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# Reporter

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Millborne St. Andrew

## Opening Times for the Bratleys



# Milborne St. Andrew Art Group

Committee Room, MSA Village Hall

Group Leader – Elaine Anthony [elaine.anthony3@btinternet.com](mailto:elaine.anthony3@btinternet.com)

MILBORNE Art Group is back after our summer break and is looking forward to getting together to encourage each other in our love of art. We are a small friendly group that meet up to paint and draw informally, but sometimes invite a visiting tutor or demonstrating artist to help and inspire us. The group has funded new picture rails in the Committee Room to enable us to have a permanent way to display (and maybe sell) our art-work and also hope that it will brighten up the room for other users. We meet in the Village Hall Committee Room on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday every month at 7.00 pm and are always happy to welcome new members. For more information please contact Elaine on 837089 or email.



## Wednesday Club A.G.M.

WEDNESDAY 3rd October was the date of The Wednesday Club's A.G.M., 28 of a membership of 50 attended.

Vivienne Legg opened the meeting and gave thanks to Margo Kirk for all the work that she has done for the club as she has retired as the Chairperson.

It was agreed that the committee should stand without changes and as no one else volunteered to stand as Chair it was proposed that Janet Allen should take on the post. Janet has been doing the job admirably since Margo left and though very busy with many other activities, she agreed to accept the position.

John Wright presented the accounts which were accepted. He thanked Hilary Daffern and Sheila Burton for raising extra funds with raffles and the bring and buy. Thanks were also given to Chris Nowell for verifying the accounts.

Margaret Evans reviewed all the activities throughout another successful year, the highlight being the cream tea for the Jubilee and the visit of Ben Hanger, one of Milborne's torch bearers, which even got shown on BBC's South Today!

Earlier in the year the First School asked the local groups to each make a poster representing a month in the year. Eve Richardson kindly made ours and we were pleased to hear that the school is planning to have the twelve posters made into a calendar which will go on sale in time for Christmas.

Alison Taylor, Welfare Benefits Officer from Signpost, gave a most informative talk about benefits for pensioners, covering such things as Pension Credit and disability benefits.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 7th November from 2.00 to 4.00pm when Eva Stockley will be telling us about her year as Mayor of Melton Mowbray.

In December we will be returning to the Green Man at Kings Stag for our Christmas lunch at £25 per head.

As always we welcome members and visitors to all our events.

*Lis Watts*

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To be held at the Village Hall on  
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## Saint Andrew's Day – Friday 30th November

ON Friday 30th November it will be St. Andrew's Day when we remember Milborne St. Andrew's special saint. The church wants to celebrate all the different activities that take place in Milborne, so at 4.00pm on that day there will be tea and cakes served in church followed by a **Songs of Praise Service** which will be attended by the Archdeacon of Sherborne. In the run up to this the children at school will be learning about St. Andrew and making something special for us.

## EXTRA COPIES?

IF you are a resident in the village, we are committed to delivering one copy of the village magazine to your house, free for you all. If you live outside the village, and wish to regularly receive a copy of the Milborne St. Andrew Reporter, we can provide one at a cost of 75p (basically the cost of printing). This also applies to the industrial units in and around the village.

Our problem is that we have just come to the end of a fixed printing price contract, the price has increased, and we are trying to find ways of keeping the costs down.

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

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## Front cover

OUR front page this month is a picture of the new owners/managers of Gray's Stores, the Bratley family at home comprising Emma, Glenn, Emma's mother Jill, Flora aged three years and Lizzie aged 15 months. They are settling into their new home and business with zeal and energy introducing new lines and full of plans for the future. Read more about them in our December edition.

Photograph by Carole Fornachon

## Concert by the Casterbridge Male Voice Choir

ON Wednesday 5th December at 7.30pm in Milborne St. Andrew Village Hall, the renowned Dorchester based male voice choir are performing a concert of seasonal music. Sponsored by the Women's Institute, tickets will cost £8 per head and mulled wine and mince pies will be available for refreshment. Ticket orders from Shirley Dunkley on 01258 837446 or through Women's Institute members. This well-established choir is popular throughout the county and beyond and has also recorded regularly; their concert promises to be a highly enjoyable start to winter festivities.

## We Need Help

MILBORNE St. Andrew Scout Group needs young enthusiastic people to join us. We range from 5¾ to 8 for Beavers, of which we badly need, so our Cub section, which is 8 to 10½, can keep going, and also our Scout section, 10½ to 14, can survive.

Also any adults who feel they might be able to help us in any small way are very welcome to join us. If anybody is interested, small or large, please, please, please contact me, Mike Mullett on 01258 837309.



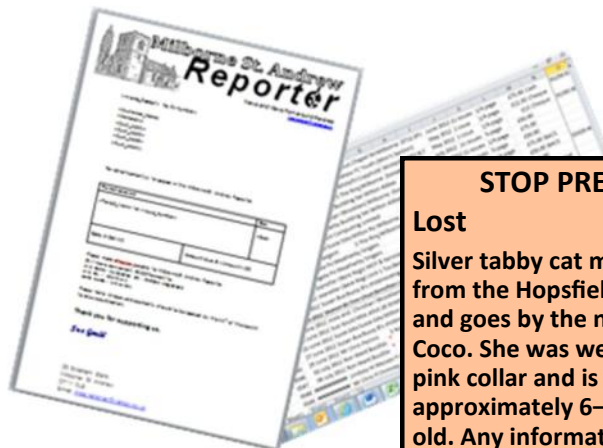
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### STOP PRESS

#### Lost

Silver tabby cat missing from the Hopsfield area and goes by the name of Coco. She was wearing a pink collar and is approximately 6-7 years old. Any information would be appreciated. Telephone: 01258839020.



THE BENEFICE OF PUDDLETOWN, TOLPUDDLE AND MILBORNE WITH DEWLISH  
PART OF THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND IN THE DIOCESE OF SALISBURY

### Meditation reduces loneliness in old age

The title above was the headline of an article in the *Daily Mail* two months ago. Research suggests that meditating for just half an hour a day helps people to focus on the present instead of dwelling on the past or worrying about the future, and this helps them to stop feeling alone or unloved.

The researchers divided 40 men and women (all aged between 55 and 85) into two groups. One group meditated for half an hour a day, took part in a weekly class and went on a day long retreat, while the others went about their daily lives as usual.

After two months, those who were meditating felt less lonely, while the others felt more isolated over time. Learning to live for the moment also seems to improve health and boost the immune system. By adopting this simple practice we can potentially contribute to improving our well-being.

Many of us who practise meditation know the benefits, particularly if we meet together. With Christian meditation, we know that in the stillness and silence, as we try to keep our minds from being distracted and our thoughts diverted, we can become aware of the love of God for each one of us. We are loved, cherished and valued by God. If only we can be still long enough to know it, it will greatly dispel our loneliness and reduce our sense of being unloved. God gives us unconditional love and acceptance through our Lord Jesus Christ. What a precious gift, and all we have to do is receive it. A few learned skills in the practice of meditation will go a long way towards enabling us to take hold of this gift.

A short daily time of meditation can work wonders for all ages. Even in the midst of lots of pressure, a small oasis of stillness renews strength, gives clarity to choices and makes activity more creative.

The Revd Sue Turner

If you would like to know more about Christian meditation, contact Sue (01305 849030), Rosemary Bassett (01305 262615) or the Fellowship of Christian Meditation at 8 Prince of Wales Road, Dorchester (01305 251396)

## CHURCH SERVICES November 2012

### THURSDAY 1st NOVEMBER

12 noon Lunch-time Communion Milborne

### SATURDAY 3rd NOVEMBER

3.00pm Service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving  
for those who have died Milborne

### 4th NOVEMBER – 4th before Advent

9.30am Parish Communion Tolpuddle  
9.30 Family Communion Milborne  
11.00 Holy Communion Puddletown  
*With Sunday Seekers and Crèche*  
11.00 Morning Prayer Dewlish

### 11th NOVEMBER – Remembrance Sunday

(No 8.15am Service at Puddletown this month)

9.30am Methodist United Service St John's  
Tolpuddle  
10.00 Service of Remembrance Milborne  
*(followed by procession to the  
Memorial Stone for 11am)*  
10.50 Remembrance Day Service Dewlish  
*(starting at the War Memorial  
at the Crossroads)*  
11.00 Family Service Puddletown  
Village Hall  
3.00pm Royal British Legion Puddletown  
Service of Remembrance

### THURSDAY 15th NOVEMBER

12 noon Lunch-time Communion Puddletown

### SATURDAY 17th NOVEMBER

1.30pm Thanksgiving Service for Puddletown  
Francis Parkes

### 18th NOVEMBER – 2nd before Advent

9.30am Family Communion Tolpuddle  
9.30 1662 Said Communion Milborne  
11.00 1662 Morning Prayer plus Puddletown  
renewal of wedding vows  
11.00 Holy Communion Dewlish

### 25th NOVEMBER – Christ the King

9.30am All-age Worship Tolpuddle  
9.30 1662 Holy Communion Milborne  
11.00 Family Communion Puddletown  
*With Crèche and Sunday Seekers*  
11.00 Family Service Dewlish

### FRIDAY 30th NOVEMBER

6.00pm St. Andrew's Day Service, Milborne  
with dedication of our new facilities  
by the Archdeacon of Sherborne

### MORNING PRAYERS (Mon–Thurs. 8.15am, Sat. 9.00am)

Monday – Puddletown Tuesday – Tolpuddle  
Wednesday – Milborne Thursday – Dewlish  
Saturday – Puddletown

### Flowers – w/e Saturday

3rd and 10th November Lin Chatfield  
17th and 24th November Sally Dyer

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#### Dewlish

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www.milbornestandrewchurch.org.uk

#### Benefice Office

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puddletownadmin@fsmail.net

## Church Cleaning – w/e Saturday

3rd November Victoria Bone and  
Lin Chatfield

10th November Sue Lee and Val Hodges

17th November John and Josie Wright

24th November Carolyn Martin and  
Elizabeth Walker



## 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).

## Milborne St. Andrew Church Notes

**Reflection on Harvest** – We had well over 100 visitors over the Harvest Flower Festival weekend. Many thanks to all the flower arrangers who illustrated lines from harvest hymns, those who brought produce that we took to Longmead Community Farm, and the bell ringers that rang a quarter peal in memory of Pat Tribe.

The new toilet and kitchenette facilities proved to be very attractive. These new facilities have been made possible by very generous grants from Viridor Credits and the Erskine Muton Trust.

Viridor Credits, formed in September 2001, has distributed millions of pounds worth of

funding to community environmental and heritage projects near Viridor landfill sites as part of the Land Communities Fund.

The Erskine Muton Trust funds repairs, maintenance and development of church buildings in Dorset.

The building project was started by Benny Hazelhurst at Easter 2007 with a sponsored walk to Charminster Church to see their new kitchen and toilet facilities. Those who helped by saving pennies for the 'Flush Fund' are now able to *spend* their penny! We would like to thank everyone who has given donations or done fundraising for this project. There is still more work to do in and around the church – **so the fund raising continues!** You can continue to save your pennies in a jar and let Eva or John have the contents, or come and support our fund raising events.

We have been looking at the churchyard after a year of rapid tree growth and feel that it is time to do some tree maintenance. The North Dorset District Council and Dorset Wildlife Trust think that we should consider some fairly extensive tidying.

**Saturday 3rd November at 3.00pm.** There will be a special service in church for people who have suffered bereavement. This is a benefice service for everyone, so bring the family and join other families who have suffered bereavement. After the service we will be serving tea and cakes.

**Remembrance Sunday, 11th November at 10.00am.** We will be holding our usual Remembrance Service in church when 21 candles will be lit in memory of the villagers who were killed during the two World Wars. We will then proceed to the memorial stone for The Royal British Legion service of two minutes' silence and prayers.

**Christmas Market, Saturday 17th November.** Village Hall 12noon to 3.00pm. There will be a multitude of stalls, refreshments of soup, mulled wine and mince pies, and Father Christmas has said that he will try to pay us a visit.

## "Many hands make light work" – Can you help too?

FRIDAY 28th September saw a group of enthusiastic volunteers in church cutting foliage and arranging flowers for the Harvest Flower Festival. The comments from visitors to the festival made us very proud and we're sure Pat Tribe, who previously



organised the flower rota for the church, would be looking down smiling. We are very much an amateur group who enjoy making arrangements to brighten up the church on even the coldest winter days. Throughout the year we ensure church flowers are arranged on a rota basis and for the main church holidays we work together to provide a larger display throughout the church. Together with Marion Regan and Sally Dyer I am now helping with the organisation of the rota and we would like to welcome any newcomers to our group.

The proverb above is so true and the more hands we can spread the year's rota amongst the better. If you would like to help, please contact Marion, Sally or myself. If you've never done anything like this before but just fancy a go please come forward – we're very supportive and all learn from each other.

*Helen Pugh 837080*

**St. Andrew's Day Celebration – Songs Of Praise – Friday 30th November.** Tea and cakes in church at 4.00pm will be followed at 6.00pm by Songs of Praise with the Archdeacon who will dedicate the new toilets and kitchenette. There will be displays of village activities and children's work.

**Christmas Tree Festival. Opens on Wednesday 20th December** at 7.30pm with a Carol Service. The theme of the Christmas trees will be Dorset History. Further details will be available in the *December Reporter*.

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**Father Christmas outfit** - Would you like to hire an outfit for your party? The church has a Santa's costume available for hire at £10. It is generously sized and consists of a beard and wig, a hooded jacket with belt, trousers and a sack. Father Christmas would have to supply his own wellies and presents. If anyone would like to hire this outfit please contact Eva (837468) or John (839090).

**Church Cleaning** - We have been busy doing a 'spring clean' of the church after the building programme. Some of our cleaners who have cleaned the church for many years are retiring; we do appreciate all that they have done over the years. We are now looking for some new help with the weekly cleaning. We need a few more volunteers to work in pairs on a rota for a couple of hours every six weeks or so. We have husband and wife teams and couples of friends. If you are able to help please ring Eva (837468) or John (839090).

## Dewlish Church Notes

### Charities benefit from successful events

BECAUSE we were unable to carry out a collection for Christian Aid this year Mrs Margaret Groves agreed to arrange a Coffee Morning instead. This proved to be a great success and we raised £205 for the charity. We were equally delighted that the British Heart Foundation took all our bric-a-bric and clothes that were left over, so we were glad that they, too, were able to benefit.

All Saints Church once again looked beautiful for our Harvest Thanksgiving service. Many thanks to all our talented flower arrangers. We were delighted to welcome Nell and Alan Gregory back to our church. They brought with them a very gifted group of musicians to accompany our hymn singing. Many thanks to all of you for your contribution to a lovely service.

Our Harvest Supper, too, went very well, with a wonderful meal organised by Marg and her great band of helpers. The Supper raised £173 for church funds. Before the Auction took place, a beautiful painting, kindly donated by Vicki Finding, was raffled. This was won by Lindsay Lyall and we were so pleased for her. Thank you so much, Vicki. The painting raised £93.50 for church funds.

The Auction also proved successful; we raised £322.40 which will be donated equally to Water Aid and the Christian Blind Mission. A big thank-you to Andrew and his helpers who worked really hard to get such a wonderful sum – and this despite the shortage of fruit and vegetables in our gardens this year! Many thanks to all who gave so generously.

*Daphne Burg*

### Christian Fellowship Group in Milborne

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

This involves bible readings and informal discussion followed by tea and biscuits.

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

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## Sherborne's rich history at the October WI

SHERBORNE – often described as ‘the most attractive town in the county’ was the subject of Ann and Michael King’s presentation. Its name is taken from a Saxon word meaning ‘A clear flowing stream’ and Ann took us back to the Saxon roots of this small Dorset town set on the far side of the Vale of Blackmore. Sherborne, though comparatively small, has a rich cultural history, boasting not only an Abbey and a ruined Castle but also a famous school. Although guide books focus on the Abbey, it does have a long tradition of education and scholarship. Our own familiarity with this nearby Dorset town did not make Ann’s descriptions of the town, with its weathered stone buildings and narrow medieval streets, any less delightful. Ann’s wealth of detail in her talk was much appreciated by her audience. Many of us will surely be making a point of looking for a certain ‘*enigmatic bird holding a horseshoe in its mouth*’ on our next visit. Expressing relief that we were not to be tested on dates, June Maitland congratulated Ann and Michael on their very thorough presentation.

The WI diary is fast filling up; October saw the Group meeting at Lytchett Matravers on 24th and Friendly Skittles on the 25th. St Andrew’s Church is holding a ‘Songs of Praise’ to celebrate St Andrew’s day on Friday 30th November. We have been asked to suggest a hymn which is close to our hearts – no prizes for guessing our nomination! The church will again be holding a Christmas Tree Festival from 20-30th December, and we will be providing and decorating a tree entitled ‘Dorset Crafts’. Please bring your ideas for tree decorations along to our next meeting.

On Thursday 8th November Jo Humphreys will discuss ‘WI Publications’ and will bring along a selection of these, so please join us.  
*Pat Bull*

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## Are you under 10? Read On

AFTER an encouraging start to the season Milborne look set to do well in the league. Milborne St. Andrew currently has two league teams playing at Under 8 and Under 9. Sadly when Bob Mowlem left the club without an immediate replacement many of the older members left. Now with a fantastic and committed new coach Jason Chadwick and a handful of extremely enthusiastic players we are hopeful of getting a new Under 10s team together. If you are a current year 5 (9 or 10 year old) and would like to come along and try a free couple of training sessions to see if you enjoy it please do not hesitate to get in touch or just come along on a Wednesday evening. We train from 5.00–6.30pm term-time. We have fantastic facilities; brand new mini soccer pitches on the newly developed three acre site, modern club-house and changing facilities, a stunning new kit and some first class coaches. We are a friendly local club who encourages and nurtures its young players. We have home games most Sunday mornings and we invite anyone from the local community who would like to come along to have a bacon roll, hot drink and watch a good game of football, to do so. For further information please contact Marie Hayter on 01258 837241.

## Mosaic – Supporting Bereaved Children across Dorset

**Saturday 24th November 2012. Quiz Night** at Herrison Hall, Charlton Down, nr Dorchester. 7.00pm for a 7.30pm start. Finish by 10.30pm. Teams of 4 and 6 invited. The event is to support Barry Light who is running 60 marathons in 60 weeks at the age of 60 for Mosaic, The Dorset & Somerset Air Ambulance, WaterAid, The Wessex Autistic Society and Team PB (Prostate & Breast Cancer Care). Tickets costs £7.50 per head to include a Ploughman's Supper. BYO drinks. Prizes, Raffle.

## NOVEMBER EVENTS AT THE VILLAGE HALL



### Milborne Movie Matinee

Thurs 1st Nov at 2.30pm  
Doors and Refreshments at 2.00pm



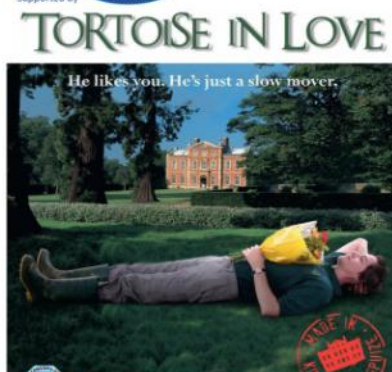
Milborne St. Andrew Village Hall

Tickets £3.00 (accompanied children £2.00)  
More information from Alice Harrall on 01258 837371  
Bus available - phone Margo on 01258 837749



### Milborne Movies

Friday 9th November  
at 7.30pm  
Doors and Bar at 7.00pm



Milborne St. Andrew Village Hall

From the Village that Made the Film  
"A cross between Calendar Girls and The Full Monty"  
Tickets £3.00  
More information from Alice Harrall on 837371



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Sat Nov 24th at 2.30pm  
Doors and Refreshments at 2.00pm



Milborne St. Andrew Village Hall

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## Did you identify this?

This is the decorative garage on Little Thatch, Chapel Street

Try your luck this month on page 20

Answer in the December *Reporter*.

August/September winners were Shelagh and Arthur Yeo who correctly identified the garden lamp at Edelweiss, Milton Road.

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### Hambro Christmas Party Menu

#### Starters

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Peppered veal carpaccio with rocket, watercress and shaved parmesan

Ballotine of partridge with pear and apple salad and a pancetta crisp

Spiced parsnip and butternut squash calzone with natural yoghurt

#### Main Course

Roast turkey with roast potatoes, seasonal vegetables, gingerbread stuffing and a rich pan gravy

Ox cheek and chocolate casserole with broccoli, chantenay carrots and swede mash

Plaice and salmon paupiette with fromage blanc, cavolo nero and new potatoes

Cold smoked trout and horseradish risotto with crème fraiche

Gorgonzola fettuccine with basil, spring onions and sweetcorn

#### Dessert

Chocolate and coffee torte with fig and honey ice cream

Figgy pudding with clotted cream

Vanilla cheesecake with winterberry compote

Apple crumble with brandy anglaise

Sticky date pudding with toffee sauce

Cheeseboard

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### Hambro Game Night

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> November at 7:30pm

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#### Intermediate Course

Razor Sharp Lemon Sorbet

#### Main Course

Venison fillet wellington with sweet potato fondant, baby turnips and blackberry jus

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# Milborne Movie Matinee with 'The Muppets 2012' (U)

at Milborne St. Andrew Village Hall

on Thursday 1st November at 2.30pm

THE Muppets are back, just like we remember them, with catchy tunes and Meta humour. The Muppets is based on the clever (and somewhat correct) premise that the once popular Muppets are now a group of washed up has-beens, long since pushed out of the limelight. When three Muppet fans learn that Tex Richman wants to drill under the Muppet Theatre for oil, Gary, Mary and Walter set out to find the Muppets who have been split up for years, so that they can put on one last show and save the Muppet Theatre. It shows funny sequences since the Muppets are known for creating chaos and humour, but everyone cannot help adoring them as they are so innocent and harmless. The characterisation is excellent, as each Muppet reflects their own distinctive personality and the human characters compliment the Muppet characters perfectly. Amy Adams and Jason Segel play their parts beautifully and so charmingly and as you can tell, this type of movie is their main forte. The Muppets is a terrific family film that works on a number of levels and will be enjoyed equally by adults and children alike. But for many it will also be a piece of nostalgia, unapologetically extolling the virtues of friendship, innocence and good old-fashioned charm without sentimentality.

The Muppets is a great-feel good movie filled with charm, humour and musicals. It was a household name throughout the seventies and eighties and it still maintains its popularity amongst audiences in the present day.

Admission: Adults £3.00 and accompanied children £2.00. Doors open and refreshment is served from 2.00pm and the film starts at 2.30pm. More information from Alice Harrall on 01258 837371.

# MSA FC Balloon Race Prize-giving Evening



THE mini-soccer teams gathered to celebrate the furthest received balloon and give a certificate to its sender, George Fooks. This was presented by Malcolm Aplin, groundsman and ex-player extraordinaire! Their sponsor, Dave Evans from DCM tyres, Bryanston, was there to join in the celebration.


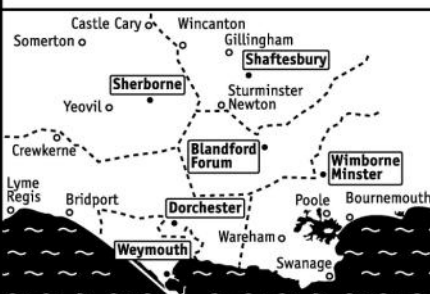


Marie Hayter, Club Secretary, had assembled the winning ticket with others mapping their progress. Postcards and letters had accompanied the returned tickets and were all on display.

There was a letter to Binus Onink, who returned George's ticket, who lives in Lienden, the Netherlands, thanking him for his two postcards and description of his home town, the details of which accorded well with the nature of MSA.

Other cards came from Belgium, Kent, Essex, Sussex, Surrey and Hampshire but most were from the Netherlands.

A hamper compiled by Marie Hayter containing local produce such as Dorset Cereals, Moores Biscuits, tea and pictures of the Steam Fair (kindly donated by Philip Smith our Postmaster), copies of the Reporter and MSA P.C.'s will be sent to Binus Onink forging a link with him and this village. It was, yet again, another joyful event, at what must be the safest and most picturesquely situated Football Club.

*Pictures and text by Carole Fornachon*

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# Kitchen *Facelift*



# Springs in Milton Road

By Steve Lord, Orchard Lodge

LOVE it or loathe it the Milborne Stream is our friend. It provides natural habitats for many animals (including trout, kingfishers and even water voles), water features to those who live near it and, managed properly, a natural drain that allows ground water from roads and houses to safely flow away from the village. So why the flooding? So why the springs that habitually rise near Huntley Down?

In five years of living here I have asked this question repeatedly and have been reliably informed by many long standing residents that the springs have always been there (correct – at least 200 years according to the maps), the main road is too high or too low depending where you are, the culvert is too small, the water table is too high (often just 150mm below the surface?), drains are below the stream etc, etc, etc. All these comments are entirely correct but should it stop us from asking a perfectly reasonable question?

Why should we have spring water running down Milton Road for large periods of time and even, as this year has shown, during the summer months?

Surprisingly in a simple phone call, this was the question I asked Paul Eastwood from Dorset Highways. His reply and subsequent highly supportive actions have been totally outstanding. He came out to see me, looked at where water is rising and walked the entire road. He has already arranged for the drainage pipes and drains throughout Milton Road to be power jetted clean and to be thoroughly surveyed and has now a detailed list of remedial work to be carried out. Despite the severe budgetary constraints there are, as I write, a series of meetings taking place to decide what can be done to alleviate the drainage and surface water problems in Milton Road. Further updates will be announced later in the year but what has surprised many including both Paul and I has been the various issues to be fixed. The jetting team have found a major inspection chamber in an unsuspecting neighbour's garden, some pipes were found to be blocked, cracked or just stopping dead in gardens. In one case, a drain had been 'speared' by a fence post!



I am grateful to Paul as he and his supervisor have galvanised his department (*Gary Jenkins, Dave Sigley, Paul Starkey and Brian Harvell from Dorset CC above*) to look into this issue for the many pedestrians who habitually run the speeding cars 'Alton Tower Water Splash' each winter. Their work should hopefully provide a longer-term solution to our problems of water damaged roads and pedestrian safety and may be some flooding, but in the meantime remember King Canute – don't fight it **go with it!** If we can improve the stream's water flow by just one gallon per second the maths is easy! Over thirty million gallons of extra water flow per year is over 335,000 yds<sup>3</sup> of water LESS to flood. So those living near the stream keep your bit clear – those living near a drain watch out for debris especially hay, grass, leaves and flint off the fields. Anyone can report any major problem such as blocked water flows or as in Milton Road's example with water flowing **out** of them to the Highways department. Frankly, based on my experience, their service has been exemplary but it is up to us all to treat the stream as our friend not as a foe to be ignored until it causes us all problems later!

# Local Business Sponsors make Race Night at the Village Hall a Winner!

RACE NIGHT took place on the 6th October in Milborne St. Andrew Village Hall in aid of village hall funds and what a great success it was! We had 58 people in the hall, of all ages and everyone seemed to have a great time. From the wonderfully generously sized portions of scrummy lasagne, supplied by The Royal Oak, to taking part in the final race horse auction, the evening skipped along with eight races.

Thanks to the generous sponsorship from our wonderful local businesses, DCM Tyres, MSA Cars, Roy Morby Decorating, Chris Perrins Chimney Sweep, Dorset Carpet Care, Hustings Electricals and not forgetting The Royal Oak we were able to keep ticket prices low making it a good value event for all. The tote betting brought about the element of fun competition we had hoped for with shouting and whooping for the winners! The bar was well supported by all with a wide range of drinks and ice cream. There were eight horses in each race and once again due to the generosity of our local businesses, The Londis shop, The Post Office, The Fish and Chip Van, JS Fitness, Sarah Ryan Yoga, Spoilt Rotten, Hair Visions, Avon and The Royal Oak we were able to sell each horse at the beginning of each race and the winning horse owner won one of the wonderful prizes supplied by those businesses. So thanks to all who came, we do hope that you enjoyed it. Thanks to you the local community we were able to raise £600 for the village hall which is just fantastic!!! We would also like to give special thanks to Sarah from The Royal Oak who generously gave her time and support in helping us with the event – cheers Sarah – along with those who helped with chairs, tables, washing up, tidying up and of course Ed and Rose for running the bar! A great community effort!!

*Amy Tanswell – Village Hall Committee Youth Club Rep*

## **100 CLUB WINNERS**

Draw Date – Tuesday 25th September 2012

1st prize	£100	Alice Harrall
2nd prize	£50	Paul Redshaw
3rd prize	£6	Jenny Balcon

*Amazingly all three of these members have recently joined.  
What a way to start!*

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## September 2012 Weather in Milborne St. Andrew

THE rainfall in September was about as average as it gets. At 81.2mm it was 104% of average but that masks the real pattern of the rainfall. The first 21 days of the month were sunny and dry with only 6.0mm of rain but the last nine days of the month received the rest of the rainfall with 42.7mm falling on the 23rd. Although it was sunnier than normal, it was the coolest September since 1995. There was a slight ground frost in the village on 18th. The first air frost of the autumn occurred on the 13th October.

It is 25 years ago this year since the Great October Storm of 1987. This occurred on 16th October with winds in excess of 100mph that uprooted or severely damaged an estimated 15 million trees and 18 people lost their lives. Whilst the storm was not technically a hurricane, it certainly had winds of hurricane force and was a frightening experience at the time for those who remember it. Occasionally there are days in October which can be very pleasant with light winds and temperatures in excess of 20°C. On such an October day as this Ernest Dowson wrote;

"Pale amber sunlight falls across the reddening October trees,  
That hardly sway before a breeze as soft as summer:  
Summer's loss seems little, dear! on days like these."

*Pluvius*

### Milborne 100 Club

1st PRIZE £100: 2nd PRIZE £50:  
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## Milborne St. Andrew Gardening Club



WE are hosting our second **Charity Indoor Kurling Evening** in the Village Hall on Thursday 22nd November starting at 7.30pm and it is open to everyone in Milborne. The format will be the same as last year's, since it all worked so well and was great fun. Half-way through the kurling we will stop for supper (included in the price of £7.50 per person), which will be baked potatoes with coleslaw and several choices of filling. Beer, cider and soft drinks will be on sale at the bar. We have to limit the number to 40 players and entry is by pre-paid ticket only, which can be purchased from our Treasurer, John Wright, 5 Brooklands, tel: 839090. Last year we found that the game was easy for anyone to play, and again the proceeds will go to a local charity supporting activities for the elderly in Dorset. There will even be a prize for the winner!

Gardening Club members enjoyed a talk about the History of Flowerpots at our September meeting. Jonathan Garrett entertained us with his vast knowledge of pottery over the ages and we discovered there was a lot more to this subject than we had thought. He brought along some of his lovely hand-thrown pots as well.

On the 8th November members will be going on our annual shopping trip to Poundbury Garden Centre, where we will receive 25% discount on our purchases, have some refreshments and a short talk. We will meet there at 2.30pm and if anyone would like a lift please get in touch with me. *Linda Harris* Secretary Tel: 837337

### 'Holidays for Heroes'

Pop into The Royal Oak and buy a 50p square and you could win a Christmas Cake and help to support 'Holidays for Heroes' at the same time!

## The Role of the Police and Crime Commissioner

ON the 15th November we will be given the right for the very first time to elect a Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC), who will be responsible for policing in our local area. This is all part of Police Reform which aims to increase our ability to fight crime. The PCC will be the local voice of our area and will ensure the needs of the communities they represent are met as effectively as possible.

The PCC's aim is to deliver effective and efficient policing and crucially to focus on cutting crime. This will be done by holding the Chief Constable to account for delivery of the force, setting and updating a Police and Crime plan, setting the force's budget and precept.

Instead of the current system where residents raise concerns with a faceless number of people on the Police Authority, the election of a PCC will mean we will be able to speak to one person who is accountable to us and who will represent our views to the police at the very highest level. In turn this will help to build better relationships with the police and increase our confidence.

In rural parts of Dorset the crimes faced by residents differ considerably from those who live in the towns and urban conurbations, where there is a much higher level of youth and antisocial behaviour, drug and alcohol related crime. The PCC will need to regularly engage with residents and communities to understand the different concerns of residents in all areas of Dorset and set the right priorities enabling the police to deliver improved results.

*Cllr Jane Somper* – North Dorset District Councillor – Abbey Ward

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# Community Contacts

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## Councils

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

## General – Adult

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## General – Youth

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Scout Group	Mike Mullett	01258 837309
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
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Safer Neighbourhood Team		
Blandford Rural South	PC Dave Mullins and PCSO Luke Goddard	01202 223003 or 07825 521850

## School

Milborne 1st School		
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Chair Governors:	Jessica Doodes	
Friends of School Chair:	Kate Connolly	

## Special Interest

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Bridge Group	Laurie Benn	01258 837720
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Secretary:	Sue Gould	01258 837575
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MSA Gardening Club	Sally Dyer	01258 837061
Milborne Players	Roy Sach	01258 837033
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## November

- Thursday 1st **The Muppets 2012** Village Hall 2.30pm – see page 9.
- Tuesday 6th **100 Club Draw** The Royal Oak 8.00pm.
- Wednesday 7th **Wednesday Club.** Talk by Eva Stockley. Village Hall 2.00pm – see page 2.
- Thursday 8th **WI 'WI Publications'** with Jo Humphreys Village Hall 7.30pm – see page 6.
- Sunday 11th **Remembrance Day** – see page 5.
- Wednesday 14 **Deadline for copy and advertisements** for the December *Reporter*. Give to a member of the team or send to msa.reporter@yahoo.co.uk
- Saturday 17th **Christmas Market** Village Hall 12 noon to 3.00pm – see pages 5 and 13.
- Wednesday 21st **Parish Council** Village Hall 7.30pm.
- Thursday 22th **Gardening Club Indoor Kurling Evening.** Village Hall 7.30pm – see page 15.
- Saturday 24th **We Bought a Zoo** Village Hall 2.30pm – see page 23.
- Quiz Night** Herrison Hall, Charlton Down. In aid of Mosaic and others – see page 7.
- Friday 30th **Songs of Praise** St Andrew's Church 6.00pm – see page 2.

## December

- Saturday 1st **Village Christmas Lunch** Village Hall 12.15pm – see page 2.
- Wednesday 5th **Casterbridge Male Voice Choir** Village Hall 7.30pm – see page 3.

### More than a Movie with 'Tortoise in Love' (12) at Milborne St. Andrew Village Hall on Friday 9th November at 7.30 pm

IT takes a village to raise a child, as the African proverb goes. The villagers of Kingston Bagpuize have gone one further: they've raised a romcom.

This is a film about a gardener called Tom (Tom Mitchelson), who returns to his home town of Kingston Bagpuize in Oxfordshire after three years studying. He is book smart but has no idea how to deal with women and it seems the men of Oxfordshire are renowned for doing things slowly!

He has a problem when, as a gardener at the big house, he meets the beautiful Polish au pair Anya (Alice Zawadzki) and falls helplessly and headlong over heels in love.

There's an easy charm about Guy Browning's debut film 'Tortoise in Love' that is not only set in Kingston Bagpuize, Oxfordshire, but whose community members became involved in its making. Funded locally, the production was boosted immeasurably by the spirit and hard work of the locals.

The cast is made up of residents of the Oxfordshire village (who financed the film to the tune of up to £1,000 each) and actors of course, with the Women's Institute handling the catering. They even talked MP Ed Vaizey into making a cameo. Browning tailors the plot to the village's best asset, the stately pile, where gardener Tom falls in love with the Polish au pair. Fans of Browning (ex-Guardian columnist) will recognize the script's gentle-poke satire. It is a sweet romantic comedy whose sensibility is decidedly English and much of its appeal comes from the genuine ambience the characters provide. A truly English effort on a truly English topic: the hopelessness of the average Englishman in love...

The village hall and bar is open from 7.00pm and the film starts at 7.30pm. Admission to this event is £3.00. For more information phone Alice Harrall on 01258 837371.

## 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 2.00–4.00pm 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

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## Creepy crawlies and magic at Ladybirds

LADYBIRDS children have been searching for and studying mini beasts this month. They have caught spiders (some of which were enormous), woodlice, slugs, snails, worms and grasshoppers. We created a wormery with compost, sand, leaves and of course worms. The worms seem to have survived the experience and will be released back into the garden soon.



Our large scale artwork was to make butterflies from painting card and using plastic bottles for the bodies – some of you may have seen the colourful display of them on the Village Hall walls. A small black box and a carry case added to the home corner resulted in the children performing magic shows. This was instigated by one of the older boys who remembered the entertainment we had at last year's party. Apparently the magic words are no longer 'abracadabra' but 'fish and chips' which you must say when pointing the magic wand! The magic carried on throughout the week with wands being made and shows being performed for anyone happy to watch before taking their turn. It certainly has been entertaining.

*Liz Dyer*



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Contact Details:

Jayne Hamilton (Secretary) 01258 837260  
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## School News

ON 4th October the whole school walked to St. Andrews Church to celebrate our Harvest Festival. Children brought donations of tinned and dried goods to school, which we have forwarded to the Dorchester Food Bank in order that they can be used to support families in need in the area.

During October we have been fortunate to enjoy some dry days both tree planting and pond dipping with Mrs Featherstone. As



you can see from the display shown, the children have also been showing their artistic skills with some fabulous self portraits and in Rabbits class the children have modelled themselves out of play dough.

Continuing through our calendar art project you will see the art work provided by the Milborne Ladybirds, showing what we can expect to see on Bonfire Night.

It is now time to register children who will start school in September 2013. Applications may be made on line at [www.dorsetforyou.com/schooladmissions](http://www.dorsetforyou.com/schooladmissions) and must be submitted by 15th January 2013. Thank you to all those parents who were able to attend our open day sessions. If you would still like to visit the school please contact the school office to arrange a convenient time.



## 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

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A Milborne sub group is in the process of being formed and anyone wishing to be involved or need further information please don't hesitate to call me on 837424.

Fred Walker,  
18 Wetherby Close

Dear Reporter,  
Thanks for the email asking if I would like to put an advert in for Christmas for Voyager Taxi, but I am no longer running a taxi service as I am bus-driving pretty much full time.

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Regards, Caron, Formerly Voyager Taxi

Millie

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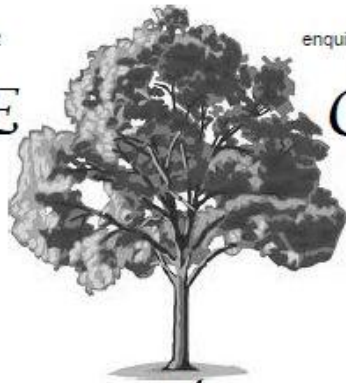
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## Milborne Movie Matinee with 'We Bought a Zoo' (PG)

at Milborne St. Andrew Village Hall

on Saturday 24th November at 2.30pm

BASED on the memoirs of Benjamin Mee, this film tells the story of a man who buys a rundown zoo in an attempt to move on from the death of his wife. While the real-life zoo in question is Dartmoor Zoological Park in Devon; the film moves the action to the fictional Rosemoor Wildlife Park in California and where as in real life, Mee's wife became ill while they were buying the zoo; in the movie she dies before the opening credits. The film tells the story of how Benjamin purchases a large house that has a zoo, but where as this is welcome news for his daughter (Maggie Elizabeth Jones), his son Dylan (Colin Ford) is not happy about it. With the help of the eclectic zoo staff, led by head keeper, Kelly (Scarlett Johansson), Benjamin works to return the dilapidated zoo to its former wonder and glory. However, the project soon runs into trouble, morale plummets until Benjamin discovers a legacy from his late wife, with only one condition attached.

This is a beautiful movie, full of life, truthfully acted, beautifully shot and lovingly directed. Matt Damon is brilliant as the heartbroken but hopeful father, bringing both charm and, more importantly, the necessary drama to a script that favours fluffy, lightweight whimsy over any sense of jeopardy. "We Bought a Zoo" is a light family drama, which has its sad moments, but is also funny with levity coming just when you need it. A feel-good, sentimental, sweet, funny movie that is very enjoyable!

Admission: Adults £3.00 and accompanied children £2.00. Doors open and refreshment is served from 2.00pm and the film starts at 2.30pm.

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## Dorchester Remembers the Great War by Brian Bates

*A review by Susan Cawley*

THIS is a 'floppy back' book which tells the story of every man (and the one woman VAD) who appears on a Great War Memorial in Dorchester. 1100 Dorchester men served in France, India, Mesopotamia, Turkey, Russia and at sea. All deaths are included, whether from tapeworm, wounds, influenza, suicide, or 'no body found'. Movingly, they include a 15-year old Boy Second Class and a 17-year old Boy First Class.

The book is easy to read and includes photos, sketches, a glossary and a summary of how the Army was constructed at that time – very useful to a non-military person.

Starting with a chapter on the town as a Garrison during the 19th Century, and the fundraising and political manoeuvrings around the building of the Cenotaph, the book is organised by year. Each year starts with a summary of the key actions fought, and where the Dorset Regiment was involved. For each man remembered there is a description of his home, parents, family and work before he joined up, and a history of his service. The text brings home the effect on families left behind and the huge number of young widows left to rear families alone.

In the Great War 'Poundbury Village' was a POW Camp. Today's soldiers will not be surprised to hear that whilst the prisoners slept in heated huts, the soldiers guarding them slept in tents! The book has several drawings by the POWs and records their deaths as well as those of their guards who succumbed to pneumonia, influenza and other illnesses caused by their living conditions.

I learned a lot from this book. Some Dorsets went to fight for the White Russians against the Bolsheviks (apparently the Government was worried about munitions falling into Communist hands). There was a 'death march' after the Siege of Kut, where the 400 survivors were reduced to 140 by the end of the march, and of those only 70 returned home. At a conscription tribunal one lady with six sons, five already serving, was allowed to keep the sixth at home to work saving her from financial hardship. She was lucky – four of the five serving also survived!

It's a fascinating social history of a time when ordinary people – grooms, coachmen, labourers, brewers and squires, were thrown together by events far beyond their shores, and did extraordinary things.

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

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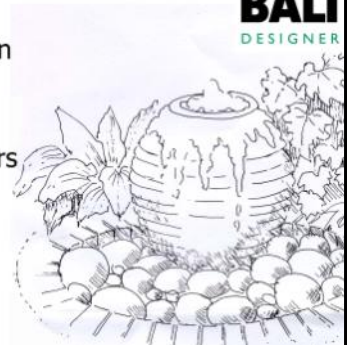
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## In your Garden

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

### The Fruits of Autumn

WHEN I am designing a garden, one of the things most people seem to want is low maintenance, all year round colour, and one way to achieve this is to use plants that have more than one season of interest. By this I mean flowers in the spring, pretty foliage and possibly berries in the autumn. Evergreen plants will give you the structure a garden needs all year and quite often evergreens have flowers in the winter and early spring – *Viburnum tinus* 'Eve Price', and *Sarcococca* and *Cotoneaster x watereri*. Some deciduous shrubs will also reward you with flowers and lovely autumn colour – beautiful shrubs such as *Viburnum plicatum* 'Mariesii' and *Euonymus alatus* or *Euonymus europaeus*.

And of course, a well-stocked garden will provide food and shelter for the many birds that visit us in winter.

Birds have quite a tough time of it as many of our hedgerows have disappeared over the years, and many are flail-cut before the birds can eat the berries. So gardens have become a really important source of food for all sorts of wildlife – not just birds.

It doesn't matter which shrubs you plant to attract birds; what they eat often depends on the size of the berry. You can choose your shrubs then with gay abandon! Evergreens often have red and orange berries which show up against their green leaves – holly, yew and pyracantha and cotoneaster for example. Small trees such as the Sorbus family have many seasons of interest – flowers in spring, autumn coloured foliage and red, pink or orange berries.

Ivy is a good low maintenance climber that will easily cover a fence or post – however some of the larger leaved ivies can be quite rampant so choose with care if you don't want it to get too big. Ivy provides a good nesting habitat for birds as well as food. Bees are also attracted to the flowers on ivy. *Hedera helix* 'Sagittifolia' grows 3m x 3m, and

*Hedera helix* 'Goldheart' will reach 4m high but is easily controlled. Ivies such as *Hedera colchica* and *Hedera canariensis* may be a bit too enthusiastic for most small gardens. All of the plants in our gardens also attract a huge variety of insects – vital to birds before the berries ripen.

#### So who eats what??

Robins, thrushes, blackcaps and chiffchaffs like to eat insects and worms, but will eat berries and fruit 'in season'.

Blackbirds and song thrushes will eat just about anything – although they particularly like honeysuckle and rowan (Sorbus) berries.

Mistle thrushes like holly berries, sloes, rosehips and apples.

If you are not too worried about the garden being tidy, you might plant a crab apple or two – *Malus* 'Golden Hornet' has an abundance of golden fruits, and *Malus* 'Gorgeous' is laden with bright red fruits. The birds love them – especially when they have fallen to the ground.

The birds that visit your garden will provide you with lots of interest in the winter as they go about their business foraging for food and the more that you can give them, the more they will visit you.



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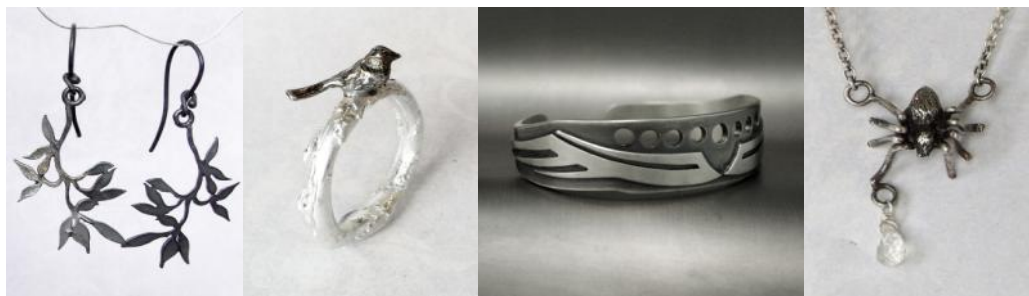
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# Have you met . . . Paul Tasker

Paul Tasker settled in Milborne with his family three years ago following a career as an engineer within the naval industry. We met a few weeks ago on a sunny lunchtime at the Royal Oak pub and enjoyed a pint and a chat about his career, family, racing yachts and his role as chairman of the Village Hall. It was a touch of 'hair of the dog' for him, as the Taskers had spent the previous evening celebrating the engagement of their daughter, Jess, to Gren Elphinstone-Davis – as announced in last month's *Reporter*.

Paul was born at Hampton Court in the late 1940's. He says, "It's not quite as grand as it sounds as the event was at a nursing home in Hampton Court village just outside the Palace gates. My parents had married soon after the War and were lucky enough to have a nice house in Surbiton where I went to nursery school."

A move to just a few miles along the A354 for the 11 year old was on the cards, as his parents planned for him to be sent to Bryanston. To his relief (and his parents' annoyance, no doubt), he failed the 11 Plus exam, so was sent to the local Secondary Modern, France Hill. He says, "It was great; although it was a bit scary as I knew no one, it gave me a new start in education to which, in retrospect, I obviously responded well."

A lifelong love of sailing was instilled in Paul from his early teens. He says, "My parents' scheme for keeping me off the streets while out of school was to introduce me to sailing. I took to it after a bumpy start being taken out in a dinghy with my parents when they were learning, in a gale of wind; I cowered on the bottom boards thinking that the world was about to come to an end. However, I became increasingly keen on racing in small sail boats and have enjoyed doing so ever since." In his youth, he was competitive at national level in a number of classes and still sails at Teignmouth, racing a National Solo Class dinghy in club races and "very occasional open meetings".

It's no surprise then that Paul wanted to develop a career designing yachts, given his enthusiasm for sailing. However, he was introduced to a Ministry of Defence scheme to sponsor students through a Naval Architecture degree course at University College, London. He says, "I was accepted on the Royal Corps of Naval Architects scheme and spent six years training, often in Naval uniform at the RN Engineering College in Plymouth and then the University of London." He then worked for MoD within the RCNC for 12 years at Bath and later at the Admiralty Research Establishment on Portland.

"Like many colleagues at the time I then left MoD to work in industry, thinking that this might help us to settle down in Dorset – how wrong was that! I've not (yet) done any work with yachts and have spent most of my working life designing or supporting warships, submarines or their equipment."

Paul has worked on many big naval programmes, the last being the Royal Navy's Astute Class submarine where he was the chief designer. He retired in early 2009 and has been working with universities to help develop and apply research into how owners and operators of "complex equipment" such as planes, ships, trains and manufacturing plant, can keep their assets in service longer and more efficiently.

He developed a relationship with academia in his last few years working for BAe Systems when he became the director of a five year research programme at Cambridge University following a very successful scheme of efficiency savings of company projects. He is still a visiting researcher at Cambridge, but most of his university work is carried out at Cranfield (research and application support) and some teaching at the University of Kent.

He says, "I still enjoy my work but the only real problem is that most of the locations involved are about three hours drive from Milborne ensuring I'm still missing from home for much of most weeks. I still haven't given up hope of a third career designing yachts; or at least doing something in the maritime leisure industry!"

Earlier on this year, Paul put himself forward as chairman of the Village Hall and was installed at the AGM in April. He acknowledges the hard work of the committee and the very successful tenure of the

previous chairman. He says, "The hall's been through four years of significant development under the leadership of Richard Lock, which has been really successful." Lottery funding and grant money have provided investment within the hall, "but we needed to take stock of what forward costs would be and to look at reserves before embarking on anything else." He says that the committee is going through a

process with hall users to get together ideas of what people want to do with the hall to establish some near and longer term objectives. There's also an emphasis on engaging with the village more widely. "We want to reach out to a wider audience as well as the usual users".

Milborne is the first real taste of village life Paul and his family have had. He says, "Our normal habitat has been small market towns with brief sojourns to Poole and Cambridge. We love Milborne and all our new friends here – although we are by nature a little insular, we value the friendship and try not to worry about the

very few cranky villagers: no doubt they think we're pretty cranky too." *Are there any downsides to Milborne?* "For me", Paul says, "the downside of living in Milborne is that it's a long way from the sailing I choose to do (National Solo Class) at Teignmouth, there being no closer sea racing for this class. That, and maybe that there's a main road running through the middle of it – though saying that it makes it easy to get to places".

*Who is your hero?* "As an engineer and very amateur artist my hero has to be Leonardo da Vinci, although that is pretty dangerous as I've been too idle to research him, other than reading a couple of historical 'factions'." [Creativity runs in the family then; Paul's father worked as a commercial artist and was responsible for the artwork for the 'Guinness toucans'.]

*And who would be your fantasy dinner date?* "Excepting my wife Wendy, I'd struggle to choose between Felicity Kendal and Susan Hampshire – but again, I'd fret that I'd be in for a shock having only seen them on telly!"

*Do you have a claim to fame?* "I have no claim to fame, although I'm proud of what I and the team did with the Astute Class design. But I'm more proud of my lovely daughters and their partners, and the fabulous grand-daughter we were presented with in April. Ellie, our oldest, is a lawyer and now mum, and Jess, our youngest, is now off the family payroll and living in Weymouth, having briefly returned home to us in 2010–11 to continue her studies – during which she discovered the Players and Gren! I'm honoured by the support of my lovely wife of 34 years, Wendy, although I continue to be baffled about how she puts up with me."

*Can you tell us your most embarrassing moment or a time you have thrown caution to the wind?* "There are so many moments which I'm too embarrassed to reveal. I don't do wild and don't think I've ever thrown caution to the wind – other than maybe being evicted from Cowes as a benign drunk . . .", Paul says. Please elaborate further . . . "Myself and three others borrowed a friend's father's yacht and attempted to join the 'Hundred Pint Club' – to drink that amount in a week on the Solent", he says.

The challenge was going well when they reached the fruitful town of Cowes, with its countless pubs lining the high street. The four men in a boat started at one end of the town and aimed to have a pint in every hostelry. After a successful evening making good headway at the target, they wandered (staggered, more like) back. Near a cemetery, Paul tripped over a low wall – the other side was six feet down, which he found out very quickly, when his well-anaesthetised head met the ground with full force. Paul continues, "Soon, the police arrived and when they ascertained that I was just drunk [albeit with a large gash to the head], they decided the best course of action was to eject me from the island, sending me back to our yacht." Luckily, his head didn't suffer any long term effects. And what of that target, did he manage to join 'the club'? "Don't know – we lost count!"

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