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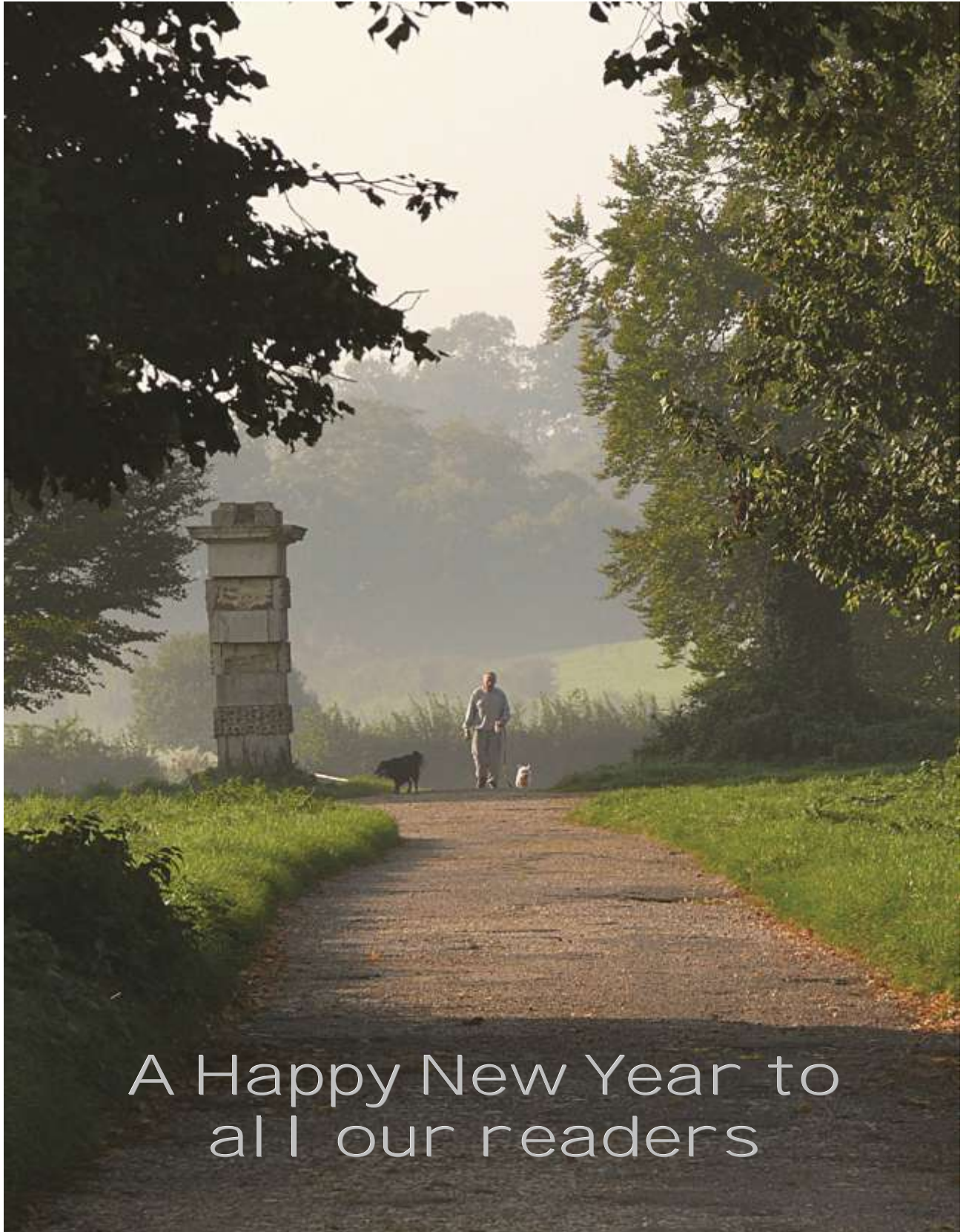
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Millborne St. Andrew



A Happy New Year to
all our readers

Wednesday Club party time

WEDNESDAY 5th December, the day of the Christmas Lunch, was a really beautiful day to drive through the Dorset countryside, after all the wet, grey days we have had to suffer of late.

The coach left Milborne promptly at 11.00am, and after various pick ups along the way we arrived at The Green Man in Kings Stag at midday. It seemed incredible that a whole year had passed since our last Christmas Party there.

Once again, we enjoyed a delicious two course meal followed by tea/coffee, chocolates and mince pies. Having been well fed, some of us were fortunate enough to win prizes in the raffle. We then re-embarked for a relaxing journey home.

It was a good start to Christmas and thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Our next meeting is the New Year Party at The Royal Oak on Wednesday 9th January from 12noon to 2.30pm where we will be offered good food, quizzes and a lucky dip. The cost is £10 for members and £12 for guests. Please remember to bring a small wrapped gift – value of about £3 – to put in the lucky dip. We look forward to seeing you all there.

Lis Watts

Mini Soccer resumes in January

MILBORNE Mini Soccer will start training again for the under 8s, 9s and 10s on Wednesday 2nd January 2013. Our youngest group, the under 6s will start back at training on Wednesday 9th January 2013. If any new children are interested in joining please could they kindly contact me on 01258 837241 or just come along to training. Our fees are now £10 per month for our under 8s and under 9s and for our under 10s and under 6s (who are not in the league yet) it is just £1.50 per session. Parents are welcome to stay and watch, hot drinks and snacks are available. Training times will continue to be 5.00–5.45 for our under 6s and 5.00–6.30 for all other age groups.

On behalf of the Milborne Mini Soccer Club I would like to thank the *Reporter* and your readers for all their wonderful support throughout 2012 and to wish you all a very merry Christmas and happy New Year.

With kindest regards and thanks.

Marie Hayter



Peter takes an important call on the Fisher Price Chatter phone.

Farewell Peter, hello . . . You?

MILBORNE'S Ladybirds Playgroup is in need of a new treasurer as, after a decade of sterling service, Peter Anthony is stepping down from the position in September. Peter is an original member of the committee when Ladybirds was set up in 2001 and became involved as he was looking for a "worthy cause" to give his time to. With the committee, he was involved in obtaining registration and grants from OFSTED and the Charity Commission, amongst others, to get

the playgroup up and running for two mornings a week in May 2002. As many will know, Ladybirds is now a thriving, five mornings a week operation, including a daily Breakfast and Lunch Club.

For the prospective new treasurer, Peter will provide a full handover of tasks and duties before he steps down later in the year. The position covers a number of responsibilities, Peter explains. "My role as Treasurer involves a variety of tasks which include managing the Payroll of 5 part time staff, ensuring all bills are paid on time and that submission of the grant forms to the Early Years Department (which provides the major part of our funding), is carried out. In addition it requires the raising of invoices to those parents who are not in receipt of funding for their child."

Peter had spent all of his working life in the computer industry and being "one of the lucky ones from the 'Baby Boomer' generation", he was able to retire at 50. His PC knowledge undoubtedly has made the role of Ladybirds treasurer more straightforward for the new candidate. He says, "One of the things I have enjoyed over the years is developing the PC Excel systems that have made these tasks easier."

Of all the activities and roles that Peter took on after retiring, it is this position that has proved the most interesting and satisfying. He says, "The one thing that has given me the most enjoyment, satisfaction and indeed in some cases, the most challenging, is taking on the role of Treasurer with the Milborne Ladybirds Playgroup".

But now it is time for someone else to fulfill this role. "After 10 years I feel it is now time to hand over the reins to someone else who is looking for something worthwhile to do", Peter says. Could it be you?

Ed Richards

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



The photograph in last month's *Reporter* asked about the runners in the first Milborne 10 fun run in 1984. We hope to have the answers in the February issue of the *Reporter*. If you know where any of the young runners shown have got

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Wind Farm Public Meeting

A VERY well attended public meeting was held in the village hall on Thursday 29th November, to discuss the West Coast Energy proposed Wind Farm between Tolpuddle and Milborne St. Andrew.

Guest speakers were Julian Turner (Campaign to Protect Rural England) and Richard Slocock (Chairman of Tolpuddle Against Industrial Turbines – T.A.IN.T)

A DVD of an installed wind farm was shown, highlighting in the main the noise pollution and its effect on the residents.

A scale model was on show comparing the height of the proposed turbines to a village house, our church and the recently erected turbine near Bere Regis. This gave an instant feel to those present, just how enormous these turbines will be above our village.

Julian outlined in detail the planning process that would take place if and when an application goes to West Dorset District Council. He stressed that only landscape, public amenities and noise would be considered, with absolutely no consideration to people's livelihoods, visual impact or property values. He stressed to those opposed to the inappropriately sited turbines to write to WDDC.

Julian dwelt on the noise issue stating the guidelines at present are those laid down by ETSU in 1997 and are now outdated by real issues that exist countrywide, as demonstrated in the film.

Richard outlined how T.A.IN.T was formed and its progress to date. They have had meetings with numerous interested parties and made contact with various organisations and individuals, and with the help of members researched many of the areas to which genuine grievances can be applied in writing to WDDC. They have approached an expert on fighting against inappropriately sited turbines, but this will cost somewhere in the region of £3,000. They are currently actively working on raising funds to make a robust case to ensure the application is refused by WDDC. It would not necessarily stop there as West Coast Energy would most likely appeal to the Planning Inspectorate, which would involve substantial cost and extend the process up to two years

Many questions and observations were raised from the floor, with healthy debate. The main issues were:-

Size – They are 126.5 metres (415 feet) high and a blade sweep of 1.3 acres.

Health – Effect of low frequency noise. Headaches, nausea and sleep deprivation. Land owners and developers profit from subsidies.

Renewable energy – It was stressed that renewable energy is needed but there are many other sources felt to be more efficient and less intrusive to rural areas. One member of the audience gave a very good talk on wind energy and its place in the Renewable Energy Programme.

Wildlife – Much interesting discussion. Birds and bats are particularly susceptible.

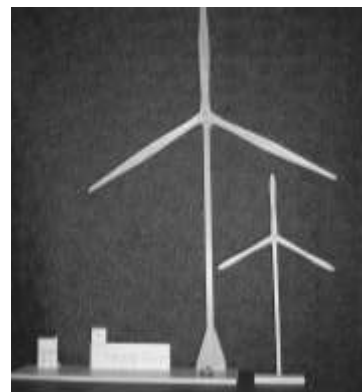
Amenities – Footpaths and bridleways will be lost to concrete roads and hard standings.

Property values – One case already happened in Milborne where vendors "held to ransom" to reduce the value of their property due to the pending application.

Road safety – There have been numerous fatalities over the years on A354. The distraction of looking at these enormous turbines will further increase the risk of accidents, probably making this section of the road an accident black spot.

Many other opinions were raised, too many to include in this report. It was felt that both sides of this issue have now been presented and people left the meeting with more information to judge whether they were for, against or indifferent to this proposed industrial wind farm.

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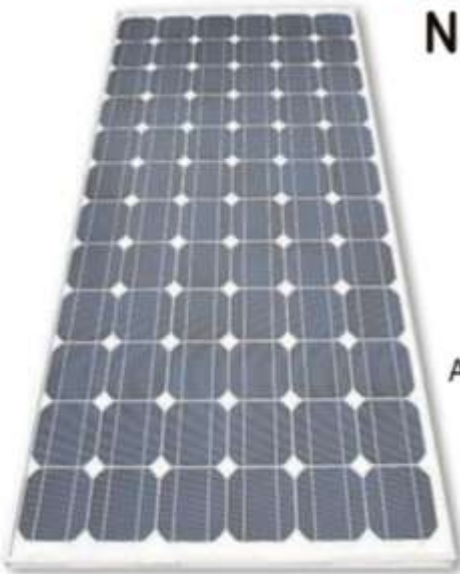
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Notes from the Parish Council meeting of 12th December

THREE Councillors have resigned and Jenny Balcon has now become the new chairman.

The Parish Council would like to make the junction of Chapel Street with the A354 safer.

A suggestion has been made to make that junction one way entering Chapel Street from the A354 until the junction with Orchard Rise.

The Parish Council are going to consult with those residents that live in Chapel Street, Orchard Rise, St. Andrews View and The Causeway to see what they think.

The Parish Council will collate the responses and then decide whether to take the suggestion further with Dorset County Council Highways.

Letter from the Clerk, Joyce Holman

Although I have only been Parish Clerk for two years I have really enjoyed my time working in the village. I would like to say a big thank you to everyone who has made me feel so welcome.

I know that sometimes it feels like the Parish Council operates at a snail's pace, but I think a lot of things have been achieved by the Parish Council in my time here.

Finally, I would like to thank the Councillors for all the help and support they have given me.

Many thanks, Joyce

Message to all Villagers

DO you want:

- to know where houses could be built in Milborne St. Andrew?
- the flooding in Milton Road and beyond to be repaired?
- to know where any wind turbines could be sited?
- to know if a gypsy camp could be located in the village?

If you have answered yes to any of the above questions, then you are interested in your village.

Do you want any of these decisions to be made by people that live in Milton Abbas or Winterborne Whitechurch or even North Dorset District Council?

This is what could happen if there is no Parish Council. Please join us, help support your village and decisions that affect you.

Clr Jenny Balcon

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- It's a grey, dull, wet day. Nothing is bright, nothing is cheerful, and the countryside appears drab and lifeless. People and dogs are out because they have to be, not because they want to be. The weather has dampened the spirits.

When the alarm goes off, there are some mornings when we'd all rather stay in bed than get up. And yet, the world is still the same place; it is only the weather that has changed.

I have been very struck by the difference between these two types of morning recently, and how influenced I am by the moods of sun and rain. It's led me to reflect on how we as people can have the same effect as the weather in our encounters with others.

We can be the people who bring God's sparkle into the lives of our families, friends and acquaintances, or we can muddle along with them in the dullness of an unlit world. It doesn't take much to make someone else's day a better one: a kind word, an encouragement rather than a criticism, a listening ear, a supportive hand. A positive encounter can make a big difference to someone on a grey day, in the same way that a shaft of sunlight can lift the heart when all around is dull.

Perhaps this year, instead of the usual resolutions that get broken after a day or two once January 1st is over, you would consider joining me in my attempts to be God's sparkle in the places where I go.

An internet mailing doing the rounds at present reminds us of God's values.

It is entitled *Ten things God won't ask on That Day*. I don't have space for all ten, but you will get the gist from the ones I've picked out below.

- God won't ask what car you drove. He'll ask how many people you drove who didn't have transportation.
- God won't ask the square footage of your house. He'll ask how many people you welcomed into your home.
- God won't ask you what your job title was. He'll ask you whether you performed it to the best of your ability.
- God won't ask how many friends you had. He'll ask how many people to whom you were a friend.
- God won't ask about the colour of your skin. He'll ask about the content of your character.

Let's make the world around shine with light and love. May we reflect the glory of God, and be the sunshine and sparkle in our families, communities and the wider world.

With best wishes

Sarah

CHURCH SERVICES January 2013

THURSDAY 3rd JANUARY

12 noon Lunch-time Communion Milborne

6th JANUARY – Epiphany

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

13th JANUARY – Baptism of Christ

8.15am 1662 Said Communion Puddletown
9.30 Methodist United Service Tolpuddle
Chapel
9.30 Parish Communion Milborne
11.00 Family Service Puddletown
Village Hall
11.00 Family Communion Dewlish

THURSDAY 17th JANUARY

12 noon Lunch-time Communion Puddletown

20th JANUARY – Epiphany 3

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

27th JANUARY – Epiphany 3

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

MORNING PRAYERS (Mon– Thurs 8.15am; Sat

9.00am)

Monday – Puddletown Tuesday – Tolpuddle
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Saturday - Puddletown



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19th January
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Flowers – w/e Saturday

5th and 12th January – Helen Pugh
19th and 26th January – Marion Regan

St. Andrew's Day Celebration

OUR celebration of St. Andrew's Day this year was a most successful event. The school and many village groups had chosen hymns for a 'Songs of Praise' in the evening to which they brought items to represent them. The school produced a net full of faces to remind us that St. Andrew was a fisherman, and processed with candles to remind us of God's word being spread over the world. The service was attended by our archdeacon Paul Taylor who blessed our new toilets, kitchenette and repositioned font. Also present were representatives from Viridor Credits who contributed generously towards the cost, the architect and builders who made the plans come to life. The kitchenette was in constant use to provide tea, sandwiches and cakes for about a hundred visitors who came to the church. We were very sorry that neither Benny Hazelhurst who had started the project in 2007 nor Sarah Godfrey who had planned the whole celebration were able to be with us.

This day of celebration certainly needs to be recorded as a very special day in the life of St. Andrew's Church. As we approach our very full programme of Christmas festivities it shows the necessity and the benefit that these new facilities have brought to our church and the community.

We look forward to Christmas and the New Year bringing together a congregation of new beginnings for our village. When you read this the children will have had their Christingles lit, we will have sung carols to open our Christmas Tree Festival with trees decorated by groups of young and old from all parts of the benefice, and celebrated Christmas at our services. We hope that you all had a very happy Christmas and will enjoy a peaceful New Year.

Eva Stockley and John Wright Church Wardens



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Edgar Carpenter 1928-2012

READERS may remember Edgar Carpenter as the subject of this paper's 'Have You Met' in May 2010. His reminiscences then covered 81 years in Milborne St. Andrew. He died peacefully at home on the 29th November aged 84 years having spent all of them in the village apart from two years with the Signals Corps in Malaysia and Singapore.



His 51 years employment at the Milk Processing Plant encompassed manning the washing machines for the churns, loading, unloading and, later, driving lorries picking up milk from over 350 local farms.

On retirement he held the post of Transport Manager. He described a contented and successful working life. Edgar's education was entirely based in the Chapel Street School, leaving to go straight into the newly opened Central Dairy where his father, an ex-postman, was also employed. His father-in-law was a policeman, who, on taking exception to seeing his daughter, Dot, riding on the crossbar of Edgar's bike one night, later pushed him into the nettles as a punishment, saying 'That's for last night'.

In later years Edgar was a familiar sight walking his dog in the village and working ceaselessly in his cherished garden. His daughter Veronica speaks of the high regard in which her father was held by villagers of all ages and his love of the Turf.

He and his wife acted as caretakers for the Doctor's Surgery.

He is survived by his wife, Dot, his son, daughter, four grandchildren and eight great grandchildren.

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Busy end of year for Gardening Club



GARDENING CLUB members had quite a busy end to 2012 and are now looking forward to plenty of different talks, exciting visits and some other more unusual activities in the coming 12 months.

Non-members are welcome at any of our meetings if they want to "try before they buy".

Our first meeting of 2013 will be on Thursday 24th January, when Jennifer Trehane from the Trehane Nursery in Ferndown is giving a talk about enjoying camellias in your garden. She is an internationally known camellia expert and has written the authoritative book on them, so we are very fortunate that she has agreed to come along. Another date for members to put in their diaries is Saturday 9th February, when we will be holding our Annual Dinner here at The Royal Oak. I will shortly be emailing members with all the details.

Back to last November, at the beginning of the month fifteen members benefited from the discounted shopping trip to Poundbury Garden Centre. Later on in the month our Kurling night was very successful, and all the participants seemed to enjoy the kurling activities and the supper. We were able to give Brendan Care for the Elderly a sizeable cheque from the proceeds, so many thanks to everyone who came along to support the event. At the end of November some of us participated in the St. Andrew's Day Church Service, with the schoolchildren and other clubs from the village, and a couple of weeks later we decorated our Christmas tree with a Dorset history theme (not a seed packet or vegetable in sight!).

Annual General Meeting

We held our AGM on the 6th December at the Village Hall and eighteen members were present. Sally Dyer presented her final Chairman's Report and John Wright his final Treasurer's Report.

Officers and Committee for 2013 were elected as follows:

Chairman: Richard Lock

Treasurer: TBA

Committee Member: Sue Benn

Re-elected Secretary: Linda Harris

Committee Members: Bill Love, Peter Dunkley, Shirley Dunkley and Angie Nowell

The good news was that subscriptions for 2013 would remain the same at £11 per person, and after the short meeting there was a picture quiz followed by mulled wine and mince pies.

All the members would like to extend a big thank-you firstly to Sally, for all her hard work over the last three years as Chairman, keeping the committee on its toes and being an enthusiastic uncomplaining leader, organising the speakers, our annual dinners, liaising with the School and other societies and much more besides; secondly to John for all his hard work on the financial side, as well as producing posters, programmes, tickets, membership cards, etc, whenever needed, and thirdly to Anne Love, who has been on the committee for five years, one of which as vice-chairman, and has researched and organised every one of our trips. We are very grateful to all of them, as the Club would not have been running like clockwork without their tremendous input. They will be a hard act to follow . . . but a huge welcome to Richard who is taking on the Chair and also to Sue Benn who joins the committee. We hope the task ahead will not be too daunting, and that we will soon have news of a new Treasurer, until when John is valiantly holding the fort.

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Thank you Milborne, fantastic!

A MAGNIFICENT sum of £255 was collected by Rudolf and his helpers slipping and sliding throughout the village on 11th December (with the occasional drenching from passing chariots). The look on the many children's faces as they came face to face with Santa and his team really warmed the spirits of the collectors on what must have been the coldest (but driest) night of the year. The collectors (all local supporters of Longmead Community Farm) would also like to thank everyone they met on the doorsteps, for those that stopped in their cars and those in The Royal Oak and the Londis for the really warm welcome they received. What was also evident was that a lot of people knew about the good work undertaken by those at Longmead.

All the money collected will go to charitable good causes and in this case the proceeds have been divided up with £230 going to Longmead Community Farm and £25 to the Dorchester Rotary Club charity appeal. Last year the bulk of the money collected went to the village hall to enable the Viridor grant to proceed for a new projector and recorder for Flix in the Sticks and for new professionally made curtains and tracks and perfect fit blinds for the doors.

Again, thank you to everyone in Milborne.

Richard Lock (Santa's helper extraordinaire)

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Friday 11th 2.00pm, Upton House, Upton Country Park, Poole
Thursday 17th 10.00am, Dorset Room, Colliton Club, Dorchester

February

Friday 1st 2.00pm, Canford Room, Allendale Centre, Wimborne
Thursday 7th 10.00am, Small Hall, Digby Hall, Sherborne
Wednesday 13th 10.00am, Road Safety Centre, Kings Park, Boscombe
Wednesday 13th 2.00pm Road Safety Centre, Kings Park, Boscombe
Tuesday 19th 2.00pm, Community Room, Christchurch Fire Station

March

Thursday 7th 2.00pm, The Classroom, Blandford Adult Learning Centre
Tuesday 12th 7.00pm, Canford Room, Allendale Centre, Wimborne
Thursday 14th 10.00am, Road Safety Centre, Kings Park, Boscombe
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Dear Editor

Siting of 9/10 126.5m Turbines near MSA

I believe this proposal in close proximity to the Village I love to be wrong.

Make no mistake Industrial sized Turbines, wide enough to hide a family car behind and twice the size of the one near Bere Regis are totally inappropriate.

So what happens if West Dorset District Planning Committee decide to disallow this proposal?

Nothing in that, the Turbines would merely be resited elsewhere, at one of the alternative sites, referred to by West Coast Energy Ltd. when they gave their presentation here on 19th September. Hopefully any new proposal would be in compliance with Turbine Siting Guidelines that exist and were publicly quoted by West Coast.

The guidelines are:

1. They should not be sited in Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB)
2. They should not be sited within 2km of dwellings, because of the known noise disturbance and resultant health problems experienced by vulnerable people.
3. They should not be sited within areas of "special interest". This was explained by West Coast to mean of Historical or Archaeological Interest.

Then having used these guidelines to explain why it had to be this site, WC went on to say that it would be necessary to have such huge 126.5m Turbines to be economically viable, because of the Low Wind Factor in this area.

I am particularly concerned that the welfare of residents living less than 1km, (and in some cases even less than that,) has been totally ignored.

The terrible environmental damage caused to an historic, unexcavated archaeological site is a legacy I certainly do not want to leave to my children.

(The site is adjacent the Ironage Fort of Weatherby Castle with medieval settlements, a Roman Road and numerous Tumuli actually on site.)

The desecration is beyond belief when you consider the 5.3km of heavy duty Roads, individual Crane Hardstandings

(at each Turbine), Substation and other large building and access road required to construct and maintain such turbines. Not to mention the 35,000 tons of concrete required for base infill.

The site is bordered by AONB, and such incongruent turbines will have a visible impact for miles around and sadly especially so, on the small thatched conservation villages nearby.

I believe motorists travelling along the country A354 road, sudden shock sighting of enormous fixtures, particularly at times of "shadow flicker" is another fatality waiting to happen. West Coast shadow flicker map shows flicker crossing not only this road but also the by-pass nearby.

This is not a pro or anti-turbine debate and lack of space prevents covering all other relevant issues. (Loss of countryside amenity to walkers and horse riders, danger to protected bird and other wildlife species etc.)

All I can hope is that WDD elected Councillors make the right planning decision when the time comes, in conjunction with the expressed opinion of our own North Dorset elected representatives . . . that the voice of localism does count this time. None of us should forget we are privileged to live in and be Guardians of Hardy's beautiful Countryside.

Yours sincerely Sharon Newman

Dear Editor

Pat Tribe

Now we have come to terms with my sister's death, my wife and I would like to express our gratitude to you all. The funeral was so moving with so many people attending, some from Yorkshsire, Surrey, Sussex, London and so many from Dorset. We were there to celebrate the life of Pat and it was a joyous occasion. We were concerned as we had catered for 50 and I think there were about 170 in the church – we had visions of the "feeding of the five thousand". However thanks to The Royal Oak all turned out well. We would like to thank the bell ringer and also the wonderful donations that were received for the church she loved.

We were also in the village for the flower festival and Pat did a lot of work in selecting lines from hymns for the themes, even though when she carried this out she was a very poorly lady.

My wife and I stood in Pat's garden when the quarter peel was rung, the wind was blowing the sound our way and it was a delight. She would have been very pleased to hear the bells being rung again.

We have noticed how friendly your village is to us and we can't pass anyone without a "Hello" or "Good Morning" –

so different from where we live.

Finally we have changed the name of the cottage – very shortly there will be a name plate on the door "Pat's Place"

Thank you all once again.
Jan and Peter Tribe



Dear Editor,

As someone who has an interest in the effects of energy on the human body, I decided to research the effects of so-called "wind turbine syndrome" etc. As a village member who cares about people's health I wanted to briefly share what I have discovered over the last four months so that village members can make a clear decision as and when needed to the West Coast Energy proposal in 2013 to build 10 Industrial Wind Turbines not too far away from Milborne St. Andrew! Global studies written by people of all walks of life, medical papers from the British Medical Journal show the wind turbines as being a real health hazard which is unfolding across the world. This is a result of LFN (low frequency noise) and ULFN (ultra low frequency noise) noise which cannot be heard. LFN causes insomnia, sleep disturbance, irritability, high blood pressure, mental health issues if prolonged and damages the immune system. The elderly, children with behavioural problems, epileptics and those with hearing problems are very susceptible to ULFN particularly at night. This "silent" noise affects the cilia (hairs) in the ears and affects the brain and hormones. ULFN has been developed and used by the MOD in "acoustic warfare"!

It is obvious to me that Wind Turbines may be safe at sea (I doubt it) but onshore they are **Too Big** and are placed **Too Near** to human habitation with the ensuing results. There is plenty of evidence including video and film footage interviewing people about the detrimental effect on their health etc., which I can forward to those who are interested. Sohani Gonzalez B.A., M.C.H., R.S.Hom.

The Editor
Milborne 10

I would just like to clarify a few points about why the Milborne 10 is no longer possible to take place.

The reason is not wholly financial, any rise in expenses would have been offset with an increase in fees.

The main reason is that after the 2012 race the referee advised us that in future the finish line was to be taken completely off road and that all parked vehicles on the race line within the village be removed.

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The number of volunteers we now need on the day has risen to between 35-40. It is true that the need for more toilets and the car park has become a real issue. Just one other problem, I cannot at the moment even put out the signs, technically I am not qualified. Race Directors are at the moment requested to attend courses on how to organise the events to get the necessary qualifications. This will probably become compulsory sooner rather than later.

John Mills

The Editor
 Re Windfarms. Much literature is available for and against these monstrosities. But very little on what is possibly the most dangerous to the Planet. That of vibration, both from land and sea based WF's. As with all things vibration has two sides, good and bad. We have all known of cases of physical damage caused by road drills etc to the operatives. This morning I have been treating a dog with a small handheld Ultrasonic massager the vibrations of which will penetrate a body at least four inches. But there is a far more insidious form, one that is inaudible. Natural infrasounds tend to rumble through our life daily. Thankfully infrequent and to us

incoherent, it is felt rather than heard. At a certain pitch it will produce physical pressure. Another pitch fear and disorientation as used by Nazi propagandea engineers to stir up hostilities at rallies. It will rupture organisms and explode matter. A small cavity within the ear has now been found to be extremely sensitive to both low- frequency and infrasound. What is happening below ground with these large blocks of concrete which will be vibrating unseen. Possibly killing so many organisms within the soil leaving a sterile environment here on farmland and fishing grounds. At a time when the world will need more food, (see today's newspapers) No worms, beetles or small mammals, and slowly the larger animals including the human race - A Dead Planet.

Peter Vatcher-Dow.

Dear Editor,
Carvery at the local
 I would like to thank the team at the local pub for a superb lunch yesterday, (Sunday 25th.November) The carvery was delicious and if anyone has yet to sample it, don't delay. The new tables and chairs are great and just right for our local.

Thanks Sarah, Andy and the rest of the staff.
 Nicky Hagan.

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 February Reporter.

Remember you can always see the Reporter in colour at www.milbornestandrew.org.uk/Reporter/index

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 Contact: Hayley Davis 07919 156578
 or Jody Moore 07855 168117

New Year Quiz

Answers below

- Which instrument did Nat King Cole play?
- Which ear did Vincent Van Gough partially cut off?
- What famous person was killed in a motorbike accident in Dorset in 1935?
- What was the name of Dick Turpin's horse?
- Who won Olympic Gold in the decathlon in 1980 and 1984?
- The church in Milborne is dedicated to St. Andrew – when is his saint day?
- What is the capital of Latvia?
- What method of transport was last used in the UK in 1874?
- What did Moses do for a living before he was called by God?
- How much is a guinea worth in decimal currency?
- The hymn Jerusalem has a line which was used as the title of what award winning film?
- In which film does Rex Harrison talk to the animals?
- The first fossil shop in Britain was opened in Lyme Regis, when?
- Which TV family lived at 24 Oil Drum Lane, Shepherds Bush?
- What is a wife of an Earl called?
- Dorset is the home of the hottest chilli ever produced what is it called?
- What Dorset village was requisitioned by the government in 1943?
- Whose poet's heart is interred at St. Peter's Church, Bournemouth?
- What Dorset town was called Sandwich up to the 15th century?
- I am female and was born in 1899 in Staffordshire and started work in the potteries at age 13. By the 1920s I was producing my own art deco ware including the design Bizarre. Who am I?

1 The piano; 2 left; 3 T E Lawrence; 4 Black Bess; 5 Daley Thompson; 6 30th November; 7 Riga; 8 The stage coach; 9 A shepherd; 10 £1.05; 11 Charlots of Fire; 12 Dr Doolittle; 13 1826; 14 The Steptoes; 15 Countess; 16 Dorset Naga; 17 Tyneham; 18 Percy Shelley; 19 Swanage; 20 Clarice Cliff

Community Contacts

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

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Parish Council – Dewlish	Clerk: Pat Gubbins	01258 881348
	Chair: Mike Claydon	01258 837314
Parish Council –	Clerk: Joyce Holman	01202 880512
Milborne St. Andrew	Chair: Jenny Balcon	01258 837121

General – Adult

Computer Drop-in Centre	Rose and Ed Frost	01258 837921
Ladies Group – Dewlish	Judith Bridgen	01258 837157
Memory Lane Swing Band	Gilly Pink	01258 837695
M.A. Neighbourcar	Nigel Hodder	01258 881709
Wednesday Social Club	Margaret Evans	01258 450518
Women's Institute	June Maitland	01258 837235

General – Youth

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Ladybirds (Playgroup)	Liz Dyer	01258 839117
Scout Group	Mike Mullett	01258 837309
Under 5's Group – The Busy Bees	Hayley Davis	07919 156578
Youth Club age 8 – 14 years	Amy Tanswell	01258 839110

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Police – Non-emergency contact		101
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School

Milborne 1st School		
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Friends of School Chair:	Sarah Clark	

Special Interest

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Secretary:	Sue Gould	01258 837575
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MSA Gardening Club	Richard Lock	01258 837929
Milborne Players	Roy Sach	01258 837033
Modern Sequence Dancing	Brian Webber	01935 812347
Ranters' Folk Session	Roger Harrall	01258 837371
Round Robin Ramblers	Ian Bromilow	01258 880044


Sport

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Archers – Crossways	Sheila Ryall	01258 837504
Athletics – Junior	David Pearson	01258 837057

Badminton	David Payne	01258 837700
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Football – Adult	Matt Hall	07846 262717
Football – Reserve Team	Tom Lane	07786 156335
Football – Under 11s	Marie Hayter	01258 837241
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Village Hall


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Milborne Movies

Friday 18th January
at 7.30pm
Doors and Bar at 7.00pm





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Milborne St. Andrew Village Hall



Community Events Diary

Add your event to this diary by contacting the **Reporter** – tel: 01258 837700 or email: msa.reporter@yahoo.co.uk

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 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

January

Wednesday 2nd **Milborne Mini Soccer** training restarts Sports Field 5.00pm – see page 2.
 Wednesday 9th **Wednesday Club** New Year Party The Royal Oak 12 noon – see page 2.
 Thursday 10th **WI “Wildlife”** slideshow with Brian Pettit. Village Hall 7.30pm.
 Friday 11th **Friday Drop-In** re-opens Village Hall 10am–12noon.
 Monday 14th **Reporter** deadline for copy and adverts for the February issue. Give your stories and pictures to a member of the Reporter team (see page 2) or send to msa.reporter@yahoo.co.uk
 Tuesday 15th **Village Lunch AGM** The Royal Oak 12.15pm
 Everybody welcome – see page 5.
100 Club Draw The Royal Oak 8.00pm. All welcome – see page 7.
 Wednesday 16th **Parish Council** Village Hall 7.30pm.
 Friday 18th **Alice in Wonderland** Village Hall 7.30pm – see below.
 Thursday 24th **Gardening Club** talk by Jennifer Trehane about enjoying camellias Village Hall 7.30pm – see page 9.
 Saturday 26th **Village Lunch** Village Hall 12.15pm – see page 5.

Alice in Wonderland (2010) (PG)

**Presented by ‘Milborne Movies’
 at Milborne St. Andrew Village Hall (DT11 0JX)
 on Friday 18th January 2013 at 7.30pm**

THIS ‘*Alice in Wonderland*’ is an imaginative new twist on one of the most beloved stories of all time making it inviting and magical. Instead of retelling the already established story, Tim Burton, the Director has instead created a sequel of sorts, where an older Alice revisits the place she recalls from a recurring dream. This unpretentious 19-year-old Alice (Mia Wasikowska) returns to the magical world from her childhood adventure, where she reunites with her old friends, including the Mad Hatter (Johnny Depp), and learns of her true destiny: to end the Red Queen’s (Helena Bonham Carter) reign of terror. It comes about when Alice is attending a party at a lavish country estate to celebrate her engagement. She escapes the crowd to consider whether to go through with the marriage and falls down a hole into a strange and surreal place called “Underland” world. The extraordinary characters come to life with the Mad Hatter, the White Queen (Anne Hathaway), the Red Queen, the White Rabbit (Michael Sheen) and more. A triumphant cinematic experience – *Alice in Wonderland* is an incredible feast for your eyes, ears and heart that will captivate audiences of all sizes. By the end of the film Alice seems to represent the new age of women who would go on to play major roles in society rather than blend in at home. The characters seem to be in keeping with both the original book and established idea of what the cast should be like that resemble the illustrations from Lewis Carroll’s book. The visual effects team have gone to town with computer generated imagery creating a visual spectacle, which makes the characters and their surroundings both magical and whimsical. The end result is a fun telling of an engaging story.

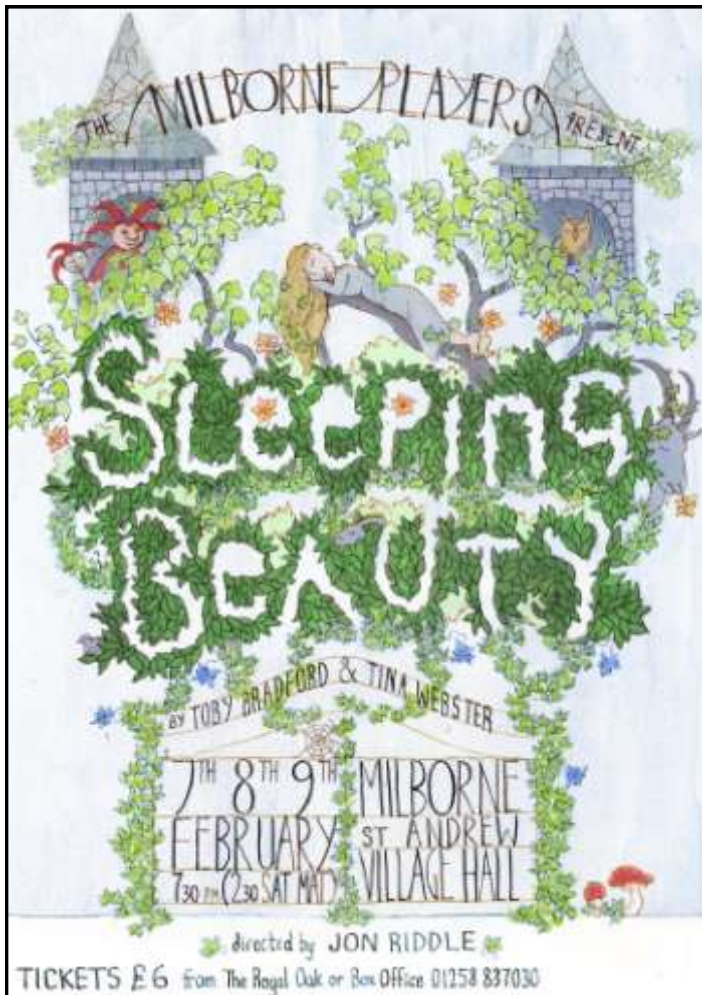
The village hall and bar is open from 7.00pm and the film starts at 7.30pm. Tickets £3.00 can be obtained on the door.

January at the Sports Club

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 from 5.00–5.45pm for under 6s and 5.00–6.30pm for all other age groups.
 5th **Milborne Sports Reserves** v. Wellworthys 2.00pm.
 12th **Milborne Sports Reserves** v. Lytchett Red Triangle Youth 2.00pm.
 19th **Milborne Sports** in Senior Trophy 1.30pm.
 26th **Milborne Sports Reserves** v. Portland Town 2.00pm.

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Ladybirds perform to big crowd

CHRISTMAS is coming and the children at Ladybirds have been busy making, drawing, painting and sticking. They rehearsed every day for a few weeks for their Nativity play and put on a wonderful performance to a full hall of parents, nans, granddads, aunts, uncles and friends. Parents provided wonderful costumes; it really was a community project. The size of the crowd didn't put the children off and they confidently showed how to make parents proud and cause a few tears to be shed.



Next week the older children will be going to the Aladdin pantomime at the Lighthouse in Poole with helpers and the children from the First School. Then there is a party on the last day of term when that well known old gentleman will put in an appearance.



And finally, as the children sang with great gusto, "We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year".

Nativity drawing by Betty, Brooke H, Brooke Y, Eliza-May, Finley, Flora, Florence and Isla.

Liz Dyer



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School News

THIS month has been busy with a number of special activities and trips in school as well as preparations for Christmas. Our year 4 children spent a day learning all about the Romans with a trip to Dorchester County Museum and the Roman Town House and our year 3 children have been learning about Egyptians, so were treated to a trip to the Tutankhamun Exhibition in Dorchester. The school worked with St. Andrew's church preparing candle holders and a display of self portraits for the St. Andrew's Day celebrations and we are now preparing our display for the Christmas Tree Festival.

Since our last reported success in the inter school football matches our teams have played in return games against Puddletown First School. Both teams won their matches again, so many congratulations to all players.

And now we are preparing for Christmas. The school is looking festive with Friends of School having decorated it for us and our traditional tree is outside the school door, once again donated by local company Lloyd Fraser. At the end of term the tree will make its way to St. Andrew's Church to be further enjoyed by all. Our thanks as always for the generosity of Lloyd Fraser and to Pete Jackson for arranging delivery and collection. The whole school enjoyed a trip to Poole Lighthouse Theatre to see Aladdin and within school there are rehearsals underway for class productions and also for a carol service in church. Friends of School aren't slowing down their pace either as they plan a Christmas Disco for the children and a full Christmas Lunch for all children, staff and governors. As you can see from the picture of some of our younger children in their role play sessions, they are ready to stand in for Father Christmas if need be.

The Art Project contribution for January was produced by the staff in school last year. If you look carefully you can see the school name spelt out in items found around the school and a few snowy reminders of how our local environment can look in January.



2012 has been a busy year for all in school. Our success is down to a dedicated staff, the support of parents and of course the enthusiasm of the children, but also we must thank all of the members of the local community who support us. We would like to wish all the readers a very Merry Christmas 2012 and a Happy New Year 2013.



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November 2012 Weather in Milborne St. Andrew

RAINFALL in November was 165.6mm which was 145% of average for the month. This was the sixth consecutive month with above average rainfall. 124.8mm of that rainfall occurred between the 19th



and 26th of the month with 35.7mm of rain falling on the 24th. This was accompanied by strong winds which reached 75mph on the Isle of Wight on the 22nd.

Heavier rain fell in the Midlands and North of England causing yet more

flooding in some of those areas. Although the sunshine recorded nationally during the month was around 10 per cent higher than normal, the average temperature for the month was around 1°C below normal.

Dorset got off reasonably lightly in the storms of this November but that has not always been the case in the past. The greatest storm of the last millennium occurred on 26th November 1703 causing much damage around the coast with at least 10,000 lives lost, mostly at sea.

400 windmills were destroyed in the South of England. A storm on 22nd November 1824 caused such a heavy sea that it overwhelmed the Chesil Bank and destroyed the church and much of the village of Fleet. Another storm on 16th November 1935 swamped the town of Swanage and boats were used to deliver food parcels to the marooned residents.

Pluvius

Planting of the jubilee plantation

MILBORNE St Andrew Parish Council was successful in their application to the Woodland Trust for a free community tree planting pack to commemorate The Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

The pack contained 60 small saplings of rowan, birch and cherry and one oak tree.

The Parish Council decided to plant the trees on the weekend of 1st and 2nd December to coincide with National Tree Planting week. The planting took place at Milborne Sports Club and the area will now be named 'The Jubilee Plantation'. The oak tree will sit in pride of place at the centre of the plantation.



Cllr Jenny Balcon organised the whole day and families were given a tree number and had to find the corresponding stake which marked where to plant the tree. Cllr Balcon also arranged for the trees to be sponsored and the whole

event raised £450 for the Positive Steps charity which was founded by Jane Cherry who lives in the village. Cllr Balcon said, "A big thank you to everyone in the village that has sponsored a tree and supported the charity".



The photographs show some children planting a tree and a group of some of the children present with Cllr Jenny Balcon and Jane Cherry.



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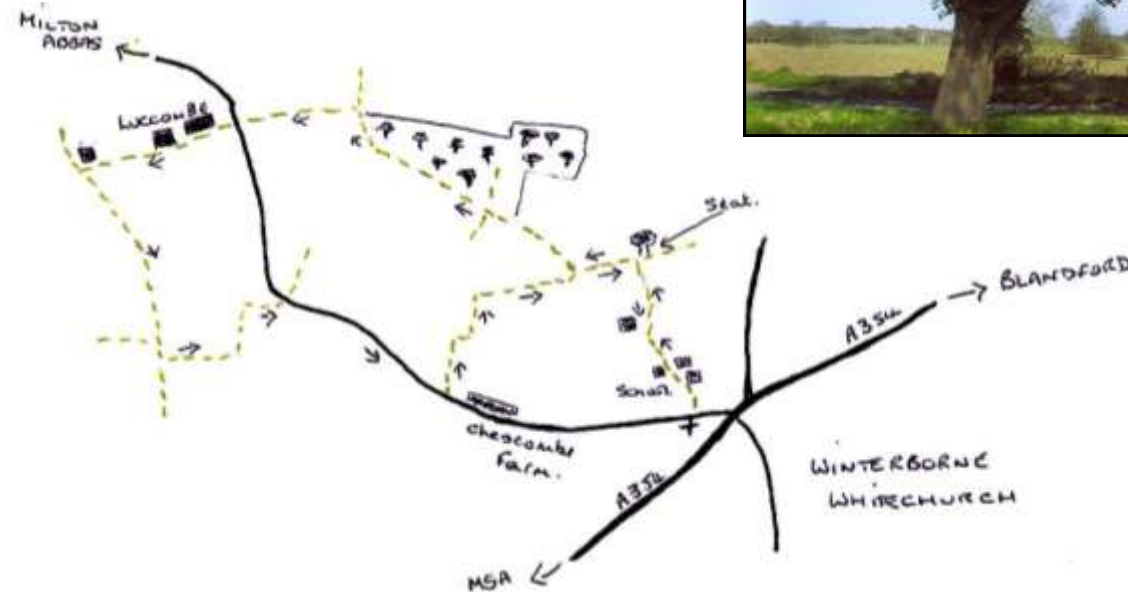
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Turn left at this junction and cross over the stile. Keeping the hedge on your left continue to the end of the field where the path bears slightly right and heads towards some woodland. Follow the edge of the wood keeping it on your right, you will soon come to another track. Cross over this and carry on ahead until you come to the end of the woodland, bear left for a few metres to cross over a stile, then bear to the right. You will come to a gap in the hedge, turn left and keeping the



hedge on your left walk along the edge of this field until you come to the road. Cross over the road and along the track to Luccombe.

Pass the riding stables and various business units and then East Luccombe Farmhouse, carry on until you come to the two cottages on your right. It is here that you turn left onto the Jubilee Trail where the path goes downhill between two hedges for a while. Keep to the hedge on your right and continue until you see a metal farm gate ahead of you, cross the stile alongside it. With the hedge on your left continue to a double stile, but be aware these stiles can be slippery. Cross over them and look out for a metal gate on your left after about 40–50 metres, turn left through the gate and head for the next gate straight

ahead. Through this gate and turn left downhill to the corner of the field, follow the edge of the field round to the right and onto a farm gate ahead. Go through the wicket gate alongside and turn right onto the road, take great care walking along the road for about 500 metres until you come to a double farm gate on your left. This is just before Chescombe Farm, go through this gate taking great care with the meal bar

on top of it.

Now head up hill towards a gap in the hedge, there is a stile here. Turn right, then left, around the corner of the field, and with the hedge on your right, look for another gap in the hedge after about 120 metres. Through the gap, and keeping the hedge on your left walk along the edge of the field until you come to the end of the hedge, bear round to the left through another gap ahead and you are back on the path you followed earlier. Turn right with the hedge on your right and continue back to the concrete farm road, over the stile and downhill back to Winterborne Whitechurch.

Anne Snape

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THE Government has decided that responsibility for the finance and levels of care available to patients locally will become the responsibility of GPs organised into local groups – in our case, Milton Abbas and eight neighbouring surgeries. This change will bring decision making closer to the surgery and so to us the patients. It comes into effect in April 2013.

The aim is to deliver:

- Less premature deaths
- A better quality of life for people with long term conditions
- Better recovery from episodes of ill health or injury
- A positive experience in a safe environment and protection from avoidable harm.

A newly formed **Patient Reference Group** (to be called "**Patient Voice**") for the patients of Milton Abbas surgery will provide opportunities for you, as a patient, to express your views and have a chance to voice your opinions and concerns as changes in the NHS inevitably come. In particular, we need to ensure the voice of rural communities is heard and acted upon.

Over the coming months Patient Voice will be working to establish its detailed aims, objectives and priorities and you will hear more about these in the future. In the meantime, we have put together a simple questionnaire (a copy of which should already have been distributed to you separately) to enable you to tell us your opinion of Milton Abbas surgery and its services. If you have not yet received your copy of the questionnaire you can still pick one up at Milborne Post Office.

Patient Voice is looking for more patients to become involved either as a participant at meetings or as an occasional contributor to the consultation process.

So, if you are a teenager, young adult, young mum, a carer, middle aged or elderly and you would be interested in joining the group I should be delighted to hear from you – by telephone on 01258 837546, by email patientvoice@live.co.uk or by completing the slip at the bottom of the questionnaire.

Colin Harte Chair

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Our next play, on **Monday 18th March**, is by Alan Ayckbourn. The action of *Joking Apart* is played out over 12 years in Richard and Anthea's garden, complete with tennis court. This perfectly lovely couple, in highlighting the unhappiness and failings of their friends and neighbours, unwittingly do considerable harm. Please book with John Widdowson by 16th January (£24 including coach).

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Fire, Flood and Tempest hits Milborne

BUT not necessarily in that order. In fact, with the recent awful weather we are hardly to be hit by a wildfire but flood and tempest is another matter.

The Hall was packed to the gunnels recently to discuss the proposed wind farm development. I say gunnels because most only made it to the hall in a boat because the Milton Road has resembled a 'white water slalom canoe course' for weeks. Interestingly that has not raised the same wave of emotion generated by the turbines.

Perhaps the new group that has been formed to fight the wind turbines could be encouraged to get involved with a far greater inconvenience to the local community; flood alleviation - or more correctly, the lack of it.

Perhaps they could also come up with some ideas to stop the speeding motorists who seem to delight at speeding and causing bow waves and drenching the 'odd' local who ventures out along the



footpath! No offensive pun intended. The Parish Council could buy some 'FLOOD SLOW DOWN' road signs. Maybe a long term solution that would also stop speeding and protect pedestrians would be a couple of priority contra-flow points between Hopsfield and Coles Lane.

I hear that the County Council, whilst admitting that there is a problem with blocked drains etc have washed their hands in doing anything to resolve the matter, so if you get flooded out or drenched on the way to the shops, bus or school, then tough luck. Four words sum up the current flood alleviation action plan "Not my problem, sorry". That is and should be unacceptable and something needs to be done rather than just giving in. We got the speed monitors through direct action didn't we?

So how about diverting some of the energy and resources being generated to fight against the wind turbines to fight for something that is engulfing too many people in the village, flood water and speeding motorists.

I heard that the turbines are killing fields for bats, apparently being sliced into little pieces by the giant blades and no one will ever be able to sell their house! Well what about all the water voles that have been drowned or lost their homes and the insurance implications of living with flood water.

I wait with baited breath and an inflatable dingy for the Parish Council to actually do something to take the lead on something that really matters. Should we really have to wait any longer?

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In your Garden Seasonal notes and tips from Maureen Lock of *Designer Gardens* A Theatre without a Stage

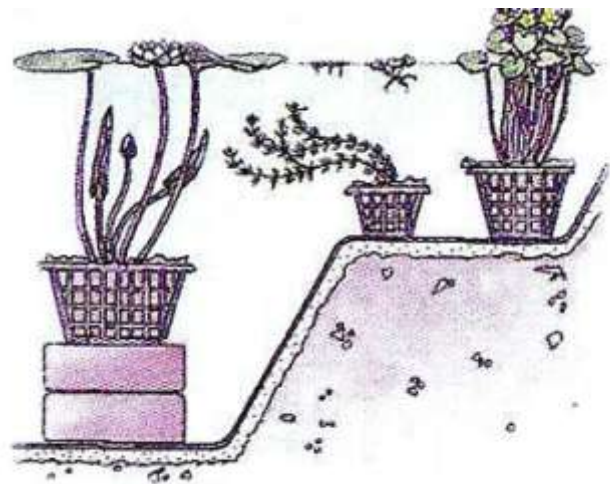
I RECENTLY read that a “wildlife garden is like a theatre without a stage” and a wildlife pond will certainly give you and your children hours of fascination as you watch the antics of the dragonflies in the summer, the water beetles and the pond skaters not to mention all the birds that will visit your pond to eat, drink and bathe. It is one of the most effective ways of attracting wildlife and the best contribution you can make to nature conservation.

In fact, if it wasn't for the garden, pond frogs, toads and newts would be much rarer than they are now. I always think that it is one of those really interesting pastimes – watching the frog spawn develop into tadpoles and then into frogs and wonder where they all go in the summer.



Creating a garden pond is easy to do with some flexible waterproof liner ie butyl liner which you can mould into the shape you want and even create shallow boggy areas. It is essential to ensure that you have at least one sloping side so that the frogs and toads can climb out (or they will drown). Choose a fairly sheltered site and one that is light and sunny as this will attract lots of wildlife to your garden. If you want your pond to look as natural as possible then put it in a hollow or at the bottom of a slope.

You will also need to put in a ledge or two for plants to grow in the



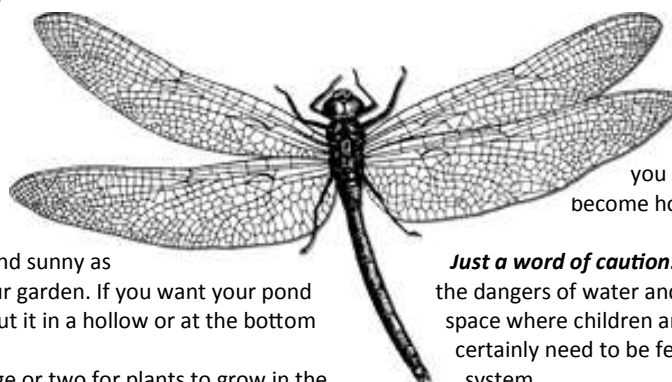
shallows around the edge. The centre of the pond should be **at least 75cm (30in) deep** – preferably deeper – so that it doesn't freeze solid in the winter or overheat in the summer.

Avoid goldfish as these will eat all the tadpoles and other pond creatures.

Plants to include would be: water lilies give shade to the pond and help restrict the growth of algae as well as providing landing pads for dragonflies and other insects; oxygenating plants to keep the pond healthy and flag irises and reeds/grasses that not only look pretty when they are in flower, but also provide food and a perch for birds and other insects.

Trees growing in and around a wildlife pond will create a variety of different habitats and provide a winter hibernating site for newts.

Rotting logs near the water's edge will become a nesting site for dragonflies and dead leaves on the bottom of the pond will provide a food source for water beetles and other pond life. You will be amazed that almost as soon as you have filled your pond with water, it will become home for all sorts of creepy crawlies.



Just a word of caution: Make sure your children are aware of the dangers of water and are supervised *at all times*. In a public space where children are left to play alone the area will most certainly need to be fenced off as part of a safety control system.

Road of Bones by Fergal Keane

THIS is an interesting, well written and thought provoking book about the Burma campaign in World War Two, often referred to as 'forgotten' as it doesn't seem to have anniversaries remembered in the same way as the European War does. In simple clear language it covers international politics, command personalities, supply difficulties, local history and the human stories of men so desperate that they used bully-beef tins filled with excrement as weapons.

Without ever being dry or dull, it covers a vast range of information, setting the buildup, the battle and the aftermath into context, yet describing the detailed lives of the men who were there. It has a sensible level of footnotes, and the only criticism I can make is of the small writing on the maps.

The book mentions Westminster's appeasement of the Japanese to avoid fighting on another front (e.g. closing the Burma Road so the US couldn't use it to supply China's Nationalist Army), whilst local commanders were pleading for resources. It includes the campaign for Indian Independence, its effect on Naga Tribesmen and Indian soldiers fighting for the British and its exploitation by the Japanese using the idea of 'Asians sticking together'.

The book gives details of the activities of the Chindits, V Force, and an amazing lady called Ursula Graham Bower, a former debutante who ran a unit of Naga Scouts and spies, and who was considered by them to be a priestess who would lead them to independence.

It looks at the relationships between senior commanders on both sides and their effects on the campaign. I was very interested how the relationship between Col Hugh Richards, Commander of the Kohima Garrison and Lt. Colonel Laverty of the Royal West Kents progressed during the battle and in the aftermath of the war.

With vivid descriptions this book tells of the pitilessness and remorselessness of battle, the thirst, the smell and the flies. It describes the horror of gas gangrene, dysentery and re-wounds and the heroism of medics working in two six feet deep pits, one roofed with planks, the other with canvas.

There's a lot in the book about the chaos of war, difficulty of communications, intelligence not being passed on and how this led to the Royal West Kents moving into Kohima, out and back again, leaving no time to dig in properly. It deals with supply lines and how they affected both sides and confirms stories I'd heard of US planes flying too high and much-needed supplies going to the Japanese. It tells also of the supply difficulties of the Japanese, and the obstinate refusal of Commander Mutaguchi to accept that he could not supply his men.

Mr Keane deals equally with all regiments involved, whichever nationality, and shows the humanity of men who were very frightened as well as those who were very brave. The description of the battle in the Tennis Court is very vivid and it's still hard to comprehend how so many men could fight and die in such a small space. A picture of the memorial on the Tennis Court is amongst the book's excellent pictures.

The book gives many examples of leadership, including Charles

Pawsey – civilian Deputy Commissioner (albeit with experience in Flanders) walking the battle areas daily with trilby and broom, accompanied by two Naga Spearmen, Col Hugh Richards visiting all areas every day and CSM Bill Haig, blinded, being guided around the battle by a Private so he could encourage his men.

To me all the men in this battle were heroes who did extraordinary things, many described in this wonderful book. It mentions the cooks who delivered beef stew and tea (and the hated soya-link sausages) to all areas under heavy fire and Sgt King of the mortar platoon who refused treatment until he had his mortars lined up although half his jaw was hanging onto his shoulder.

One particular story is of Captain John Young, who was ordered to fight to the last man. After three days he knew the end was near and evacuated his men and wounded, stocking up with grenades and magazines and remaining behind with a wounded Indian and a Bren gun. The Japanese raided at dawn when there was a 'short and fierce exchange of fire then silence'. Capt Young received no medal or award from the British authorities because his deed was not witnessed, but the Japanese buried him with full military honours.

One aspect of the book that I didn't expect, but found very thought-provoking, was the Japanese retreat after Kohima. The book describes the suicides, starvation, and the revenge taken by the tribesmen. It tells of Lt General Sato who defied orders to preserve his men, gave his own bread to a soldier and after the war walked to the home of each soldier's family to light a candle, read a poem and talk about the men they had lost. My upbringing led me to believe that all the Japanese soldiers were like Takahide Kuwaki, also interviewed by Mr Keane, who still believes in the Japanese war.

The book deals with the aftermath of war in that area of the world, the treatment of the Naga Tribes who had fought so hard for the British Empire and yet were let down on Indian Independence and repressed severely during the partition of India.

Reading this book served to increase my admiration for the men who fought at Kohima and throughout the Burma campaign. Many of them had served on the Somme, in Flanders or at Gallipoli, only to go through this a few years later.

It is a great shame that the National Curriculum does not take the opportunity to teach the Burma Campaign. With this volume as a textbook pupils could cover loss of Empire and its impact on small tribes and major nations, development of fighting spirit, leadership and managing a campaign involving thousands of men in impossible terrain. It would also give an opportunity to discuss the relief amongst the soldiers in Burma when the A-Bombs were dropped and the Japanese surrendered.

I loved this book and would like to thank Fergal Keane for his painstaking research and for ensuring with his easy, human, and informative style that the sacrifice of these men will truly be 'Not Forgotten'.

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Milborne Sports FC – phoenix from the flames

JUST five seasons ago Milborne had one senior team who were languishing at the bottom of Dorset's lowest league. Since then there has been a tremendous transformation and in this, their hundredth year, they have achieved great success, with the winning of the Dorset Intermediate Cup at Dorchester Town's ground being the highlight. Indeed, it was a stunning victory after extra time in an enthralling contest against a Lyme Regis side that remained unbeaten all season in all competitions that enabled them to lift the trophy. Added to this was the news that they were also promoted to the dizzy heights of Dorset League One. All of this has been whilst playing a very attractive style of football on what is an excellent playing surface due to the unceasing endeavours of Malcolm, our amazing groundsman. As regards the team, Carl Tewkesbury has seen the transformation from the start and remains a very reliable figure in the centre of defence. Manager Paul Hammond's experience and knowledge of players has been invaluable, whilst off the pitch Terry and Anna Hammond and John Sanderson (also on the pitch as a reliable linesman!) work tirelessly alongside Matty Hall who must be one of the best secretaries in the league. Former player Andy Draper also is now giving assistance to Paul which is much appreciated. Meanwhile the Reserves are still looking to make their mark in Division Five although it is, nevertheless, an achievement in itself to run two senior teams from Milborne. Although local players have been noticeable by their absence it is to be hoped that this will change in the future and that they can integrate into the style of play that Milborne have become known for.

As I write, the first team have just reached the quarter final of the Dorset Senior Trophy whilst also holding their own in their first season in Dorset League One where they currently sit in the top three. Hopefully they can go on to achieve continued success despite the fact that they are competing at the highest level to date.

In summary the village can be proud of its team's achievements in recent times, and particularly this year, its hundredth. For those interested in football it is a chance to watch some entertaining games, the last two being notable; the first when Sports fought back from a 3-0 deficit to win 63, and the second a 62 win in the cup against a Swanage team, after Milborne had been reduced to ten men early in the second half.

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Mike Lathbury

WELL DONE to all those involved at Milborne Sports. I certainly enjoy going up to Lane End on Saturday afternoons to watch them play some very attractive football at times. What better way to spend a Saturday afternoon for no cost to you. You can get a cup of tea or coffee for just 50p and if you are lucky there might be some home-made cake as well. So come and join me on one of these Saturday afternoons.

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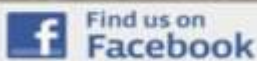
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