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STOP THE PRESSES Last Minute News

An area reserved for those bits that need talking about when really the deadline has long gone!

Wind Farm Exhibition - Eyewitness

Lots of faces, many familiar - but equally many unknown - but nearly all of them village residents, viewed the exhibition and presentation from West Coast Energy about "Milborne Wind Farm". There was a strong feeling from some of the 60 present that it is misnamed, as it is not within the Milborne St Andrew village boundary at any point, and is, as their literature informs, 1½ miles from us. This fact was repeatedly put forward to the two representatives, Matt Hayes and Steve Salt, during the exhibition time and also at the questions following the presentation. They said that a site has to be named, and they chose Milborne. They acknowledged that it could be changed, but gave no assurances that this would happen.

Many of the people who turned up had concerns, some about noise, some about the height and intrusive view of the turbines, others about the effect on house prices and some about the actual concept of land-based wind turbines. One questioned the statistics used by the company, saying they were unreliable and querying how much of the other information could be trusted.

The views of villagers who attended were overwhelmingly against the proposal - although there was one couple who spoke in favour of the wind farm - and it could be said that those 'for' or ambivalent towards it may not have attended and therefore the evening did not reflect the village as a whole. But upon being asked if any planning consent would be swayed by public opinion, the West Coast Energy representative emphasised that consent or refusal would be on environmental issues.

Issues raised were as follows:

Noise: WDDC have scrutinised noise levels day and night and believe that this will be heard within a 400-500m radius of the farm but it is said that it will mainly be masked by 'background' noise i.e. cattle/sheep/traffic/wind in trees. The latter will produce the greatest sound when the wind is strongest! The level will be 60 decibels diminishing over a 1½ mile radius. The site will be 80m away from bridleways.

Disruption: 90 exceptional loads may be travelling through six villages including MSA at 'off peak' periods. Other routes were proposed by the audience. WCE were 'confident' that, with a police escort this traffic would be able to get through MSA.

Benefits The electricity projected to be generated could power 14000 households. The £25million outlay producing millions of pounds worth of profit will generate an amount for community benefit. We were told that the 'community' would share in the profits that were not material to the planning process. They want us to share profits and to this end one of the ten turbines would be a community turbine and the net profits would go to a wider community.

Height It was pointed out that at 415ft they would be taller than Salisbury cathedral spire

Next step is to present the planning application to WDDC by the end of the year. NDDC will be informed, but will not make the final decision. We were told to contact WDDC councillors to make our views and opinions known.

And quietly sat in the front row was Hannah Smith from NDDC, a Senior Planning Officer. Hopefully she went away better informed, both about the wind farm, and about the village.



Local Turbine viewed from A35 at Rogers Hill Farm

Parish Council—the important bits—see page 4

Editor's note:

You may notice some differences this month, and probably more 'mishaps'! Dave has had a well earned holiday, and has passed the baton on to me.

So apologies in advance...
Sue Gould

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For Sale: Village Hall curtains. Seven pairs of curtains available for a donation to the Hall's funds. Please contact Elizabeth on 839263

Please Note:

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FOOTBALL PARTY HAILED A GREAT SUCCESS

For these young onlookers the 100th Anniversary of Milborne FC was a glorious day of displayed talent, fun, pride and indulgence from the oldest Older Team to the mini-soccerites. The onlookers were more numerous than usual, swelled by other old boys, players, past captains, trainers and managers. It capitalised on their fun day showing how family-orientated and friendly they are. It was a pleasure to be part of such a welcoming and all-inclusive event.

Jenny Balcon commented afterwards, "It was worth it just to see all the old players meeting again, swapping stories, and playing as though they were back in their teens," She reckons there were some very sore muscles the next day.



Ten Turbines for "Milborne Wind Farm"

A £25m plan for ten wind turbines on farmland south west of Milborne was presented at the Village Hall earlier this month. West Coast Energy, a Wales-based wind energy developer, is seeking to develop 'Milborne Wind Farm' which would have the capacity to produce 25MW of electricity. The turbines, which would stand at 126.5m (to blade tip), are spread across land just south of Weatherby Castle to Burleston Down in the west. The project is at pre-planning stage, although the company is hoping a planning submission will be made before the end of 2012, with the construction of the wind farm taking place in 2015, if all approvals have been achieved. The plans would come before West Dorset District Council, not North Dorset, because the land the project concerns is within WDDC's authority.

West Coast Energy (WCE) say the site is ideal since it benefits from a very good wind resource and they claim there would be no unacceptable ecological impacts or effects to bird life, geology or archaeology. There are no statutory designations, such as AONB or SSSI, on the proposed site and WCE say the proposals would meet all nationally recommended noise limits. The company plans to use existing farm tracks, thereby reducing the need to build a complete network of access roads.

The construction of Milborne Wind Farm is expected to take 8

months and would include around 90 'exceptional loads' of turbine components. These would make their way from Southampton, via the A31, Blandford and then the A354 through the village, to the entrance of the site almost opposite the Crawthorne road.

As well as contributing to West Dorset's renewable energy targets, West Coast Energy say Milborne could benefit from the 'Community Turbine' of the scheme, where the net profit of one turbine's production is fed back into local communities.

Matt Hayes, Planning and Development Manager, says "For the Milborne project, we are making an offer to enable the community to share in the profits from local green energy generation. These profits will be significant over the life of the wind farm".

A partnership body with a local mandate would be sought to formulate a legal agreement with WCE to ensure that the 10% profit is used for community benefit. This could be as much as £7m over the 25 year life of the scheme, if the estimates of energy generation are achieved. Although Milborne would be in line for a share of the benefits, the beneficiaries and weighting has yet to be defined.

For more information, see:

www.westcoastenergy.co.uk/projects/current-projects/milborne.aspx



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Parish Council Business—the important bits

Planning application land adj. Bramble Cottage: objections to this remain due to their previous terms including the possible ingress of foul sewage.

Fox View: naming of new development in Little England: It was now felt to be too late to object but some puzzlement expressed over the origin of this choice.

Localism Act: PC can now vote on members' declaration on issues whereas before this had to go to the Monitoring Officer to grant a dispensation. It was felt that decisions had to be made on a procedure for this. It had to be done within four days in writing. The Proper Officer i.e. the Parish Clerk would be the arbiter.

Council Tax: Those exempt i.e. the elderly and vulnerable, will be subsidised by others. Second homes will pay 100% tax whilst those left empty will pay 150%. This is a political issue. The comment was made that this was a "return to the Poor Law" to which there was no response from the NDDC present.

Trees: In the first week of November, 60 trees will be delivered for the proposed Jubilee Wood in response to the PC's application. The planting will be a community event including members of the Sports Club as it will be on their land. Some publicity will be given to this event. Mrs Maitland has offered to provide stakes. There was further discussion about sponsoring trees by individuals, clubs and families with plaques attached. For the latter the Clerk said there was still Jubilee funding. There was discussion over the acceptability of all native trees. A proposal was also made to have a Community Orchard on the allotment site.



Snow/grit bins: The Highways Dept will be conducting a survey of grit bins designating them either 'strategic' or 'community'. If the former they will fill and fund if the latter the community should pay.

War Memorial site: A member of the public had drawn attention to the parlous state of the chain link fence and posts. A decision was made to get three quotes for work to be done to provide a more ornamental chain, new posts and for 'dipping' the chain as the site was considered to be of utmost importance and if the barrier was removed locals would possibly ride and trample on the grass

destroying the memorial. The quote to include reduction of the willow tree which overhangs the millennium stone. The Clerk will attend to this, possibly from the Forge at Puddletown.

Bus2Go: Their Grant application to the PC for £250 included finance for specific trips next summer to subsidise fares. After some discussion the Council awarded £150 as they wished to leave an amount to budget for possible further applications.

Fireworks: The PC requested all firework parties to practice consideration about the firing of rockets and their direction as the owner of a thatched cottage found 20 spent rockets in their garden. This was particularly relevant with Halloween and Guy Fawkes night on the horizon.

Send your letters to The Editor or to Millie at
msa.reporter@yahoo.co.uk or give them to a member of the team.
All letters to the Editor must include your name and address.

SOCIAL BRIDGE

Last January a Social Bridge group formed, meeting in The Royal Oak in Milborne St Andrew on Thursday evenings starting at 7.00pm. There is now a regular 'hard core' of players several of whom had never played before but have enjoyed the 'blame free' way of learning and improving their game. More players would be very welcome.

In line with the new school year now is a good time for anyone with an interest in finding out about bridge to make a start by joining the group where you will be made very welcome and instruction will be provided. Also, any enthusiasts of the game will find that they can improve their playing skills by regular practice. There is no charge for joining or playing.

If you would like to try something new or would like more information please contact me, Laurie Benn, on 01258 837720 or by email at laurie@benn.me.uk

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Website: www.new-scorpion-band.com

Tickets:- Adults £8.00 / Under 18s £6.00 / Family Ticket (for 2+2) £25.00

Booking essential - Tickets can be obtained from:- Alice Harrall on 01258 837371 or from the Londis Village Shop

Salmon Fishing In The Yemen 2011 (12)

Presented by 'Milborne Movies' in partnership with 'Film Bank' on Friday 12th October 2012 at 7.30pm (doors open at 7.00pm)

This is about how a leading fisheries expert (Ewan McGregor) is approached by a consultant (Emily Blunt) to help realise a sheikh's (Amr Waked) vision of bringing the sport of fly-fishing to the desert. A project which he believes to be both absurd and unachievable. That is, until the Prime Minister's overzealous press secretary (Kristin Scott Thomas) latches on to it as a 'good will' story. So the unlikely team put it all on the line and embark on an upstream journey of faith and fish to prove the impossible, possible. This beautifully written script elevates this fishy tale above the norm, and turns a unique storyline into something highly watchable.

Website: www.fishingintheyemen.com

Tickets £3 can be obtained on door or Alice Harrall: 01258 837371

October Village Lunch

To be held at the Village Hall on
SATURDAY 27th October from 12.15pm

Wine or Fruit Juice/Main Course/Pudding
Coffee or Tea/Mints
£6.50 per head

Tickets available from the Computer Drop-In Centre
at the Village Hall from Friday 5th October
(10.00am to 12 noon)

or call Josie Wright anytime for more information
or to reserve tickets on 839090

Vegetarian meals available to order

Please note: All lunches are open to anyone

Race Night—On The Big Screen!

On the 6th October the Village Hall Committee is hosting a night of Horse Racing for all. We believe it's a first for Milborne St. Andrew and really hope it will be a great night! Taking advantage of the 'big screen' we will be showing 8 races, each with 8 horses. With a meal included in the ticket price the evening will kick off with food and an explanation of how the evening works for those that have not attended an event such as this before. We have had wonderful support from our local businesses that are sponsoring each race and fantastic prizes donated for race winners. With 50p maximum bets (bet on as many horses as you like) we hope that you will be able to spread your bets through the whole night! So come along, have a bet, buy a horse or just soak up the exciting atmosphere. Licensed bar open from 7pm, food served 7.30pm racing starts approximately 8pm Tickets £6 each and can be bought from The Royal Oak pub or call Amy on 01258 839110. We look forward to seeing you.

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OCTOBER EVENTS AT THE VILLAGE HALL

<p>Milborne St. Andrew Village Hall</p> <h2 style="color: #0056b3;">Race Night</h2> <p>Saturday 6th October at 7.30pm Doors and licensed Bar at 7.00pm</p> <p>Tickets, in advance, £6.00 available from The Royal Oak or contact Amy on 01258 839110 (to include Lounge and Barter Boxes)</p>	<p>Milborne Movies Friday 12th October at 7.30pm Doors and Bar at 7.00pm</p> <h2 style="color: #0056b3;">SALMON FISHING IN THE YEMEN</h2> <p>Tickets £3.00</p>	<p>Milborne St. Andrew Village Hall in association with Artsreach</p> <h2 style="color: #0056b3;">The New Scorpion Band BOLD NELSON'S PRAISE</h2> <p>Sunday 21st October at 7.30pm Tickets £8, £6 (youth), £25 Family (seated) on the door (if available) or in advance from Alice Harrall 01258 837371 or the LONDIS shop Doors and BAR at 7.00pm</p>	<p>Milborne Movie Mornings Thurs 1st Nov at 2.30pm Doors and refreshments at 2.00pm</p> <h2 style="color: #0056b3;">THE MUPPETS</h2> <p>Tickets £6.00 (unseated) £8.00 (seated) Doors and refreshments at 2.00pm</p>
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ENTERTAINMENT FOR ALL THE FAMILY

Sleeping Beauty

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February 2013 is the date
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School News

It has been a pleasure to welcome the children back to school for the start of the Autumn term. Everyone has returned looking very smart and full of smiles after the summer holidays. Our new Reception year pupils have joined our Foxes class (see photo below). They have been welcomed by a new member of staff, Miss Wittman, who has joined our team from a previous Early Years appointment in Christchurch.

Our first sharing assembly of this term gave an opportunity to thank and congratulate the children and staff, especially Mrs Mutch, who helped with the school Olympiad art project that took part in the Weymouth Carnival. We were awarded first prize for our plesiosaur entry and have another large trophy to add to the cabinet. Further thanks go to Mrs Hewish and Mrs Featherstone who entered the school in the Dorset Wildlife Trust's garden competition and were awarded a silver medal for the school's division.

Our Friends of School are currently planning a village Barn Dance in October with Black Sheep for Saturday 20th October. Please look out for local advertising and support this event if you are able to.

Continuing through our calendar art project you will see the artwork provided by the Wednesday Club, showing a traditional horse drawn canal barge, which was a trip that the group enjoyed.



Now is the time to register children who will start school in September 2013. Applications may be made on line at www.dorsetforyou.com/schooladmissions and must be submitted by 15th January 2013.

If you need any further guidance on the application process please do not hesitate to contact us. We would like to invite prospective new parents to our open sessions to tour the school and meet the headteacher.

Thursday 4th October, 9.15am - 10.00am or Thursday 4th October, 2.00pm - 2.45pm.

Please contact the school office if you would like to attend. If these times are not convenient, alternative arrangements can of course be made.



Friends Of Milborne School BARN DANCE 7-11.30 pm.

Saturday 20th October

with The Black Sheep Band

at Deverell Farm, Milborne St Andrew, DT11 OHX

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For tickets please contact Kay on 01258 880955

Tickets: Adults £7; children 2-14 years £1.

CONTACTS

If you require any information about the school, including admission details or would like to arrange a visit please contact Mrs Pugh in the school office

Headteacher: Mr Neil McDermott **Secretary, School Office:** Mrs Helen Pugh

Chair of Governors: Mrs Jessica Doodles **FOS Chairman:** Mrs Kate Connolly

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BUS2GO—where next?

Out and about this summer the Community bus has taken us to Bristol Zoo, City of Bath, Monkey World and Shaftesbury. These are just a few of our destinations that we have visited.

All our passengers are given a questionnaire to complete when they travel with us and the above destinations are what have been requested. Where possible we subsidise the outings. At Bus2Go we are very aware of the financial constraints that many of us are experiencing right now. This of course makes it even more important that we offer value for money and where applicable we obtain group discounts. We have been pleased to welcome families aboard the bus this summer, the youngest passenger being just three years old. Teenagers have also been with us and grandparents with their grandchildren. Bus2Go is a multi generational community bus.

We have special outings on the following dates—please book early to avoid disappointment.

Half-Term – Halloween, Saturday Oct 27th

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NOVEMBER

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Sunday 11th, (Remembrance Sunday).
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Saturday 17th Glastonbury Illuminated Carnival.

DECEMBER

Saturday 15th Bath Christmas Market £9.00 return.

SUMMER

SCHEDULE



OCTOBER

Saturday 6th October

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or

SHOPPING

£5.00 return

Wednesday 17th October

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mouth

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Website: www.busy-bees.org.uk
Contact: Hayley Davis 07919 156578
or Jody Moore 07855 168117

Healthy times at Ladybirds

It is just two weeks since we returned to Ladybirds after the summer break. We welcome back 14 children from last year and they are being joined in this first half term by 10 new children making this the largest start to our school year. With great excitement the children have settled in well to a few changes in our routines. We have introduced a café style snack time where the children can self-select their fruit which is encouraging independence and healthy life style. We continue to do our aerobic exercise as this proved so popular in the past alongside the old favourites like Ring O' Roses . The children have created a lovely display of the seaside, investigated the patterns on shells and used little fishing nets to catch starfish and crabs in the 'rock pool'. All while sharing with us stories of their trips to the sea with mum, dad, grans, grandads, aunts and friends.

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

Sunday 7th October - 2 pm

Durweston

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Wednesday 24th October - 11 am

Dewlish & Cheselbourne

Meet outside All Saint's Church, Dewlish.

(Bring packed lunch)

Grid reference: ST 776982 on OS Explorer Sheet 117 (approx. 6 miles)

Sunday 4th November - 2 pm

Ibberton Long Down

Meet at parking area on Ibberton Hill, on the right going from Bulbarrow to Belchawell.

Grid reference: ST 792072 on OS Explorer Sheet 117 (approx. 4 miles)

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New Brooms - at the September WI

TERRY HEARD of Dorset Coppicing is clearly a man who enjoys his work! Cheerful, weatherbeaten and a practised communicator, he gave us an overview of his work in coppicing. Amongst the many samples of traditional woodland crafts on display, Terry had brought along his own scale model showing the different stages of coppicing, as well as numerous examples of tools from his extensive collection. He explained that coppicing had been practised in British woodlands for centuries, and he himself, locally born and bred, had worked in the industry for almost 40 years. By using a rotational cutting sequence there would be coppice at various different stages of regeneration within the woodland. Wood is then produced for a variety of uses. A description of how to make charcoal using kilns, over a 3-day period, was particularly fascinating.

Terry's range of products include bean poles, pea sticks, pegs, walking sticks and even a Harry Potter inspired magic wand (*a big seller with small boys..*). He demonstrated the making of a besom broom, an extremely efficient method of cleaning both house, yard and lawn - (Terry's wife likens it favourably to a Dyson, so no small praise!) Some brooms quickly found a ready home with members, another was donated to our raffle and Shirley Dunkley was the lucky winner. Shirley thanked Terry for his delightful and informative talk. We shall keep our eyes open for him at country shows in Dorset.

After the summer break, there has been little time wasted by the Skittles team and Nelda was very pleased to report we had already won our first match. She asked for volunteers willing to be reserves - no experience necessary, a great time guaranteed.

There are various events coming up, including a seasonal concert in December by the **Casterbridge Male Voice Choir** in the Village Hall. Shirley will give further details later. After last year's successful **Christmas meal at the Cygnets** restaurant in Weymouth, names are being taken for a re-run.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday 11th October when Ann and Michael King will talk about the 'History of Sherborne'. Please join us.
Pat Bull



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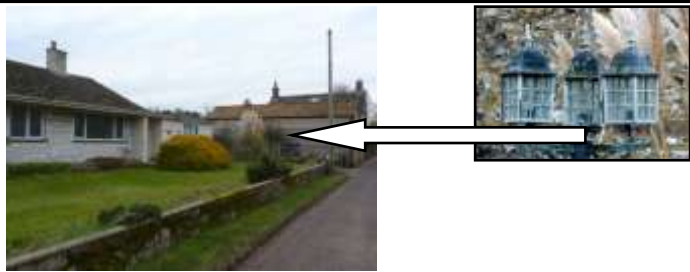
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Wednesday Club

On Wednesday 4th August at 4pm it was pouring with rain. Janet got soaked walking the dog, Ian was drenched getting the washing off the line, yet when we met to get the bus at 5pm, carrying our umbrellas, the sun had begun to break through the clouds and as we travelled through the beautiful Dorset countryside it got better and better!

Two Dorset Community Buses transported us on a glorious Mystery tour through narrow winding lanes and off the beaten track villages such as Fifehead St. Neville, Hazelbury and Mappowder.

As it got to 6.15pm we began to try to guess where we would be stopping for our evening meal. The bus finally drew in at The Halsey Arms at Pulham. Here we were able to relax and chat with a drink. Some of us ventured into the garden and found it to be a warm and sunny evening. At 7.30pm we went into the restaurant for a delicious carvery followed by a dessert for anyone who could manage one and coffee or tea.

Finally we got back on the buses and were transported safely back to Milborne and Blandford by the light of a beautiful full moon after a most enjoyable evening.

The October meeting is in the Village Hall on Wednesday 3rd 2pm-4pm. It is the A.G.M. and we will be electing a new Chairman as Margot has retired. Signpost is also coming to talk about Pensions and Benefits. We look forward to seeing you there. *Lis Watts*

Wednesday Club Special Meeting—5th September 2012.

A Special Meeting was held to discuss the Committee Members and Chairman to be elected at the AGM in October. It was a disappointing turn out – only third of the Club present! Also discussed were the Christmas meal on 5th Dec. and the New Year party on 9th Jan.

Speakers are invited in the winter months. Suggestions were made for outings such as a mystery tour with a meal, Kingston Lacey snowdrops and Wimborne Model Village and/or the Minster or Shops.

Lin Curtis from Signpost Community Care spoke about the personal emergency buttons available for people living on their own. Not just pendants but bracelets and brooches too. Also smoke alarms, open door sensors for dementia sufferers and bed occupancy detectors.

Margo Kirk is collecting used postage stamps for 'Hounds for Heroes'. These can be passed to her at our monthly meetings. AGM Wednesday 3rd October 2-4pm

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Rogers Rant 2012


Dear All

Many thanks to those who came and sang, played or just gave their support at Rogers Rant 2012.

Thanks also to those who donated raffle prizes and to those suppliers who gave discounts. In total we raised £1,014.62 which will allow us to donate £500 each to Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance and Julia's House Children's Hospice.

Next years Rogers Rant will take place over the weekend of 28th, 29th and 30th June 2013. We hope to see you all again next year in the meantime thanks again and best regards from the 2012 organising committee (Alice, Gilly, Kitty, Roger, Derek and Tony)


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Seminar date: **Monday 29th October 2012, commencing at 10am**
 Where: **Age UK Dorchester, Rowan Cottage, 4 Prince of Wales Road, Dorchester DT1 1PW**

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Cheselbourne Theatre Club



Our next visit to The Playhouse Salisbury is to see **The Spire by William Golding**, adapted by Roger Spottiswoode, on Monday November 12th. This is a compelling drama about the men who conceived and built the spire on Salisbury Cathedral.

There may be some seats available – please phone John if interested.

Our **AGM** is on **Monday October 8th 7.30 pm** at **Cheselbourne Village Hall**. You are assured of a convivial time during refreshments which follow the very short business meeting.

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MILBORNE ST ANDREW GARDENING CLUB



Thanks to some fine weather, our Garden Trek social evening in August was very successful. We were able to do what gardening folk enjoy most – wander round other people's gardens and get ideas on how to improve our own! After some refreshments en route we all arrived at our Chairman's house to share a buffet supper, and we all had a great evening. Many thanks to all those who opened their gardens for us.

Our next meeting is on Thursday 25th October at 7.30 pm, when the talk is entitled "Putting the Garden to Bed". The Speaker is one of the team of experts from the Poundbury Garden Centre, and it is one of their most popular talks, at just the right time of year.

Tickets will be available at this meeting for our next Curling Evening, which will take place on Thursday 22nd November. As this proved so popular last year we decided to do it again, so members might like to get their tickets before they go on sale to everyone. Numbers will be restricted to 40, as before, and we will be providing supper within the price.

Linda Harris, Secretary



Gardening Club Wanderers

Saving pennies

Do you know of anyone who just throws the *Reporter* in the bin? Let us know and we will ask them if they wish to stop receiving it. Each copy costs us about 70p.

DOORSTEP OFFERS

The Reporter has been approached and asked to warn others in the village about accepting quotes for work in the garden.

The resident agreed to allow a gardening contractor who knocked on the door to do some clearing work in the garden. He feels that the work has not been done properly, and he has now been unable to contact the company. It is not clear where the company is based, and indeed the name may not be correct.

The Reporter acknowledges that the judgement of "work not being done properly" is subjective. However recognises that all residents should be aware of "ad hoc" offers of remedial work.

WEATHERBURY SINGERS OF PUDDLETOWN SEEKING NEW TALENT!



The Weatherbury Singers meet at the new Church Hall Puddletown, every Tuesday nights from 7.30 – 9.30pm. We are looking to recruit Tenors and Basses and would love to hear from anyone who would like to join us, No auditions needed. If you are interested could you contact: Sue Chapman on 01305 848053 (Membership Secretary) or Judy Cooper on 01258 837120

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The Reporter—a tribute to a much loved friend

A very special lady has passed away, very private, tirelessly helping, and fiercely independent. The Reporter Team, and also the previous village magazine, The Milborne Messenger, relied on Pat Tribe along with her team of collaters (for the Messenger) and as the central point for distributing (for the Reporter) along with a massive delivery round in the village. Despite failing health, Pat continued right up to July this year distributing the Reporters to the deliverers in her "patch". We shall miss her a lot.

We had asked Pat several times to let us feature her as a "have you met" but she steadfastly refused, she didn't think anyone would want to know about her! But she was such a big figure in the background of the village magazine distribution, and a giant in the running of the church, and I am sure that many of you will know other ways in which she quietly worked behind the scenes as she was always willing to help others. I remember, last year in the really cold snap, she was outside in the road of Crown Court, scraping the road of ice, to try and make it safe for others.

Goodbye Pat, you are at peace now, and all our thoughts are with you and your family.

The Messenger—editor Pat Tribe

Pat had a lot to do with the existence of a magazine in the village. The village newsletter and magazine were around well before 1999. Thanks to Richard Lock, I have a copy of an old "The Messenger", edited by Pat Tribe dated July 1999. I have been told that she used to type up the text, then cut all the bits out, along with the photos, arrange them on the paper, and then get it photocopied. It even invited contention then, with a letter commenting on the inclusion of opinion rather than fact—nothing changes!

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A fond farewell to Pat Tribe from all the village



Ladybirds memories

Pat helped at Ladybirds for many years during which she has helped many children progress through this important time in their lives. Those children will remember she was always there to give reassurance and support when needed. From a personal point of view Pat was reliable, supportive and always prepared to muck in, even though at times she became the headmistress and admonished me.

One time in particular I had allowed the children a very messy clay and water session. Pat set forth with cloth and bucket and firmly said "Liz I don't think this was one of your better ideas" Not said in anger but firm enough to make me learn an activity not to be repeated!

Fond memories of Pat from Ladybirds

Many years back a kind lady called Pat Came to help us enjoy playing together, and learning as well.

We fed her on tea and gave plates of food, A never ending supply from our role play house.

We bandaged and made her feel better In our hospital ward.

Her favourite was being outside Listening to birds and helping with plants. She loved to join us to produce beautiful art.

Pat came on our trips Making sandcastles at the sea, Riding go carts at the farm, And telling us about sea creatures. Pat was always there to read a story And best of all she sat and talked to us Making us very happy.

Our thoughts will be of you whenever we use any of the items you made for us, particularly the beautiful quilted advent calendar.

With love from all those past and present at Milborne ladybirds.



From The Wild Art Club



For ten years Pat Tribe helped with Wild Art Club and the children loved her. Pat was strict, but so knowledgeable, always surrounded by children asking for help and encouragement. Every year in the autumn Pat would go foraging in Puddletown Forest and come back with a wonderful array of fungi for us to study. We learnt the names, about science and were allowed to touch them, under strict rules of hand washing. Afterwards we did drawings and paintings to make a display.

In Wild Art Club we learn about the countryside, how to respect and look after it for the future. Pat was a great inspiration to the children and her love of the church and churchyard had us exploring all those hidden corners, identifying flowers and lichens as well as having a go on the bells. Her identification skills were put to good use on the tree walks in autumn and spring and one of my fondest memories is of Pat and the children under the "Singing Lime Tree" in the Grove.

There is no doubt Pat will be greatly missed by us all.

From Mary-Ann Featherstone and the children of all ages from Wild Art Club Milborne School



The Horticultural Society Secretary



Pat was the Secretary of the Gardening Club (then the Horticultural Society) for many years, running everything like clockwork.

Even when she stepped down from the committee, she continued to help in all our activities and to lend a hand whenever possible, come rain or shine, in sickness and in health.

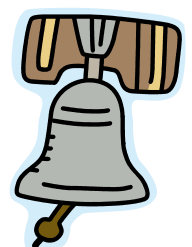
Her enthusiasm for gardening and her vast knowledge of plants and flowers was second to none. We have lost a very valued member of our Club and will all miss Pat very much.

It seems a long time ago now, but Pat was one of the 'new' band of ringers that started from scratch when encouraged to ring the bells that had stood idle for some time. She, like all of us, was completely new to the whole concept, but took it all on board and, like so many things she did, was an absolutely reliable and regular attendee at weekly practice and ringing for services.

She always worried that her progress at learning was too slow, but on the contrary she always was able to do what was required of her from the early process of bell handling to the later learning of methods. She would always say she had no 'ropesight', but when

watched she was clearly following what was going on with the other bells. Latterly she requested to ring only the two lightest bells but rarely complained of any difficulty even when she was getting tired. Of particular value when teaching new young ringers her skill with children was invaluable in keeping them motivated.

It is with great joy and gratitude that she will be remembered for her contribution to the bells ringing out cheerful praises.



Pat Tribe and bellringing

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 – Milborne St. Andrew	Clerk: Joyce Holman	01202 880512
	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 years	Sharon Moss	01258 839210

Police

Police – Non-emergency contact		101
Community Beat Officer	PC Dave Mullins	01202 223003 07825 521850
Community Beat Officer (Dorch)	PC Jeremy Cuff	101
Safer Neighbourhood Team		
Blandford Rural South	PC Dave Mullins and PCSO Luke Goddard	01202 223003 or 07825 521850

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
Ranters' Folk Session	Roger Harrall	01258 837371
Round Robin Ramblers	Ian Bromilow	01258 880044

Sport

Abbey Swimming Club	Pat Cowan	01258 880601
Adult Tap Dancing Milton Abbas	Libby Goodchild	01305 268029

Archers – Crossways	Sheila Ryall	01258 837504
Athletics – Junior	David Pearson	01258 837057
Badminton	David Payne	01258 837700
Circuit Training and Pilates	Claire Barratt	01929 554999 07946 732769
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
Table-tennis	Sandra Shannon	01258 837253
Tap Dancing for Men and Women		01258 880523
Tennis	Dennis Nelson	01258 837734
Tennis (Members Secretary)	John Sanderson	07900837049
Yoga	Sue Chapman	01305 848053

Village Hall

Dewlish		
Chairman:	Alex Carter	01258 837312
Secretary:	Alex Carter	01258 837312
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Chairman:	Paul Tasker	01258 837590
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October

- Thursday 11th **WI History of Sherborne with Ann and Michael King** Village Hall 7.30pm – see page 00.
 Wednesday 17th **Parish Council** Village Hall 7.30pm.
 Thursday 25th **Gardening Club** Putting the Garden to Bed. Village Hall 7.30pm – see page 00.



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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 7.30–10.00pm
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 Village Hall Multi Sports Area

- Social Tennis Adults** Wednesdays 4.00–8.00pm
Social Tennis Adults Sundays 10.00am–1.00pm
Tennis Adult Beginners Sundays 9.00–10.00am

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

October at the Sports Pavilion

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

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

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From nearby—thefts from motor vehicles in August

From the village—a theft of a washing line on Blandford Hill in early July, and building materials in August

THE BOYS ARE BACK IN TOWN!

After an extremely testing summer period with multiple events coinciding, the

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Allotment Society – join the band!

The very first AGM has taken place for the new Allotment Society in the village, the working group all agreed to continue as the “official” committee, a small band of mad mudlarks! We are not very rich – you wouldn’t expect that, but we have been successful in one of the grant applications, an important one, we can now afford to get a water feed to the new site up past the Sports Pavilion. Just waiting on Wessex Water now!



We all thanked each other for the work thus far, but more importantly, we have to look to the future now to maintain the original eagerness, and make the whole thought of having an allotment more appealing to all of the village. We now have a “mission statement”: “We will set out to make the MSA Allotment Site attractive and desirable for Milborne St Andrew and the surrounding communities.”

If you would like more information about having an allotment contact msa.allotments@yahoo.co.uk or ring Sue on 01258837575.

Ask Millie – your problems solved



I have had no comments on last month’s cliff hanger about the new wheelie bins which one day will be coming to a doorstep, not only near you, but outside your door. Obviously the people of Milborne are all quite happy with the situation. Meanwhile, onward and upward –

Dear Millie

The person that wrote to you saying they were fed up with the amount of money being wasted on the torch relay is not the only one. The money would certainly be better spent on more deserving things like the NHS. Your reply ‘Pride in this country’, there should not be any, any more with all these foreigners living off our money because our Government is so soft and allows them to do it. There have been a few happy people cheering the torch, most of whom should have been at work, but what about all the majority of people that were not there who had better things to do with their time.

Then comes all the money that is being wasted on the Olympic games. Not everybody supports this nonsense as can

be seen by the empty seats. Most of the competitors would be better off having to work for a living. Especially with the Manager of the Bank of England saying that the country will be in a double dip recession for the next couple of years with zero growth for 2012. Why don’t we come out of the Common Market and then we could be proud once again to be British, living by our rules and regulations. People living in Dorset just do not realise how lucky they are living mostly without any foreigners, they cannot see the problems that foreigners will bring to this country. If we wait much longer it will be a Muslim Country living by the Sharia Law, once that happens it can never be reversed.

Millie says – I sympathise with your views about the Olympics, but I think you must agree that the efforts of our athletes have raised the spirits of our country a great deal.

I feel it is a little harsh to condemn all those that many perceive as foreigners. We are and always have been a cosmopolitan country, grumbling our way through, but ultimately thriving on change and adversity. We cannot go back to a supposed golden time, if it ever really existed – I certainly can’t remember it.

Does anyone else wish to comment?

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Wholeness and healing

Dear Friends,

On the 18th October the world wide church celebrates St Luke's Day. Luke is believed to be the author of two books of the New Testament; the Gospel of Luke and also the Acts of the Apostles. Luke makes it clear that the good news of 'wholeness and healing' found in Jesus is for all people regardless of their gender social position or nationality. Luke was a dear friend of the apostle Paul and is mentioned by him three times in his Letters. Paul described him as 'the beloved physician' so Luke has become the patron saint of doctors.

October is a good month for us to reflect again on the healing ministry of the church. On the 21st October (the nearest Sunday to St Luke's Day) at 6pm in Puddletown church there will be a special evening service with prayers for wholeness and healing. There will be an opportunity to be prayed for if you wish. Come and join us for a quiet service with time set aside to draw closer to God in this Holy place. Come and sit and enjoy his presence with you.

The healing ministry is for everyone. We all need healing in some way. I think we all long for wholeness, that growing awareness of the harmony between oneself, one's neighbour the environment and God; a freedom from fear and a freedom from despair. St Luke in his gospel tells us many stories of Jesus restoring people to new life in its fullness. He made them well so that they could belong again. Through the healing ministry Jesus met folks at their point of need. What is your point of need?

The restoring touch of Jesus in body mind, spirit and emotions and relationships enables us to be as God intended us to be.

'Come unto me all that travail and are heavy laden and I will refresh you'
Matthew 11.28

Come and join us on Sunday 21st. Come and set some time aside with God so that he may refresh you.

Sarah Godfrey

CHURCH SERVICES October 2012

THURSDAY 4th October

12 noon Lunch-time Communion Milborne

7th October – Trinity 18

9.30am Parish Communion Tolpuddle
9.30am Family Communion Milborne
11.00am Holy Communion Puddletown
6.00 pm Harvest Festival Dewlish

14th October—Trinity 19

8.15am 1662 Said Communion Puddletown
9.30am Methodist Harvest of Justice Service

Tolpuddle Chapel

9.30am Parish Communion Milborne

11.00am Family Service Puddletown VH

11.00am Family Communion Dewlish

THURSDAY 18th October

12 noon Lunch-time Communion Puddletown

21st October—Trinity 20

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

6.00pm Evening Service with healing Puddletown

28th October—Ss. Simon & Jude/Trinity 21

9.30am All-Age Worship Tolpuddle

9.30am 1662 Holy Communion Milborne

11.00am Family Service Dewlish

11.00am Childrens Society Family Communion

Puddletown

MORNING PRAYERS (Mon-Thurs 8.15am Sat 9am)

Monday—Puddletown Tuesday—Tolpuddle

Wednesday—Milborne.....Thursday—Dewlish

Saturday—Puddletown

In memory
There will be a 'quarter peal'
rung in memory of Pat on
Sunday 30th September at
2.00pm.

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Dewlish Church Notes

New curtains brighten the church

WE ARE so grateful to Mrs Judith Bridgen for making new curtains for the church. Our old ones were becoming quite threadbare and so the new ones have brightened the church considerably. Thank you, Judith, for all your hard work.

The weather was not so good for the Athelhampton Fete but we were so pleased that so many people made the effort to come. Despite the shortage of produce in the gardens, our stall still made £203.80, which was very good. Our thanks go to all our helpers, and especially to Mr and Mrs Patrick Cooke for allowing us to use their wonderful gardens.



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 John (839090).

Fortunately we were lucky with the weather when the Benefice Farm Service was held at Sue Britton's Parsonage Farm, Dewlish. People from around the benefice joined in worship and thanksgiving amid the lovely scenery and the animals. Thank you so much, Sue, for your hospitality and the wonderful refreshments.

The collection amounted to £115.82, which has been given to Farm Africa.

Our Harvest Festival is on Sunday 7th October at 6.00pm, followed the next evening by the Supper and Auction in the Village Hall starting at 7.00pm.

Daphne Burg

Church Cleaning – w/e Saturday

6th October Carolyn Martin and

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27th October **Volunteers needed**

Flowers – w/e Saturday

Oct.6th and 13th Marion Regan

Oct.20th and 27th Angie Nowell

Spending a penny is now much easier!

September has been a very busy month in our church. We have seen the completion of our toilet and kitchenette facilities which have already proved to be a success. We can now be more hospitable to our congregation and visitors!

Church Diary Notes

On Sunday 2nd we had a thanksgiving for Amelia Stewart during our Family Service.

Seven visitors signed in on their travels during the Dorset Historic Churches Trust Ride and Stride programme on September 8th; thank you to those who supported Pam who raised £57.

On Sunday 16th we welcomed the Foskett family to a thanksgiving service for their child.

By the time you read this we will have enjoyed a wonderful display at the Harvest Flower Festival held in memory of Pat Tribe who worked so hard for our church, and in whose memory a band of ringers rang a quarter peal, and we will also have welcomed visitors from Puddletown, Tolpuddle and Dewlish at the Benefice Harvest Festival service. This year our produce will be given to the Longmead Community Farm, a local charity for families in need of help. They have the facilities to store tins and bottles and freeze produce until needed. Flowers will be delivered to people in the village who we know are ill or appreciate a visitor.

We would like to thank everyone who gave their harvest gifts or their time arranging flowers to make what we are sure will have been a wonderful successful weekend.

Curry Supper

Thank you everyone from Milborne, Puddletown and Dewlish who supported the Curry Supper evening. It was rather chilly for sitting in the garden but 33 people enjoyed themselves, indulging in chicken, lamb or beef curry with all the trimmings, followed by delicious home-made sweets. About £250 will be going into church funds.

100 Club

The 100 Club, run in partnership between the Football Club and St Andrew's Church, has been going for several years but we are looking for new members. It costs each member £1 per week collected every five weeks. The draw takes place in The Royal Oak every 5 weeks when prizes of £100 and £50 are drawn; a third prize depends on the number of members. The football club and the church benefit financially. If you are interested please contact June Maitland (837235) or the churchwardens for further details.

Patricia Ann Tribe 16th March 1941 to 16th August 2012



You will be sad to hear that Pat Tribe, Milborne's much loved Church Warden has died and that her funeral took place on Thursday 23rd August.

Always a no-nonsense and terribly organised sort of person Pat left precise instructions for her funeral. They were written in her beautifully neat handwriting on a small piece of white paper. "I want to be buried in the churchyard" was followed by a short list of hymns and music and at the bottom she had written in capitals "ABOVE ALL I WANT NO FUSS!"

It was typical of her. She had no idea just how many folks wanted to celebrate her life. At her funeral there were 160 people. It was a tribute to how many lives she had touched. We sang 'O God our help in ages past' and 'O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder'. We read together her favourite psalm, number 121 and listened to a reading from 1 Thessalonians 4.

Pat was born in West Sussex and had one younger brother Peter. She trained to teach at the Bishop Otter College in

Chichester, and her first school was up north in Washington. She later moved to Dorset teaching first at Sandford primary school as deputy head before she became head teacher of Corfe Castle primary school. She lived in East Stoke and later in Wool but 31 years ago she moved to Milborne where she spent the rest of her life.

Pat was an independent strong-minded woman and she kept going when many of us would have given up, refusing lifts to the hospital for chemotherapy and even managing to drive herself to church on the Sunday before she died. She was a deeply committed Christian and worked tirelessly for St Andrew's Church. In her time here she undertook nearly every job from church warden, PCC secretary, bell ringer, flower arranger, cleaner, fund raiser, flag raiser, 'rook scarer', spring cleaner, seamstress, and all those other unnoticed tasks done behind the scenes. A tireless fund raiser for church, she would be seen selling her apple pies at the Christmas fayre, or behind the bric-a-brac stall at fetes, always making things to sell. She even found time to get her head around funding applications and was instrumental in finding the funding for our present toilet project.

Pat's main love was nature and wildlife. She kept a beautiful small cottage garden packed full of plants and was a member of the Gardening Club. When the Dorset Wildlife Trust introduced the Living Churchyard scheme she persuaded the PCC that it was important to have wildlife areas. She then set about introducing wild flowers and organised working parties to look after the churchyard.

Pat, before her illness, was very fit and you could see her striding out across the countryside. Although she didn't like sport much she rode her bike everywhere, and each September did the Dorset Historic Churches sponsored bike ride until she was no longer fit enough to cycle between the churches when she walked instead!

Her love of children meant that after retiring from teaching she helped out at play group and then Ladybirds and was a great help when the Beaver group began in the village.

In her spare time Pat was learning Greek, played the recorder with the Purbeck Recorder Consort and sang with several choral societies. She even had a go at pot-holing! She had a City and Guilds in quilt making and produced many beautiful quilts. She was a member of the sewing group and even when she was very ill organised an exhibition of work in the village hall to raise money.

Pat lived life to the full, did not waste a minute and was an example to us all.

Sarah Godfrey

There are more tributes to Pat on Page 14 and 15, she touched the lives of so many people, both young and old.

Milborne 100 Club

1st PRIZE £100: 2nd PRIZE £50:

3rd PRIZE depends on number of members paid

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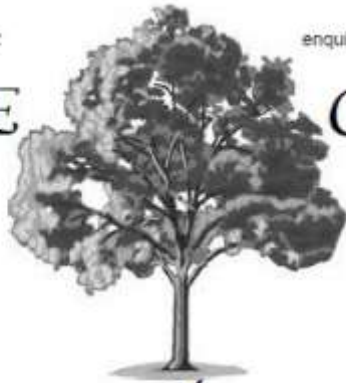
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July & August 2012 Weather in Milborne St. Andrew



July was another extraordinary month of this extraordinary year. The highest July rainfall I had recorded up to this year was 114.7mm in 1978 but this was already exceeded by the 7th July this year and the total rainfall for the month was 325% of average at 162.1mm. There was an exceptionally wet day on the 7th with 62.0mm of rain which was the highest daily rainfall for 12 years and will almost certainly be the highest daily rainfall this year. The springs broke out in the Milton Road on 14th July and, whilst this may have occurred before in July, it has not occurred in July in living memory. The Milton Road springs usually break out toward the end of an exceptionally wet winter so the water table is now at a level comparable with that. There was a dramatic change on 23rd July when hot and dry weather persisted for a week and a maximum day temperature of 34C was reached on 25th which will be the hottest day of this year. In spite of that week of higher temperatures, the average temperature for the month was a degree or so below the long term average for Milborne and the Central England Temperature was 1.2C below the 30 year mean. It was a dull July with sunshine levels at 81% of the 30 year mean.

August rainfall did not break any records but the month's total of 114.5mm was 168% of average. There were some warm periods during the month with some hot days which made it a more normal August for temperatures. Sunshine nationally averaged 167 hours which was around 86% of the mean for August.

There has been a trend towards slightly higher summer (Jun-Aug) rainfall over the last 20 years with the wettest summers becoming increasingly wetter. I list below the 5 wettest summers over the last 41 years.

1974 = 259.9mm 1980 = 278.7mm 1997 = 296.8mm
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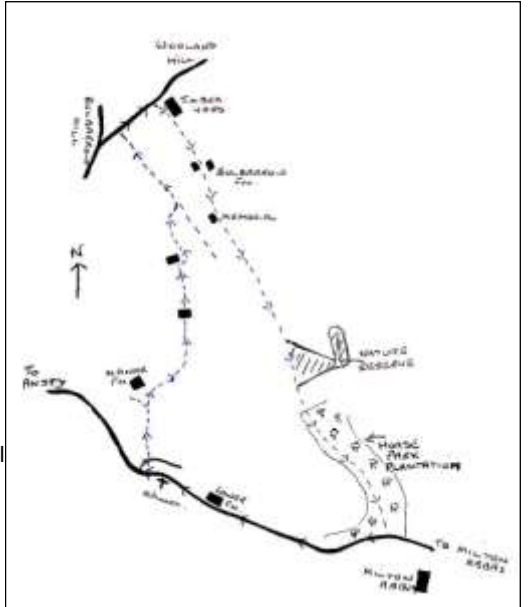
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THE church can be seen on the south side of the road, so with the church on your left walk towards Ansty for about 150 metres and turn right into The Knapp. Follow the lane for a short while then turn left towards Manor Farm, this is a tarmac surface. When you reach Manor Farm take the bridleway straight ahead.

Continue for about 700 metres to a barn. Pass through the gates into an arable field which has a good path through it (it is oilseed rape this year). Ahead of you at the end of this field you can see some more farm buildings. When you reach them bear off to the right and pass through the gate ahead of you.

The path now bears to the left and climbs uphill for about 400 metres, before turning slightly right-handed to head for another gate. Go through this gate and head for the gate in the top corner of the field to your left. You will see a small wind turbine over the hedge to your right. The path now levels out and continues for 500



metres to the Bulbarrow Road. Turn right onto the road and walk for 300 metres until you come to the entrance to Bulbarrow Farm.

Turn right here and follow the bridleway, passing the Timber Yard on your left. Continue along the good track passing Bulbarrow Farm and further on Hill Barn. There is a memorial here in this barn to a young man called Mark Batchelor.

Ahead of you there are two gates. Take the left hand one into a field; with the hedge on your right continue along the edge of the fields until you reach a wicket gate (approx 1km). This is the entrance to a Nature Reserve. The path through here can be a bit overgrown at times. After leaving the Reserve the track enters woodland called Horse Park Plantation.

The path through the woods is steep at times and can be muddy in wet weather. Please take great care. It may be better to wait for the weather to improve.

When you reach the bottom of the wood you come out onto the road opposite Milton Abbey. Turn right along the road back to Hilton (1.25km). There are some beautiful views through this walk. Please wear good walking shoes or walking boots.

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Warm raspberry cupcakes with orange sugar drizzle

By Lesley Waters on BBC Good Food website

Ingredients

200g self-raising flour
2 tsp baking powder
200g unsalted butter, softened
4 eggs
200g caster sugar
3 tbsp milk
50g ground almonds
zest of 1 medium orange
150g punnet raspberries, lightly crushed,
plus extra to decorate
FOR THE SUGAR CRUST
juice of 1 medium orange
4 tbsp caster sugar



Method

Heat oven to 180C/fan 160C/gas 4. Line a 12-hole muffin tin with paper muffin cases. Tip the first 8 ingredients into a large bowl and beat with electric whisk until smooth. Fold the crushed raspberries through the batter.

Divide the batter between the cases (they should be about half full) and bake for 20-25 mins or until golden and just firm. Make the topping by mixing together the orange juice and sugar until well blended.

Remove the cupcakes from the oven and allow to cool a little. Drizzle each with the orange and sugar crust mix. Top with the extra raspberries to serve.

Per serving - 328 kcalories, protein 5g, carbohydrate 37g, fat 19 g, saturated fat 10g, fibre 1g, sugar 23g, salt 0.4g

Rosie's Feast

By Josie Wright

HAVE I got all the ingredients for my chicken liver pate? Livers with the nasty bits cut off, mushrooms, onions, pepper, cream, butter – no butter. Help! Hopefully there's some in the fridge. Let's see, a nice pinot grigio and a couple of chardonnays chilling, cheeses – they must come out soon – and, thank goodness, at the back, half a pound of butter.

Ah! From the stripy blue basin, the nostalgic aroma of raspberries! Reminds me of happier days with Tom. But today they're just another task to be done.

So I left them out too and dump them on the kitchen table. Perhaps I should pick over the raspberries for that fiddly dessert before I get all smelly with pate!

I wash my hands and dry them on the roller towel before sliding them into the bowl. As I let the luscious scarlet berries trickle through my fingers, a shiver runs down my spine. Gently, very gently, I crush a few. The fragrance of past carefree summers surrounds me. I cup more of the fruit, enclosing it to squeeze the sweet flesh and watch the pulp ooze between my fingers. Juice dribbles down my forearms as I lift my hands. Gasping from the heady scent I lick one sticky palm, while the other, unthinkingly, rests on my chin. Entranced, I scoop up the remaining crushed berries, savouring the nostalgic aroma.

The door swings open. The fussy question Tom is about to ask dies on his lips as he gazes at me open mouthed.

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'Forget them darling!' Tom says, smiling. He is already enjoying the feast that is Rosie.



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

Gardening Tales

Autumn is an ideal time for planting as the soil is still warm and moist. It is the best time to plant shrubs. When planting anything (except bare root plants) tease out the roots a little from the original compost and this will help it get established properly. I'm sure you've all dug up plants where the rootball is virtually the same size as it was when planted, the roots still going round and round. October is the ideal month to plant summer flowering lilies and you can still plant some spring bulbs too. However – **don't** plant tulips until November.



If you are planting climbers at the base of a wall or fence remember that it can be very dry, so aim to plant the climber about 30cm (1ft) away from the wall. Wire the wall/fence to give the climber something to cling onto using horizontal wires spaced 30cm (1ft) apart. Leave a 5cm (2in) gap between the wires and the wall/fence. The same applied to trellis – don't fix the trellis right against the fence – leave a gap so that you can train your plants in and through the gaps. Back to the climber... angle the climber towards the wall/fence, remove the cane supporting it and train its stems along the trellis or wire with soft string. Water well and mulch, and continue to water until you can be sure it has established. This goes for all new plants.

The garden centres are now full of plants for your winter and spring bedding. Wallflowers and sweet Williams are now available and it's best to get them when you see them as they won't be available for long. By now, the summer bedding will be over and it's time to plant up your pots for some winter colour. You can often find trays of small shrubs that are ideal for pots and mix these with pansies and cyclamen.

A pretty red display could include Hypericum or skimmia with its nice red berries, cyclamen and Gaultheria procumbens (checkerberry)

with ivy to soften the edges of the container. The Gaultheria likes acid soil so you will need to use ericaceous compost. Cyclamen will reward you with long flowering blooms as long as you can protect it from excessive wet. Make sure that your pot drains well and remove any faded flower stems by pinching them out with your thumb and forefinger.

For a lovely yellow and silver display edge the pot with small lavenders, and/or Artemesia for silver colour and then add a splash of yellow with Euonymus 'Emerald 'n Gold' and a gold variegated ivy to soften the sides of the container. Heathers are ideal candidates for containers and give some additional colour. A tree heather (Erica arborea) will provide height and has small white flowers in spring.

I like to see plants with different textures together and these provide long lasting displays that look good all year round and are generally low maintenance. Plants like Thymus 'Doone Valley' to trail over the edge, small Hebe Emerald Gem that just wants to be gently patted, and the slightly larger-leaved Hebe topiara will provide a greeny-grey contrast. The grass Carex 'Frosted Curls' provides movement and one of the dark leaved Heucheras with provide further texture and colour. Many of the plants that you use in your winter containers can be planted out in the garden to make room for spring and summer bedding. However, if your garden is packed full don't be afraid to throw plants away, or replot them in plastic pots to use again later – or even grow them on for the Gardening Club's plant sale.

If anyone has any gardening-related questions that they would like me to answer, please send your questions to Maureen Lock, Designer Gardens, c/o The Reporter and I will answer them in the next issue.

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Engagement Announcement



Local couple Jessica Tasker and Gren Elphinstone-Davis announced their engagement at the end of August and are hoping for a village wedding, although no date has been set. Many readers will know Gren who has lived in the village for many years, meeting Jess at the Milborne Players when she moved to the village in 2010. The couple recently set up home together in Weymouth, where Jess now works, but are frequently back in the village with the Players, or visiting friends and family. Gren popped the question during a day trip to Teignmouth, Devon - where Jess grew up - but she has been on cloud nine ever since!

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The Fish Pond – created by musicians, for musicians

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131 bands, 20 countries, One Family – With Roots in Milborne St Andrew

DAVID SMITH is a British musician now based in America; with parents in Milborne St Andrew, and having performed to the Ladybirds class of 2010 in the village hall he has fond memories of the friendliness in rural Dorset.

His first performance in the US was with an unnamed band. A member of the audience, a seven-year-old girl called Vanessa, presented him with “my lucky fish, to keep you happy and successful through your whole life”. It touched him so much, that the concept of “My Lucky Fish” was born; not only a band with a tour schedule and an album due, but also an idea for a website to serve as a family, created by musicians for musicians.

With inauspicious roots with six high school musicians in tiny Stephens City, Virginia, the Global Musicians Fish Pond was born. Young people and family have always been important to David; “it was clear to me that there are so many young musicians who don’t have the chance to publish to a wider audience or be critiqued in a credible way; with a collective, we all have a chance to be part of something we can all be proud of”. With a cornerstone principle never to charge a musician, the site was launched in April 2011.

So it is 18 months on that the family website hosts 131 musicians representing 20 countries, has one compilation album, and a website which offers blogs in English, Spanish, and French languages, and a new review every week. There is a growing playlist of the most amazing freshly recorded music, and all for no charge to the listener.

David welcomes all musicians to check out the site and to join the family; “it would be particularly nice to have a Milborne St Andrew musician join our many British members”. The site is equally welcoming to music lovers; just by looking at and listening to the site and commenting on the individual musicians and writers, you can really give a boost to young people and young musicians all over the world.

In closing, David says: “we thank you so much for your support – we aim to give back to the artist and the community with everything we have. Tell your friends – especially those who are musicians – that the fish pond is growing, to your benefit, in a town near you soon. I look forward to hearing from you personally, especially if you share my roots in Milborne”.

You can find the family at www.globalmusiciansfishpond.com



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INTERMEDIATE CUP WINNERS MILBORNE SPORTS ENTER DIVISION ONE.

After achieving a momentous victory in the final of the Dorset Intermediate Cup against a Lyme Regis team that suffered no other reversal in the entire season, Milborne have now achieved their highest ranking after gaining promotion. Locals can look forward to watching some entertaining football this coming season at Lane End as Milborne aim to achieve even higher goals. Pre-season friendlies started with an interesting pre-season match against a Salisbury reserves/youth outfit on the 1st September. Manager Paul Hammond is looking to strengthen his squad and a few new signings seem likely shortly as he looks to build on the success of recent seasons.

From a position at the bottom of Dorset's lowest league, Milborne Sports have become a very respected outfit in Dorset football, playing on a surface that is kept pristine by Malcolm whose unceasing hard work is appreciated by all.

Undoubtedly this will be a tougher season in the higher echelons of Dorset football but also it will be a challenge that Sports will look forward to with zest. On the administration side of the club, Matty Hall works tirelessly as secretary and anyone who is interested in being involved with the club will be warmly welcomed.

There are also opportunities for any companies who would like to become involved as sponsors in whatever shape or form. As regards spectators, there should be a game most weeks on Saturdays 3.00pm kick off until the clocks change, as again the club will be fielding two teams, the second being in Division Five.

Mike Lathbury, Chairman




100 Year celebration of league football in MSA kicks off a fresh start for the club

Saturday saw the centenary celebration of league football in the village and a fantastic day of fun and football was had by all generations. The current first team saw an 8-1 win against rivals Poole Borough in the league, followed by such an overwhelming number of ex-players turning up on the day that two old boys teams were put together at the last minute with the ex-players showing that they have lost none of their skills although perhaps some of their speed! With an exhibition match ball presented by one of the oldest surviving Milborne Old Boys 'Dusty Miller' who played back in the 1950's, this was a day for reflection on past glories and catching up with old friends as past players reminisced over old video footage, photographs and memorabilia. Not only was this a day for current success and past glories but also a day to look to the future of the club. Milborne Mini Soccer unveiled their new kit, kindly sponsored by **DCM Tyres Blandford & Shaftesbury** and the new mini soccer pitches were officially opened by Malcolm Applin, dedicated groundsman and one of the grass roots founders of the current facilities. With such amazing facilities and new mini soccer pitches the club now hopes to attract more players and welcomes anyone who would like to come along for a cup of tea, a bacon sandwich and cheer on the future Milborne players on a Sunday morning when we play our home games. A massive thank-you from everyone involved in Milborne Football for the continued support and goodwill from the local community.



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