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Milborne St. Andrew May Fayre 2012



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Town Criers
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and
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Wednesday Club

ON Wednesday 4th April Eric Austen gave us an interesting and entertaining talk on mediation. Eric was a mediator, but is now retired, for Mediation Dorset which is a charity originally set up in 1993.

Eric pointed out that conflict is a normal part of life and everyone of us has experienced it at some time.

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Eric finally put us into groups of five and gave us each an envelope containing shapes. This activity was called Broken Squares. We then had to work together without speaking (very difficult for some of us!) to make squares with these shapes. He then showed us how we had used many principles of mediation to complete the task.

We all came away from the meeting with a better understanding of the need for and process of mediation.

We are looking forward to our visit to Pecorama on 2nd May.

On Wednesday 6th June there will be cream teas in the Village Hall with live entertainment (watch this space!) £5.00 for members and £6 for visitors.

Further information is available from Margo on 837749.

On 4th July we have a trip to Winchester which will include a train ride on the Watercress Line, £28.00 for members and £30.00 for guests.

As always we look forward to getting together with members, and visitors are warmly welcomed at these events.

Lis Watts



Easter Raffle

A DELIGHTED David Payne shows off his raffle prize of an Easter Hamper at the Friday Drop-In. His ticket was drawn by Martha, the youngest member of the Ladybirds. The Easter raffle generated £25.00 for the Drop-In funds.

Rose and Ed Frost

May Fayre

Appeal for old wellington boots

One of the groups taking part are going to be 'Throwing The Wellie'

However, although they have some old wellies, they do not have sufficient.

Are you able to assist? – please bring your wellies to the village hall field on Saturday 19th May 10.30am

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A village wedding with a touch of history

JO PERRY and MARK LOVETT have got married! On Saturday 14th April Jo and her dad travelled to St. Andrew's Church in the village in a very special little car. Heather and Roy Hogg bought the little 1929 Morris Minor in 1962 for £25, and it was their wedding car on 4th April 1964. And now, 48 years and 10 days later, it was used as a wedding car for Jo and Mark, they also travelled back to Bagber Farm for the reception in a marquee just in front of their cottage.

They were a picture of radiance and happiness. Jo wore a cream underdress with a beautiful lace overlay. The theme was cream, white and purple, the two small bridesmaids were in white with lovely little baskets and the other three in purple with posies.

Jo (Have You Met . . . July/August 2010) came to the village in 2009 as manager of The Royal Oak and has joined lots of organisations in the village since moving here.

Mark, the eldest son of Maureen and Bob Lovett (HYM November 2011) moved to Bladen View in 1967. Mark works at Bagber Farms and he recently ploughed the land ready for the village allotments.

May Fayre Update

SOME gazebos have been kindly donated and have now been allocated. Would all stall holders please ensure that they have one if required.

Setting up: All stall holders to be on site by 10.30am latest.

Next meeting for the May Fayre

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Youth Club Report

AT the Annual General Meeting of MSA Youth Club Committee on Wednesday 21st March 2012, Kevin Maitland-Gleed 'retired' as Chairman after five years and was thanked for his commitment by his new replacement, Rob Sawdy. Sallie Maitland-Gleed had also intended to 'retire' after five years as Secretary and volunteer helper, and had been presented with a card signed by the members and M & S and Boots gift cards at her last session on 9th March, but as yet, a replacement secretary is still to be found and Sallie has agreed to remain as 'Acting' secretary until such time as a kind person steps up!

Michelle Scott remains as Club Leader and reported that although numbers were down on this time last year, we are slowly increasing and have an average attendance of 14. The Milborne Book of Records has been a big hit with the members who regularly try to outdo each other at a wide range of wacky activities. A disco is planned for after Easter and hopefully a visit from the Dorset Fire and Rescue Service.

Vanessa Clarke has kindly agreed to stay on as treasurer and reported that our recently audited accounts remain healthy, although we have had to make up the shortfall on the hall hire some weeks. Kevin thanked her for her sterling work again this year.

We welcomed our two new volunteers to the Committee, the dynamic duo, Amy and Lee Tanswell! Amy has even agreed to be our representative on the Village Hall Committee, whilst Lee stepped in as our Vice Chairman and they are both currently attending various training courses. They were both thanked for their enormous contribution and fantastic enthusiasm.

Anya and Kyle Bruty complete the group, although we shall sadly be losing Kyle when he starts University in the Autumn - Good Luck Kyle! So apart from needing a few new members and a replacement secretary, we are still going strong in spite of an uncertain period last autumn when we had to temporarily close down for a couple of months to reassess the volunteer problem. We wish Michelle well in taking the club forward. Any information, please ring Sallie on 837442.

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Parish Council AGM 18th April

The Agenda contained Annual Reports from:

Chair – Five grit bins were purchased; gritting will be extended to Lane End/Causeway; refilling of the bins, hitherto a free service, will now have to be funded by the PC. The Highways Officer concluded the path by the pub cannot be widened. The planters and seat have been well used. The Allotment Society have made excellent progress. The PC will choose more control over Planning under the new Localism Bill.

Clerk – Accounts show income contained expenditure. Contingency funds not yet used. Anything not earmarked will go to the Allotment Society.

District Councillor (J Somper). The Localism Act afforded more power to influence villages, and more transparency. There would be pooling of resources (e.g. Waste Management); Council Tax has been frozen. Repetition next year requires more Government money.

Village Hall (Paul Tasker) Their AGM is week beginning 23rd April. Their Fields have been registered as QE II Jubilee Playing Fields to ensure future funding.

The Sports Club (Jenny Balcon). They can only cater for football and table tennis. A training pitch is under way.

Footpath Rep (Adrian Hodges), reported a replacement Footpath Officer was needed.

Bus2Go (Margaret Kirk.) There was a successful test day out to Bridport with the Community Bus. She emphasised the social benefits of this flexible service intended for all ages, including the Youth Group, and mothers with young children. The Launch is 8th May at noon at the pub. Scheduled services start 9th May.

WI (Linda Wright). They are currently Quiz Champions of the Weatherby Hill Group. Future Event – 29th April and 6th May Bluebell walk, tea and cakes will be available. Jenny Preston is the new President.

Weatherby Castle Obelisk Maintenance Fund Councillor Hopper summarised its history, and asked for a vote on the use of the fund (£2,400+). The monument isn't under listed protection, those present were keen to preserve it for future generations and voted to retain the fund and continue the maintenance programme. Specialist Lime pointing is required. The Clerk will start a list for those interested in volunteering to help remove undergrowth from its base.

Olympic Torch Report (Clerk) – it will travel through MSA on 12th July at 12.17pm. The PC is to coordinate celebrations and provide public safety. Car parking will be problematic – the industrial estate asked to provide spaces. Everyone will be asked to dress in red, white and blue; there will be a competition for the best dressed adult and child; groups are sought to play music at various points. Refreshments potentially required for an estimated 2,000 onlookers. 1220 volunteer 'marshals' needed for training by the police. A Working Party is open to interested villagers. NDDC will provide a Risk Assessment template.

Carole Fornachon



Dorset Intermediate Cup Final Milborne Sports 4 Lyme Regis 2

(after extra time 2-2 at full time)

AFTER a run of poor results Milborne entered this final as outright outsiders against a team who, as well as being the cup holders, have been unbeaten all season, and who were looking to secure a hat trick of trophies. The game started with both sides very evenly matched although after fourteen minutes it took a great save from Nick Gregg from a far post header to prevent the Seasiders taking the lead. Carl McClements was unlucky not to score after seventeen minutes and a goal was also disallowed for a marginal offside decision against Phil Lee. Twenty-three minutes in Dom Gaillard hit a great volley from seventeen yards out that only just evaded the far post. However it was Lyme who took the lead within a minute when midfielder Batey was able to run from midfield and unleash a great shot from twenty five yards. With thirty-two minutes on the clock the veteran Hawker received his marching orders and reduced Lyme to ten men. However, the Laneenders seemed unable to take advantage until the evergreen Paul Aston met a superb corner from Lee with a header that looked destined for the top corner, only for Mark Bailey to clear from right under the crossbar.

Both teams came out for the second half with intent in what was proving to be a pulsating contest with two different styles of play. With Lyme dangerous at set pieces and quick breaks contrasting against Milborne's short passing game. McClements went very close with a cross shot after fifty minutes but it was looking likely that Lyme would win the trophy as Milborne were unable to convert another opportunity after seventy minutes following great work from Ollie Stanton. Manager Paul Hammond decided to ring the changes and pushed the impressive Karl Dean forward bringing the dependable Jammer Aldom in to the left back position. The game was then turned on its head after eighty minutes when Dean chased down a loose ball at the far post to superbly hold off his opponent before deftly placing the ball across the keeper into the far corner. Within another minute Milborne were in front when Chris Skinner cleverly beat his marker before scoring with a well placed shot across the Lyme keeper. Lyme swept forward looking for an equaliser and Sports just needed to run the game down. However with barely a minute left of injury time, they conceded a free kick which was swung in to the far post for a neat header to find its way into the bottom corner.

Extra time was now necessary and with both sides tiring more chances were becoming available. Ross Heaton's introduction just before the end of full time gave another dimension to Milborne's play, and both keepers had to make great saves to prevent further goals. The Laneenders skipper Carl Tewkesbury was having a formidable game and urged his team on. However, it looked more and more certain penalties would be needed to decide this nail biting contest until Chris Skinner produced a moment of magic carrying the ball forward on the right flank before hitting an unstoppable drive from twenty-five yards past the flailing arms of the big Seasiders custodian, with three minutes of extra time left. With a minute left Lyme again had another free kick and pushed all eleven players forward in a desperate attempt to equalise. However the ball broke and Aston headed the ball forward to find the hobbling McClements just over the half way line with just the keeper in front of him. Seizing his opportunity he placed the ball from fully

forty-five yards to see it slowly cross the line to make it 4-2 to the delight of the Milborne team and their supporters.

With only a minute to go Lyme were forced to concede defeat against a Milborne outfit whose players were all a credit to their club, who have been resurgent following a couple of decades in the football wilderness. With six league games remaining, hopefully they will now show the same resilience to try and gain promotion.

Man of the Match: Carl Tewkesbury.

Mike Lathbury

News from the Milborne Mini Soccer Club

AS we approach the end of the mini football league season, the Milborne Mini Soccer Club are looking forward to a number of tournaments throughout the summer. As always our Under 7s managed by Andy Brown and our Under 8s managed by Stuart Joyce continue to grow in confidence and to approach each game with a good attitude and team spirit. The club continues to grow in number with more and more members joining the Under 5s and Under 6s especially.

We are all extremely excited about the future. The work on the new pitch development is now complete with the new mini pitches ready to play on by the end of the year. And we look forward to a new kit for next season.

Fund-raising still continues in earnest and we hope to welcome as many people from the local community to our Family Fun Day to be held on Saturday 12th May from 4.00pm. Please do try and get there from the start. We will have stalls and attractions, licensed bar and BBQ, Bouncy Castle and other games for children and adults alike; including an exciting tug of war event with the parents and coaches of the mini soccer members versus the pub team. If you would like to sign up for either team please see either Sarah in The Royal Oak or Marie up at the mini football club. We will then have a presentation for all our mini soccer members at 5.45pm followed by live music until 8.00pm. We expect this to be a really good fun, good value day out for all the family.

The Milborne Mini Soccer Club is run by the people of Milborne and surrounding area for the children of Milborne and surrounding area, so we really do hope you will come and support us.

If you have any queries regarding the Family Fun Day, membership, coaching (we always welcome new members and are still looking to recruit new coaches, Training Wednesday evenings term-time 5.00-7.00pm) please contact Marie Hayter, Club Secretary on 01258 837241/07917 854719.

Losing our listed Building

THE Chancellor has thought of a really great way to raise more money; listed buildings, which so far have been exempt from paying VAT on their building works, are about to have that exemption taken away. If you're thinking, 'So what, it doesn't affect me', well, it does – we have a listed building in this village dating from the 1100s and open to all – our church.

Regulations for work to listed buildings are very strict and expensive to carry out coupled with health and safety factors. Churches have regular five yearly inspections when we are told what work must be carried out. This new legislation, if it is passed, will affect churches and cathedrals all over the country. An extra 20% on bills will be crippling.

Perhaps you feel our beautiful building is of no use to you personally. Think of weddings, baptisms, funerals or Mothering Sunday, Easter, Christingle, carols by candlelight and so many more. **Gone** in Milborne if our church has to close because we can't afford to carry out necessary work.

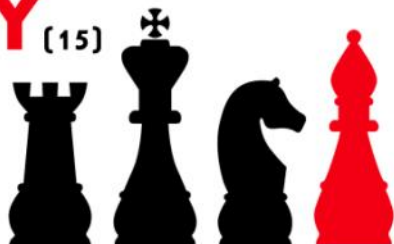
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We are going to continue our growing activities this term. Thank you to Jo and Mark for clearing the small border ready (and in the week before their wedding!) Our potatoes are now planted in bags and a little greenery starting to show so all is looking good there. We are going to plant sunflower seeds for the children to take home – parents be warned – then later in the summer we will see whose grew the tallest.



One of our children has grandparents who live on a farm and they gave permission for mum to bring in a new born lamb to

see us. This caused great excitement and all the children had an opportunity to stroke and get a close look at the little fellow before he was returned to his mum.

The older children visited the First School and took part in the traditional egg rolling. Well done to Toby Joyce whose egg went furthest. He covered his hard boiled egg with silver foil as he told us a shiny egg would go furthest – and he was right!

Liz Dyer



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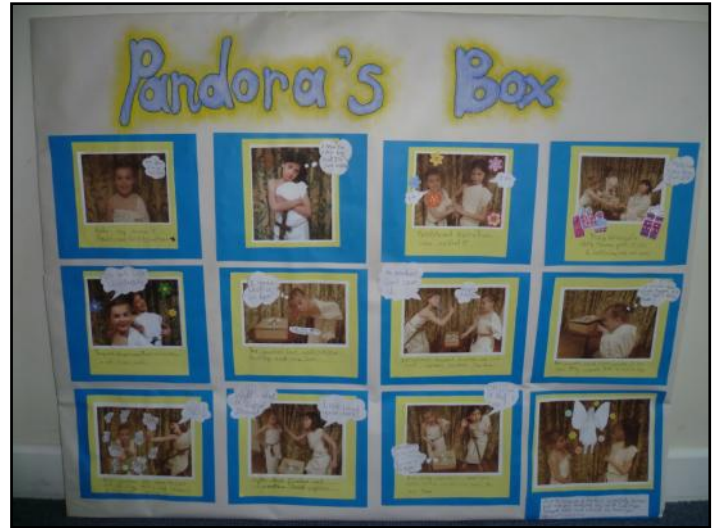
THE Spring term has seen pupils learning about the Greeks. In Owls class the year 3 and 4 children have produced some amazing models and project work which they showed to parents during their class assembly. They all dressed as Greeks for the day and enjoyed a traditional feast including their home made Ambrosia. On the last



day of term the year 2 pupils joined Cheselbourne School to see a fabulous production by the touring English National Opera about the story of the Trojan Horse.

Earlier in the term Friends of School hosted a very successful family Bingo evening and Owls class ended the term with a final Maths café, where families were welcomed and served by the children who used the opportunity not only to practice their social skills but also their maths skills.

On Friday 23rd March everyone came to school dressed as a sports person in exchange for a donation to Sport Relief. During the afternoon the children took part in sport related activities in their house teams, including relay races and circus skills. We were



delighted to be able to donate £90 to the charity and were thankful to the organisers of the Milton Abbey Sport Relief Mile, who arranged for all pupils to receive a medal for their efforts and contributions.

Our Easter celebrations were held on Wednesday 28th March. All children were accompanied by family and friends for an Easter service in St. Andrew's Church. Rev Sarah Hillman welcomed us all to church, where the children performed parts of the Easter story, highlighting the role of friendship and forgiveness. On returning to school everyone was treated to Hot Cross Buns before our traditional egg rolling event. During the morning parents also had the opportunity to meet representatives of the Early Intervention Service who offer support to parents of children from 0-19 years. They run a regular "Parent Pitstop" for friendly advice at the United Church in Dorchester every Monday morning. For further contact details please call the school office.

CONTACTS

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Embroidery – the Japanese way at the April WI

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Dates for the diary include; The first of our **Bluebell Teas** will be held on 29th April from 11.00am to 4.00pm at 'Wakefield', Dewlish Road, with parking at Coles Farm (if you miss this, another will follow on 6th May). A reminder from Pat Shipton about the **Group Walk** at Sturminster Marshall on 25th June, to meet at White Mill. For the **May Fayre** on the 19th May we are reminded to keep filling jars for the Jarbola stall.

Our thoughts are with two of our members, Sheila Bird and Margaret Daniels, both recovering in hospital; we hope to see them fit and well before long.

Business over, we welcomed Mrs Jennifer Orchard who had brought along some of her own superb examples of Japanese



embroidery to show us. The quality of the embroidery was such that we were amazed she had only been a practitioner since 2001. Japanese embroidery is 'silk on silk' using only the finest quality silk thread on a silk background, and the technique such that the finished effect becomes three-dimensional. The designs and colours used reflect traditional Japanese culture. Jennifer took us through the various phases of her learning, showing examples from each phase, right up to her simply gorgeous graduation piece. Her enthusiasm for the art is such that she admits to taking on a job simply to pay for the tuition and the silks. She had also brought along a magnificent wedding kimono and a 'coming of age' kimono, both heavily embroidered. We have some very experienced needlewomen in the WI, but, in her vote of thanks, Nelda spoke for many when she thanked Jennifer for introducing us to the art of Japanese embroidery.

Please do join us at our next meeting on Thursday 10th May, when Lori Hillman will discuss acupuncture. You are assured of a warm welcome and we would love to see you there. *Pat Bull*

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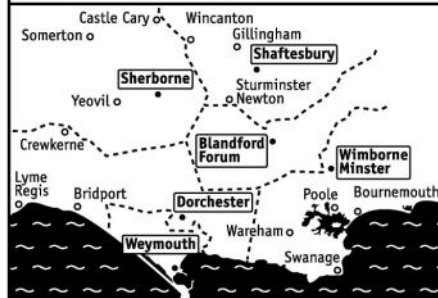
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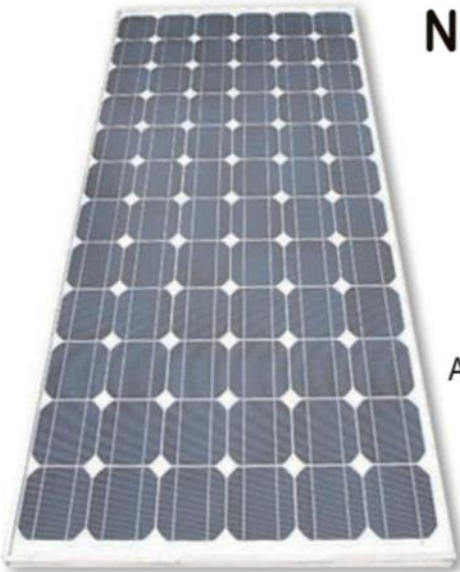
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Did you identify this?

Congratulations again to Paul Hoskins who for the second month running contacted one of the team to say the picture last month is on Mr and Mrs Yeo's workshop in Milton Road.

Reporter winners of Quiz

THE JJSS team (aka Reporter) composed of (left to right) Sue Gould, Susan Cawley, Janet Allen and Josie Wright won the Village Hall Quiz on Saturday 14th April. Presented with the trophy/shield by Linda Wright (a brilliant question-master) and member of last year's winning team "the Holy Orders".

Seven teams competed in the competition with an excellent range of questions prepared by "The Holy Orders". Proceeds from the evening will be used to support the Village Hall.



Age Concern Blandford needs more volunteers

AGE Concern Blandford are looking for another person to join their team of volunteers manning the office. You need a friendly manner in dealing with people and a willingness to learn how to use the filing system and give basic advice and information to callers-in. Initially you would sit in on interviews and then work alongside a more experienced volunteer until you felt confident to see clients on your own. Enquiries you deal with might include assisting in filling in forms or directing a person to debt advice, housing assistance or a club. (There is a separate benefits adviser who sees clients by appointment.)

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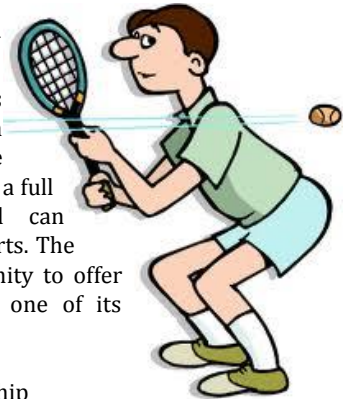
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Anyone for tennis

SEEKING existing (and would like to) adult and junior tennis players from the local community to show interest and support in forming a local village Tennis Club.

Meeting - Thursday 3rd May Village Hall at 7.00pm.

Proposal: To form a local tennis club for adults and children in Milborne St. Andrew located at the village hall multi sports area. It has a full size tennis court facility and can accommodate two mini tennis courts. The facility provides an ideal opportunity to offer tennis within the community as one of its major uses in the future.



Aims:

- Offer Adult and Junior membership
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- Regular ladies, men's and mixed sessions as appropriate

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How you can show your interest and support!

1. Come along to the village hall on Thursday 3rd May at 7.00pm for presentation and discussion.
2. Call 01258 837734.

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'Ancient Olympian' is the name of the class for the 'most lovable senior' over seven years old and the 'Adonis & Aphrodite' class will determine the best dog or bitch. Blandford vet, Mr David Harding from Damory Clinic is once again charged with the difficult task of judging Milborne's array of dogs. He'll have the pleasure of casting his experienced eye over 'Junior Olympian', the puppy class for dogs up to 18 months.

The sixth and final class is called 'Total Recall – an Olympic test'. Will your dog be able to traverse the minefield of temptation (sausages, balls, toys) that lies between him and you without lingering and come immediately back to your feet? This class could be a lot of fun!

Runners-up prizes, kindly donated by Wagg foods, are being awarded with a silver or bronze rosette too and gold rosettes with prizes awarded for first place. So come along and register from noon on May Fayre day. The dog show will commence at 2.00pm. Many thanks go to the *Reporter* for their support.

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- Thai red cockles
- Pork, apricot and pistachio terrine with red onion confit and toast
- Warm salad of chicken, bacon and pine nuts with sherry vinegar

MAINS

- Rump steak with hand cut chips, rocket and red wine jus (gf)
- Pork and cider pie with mash and spring greens
- Roasted halibut with stewed red lentils and olives (gf)
- Breaded plaice with hand cut chips, proper mushy peas and tartare sauce
- Wild mushroom risotto with horseradish cream (v)
- Sweet piquillo pepper linguine with goat cheese (v)

(Most main meals are available in smaller appetite portions)

DESSERTS

- Vanilla panna cotta with stewed strawberry compote (gf)
- White chocolate and raspberry tart (v)
- Red wine poached pear with pistachio ice cream (v)
- Chocolate brownie with vanilla ice cream (v)
- Cranachan of Chantilly cream, whiskeyed raspberries and caramelised oats(v)
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Macular Disease Support Group

MACULAR Degeneration (or Macular Disease) (MD) are terms for conditions which lead to loss of central vision due to damage to the macular, a small part of the retina at the back of the eye. It is the most common cause of visual impairment in the developed world. In the UK around 250,000 people are registered as visually impaired because of MD and roughly the same number are affected to a lesser degree.

If you have MD or are close to someone who has, you will know what a frustrating condition it can be. People with MD may not read, drive or recognise faces easily. The most high profile, recently diagnosed sufferer is Dame Judi Dench.

It is difficult to estimate how many of those are Dorset residents. If you are a sufferer, or are aware of someone who is, please contact Edna Moore on 01258 454 169 or dmoore994@btinternet.com

She has set up the Blandford Forum Macular Disease Support Group which meets on the first Tuesday of every month from 2.00pm to 4.00pm at The United Reformed Church, Salisbury Street, Blandford Forum, DT11 7PX. These meetings are open to anyone affected by central vision loss. Carers/supporters/relatives are most welcome.

Since its beginning in October 2011, 20 people have attended.

Presentations and talks are given which enable members to access information e.g. digital imaging and technical aids vital to problem solving. It also encompasses befriending which adds to well being. Members are supportive, able to talk about their situations and problems and be listened to sympathetically but with practical advice. Case histories are discussed on a personal basis.

The central location has plenty of car parking space. However we are aware that for many sufferers in outlying villages such as this, isolation and possible lack of transport are important issues. We are working towards obtaining some form of communal transport but at present lifts can be arranged for those who would like to attend.

There is a warm, friendly welcome for all those who wish to come along together with tea/coffee and biscuits! Please let Edna know of your interest and discuss your situation with her at length.

MD changes lives, but that doesn't mean life stops if you have MD.

I am the Secretary (and Fund-Raiser) for the group and live in the village. It would be good to see MSA benefit from this new venture. I look forward to seeing you at the next meeting on 1st May 2012.

Carole Fornachon

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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 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 cake 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.

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PRESS RELEASE

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The Lost Chord (Dave Townsend and Phil



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Milborne's torch carriers

Geography student Ben Hanger

BELOW is a copy of the story that was written by my ex-head of year when I was a student at Lytchett Minster School and is the story that got me selected to be a torch bearer.

"Ben Hanger, aged 18, is Head Boy at Lytchett Minster School. Ben is an influential leader who provides substantial support to the Sixth Form team. He has led many fund raising activities to benefit local charities. With the help of a former student, Ben organised an abseil, raising over £3,000 for the Outward Bound Trust and the Sixth Form refurbishment scheme, whilst providing fun and challenge for students. Ben has also formed strong links with the Rotary, NSPCC and Lions Club, improving the Sixth Form's participation in the local community. Ben's sister, Melissa, was diagnosed with a rare condition of the spine, Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy, in 2007. She was admitted to Great Ormond Street Children's Hospital (GOSH) to improve muscle strength and manage the chronic pain. Thanks to Ben's constant support with physiotherapy, Melissa now attends school regularly after missing two years of her education. To repay the hospital, Ben walked the Great Wall of China in 2010, raising over £7,000. In addition he has raised £3,500 for numerous other charities. Ben's determination has inspired everyone around him and he has encouraged others to get involved in the community and in school. Ben puts everyone else's needs before his own; he is extremely motivated to help others and his determination, drive and caring attitude are outstanding. He is a fantastic young man, a complete credit to himself, his school and community and his achievements truly deserve to be recognised."



Ben trekking the Great Wall of China.

support Great Ormond Street Hospital so passionately as I feel the work done at the hospital is fantastic and is truly worth supporting!

I am particularly keen to get involved with the community of Milborne St. Andrew before I carry the torch in order to gain support on the day as it will be such an experience for everyone. I am willing to come and visit the local school and local businesses however if you could perhaps help me by informing me of the best people to contact I would be most grateful!"

Ben says:

"I am no longer a student at Lytchett Minster School and have moved on to study geography at Royal Holloway, University of London. The abseil that myself and a former student of Lytchett ran was an abseil from Poole water tower in which over 100 students participated in order to raise money for the Outward Bound Trust and to raise money to refurbish run down areas of the school. I strongly support the rotary club of Poole Bay and have helped out fundraising with them on numerous occasions, I was nominated for Rotary young citizen of the year award 2012. In 2010 I was a finalist at the Bournemouth and Poole young stars award for helping my sister towards recovery. This is why I

Vegan marathon runner Sandra Hood

I AM thrilled and humbled to have been chosen to be an Olympic Flame Torch bearer in Milborne St. Andrew on 12th July. I was nominated because of the charity work I do by a colleague, Marianne Littleford, who does a lot for charities herself including Diabetes UK. I work as a dietitian for the NHS and love my job. Marianne believes that I practice what I preach and I suppose I do. Many people don't realise the impact lifestyle has on many medical conditions and I like to think I wouldn't ask anyone to do anything that I wouldn't do. I follow a vegan diet which I believe is good for health being low in saturated fat (good for your heart), rich in fruits and vegetables (protects against cancer) and high in fibre (great for filling you and watching your weight!). I am nutrition adviser for The Vegan Society in a voluntary capacity, and this ranges from providing advice to parents bringing their children up on a vegan diet who want to make sure they are providing all the nutrients their child needs, or an elderly person in a residential home who is struggling to get a vegan diet provided, or just helping people to take the next step to becoming vegan for ethical or health reasons.

I like to keep fit and running is my relaxation. I was fortunate enough to get a place in the 2011 London Marathon, this was the first time I had taken part and I was thrilled to do it in 3 hours 41 minutes which gave me automatic entry this year being "good for age"! I sometimes think people see vegans as being weak and weedy and I hope I proved otherwise! I ran it in aid of Compassion in World Farming, an amazing charity dedicated to campaigning to improve the welfare of animals farmed for food. Although I would personally prefer that no one ate animals, I realise that this is just my own



Sandra doing her first triathlon last year!

ethical choice, so I do what I can to help raise awareness to end factory farming so that millions of animals can at least have a better quality of life until they are slaughtered. I also encourage people to eat less meat for their health and to reduce the unsustainable demand for meat that is contributing to the destruction of our planet.

I co-founded Compassion's local supporter group, Compassionate Dorset. We have information stalls at Dorset events and I am running a free cookery workshop at the Dorset Women's Day on 28th April at the Dorford Centre in Dorchester to show how you can eat a delicious inexpensive meal without animal ingredients. I do have a love for cooking and enjoy showing people how delicious vegan food can be.

My main passion is for animals and I have an ex-racing greyhound and a very old stray cat. My idea of a relaxing weekend would be going for a run, taking my dog for a long walk and then sitting in the garden with a nice piece of cake (which I plan to do after the excitement of carrying the Olympic Torch!).

I am looking forward to Compassionate Dorset members cheering me on as I carry the Olympic Flame as I'll probably be quite nervous but will also feel very proud to be able to be a part of Olympic history here in Dorset and I'll also be flying the flag for healthy and compassionate living too!

Community Contacts

More information about many community organisations can be found on www.milbornestandrew.org.uk

Councils

Environment Agency Floodline		0845 9881188
North Dorset District Councillor	Emma Parker	01258 881631
	Jane Somper	01258 471089
Parish Council – Dewlish	Clerk: Pat Gubbins	01258 881348
	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	June Maitland	01258 837235

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
Community Beat Officer	PC Dave Mullins	01202 223003
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School

Milborne 1st School		
Headteacher:	Neil McDermott	01258 837362
Chair Governors:	Jessica Doodes	
Friends of School Chair:	Kate Connolly	

Special Interest

Bellringers	Pip Bowell	01258 837329
Bridge Group	Laurie Benn	01258 837720
Food and Wine Society	Maureen Lock	01258 837929
MSA Allotment Society Chair:	Jo Lovett	01258 837957
Secretary:	Sue Gould	01258 837575
MSA Friendly Art Group	Elaine Anthony	01258 837089
MSA Gardening Club	Sally Dyer	01258 837061
Milborne Players	Roy Sach	01258 837033
Modern Sequence Dancing	Brian Webber	01935 812347
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Sport

Abbey Swimming Club	Pat Cowan	01258 880601
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Adult Tap Dancing Milton Abbas	Libby Goodchild	01305 268029
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Athletics – Junior	David Pearson	01258 837057
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Circuit Training and Pilates	Claire Barratt	01929 554999
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Cricket – Dewlish	Elaine Kellaway	01258 837696
Cricket Club – Milton Abbas	Andy Smith	01258 880310
Cricket – Junior (U11 – U13)	Andy Smith	01258 880310
Football – Adult	Matt Hall	07846 262717
Football – Reserve Team	Tom Lane	07786 156335
Football – Under 11s	Marie Hayter	01258 837241
Running Group	Anne-Marie Pearson	01258 837057
Skittles – Dewlish	Frank Ross	01258 837366
Sports Club		
Chairman:	Jenny Balcon	01258 837121
Bookings:	Alice Harrall	01258 837371
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Village Hall

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May

Wednesday 2nd	Wednesday Club Trip to Pecorama.
Thursday 3rd	Tennis Meeting Village Hall 7.00pm – see pages 12 and 35.
	May Fayre Meeting The Royal Oak 8.00pm.
Saturday 5th	Car Boot Sale Milborne St. Andrew First School 10.30pm – see page 11.
Sunday 6th	Bluebell Teas Wakefield, Dewlish Road 11.00am to 4.00pm.
Thursday 10th	WI Village Hall 7.30pm.
Friday 11th	Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy Village Hall 7.30pm.
Saturday 12th	Milborne St. Andrew Open Gardens from 10.30am to 5.00pm.
	Family Fun Day Milborne Sports Club 4.00pm – see page 9.
Sunday 13th	Annual Plant Sale Village Hall 10.00am to 12.30pm.
Wednesday 16th	Annual Parish Council Village Hall 7.30pm.
Saturday 19th	May Fayre and Dog Show Village Hall Field – see pages 3, 13 and 35.
Friday 25th	The Iron Lady Village Hall 7.30pm.
Saturday 26th	Jubilee Village Lunch Village Hall 12.15pm – see page 7.

June

Saturday 2nd	Needlecraft Exhibition Village Hall Committee Room – see page 15.
Sunday 3rd	Jubilee Breakfast St. Andrew's Church 8.30am.
Wednesday 6th	Wednesday Club Cream Teas Village Hall 2.00pm. – see page 2.

Milton Abbas and Milborne St. Andrew Surgery appointments timetable

AM 9.00am–11.00am PM 4.00pm–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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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 9.00–10.30am
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 9.00–10.30am
Thursday PM	Dr Rees			Milton Abbas 4.00–5.00pm
Friday AM	Dr Longley or Dr Rees	Dr Trickey		Milton Abbas 9.00–10.30am
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! Plans to be announced.
Artsreach Events – look out for the posters.

Check Village Hall Notice Board for any other events that are one off for you to join in with.

Regular Bookings at the First School

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

May at the Sports Pavilion

The Busy Bees Under 5 Group from 9.30am 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.
Football
Adult football training – Tuesday evening – contact Matt Hall email mattyoan@hotmail.co.uk.
6–11 year olds on Wednesday evenings.

MILBORNE ST ANDREW OPEN GARDENS

St. Andrew's Church Open Gardens event is on
Saturday 12th May

15 gardens will be open from **10.30am to 5.00pm**

Adults £4.00, Accompanied Children Free

There will be **Morning Coffee and Cakes** in the village hall
Special Lunches at the Royal Oak
and **Cream Teas** in the afternoon

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



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Living life to the full

ONE of the privileges of being a parish priest is the honour of conducting funeral services. To be with a family when its members are at such a vulnerable time is very moving, and I often feel humbled by how open with me people are, who may never have met me before. Death is something that none of us can avoid for ever, and many people go through the pain of bereavement while on this earth.

As well as bringing sadness and pain, the death of someone we love can also bring into sharp focus the idea of our own mortality. As we grow older, it is something of which we become more aware. Rarely do young people, unless they have been faced with death or live with a life-threatening illness, think about their own lives as limited.

But part of maturing and growing is that we become more aware of the fragile nature of human life. Thinking about our mortality can help us to reflect on how we wish to use "the time left to us here on earth", as a prayer in the modern-language Church of England funeral service puts it. That prayer seeks God's wisdom and grace "to use aright the time left to us here on earth to turn to Christ and to follow in his steps".

We can choose one of two ways to live. Charles Kingsley summed it up well in the names he gave to two of his characters in his book *The Water Babies*: Mrs Be-done-by-as-you-did and Mrs Be-as-you-would-be-done-by. The former punished those who had acted badly; the latter was a nurturing mother figure who treated others as she wished to be treated herself.

The idea of the Golden Rule – treat others as you would like to be treated – appears to have been first articulated by the ancient Greek philosophers, but it is an idea that appears in many philosophies and religions. Jesus said: "In everything do to others as you would have them do to you." (Matthew 7.12).

Following the Golden Rule and the Two Great Commandments that Jesus gave his followers – You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and soul and mind and strength, and You shall love your neighbour as yourself – is one way of approaching the time that is left to us in a positive way, that will bring joy and encouragement to others and provide us with stability and hope.

The funeral-service prayer talks of following in Christ's steps. These three sayings provide us a simple way of doing that. It's all so very simple – and yet sometimes so hard to live out. No wonder the prayer asks for God's wisdom and grace!

With best wishes

Sarah Hillman

MILBORNE ST. ANDREW CHURCH NOTES

Very special celebrations at Easter

HOLY WEEK started on Palm Sunday when the whole of the dramatised Gospel of St. Mark was read during the service by several people in the congregation. On Maundy Thursday Roy took the midday Communion service while, in the evening, some of us attended the Agape Supper at Dewlish. This was led by Norman and is a very moving service. Our thanks to Jim and Daphne for providing the supper.

The Easter Experience in MSA Village Hall on Good Friday was attended by 20 children who were helped to make hot cross buns, chocolate crispies and the decorating of Easter biscuits. A very busy table was in action decorating polystyrene Easter eggs and Palm crosses. The children were then escorted on a Passion walk to the church, stopping off at the Old Rectory garden to have prayers for Jesus and special prayers for people they knew.

After this quiet time there was a search for items, one being a cockerel which led to Sarah telling the story of Peter. The group then proceeded to the churchyard where they found the big wooden cross and Sarah continued with the Easter Story. On entering the church they were shown the Easter garden where they left their decorated Palm crosses.

On Easter Day we arrived at church to find a beautiful display of flowers, including the lilies of remembrance. After the service there was an Easter egg hunt. Thank you to everyone who helped in any way to make this Easter celebration very special.

On Wednesday 28th March the whole of Milborne First School and many parents were welcomed into church for their Easter Celebration. This took the form of the children telling the Easter Story with acting and singing, which was very well done. We appreciate that Mr McDermott, the new head teacher, is keeping in good contact with our church.

CHURCH SERVICES May 2012

Thursday 3rd May

12noon Lunch-time Communion Milborne

6th May – Easter 5

9.30am Parish Communion Tolpuddle
9.30 Family Communion Milborne
11.00 Holy Communion Puddletown
With Sunday Seekers and Creche
6.00pm 1662 Evensong Dewlish

13th May – Easter 6

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

THURSDAY 17th May – Ascension Day

6.30am Morning Prayer Dewlish on hill by mast
12noon Lunch-time Holy Communion Puddletown

20th May – Easter 7

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

27th May – Pentecost

9.30am All-Age Worship Tolpuddle
9.30 1662 Holy Communion Milborne
11.00 Family Communion Puddletown
With Sunday Seekers and Creche
11.00 Family Service Dewlish

MORNING PRAYERS

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

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Flowers – w/e Saturday

28th April and 5th May Eve Richardson
12th and 19th May Lin Chatfield
26th May and 2nd June Tony Fox

Pat stands down as churchwarden

At the Annual Parish Meeting on 15th April Pat Tribe stood down as churchwarden and John Wright was voted in to replace her. We are extremely grateful to Pat for her hard work at Milborne Church. Pat was presented with a garden sun lounge. Pat has been a great help to our church for many, many years and will continue to serve on the PCC, look after church flowers and do the many other jobs she quietly carries out behind the scenes. I have found it a pleasure to work with Pat over the past four years. She has taught me a lot and has become a very good friend.

Full complement of PCC members

The Parish Meeting was followed by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting which was attended by members on the church electoral roll. They approved and adopted the annual accounts and report for 2011. There are some copies of this report left in church for anyone to read.

Carolyn Martin, our PCC secretary, who has resigned, was presented with a bouquet of flowers in recognition of her hard work over the past four years. We have two new members joining the PCC which means we have a full complement of PCC members this year. Andy Mott will continue as treasurer and Pam Shults has taken over as secretary.

The Rev. Sarah Hillman gave her report on the first six months she has been with us. She said she had been welcomed throughout the benefice and greatly appreciated the help and guidance she had received from the Rev. Sarah Godfrey. *Eva Stockley, Churchwarden*

Celebrations and events to look forward to during the next three months:

Milborne open gardens. On Saturday 12th May 15 gardens will be open to the public between 10.30am and 5.00pm. Four of these have never been opened before so even if you have visited in previous years there will be something fresh to see. Morning coffee and cake will be served in the Village Hall, with cream teas from 2.00pm. A good lunch can be had at The Royal Oak. Admission to all 15 gardens is £4 for adults (accompanied children free). Please come and support this event, the profits of which will be shared between St. Andrew's Church and Mosaic, a local charity working with bereaved children.

At Milborne May Fayre on Saturday 19th May St. Andrew's Church will be running the cake stall. If anyone would like to donate a home-made cake, please bring it along to the Village Hall by 12noon if possible.

Milborne has talent! On Saturday 2nd June (2.00-5.00pm) there will be an exhibition of needlecrafts in Milborne Village Hall Committee Room. Come along and see what a variety of things can be created with needle and thread. Admission 50p. Tea, coffee and

home-made cakes will be on sale. Any profit will be given to Longmead Community Farm as it is a local charity. Longmead supports families in crisis. Residential stays give 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. *Please support this worthy cause.*

On **Jubilee Sunday** (3rd June) we are organising a breakfast at 8.30am in church followed by our Communion service at 9.30am.

On Saturday 30th June (9.30-11.30am) we are holding a **Coffee Morning** and nearly new clothing stall at the Village Hall. This takes place before the Village Lunch so please come a little earlier and see what we have for sale. Profits will go to Milborne Church.

On Sunday 1st July in St. Andrew's we will be celebrating our morning service (please note the different starting time of 10.00am) with music provided for our hymns by a folk band, which is traditional as we help celebrate Roger's Rant weekend. There will also be a concert in church during the evening. Please watch the notice board for further details.

At **Athelhampton House Benefice Fete** on August Bank Holiday Monday (27th) St. Andrew's Church will be staffing the bric-a-brac stall and toy stall with lucky dip. Please let us have any good condition toys which your children have finished playing with. Further details to follow.

DEWLISH CHURCH NOTES

Funds for church and Water Aid

WE were delighted to see so many people at our Spring Sale and Coffee Morning, and were very grateful for all the donations to the stalls. We raised £381.76 for church funds. Many thanks to all who helped and gave so generously.

Although only 10 people attended the Agape Supper, it was still a wonderful service and supper. Thank you so much to Norman for leading it. The surplus on the evening has been included with our Lent Lunch monies and has been sent to Water Aid, the total amounting to £269.

The Lent Lunches were delicious, with a great variety of soups. We thank Audrey, Judith, Jim, Sue and Daphne for being such good hosts.

Our church again looked beautiful on Easter Sunday, with lovely floral displays which had been arranged by our very talented flower ladies. We had a wonderful service, which included the baptism of Timothy Britton. It was so good to see the church so full.

Daphne Burg

Church Cleaning - w/e Saturday

5th May Josie Wright and Pat Tribe
12th May Carolyn Martin and Elizabeth Walker
19th May Margaret Hurley and Eva Stockley
26th May Geoff and Pat Bull



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).



100 CLUB WINNERS

Draw Date - Tuesday 10th April 2012

1st prize	£100	Pip Bowell
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The next draw is at 8.00pm in The Royal Oak, on Tuesday 15th May

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June Maitland 837235 or Denise Sanderson 837049

Christian Fellowship Group in Milborne

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

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LETTERS TO THE REPORTER

Dear Editor

Thank you for putting my letter in the MSA magazine. There was a good response and the assurance I needed that no independent dairy operated in Milborne. I did find a sample milk carton from the 1930's when the factory opened and produced milk in waxed cartons for the London retail market. I also met three old colleagues from the time I worked there which developed into a re-union at The Royal Oak on the 27/3/12 bringing together more than 40 ex staff which was a great day for everyone. I think there will be another get together in the autumn for a buffet and natter. I did get some milk bottles from residents in the village of dairies unknown to me which was a result I was hoping for.

Regards, Peter Hayward

Dear Reporter

Further to the note in last month's Reporter about the new film projection system in the village hall I would like to comment.

I went to the showing of Jane Eyre and came away tremendously impressed. We have got so used to clever technology and fancy cinemas that it is a surprise to find something so good on our doorstep.

The screen in the hall is an excellent size and with the new projector suspended from the ceiling means there is no distortion. Additionally the sound system is much more discrete and very effective. And as for the price, £3 for a viewing and an ice cream. I did not even have to be a pensioner for that price.

Since then I have been to Tower Park where we paid nearly £20 for a film on top of which we had to travel, which costs time and fuel and no ice cream!

Thank you, village hall, for another positive move.

Pip Howell
Bladen View

Thank you

'Holidays for Heroes' would like to thank everyone who supported our Coffee Morning at the Royal Oak on 2nd April. We made a profit of £175, which will pay for a flight for someone to go away on a much needed break from treatment.

Thanks particularly to Andy and Sarah

Fox, and to the team of helpers who turned their hands to cutting cake, selling books and tombola tickets, and all the other jobs involved in holding the event.

For those who couldn't make the Coffee Morning, 'Holidays for Heroes' will be taking a stall at Weymouth Veterans' Weekend on 23rd and 24th June, and at Tankfest at the Tank Museum, Bovington on 30th June and 1st July. We'd love to see you at either event.

Kind regards,

Susan Cawley, Holidays for Heroes.

Letter to the editor

As a resident of MSA and a dog owner I am perpetually frustrated at the conduct of some of the other dog owning residents, who clearly have no regard for their neighbours or the village in which they live, by virtue of the fact that they allow their dogs to defecate on the roads, paths and even the private verges around the village.

The provision of dog waste bins in this village is exemplary, and yet we have residents who cannot be bothered to collect their dog's faeces, deposited only a few feet from these bins: who are these people? Why would they do this? Why would someone pollute their own environment?

What is even harder to understand are the number of dog owning residents, who go to the trouble of collecting dog faeces in plastic bags, then either leave these bags by the side of the path or toss them into hedges or fields: what sort of person does this? Why are there so many people, engaging in this antisocial conduct, from such a small village population? What drives someone to litter the area in which they live, with plastic bags full of dog faeces? There are a number of these people living among us, someone must know who they are. Someone reading this engages in this unfathomable activity.

We even have one charming dog walker, who thinks it acceptable to mark the route of his walks with a trail of discarded cigar tins [Hamlet], someone must know who this is?

Surely, it is not too much to ask, that dog owners collect their dogs' deposits and once collected, they put it in any one of the many dog waste bins around the village?

David Ballinger
St. Andrews View

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The Editor or to Millie at
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or give them to a member of the team.
All letters to the Editor must include
your name and address.

Ask Millie – your problems solved



Last month's problem

The lady whose birds have deserted her garden.

Dear Millie

I'd just like to say how lucky your lady with the bird-free garden is. As soon as the smallest gleam of light comes into my garden in the morning – off they go, telling everyone they're awake – well I'm not, or I wasn't! Later they chase each other round the garden and crash into my conservatory glass, and that's my afternoon nap gone. Birds! Roll on winter!

Dear Millie

I attended a meeting a few days ago telling us what we've got to do when the Olympic torch comes through the village. There seems to be an awful lot of organising of crowd control and things. I'd like to help, where do I apply?

Millie says – I'm pleased to say a subcommittee has been formed, so more information is on its way very soon.

Dear Millie

I am worried about my neighbours, they haven't been together long but they seem to quarrel all the time. I find it so distressing as these young people are such a nice couple. Should I go round and talk to them?

Millie says – That would be a very silly thing to do. You don't know the background of these people or their problems. You will find it very distressing if they turn on you with some ripe language, telling you to mind your own business. If you feel you must do something, all I can suggest is putting a leaflet through their door about mediation. There's a centre in Dorchester for resolving disputes – but please be careful.

Dear Millie

I am a newcomer to the village, where is the nearest library?

Millie says – We are lucky enough to have a library van visiting the village once a fortnight on Friday morning where all the facilities of Dorchester library are at our disposal; we also have several book clubs.

Dear Millie

I have a family with several children living next to me. They are so kind and helpful to me, but the children take little things when they are in my house. Should I just ignore it, they never take anything valuable?

Millie says – Well readers, over to you!



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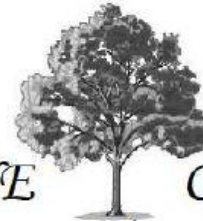


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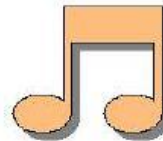


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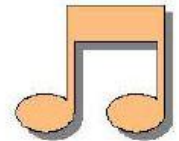


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Have you met . . . Heather Verina Hogg

HEATHER won't mind me saying she is over 65! Born in Hillingdon, she lived in Hayes, Middlesex all her growing up years. Heather's first memory was a strange man in an army uniform picking her up when she was sat on the floor in front of the fire and crying. The man was her dad coming home from his base at Catterick in Yorkshire, she was only one year old. Heather went to Yeading Primary and Barnhill Secondary Modern Schools in Hayes. Whilst at 'big' school she became chairman (yes chairMAN) of the Hayes Road Safety Committee, and she was only 14 years old – sort of shows what was coming in later years doesn't it! Also, a rarity at that time, she was one of only two prefects at school in the third year (equivalent Year 10).

Heather tells me that at 14 in the school summer holiday she went up to London every day for a week for a test to see if she was clever enough to become a comptometer operator, she was, and after she left school she trained for nine weeks, it was supposed to be 13 weeks, but she was quick. OK Heather, I have to admit I have no idea what a comptometer is! It is the forerunner of a small calculator, but about 30cm x 40cm.

Heather got engaged to Roy on her 16th birthday, he'd been pestering for over two years for a date, she gave in when she was 15 'just to shut him up'! They got married when she was 20 and had saved enough to buy a house in Southall. They bought the little 1929 Morris Minor in 1962 for £25, Heather passed her test in it in 1963, and it was their wedding car on 4th April 1964. It has been all over the British Isles, and was their 'everyday' car for at least four years. And now, just over 48 years later, it was used as a wedding car for Jo and Mark!

Roy worked for a company doing upholstery, and in 1968 they both gave up their jobs to start their own upholstery business, everyone thought they were mad, but 30 years later it was still going. Their son Ronald was born in Southall in 1968, and Verina is a Dorset lass, born in 1972.



In 1970 they came with a friend to Dorset who was househunting after redundancy. In those days you could sell in Middlesex and buy outright in Dorset, such was the difference in house prices. But Heather and Roy saw a private 'for sale' sign outside the old Tilly Whim (now called Corner Cottage) – they bought it!

Heather continues:



"Our first recollection of Milborne was not being able to get the bed upstairs, we slept downstairs for the first night, then the bed was cut in half the next day to get it up the stairs! The walls ran with damp, and we couldn't get the fires to light, probably because of the dead mouse in the underfloor vent. Next the old Rayburn played up, we found it had a cracked firebox, so the room just filled with smoke. When we tried to have a bath we found that the taps had been turned off with Stillsons to stop the drips. We sat on the floor and cried, why had we given up our newly renovated house with central heating? We carried on the London business from

Dorset, until we managed to rent and then buy the little shop in Bere Regis. As Ronald became older and left school he trained as an upholsterer and joined us, Verina was adamant she wouldn't join as well, she was fed up with 'work' talk at each meal time!"

She's been a busy lady over the years, first of all secretary at the Morris 8 Tourer Club (before they were married), the theme continued with treasurer for Uxbridge & District Vintage Vehicle Society, Wessex Vehicle Preservation Club, and the Facel Vega Owners Club. What followed was treasurer (again) for Womens Institute, Playschool, Friends of the School, Village Hall, and now the MSA Reporter and the Group WI – Phew.

Life goes on – in 2001 Heather lost Roy to leukaemia, they had already bought a plot of land in the Causeway 30 years before to store the old cars (of which they had 13 at one time!). When Roy was diagnosed they realised that he would not be able to work again, so they decided to plan a new house on this plot, plans were drawn up and were passed not long before he passed away. The house was built by Ronald, with expert help here and there, and Heather and Ronald finally moved in October 2003. They took the name 'Tilly Whim' with them from their old cottage on the corner. She took up photography, doing several courses, and began to rebuild her own life. Heather has now moved on, after a long time alone, has found her new soul mate, Frank, and is, once again, happy.

What do you like about living here – Being part of a friendly community, being away from the stress and speed of London, even through all the changes.

And the negative points – Irresponsible dog walkers, the majority are fine – but . . . Also the bus service is so much worse than it was.

Pet hates – Snobs!

Claim to fame – I worked with Adam Faith's sister, had a cuddle with Lonnie Donegan and have a particular affinity with Daniel O'Donnell.

Fantasy dinner date – Definitely Mel Gibson and George Clooney – won't say why!

Most embarrassing – Do you remember those awful bathing costumes, like lots of little puffballs. Twice I have emerged from the water, and my costume has 'retained' the water to the extent that it bucketed below my middle – I got back under the water with lightning speed!

Hobbies and TV programmes – Yes I like photography, I also love travelling to USA (over 14 times), and I've been a Barnardo's Box Collector for over 35 years! TV – I like anything to do with travel or nature.

Heather and I have something in common, we had not met until I moved to the village and she befriended me when I was a lonely young wife, a long way from my family. It transpired that we both grew up in Hayes, Middlesex, and that we both went to the same primary school in Yeading, Hayes! Small world . . .

Thanks Heather, for being the HYM and also being a good friend!

Sue Gould

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Homewatch Newsletter

Blandford South, March 2012

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You should now call **101** to contact the police to report less urgent

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For example, call 101:

to give the police information about crime in your area

to speak to the police about a general enquiry

if your car has been stolen

if your property has been damaged

if you suspect drug use or dealing in your local area

to report a minor traffic accident

Calls to the **101** non-emergency number – from both landlines and mobiles – cost 15 pence per call no matter what time of day you call, or how long you are on the phone.

If you have a speech or hearing impairment, you can textphone 18001 101.

You can continue to contact us on 01202 22 22 22 and if you are calling from outside Dorset, please use this number.

In an emergency – when a crime is in progress or life is at risk – you should always dial 999.

PC Dave Mullins and PCSO Luke Goddard,
Blandford Rural South Safer Neighbourhood Team.

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Planning System to Change

SOME of the biggest changes to the planning system since the Second World War are about to be announced by the Government.

The proposals have already resulted in an unprecedented campaign of opposition from the Campaign to Protect Rural England and the National Trust who both fear that the level of protection offered to Green Belt land, and possible to Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty may be seriously threatened.

For the first time ever the Government is suggesting that the default position for a planning application will be to say 'yes'.

CPRE Dorset will be holding a seminar day at Cerne Abbas Village Hall on Tuesday 15th May to look at the ramifications of the changes to the National Planning Policy Framework and also to investigate what effects the Localism Act and Neighbourhood Planning will bring about for the county.

"These are monumental changes which are being brought in by the Government which could, quite literally, change the look of the countryside and our towns.

"While we at CPRE support measures which create employment and encourage affordable housing it cannot be at any cost. Some of these measures may just be a step too far", said CPRE Director, Trevor Bevins.

Among the speakers booked to examine the changes are national expert Kate Houghton from CPRE; Dr David Evans, planning director at West Dorset District Council; Howard Thomas from CPRE who will speak on 'sustainable communities'; Cerne Valley Parish Council who will speak about the pilot Neighbourhood Planning project they are running; David Aldwinckle, director for Magna Housing on how planning changes and the Localism Act may help the provide more affordable or rented housing, plus CPRE Dorset Chairman Richard Nicholls who is also involved in an affordable housing project in Bridport.

CPRE Dorset are offering the day at £5 a head to include an initial tea, coffee (or squash) and biscuits – with an optional extra of a buffet lunch at £5 per head.

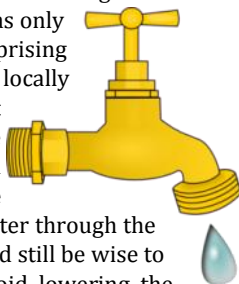
Please email us at info@dorset-cpre.org.uk or telephone 01305 265808.

If you require any further information please contact me Trevor Bevins on 01305 268457 h or 07763 535778 mbl. Dorset CPRE, The Little Keep, Bridport Road, Dorchester, Dorset.

Weather in Milborne St. Andrew March 2012

MARCH 2012 was the warmest March in Milborne that I have recorded in 41 years and nationally it was the sunniest March since 1929. Although no records were broken for the country as a whole, a new Scottish maximum temperature record for March of 23.6°C was made in Aboyne on the 27th. The last week of March was particularly warm with the highest maximum temperature in Milborne of 25°C on the 25th. There were four air frosts during the month and fog was a problem on 11th to 15th of the month. Total rainfall in March was 33.2mm which was 43% of average.

In the last six months in Milborne there has only been 56% of average rainfall so it is not surprising that water flows in the rivers and streams locally are particularly low. We are fortunate that our water supply is extracted from bore holes deep in the chalk. The chalk acts as a gigantic sponge and rain that falls on the surface can sometimes take many years to filter through the chalk to the level of the boreholes but it would still be wise to conserve water as much as possible to avoid lowering the water table unnecessarily.



Pluvius

All copy for the **June Reporter** must be received by the **14th May**.

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or give to a member of the team.

FOUND in Cemetery

I was in the extension of the cemetery at St. Andrew's Church in Milborne on Wednesday 11th April, I found something, if you had visited within a few days of that, and lost something, please email me at ronnie_hogg@yahoo.co.uk if you are able to tell me what you lost, and it matches what I found I shall return it to you, if no-one contacts me within a few weeks the proceeds will be donated to church funds.



Do you need to make or change a Will or Power of Attorney?

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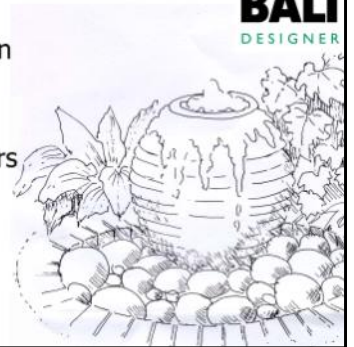
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In your Garden

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

Keeping your summer bedding bright and cheerful

SUMMER wouldn't be complete without the bright and colourful blooms of summer bedding plants and with a little care they will keep your garden looking pretty until the first frosts appear. To be successful, don't bring your plants out of the greenhouse until you know the frosty nights are gone. This especially applies to all those colourful displays you've seen in the garden centres (I know – they look so tempting don't they) – just remember that they bring them inside at night and cover them with horticultural fleece!

Even if you don't like formal bedding schemes, bedding plants do have a place in today's gardens. They are good 'fillers' especially if you have a new garden and are deciding what to put in it, or are waiting for other plants to fill out. There is no reason not to have a bit of cheery colour peeping out in the border.

Did you know that bedding plants gained their name from the formal bedding schemes so loved in the 18th and 19th centuries? It was said that a person could show his wealth by the size of his bedding plant list: 10,000 for a Squire, 20,000 for a Baronet, 30,000 for an Earl and 40,000 for a Duke. Bedding plants were, and still are (although to a lesser extent) used for formal displays in parks and on roundabouts. I expect Weymouth will have some spectacular bedding plant displays on the approach to the Olympic site.

However at home, people prefer to have a bit of fun by planting pretty colourful borders and hanging baskets. Of course, if we are



unfortunate enough to have a hosepipe ban, this will probably limit the size and number of some amazing hanging baskets that we have grown to love around the village. The Royal Oak always has a lovely display in the summer.

So how do you keep them flowering all summer? The secret to keeping your bedding plants blooming all summer is to water, feed and deadhead them regularly. Simple isn't it?

Throughout the summer, snip off any dead flowers (**deadhead**) to keep the plants looking attractive and to encourage more blooms before they have a chance to set seed which will stop the plant from flowering. This is a good time to prune out any diseased or damaged leaves and to check for pests. Some bedding plants such as lobelia and salvias don't really set seed, and neatly deadhead themselves!

Now that you are encouraging the plant to produce more blooms, it is really important that you give your plants a good **feed** by adding a dose of liquid tomato food to the watering can once or twice a week. You can also use slow release fertiliser granules mixed into the soil before planting.

As always, **water** your bedding plants regularly even if it has rained as plants will create their own umbrella of leaves leaving the soil underneath dry. If you are planting in a container you can reduce the need to water every day by using a compost containing water-retaining granules or add them yourself to multi-purpose compost.

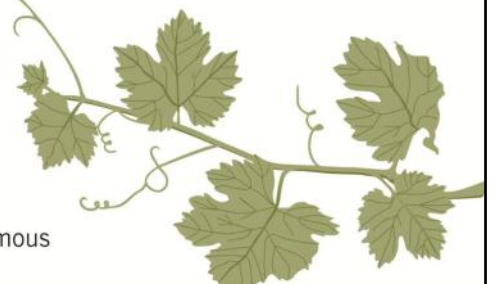
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Police News

SNT's – A Renewed Focus

DORSET Police SNT's will now be focusing on the issues that pose the greatest threat, risk or harm to individuals and communities. The message shows a slight realignment of priorities for all Safer Neighbourhood Teams in Dorset, putting the needs of victims top of our list.

Previous emphasis has been geared towards community engagement using such initiatives as PACT, where as now, SNT's will be putting victims first, followed by offender management and engagement. Dedicated officers will be responsible for ensuring repeat and vulnerable victims' needs are met, including identifying wider risks or issues and establishing arrangements for updating and following up. SNT's have a key role to play in identifying risks, vulnerable victims, local threats and emerging issues – the identification of these factors is the **single most critical element** in driving SNT day-to-day workloads. Officers will also be used as a flexible resource to prevent emerging issues escalating and to effectively target threat, risk and harm in your neighbourhood – using valuable knowledge, contacts and expertise within those neighbourhoods to do so.

Engagement activities will be prioritised on threat, risk and harm – we will ensure that the voices of victims are heard and have an influence on the services Dorset Police provide. We will continue to work in partnership to solve problems at a local level. Our priority will be to solve those problems that present the most threat, risk and harm. Where community concerns and priorities are clearly the remit of another agency, police will make that clear and signpost accordingly.

SNT's are not withdrawing support from the community or the partnership. We are ensuring that we prioritise our activities based on the more significant risks to our community and the most vulnerable people within our community; ensuring community issues are taken care of by the right agencies, with appropriate responsibility.

This renewed focus is against a backdrop of significant financial challenges – it is well documented that Dorset Police has to cut its budget by £20 million by 2014/15 which makes it imperative that we focus our resources where we are most needed. Your neighbourhood still has a dedicated policing team. We are addressing the issues that concern victims in their area as well as the wider public. Be assured that we will continue to support and police your area with dedicated SNT officers. However, we will go to the victims of crime and disorder as a priority. We will manage offenders to ensure the areas in which you live are safer. That may mean that we are sometimes delayed or will have to rearrange engagement visits.



More than a Movie with 'Tinker, Taylor, Soldier, Spy' (15)

at Milborne St. Andrew Village Hall

Friday 11th May 2012 at 7.30 pm

TINKER Tailor Soldier Spy is a dense puzzle of anxiety, paranoia and espionage that director Tomas Alfredson pieces together with utmost skill. Based on the classic novel of the same name, the international thriller is set in the early 1970s during the Cold War. George Smiley (Gary Oldman), is drawn back into the murky field of espionage and tasked with investigating which of his trusted former colleagues has chosen to betray him and their country. Smiley narrows his search to four suspects who are all experienced, skilled and successful agents, but past histories, rivalries and friendships make it far from easy to pinpoint the man who is eating away at the heart of the British establishment.

Oldman gives a performance that is flawless in every detail. Hinds and David Dencik power a dream cast as the chief suspects. Stir in a rogue agent (an explosive Tom Hardy), a youthful Smiley ally (Benedict Cumberbatch) and a former MI6 researcher (a dynamite Kathy Burke), and the movie ignites. Few writers comprehend the world of espionage as well as John le Carré, who has said in interview that he categorically did not want someone just copying the book or even the series. He wanted a new take on the story. The result is this mind-bending thriller which infuses Cold War espionage with the hot immediacy of today's corporate treachery. The deliberate pace, the underplayed naturalism of the settings, the closely observed details and the silken threads of relationships all combine to turn the spy thriller into character driven drama.

The village hall and bar is open from 7.00pm and the film starts at 7.30 pm. Admission and a soft drink or an ice cream with the film is £3.00. For more information phone Alice Harrall on 01258 837371.

'The Iron Lady' (12A)

at Milborne St. Andrew Village Hall

Friday 25th May 2012 at 7.30pm

THIS film is not an assessment of the Thatcher Years. Instead it is a vivid and, at times, moving story of one woman's lonely and dogged fight against the painfully limited expectations of her own gender and the unquestioning prejudice of most men of her age while it defines its subject through the lens of dementia. The movie starts out with Margaret Thatcher (Meryl Streep), buying a bottle of milk, unrecognised and confused at a local grocery store. Through flashbacks it tells the story of the rise of Margaret Thatcher, the Grantham grocer's daughter who battled through the ranks of party politics to lead the Conservative Party to victory in 1979 and, in so doing, became the first and only woman to hold the office of Prime Minister of Great Britain. The person who helps her most is her husband Dennis (Jim Broadbent). He makes her laugh; he makes her happy; he gives her advice. The only problem is he is dead. Yes Dennis exists only in her mind and this scares her as she fears she is losing hers. Lloyd and Morgan are fascinated by who their subject was and is, rather than by what she stood for and continues to stand for. Personality politics might have been anathema to Margaret Thatcher MP, but this film is propelled by the sheer power of her presence.

In a career full of great performances, this is surely one of Streep's greatest: the changes in her voice and posture as she moves from youthful, fire-bellied politician to elderly stateswoman develop so smoothly, you could plot them on a bell curve. The Iron Lady is a surprising and intimate portrait of Margaret Thatcher the first and only female Prime Minister of Britain, who came from nowhere to smash through barriers of gender and class to be heard in a male dominated world.

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Wednesday 16th May – 11.00am

Abbotsbury and Ashley Chase

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

Sunday 27th May – 2.00pm (no walk on first Sunday in June due to Jubilee weekend)

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Detective Superintendent Nick Downing from Operation Podium said: "Please do not attempt to buy tickets from adverts such as these as you risk paying over the odds for tickets that may not exist and your personal details may be stolen and used in other crimes. The safest way to buy tickets for the Olympic and Paralympic Games is from the London 2012 website. On this site you will find the most up to date information about tickets, future Olympic and Paralympic Games ticket sales and the London 2012 website checker."

If you have tried to buy a ticket in this way please contact Operation Podium by email at OperationPodium@met.pnn.police.uk.

It is illegal to advertise or sell an Olympic or Paralympic Games ticket without the appropriate authorisation from the event organisers LOCOG and carries a fine of up to £20,000 for each offence.

Operation Podium is the Met's dedicated team to tackle serious and organised economic crime against the Games and is working to disrupt those serious and organised criminals looking to target the Games.

For full crime prevention advice on safe ways to buy your ticket for the London 2012 Games, visit the MPS Operation Podium website at <http://content.met.police.uk/Site/visitorolympics>.

Watercress Beds and an Old Brickyard

Three to four miles along tracks and good paths. Two short stretches on quiet roads.

PARK in Bere Regis car park – off Manor Road. With Turberville Court (flats) in front of you turn right down the path to Elder Road. Turn left and head for Southbrook Road (the Bere Regis to Bovington road). Cross the main road and take the footpath ahead to Court Farm. Walk straight ahead to the buildings just beyond the farm gate.

Turn right alongside the farm buildings and follow the track which soon has a new fence to your left. The path soon turns left then right around a clump of trees at the head of a watercress bed. Continue along the edge of the watercress bed until you come to a farmhouse and buildings (Doddings Farm). Turn left up the track for about 100 yards then turn right into Frooms Lane. Ignore any paths off to the left and keep straight ahead.



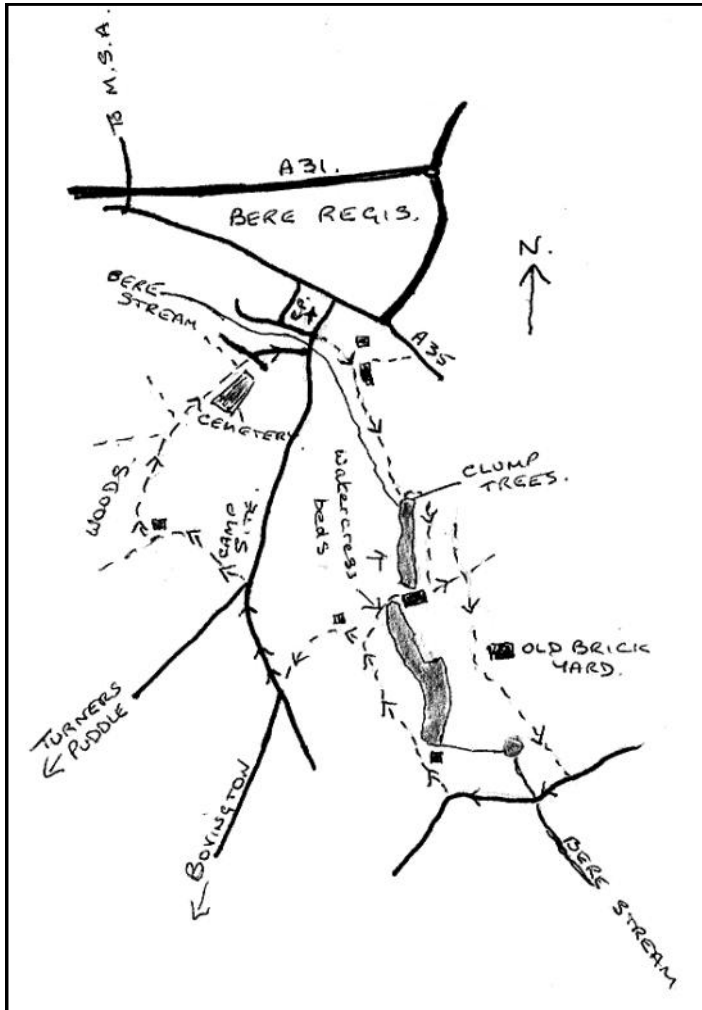
You will soon come to a brick built ruin on your left which is the site of Doddings Brickyard. Carry on along Spears Lane until you come to a minor road. Turn right and head slightly downhill to the bridge over Bere Stream (please take care as there is a sharp bend here). There are some reasonable sized fish in the river.

Continue over the bridge and on up a gentle hill until you come to a left hand bend. Just a few yards around this bend turn right into Jenkins Farm. Walk on past the farmhouse and go through the farm gate. It is a well worn path which eventually runs into a field. Ignore any paths off to the right. You will see more watercress beds on your right. Keeping the hedge on your right cross this field and the next one. The gateway between these two fields is very muddy so take great care.

The second field runs into a short double-hedged path before coming to a track. Turn left here and follow the track slightly uphill, passing a new looking house on your right. Continue ahead until the track drops down to a road junction. Turn right and walk along the grass verge of this road passing the Bere Regis village sign. A little further on you will see a big sign board for Rowlands Wait Camp Site. Take the bridlepath which runs along the track to the campsite.

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Final touches for a marvellous May Fayre

FINAL preparations are taking place for this year's May Fayre and it promises to be the best yet, with something for everyone. There's a wide array of interest from canine capers to cream teas, via a bouncy castle, tons of stalls and a showdown of town criers! Wessex FM's Steve Bulley will be officially opening the fayre and will broadcast live from Milborne from his radio truck!



The dog show is sure to be a hit, with Olympic themed classes including 'Total Recall' – an "Olympic test of recall!" – and a Hurdles class to test canine jumpers. Gold, silver and bronze rosettes are up for grabs as well as prizes for top dogs.

The May Fayre will host the occasion of a 'Cry Off' between the Town Criers of Dorchester and Blandford to see who can yell the loudest to win "the honour of Milborne St. Andrew", since we're equidistant between the two. Let's hope things don't get out of hand. But if they do members of the Wessex Karate Academy will be performing a demonstration of their moves during the afternoon.

Work duties allowing, Matt and his dog, Erica, from Dorset Search Dogs will be giving a display of their search and rescue abilities – the ultimate in hide and seek. Finding 'lost' children at the May Fayre may well be a suitable test!

Amongst lots of sideshows and stalls, the bouncy castle should help keep the children happy and there's a range of refreshments on offer including a barbecue, cream teas, ice cream from the van and the "famous church cakes". There will be craft stalls, toys, gifts and you can try your luck on the jarbola.

The fun starts at **noon on Saturday 19th May** at the Village Hall and recreation ground. Don't miss it!

Milborne St. Andrew Gardening Club



AT our March meeting members enjoyed a superb presentation by Martin Young from the Nectar Plants Garden Nursery in Upwey. He showed us how to create a suitable environment to encourage butterflies into our gardens and which plants attracted them the most. Martin has a large selection of such plants at his nursery, including 60 types of hardy geranium, and he brought some along for us to snap up.

Members were then able to watch a DVD (thanks to Richard Lock for showing it), all about the Abbey House Gardens at Malmesbury. This was where we were thinking of going for our annual summer outing, and members agreed that it was an excellent choice. So, the coach and visit have been booked for us to go and sample the delights of these amazing gardens, and it will be on Tuesday 19th June 2012. We will depart at 9.00am from outside the Londis Store, and leave Malmesbury at 4.00pm, expecting to arrive back in Milborne about 6.00–6.30pm. The cost for the coach (including a tip for the driver) and entrance to the Gardens will be £20 per person, plus an extra £5 each if anyone would like a guided tour of the Abbey House. Cheques, payable to Milborne St. Andrew Gardening Club, are due at the time of booking. Our treasurer, John Wright, is the person to contact at 5 Brooklands (Tel: 839090) and the deadline for booking is Monday 28th May.

These five-acre gardens have been featured on many TV programmes and are described as "spectacular", "the loveliest truly English garden on the planet" and Alan Titchmarsh said "the WOW factor is here in abundance". They have a collection of 2,000 different roses, which should be at their best when we go, and there is a Tea Room which serves light lunches, cakes and beverages. Also, since the Gardens are in the centre of Malmesbury, there will be a chance to look around this town – if you have time. Further information can be obtained from Anne Love, who has done all the research and is organising the trip (Tel: 837667), or from me (Tel: 837337). Non-members are welcome to join us on this visit, for no extra charge.

Finally, don't forget our annual **Plant sale**, which is on Sunday 13th May at the Village Hall, 10.00am to 12.30pm (the day after Open Gardens). We hope everyone will have enough energy to come along and support us. Besides an array of all types of plants at bargain prices (and grown locally), we will also be selling tea, coffee and home-made cakes and biscuits. Hope to see you there.

Linda Harris – Secretary

A competition – we need a logo

THE new Milborne St. Andrew Allotment Society needs a logo. So we are holding a competition and entry is free!

Who can enter? We would like both children and adults to enter, and the design is up to you, but

- It needs to be quite small and simple.
- It needs to be connected with growing
- It needs to reflect something in the village

Please can you draw something for us. We will take the best to the May Fayre for people to vote on with pennies to raise funds. We hope to be able to offer a little prize for the winners.

The closing date is 12th May so that we can be ready for the village fayre. Please pop your designs in Sue's door at 28 Stileham Bank, or scan and email them to msa.allotments@yahoo.co.uk.

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