stockley and Pat Tribe (Churchwardens)*

DEWLISH CHURCH NOTES

Well-behaved at Dewlish Pet Service

FIVE of us from Dewlish had a most enjoyable visit to Canterbury Cathedral when we travelled with members of other local churches on a trip arranged for us by the Ven. Patrick Evans and his wife, Jane. The highlight for me was hearing the magnificent choir sing Evensong. It was a perfect ending to a lovely day. Thank you so much, Patrick and Jane.

This year we held a Coffee Morning to raise money for Christian Aid and I am pleased to report that £168.15 was received, along with some filled envelopes. Margaret thanks all who supported the event.

The next day we held our Pet Service, which was well-attended. It was lovely to see so many well-behaved dogs, chicks and ducklings, along with pictures of hens, rabbits and fish. Thank you, Jim, for arranging the service, and a big thank-you to Ed and Adam for once again operating the sound system. We did have a short shower but, being under the trees, we managed to keep fairly dry!

Our Ascension Day service was held on a lovely sunny morning (but with a cold wind!). All our churches in the benefice were represented, plus Bere Regis. It was great to see you all and thanks to Jim once again for taking the service.

On Sunday 3rd July we are holding our annual service and picnic on the Village Green, starting at 12 noon. We would love to see you there. Please bring a plate of food to share. Drinks will be provided.

Daphne Burg

GEORGE DAVID "Dave"

of Milborne St. Andrew

Passed away suddenly in Dorset County Hospital on 12th June, aged 87 years

Beloved husband of the late Pearl,
very much loved dad of Richard and Beverley and Terry and Wendy,
and loving grandad of Paul and the late Louise.

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BE IN IT TO WIN IT!

Painted Ladies at Rainbow!

THE children at Rainbow Pre-School are patiently awaiting some new arrivals – the emergence of 30 “Painted Lady” butterflies! They have learnt all about the cycle of the butterfly and made lots of pictures of caterpillars and cocoons and of course, lots of big colourful butterflies. Progress is checked each day and there is lots of anticipation about seeing the end result. Everyone is looking forward to being able to release them on the Rainbow Green.



Rainbow Open Day

PLEASE come and drop in to our Pre-School for a coffee and to see what else the children have been doing on **Thursday 7th July** from 1.30pm to 3.30pm – we look forward to seeing you.

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Treasure Hunt!

RAINBOW PRE-SCHOOL and Milton Abbas Sports Club are holding a Treasure Hunt (in cars!) around the surrounding area on **Sunday 10th July**. It will start at Rainbow Pre-School at Luccombe Business Centre, Milton Abbas, at 3.00pm with tea and cakes and will end at the Milton Abbas Sports Field for a BBQ and drinks. Cars are £5 each (BBQ and drinks not included). Come and see if your local knowledge helps you find the Treasure first!

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ABBEY SWIMMING CLUB

The Club is based at Milton Abbey School,
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Membership is open to anyone. Members range in age from less than a year to over 80. This is a social and friendly club. Join us and keep fit.

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

Annual Membership

Adults £80. Senior Citizens £60. Juniors (17 and under) £28 as part of a family, £45 individual.
Children (3 and under as part of a family) free.

Club Sessions

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

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

THE RURAL 'G'

Homewatch Newsletter

Blandford Rural June 2011

Prince Charles and Camilla visit Local pub's shop

The Prince of Wales and Duchess of Cornwall dropped in to a Dorset pub that has recently opened a village shop.

The royal couple were at the White Horse pub in Stourpaine near Blandford during a one-day visit to Dorset.

He stopped to shake the hand of local Officer PC Rich Barnes who was deployed to provide a visible presence alongside PCSO Rich Mullins. After chatting with the Officers, Prince Charles went in to Stourpaine's local pub.



The prince had a half-pint of local Firkin Fox ale and joked: "What time is it? Am I allowed to?"

As president of Business in the Community, the prince was supporting its 'Pub is the Hub' programme.

The initiative encourages rural pub owners to diversify to provide services and support that would otherwise have been lost from rural communities.

The pub's shop which opened five weeks ago, sells local produce and houses the Post Office service two mornings a week. It also acts as a community centre with a book swap area, pool and darts teams and a Senior Citizens Lunch Club.

Homewatch Newsletter

Blandford South, May 2011

Crime Prevention Surveys

Dorset Police are still carrying out surveys of premises to assess their levels of security. SNT officers will come and assess homes inside and out and make recommendations for improvements that may be considered to make yourself less at risk.

Anyone requesting a survey is asked to contact local officers on 01202 223003

New PCSO joins the Blandford Town Team



Some of you may have already had the chance to meet our new team member, PCSO Mike Sinnick. Mike joined the Blandford SNT team at the end of May and will be working alongside Simon Evans, Karen Shanahan, Charli Barkshire, Jamie Burt and Emma Procter within the town and surrounding residential areas. I am sure you will all join us

in welcoming Mike to the team; I know that he is looking forward to meeting and working with you all!

PC Dave Mullins and PCSO Luke Goddard
Blandford Rural South Safer Neighbourhood Team
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Milton Abbas v Blandford U13's

HOLLAND star of the show with a fine all round performance.

Milton Abbas bowled first and bowled Blandford out for 79 in just 17 overs, good opening bowling from Greg Holland got 2 wickets and 1 from Will Taylor, then Blandford had a good partnership in the middle overs from Winton and Gosden but a mix up and a run out saw the end of Winton. Then Greg Holland came back and claimed a hat-trick to finish the innings.

Milton had a steady opening partnership between Sam Sach and Dan Banyard and put on 29 for the 1st wicket which brought Greg Holland to the crease who hit a very good 31 and then retired with only a few runs left and Sam Sach got the winning runs to win by 7 wickets.
Colin Chastey

Milton Abbas Sports Club

TENNIS and squash courts now available for use by members of Milton Abbas Sports Club at Milton Abbey School. For more information on club membership or court hire please contact Maria on 880895 or metimperley@btinternet.com

Abbey Swimming Club

SWIMMING lessons. Places now available for the September term. Children and adults, beginners and improvers. Classes and one to one sessions available. Abbey Swimming Club. Lessons at the Milton Abbey School pool. Contact Richard or Annette on rgmpearce@btinternet.com or Maria at metimperley@btinternet.com. Tel. 880895.

SWIMFIT. Everyone is welcome to come along on Wednesdays 7.00-8.00pm to the Abbey pool and join in. A swimming based exercise session that puts you in control. SWIMFIT is not an aqua aerobics class. You need to be able to swim at least two lengths to take part. So whether you simply want to get fit, improve your shape or get faster in the water then this is for you. Come along and give it a try! Your first session is FREE. More info contact Maria 880895.

PLEASE NOTE

All copy for the September *Reporter* must be received by the **14th August**.

Please send copy via e-mail as a Microsoft Word attachment and photos are best sent as a separate JPG file.

We regret that late submissions will not be included.



Bob Mowlem's bid presentation wins nearly £3,000



MILBORNE Sports Football Club Mini Soccer Development Centre is better off to the tune of nearly £3,000 thanks to a community grant. The cheque, for £2,993, was presented by Mrs Helen Lawson of Spectrum Housing Group's Community Fund Committee to coach Bob Mowlem and players at the Sports Field on 22nd June.

The grant, successfully bid for by Bob, will be used to buy two sets of goalposts, pitch barriers, training and match balls, First Aid kits, cones and other training aids. Spectrum Housing requested to make the presentation in person, so impressed were they with the bid presentation at Signpost House by Bob.

The Mini Soccer Development Centre has four teams (Under 7s, 8s, 9s and 11s) and currently has 50 young players between the ages of five and eleven who will benefit from the new equipment.

Text and photograph by Ed Richards

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