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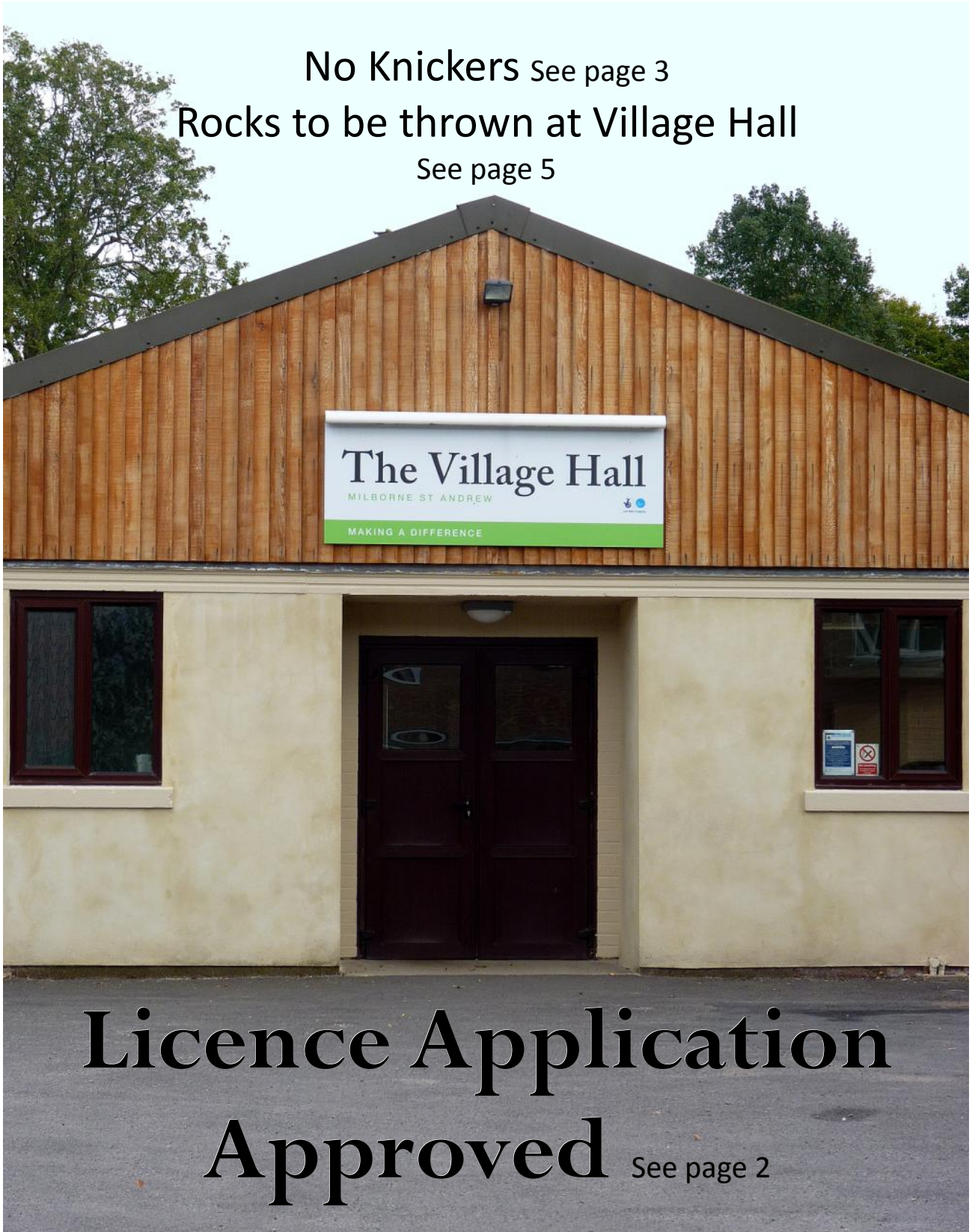


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Harvest Lunch

THIRTY-SIX diners enjoyed another superb Village Lunch (provided by The Royal Oak) on Saturday 24th September. The diners brought along their contributions to the St. Andrews Church Harvest Festival Service which was on the following day. There was a wonderful display of fruit and vegetables which were duly taken across to the church after the meal.



The Dorset Partnership for Older People Programme (POPPS) had asked us to join in with their Community Meals Month in October, and although a little early we felt that the Harvest Lunch fitted in well! POPPS was responsible for providing funding for us to set up three years ago now and after our AGM in January we will be into our fourth year!

Most months we reach almost maximum numbers, and still continue to attract new diners. If you would like to join us for lunch, please see the posters around the village each month, or telephone me on 01258 837453.

Melva Coe – Secretary

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Village Hall applies to extend its licence

THE Committee of Trustees, which manages the Village Hall, applied to North Dorset District Council to extend the current licence to include the sale of alcohol (for consumption on the premises) and the provision of late-night refreshments (up to midnight).

The current licence only allows the Village Hall to be used as a venue for plays, films and dancing. Community groups such as the Food and Wine Society, Village Lunch and the Milborne Players, wanting to provide alcoholic refreshments at their events, have been required to apply to NDDC for a "Temporary Events Notice" (TEN) at a fee of £20+ for each event. More than a dozen TENs a year are applied for by users of the Village Hall. If the extension to the current licence were granted then this requirement to apply for a licence for each particular event would be removed.

A number of local residents raised concerns about the application and so the Licencing sub-committee of NDDC met on the 18th October to consider the concerns and to decide whether or not the licence extension should be granted.

The licencing sub-committee decided at their meeting that the application to extend the Village Hall licence to include the sale of alcohol for consumption on the premises and to include the provision of late-night refreshment should be approved.

The issues raised by the villagers who formally objected to the licence were mainly associated with noise generated by events at the Hall. The trustees have responded to these concerns and will place new notices at the entrance to the Hall to remind users of the presence of local residents and to urge users to leave the premises as quietly as possible after late-night events.

Ed Frost – on behalf of the Trustees of the Village Hall

Welcome to . . .

Freda and Adrian Ashworth have moved into Brooklands from East Lancashire. They love the Dorset countryside and enjoy walking and camping in their campervan. Adrian also has two classic cars.

Moyra and Dennis have moved into the village from Perth, Australia. They both love tennis and skiing. Dennis is interested in starting up a tennis club next year after seeing the splendid tennis court that exists at the Village Hall playing field. Moyra loves cooking, walking and amateur dramatics

Marion and Gordon have moved into St. Andrews View after a short time in Crewkerne and before that in Sussex. Marion was a manager at Sue Ryder and Gordon was a salesperson. They have always wanted to live in a village and they say they have been welcomed into Milborne. They have already sampled the Wednesday Club. Gordon is a keen cyclist.

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Remembering Margery

– at the October WI

WE stood in silence at our October meeting to remember one of our long-standing members, Margery Guilmant, who died recently; we shall all miss her very much. Peter Guilmant had written a delightful letter in which he expressed his grateful thanks to all those who had made cakes and helped at the tea after Margery's funeral.

A special welcome to Sue Benn, Susan Cawley and Lizzie Harrall, who came as guests.

Our speaker, Mrs Jenny Peet, took the floor first with her talk on 'Tudor Life – No Knickers'. She gave a well-researched account of life for people of all ages in those times, both 'above and below stairs' and illustrated her talk with slides of wood cuttings and etchings. There was some relief that we were living in present times!



Selection of knickers brought in by the members.

A short talk and demonstration of Pilates by Jill Towell and Diane Higson, followed – classes will be at the Village Hall on Fridays from 3.00–4.00pm and will commence on 4th November at £5.00 per class. All are welcome.

Ann Mephram has attended a meeting at the First school to discuss the provision of new wall panels depicting months of the year, for display in the main hall. We are to make one for May and our stalwart needlewoman, Ann, will oversee the project.

The WI across England and Wales is backing a campaign to save our public libraries. There is a campaign postcard to send to the Libraries Minister, Ed Vaizey MP, as well as a petition for signature. If we hit a target of 100,000 signatures it will help to secure a debate in Parliament on library closures.

Skittles continues in its ever sociable way, two matches so far and second each time, so nothing if not consistent. 'Milborne Wonderers' quiz team is through to the County finals – we wish them good luck. Our *book club* and *pub lunches* are ongoing. There will be a *play-reading* session on 26th October, with hopefully more to come.

At our next meeting on Thursday 10th November, Judith Bridgen from Dewlish will demonstrate how to make wreaths and swags for Christmas. She will start at 8.30pm, so non-members are very welcome to join us.

June Maitland and Pat Bull

Scouts, Cubs and Beavers are looking for you

THE scouts, cubs and beavers are looking for young people of a similar age group to join them for fun and friendship.

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Scouts for 10½–14 year olds

For details contact "Chestnut" on 01258 839076 or speak to any member, or call into the village hall on Monday/Tuesday from 6.00pm onwards.

Village memories of Margery Guilmant

7th November 1928 – 19th September 2011



"Hello Nan!" These cheerful words that used to please us both so much must now be just memories.

Margery was known as "Nan" by the Playgroup when, years ago, children enjoyed her piano playing. She could change the key of Nursery Rhymes so that they were always within children's voice range. It was lovely to go to Tesco or the hospital when these children (now adults) would welcome her cheerfully. Everyone was pleased to talk to her.

Many will recall the fun in our garden when we had the Teddy Bear Picnics. Tortoises and newts were well fed and the see-saw and swings were in great demand. Margery loved children.

Village quizzes were a favourite and she often knew the answers, particularly historical or literary subjects.

I wonder if anyone can remember her performances in various village productions or when she accompanied the pantomimes. A duet we performed once, "I remember it well," resulted in bringing the house down when I forgot my line and Margery sang my words. *She* remembered it well!

When we moved to Milborne in 1984 we decided to take a full part in village life. We were both strong, practising Christians and immediately became involved with the church. She had an excellent gift for fund raising and used this gift for the church and other charities.

Margery was a loyal and devoted member of the Mother's Union and the WI, both in Milborne and Dewlish. In our home, Margery played the piano for rehearsals for the WI choir who sang at Christmas and other special occasions.

She loved knitting, sewing and baking and always had an entry for the Gardening Club, often gaining first. Whilst Chairman of the Gardening Club, she helped raise over £1,000 for Joseph Weld Hospice. Margery was a generous visitor to fetes and jumble sales in both villages.

Recently we have been forced to give up many activities due to illness. In her active life Margery was a good organiser, gave freely of her time and money, and had a wonderful sense of humour. We will all miss her.

Peter Guilmant

Buy a Pudding – Be Prepared



Rose and Ed's home-made Christmas puddings, mincemeat and marmalade will be on sale at the village hall Coffee, Cake and Computer drop-in every Friday



in November and on the 2nd and 9th December (last session before the Christmas break). All profit will be donated to Milborne St. Andrew Scout Group. Thank you to everyone who has already ordered in advance, we really appreciate your generous support. Please telephone 01258 837921 to reserve yours.

Rose and Ed Frost



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An obituary to Maggie Howard. Suddenly at Home 23rd and 24th September 2011

I WAS part of a good sized crowd to watch the opening night of the most recent Players production of Suddenly at Home. A brilliant 1970's styled living room provided a very atmospheric back drop for the action. While the play was very wordy in places, the story galloped along and kept the audience engaged.

Not knowing anything of the story, a murder early on in the play certainly got my attention! Businessman Glen's wealthy wife seems obsessed with starting a new life in Bermuda, a plan he is not keen on at all. He seems to have plotted the perfect plan – to murder his wife and live happily on his wife's wealth – with the help of one or two other women in his life! However all does not go according to plan and after a couple of twists and turns the story was brought to an end in a way that I certainly had not seen coming! A great night out, with suspense, a little comedy and good quality acting throughout.

Sarah Fox – The Royal Oak Milborne St Andrew

And from the Director – Caroline Nobbs

I was sad not to see the production having put the cast through their paces over a number of months but I am assured by all who have spoken to me since that it was well received. It is difficult sometimes to choose plays that are going to be enjoyable to rehearse and produce and at the same time balance with a genre that will draw and engage an audience. Suddenly at Home certainly had some humour in it but the story itself had thriller written all over it. Francis Durbridge was indeed a fine writer and we hope that our take on his work made him smile from above.

To those of you who came to watch, thank you. We could always do with more people in an audience so keep an eye out for our future productions and check out our website for information.

Treasure Island

9th–11th February 2012

Auditions were held and the casting fixed for this production which is now in rehearsal. Looking good for a seafaring adventure with Jim Hawkins and a bunch of no good pirates.

This script provided by NODA has given us the chance to change the format of our rehearsals and to include a good number of young people in either principal or small character parts together with a young chorus. Sam Ryall, well know to many now, is the man with the magic fingers at the keyboard and yours truly has the privilege of directing what is going to be a fun-packed show of entertainment for all ages. Tickets will be on sale in due course and Sid Coe is the contact as usual for booking tickets.

Caroline Nobbs

Milborne St. Andrew Gardening Club



FIRSTLY, we are pleased to announce that the Gardening Club will be hosting the first **Indoor Curling Event** in Milborne. No, we will not be converting the Village Hall into an ice rink, so you will not need to bring your skates! This charity event will be open to everyone in the village, not just the Gardening Club members. It will be a fun evening, and all proceeds will go to a local charity which supports activities for the elderly in Dorset. You do not need to be fit or strong, anyone can play, standing or sitting, and no previous experience (for instance like playing skittles or bowls) is necessary. People play in teams no one would notice if your score was low!

The date is **Thursday 17th November** and the event starts at **7.30pm**. There will be a break half-way through for supper, which is included in the price. We will be serving baked potatoes with coleslaw and a choice of three fillings (chilli con carne, bolognese sauce and a vegetarian option). There will be a bar where beer, cider or soft drinks can be purchased.

Please note that entry will be by pre-paid ticket only, which is £6.00 per person. Tickets are available from our Treasurer, Josie Wright, 5 Brooklands, tel: 839090, until Thursday 10th November. For further information contact our Vice-Chairman, Ann Love, tel: 837677.

Anyone who has been to one of these evenings before will know just how much fun it is, and we think tickets will disappear quickly.

Lastly, at our regular meeting in September we had an inspiring talk on dahlias by Rob Hendley. He had just won Best in Show at Dorchester and Shepton Mallet County Shows and brought along a lot of his prize-winning blooms. One lucky person won his gigantic basket of dahlias and we all took flowers, seeds and tubers home. It was unfortunate that only a few members attended this meeting as it was definitely the best talk this year. Rob is an enthusiastic and very knowledgeable dahlia expert and we hope he will return next spring to show us how to grow more blooms like his.

Linda Harris Secretary

Coffee, Cakes, Computers and much, much more

REMEMBER all the frost and snow last year? I know that large supermarkets get a lot of criticism, and we are all supposed to skip from farmers market to local specialist shops with our gingham trimmed wicker shopping baskets. The reality is often different and I increasingly rely on doing my supermarket shopping on the internet and getting it delivered to my kitchen door. This is convenient all the year round, but really comes into its own in the winter months.

Maybe you have thought about doing your grocery shop on the internet but are not sure how to go about it? If you would like a helping hand to get started then come to the Friday morning drop in at the village hall. You don't have to own a computer, just use ours and we will show you what to do. Bring your shopping list, credit or debit card and Tesco (or other) club card and give it a try.

Also we offer help with comparing prices/tariffs/bundles, etc. on your utility bills, insurance, telephone, broadband, etc. It helps to have a bit of mature experience to hand to work out which is the best deal for you. We offer patient, practical help and support as well as freshly made tea and coffee and home-made cakes. All welcome, Fridays 10.00am–12 noon in the village hall committee room.

Rose Frost

Have you something to share?

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Rose and Ed's Christmas Puddings

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Autumn at Ladybirds

THIS month Ladybirds have been learning about Autumn. The children have learnt about British animals that hibernate. They enjoyed finding out about hedgehogs – most of the children have never seen one!



They made fruity hedgehog bread rolls, moulded clay into a hedgehog shape then added a conker shell for the prickles, did hand prints which were cut out and arranged to make a large hedgehog display under an autumn tree with leaf print leaves.

We talked about the different things that fall from trees in autumn. We studied leaves of different colour and shape, acorns, beech nuts and conkers. With safety being considered the children experienced playing conkers. Thanks to John Wright for lending us a hand drill and devising a wooden block for holding the conker the children had a go at drilling a hole, threading onto string and trying to hit another conker (which was tied to a line).

Ladybirds will continue the autumn theme with looking at harvest and the sorts of fruits and vegetables we enjoy at this time of the year.



Liz Dyer



Milborne Ladybirds Playgroup

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Milborne St. Andrew First School



Learning together, playing together;
all for one, one for all

School News

THIS term Rabbits class have been learning about people who help us. As well as having a visit in school from the local police, the class went to visit the Weymouth Lifeboat station and Portland



Lighthouse. At the lifeboat station they were shown the equipment used in rescues and were able to board and explore the lifeboat – pretending to steer the boat was clearly great fun! It is always a valuable learning

experience when the children get to meet such people, so if you have any experiences or skills that you feel could be shared with the children please contact us. We would be very happy to welcome you into school to talk to the classes.



On Friday 14th October we celebrated Harvest Festival. On a beautifully sunny autumn morning, all of the school and a large number of parents walked across to St. Andrew's Church. The children sang harvest songs, read poetry and Rev Sarah Godfrey told a harvest story. We held our Harvest celebrations this year to coincide with Apple Day. As you may know this year has seen a glut of apples, which we have put to good use in school. All the children have been busy making apple crumbles and apple cake to serve to family and friends after the Harvest Festival and our year 4 children enjoyed waiting on them. The children also got to see an apple press in operation during the afternoon. As in previous years we asked for any donations of tinned and packet food that this year will be forwarded to the Dorchester Foodbank, which supports families and individuals in need – thank you for all the donations and thank you to all parents who have supported the events this term.

If you have children who will be starting school in September 2012 please remember that now is the time to be thinking about your school preferences and applying for a place. Full details are available at www.dorsetforyou.com/schooladmissions, however please take the time to visit us at school and ask any questions you may have. Mrs Pugh in the school office will be delighted to arrange a convenient time to visit.



CONTACTS

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

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The waiting seemed to go on for ever, although it was shorter for me than for you. It was almost six months from the time I was appointed as Priest-in-Charge of the benefice to my licensing service on 5th October in Puddletown. I would like to thank all who made that such a wonderful occasion. And I owe a debt of gratitude to Sarah Godfrey, the retired clergy, the churchwardens and all who have enabled parish life to thrive in these villages during the vacancy period.

I am very pleased to be here among you now. Because you have welcomed me so warmly, I feel more settled here after such a short time than anywhere else that I have ever lived. My first few weeks in Dorset have been happy ones. I have met many new people and I look forward to meeting others with whom I have not yet spoken. There's only one of me and a lot more of you - if I take several goes before I get your name right, please forgive me. You are, of course, used to having a priest called Sarah!

I will be out and about in the benefice as much as possible. It is inevitable that some of my time will be spent in meetings or at my desk writing sermons, preparing services and school assemblies and so on, but I hope that you will also see me around. Do stop me and introduce yourselves if I pass by or you see me in the shop, on my bicycle or walking the dog.

There will be some changes in the future because I believe that God does not want us to stand still but to continue growing in our faith and love for him and for those around us. However, before I make any big decisions, I need to spend time among you listening to and becoming part of the village communities. If you feel that there are ways in which the churches in the benefice could serve you or the community more effectively, please come and have a chat. I can't promise to please everyone all of the time, but I hope we can work together to move things forward. And please know that I am here for everyone in the communities not just for those who gather for worship each Sunday.

Part of a parish priest's calling is to pray with and for the people of the parish. Most days (Monday-Thursday; Saturday), Sarah and I shall be in one of the churches from 8.15 to 8.45am (9.00-9.30am on Saturday) for the short service of morning prayer. Anyone who wishes to join us would be most welcome. And if you would like us to pray for you or for anyone in need, please do let us know.

With best wishes

Sarah

MILBORNE ST. ANDREW CHURCH NOTES

Very Highly Commended Churchyard

THE CHURCHYARD working party on 17th September achieved a great deal in a short time. The wildflower area had been strimmed by Maurice Fox a few days beforehand to allow seed to drop. This was raked off hard and more seed scattered. This included a lot of yellow rattle seed which is semi-parasitic on grass and so should weaken the coarse grasses.

The compost heap behind the church was re-made. One of the Irish yews that had splayed out because of last winter's snow was tied in. Many thanks to all the people who gave up their Saturday morning to help.

Pat and Eva attended the certificate ceremony on Saturday 8th October at the Dorset Wildlife Trust Centre, at which St. Andrew's churchyard was awarded a Very Highly Commended - Best Managed certificate. Additionally, during a very interesting meeting we picked up some good tips on keeping our churchyard in good order.

Maurice Fox and Pat Tribe do most of the work towards keeping the churchyard in good order, and it is through their enthusiasm and good workmanship St. Andrew's won this award.

Raising money for the "Flush Fund"

Our Apple Stall at the car boot sale at the Royal Oak raised £62. Thanks to all who bought goods, and special thanks to Sarah Fox who sold surplus apple pies over the bar. Our tombola stall at the "Fair in the Square" in Puddletown on 1st October proved very popular on a really good day helped by wonderful weather. We had so little left by 3.00pm that we

CHURCH SERVICES November 2011

THURSDAY 3rd NOVEMBER

12.00 Lunch-time Communion Milborne

6th NOVEMBER - 3rd before Advent

9:30am Family Communion Milborne
11.00 Holy Communion Puddletown
With Sunday Seekers and Creche
11.00 Morning Prayer Dewlish
4.00pm Tolpuddle Praise Tolpuddle

13th NOVEMBER - Remembrance Sunday

(No 8.15am Service at Puddletown this month)

9.30am Methodist United Service St. Johns
Tolpuddle
10.00 Service of Remembrance Milborne
(followed by procession to the Memorial Stone for 11.00am)
10.50 Remembrance Day Service Dewlish
(starting at the War Memorial at the Crossroads)
11.00 Family Service Puddletown
3.00pm Royal British Legion Puddletown
Service of Remembrance

THURSDAY 16th NOVEMBER

12.00 Lunch-time Communion Puddletown

20th NOVEMBER - Christ the King

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

27th NOVEMBER - Advent Sunday

9.30am Holy Communion Tolpuddle
11.00 Family Communion Puddletown
With Creche and Sunday Seekers
11.00 Family Service Dewlish
6.00pm Advent Carol Service and Milborne
St. Andrew's Patronal Festival

MORNING PRAYERS

(Monday - Thursday 8.15am; Saturday. 9.00am)

Monday - Puddletown

Tuesday - Tolpuddle

Wednesday - Milborne

Thursday - Dewlish

Saturday - Puddletown

Flowers - w/e Saturday

29th October and 5th November

Lin Chatfield

12th and 19th November Tony Fox

Advent No flowers

Church Cleaning - w/e Saturday

29th October Carolyn Martin and

Elizabeth Walker

5th November Margaret Hurley and

Eva Stockley

12th November Geoff and Pat Bull

19th November John and Ann Miller

26th November Victoria Bone and

Lin Chatfield

halved the price. Many thanks to all who donated items for the stall, thereby helping to raise £130. Monies from both events have gone to the "Flush Fund".

A Harvest Service to remember

For the first time in years we celebrated our Harvest Festival (on Sunday 2nd October) with Evensong. After the service we cut up the Harvest Loaf, added some cheese and grapes, and had coffee and tea. Everyone enjoyed the evening and, once again, it proved how useful the fellowship area we have created in church can be. It will be even greater when we have the kitchenette to work from.

This year we collected an enormous amount of produce, helped by the generosity of people attending the Village Lunch on the Saturday. There was also a beautiful display of flowers. We would like to thank everyone for helping to make our Harvest Festival a service to remember.

Archdeacon conducts Induction

Many Milborne people attended Sarah Hillman's Induction and Installation on 5th October. It was a beautiful service conducted by the Archdeacon of Sherborne, the Ven. Paul Taylor. We welcome Sarah to the benefice and look forward to working with her.

Remember Remembrance

We are planning our usual Remembrance Service in church on **Sunday 13th November**, starting at 10.00am. Afterwards we shall parade to the Memorial Stone to join members of the Royal British Legion and residents for the two minutes' silence at 11.00am.

It could be your lucky day!

Please book in your diary the date of St. Andrew's Church Christmas Market: **Saturday 19th November, 12noon-3.00pm**. There will be all the usual attractions: cakes, gifts, pies and preserves, books, bric-a-brac, bottle tombola, raffle, and plenty of things for children to enjoy. Keep the "inner man" happy with home-made soup, mince pies and mulled wine. And, of course, Father Christmas will be there!

This year every household will receive a numbered flier through the letterbox. One of these will have the lucky number that will win its owner £20. But you must come to the Christmas Market to claim your prize.

If you can contribute any items for the stalls or the raffle, please bring them to Eva Stockley, 24 Stileham Bank (Tel: 837468), or Pat Tribe, 14 Blandford Hill (Tel: 837684), before the day.

On sale too this year will be St. Andrew's own Christmas cards – a pack of five costs £2.50. They are obtainable from church, the Christmas Market or from Eva and Pat.

Celebrating Advent and St. Andrew

Plans are going ahead to celebrate Advent and St. Andrew's Day on **Sunday 27th November**. There will be a workshop in the afternoon (3.30-5.30pm) in the Village Hall for the children. We will provide tea, and then will have a lantern parade up to church for the evening Advent service of carols. Details have yet to be finalised, so please watch notice boards for further details.

Eva Stockley and Pat Tribe (Churchwardens)

DEWLISH CHURCH NOTES

All Saints cyclists raise over £1,000

THE DAY of the Dorset Historic Churches Trust Ride and Stride started out wet but, thankfully, improved as the day went on. We are so grateful to Jim, Nigel, Jason, Adam and Ed who cycled for us and, between them, have raised over £1,000.

They wish to thank everyone who supported them so generously, and, of course, we are very grateful to them for taking part. I will be able to let everyone know a final figure next month.

We all had a most enjoyable time at the home of Mrs Sue Britton when she held a coffee morning at which £132.50 was raised for All Saints' Church. Thank you so much, Sue, for all your hard work that day.

Talented musicians at Harvest Festival

We were so pleased to see Nell and Alan Gregory return to the village for the Harvest Festival. Nell used to play the organ for us, and she and Alan helped to found the Memory Lane Swing Band which recently entertained us so wonderfully at the Five Churches Fete at Athelhampton House.

Nell and Alan got together with other very talented musicians to provide the music for our service. Thank you all very much; it is always a joy to have you playing. The church looked beautiful and we are so grateful to all who provided the wonderful flower arrangements and to those who brought donations of produce.

The Harvest Supper in the Village Hall, once more organised so well by Mrs Margaret Groves, was delicious – a true feast for £5! A big thank you to Marg, and to all who donated food and helped on the day. The supper raised £220.62 for church funds. Afterwards, the raffle of the painting by Mrs Victoria Finding (Audrey's daughter) raised £75 for our church, and we were delighted to hear that it was won by one of our very talented flower arrangers, Mrs Coral Mayes. Thank you so much to Vicky for donating the painting.

In the absence of Andrew, the auction this year was led by Mr Chris Uden. Thank you, Chris: the £205.31 you managed to raise has been divided equally between the Christian Blind Mission and Water Aid.

Welcome, Sarah H! Thank you, Sarah G!

We have at last come to the end of our interregnum and our new Vicar, Sarah Hillman, has been installed. Our thanks go to Sarah G. for all her hard work during that time, and, along with the help of our wonderful retired clergy, ensured that everything ran like clockwork. Well done, Sarah!

Please note: The Rev. Norman Beggs has kindly re-typed the hand information board for visitors to All Saints, the previous one having faded badly. Thank you, Norman. *Daphne Burg*

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Church Wardens			
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Eva Stockley	01258 837468	Jim Burg	01258 837466
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www.milbornestandrewchurch.org.uk			



Royal British Legion Service of Remembrance

AT 11 o'clock on Sunday 13th November, following the church service, the annual Remembrance Service at Milborne St. Andrew will take place at the Memorial Stone. The names of the fallen from the 1914-1918 and 1939-1945 World Wars will be read out. Assemble at 10.55am come rain or shine.

On Friday 11th November at 11 o'clock there will also be an opportunity to observe the two minutes silence, the precise time the armistice came into effect in 1918.

*They shall not grow old as we that are left grow old;
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them.*

We will remember them

Please also remember to wear your poppy with pride, our boys and girls are still fighting and dying to keep us safe. Poppies and other items to commemorate the fallen and support the work of Royal British Legion will be on sale again from the end of October until just after Remembrance Sunday.

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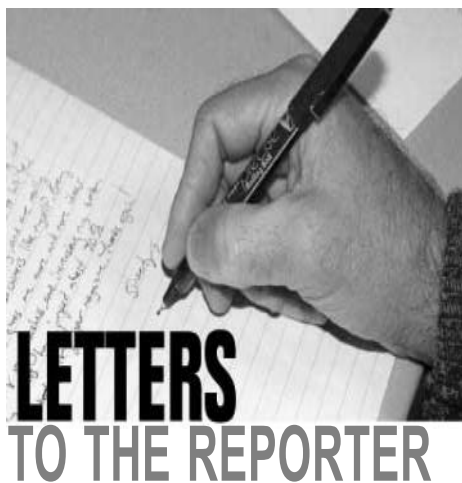
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Honesty? – Best Policy?

For the past 12 years I have been selling a few flowers and plants outside my house in Milton Road and over the recent months the petty theft which has been going on repeatedly through the years has become increasingly frequent. It is all very disheartening.

I have stopped reporting it to the police as it is a waste of their time and resources to log a crime which is impossible to solve. The minutes and thus finance spent on logging it, perhaps sending someone to see me and then processing 'victim' support letters could be better spent on more serious matters. I am reluctant now to risk putting flowers out at all but I will continue when I am around to monitor the stall. My mini posies seem not to be what the thieves are after so they will continue when I am able.

I would just ask that anyone in the village who uses the stall, when in need of flowers for something particular, would please phone me (leave a message if necessary) so that I can try and get what they require. My number can be found in my advertisement (opposite). I really cannot continue to sustain the losses I have been having recently.

I understand that there have been similar thefts, but including money in this instance, from the stall at Hewish which raises money for the Milton Abbas Alms Houses, and also from the fruit and vegetable stall on the hill near Milton Abbey School. It is such a shame that country, home grown produce and honesty boxes are rapidly becoming a thing of the past.
Susie Edwards

Anyone for Bridge?

Milborne St. Andrew already has a great variety of activities for people to enjoy but one activity does not appear to be available – Bridge.

I have been an enthusiastic amateur bridge player for many years and find it an enjoyable, entertaining pastime. My wife, Sue, is at a 'post beginner' stage. I

am looking to start up a social Bridge group for beginners and/or intermediate level players if there are any like-minded people in or around the village. It may be possible to provide basic instruction for beginners.

The group will probably meet on Thursday evenings, possibly in The Royal Oak and probably starting in the New Year, though suggestions as to different times or venues are welcome.

If anyone is interested please contact me on 01258 837720 or by email at laurie@benn.me.uk

I look forward to hearing from you.
Laurie Benn

Dear Editor

As a regular visitor to the village lunch I thought the Harvest Lunch was extraordinarily good in quality as well as the pleasure of so many peoples' company. To add to this people had been so generous in bringing in lots of vegetables, fruit and flowers to be taken up to the church for our Harvest Festival the next day. When Sarah arrived to take the service she was surprised how many gifts there were and so beautifully displayed. On the Monday Pat and I as churchwardens delivered the gifts around the village to people in need. Thank you to everyone who helped to make someone happy with their gifts.

The village lunch committee are to be congratulated on keeping this very good service available for the many people it gives pleasure to. Thanks also go to The Royal Oak for providing the delicious food.

Eva Stockley

Dear Millie

It seems to me that you are being used to fire the bullets that other people aren't honest or brave enough to deal with themselves. For instance, had the person who disliked the rubbish going out early found out why this happens? I am one of those people who put out mine overnight, since, because of my illness, I never know whether I will feel well enough to do so in the morning. Fortunately I live in an area where my neighbours would be kind enough to do it for me if they found it a nuisance to them and they would come to tell me that it was a problem. Maybe we need to breed some more friendly community spirit in some parts of Milborne and a little more honesty in dealing with issues that often can be resolved easily. Added to which they are not even prepared to own their problems, hiding behind your cloak of protection. Perhaps this is a sign of the times.

Incidentally my name is Hilary and I live in St. Andrews View, so name and address supplied.

Ask Millie

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Last month's problem

In reply to the problem of the husband who wants his own space.

Millie says – You can't expect a marriage to be the same after ten years as it was in the beginning. Like anything else it needs work – you wouldn't expect your car to be in good fettle without care and servicing. You both have to grow up and talk to one another – don't nag, – talk. Find out what your problems really are. Does your husband find you boring? Do you find him selfish? Talk!!

Dear Millie

My daughter is always on her computer, not her homework but on something called 'Facebook'. She has lots of people she communicates with. I have heard there are unsuitable things she can get access to but I don't really understand computers. I am ashamed to say I asked someone to look at this 'Facebook'. She and her friends were using horrible language and saying unkind things about each other and other people including myself. When I confronted her, she said it was none of my business. What can I do?

Millie says – You don't tell me how old your daughter is. She shouldn't have access to Facebook if she is under twelve. If she is older than that her computer access should none the less be monitored. You can put blocks on some sites – find out! Teenagers are so difficult to control I know and I'm sure all this has been a great shock but you must go on a steep learning curve. Go to the 'cakes and computer' mornings in the village hall or some other computer course. The internet is dangerous. Surely you hear of the grooming of youngsters. Take responsibility!

Dear Millie

My sleep has been disturbed lately by a helicopter flying over the village. Why do they have to have manoeuvres at night – can't we get some peace?

Millie says – I have investigated this and the incidents you refer to were not manoeuvres but surveillance on a local burglary. I think you'll find this disturbance to your sleep has finished now.

Dear Millie

I note with dread it will soon be Christmas. Money is so tight now and there seem to be so many people to buy for. As a pensioner I can't afford to give what I would like. What can I do?

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Wednesday Social Club AGM

THIRTY-SEVEN members and friends met in the village hall on 5th October for our AGM.

We are grateful to Margo Kirk who has been Chair for four years and led us through all sorts of lovely experiences during our 35th anniversary year. We are grateful too, to our Treasurer, John Wright for keeping our accounts in meticulous order and to Chris Nowell for auditing them. Together with Secretary and Committee we have had a very successful and busy year. We have 54 members and welcome three new members on the committee. Viv Legg – outings co-ordinator, Sheila Burton – in-house fundraiser and Janet Allen – Members Secretary. Janet replaces Heather Gipps. Heather has worked tirelessly in office to promote the club and to link us up to Bere Regis. The increase in committee members reflects the growing numbers of the club.

Unfortunately, Dorset Search Dogs were unable to be with us as they had a prior engagement. However, we are assured that barring a 'call-out' Matt and his search dog Charlie will be with us at our next meeting.

We were very grateful to one of our members, David Clarke of Bere Regis who offered to give us an insight into the manufacture of National Dried Milk (those of us who had post-war babies will remember this product) our thanks to David for stepping in to fill this gap in our programme.

Dates for your diary: November 2nd Dorset Search Dogs 2.00pm village hall all welcome, please bring a friend. December 7th Christmas Lunch outing to the Green Man, King Stag (£21 for members) to include lunch and coach. All welcome. To book, please contact Margo on 837749.


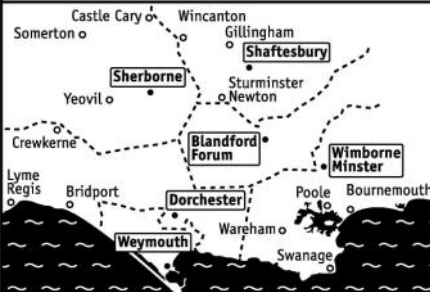


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Christmas Craft Fair at The Royal Oak

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Please call Sarah on 01258 837248 to book your stall.

New date for May Fayre

DUE to a double booking of the village hall, the May Fayre is now on the 19th May 2012. Let's have fun!

Mike Mullett

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	Jane Somper	01258 471089
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	Chair: Mike Claydon	01258 837314
Parish Council –	Clerk: Joyce Holman	01202 880512
Milborne St. Andrew	Chair: Janet Allen	01258 837551

General – Adult

Computer Drop-in Centre	Rose and Ed Frost	01258 837921
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

Police

Police – Non-emergency contact		01202 222222
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October

Saturday 29th **Concert** St. Andrew's Church, The Purbeck Recorder Consort 7.30pm.

November

Wednesday 2nd **Wednesday Club.** Dorset Search Dogs Village Hall all welcome 2.00pm – see page 13.

Saturday 5th **Fireworks Display** The Royal Oak from 6.00pm.

Sunday 6th **Christmas Craft Fair** The Royal Oak 12noon until 4.00pm – see page 14.

Friday 11th **Two minute's silence** Memorial Stone. 11.00am – see page 9.

Sunday 13th **Remembrance Service** St. Andrew' Church 10.00am and afterwards at the Memorial Stone – see page 9.

Thursday 17th **Indoor Curling Event** Village Hall at 7.30pm – see page 5.

Friday 18th **Ranters' Folk Session** Sports Club 8.00pm.

Saturday 19th **Christmas Market** Village Hall in aid of St. Andrew's Church 12 noon–3.00pm – see page 9.

Wednesday 23rd **True Grit 2010** Village Hall 8.00pm – see pages 16 and 19.

Sunday 27th **Advent Carol Service** and St. Andrew's Patronal Festival at St. Andrews Church 6.00pm – see page 9.

December

Saturday 3rd **Christmas Lunch** Village Hall 12.15pm. Get your tickets now – see page 2.

Wednesday 7th **Wednesday Club** Christmas Lunch outing – see page 13.

Saturday 10th **Driving Home for Christmas** Village Hall 7.30pm – see advertisement page 13.

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

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

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

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.

Coming Soon to Milborne St. Andrew Village Hall

Flixs in the Sticks presents **True Grit 2010** on Wednesday 23rd November at 8.00pm. Tickets £3.00 on the door.

ArtsReach and **The Melstock Band** present **Hardy Perennials** on 4th December at 7.30pm. Tickets £8.00 from Alice Harrall on 01258 837371 or from the Londis Shop (booking essential).

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Thursday AM	Dr Dean		Minor Operations	Milton Abbas 9.00–10.00am
Thursday PM	Dr Rees			Milton Abbas 4.00–5.00pm
Friday AM	Dr Longley or Dr Rees	Dr Trickey		Milton Abbas 9.00–10.00am
Friday PM	Dr Longley or Dr Rees	Dr Trickey	Dr Longley or Dr Rees	Milton Abbas 4.00–5.00pm
Saturday AM	8.30–10.30am with either Dr Longley, Rees or Dean			

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Regular Bookings at the First School

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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

November at the Sports Pavilion

The Busy Bees Under 5 Group from 9.30am to 11.30am on Thursday term time only. Contact Hayley Davis (07919156578).

Folk Club at 8.00pm on Friday 18th November. Contact Roger Harrall Tel. 837371 or email roger.harrall@gmail.com.

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- 11ml (2 level tsp) Mixed spice
- 3ml (½ level tsp) Ground nutmeg
- 3ml (½ level tsp) Ground cinnamon
- 1ml (¼ level tsp) Ground cloves
- 75ml (2½ fl oz) Brandy
- 45ml (1½ fl oz) Rum (or more brandy)
- Rind and juice of 1 lemon (or 2 tbsp concentrate lemon juice)

1. Preheat fan oven to 150°C
2. Line an 8 inch cake tin with baking parchment
3. Tie newspaper 4–6 sheets thick round outside of tin with string
4. Cream butter and sugar together
5. Slowly beat in eggs
6. Sift flour, salt, and spices into large mixing bowl
7. Stir in dried fruit and cherries, thoroughly coating the fruit
8. Make a well to bottom of fruit in bowl
9. Add egg mixture to mixing bowl
10. Add brandy, rum, lemon rind and juice
11. Mix thoroughly
12. Spoon mixture into cake tin
13. Bake at 150°C for 1 hour
14. Cover cake with sheet of parchment, bake for further 3 hours at 120°C (*Note:* This is for fan oven. Add 30 minutes for conventional oven and increase temperature to 130°C)
15. Check cake; may need another 30 minutes
16. Cool in tin on rack for an hour before removing from tin
17. Cool cake on rack covered with cloth
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John Wright

Due to circumstances beyond our control, we are unable to show the films advertised under the Moviola umbrella. Instead we will be showing other films in partnership with Film Bank. The good news is we have been able to reduce the ticket price to £3.00.

Therefore, on Wednesday 23rd November 2011 'Flix in the Sticks' will be showing "True Grit 2010" at Milborne St. Andrew Village Hall in partnership with 'Film Bank'.

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Wednesday 23rd November 2011

THE Coen brothers' True Grit 2010 is based on Portis's novel and is narrated by Mattie Ross (Hailee Steinfeld), a prim, Presbyterian spinster looking back from the 1920s to the great adventure of her life. In 1878, just 13 years after the civil war, she set out at the age of 14 to bring to justice the crooked hired hand Tom Chaney, who murdered her father in Fort Smith, Arkansas.

In this version, Mattie is the undeniable star portraying a tough frontier farm girl reared on the Protestant work ethic with a firm sense of right and wrong. The film begins with her speaking the novel's opening paragraph as her father lies dead in the street at Fort Smith, the snow swirling around him while she declares her intention to avenge his death. This introduces her as controller of her own narrative and establishes the language of the King James Bible that she shares with those around her. Rooster (Jeff Bridges) is a wily, duplicitous, self-centered man whose best days are behind him while LaBoeuf (Matt Damon), on the other hand, is an upright lawman who served with a Virginia regiment in the war.

There are some stunning visuals of Roger Deakins, whose work is up there with the best and who captures the sights of the wild west; the way sunlight coats the landscape, snow falling through the trees, and the shadows of a flickering fire are just some of the moments that stand out. Carter Burwell gives us music that is simply sublime, creating just the right mood and tempo. The Coen brothers have made a western that assumes a pleasing position between stately and earthy.

The village hall is open from 7.30pm and the film starts at 8.00pm. Tickets £3.00 can be obtained on the door or from Alice Harrall on 01258 837371.

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SEPTEMBER rainfall was 54.5mm which was 68% of average. The highest daily rainfall in the month was on the 17th with a modest 12.9mm of rain and with thunder in the afternoon. (The wettest September I have recorded was in 1974 when 225mm of rain fell.) The last four days of September were very warm with day temperatures up to 27°C in Milborne and that warm weather continued for three days into October when the highest October temperature record in England was broken on the first at Gravesend with a day temperature of 29.9°C.

The average sunshine over England and Wales during September was 155 hours which was more than the figure for August.

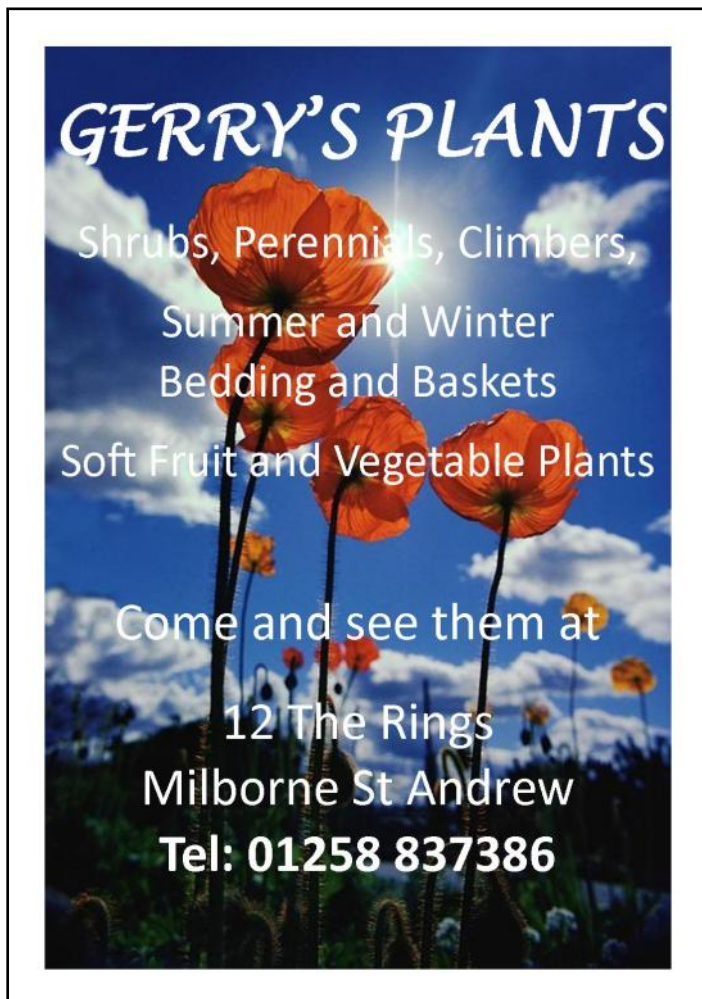
The total rainfall up to the end of September this year was 77.4mm below average and there has only been 3.9mm of rain in October so far which further increases the deficit. There will need to be a lot of rain in the last two months of this year to reach average annual rainfall.

Most people do not look forward to autumn and the prospect of colder weather but Emily Bronte seemed to find that winter offered greater relief as in her sad poem "Fall, Leaves" she writes;

"Fall, Leaves, fall; die, flowers, away;
Lengthen night and shorten day:
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Sweet Deceit – Part Two

By Janice Parsons

30th July

I thought about how this had all started and wondered where it was going to go now. I had only taken this office on at Barns Croft when Mr. Gerald Guildford contacted me. Arrogant wasn't the word to describe the man, but he had the money and he had the work for me. I wasn't in a position to turn him down. Claire had just kicked me out. I deserved it, but ignored all the signs. Sometimes I got home and sometimes I didn't. Often when I got home I was drunk. I didn't deserve her. You just never see these things when they are close up do you? She had put up with me for five years. She is a saint for lasting so long with me.

"MacDonald, I hear you're good at proving things, catching people out, that sort of thing." Guildford had got my number from an old Police colleague of mine up in the Met. That was his opening line. No introduction, no formalities.

"That sort of thing, yes. But who are you? I replied.

"Never mind. I have a job for you and I can pay you generously. Are you interested or not?"

"Go on. I'm listening."

"Get yourself to Grosvenor House, Basingstoke tomorrow, 7.00a.m sharp. My man Giles will be waiting for you with an envelope. It will contain the details of your assignment and the first £10,000 of your fee."

I was becoming a little annoyed at this man instructing me when I didn't even know who he was. I came back at him, "I am busy tomorrow. I may be able to make it the next day." I said.

"MacDonald, I know your situation, I know you need this job. Get it right and it could be worth half a million to you."

Guildford hung up. Arrogant man! I thought.

I got the 6.05 out of Waterloo the next morning. I got off the train at Basingstoke and walked through The Festival Shopping Centre then under the maze of subways that took me to Grosvenor House. It is a three story building, now unoccupied. It was offices of all descriptions. Then it was Basingstoke District Council, and latterly Basingstoke Magistrates Court. It was now part of a ghost town of unused shabby buildings.

I waited under the pillars for Giles. Whoever Giles is? I thought. But the possibility of earning that sort of money could not be sniffed at. Seven o'clock exactly a black Lexus, blacked out windows drove through where the barrier used to be and stopped parallel to where I stood. The front passenger window opened. I approached the car.

"Giles?" I asked kind of lamely. Of course it was Giles.

Giles handed me an envelope, without replying to my question. I could see a four inch scar at the side of his shaved head. Lock, stock and four smoking barrels, I thought. Then in a surprise BBC English he said, "I hope you like Dorset. Do you know where it is?" "Hell, yes. I was born there." I replied.

"That could be useful then." Said Giles as he waved me away and closed his window. The Lexus reversed out of the car park and I watched as it disappeared up the road back towards the M3.

I stared down at the plain brown envelope. Without opening it I walked back towards the train station. I needed coffee. I stopped at Starbucks near the entrance to Festival Place, ordered an Americano regular. Why can't they just call the sizes small, medium or large. I took my coffee to the corner seat. I sat looking into the coffee shop. There was only a man in a pinstripe suit intent on his laptop and a young couple so intent on each other that nobody else existed in their world. Over the side, I thought cynically.

I took the first sip of my coffee, took the envelope from my inside jacket pocket and ripped it open. Sure enough £10k in £50 notes and a sheet of paper with type-written instructions.

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Homewatch Newsletter Blandford Rural October 2011

Heating oil thieves charged

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The two males were seen to siphon the oil from an external tank at a vacant property at the beginning of September. Local officers were deployed to the incident and two males matching the descriptions given were arrested a short distance from the scene with siphoning equipment and containers on board their vehicle. The driver has also been charged with numerous offences relating to the road traffic act. Both men have been bailed before appearing in court late October.

The new non-emergency police telephone number '101' is now live in Dorset

THE new **101** non-emergency number is also live across all of the police forces in the south west – and it will be available across all force areas of England and Wales by the end of January 2012.



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In reply to the **Reporter's** question about the night a lot of residents were woken by a helicopter hovering over the village the following e-mail was received.

"On the night in question, no suspects were located and no offences were reported as a result of the helicopter being tasked to search along with several units on the ground. The following day however, a break-in was reported at a different property although it was reported that nothing was stolen."

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Have you met . . . Bob Lovett

BORN at home in Hounslow, West London in 1935 Bob was the youngest of four. At a time when money was scarce Bob's dad took a job as a grave digger which meant that Bob's early years were spent living in cemetery houses. By 1946 Bob's dad had been promoted to Superintendent of Heston and Isleworth Borough Cemeteries and a house at Isleworth with the Thames running along the back of the graveyard or the bottom of the garden if you were Bob and his brother. When I asked if he was ever worried about strange goings on or ghosts, Bob laughs and tells me that he and his brother were too busy learning to roller skate and climbing towers in the cemetery to worry about anything else.

Leaving school at 14 Bob gained an apprenticeship at the forge at Froy's Builders Merchants in Hammersmith and this is where he began to learn the trade that has kept him busy all his life. When called to National Service at 18 Bob made his first journey to Dorset and completed his Basic Training at Blandford Camp. Once he had learned to shoot and march he was given the title of Regimental Policeman and sent off to Singapore and Malaysia where he served for two years, at a time when communist terrorists were still very much on everyone's mind. As well as falling down a storm drain (a story for another time) duties included keeping the troops in order and guard duty on the trains that travelled the breadth of the country. On his safe return home Bob found that the family had moved to a newly built house in Twickenham cemetery and on a night

out with the boys met Maureen whom he started courting. Work was looking up and Bob was offered a partnership in the forge at Hammersmith which he readily took and worked hard to build up the business and also to buy a home for his now wife Maureen. Whilst the business was going well circumstances saw that the forge must move

location and the forge moved to Colnbrook near Slough, then again circumstances muscled in and this time Bob's partner suggested that Dorset was a nice place and so they found an old farm yard in Puddletown and Spring Grove Forge moved to Dorset. In 1967 one year later Maureen, Bob and the two boy's Mark and Andrew moved into the third completed bungalow on Bladen View where they still live today. Mark and Andrew both attended Milborne School and St. Mary's Middle with Mark going to work at Bagber Farm and Andrew working with his Dad at the Forge. However the boys could not play truant from St. Mary's as Maureen worked there for a time as a cook before moving on to cook at Bovington School.



I asked Bob what he likes about living in Milborne St. Andrew. "It's a very friendly village" he said "and we have always been here. There used to be some really good dances in Crossways that Maureen and I went to and we have made some lovely friends over the years".

Do you have a claim to fame? "Well the business had the patent to making pub cellar flaps and I was asked to go and look at a job at a pub on Hampstead Heath and Henry Cooper was training in the back room so I met him. Spring Grove has also made most of the railing, fencing and balustrades for the Poundbury development so I have met Prince Charles and also through work at Athlehampton House I have met Sir Robert Cook and Patrick Cook."

Has fate ever played a part in your life? "I think that the day I picked up a lad wanting a lift from Milborne to the Labour Exchange in Dorchester was probably the hand of fate as when I asked him what he wanted to do he said he was interested in welding and iron work. Dave Watkin never made it to Dorchester and still works at Spring Grove Forge with me and Andrew some 35 years later."

What are your hobbies or interests? "Well I still work four days a week so my time off is spent playing golf. I also like to watch the boxing when it's on and I enjoy listening to music. Matt Monroe, Johnny Cash and Glen Campbell are some of my favourites. Oh, I also like a glass of wine and cheese and biscuits."

Thanks Bob for the glass of wine, shame we weren't allowed any cheese and biscuits!

Jo Perry

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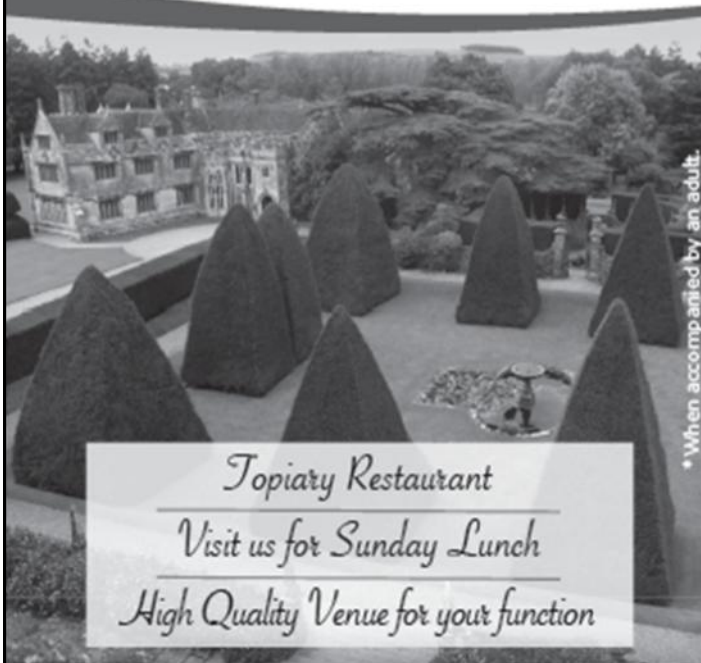
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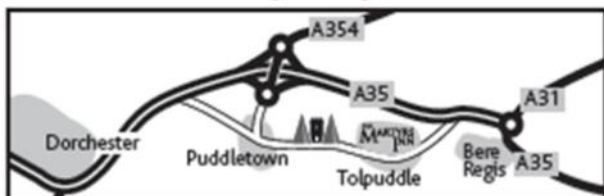
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Phalaenopsis or cymbidium?



ORCHIDS are arguably one of the most popular house plants sold in garden centres, and can be remarkably easy to look after if you follow a few simple rules.

Over the years I have bought orchids as presents and have managed to kill most of them off, or I've been bored because they never flower again and I end up throwing

them out. Orchids do have a reputation of being a challenge to look after – after all, they are tropical plants and you need to try to replicate the same conditions at home. So, I thought I'd do a bit of research and – hooray – I still have two beautiful orchids that I was given four years ago and they have flowered more than once!

The key is to think about how they would grow naturally in their own native environment (as with all plants). Orchids are known as epiphytes (growing on trees) or lithophytes (growing on rocks) – in their natural habitat they grow as air plants living on trees or rocks above the rain forest floor. Their spongy roots can quickly absorb nutrients and water and still have air flow around them.

Amazingly there are over 30,000 species of orchid that inhabit just about every corner of the world. Most are grown for their beautiful flowers, but did you know that the seedpod of the vanilla orchid provides the vanilla flavouring we use for cooking? Incredibly they were one of the first plants to flower and evidence of orchids has been found from the age of the dinosaurs – 120 million years ago!

When you buy your treasured orchid, it will come in a cellophane wrapper. Leave this on while you transport it to protect it against the cold and to keep it humid until you get it home. The two most common orchids sold are the Cymbidium and Phalaenopsis families and both require slightly different levels of care.

The **Cymbidium** orchid usually has large waxy flowers and long strap-like leaves. After flowering the stem must be cut down to the base. Cymbidiums are sold in opaque pots.

The **Phalaenopsis** orchid is sold in a clear pot – this is because there are beneficial fungi on the

roots that need light to survive and help to feed the plant. Never cut off these aerial roots – the grey roots oozing out of the container – because you don't like the look of them, and if you do re-pot, use a larger clear pot. When the plant has flowered you don't cut the stem down to the base as with the Cymbidium, but cut it to a node on the stem. This will provide you with the next flower.

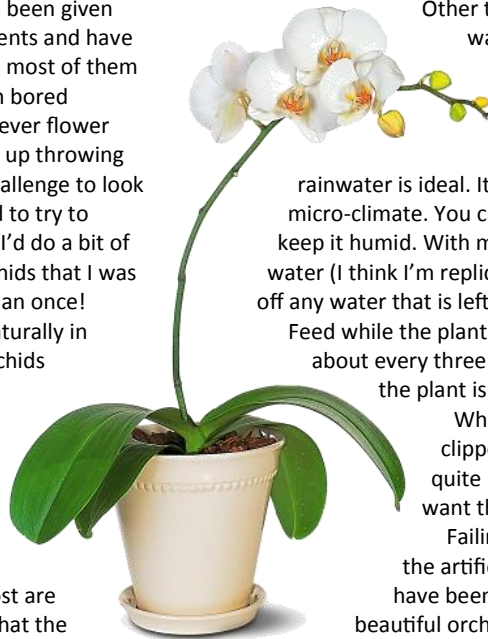
Other than that, both can be cared for in the same way – they need a warm, humid environment in bright light (but not direct sunlight). You

can put the pot onto a tray or saucer of gravel and water onto that – you only need an egg cup sized amount of water, rainwater is ideal. It will evaporate and create a nice humid micro-climate. You can also mist or spray the plant with water to keep it humid. With my orchids, I drench the plant and roots with water (I think I'm replicating a tropical rain shower!) and then dab off any water that is left sitting on the leaves so they don't rot.

Feed while the plant is growing with a specialist orchid food about every three weeks, and reduce this in the winter when the plant is resting.

When the flowers are in bloom, keep the stem clipped to a support stick as the flowers can be quite heavy and after all that effort you don't want the stem to break off.

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Coming Home

By Josie Wright

THE taxi left her half a mile from her old home. She needed to feel the pleasure of walking the familiar streets. The Blue Dragon Laundry was still in its place, she noted with satisfaction, but where was the little farm? A brand new fire station gleamed at her from the spot. As she strolled along she noticed some newer houses and that many of the old familiar sights had gone. She stood uncertain at the end of the little alleyway and closed her eyes while she counted to ten. Turning she could just make out the house in the distance. The street seemed longer and unfamiliar. Grass verges had disappeared under a shiny black caterpillar of tarmac. Sticky lime trees that had marched like soldiers down the avenue had vanished like a dream. Parked cars took their places, faceless and grim. She determinedly kept her eyes on the pavement. The next time she saw her childhood home, it would be face to face. The ache to stand before the old house made her steps quicken. This must be it – she stopped, turned and looked up.

The place was derelict. Shock made her stagger back. The hedge in the front garden had been torn down and two old wrecks had been dumped on the lawn. The front door hung open. Mesmerised, she found herself inside, walking down the dirty hallway towards the kitchen, more desecration, broken windows and the reek of foxes. She looked out to the back garden where she and Tom had played. A stained mattress leant crazily against the fence. Untidy piles of bottles sprawled out from a bank of nettles near a heap of rubbish piled high on the ashes of an old bonfire.

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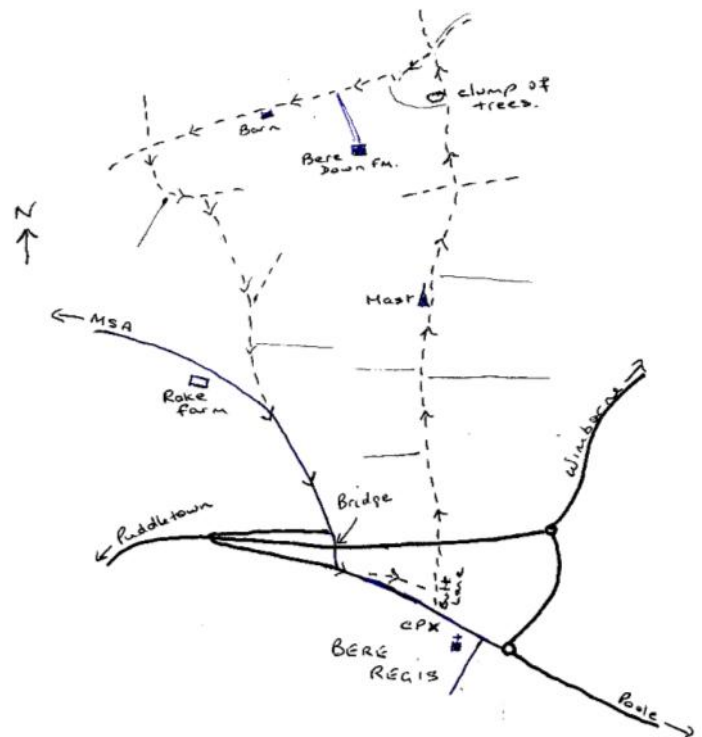
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Continue uphill on the bridleway opposite. The path soon levels out and continues along the edge of fields. You will pass a phone mast on your left. The views from here are very good. To your left you can see the Rings, the milk depot and the Sports Club in Milborne. To your right you have views across to the Winterbornes. After passing the mast you will come to a cross path with a finger post. Carry on straight ahead. Ahead of you there is a clump of trees and bushes and a gap in the hedge. This field drops downhill, follow the faint path straight ahead towards another gap in the hedge but don't go through it. Instead, turn left and follow the hedge, keeping it on your right. At the next hedge go through the wicket gate and turn right for 50 yards, then left along a grassy path between two crops. Follow this path heading for a dutch barn in the distance. On the way a farm track comes in from your left, but walk past this. The path on towards the barn and beyond may be slippery so please take care.



After passing the barn on your left carry on keeping the hedge to your left until you come to a cross paths with a finger post. Turn left and follow the hedge on your left. It soon bears round to the left where you will see a wicket gate ahead of you. Ignore this and turn right keeping the hedge on your left. Carry straight ahead until you come to a tarmac lane. Follow this and you will soon be on the Milborne to Bere Regis road. Walk along the edge of the road and under the by-pass, please take care.

As you enter the village look out for a path on your left. It is by the road island and there is a dog bin at the end of it. Follow this bridlepath which will take you to Butt Lane. Turn right, then left into the main street and so back to your car.

Anne Snape

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Main Course

Roasted Turkey wrapped in smoked bacon and stuffed with a pork, sage and onion stuffing

Spinach, Dorset Blue Vinney and wild mushroom Wellington (v)

Spice crusted pork tenderloin

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Desserts

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