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Milborne St. Andrew

Santa arrives early for Christmas

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A Merry Christmas to all our readers



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Our spooky half-term Halloween treat to Seaton Tramways was great fun, we had two buses decorated with lanterns, cobwebs and bats. The passengers dressed up too. We also featured on a live broadcast on BBC Radio Devon.



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Rudolf is back again

ON Tuesday 11th December you will see and hear Rudolf and his helpers (Santa included) trudging noisily through the streets of Milborne. They will be up to their usual tricks of playing soft music as part of the build up to Christmas. It will also provide Rudolf with the opportunity to check out his new GPS mapping system in his red nose as he plans the route for the delivery of presents on Christmas day.



This year any money raised will be going to support the local Longmead Community Farm. This is a small local charity run mainly by volunteers that helps vulnerable families rebuild their lives while they stay on the Farm for one or two days every six weeks. The recent outcomes have been remarkable and the Charity now wants to give a lifeline to more families all through the year. In previous years local people have given generously and the children have really enjoyed the spectacle of seeing Santa all lit up and revving up his sleigh.

The Sleigh is looked after by the Dorchester Rotary Club and if you want to find out more about the Farm then visit www.longmead.org. See you all on the 11th. *Santa*

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They counted them in . . . but not back, luckily!

THIS is a brief account (as far as one can remember!) of the recent Brewery Tour to Palmers of Bridport followed by lunch on the beach at Burton Bradstock by members the Food and Wine Group.

In the proud tradition of the group the 19 or so members entered into the spirit of the occasion and assembled outside the Brewery gates at the allotted time. At this point they were being ably led (astray) by Chairman Maureen Lock and the group were greeted by the tour guide who promised we were about to experience an historic walk through time in what he described as a working museum. And so it turned out to be.

We must have been a most attentive group ever because the tour took two hours to complete and at the end most felt that what they had experienced was not what they expected.

Most modern day brewery sites resemble a sterile and clinical laboratory with plenty of people in white coats measuring this and sampling that, but not so at Palmers. The Brewery is still owned by a local Bridport family and as and when equipment has needed to be replaced, instead of ripping it out, they have preserved it in situ so that it provides a journey through the history of brewing on the site.

The water wheel and the drive belts are still in place and so is the old coal burning furnace and an old condensing unit. The 19th century screening machine is also still in place, and used every day.

The top floor loft space is stacked out with an array of sacks containing differing barley seeds which we were invited to crunch and sample in order to get a feel for the taste that led to the differing brews. The final room we were taken into was where the blending of whisky took place and once again we were amazed at the simplicity of the process that has not changed for many a year, apart from



the use of modern day Solvite wallpaper paste for the labels sticker-
onn'r.

Sadly all good things must come to an end but before departing we were set loose in the shop for some beer tasting in the commemorative glass tankards presented to the group and it was at this point that some

amongst us lost a certain amount of self control but really entered into the spirit of the occasion.

The remnants of the group finally retired to The Hive on the beach at Burton Bradstock where a cocktail of bracing sea air, fish and chips, and good company rounded off what had been a really enjoyable outing, all done in the best possible taste!

The next adventure for the group is the mystery tour to The Langton Arms for the AGM on 1st December. The formal part of the AGM ought really to be in the Guinness Book of Records for being the shortest on record. Once the business has been concluded the group get on with the serious business for which it is renowned: good company; good food; good fun, with the odd dash of good wine and drink. With plenty of interesting and varied events in the pipeline for 2013, why not join in and become a member?

Milborne 100 Club

1st PRIZE £100: 2nd PRIZE £50:

3rd PRIZE depends on number of members paid

For information contact: John Sanderson Football Club 837049

June Maitland Church 837235:

Denise Sanderson Collector 837049

BE IN IT TO WIN IT!

The Really Early Christmas Market

CHRISTMAS comes around earlier every year! Well, it does in Milborne St. Andrew. Father Christmas arrived just in time to open our very early market on Saturday 17th November accompanied by Fairy Angelina. People bought cakes, plants and gifts of every sort from Christmas decorations to handmade bags.

Mulled wine was quaffed, mince pies munched, hearty home-made soups sipped with relish.

Father Christmas listened carefully to children's requests and handed out small gifts; games of treasure hunt, bottle tombola, marble run, mirror drawing and whack-the-rat were enjoyed.

At 2.45pm the raffle was drawn and the lucky number from the house slips was won by Liz Dyer. The prize for the nearest location of Father Christmas's lost key on the Milborne treasure hunt map was also handed over.

Then the big tidy up, with everyone pitching in although John Wright left David holding the big display board for 'just a minute', then disappeared for ten!

So that's another market under our belts - fun, hard work and we also added approximately £1,052 (less expenses) to church funds.

I would like to thank all the people whose help and time have been invaluable in making this market so easy for me to oversee; I can't say 'organise' as you all organised yourselves. It is greatly appreciated.

Josie Wright

Deck the Hall!

THE Trustees of the Village Hall invite all Friends and Users to come and decorate the Hall on Saturday 8th December from 10.30am. Bring your old decorations so that we can make the Hall look really special for the holiday this year.

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This has been happening consistently every few months for the last 10 years. This is the final straw. I will continue to do the mini posies and a few seedlings but nothing else. If you require flowers, or indeed anything floral, Christmas wreaths and arrangements for instance, please phone me on 07860546468/01258 837933 (voicemail on both, and please try both as the mobile does not work in my home!) or email: susie@susie-edwards.co.uk

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THE BENEFICE OF PUDDLETOWN, TOLPUDDLE AND MILBORNE WITH DEWLISH
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Christmas comes but once a year . . .

I was reading a few days ago in one of the national newspapers a column written by someone who was, tongue-in-cheek, suggesting that it would be good if we cancelled Christmas this year. It was all too much hassle and too expensive, he claimed.

He may have been joking, but for some this great celebration has become about nothing more than fuss and money. Presents are a joy to give and receive, but too often they, and a large amount of food and drink, become the be-all and end-all of Christmas.

What a contrast our modern celebrations are with that first Christmas, when the Holy Family came into being through the birth of Jesus! Mary's simplicity is an example to us all. While I don't share the sentiments of the writer with whom I began this piece, I do sometimes wish that Christmas were a simpler celebration.

Somebody once said Christmas without Christ leaves only M & S. I would like to think that there is much more to the celebration of this festival than a rather well known shop.

When we think about what God considered necessary for the coming of the Christ-child, we could perhaps reflect on why we need so much in order to feel that we have had a good celebration.

In this modern age, when a child is born, those close to the family go and visit. Sometimes they take presents, but it is the visit that is the most important thing, the welcoming into the world of a new child and celebrating with them the wonder of new life.

Do we really need to make Christmas celebrations as complicated as we do? At heart we are celebrating the birth of a child. What God would long for us to do more than anything is to visit that child during the Christmas season. To take time to stop and marvel at the wonder of this divine baby who came as a human being to live in this broken world, so that we might be prepared by following his example for God's heavenly kingdom.

Those who viewed the child that first Christmas bowed down and worshipped, because they recognised that something new had come into the world so that relationships with God and between people might be restored where they are fractured and broken.

The Christ who comes into the world at Christmas brings love. The birth of Jesus reflects the glory of God's love and draws people together round his crib: rich and poor, sick and well, broken and whole, sad and joyful, despairing and hopeful.

Christmas is for everyone. The truest way of celebrating that is by joining together, with the shepherds and angels round the manger, and allowing God's love to touch us once again through the miracle of new life.

With best wishes

Sarah

CHURCH SERVICES December 2012

2nd December – Advent Sunday

9.30am	Family Communion	Milborne
9.30	Special Posada Service	Tolpuddle
11.00	Holy Communion	Puddletown
11.00	1662 Morning Prayer	Dewlish

Thursday 6th December

12 noon	Lunch-time Communion	Milborne
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9th December – Advent 2

8.15am	1662 Said Communion	Puddletown
9.30	Parish Communion	Milborne
11.00	Family Communion	Dewlish
11.00	Family Service	Puddletown Village Hall
4.00pm	Joint Carol Service	Tolpuddle

16th December – Advent 3

9.30am	Family Communion	Tolpuddle
9.30	1662 Said Communion	Milborne
4.00pm	Christingle	Milborne
6.00	Carol Service	Puddletown

Thursday 20th December

7.30pm	Carol Service and launch of Christmas Tree Festival	Milborne
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23rd December – Advent 4

9.30am	All-age Worship	Tolpuddle
9.30	1662 Holy Communion	Milborne
11.00	Family Communion	Puddletown
3.00pm	Carol Service	Dewlish

CHRISTMAS EVE

4.00pm	Crib Service	Tolpuddle
5.00	Crib Service	Puddletown
11.30	Midnight Mass	Milborne
11.30	Midnight Mass	Tolpuddle

CHRISTMAS DAY

9.30am	Holy Communion	Dewlish
10.00	Christmas Family Service	Milborne
11.00	Christmas Family Communion	Puddletown

30th December – Christmas 1

11.00am	United Benefice Holy Communion	Puddletown
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MORNING PRAYERS

(Mon – Thurs 8.15am; Sat 9.00am)

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

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Church Cleaning – w/e Saturday



1st December
Margaret Hurley and
Eva Stockley

8th December
Geoff and Pat Bull

15th December John and Anne Miller

22nd December Victoria Bone and
Lin Chatfield

29th December Sue Lee and Val Hodges

Flowers – w/e Saturday

Advent – No flowers
Christmas All helpers please



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 News

NOVEMBER started with an uplifting benefice service of remembrance and thanksgiving for 40 people wishing to remember friends and relations that died. We have also been busy preparing for the next month. We hope that everyone will have enjoyed our **'Really Early Christmas Market'** and the all-day **St Andrew's Day Celebration** for which we planned a display of exhibits by the school and village organisations to show their activities, and invited the Archdeacon of Sherborne to take part in a **'Songs of Praise'** service and dedicate our new facilities.

Plans are in hand for our annual **Christingle Service at 4.00pm on Sunday 16th December** in aid of The Children's Society. All families are warmly invited to attend and see their children receive a christingle.

On **Thursday 20th December at 7.30pm** we will have our **Carol Service** after which we will be serving mulled wine and mince pies. This year it will mark the opening of our **Christmas Tree Festival**. We hope to have trees decorated by village and benefice groups on the theme of Dorset History, and the church will be open every day as usual for you to come and see them **until 30th December**. Pick the right afternoon and you will find refreshments being served! (Details on the church noticeboards nearer the time.)

Our other Christmas services will be a **Midnight Communion** starting at **11.30pm on Christmas Eve** and a friendly informal **Family Service at 10.00am on Christmas Day** when you can bring your favourite present to show people.

On **Sunday 30th December** we will be joining the rest of the benefice at **St Mary's Puddletown** for a **Family Communion at 11.00am**.

2012 has been a busy year with times of rejoicing to offset sadness. Our new Priest in Charge, Sarah Hillman, and her hard working colleague Sarah Godfrey, have been an inspiration to us and introduced new ideas on services and the running of the church – and keeping the PCC focused! Last April John Wright took on the role of our second Churchwarden, and next April we need to appoint another new warden to replace Eva Stockley. The highlights of the year must be the completion of our toilet and kitchenette facilities which have proved to be a great success, and the Harvest Flower Festival held in September in memory of Pat Tribe.

We look forward to another eventful year. Hopefully we will see the completion of repairs to the church roof!

Dewlish Church News

A very busy month for us all

WE have now sent off the money raised for the Dorset Historic Churches Trust's Ride and Stride. Jim, our only cyclist this year, raised £1,447.20, all thanks to him and his very generous sponsors. Half of this (£723.60) will come back to All Saints. Well done, Jim!

At our Church Council meeting we discussed our activities for December, a very busy month for us all. Our **Christmas Bazaar** will be held in Dewlish Village Hall on Saturday 8th December, starting at 2.30pm. Stalls will include new and Christmas presents, Christmas decorations, toys, cakes and produce, bric-a-brac, a raffle, and teas and mince pies. We are hoping, too, to have a sweets stall and an activity for the children. We shall be pleased to receive any donations and, of course, to see you there.

On Tuesday 18th December we are hoping (weather permitting) to go **carol singing** round the village. All donations will be sent to Shelter. Please bring a torch and meet at the crossroads at 6.30pm.

Our **Carol Service** will be held on Sunday 23rd December, starting at 3.00pm. The collection will be for the Children's Society. We hope that as many village children as possible will take part. Jim would like people to contact him (Tel: 837466), should he by chance miss you.

We would like to thank the Cricket Club for once again putting on a wonderful display of fireworks on Bonfire Night. It seems to get better and better every year! We were delighted that the weather was so good during the display, especially as later on we had torrential rain and even snow!

Daphne Burg

Raymond George Sach

1926–2012



Ray's funeral was held in St. Andrew's Church on Tuesday 23rd October attended by family and friends from the village. Ray had been living in the village since moving to be closer to his family in 2003 and joined in with a number of village activities, often going 'out to grass' with a group of close friends, until falling ill earlier this year.

Ray's family: wife Jane, son Roy and daughter Wendy extend their heartfelt appreciation to all their friends in the village who attended Ray's funeral and who have been so supportive and sympathetic during such a difficult time. The family have always regarded Milborne as being a very warm and close community and feel that this has been proven to be the case in light of recent events.

Due to the Christmas holidays the deadline for the January issue of the Reporter is 12th December

100 CLUB WINNERS

Draw Date – Tuesday 6th November 2012

1st prize	£100	Andy Mott
2nd prize	£50	John Tissman
3rd prize	£8	Tracey Evans

The next draw is at 8.00pm, in The Royal Oak, on Tuesday 11th December 2012

Everyone is welcome to attend

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

Christian Fellowship Group in Milborne

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

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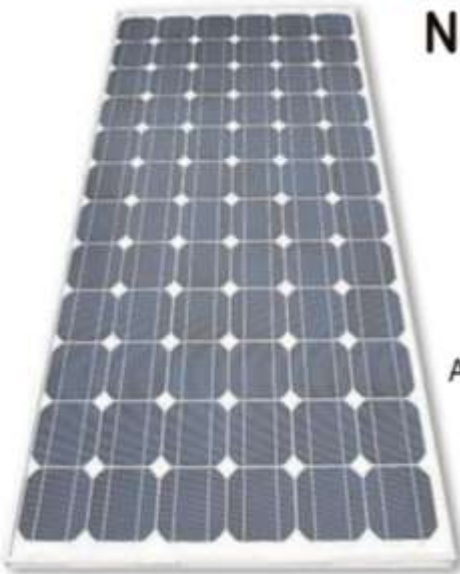
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MILBORNE ST ANDREW RESIDENTS CONCERNED ABOUT INAPPROPRIATELY SITED TURBINES

(Land between the A354 & A35 Milborne St Andrew and Tolpuddle)

West Coast Energy Ltd made a presentation in our
village hall on 19th September 2012 to explain their
proposal of siting **10 x 126.5 metre** Wind Turbines close
to Milborne St Andrew

Residents of Milborne St Andrew are now invited to
consider the other side of the debate at a meeting in the
Village Hall

On:

Thursday 29th November 2012 at 7pm

A short video will be shown and Representatives of
TAINT (Tolpuddle against Industrial Turbines) have been invited
to attend and there will be an open forum for discussion of
mutual concerns.

**Whatever your present view on this matter is please join us
as we think you will find this meeting extremely
informative.**

*Everyone needs to be aware that Milborne St Andrew will be severely
affected by the visual domination of these proposed turbines on the local
landscape. We would like to hear what you have to say!*

Parish Council Meeting Thursday 25th October

FOLLOWING the open session when concerns were expressed over the Wind Farm the Chair appealed to the questioners to hire a hall and conduct a meeting separate from the Parish Council as they were not empowered to speak about it until formal plans were available. Jane Somper, NDDC Cllr, will attend and speak at WDDC planning meetings and will be consulted over the development. WDDC site visits will be closed meetings. Notices will be displayed in the village when this takes place and a special area on the dorsetforyou website set aside for discussion and information. Any letters with points to make should be sent in advance.

Other Business:

Apologies from: Hilary Cox, Emma Parker, Jane Somper and Jenny Balcon. Mr Colin Bladon was co-opted onto the PC. He signed his acceptance of the position.

Letter from Ms Cox read by Clerk: Volunteer Countryside Rangers in post. Debbie Ward, new DC Leader bringing radical changes for the elderly. Eight Libraries now turned over to the community. New Recycling service (Dorset Waste Partnership) next summer in ND will reduce our dependence on landfill.

Letter from Jane Somper read by Clerk: 1% increase to aid council tax freeze. Savings Plan to be debated, suggestions requested. 90% of Hate crime goes unreported. There are now several ways of reporting this. There is a Hate Crime Advisor, see website.

Concerns expressed at cost of the Advisor, the new Waste Service, and of penalties for 'malicious' use of bins, their siting in areas of outstanding beauty and proposed fortnightly collection .

Allotments: Fencing to be funded by Signpost, information on website.

Mr Frampton to clear river below the memorial. The Environment Agency has had a report and will act.

Planning Applications:

- i) Little England; to remove and replace windows render front and back. LA onto this, No Objections.
- ii) Amberhayes; new garage, No Objections.
- iii) Trees in church; coppicing, removing dead wood, tree roots to be removed. Hedge planted along length of plot. No objection.
- iv) Trees in Cllr Hopper's garden; lifting crown to make underneath space; no objection.

Wind Farm: Name of Farm to be changed and reduction from 10 turbines to 9. Noted.

Letter from Della Jones, Tourist Information Centre, inviting anyone who has a community event coming up to advise TIC who will advertise it. Also to let them know any B&B outlets in village.

The Town Council was inviting contributions to the upkeep of the town's toilets. This was refused on the grounds of discrimination re closing times.

Temporary Road Closure, the Causeway: The Water Board wants to close it from 10th -16th December.

Mirror opposite Chapel Street: A £100 contribution to its erection was agreed as a road safety measure.

Diamond Jubilee/Woodland Trust: 60 Donated hardwood trees will be delivered. Mrs Maitland has contributed tree protectors, stakes will be needed. The planting is planned for the end of November to coincide with National Tree Week. Anyone who wishes can donate £5 for a dedicated tree and the money will go to charity. Jenny Balcon to organise.

Trees at Parish Pit: A local person would be approached to do a tree survey complete the work and keep the wood as all the trees had been planted through public subscription. Three quotes would be obtained.

Final and quarterly Accounts were noted as within budget and the cheque schedule accepted except for the Bus2Go as the council wondered why its services were being offered outside the village. Clarification was sought until cheque signed and handed over.

At this point press and public were excluded. *Carole Fornachon*



Did you identify this?

Last month's photograph was of the light outside Hurdles in The Causeway.

Try your luck this month on page 17

ROY MORBY Painter, Decorator



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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

Coffee or Tea and Mince Pies

All Three Courses £23.95

By reservation only (£5 per person deposit required)

New Years Eve Gala Dinner

December 31st at 7:30pm

Curried parsnip soup

Chicken liver and Madeira parfait with Cumberland sauce and toast

Red mullet escabeche

Raspberry & Elderflower Sorbet

Chorizo, merguez, chilli and bean cassoulet with dumplings and tender stem broccoli

Battered skate cheeks with béarnaise and red pepper and shallot toast

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Have You Met . . . The Bratleys?

GLENN AND EMMA BRATLEY together with their two children, Flora aged three years, Lizzie aged 15 months, Emma's mother Gill, Rusty the tiny tortoiseshell cat (16 years) her three larger offspring, Strider, Blair and Bonnie (all aged 15 years!) moved into the village in mid-September and are already making a big impact.



Emma's extensive background in sales and retailing fulfilling various roles, together with Glenn's insurance and accountancy experience have already been put to creative and colourful use during eight years running a shop with Post Office in Clifton Hamden, Oxfordshire. They quickly decided following their marriage in 2002 that they wanted to work for themselves.

I understand that, although surrounded by supermarkets, they found they were able to offer an alternative service by selling local produce including clothing, jewellery and gifts. Situated on the banks of the Thames they served many walkers and boaters. However space became an issue particularly when Lizzie was born and they began to search for another, larger shop and home. Their ideas were more extensive than available room in the shop with no possibility of expansion. It had been a profitable business but eventually lacked scope for further change.

Having given up their previous shop last December, the Bratleys have been searching for somewhere to meet what Emma describes as their 'exacting requirements'. Luckily for us Milborne fits their bill. They wanted what this village can offer: good schooling, pre school opportunities, a vibrant community, larger retail premises and a house big enough for a growing family and their guests.

Flora is already settled at Ladybirds playschool currently attending three days a week with an intention to be full time.

Unanimously they are stimulated and positive about the village, its residents, the surrounding countryside, their eight supportive and flexible staff and are keen to implement new ideas and schemes. Their plans are already in operation for fresh bread with more artisan varieties to come such as sourdough, new cakes from a Bridport baker, fresh vegetables three times a week, a rack for local events, staff meetings and Christmas Party. They told me that their exciting Christmas 'event' is to be kept under wraps until later in December. News of this will be in the *Reporter*.

They say most of their new ideas are gleaned from experience and those witnessed in the past nine months of searching.

Emma's previous occupation as a photographer led to the production of a calendar and her own range of greetings cards, something she would like to replicate in the future using local village and countryside scenes. Currently Gray's Store has its own Facebook page.

They were ready for a new venture, feeling they have made the best possible move. Although tired at the end of the day and still unpacking, they intend to take time to see how the business works before making major adjustments to stock and/or layout. They feel they are in a 'honeymoon' period with new promotions, some of which they are aware will be seen to reduce in impact. But they wish to keep things adaptable, fresh and attractive. Some products may be rested for a while and some will certainly not be bought by everyone all of the time. Their philosophy is that fluidity is necessary in order that things can mutate, becoming different and better.

Importantly they want to create a shop that the village will be proud of, seeing this as a two way affair. To this end there is a book for customers' requests kept behind the counter. They wish to support the village and be part of its community. Sell what its residents want them to sell; be a focal point for activities and interests, for meeting and greeting. At present they see things as 'up in the air' and all they are doing at present is 'tweaking'. But they want it to be vital, necessary and needed. So that they can stay to watch their children grow up and continue to run the shop until eventual retirement. *Carole Fornachon*

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Your WI needs you!

AT our November meeting Jo Humphreys, representing the WI Board of Trustees, brought along a variety of WI publications – although, sadly, this would be the last opportunity to purchase any of these items. Included were notelets illustrated by the late Sheila Bird of local scenes familiar to many of us (Sheila was a member of Milborne WI for many years). The Dorset Federation has over 4,000 members, which is superb for a small County, but there is clearly a need for members to participate more in the various opportunities that the WI offers. Jo outlined many of the activities available to members, and stressed that volunteers were always needed at events like the Dorset County Show and Bestival. The National Federation has an excellent website giving details of current campaigns and Jo encouraged us to access the WI Moodle, a training and resource site. Any ideas or suggestions for courses at Denman College would be gladly received; we can email these. A reminder that this year's Garden Party at Milton Abbey, cancelled because of inclement weather, will certainly be held next year and we are encouraged to go – not far for us to travel! Similarly with the annual Carols at Sherborne Abbey. For the photographers amongst us there is the photographic competition for the calendar and more entries would be welcomed (Heather is already a regular contributor).

Our Christmas meal at Cygnets in Weymouth College has been arranged for Monday 10th December. Christmas Tree Festival – Pat Shipton is collating our craft items, please bring along to next month's meeting. Heather reported from a very enjoyable and informative Autumn Council meeting where the speaker was 'Countryfile' presenter, Adam Henson. For Bookends, Josie Wright reported a mixed reception for the Libby Purvis book, so on with the next, which is Nick Hornby's 'Juliet, Naked'. Tickets for Casterbridge Male Voice Choir in the Village Hall on Wednesday 5th December at 7.30pm are now on sale at £8 each. Shirley Dunkley is asking for helpers as well as contributions for the winning 'lucky number hamper'.

Ann Mephram thanked all those who had offered help during Ron's illness. He is beginning to improve and she is pleased to have him home. It's good that Ann was able to come along to one of our meetings again; we have missed her.

Our Christmas meeting on Thursday 13th December will be a busy one. Lt Col Torrent will talk on 'Royal Occasions' so if you have something with a royal connection, please bring it along for the Exhibition. And don't forget: for the party wear something festive, and bring a sweet or savoury dish, a small present for Santa's sack and any Christmas cards for distribution. Phew! *Pat Bull*

Milborne St. Andrew Gardening Club



WE had an excellent and informative talk at our October meeting from Steve Fry of the Castle Gardens in Sherborne. Steve has a great interest in wildlife as well as an enthusiastic knowledge of all things in the plant world. The talk was entitled "Putting the garden to bed" but he covered every aspect of growing plants for autumn colour and winter interest. He was very entertaining and gave us lots of tips and advice.

At the beginning of November, members enjoyed their annual shopping visit to Poundbury Garden Centre. A report about our Kurling event will be in next month's issue.

We hope all members will be able to attend our Annual General Meeting on Thursday 6th December at 7.30pm. This should not be too arduous and it will quickly be followed by mulled wine and mince pies, and also a picture quiz on a gardening theme, which should be fun. We will also be able to talk about suitable dates for our annual dinner at the Royal Oak next year. *Linda Harris* Secretary

Staying safe this winter



WINTER and the festive season can be full of dangers. Dorset Fire and Rescue Service is committed to keeping people safe at home. Please follow the advice below to ensure you reduce the dangers of fire or accident in your home or on the roads this year.

If there is a fire

- Make sure you have at least one **working** smoke alarm on each level of your house – test it once a week and replace the battery when necessary.
- Discuss with your family, house mates and guests what you would do in the event of a fire. Plan an escape route and keep it clear.
- Keep doors shut at night and know where all your door and window keys are.
- Have a bedtime routine, always making sure heaters and other electrics are turned off, cigarettes and candles are out.
- If there is a fire in your home – **Get out, Stay out and call the fire brigade out (999)**

Chimneys and Open Fires

- If you have an open fire your chimney should be regularly cleaned by professional, registered sweeps. Even if your chimney is lined it needs sweeping at the beginning and end of the season (as a minimum).
- Using dry and seasoned wood is important, as green wood or inappropriate fuel will accelerate build up of soot and combustible materials inside the chimney.
- Stoves and fireplaces should not be overfilled if the flames are extending above the flue opening; your fire is too large.

Electric blankets

- If you have an electric blanket, please ensure that it has been rolled and not folded when stored.
- Make sure any electric blanket is tested each year before use, and replace it if there are any frayed edges or wiring.
- Most modern electric blankets have thermostats in them so will switch off when they reach the set temperature. But always make sure you turn an electric blanket off at the wall before going to sleep.

Gas fires and electric heaters

- Do not place clothes or other flammable materials over heaters.
- Ensure that flammable materials are kept at least three feet away from these heaters and open fires.
- Always turn them off before falling asleep.

Candles and Decorations

- Never place candles near your Christmas tree or furnishings and do not leave them burning unattended.
- Always remember to keep matches, lighters and candles out of the reach of children.
- Keep decorations and greeting cards away from heaters, lights, the fireplace and candles.
- Check that all your Christmas lights conform to the British Standard and never overload electrical sockets – turn them off at the socket before going to bed.

Using the roads in winter

- Make sure your vehicle is in good condition for winter driving:
- Check the tyre depths (minimum tread is 1.60mm) and tyre pressure.
- Check you have anti freeze in your radiator
- Carry de-icer and a ice scraper in your vehicle.
- Keep a warm coat in your vehicle in the event of a breakdown and if possible, carry a charged mobile phone.
- Try not to make unnecessary journeys in bad weather conditions.
- Be aware of the conditions as you drive, avoid unnecessary braking in icy conditions and give other drivers room.
- If you are walking or cycling, make sure you can be seen - wear bright clothing.
- Make sure you have working lights on your bike and use them!!
- Do not take unnecessary risks –remember drivers may not be able to see you as clearly.

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Milborne digs deep for this years Poppy Appeal



2012 has seen a record collection for the annual Royal British Legion "Poppy Appeal" here in Milborne St. Andrew. The amount raised for the work of the Royal British Legion was £601.83 from house to house, The Royal Oak, The Post Office, The Londis Store, and the 'POPP In' at the village hall, and other collections and donations.

The Scouts Group contributed £35.00 and the collection from St. Andrews Church has still to be added to the sum.

The Royal British Legion sincerely thank all those people and organisations for their generous gifts of money and time in supporting its ongoing work in helping those who have suffered as a result of conflict now and in the past.

The Legion would also like to thank Mr Ian Rogers for his help in preparing the war memorial site prior to the Remembrance Service.

Michael Hopper

October Weather in Milborne St. Andrew

OCTOBER was a wet, cold and gloomy month. Total rainfall for the month was 166.5mm which was 153% of average. There were no warm, sunny days that can occur in October and the Central England Temperature for the month was 1°C below the 30 year mean. There were only five days during the month when no rain fell at all and sunshine levels were around 90% of the mean. Altogether it was an unmemorable month.

There has been a national increase in the number of people placing bets on a White Christmas this year but the chances of snow falling on Christmas day in Milborne is quite small. Only once has snow fallen on Christmas Day in the village over the last 41 years and that was in 1993 when 25mm fell during the day. There was snow still on the ground on Christmas Day after a heavy snow fall on December 13th in 1981. Although December 2010 was a snowy month, a sudden thaw melted most of the snow by Christmas Day. Perhaps people have been betting on a White Christmas on the basis that, as the weather over the past year has been so unusual, snow falling on Christmas day could be a distinct possibility.

Pluvius

Need an idea for Christmas? Fancy a community calendar?

EARLIER this year, local community groups worked with our First School to produce 12 canvasses representing the months of the year. The originals hang in our school hall. However they have now been turned into a Community Calendar and Scribble Pads and are for sale in our Pub, our Village Shop and Post Office! These are excellent ideas for Christmas presents and come in glossy print, courtesy of Studioprint in Poundbury! If you were one of the community groups contributing to the lovely design, this gives you ownership of your creative ideas and you will see your names in print on each page! The groups involved were Milborne First School, Milton Abbey School, St. Andrew's Church, The Womens Institute, Milborne Gardening Club, Milborne Cubs, and Scouts, Hazelnuts, The Wednesday Social Club and Ladybirds.

The calendars are being sold in the Pub, Shop and Post Office or orders can be placed via my email namely nsr13@hotmail.co.uk or by phone on 01258 837462.

The calendars are £5 each, A6 scribble pads (handbag size) are £2 each and A5 scribble pads are £3 each. Grab them now whilst stocks last!

Sarah Clark

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Christmas and New Year at The Royal Oak

TWELVE months have gone quickly and our minds now turn to our plans for December at the pub. Following on from the success of our recent themed food evenings, we have two in December. The first is a Tex Mex evening on Thursday 13th, with offerings from fajitas to our slow cooked ribs for £8.95 per head for all you can eat. The second is an already established firm favourite, our monthly pie night. This is on Thursday 27th. After an overdose of roast dinners and party food our comforting pies will be the perfect antidote! A selection of five pies are on offer, accompanied by chips, mash, veg and gravy, all you can eat for £7.50. Recent evenings have been a sell out, so booking early is recommended!

On Thursday 6th December we are hosting a Second-hand Quality Book Sale for Mosaic from 10.30am–2.30pm. Free entry. Coffee and mince pies available. Come along and meet Mosaic staff and volunteers and maybe pick up a bargain. Good quality book donations welcomed either on the day or in advance.

On Tuesday 18th, we have Christmas carols with the amazing Weatherbury Singers. Anyone who has been to our carol evening in the past will tell you it is a fabulous, festive and popular village evening. Come down and enjoy mince pies and mulled wine, the carols will start at 7.30pm.

Saturday 22nd is our Christmas draw and party evening! Tickets for our draw go on sale in mid-November, with all money used spent on prizes! With a first prize of £100 cash, and many, many more prizes on offer, and followed by live music with the fabulous Lisa Makk, it is sure to be a good way to start Christmas week.

Finally, our theme for New Year's Eve is the 70's! We will be serving a 70's themed menu on the night between 6.00 and 9.00pm. No need to pre order, however booking is essential if you want to come along and enjoy 70's inspired dishes such as melon with parma ham, homemade chicken kiev and chocolate fondue! 70's dress is optional! Music will be all from the 70s and we might even get in some Babycham!

All copy for the **January Reporter** must be received by the **12th December**. Please send copy via e-mail to msa.reporter@yahoo.co.uk or give to a member of the team.

The Royal Oak – our future heritage


A COMMON oak sapling that has been grown from an acorn gathered from a royal estate is now in pride of place in the centre of the village.

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The sapling will provide a wonderful additional living legacy from the Diamond Jubilee for our Queen Elizabeth II Field and is something to be proud of, that is providing the moles that have inhabited the bank do not have it for supper! If, per chance, a bench appears before the 200 years or you are up there enjoying the space please be careful not to harm the sapling. That also applies to the trees that were planted by the local school children which are also making steady progress despite the overgrown nature of the space.

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General – Adult

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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

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December

- Saturday 1st **Food and Wine Group AGM** The Langton Arms – see page 3.
- Wednesday 5th **Wednesday Club Christmas Dinner** Green Man.
Casterbridge Male Voice Choir Village Hall 7.30pm.
- Thursday 6th **Second-hand Quality Book Sale** The Royal Oak, 10.30am–2.30pm in aid of Mosaic – see page 22.
Gardening Club AGM Village Hall 7.30pm – see page 11.
- Saturday 8th **Decorating Village Hall** from 10.30am – see page 3.
- Tuesday 11th **Rudolf and his helpers** (Santa included) trudging through the village – see page 3.
100 Club Draw The Royal Oak 8.00pm.
- Wednesday 12th **Deadline for copy and advertisements** for the January *Reporter*. Give to a member of the team or send to msa.reporter@yahoo.co.uk
Parish Council Meeting Village Hall 7.30pm.
- Thursday 13th **WI** Lt Col Torrent will talk on 'Royal Occasions' Village Hall 7.30pm – see page 11.
- Friday 14th **Final Friday Drop-In** of the year plus the draw for Christmas food hamper Village Hall 10am–12noon.
- Sunday 16th **Christingle Service** St. Andrew's Church 4.00pm – see page 5.
- Tuesday 25th **Christmas Day Family Service** St. Andrew's Church 10.00am – see page 5.
- Saturday 29th **'Grease Sing-a-Long'** Village Hall 2.30pm – see page 27.
- January 2013
Friday 11th **Friday Drop-In** re-opens Village Hall 10am–12noon.

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

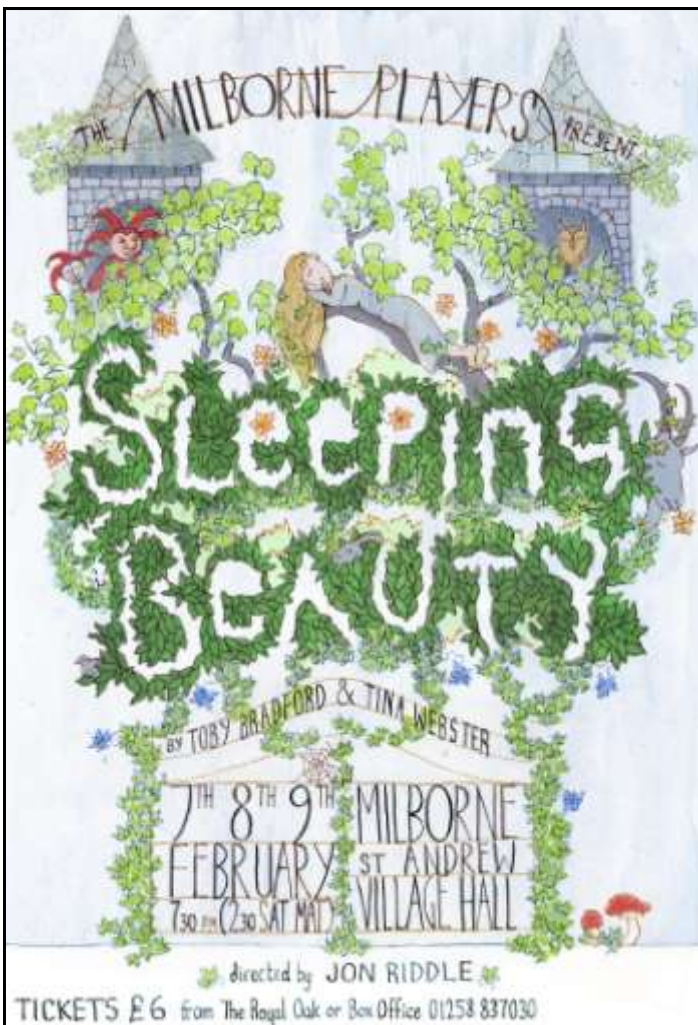
December at the Sports Pavilion

- 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.
- Milborne Mini Soccer**
Training on Wednesdays at 5.00pm.

Can you identify where this is in Milborne?

Be the first to send your answer to msa.reporter@yahoo.co.uk or give to any member of the *Reporter* team

(Reporter team members can be found on page two).
No prize, just a bit of fun. Answer in the January *Reporter*.
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Mud Pies at Ladybirds

LADYBIRDS were donated some old pots and pans which the children have enjoyed playing with in the outside area. Some planters and a



board created a cooker and using sand, soil and water the children busily set to work making delicious mud pies. I expect many of you will remember doing the same when you were children, some activities are ageless.

Inside, the children had a hairdressers. With capes, brushes, rollers, clips, ribbons and hair dryers (no scissors!) they took turns at being the client and the hairdresser - some were really good at gently brushing hair. A parent lent two long haired dummies, empty spray cans and wraparound protector which made a realistic experience for the children.



Other activities this month have involved collecting and playing with autumn leaves, learning a firework song, learning about Diwali and creating poppy pictures, which were displayed in St. Andrew's Church on Remembrance Sunday.

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School News

OUR Foxes and Rabbits classes have been learning about how we did things in years gone by. Rabbits have discovered what life was like for Victorian children and Foxes have looked at all the toys we have used in the past. During October our year 2 children enjoyed a trip to Scaplens Court in Poole to discover more about Victorian life and our reception and year 1 children welcomed Simon Stone to school with a large collection of Victorian toys.



We welcomed two football teams to school from Puddletown First School. Our year 3 and 4 teams pictured below were very successful on the day winning both matches. We are looking forward to visiting



Puddletown for a return match later this term.

At the end of October Friends of the School organised a

village barn dance to raise money for the school. Held at Deverell Farm, a great evening of dancing and entertainment was enjoyed by many. Thank you to everyone

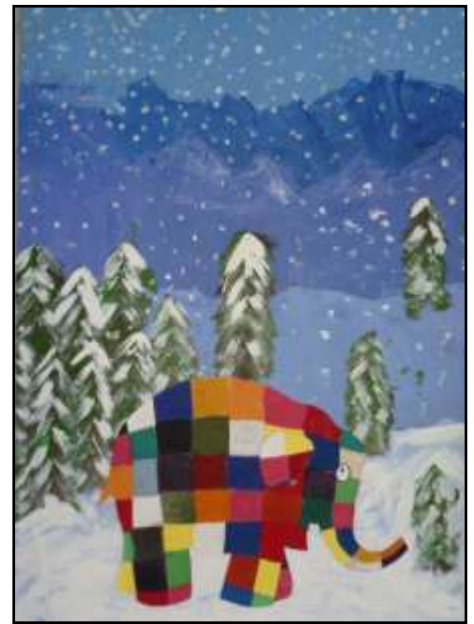


involved in the event, the hosts, the dedicated team of organisers, the many volunteers, those who donated to the Auction of Promises and of course everyone who supported the event.

At the start of the month we were joined by Pete McDonald and Pete Jackson from Lloyd Fraser. To celebrate the company's 25 year anniversary they have donated an apple tree to the school, which our year 4 children planted under the guidance of Mrs Featherstone. We are very grateful for this gift and the support the company have given to the school in recent years.

Friday 16th November was the annual Children in Need day. This year we asked everyone to come to school in their spots and stripes in exchange for a donation to Children in Need and this year we raised £100 for the charity. Earlier in the month we also collected 26 shoe boxes to send overseas as part of Operation Christmas Child.

The December picture from our Art Project was produced by our Foxes class last year and shows Elmer the Elephant in the snow, quite relevant given we have already seen a little snow in the village this year.



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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Finishing line for the Milborne 10

FOR ten years, Jane and John Mills, both non-runners, have spent time and dedication organising and running the Milborne 10 on the second Sunday in January. This popular event, which attracts up to 300 runners from all over the country of all ages up to the late 80's, has to end following changes in UK Athletics rules.

They have always striven to accommodate each demand as it was imposed including moving the registration area from The Royal Oak to the village hall, stopping the children's race, following a different course, paying extra insurance and including more First Aiders. But the cost of fulfilling these new requirements, particularly those of increasing toilet facilities, numbers of Marshals, extra car parking, First



Aiders, the need for them to be licensed and employ an adjudicator all costing more money has forced closure due to lack of finances.

The Village School has mostly been their charity and therefore will miss out on the funds raised.

Advertising costs have risen and the Mills were already contemplating raising the entry fee for runners from the £10 it has been for four years.

The course has been re-measured. It has always run through Ansty Cross and Milton Abbas finishing at Stileham Bank with hot food and drinks in the Village Hall provided by the Mills at the finish. They are disappointed and feel that this will be greatly missed by many especially those who gained Road Race League points for participating and particularly as it put this village on the map. In all the years under their stewardship it has only been cancelled once due to icy weather on hills and only one incident of note involving an irate car driver! It seems an intractable problem. However, the village owes its thanks to all those hard working, community minded people for

bringing extra life, colour and outside interest to Milborne St. Andrew for so many years.

The annual Milborne 10 was conceived after three locals, Simon Foote, Bob Brown and John Milman all members of the Milborne First School Friends of the School had competed in the London Marathon. The first race was run in 1984 and some of the organisers of that first race only retired from helping in recent years. The picture shows some of the runners in that 1984 first 2 mile run. Can you name them? And where are they now?

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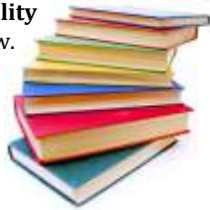
Winter Travel Advice

WITH the seasonal weather approaching and the temperatures plummeting Dorset Police are offering some winter travelling advice for all drivers and passengers. The advice is aimed for snow and icy conditions which could cause problems and difficulties for motorists in the upcoming months:

- Ensure your vehicle is roadworthy for the conditions – check tyres, windscreen washers and wipers, lights, fuel and heater
- Ensure any snow or ice is cleared from your windscreen and other windows BEFORE setting off
- In case of breakdown, carry warm clothing, a blanket and a flask containing a hot drink
- Drive with extreme caution – even if the roads appear gritted
- Drive according to the road conditions – keep speed down, avoid harsh acceleration or braking and keep a greater distance between you and the vehicle in front
- Drivers should maintain total concentration – do not rush, allow plenty of time for your journey, always wear a seat belt and do not be distracted by mobile phones while driving
- Do not leave your engine running and vehicle unattended while you wait for it to de-ice.

Mosaic – Supporting Bereaved Children across Dorset

Thursday 6th December. Second-hand Quality Book Sale at The Royal Oak, Milborne St Andrew. 10.30am–2.30pm. Free entry. Coffee and mince pies available. Come along and meet Mosaic staff and volunteers and maybe pick up a bargain. Good quality book donations welcomed either on the day or in advance.



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THE Friday Drop-In at the village hall will have its final session before Christmas on Friday 14th December, when the draw for the Christmas food hamper will take place. Coffee or tea and home-made mince pies will be available together with a complementary glass of sherry. The Drop-In will re-open on Friday 11th January 2013.

Still a few Christmas puddings for sale, please remember to collect your pudding on or before 14th December. Order yours and arrange a collection time by telephoning Rose and Ed on 837921 or by visiting Philip at the Post Office where a sample pudding is on view. All profits from the puddings will be used to support our village hall.

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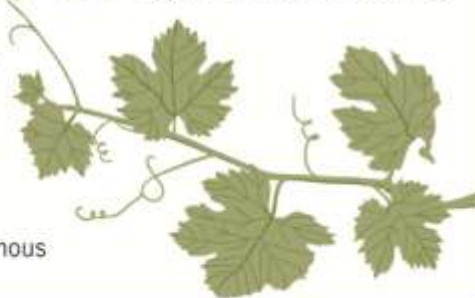


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Chapel Street Development Goes to Appeal

THE proposed development of two detached houses in Chapel Street will be decided upon by the Planning Inspectorate in Bristol following an appeal by the developer, Ankers and Rawlings. The appeal relates to the original planning application which North Dorset refused on the grounds of an unsatisfactory surface water drainage plan which could result in flooding of the neighbouring properties. The most recent planning application for the land opposite the former school is still active, with a completely revised drainage strategy, detailing the discharge of water from the proposed four bedroom, three storey houses into the stream, by way of pipework under the length of Chapel Street and Church Hill.

The Inspectorate will adjudicate on the developer's previous plan and Flood Risk Assessment which proposes a drainage system that seeks to satisfy the conditions of the site, which includes a high water table and a history of flooding of the adjacent cottages. After consultation from independent experts NDDC refused this plan of storing large volumes of rainfall for long periods on the site, saying that it "presents on-going maintenance issues and has a high risk of failure which will increase the risk of flooding to the adjacent residential property". In prolonged periods of rainfall, the reservoirs would need to be emptied by tanker lorries.

However, this is disputed by the developer and their agent, Intelligent Land. Their Grounds of Appeal state that the Council have failed to make a link between failing water storage tanks and the increased risk of flooding. They also state that the development of two large houses and detached garages will actually alleviate the flood risk. Intelligent Land requests that permission is granted, saying "[the] scheme is entirely workable and based on sound engineering principles".

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Based on the 1972 stage show and adding several new numbers, *Grease* is at heart a rites-of-passage movie with plenty of feel-good moments and a euphoric buzz. "You're the One That I Want", "Hopelessly Devoted to You" and "Summer Nights" became the soundtrack for a generation of high-school students on the cusp of adulthood. It's California, 1959 and greaser Danny Zuko and Australian Sandy Olsson are in love. They spend time at the beach, but when they go back to school, what either of them don't know is that they both now attend Rydell High. Danny's the leader of the T-Birds, a group of black-jacket greasers while Sandy hangs with the Pink Ladies, a group of pink-wearing girls led by Rizzo. When they clash at Rydell's first pep rally, Danny isn't the same Danny at the beach. They try to be like each other so they can be together.

The original high school musical is now back, this time with karaoke-style text to guide your warbling as Rydell High's most famous graduating class is going back to school. A newly restored print brings the highest-grossing musical of all time, "Grease" (1978), to the big screen as a sing-along. Join Danny and Sandy with your own crew of T-Birds and Pink Ladies for a carnival ride back to those amazing summer nights! There are moments during the movie that you're compelled to get out of your chair and start dancing – like when 'Greased Lightnin' comes on.

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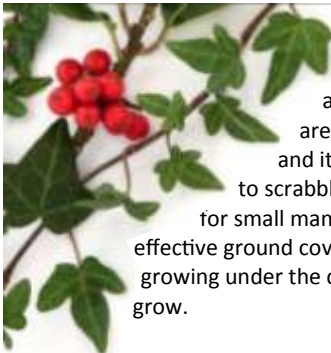
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The holly

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Hollies have male and female flowers on separate trees and to obtain berries you need a male tree for pollination. Quite often a male holly from a neighbour's garden will do the trick, but if you have the space it is worth planting a male cultivar nearby.

The use of holly and ivy as decorations goes back long before the birth of Christianity when pagans used them to make wreaths and garlands to remind them of spring and better times to come. They were used to help celebrate the Winter Solstice Festival, ward off evil spirits and celebrate new growth. In pagan times, it was thought that holly was a male plant, and ivy a female plant! When combined they were meant to represent the union between men and women.

There are many traditions linked to holly: It was said that a walking

stick made from holly would protect the person who carried it from any wild animal. A holly tree on your property was believed to ward off witches and to be the place where faeries and elves lived. A syrup made from holly allegedly cured coughs and a sprig of holly on a bedpost was said to give you pleasant dreams.

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The ivy

Ivy was linked to the Roman god of wine *Bacchus*. You always see him depicted with a wreath of ivy as it was said to ward off drunkenness. Perhaps not a good omen for the festive season!

Ivy has lots of traditions associated with it including the ability to predict the future *and* cause domestic strife. It was said that people should drop an ivy leaf in a glass of water on New Year's Eve and leave it until Twelfth Night. If it stays fresh and green then a good year will follow but look out if any black spots appear as these foretell bad luck.

Nowadays these lovely evergreen plants feature as a major part of our Christmas celebrations along with mistletoe (of course).




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abbeyswimmingclub@gmail.com

Sunday 9th December at 11am

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Wednesday Social Club

ON 8th November we had our meeting in the village hall and were given a talk by Eva Stockley on her experiences when she was Mayor of Melton Mowbray, in Leicestershire where she lived for 25 years.

Melton Mowbray is famous for its pork pies and is also associated with hunting and therefore Royalty. So, there were lots going on, by the look of it.

With the help of Richard Lock we even saw her on a jet ski. It looks like she was really enjoying all the things that were open to her. Still by the look of it, she did some very good work for charity where she raised £22,000 for a scanner for the hospital Maternity Unit. That was just one of the things she has done. Very well done.

We also saw the animal defence centre parade through the town of Melton Mowbray. The parade was started by the Band of the Life Guards from London, then a parade with the Animal Defence Centre. They all landed up with a very nice looking lunch, and the pork pies were there.

Then she was kept busy over the Christmas period by switching on the lights for Christmas and opening the Bell Centre built by the Co-op, and riding around in a coach and horses. This is to name a few of the things she got up to.

Anyway many thanks to Eva for entertaining us, it was a very interesting and entertaining afternoon, thank you.

Do not forget our next meeting on 5th December which is our Christmas Dinner at the Green Man.

Eve Richardson

Bees stung by Sports

Bridport A 2 Milborne Sports 3

ON an atrocious surface that resembled a ploughed field, both teams struggled to provide any rhythm and for the first quarter of an hour play was very fragmented. Milborne were looking to retain their heady position in the league table and with seventeen minutes on the clock, a Carl Tewkesbury clearance was chased down by Carl McClements only to see his lobbed effort clearing both the keeper and the crossbar.

Bridport were causing some problems with long throws, although generally the Laneenders were keeping a check on the Bees attack with Mark Lambert having another assured performance. With thirty-six minutes passed, Milborne finally made the breakthrough when McClements found space for himself to deliver a fine curling effort into the top corner from just inside the penalty area. Chris Pavey then fed an intelligent ball into McClements after forty-three minutes to enable him to score from the angle across the despairing home custodian. Sports almost grabbed a third on the stroke of half time when Ross Heaton's fine free kick from thirty-five yards was well saved.

Bridport came out for the second period with renewed vigour and Danny Andrews found himself on the end of a few over zealous challenges, whilst Paul Aston and Jacob Heaton continued to try and wrestle the battle for the middle of the park. With sixty-five minutes expired, Milborne looked to have tied the game up when Ricky Lane's persistence and skill led to him pulling the ball back from the by line to Andrews whose shot rebounded from the crossbar for the predatory McClements to complete his hat trick. Bridport then gave themselves a lifeline when a freekick found itself in the back of the net with an unfortunate deflection off a defender. Milborne however were still creating chances and Ross Heaton was unlucky again with another free kick from distance whilst Lane might have done better at the far post. The Bees were still not beaten and with three minutes remaining scored another from a disputed free kick when Walkey found the corner with a shot reminiscent of his father Derek Walkey, the former Bees legend.

With a few minutes remaining, Bridport felt an equaliser possible but it was not to be and Milborne finished the day with three points to go top on a day when no other fixtures were played.

Mike Lathbury

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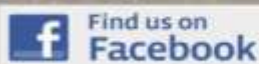
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