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News and Views from around the area

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Thank you Jo and Kate

THE Reporter Team wants to say a huge thank you to both Kate Chastey and Jo Perry, as they have stood down because of their many commitments elsewhere – oh – and also a certain wedding in April for Jo! Jo has been brilliant at thinking of new ideas, Kate at putting together the much needed survey last year. Jo's new slant on the many articles she has written for the Reporter is great, and they have both given the team a "shaking up" when we became complacent about the way the magazine looks.

Our loss is their new projects' gain – for anyone who has Jo or Kate on their team, be assured they are very hard workers, and will always do their best for you. Sue for the team



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A third successful year for the Reporter

THE Milborne St. Andrew Reporter had a financially successful year in 2011. Once again the Reporter Team were able to say "Thank you" to the team of distributors and "Have you mets" with a small celebration at The Royal Oak in January.

Balance Sheet Year ending 31st January 2012

	Receipts		Payments
Advertising	£5,050.00	Printing	£3,036.45
Donations	£7.05	Expenses	£36.04
Bank Interest	£4.48	Refund	£25.00
		Bench in the square	£400.00
		Thank you Evening	£130.00
Total	£5,061.53	Total	£3,627.49
Receipts	5,061.53	Payments	3,627.49
B/F Cash	4.32	C/F Cash	24.33
B/F Bank	3,812.01	C/F Bank	5,226.04
Total	8,877.86	Total	8,877.86

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Total in hand at 31st January 2012 £5,250.37

Surplus for year ending 31st Jan 2012 £1,434.04

This surplus reflects payments made early for next year of £1,600.00.

The Reporter Team would like to thank Robin Keller for auditing the magazine accounts for a third year. We are most grateful.

Milborne Times rolls off the press



MOVE over, the Reporter, there's a new kid on the block! Pupils from Milborne First School have produced the first of a half-termly newsletter to keep parents and pupils aware of upcoming important dates and

events. News in the Milborne Times will be covered by the Year 4 reporters, Ben, Harry, Jasmine and Zach. The first month's newsletter includes the passing of the 'Olympic Torch' and flag to Milborne School from Sunninghill Prep School in January. 'The Making of Pascal' told of the children's creation of a Plesiosaur with the help of a visiting artist, and bamboo, willow and paper tape.

The Reporter congratulates all involved with a very professional looking production. Looks like we'll have to up our game here and watch our heels!

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Thank you Audrey

LAST term Mrs Audrey Andrews finished her term as Acting Head at the Milborne St. Andrew First School. She has done a fantastic job and the Governors really appreciated her taking over at such short notice. The school was in a 'ship shape' order for the new term with staff and children feeling incredibly positive about the future with a new year and new head, Mr Neil McDermott, who took over the reins from her in January.

In her final assembly as acting head teacher she was handed a book, which had contributions from parents and pupils thanking her



for all her hard work and stories of her humour with the children and staff alike. She now resumes her role as Deputy Head and teacher to the Rabbits class who'll be happy to have this very experienced and fun teacher back in the classroom.

Thank you Audrey, from the governors, parents and pupils and a warm welcome to Neil!

From the Governors at Milborne St. Andrew First School

Needlecraft Exhibition

A SEWING Group (mainly for patchwork and quilting) that meets fortnightly in the village is planning to put on a small exhibition of needlecraft in the village hall committee room on Saturday 2nd June. There are nine in the group and while we are confident that we can produce a worthwhile number of exhibits, we wonder if there are any other needlewomen in the village who would like to take part and so widen the range of needlecrafts on show.

Although this is not primarily a fund raising event, we will sell tea, coffee and homemade cakes and any profit will be given to Longmead Community Farm as it is a local charity. Longmead supports families in crisis. Residential stay gives time and space for families to discuss and reflect on their problems in a non-judgemental environment. Everyone joins in helping in the house and on the small holding.

If anyone is interested in taking part in the exhibition please contact one of the following: Margaret Hurley 837467, Angie Nowell 837543 or Pat Tribe 837684.

100 CLUB WINNERS

Draw Date – Tuesday 31st January 2012

1st prize	£100	Andy Mott
2nd prize	£50	Eva Stockley
3rd prize	£12	Paul O'Conner

The next draw is at 8.00pm in The Royal Oak, on Tuesday 6th March

Everyone is welcome to attend

**New members always welcome. Contact
June Maitland 837235 or Denise Sanderson 837049**

Treasure found at the village hall!

IF like me you braved the cold February nights to head for the Milborne Players pantomime "Treasure Island", I'm sure you left with a warm glow. If you didn't you missed a treat! Yet again this year the team pulled out all the stops to produce a fun filled evening for all. I never knew that the young adventurer Jim Hawkins, played professionally by the west end experienced Jordan Boshier in his first outing for the Players, met Robinson Crusoe on his adventures, nor that Jim's fate was overseen by a fairy godmother. But both the James Bond inspired Robinson (Ben Sach) and the fairy, constantly in demand on her mobile phone (Adrienne Rogers), expertly added a further dimension to the show. Of course the traditionalists amongst us were not disappointed – Gren Elphinstone-Davis performed brilliantly as Ma Hawkins, clearly showing he had all the assets needed for the dame and Roy Sach yet again showed how talented he is playing the villain Long John Silver.

The many one legged jokes were greeted with groans from the audience and with sarcasm from his parrot (Niall Summers). Those sporting a beard on the evening were in good company – although it was mainly the women! Freya Pugh, enjoying her first principal role as Jim's love interest Felicity, acquired hers from a dodgy looking beard seller with very clever sponsorship links to a local business. The audience greeted Jo Coetzee and Rhianna Webb with a hearty "Shiver me timbers" whenever the comedy pirates Brass and Knuckles appeared and Bill Preston as Squire Trelawney and Lauren House as Captain Corkerun both helped steer the ship safely to a happy conclusion.

A short review can't mention everyone, but it was clear that the fabulous cast of young and slightly older had been pulled together very well by director Caroline Nobbs and were admirably supported by professional back stage and front of house crews. By the end of the night I'd enjoyed the comedy and the singing, had booed and hissed, laughed and groaned, (and even won a bottle of champagne!) and I left thinking how great that such a small village can produce such a professional show. Well done Milborne Players – "X" certainly marked the spot this year and I'm looking forward to the next show.

*Helen Pugh (no relation to Blind Pugh!)
Front cover photograph taken by Sid Coe*

Milborne St. Andrew Open Gardens

St. Andrew's Church is hoping to put on our biennial open gardens event this year on **Saturday 12th May**.

We are asking people to open their gardens for viewing on this day from **10.30am to 5.00pm**.

We will also offer **morning coffee and cake** in the Village Hall and **cream teas** in the afternoon.

All profits will be divided between **St. Andrew's Church** and **Mosaic**, a local charity for bereaved children.

If you can help in any way please contact either **Pat Tribe 837684** or **Josie Wright 839090**

MARCH VILLAGE LUNCH

*To be held at the Village Hall on
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'An international month at Ladybirds'

THIS month the Ladybird children have been learning about children in other countries around the world. Starting with the Chinese New Year we learnt about the animals the Chinese years are named after, made dragon puppets, cooked moon cakes and



had a go at eating noodles and rice with chopsticks. We moved on to Italy looking at their buildings and flag and made pizza for snack time. The children carried out a survey to see who liked pizza, spaghetti and pasta

– all were very popular. The children studied posters and books about children around the world and decorated paper cut outs of people – these can be seen in the photo on the display board and being held by the children. In the photo are some of them dressed as children from other countries.

On 6th February Liz and Jane took 14 of the older children to 'big' school where we spent a lovely morning getting to know the routine, building and teachers as part of the transition to school in September this year. While at school we visited the Dorset Life Van learning about keeping healthy.

At the end of the month we will be saying a sad farewell to Mary who has been working tirelessly for Ladybirds for many years. We will miss you and wish you all the best for the future.

All ex Ladybirds and helpers please keep Saturday 16th June clear in your diaries – you will shortly be receiving an invitation to our 10th anniversary celebrations.

Liz Dyer



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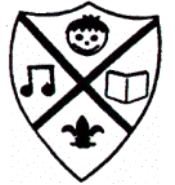
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Milborne St. Andrew First School



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School News



AS you saw in the last issue of the *Reporter* the DASP Olympic Torch arrived in school on Tuesday 17th January, having already completed a tour of many of the Dorchester schools. On Friday 20th we had to deliver the torch to Cheselbourne First School. With the help of parents, local residents and a number of local car club enthusiasts, we were able to send the torch off in style. Having received a colourful send off the torch was proudly held high on a steam driven car, with a convoy of vintage vehicles following along the quiet lanes to Cheselbourne for the handover. During the week the year 3 and 4 children had worked with Sarah Butterworth



added even more colour and fun to our torch send off.

This term we have introduced a number of new initiatives in school. Mr McDermott has set up a Parent Forum, which will allow the school to work with a representative parent body in developing the way forward for the school and also we now have our own mini newspaper, the *Milborne Times*, with some of our year 4 pupils

filling the roles of roving reporters. The publication will go to parents at the end of each half term and we hope to make copies available for you to see around the village. You can also access the latest copy through our website.

We previously invited local community groups to join with us in producing new works of art for our school hall. Thank you to all of those groups who have returned their boards. The quality and variety of work is amazing – there are clearly some very talented artists amongst us. We are currently waiting for the final couple of boards to be completed



and returned to school before they are all displayed. Once they are ready, invitations will be sent out to the groups involved to join us for the official unveiling.



CONTACTS

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THE BENEFICE OF PUDDLETOWN, TOLPUDDLE AND MILBORNE WITH DEWLISH
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A lifetime of service

I am writing this letter in the week in which the country remembered the accession to the throne of Princess Elizabeth. Though that date has now passed, the whole of 2012 is going to be full of reminders of her 60 years as ruler of this nation.

Whatever we think of royalty, no one can doubt the way in which the Queen has given her life to fulfilling her rôle in the best way that she knows. Her future changed dramatically on the day her father died, and since then she has never wavered publicly in her devotion to her calling. Though she will have known for many years that she was likely to accede to the throne, that moment came far sooner than she had hoped.

The Queen makes no secret of her Christian faith, and in recent years has been more explicit about its place in her life. She takes the service of Christ to others as an example for how she lives her life and serves her people.

Service is not a popular concept these days. Though individuals can and do serve their neighbours and communities, I think as a whole our society has become much more about rights than service. There is a desire to fight for me and mine, and less of a sense of offering ourselves to others. This is somewhat at odds with the values of the Christian faith.

For instance St Paul writes in one of his letters (I'm quoting from a modern translation): "It is absolutely clear that God has called you to a free life. Just make sure that you don't use this freedom as an excuse to do whatever you want to do and destroy your freedom. Rather, use your freedom to serve one another in love; that's how freedom grows. For everything we know about God's Word is summed up in a single sentence: Love others as you love yourself. That's an act of true freedom." (Galatians 5:13)

And the first letter of Peter advises: "Most of all, love each other as if your life depended on it. Love makes up for practically anything. Be quick to give a meal to the hungry, a bed to the homeless - cheerfully. Be generous with the different things God gave you, passing them around so all get in on it." (1 Peter 4:8-10)

And, of course, we have the words of Jesus himself: "Whoever wants to be great must become a servant. Whoever wants to be first among you must be your slave. That is what the Son of Man has done: He came to serve, not to be served."

Christians have a long and noble tradition of serving others in a huge variety of ways. It is something that continues today. The more people serve each other, I am convinced, the happier and healthier our society will be.

We have a monarch who has committed herself to her people. She follows a Master who gave his life for many. And why? The words of 17th-century poet John Donne explain one motivation for this: "No man is an island entire of itself; every man is a piece of the continent . . . any man's death diminishes me, because I am involved in mankind." The language is old-fashioned, but the meaning is clear.

We are part of a greater whole. God created us to live alongside others as part of what it is to be human. We can all benefit from the way in which we serve others, since we are all connected.

With best wishes,

Sarah Hillman

Church Cleaning - w/e Saturday

3rd March Victoria Bone and Lin Chatfield
10th March Sue Lee and Val Hodges
17th March John and Josie Wright
24th March Carolyn Martin and Elizabeth Walker
31st March Margaret Hurley and Eva Stockley

Flowers - w/e Saturday

LENT No Flowers
7th April EASTER All helpers please

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Do you need a lift to church?

If you have difficulty getting to church or need transport when the Benefice Service is at another church, we can arrange transport for you. Please contact Eva (837468) or Pat (837684).



CHURCH SERVICES March 2012

THURSDAY 1st March

12.00 Lunch-time Communion Milborne

4th March - Lent 2

9.30am 1662 Holy Communion Tolpuddle
9:30 Family Communion Milborne
11.00 Holy Communion Puddletown
With Sunday Seekers and Creche
11.00 1662 Morning Prayer Dewlish
4.00pm Tolpuddle Praise Tolpuddle

11th March - Lent 3

8.15am 1662 Said Communion Puddletown
9.30 Methodist United Service St John's, Tolpuddle
9.30 Parish Communion Milborne
11.00 Family Service Puddletown Village Hall
11.00 Family Communion with Baptism Dewlish

THURSDAY 15th March

12.00 Lunch-time Communion Puddletown

18th March - Mothering Sunday/Lent 4

9.30am Family Communion Tolpuddle
9.30 1662 Said Communion Milborne
11.00 1662 Morning Prayer Puddletown
11.00 Mothering Sunday Family Service Puddletown Church Room
11.00 Holy Communion Dewlish

25th March - Passion Sunday

9.30am All-Age Worship Tolpuddle
9.30 1662 Holy Communion Milborne
11.00 Family Communion Puddletown
11.00 Family Service Dewlish

MORNING PRAYERS

(Monday - Thursday 8.15am; Saturday 9.00am)
Monday - Puddletown Tuesday - Tolpuddle
Wednesday - Milborne Thursday - Dewlish
Saturday - Puddletown

LENT

During Lent there will be two extra services weekly, both on Thursday.

Compline in Milborne at 6.00pm, and **Evening Prayer** in Dewlish at 6.30pm.

A study group is also taking place on Tuesdays at 7.30pm at Garden Cottage, Milton Road, Milborne. *All welcome.*

PLEASE NOTE

No **Milborne Praise** in March.
Next one on Good Friday 6th April.

Sunday service pattern in Tolpuddle is changing from March and will now be as follows:

1st Sunday: 1662 Holy Communion (9.30am) and Tolpuddle Praise (4.00pm)
2nd Sunday: Methodist United Service (9.30am)
3rd Sunday: Holy Communion (9.30am)
4th Sunday: All-age service (9.30am).
The all-age service will be interactive, and around 45 minutes long.

MILBORNE ST. ANDREW CHURCH NOTES

Benefice celebration of Candlemas

ST. ANDREW'S Church was very happy to host the Benefice service on 29th January when we celebrated Candlemas. Despite the cold weather, there was a good congregation who sang heartily thanks to Aiden Fisher's organ-playing.

Every member of the congregation was given a candle on entering and, at the end of the service, Sarah lit another from one of the altar candles. From this, the light of Christ was passed to every member of the congregation. We then gathered round the font for the final blessing with candles still flaming. It was a lovely service.

Appeal for people with fresh ideas

At the PCC meeting on Monday 23rd January we discussed the building work for which we do not have a starting date as yet. On the financial side, we are just about able to cover the builder's quotation providing no problems arise. This has been helped by generous donations from two trust funds. There is still plenty of fund-raising to be done, so please keep on saving your pennies in the pot.

Members decided that we could do with an events committee. It is not necessary for volunteers to become a member of the PCC; we just need people with fresh ideas. Is there anyone who would like to join such a committee? Events are not purely for fund-raising; they have an important social function as well. If you would like to become involved, please have a word with Eva (Tel: 01258-837468) or Pat (837684).

We discussed arrangements for the village **May Fayre** on Saturday 19th May when the church will be staffing the cake stall. If you would like to donate some cakes for sale, please contact Eva or Pat.

This year we are arranging to hold "**Open Gardens**" again. Watch this space for further details.

The **Parochial Church Annual Meeting** will be held after our 9.30am Communion service on Sunday 15th April at 10.30am. You are invited to come along and meet the Rev. Sarah Hillman and hear what progress the church is making. Coffee and cakes will be served.

Busy times ahead during Lent and Easter

A six-part **Lent Course** will be held at Garden Cottage, Milton Road, Milborne St. Andrew (home of Eric and Janet Austen, tel: 01258 837213), on each Tuesday during Lent at 7.30pm. Subjects for discussion are: What is Freedom? (28th February); Discipline (6th March); Action (13th March); Church and Community (20th March); Passion Suffering (27th March); Death (3rd April).

Throughout March **Compline** will be held in St. Andrew's Church on Thursday evenings at 6.00pm, the relevant dates being 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th March. This is a quiet peaceful service and only lasts about twenty minutes. Everybody is most welcome to come and join us.

On **Maundy Thursday** (5th April) we will be serving coffee, tea and cakes from 11.00am. This will be followed by Maundy Thursday Holy Communion at 12 noon.

On **Good Friday** there will be music in church from 12noon to 3.00pm for those who wish to spend some time in meditation.

Changes for Milborne Praise

We have cancelled our meetings for February and March due to

falling numbers. This has happened because two of our regular families have left the village and the children that started at Milborne Praise have now become teenagers. We are looking for new ideas to keep this older group of people's interests.

We will re-open on Good Friday with our usual "Easter Experience" when we will be making hot cross buns and Easter biscuits. While these are cooking, Sarah will take you up to church to tell the Easter story. Please come and join us in the Village Hall at 2.00-4.00pm. on Good Friday, 6th April. For those who have been before you will know how enjoyable this can be. Bring along any new ideas you would like us to try out. We are considering not meeting monthly but having a bigger celebration on church festivals.

Lilies in memory of loved ones

For several years now St. Andrew's Church has been beautifully decorated for Easter with scented lilies donated in memory of loved ones. All those to be remembered have their names written in a special remembrance book that is displayed in church. If anyone would like their loved ones to be remembered in this way, please give your donation (no particular amount - just whatever you feel like giving) and the name(s) to be remembered to Pat Tribe, 14 Blandford Hill (Tel: 837684) by Tuesday 27th March so that the lilies can be ordered. We can't guarantee one lily per name (it will depend on price) but we can promise that every name will appear in the book.

Eva Stockley and Pat Tribe Churchwardens

DEWLISH CHURCH NOTES

Water Aid to benefit from Lent Lunches

AFTER a quiet January, the church is now looking forward to Easter, and the period of Lent leading to it. Each Thursday evening, starting on 1st March, there will be a said service of **Evening Prayer** at 6.30pm in All Saints. These services will take us up to the **Agape Supper**, led by Norman, in the Village Hall at 7.00pm on Maundy Thursday. Please let any member of the Church Council know if you wish to attend.

We are also holding our **Lent Lunches** again, and all proceeds, along with any surplus from the Agape Supper, will be given to Water Aid. The venues and dates (all Mondays) are as follows:

27th February	Mrs Audrey Penniston, Waterston
5th March	Mrs Judith Bridgen, Manor Close
12th March	Mrs Sue Britton, Parsonage Farm
19th March	Jim and Daphne Burg, Elm View
26th March	Mrs Daphne Berridge, Shailes Farmhouse

We suggest a donation of £4 for each lunch.

Posies to be presented on Mothering Sunday

On Saturday 17th March we are holding a **Coffee Morning and Spring Sale** in the Village Hall, starting at 10.30am. We are hoping that our stalls will include Mother's Day gifts, cakes and produce, bric-a-brac and books, sweets, plants, toys, a raffle and, of course, coffee and biscuits. We would be grateful for any donations to the stalls - and to see you all there!

The next day is Mothering Sunday and our church service is **Family Communion**. It would be lovely to see families there. Each Mum will be presented with a posy.

Daphne Burg

Lilies for Remembrance



IF anyone would like loved ones to be remembered this Easter, please give your donation (no particular amount - just whatever you feel like giving) and the name(s) to be remembered, to Pat Tribe 14 Blandford Hill, (837684) by Tuesday 27th March so that the lilies can be ordered. I can't guarantee one lily per name (it will depend on cost) but I can promise that every name will be in the book.

Pat Tribe

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Did you get a little bit of curious paper through your door?

IT may have had a couple of little boxes at the bottom to choose from and a date by which it had to be returned.

Did you know what it was about?

As a village we have to say who makes the decisions about our community. Every District Council has given each of their community councils (like our Parish Council) three options.

The Options in essence are:

Option 1: The District Council has a strong steer (i.e. we can put our views, but Council makes all the decision), which is how it is at the present.

Option 2: The District Council has a steer, but not quite so strong – this one is difficult to differentiate from above.

Option 3: The District Council has a light touch in decision making; the decisions are locally based, in the village.

Options 2 and 3 give the village more influence.

Option 3 – means a lot of work. An environmental statement is needed. And this would have to be paid for by the village – although pressure would be put for extra funds. The North Dorset planners would give guidance all through this process. The localism agreement has to be agreed by the community, there would have to be a consensus among the population, evidenced in some way, ending up with a village referendum if Option 3 is chosen. If agreed by referendum, only then would it be adopted and made legal.

The decision or answer has to be returned to North Dorset District Council by the end of February and, more importantly, it has to be seen that this is the community's wishes, not just the Parish Council's. That is why you all had that curious bit of paper.

When all the decisions from across the district are returned, there is a count up, and the majority choice will be used across the area. Therefore, if we voted for Option 3, but all the other councils voted for Option 2, that would then be imposed upon us.

This is the "localism bill" decision making in action.

At the Parish Council meeting in January, the village residents were invited to ask questions and put views to which our councillors did their best to answer. For instance:

- What about boundary changes? Answer – The plan is 10 years old, and expired last year, it may or could be expanded – it has already been indicated that we will be pressurised to have 60 houses built in the next 10 years. Any plan would include industrial, housing, medical centres, etc. It would be up to the Parish Council to identify an area or location (also approaching the land owner), specify size.
- Opinion from a member of the public – Option 3 is better, the structure would try and block unwanted development. But we need professional help from community members.
- Any newbuilds must be low cost housing – But there is no commitment from the localism meeting about this; they were only talking about rental. But the problem with low cost housing is that there is no guarantee that locals will move in. And there is no safeguard that they will not be sold on at a great profit. Also residents are stuck with car travel and buses are bad. So how are these people going to get to work? The costs of having frequent buses is too much to be subsidized.
- Suggestion – Look at Community Land Trust. Melcombe Bingham has just had a meeting about this. Land is bought by the village, the village builds the houses, and they then have control about who moves in. Lots of hoops to jump through. If bought, there is a problem with getting a mortgage as the land remains in the community land trust.

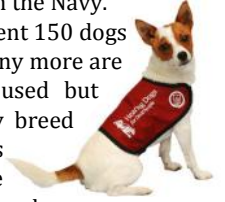
What do you think?

All copy for the April *Reporter* must be received by the **14th March**. Please send copy via e-mail to msa.reporter@yahoo.co.uk or give to a member of the team.

Wednesday Club learns about One man and his dog

ON Wednesday 1st February Derek Williams and his dog Dundee visited from the charity, Dogs for Deaf People. Derek suffered severe hearing loss from his time working with guns in the Navy.

The charity was started in 1982 and at present 150 dogs a year are trained to become Hearing Dogs. Many more are needed. Apparently Labradors are mainly used but other breeds can be trained too. The charity breed their own dogs but also look for suitable dogs in rescue centres. Once trained they are registered as Assistance Dogs and wear a coat and lead with a reflective label to alert people to the fact that they are Hearing Dogs.



The training is intense and covers general socialising, sound training and time to bond with the dog's recipient. If the dog is not suitable for the purpose at the end of the training they are called 'Fallen Angels' and because they are so well trained there is a long list of people wanting them as a pet.

Derek told us that Dundee, a West Highland Terrier is trained to hear sounds and alert Derek. eg. if the front door bell rings, he will come to Derek and put his paws on his knee and take him to the door. Other sounds he is trained to hear include smoke alarms, cooker timers, fire alarms, carbon monoxide alarms and alarm clocks. All dogs are trained to 'Call Papa' which means that if the deaf person is needed eg. a child needs it's deaf mother then the dog will go and get the mother and take her to her child.

We saw a short dvd showing how Hearing Dogs have completely changed the lives of their human recipients enabling them to live independent happy lives.

While Derek spoke Dundee visited everyone in the audience for a cuddle. We all enjoyed Derek's presentation which was extremely informative with lots of amusing anecdotes!

To finish Derek has said that I can print this poem that he read to us, by an unknown author and will be special to all dog lovers !

When God made the Earth and sky,

The flowers and the trees,

He then made all the animals,

And all the birds and bees.

And when his work was finished,

Not one was quite the same,

He said 'I'll walk this land of mine,

And give each one a name'.

And so he travelled land and sea,

And everywhere he went,

A little creature followed him,

Until his strength was spent.

When all were named upon the earth,

And in the sky and sea,

The little creature said 'Dear Lord,

There's not one left for me.'

The Father smiled and softly said,

'I've left you 'til the end.

I've turned my own name back to front,

And called you DOG, my friend!

Special thanks to Mo Butler for donating the raffle prize she won (a huge box of chocolate biscuits). It will go into the tea fund.

Our next meeting is at 2.00pm on Wednesday 7th March in the Village Hall when Guy Foot will do an Upstairs Downstairs talk on his life as a butler.

In April Eric Austen presents Mediation. Membership fees of £10 for the year 2012/2013 will then be due.

On 2nd May we have our outing to Pecorama in Devon and a cream tea at the Otter Garden Centre, Ottery St. Mary. £15.50 for members and £17.00 for visitors. This includes entry to Pecorama, the gardens, train and art exhibition. To book your place please contact Margaret Evans 450 518.

Lis Watts





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Milborne St. Andrew Gardening Club



AT our first meeting of 2012 members were well entertained by Mike Burks from Poundbury Garden Centre, who talked about gardening folklore. He had done a lot of research on the subject and concluded that more often than not, there was some truth in old gardening tales. He gave us some amusing examples of the old-fashioned ways of planting seeds and potatoes, or doing the weeding, but whether any of the members will be trying out these practices in the future is another matter!

February started off well, too, with our Annual Dinner at The Royal Oak here in Milborne. Despite the cold weather we all had a very pleasant evening with good food and good company.

At our next meeting on 22nd March, Martin Young will be talking to us about Making a Butterfly Garden. He lives in the local area and has had a lifelong interest in butterflies and moths, as well as being a keen gardener. Hopefully he will inspire us to get out into our gardens and put in more plants to attract butterflies and bees as well.

Linda Harris Secretary

Christian Fellowship Group in Milborne

Chris and Angie Nowell host an inter-denominational Bible Study Group in their home every other Thursday morning.

From now until Easter we will be following

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If this is something you might enjoy joining in, we would be very pleased to see you.

For details telephone 837543

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Smuggling in Dorset

– at the February WI

DESPITE our monthly meeting taking place in the afternoon rather than the evening, 18 members were able to come along and hear Mr Malcolm Angel talk about 'Isaac Gulliver – Smuggler'. A Wiltshire man, born in 1745, he became known as the 'King' of the Dorset Smugglers, bringing his contraband in through the chine at Canford Cliffs. It was then carried further inland and hidden, before distribution. He married Elizabeth Beale by special licence in Sixpenny Handley Church – her father being the tenant of the Blacksmiths Arms at Thorneydown on the now A354. He soon had a large team of supporters, and is reputed to have killed no-one during his 'reign'. Clearly a huge amount of research had been done by our speaker, with tales of many local places being used and lived in by the smugglers. Those who wished to learn more were encouraged to read the book 'In Search of Isaac Gulliver – Legendary Dorset Smuggler' by MV Angel.

Looking forward to: Tuesday 19th June is the date for **Royal Ascot** and tickets have been applied for by Jenny Preston. Our **Annual Dinner** is on Friday 20th April at the Silent Woman, near Wareham, menus now available. There is also the chance to visit **Hampton Court Flower Show** on Friday 6th July, coach and entry to cost £50.

The panel which members made for the First School to represent the month of May, and a picture of which appeared in last month's Reporter, is to appear in the WI's national magazine, *WI Life*.

Our next meeting is on Thursday 8th March at 7.30pm, when Mr P Warren will bring along his Matchstick Fleet – every item made with matchsticks and their boxes. His donation will go to the RNLI.

June Maitland

Hilton sings!

Sunday 29th April 2.30–5.30pm

WE are organising a relaxed and informal afternoon of songs and hymns to raise funds to support our beautiful and historic church. Tea and cakes will be available continuously and everyone is welcome. Even if you are not a regular churchgoer, please drop in and stay as long as you like.

We want to get as many people singing as possible and the songs and hymns will be familiar. We will also sing hymns that you have sponsored, perhaps for a loved one or just because it is your favourite! Please note that for this to work we will need your sponsorship forms back by Easter Sunday (8th April). Here's how you can help

- Come and sing or come and listen
 - Bake a cake; contact Angie Higgs (01258 880073) or Alison Musgrave (07971 903226)
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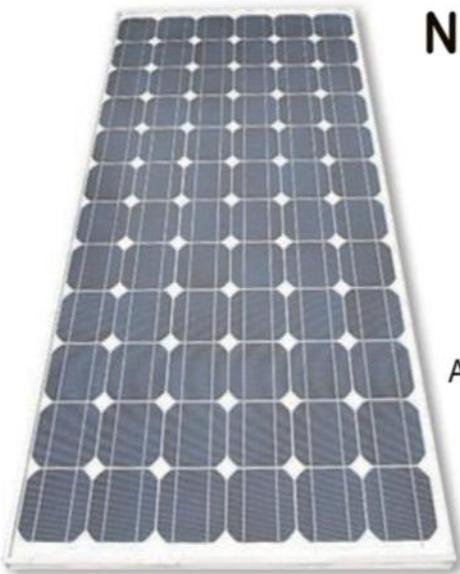
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Eligible people have been sent a Help Scheme information pack through the post explaining the help available. Most people will be asked to pay £40 towards the standard option of help, but for some in receipt of benefits it will be free of charge.

You are eligible for the Help Scheme if you are:

- aged 75 or over, or
- live in a care home (for six months or more), or
- receive (or could get):
 - ◊ Disability Living Allowance (DLA), or
 - ◊ Attendance or Constant Attendance Allowance, or
 - ◊ Mobility Supplement, or
- registered blind or partially sighted

There is already extensive TV coverage about the Help Scheme and eligible people will receive an information pack but to get the help they are entitled to they MUST respond to the letter.

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Busy Bees have a morning out!

ANOTHER month in the Busy Bees calendar has gone past with the under 5's group having a great time making a mess when they made their own salt dough models from flour, water and of course salt. Even more fun was had when it came to painting them!

Also this month we held one of our sessions at Crazy Monsters in Blandford, which proved to be very exciting for the children and very popular with the mothers, and we are sure will become a regular event.

Ava and Ezzi both celebrated their birthdays with us recently, with birthday cakes and presents. Remember if you are bringing your little one and it is their birthday we need to add this to the growing list so that they do not miss out.

A full timetable of events and meetings can be seen on our website www.busy-bees.org.uk.
Hayley Davis

Thursdays 9.30 – 11.30
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Coffee, cakes, computers and controversy?

SOME of you may know that Ed and I are the proud grandparents of six children in our combined family. Last Saturday four of our little ones and their parents visited us and we all really enjoyed the Milborne Players pantomime "Treasure Island" at the matinee performance at the village hall. (www.milborneplayers.org.uk for information on future productions.)

I'm not sure how many other grandparents in the village are aware of a really useful facility just on our doorstep, but on these family occasions we have found the Bere Regis toy library (TREATS) to be invaluable. We were able to hire high chairs and other essential equipment, but also we were able to borrow pirate boats, pirate games and dressing up items to really make the day go with a swing for only minimal cost. Of course you can drive down and visit to make your selection, but it is so much easier to go online and view pictures of each toy, rather than be faced with opening and looking inside hundreds of opaque plastic boxes in the toy library. The staff there are really helpful, however the facility is very popular and I have found it best to order items in advance either by e-mail or telephone to make sure to get what you want. Items are hired by the week, but one of the big advantages for us is being able to take things back to the library straight away to avoid the problems of where to store bulky equipment and outside toys. (www.dorsetforyou.com/treatstoylibrary for info about membership and hire charges.)

After the pantomime we all came home for tea and after tea we had a treasure hunt to find golden chocolate coins and similar treasure. I ordered the golden chocolate coins, white chocolate skulls and other pirate related items from www.aquarterof.co.uk This website specialises in supplying retro sweets - anyone remember chewing those stringy liquorice roots?

Although proving somewhat controversial in Milborne, when used wisely technology can help enhance our lives and make things a little easier, especially when we live at some distance from large shops. Most things ordered online arrive within a day or so and often arrive even sooner than expected, so if you would like a helping hand to get started please come to the Coffee, Cakes and Computer drop in at the village hall each Friday. All the volunteers are there to help everyone of any age make a start on, or improve their technology skills, or advise on more complex problems. Further details of opening times etc. from www.milbornestandrew.org.uk/ reporter.

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January 2012 Weather in Milborne St. Andrew

JANUARY 2012 was another dry month with 54.6mm of rain which was 50% of the average rainfall for January. This was the sixth consecutive month with lower than normal rainfall. Rainfall over the last 12 months has been around half of the amount of rain that fell in the equivalent period of the very wet year of 2000. January 2012 was the 8th warmest January in the last 41 years in Milborne and garden plants and crops were well advanced for the time of year; that is until the 27th January when much colder weather from the north east swept across the country bringing snow and severe frosts. There was a minimum air temperature in Milborne of -10°C on the 3rd February which brought that early crop development to an abrupt halt. February has been colder than January in Milborne in 19 years out of the last 41.

There is an old saying from Rutland which proved to be true this year;

"If birds begin to whistle in January, frosts to come"

Pluvius

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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

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Police – Non-emergency contact		101
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Special Interest

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MSA Friendly Art Group	Elaine Anthony	01258 837089
MSA Gardening Club	Sally Dyer	01258 837061
Milborne Players	Roy Sach	01258 837033
Ranters' Folk Session	Roger Harrall	01258 837371

Sport

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March

- Saturday 3rd **The Dancer and the Devil** Village Hall 7.30 – see page 23.
- Wednesday 7th **Upstairs Downstairs** talk by Guy Foot on his life as a Butler to the Wednesday Club. Village Hall 2.00pm – see page 9.
- Thursday 8th **WI** Mr P Warren will bring along his Matchstick Fleet Village Hall 7.30 – see page 11.
- Friday 9th **Youth Club** Village Hall 6.30–8.30pm.
- Saturday 10th **Dorset Intermediate Cup Semi-Final.** Milborne Sports v Normalair RSC. Lane End Kick-off 2.00pm.
- Saturday 17th **Coffee Morning and Spring Sale** in Dewlish Village Hall 10.30am – see page 7.
- Wednesday 21st **Youth Club AGM** 7.30pm– see below.
- Thursday 22nd **Gardening Club** Martin Young will be talking about Making a Butterfly Garden Village Hall 7.30 – see page 11.
- Sunday 25th **Car Boot Sale** The Royal Oak in aid of Milborne St. Andrew Mini Football Club 10.00am.
- Sunday 25th **Sport Relief Mile** Milton Abbas – see page 31.
- Friday 30th **Jane Eyre** Presented by 'Flix in the Sticks' in partnership with 'Film Bank' Village Hall 7.30 – see page 23.

April

- Sunday 15th **Parochial Church Annual Meeting** St. Andrew's Church 10.30am – see page 7.
- Friday 6th **Good Friday** "Easter Experience" making hot cross buns and Easter biscuits. Village Hall 2.00–4.00pm – see page 7.

Milton Abbas and Milborne St. Andrew Surgery appointments timetable

AM 9.00am– 11.00am PM 4.00am– 6.00pm	MILTON ABBAS		MILBORNE ST. ANDREW	For urgent problems needing advice or attention on the same day we offer a same day Walk in surgery each morning and afternoon
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Monday PM	Dr Longley	Dr Rees		Milton Abbas 4.00–5.00pm
Tuesday AM	Dr Longley		Dr Rees	Milborne St. Andrew 9.00–10.00am
Tuesday PM	Dr Longley	Dr Rees		Milton Abbas 4.00–5.00pm
Wednesday AM	Dr Longley or Dr Dean	Dr Longley or Dr Dean		Milton Abbas 9.00–10.00am
Wednesday PM	Dr Longley or Dr Dean	Dr Longley or Dr Dean		Milton Abbas 4.00–5.00pm
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 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 2.00–4.30pm 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
- Milborne Praise!** third Sunday 4.00–5.30pm MH. Not in March
- 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

March 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).

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

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Adult F/B training – Tuesday evening – contact Matt Hall email matttoon@hotmail.co.uk.

6–11 year olds on Wednesday evenings.

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LETTERS TO THE REPORTER

Milborne St Andrew Bridge Group

First an apology to anyone who tried to contact me after last month's letter. I managed to get my own telephone number wrong! It should be 01258 837720. Having said that, the Milborne St. Andrew Bridge Group continues to meet at The Royal Oak in Milborne St. Andrew with 12 people of very mixed backgrounds and experience. Some had never played before the group started while others had some previous experience. Everyone continues to enjoy the sessions and instruction and advice continues to be available throughout the evening.

The group will continue to meet at The Royal Oak every Thursday evening at 7.00pm and welcomes new members of any experience level. If anyone is interested in joining us or requires any information please contact Laurie Benn on 01258 837720 or email laurie@benn.me.uk

We also hope to be able to set up a weekday afternoon session if there is enough interest. Please let me know.

I look forward to hearing from you.
Laurie Benn

Dear 'Milborne Players'

Thank you so much for a terrific voyage on 'the high seas'. Everything about the panto was great down to finest of details. The scenery was stunning, the costumes were very colourful and the youngest members of the cast were amazing as they all delivered their lines perfectly and sang with such enthusiasm. It's a shame we had to leave the south sea island it did seem like a very good place to be!

Margo Kirk



Ask Millie
— your problems solved

Last month's problem

Which breed of dog is the most popular in Milborne?

Millie says — I can't be very helpful here I'm afraid. The general consensus is that whichever breed you get, that one is the best.

The only thing I can think of is do as our dear old editor suggested last month and take a few for a walk.

Further to our advice on annual subscriptions to clubs we have a letter from the Wednesday Club.

Dear Millie

I should like to make clear the position of the Wednesday Club subscriptions and how they are managed.

The subs are due in April of each year when membership is renewed. Prospective members are invited to attend meetings three times before they need to commit to full membership.

The fees have remained static for the last three years at £8.00 p.a. However, due to charity contributions to our speakers, increasing transport and admission costs on our day outings the decision has been made by the committee to increase the membership this year to £10.00 p.a. However, this does enable the club to continue to subsidise the members on all of our outings. The main aim of the club is to give value for money as the majority of members are pensioners.

Without the important subscriptions and support from members the club would cease to function. Thankfully, for the past 36 years villagers have supported the club and still continue to do so. For those new to the village, the club is for the over 50's. However, we welcome all ages as some attend our meetings or join us on our outings.

Dear Millie

What a shame that some folk in this village are so full of their own self-importance and are so rude they go out of their way to cause as much inconvenience to others regarding car-parking. Mainly because they have more than three cars in the household, they need to park the remaining cars long-term in the road and take up the spaces that other residents use to park outside their properties. This causes problems for people who do not have either a garage or driveway and therefore need to park in the road.

We all know that providing a vehicle has a current tax disc parking on the public highway is permissible providing there are no restrictions.

Surely, with a little commonsense and thoughtfulness for others, nastiness and ill feeling could be avoided!

Millie says — I must agree. I am surprised at the number of cars that seem to be needed these days. I personally walk when I can or use my pushbike. I have already in a previous issue reminded people about parking that inconveniences others by blocking pavements and dropped kerbs. If you can't park outside your home try explaining your problem in a

reasonable way to the offender. Come on people — think what you're doing, we all live here!!

Dear Millie

What is our village doing for the Olympics? I believe the torch is going through here in July. I would like to help in any way I can but I haven't heard what's planned.

Millie says — I have asked all over the village, but I have to tell you as far as I can find out no village event is being planned yet for either the Olympics or the Diamond Jubilee.

Dear Millie

When I have to get on the bus that brings home the children from Hardy's, I feel very nervous as they push and shove each other, but don't seem to notice the rest of us. Do young people today have no thought for anyone else?

Millie says — This is not a modern trend; when I used to get the bus home from school before the war, we used to rampage around at the bus stop, and when the bus arrived we would stampede on like a herd of buffalo, howling like banshees. These little savages are children, they will grow out of it, hopefully, as I did.

Dear Millie

My lawn is in a dreadful state after the weird weather this season. How can I get it looking better for the Open Gardens?

Millie says — Any ideas?

STOP PRESS

The Reporter has heard that the Olympic Torch will be coming through Milborne St. Andrew at approximately 11.45pm on the morning of Thursday 12th July. There will be a convoy of vehicles, all being monitored / protected by the Metropolitan Police, which will travel along the roads, and the torch will be 'run' at various points along the route — i.e., Milborne, Puddletown, etc before being put back in the convoy vehicle to travel to the next destination.

It really is a once in a lifetime experience to have the Olympic Torch being carried through our villages and there will be a huge amount of press coverage. The BBC will be streaming it live onto their website, so the whole world will be getting a glimpse of who / where we are and how we are welcoming / celebrating the arrival of the torch.

Start planning for the big day now and let the Reporter know what you have planned. It is believed that The Royal Oak will be celebrating so watch this space.



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Have You Met . . . Pat Shipton

PAT was born in Havant, Hampshire, although she only lived there a few weeks. She was the third child, all of who were under two as they moved to Hayling Island – just across the water. In 1934 they moved to Folkestone, then as the war came they, as Pat said, “Went all over the place”. Her father volunteered for service in 1939 he had also served in the 1914-18 war.

Pat continues: My schooling matched our moving about, a CofE school, a Convent, a Methodist school then a state school! In 1940 my parents decided that if we were going to be killed we were all going together, and we moved to East Anglia where my father was in the RAF. We missed a year of school in the war; all the schools in our area had been evacuated. My father went to the Commanding Officer to get permission to go to Bishops Stortford to find a school, he advised my father to go to Ely police station to find a school instead. That resulted in my brother going to Soham, my sister and I used to cycle then bus to Ely High School.

In 1944, at 17½ years old, I went into the Wrens, I had left school, but had to wait four days for my father to come home before I volunteered, he had to sign the agreement. My service started up in Orkney, then Rosyth, then Lowestoft, RNB Chesham then home. I was in the Wrens for 3½ years.

When I came out of the Wrens I went up to London to work travelling daily from Folkestone (the family home). I finally got a flat in London where I worked for a chartered secretary, then for ITV as a book-keeper secretary, then for Austin Reed, not measuring the inside leg – in the office. There were actually Reeds in the firm at that time. All my jobs were in that sphere.

I met George (my husband) whilst I was working for an electrical contractor doing work at Sainsburys, which is where George was working. We married in 1962, and moved to Bishops Stortford where we bought a house. We started our own business in Southgate, North London, heating, plumbing and electrical contractors in about 1963, but changed our trade to move to Braishfield, Hampshire, taking over a Post Office/Village Store in 1974.

We retired in 1987 to the bungalow just outside Milborne St. Andrew. We had bought the site in 1983 as the land was up for sale with just a pair of wooden houses that hadn't been lived in for 20 years. They may have looked like sheds, but they weren't! There was hawthorn and bramble up to the telephone cables, George lost me one day – I was up on the roof taking off the roof tiles. We had already designed the bungalow, called Rangemore (as that is where George was born), but it took us four years to sort it out. We had wonderful wildlife, deer and rabbits – so we had to wire up the vegetable patch! George died in 2005; I moved down into the village two years ago and brought the house name down here with me.



What do I like about Milborne St. Andrew – it's far enough away from the family not to have knocks on the door all the time, though I really value their visits. I also like living here because it is country.

And dislike about Milborne St. Andrew – The infrequent buses. And it would be lovely to have the old fashioned butchers and the old

fashioned bakers. But I'm thankful we've got what we have.

My hobbies – I like knitting and am quite quick at it (*I would say very quick, Pat was wearing a jumper that took three weeks to knit – I take three years! Sue*) I like gardening, but I'm not keen on raking the lawn! I enjoy WI for companionship, and the speakers, the county meetings are also great, Anne Widdecombe came last time.

Claim to fame – I am the last female born in my family, all the nine births since me have been boys, the last one being five years ago. The eldest is 62.

During our time living in the village we were both on the Village Hall Committee, George was in the chair for a while, at the time when there was a big fund raising campaign for the new roof! We were also involved with the Wednesday Club, he was chair and I was secretary when it ran every fortnight. I am involved with Dewlish Ladies Group, formerly a WI as well (11 years ago).

TV programme – I don't like soaps, but do like quizzes, like Pointless. *And finally my Pet Hates* – cats and dogs calling cards, especially in the garden!

Thank you Pat for sharing your life story with us over a cup of tea.

Sue and Heather



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The village hall and bar is open from 7.00pm and the performance starts at 7.30pm.

Tickets: Adults £8.00 / Under 18s £6.00 / Family Ticket (for 4) £25.00. Booking essential. They can be obtained from Alice Harrall on 01258 837371 or from the Londis Village Shop.

Jane Eyre (2011) (15)

Presented by 'Flix in the Sticks' in partnership with 'Film Bank'
at Milborne St. Andrew Village Hall
on Friday 30th March at 7.30pm

THE young Jane Eyre (Amelia Clarkson) is raised by her cruel aunt Sarah (Sally Hawkins) after her parents die of typhus. She is packed off to Lowood, a charity school run by the harsh and hypocritical Mr Brocklehurst (Simon McBurney). There she suffers greatly at the hands of the cold, unusually strict administration until her education is completed and Jane (Mia Wasikowska) arrives at Thornfield to take up a post as governess. There she is treated with kindness and respect by housekeeper Mrs. Fairfax (Judi Dench) and is intrigued and attracted to her employer Rochester (Michael Fassbender). Their prickly interviews are laced with swirling undercurrents of pretence and goading. Happiness seems to have found Jane at last, but could Mr. Rochester's terrible secret be about to destroy it forever?

Both Janes are compelling, with Amelia Clarkson playing the younger Jane and stoically taking undeserved punishments, whilst Ms. Wasikowska's older Jane manages to withstand the strong crosswinds of feeling and the buffeting of unfair circumstances without self-pity, but also without saintly selflessness. The look of this version of *Jane Eyre*, energetically directed by Cary Joji Fukunaga may be the finest of the 27 *Jane Eyre* film and television re-tellings. Close-ups, beautifully framed, capture nuance and detail, while muted milky tones give the windswept moors a compellingly desolate quality. A smart script by Moira Buffini (*Tamara Drewe*) is a splendid example of how to turn a beloved work of classic literature into a movie. The composer Dario Marianelli has infused the original score with travel music that remembers Vaughan Williams sprinkled with a touch of countryside Holst. What is surprising is how vigorous and alive this time-tested rags-to-riches tale is.

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17th	Theft from Motor Vehicle – Wipers stolen	Hopsfield

Due to the recent number of vehicle crimes we have had in January, please consider the following crime prevention points

- Thatcham approved alarms and immobilisers are an excellent deterrent.
- Don't leave anything on display - it's a prime invitation to passers-by. Even an old coat or plastic bag can tempt a thief. If items have to be left in the car, put them out of sight at the start of your journey.
- Portable 'sat-nav' systems are often held in a cradle attached to the windscreen or dashboard in full view, so take it out of the car and place the cradle out of sight in the car boot.
- Cradles alone indicate to offenders that vehicles have 'sat-nav' systems, so ensure that you remove all traces by wiping off the suction marks from the windscreen.
- Property mark the 'sat-nav' with your postcode and house name or number. Make a note of the make, model and serial number and register it free of charge on the National Property Register at www.immobilise.com.
- Get a music system that's removable or has a front that can be taken off and remove iPods and MP3 players.
- Driving documents and personal correspondence could help a thief to sell your vehicle or provide a cover story if stopped by the police - do not keep these in your vehicle.
- Some car thieves break into houses to steal car keys. Always keep the keys in a safe place. Don't leave them in the hallway or kitchen, as these are the obvious places a thief will look.
- Alloy wheels should be secured with locking wheel nuts, which have been tested to withstand attack and meet Category 4 Thatcham approval.
- Steering wheel locks, which have been tested to withstand attack and meet Category 3 Thatcham approval, should be applied every time you leave your vehicle.
- Number plates should be secured with one-way security screws, to prevent them being removed and used in crime.
- If you have a garage at home, use it. If you don't, try to park in a well-lit open place.
- Look for public car parks that are part of the police approved 'Park Mark' Safer Parking Scheme.

Local Cops In Shops

Blandford SNT have been running regular drop in meetings at local businesses and coffee shops in the town throughout February. These meetings have allowed local officers to be more accessible to their communities whilst also making it easier for members of the public to come and chat about any problems, concerns, etc in person to officers without the need to attend the Police Station.

Your SNT officers are going to be outside the Londis shop in Milborne St. Andrew on Thursday 15th, Wednesday 21st and Friday 30th March.



The PACT process has been reviewed nationwide and it has been decided that Blandford PACT will be run under a slightly different

format. Quarterly public meetings were held where most issues could be dealt with very quickly and did not require the three-month time-span they were given.

Therefore, we have decided to bring PACT out into the community

on a regular basis instead of making the public come to us! We will be running specific PACT surgeries complimenting the current Cops in Shops meetings, where members of the PACT panel will join members of Blandford SNT at various locations throughout the year and listen to the issues affecting the community. This will not only allow us to better interact with the general public and local people but also deal with issues in a more timely and effective capacity.

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Bishop's Caundle and Holwell

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Wednesday 21st March – 11.00am

Winterborne Zelston

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Grid reference: SY 897974 on OS Explorer Sheet 117 (approx. 6 miles).

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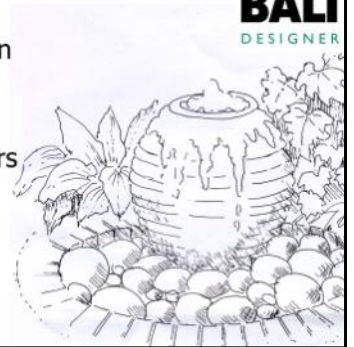
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In your Garden

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Plants for Damp Shade

DO you have one of those awkward little corners or an area of your garden that is damp and shady and you just don't know what to grow? Sometimes damp shade can be easier to manage than dry shade – at least you don't have to keep mulching and watering – and shade doesn't have to completely limit your plant choices. Think of what grows well in woodland areas and you will start to see what you can put in your own garden.

In a shady garden, foliage and texture play a large part in your planting design – flowers are fleeting and secondary. Try combining plants with similar foliage colour but with contrasting leaf shapes and textures. For example the same colour is repeated in the grass *Hakonechloa macra* 'Aureola' and the magnificent large leaves of *Hosta* 'Sum & Substance'. Of course, all hostas love the damp shade but sadly die down in the winter.



Polystichum setiferum

Personally, I like to see something in the garden all year round and ferns fulfil this role admirably. One I particularly like is called *Polystichum setiferum* and is evergreen. You could plant this with a tree fern *Dicksonia antartica* (but protect the crown in the winter with some fleece), and underplant with *Euonymus* 'Emerald Gaiety' for a lighter foliage colour. This can then be interspersed with some flower colour from spring bulbs, primulas, *Iris pseudoacorus*, *Aquilegia* (Granny's Bonnet),

foxgloves, *astrantia* and later in the year *Fuchsias*, Japanese anemones and asters. There you are – no longer a damp, horrible corner of the garden.

Fatsia japonica with its large architectural leaves grows well in the shade and looks decidedly tropical when planted with *Chamaerops humilis* and bamboo. All of these will also survive a very hard frost.

Other plants for shade that you might like to consider are the

evergreen honeysuckle *Lonicera* 'Mint Crisp' with very attractive foliage, 'Holboellia latifolia' a lovely well-behaved evergreen climber with scented flowers early in spring; ground cover perennials *Geranium macrorrhizum* and *Pulmonaria saccherata* with its spotted leaves and pink flowers provide a bit more interest and there are many shrubs to choose from such as hydrangeas, *Viburnum*, *Mahonia* that all need shade to thrive.



Lonicera 'Mint Crisp'

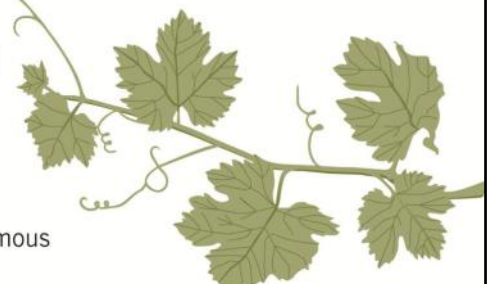
On the pruning front – now is the time to prune deciduous berberis and cotoneaster if they are overgrown. Prune wisteria shoots shortened in summer to two or three buds from the base of last year's growth. Cut rose bushes back by between a third and a half and cut out any dead, diseased or dying material, and pull off any suckers. Late summer and autumn flowering clematis should be pruned this month to the lowest pair of healthy buds – this will avoid a mass of heavy top growth and promote flowering.

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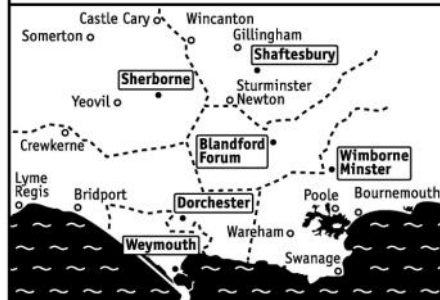


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Maybe you don't want to cycle but are willing to help? St John Ambulance is looking for volunteers to act as Route Marshalls. They would be delighted to hear from you!

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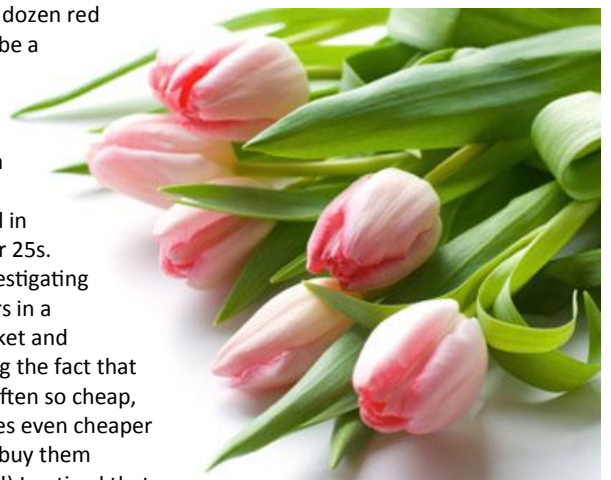
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On investigating the flowers in a supermarket and bemoaning the fact that they are often so cheap, (sometimes even cheaper than I can buy them wholesale!) I noticed that

bunches of tulips are now more often in eights rather than 10s, which obviously plays a part in the price! You may perhaps note the weight of a pack of tomatoes or the content of a carton of yogurt, but how often do you check the stem count of the flowers you buy? It may be worth a second look. Perhaps the price of tulips elsewhere is not really more expensive.



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League leaders fall at Lane End

Milborne Sports 3 Corfe Mullen 0

Previously unbeaten league leaders Corfe Mullen finally lost their unbeaten tag in what proved to be a pulsating contest at Lane End. With both sides having scored regularly over the season it might have been expected for this game to provide more of the same but for the first half hour chances were few and far between with defences on top. Carl McClements should have scored however but delayed his opportunity to allow a defender to get in a vital tackle and clear the ball. Just as it looked as though Corfe were beginning to gain the upper hand, Milborne went ahead five minutes before the break when Cris Pavey's astute pass put McClements in on the right before closing in on goal and comprehensively beating the visiting custodian from close range. Just before the interval Corfe's hopes of drawing level were dashed when a penalty appeal was declined leaving Milborne with the slenderest of leads at the break.

Within a minute of the restart Sports looked certain to extend their lead when McClements' angled driven shot was superbly saved by the keeper only for the ball to rebound to Pavey. His close range effort seemed destined for the back of the net only for the keeper to somehow recover and deflect the ball for a corner. Given fresh hope by this Corfe tried to drive forward but were kept at bay by the Laneenders where skipper Carl Tewkesbury was again producing an excellent performance ably supported by Kevin Seal, 'Jammer' Aldom and also the outstanding Karl Dean. With sixty five minutes on the clock Matty Williams was unlucky not to find the net with a twenty-five yard characteristic angled thunderbolt. Milborne were not to be denied a second however and this duly arrived when Dean made a great challenge on the left flank before McClements cleverly jinked his way along the by-line to cross for the diminutive Pavey to head home from close range.

Sports now looked in control and with Paul Aston and Dom Gaillard once again putting in great shifts Milborne completed the scoring when Phil Lee made a good challenge before releasing the ball, to 'Jammer' Oldham who carefully curled in a clever ball for McClements to chest the ball down before cleverly chipping the advancing keeper to add to his mounting tally. Corfe now had to push forward and almost got a consolation goal but the returning Nick Gregg was equal to the one on one situation saving with his legs to keep another clean sheet.

This was an excellent contest between the top two teams played in a sporting manner with Corfe's keeper having an outstanding afternoon despite conceding three goals. For Milborne, this was a wonderful team performance which enabled them to inflict Corfe's first defeat of the campaign and they will now look to reproduce this form in their remaining fixtures.

Mike Lathbury Chairman



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Setting off from the sports field at the top of the village the Milton Abbas Mile will take in the beautiful village of Milton Abbas and the Street, with the three mile run offering a stunning view over the trees to the abbey at St. Catherines Chapel. This is set to be an incredible event. All the money raised by the public will help people living unimaginably tough lives right here on our doorstep, across the rest of the UK and in some of the world's poorest countries.

Colin Chastey, Club Chairman said "The Milton Abbas Mile is set to be an amazing event. It's fantastic that so many people of Milton Abbas are gathering together to show their support for Sport Relief 2012. But we want this to be the best Sainsbury's Sport Relief Mile yet – so raise your game, enter the Milton Abbas Mile today and join the rest of the nation to raise plenty of cash for an incredible cause!"

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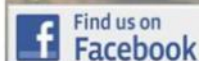
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