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Wet start to the year in Milborne St. Andrew

JANUARY weather was a sandwich. The first 11 days and the last six days of the month were very mild with day temperatures up to 12°C but between the 12th and 25th of the month there was a cold spell with a total of 16cm of snow. Day temperatures did not get much above freezing at that time and the lowest night temperature was -7°C on the 21st. Total rainfall for the month was 152% of average at 164.4mm. January was the eighth consecutive month with above average rainfall and this has led some forecasters to predict that we will have to get used to higher rainfall and flooding but some caution is needed before jumping to conclusions and making predictions. It is all a question of balance. In my report of March 2012 I wrote that over the previous six months there had only been 56% of normal rainfall and a serious drought through the summer months seemed inevitable but this has since been balanced by the last six months having received 146% of normal rainfall.



There were several years with higher rainfall in the early part of the last century. 1910 and 1912 were both wet years and 1914 was a particularly wet year similar to 2012. That period of higher rainfall persisted through most of the years of the Great War but 1921 turned out to be the hottest and driest year of the century with only 340mm of rain recorded that year at Portland Bill. And so the balance was restored. *Pluvius*

Milborne St. Andrew Beavers

Hi, my name is Sue Mullett and I run the Beavers pack at Milborne St. Andrew, which I have done for 18 years now. I really enjoy running the pack and we do a lot of fun things at our colony. We play lots of games and take part in a variety of activities and our Beavers get involved in working towards their badges. Our pack also joins up with the other Beavers in our District for some events.

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Life on a Canal Boat

ON Wednesday 6th February, Marian Lovegrove, Trevor Mexson's sister, came to the Wednesday Club to talk and show us a PowerPoint presentation about her holiday last summer on her narrow boat *Brimble*, travelling from Warwick to Nantwich. Apparently the English and Welsh waterways are joined but are not connected to the Scottish waterways.

Marian portrayed a picture of a quieter, calmer time when boats rather than lorries transported our goods.

We saw the Anderton Boat Lift which was built in 1875 and was used for many years until it went into disrepair but was renovated and reopened in 2002.

We heard that Birmingham has more waterways than Venice! We learnt that many of our waterways are falling into neglect and boats are left to rot in the water. We saw a present day working boat that carries coal, diesel and wood, acting as a mobile service to other boats and remote cottages along the way and were shown how Manchester has some beautiful architectural sights where old and new buildings blend together with the canal running between them.



Marian Lovegrove's Narrow Boat Brimble as she crossed over the Chirk Aqueduct.

Marian showed us that life on a canal boat is peaceful and relaxing as one drifts through towns and the countryside being reminded of our heritage. The Wednesday Club will be sending a cheque to Julia's House on Marian's behalf.

Our next meeting is at 2.00pm on Wednesday 6th March when we will be hearing about the hazardous task of Bomb Disposal. We look forward to welcoming members and visitors.

Important notice

We need everyone to try to attend this meeting as a small change has to be made to the Constitution in order to change the due date of the annual subscription fee of £10 from April to October in line with the AGM and the presentation of the accounts. This will involve a payment of £5 in April and then a further £10 in October and then annually thereafter.

All members have to vote on this proposal. If you are unable to attend this meeting please call Janet Allen on 837551 to register your vote.

Lis Watts

Sue resigns

IT is with great regret that we are losing Sue Gould from the *Reporter* team. She has been with the *Reporter* from day one and has been a very valued hard working member of the team, we will miss her greatly for her efficiency and commitment.

Thank you Sue from the team!

If you think you can be of help to the *Reporter* and do the jobs, or some of them, that Sue has been doing since the launch of the *Reporter* then please talk to any member of the team.



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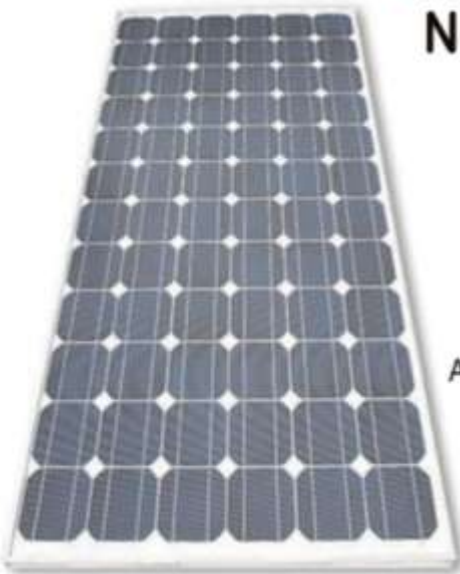
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Dorset's own Venice?

ALWAYS look on the bright side of life – maybe not always the easiest thing to do, especially if your house has been flooded, or you haven't been able to flush your loo for the last six weeks. It has escaped no one's attention, I am sure, that it has rained consistently, incessantly, cats and dogs (and squirrels and badgers) for the last three months. Yes, I have a vague recollection of snow, but it could well have been a false memory, such is the longevity of this wet spell (or hex, more like). But could there be a different perspective, a way to forget the trench-foot and bubbling drains?

Perhaps, if the brief were given to an ad agency, a re-brand may be suggested; it just needs a bit of 'PR-ing' maybe. So, to the top London agency . . . oh, the Parish Council funds won't run to that . . . ok then, we better take what we can afford, has to be better than nothing. Step forward a firm from the outskirts of the capital, Barking&Barking (Barking).



Yap Barking, Creative Thought Engineer (Senior):

Lose the 'St. Andrew' – if you must have a patron saint – so quaint, guys – it has to be St. Swithun: old Swithy knew a thing or two about rain. So, Milborne St. Swithun, you've got to play to your strengths, get a bit of brand engagement going on. You've got to be the Venice of Dorset, a destination village for all things aqua. Such a shame that the Olympics took place in 2012 and not this year – you could easily have owned the sailing events – and indeed all things aquatic. The raging torrent I see in the Bere stream could have hosted the slalom kayak and there is no end of possibilities for the Milton Road pools – it is Milborne's own Aquatic Centre.

You now have what any archetypal English village needs – a pond. But yours is so post-modern; it's a 'pop-up' pond, outside the village store. Not for you a predictable, day-in, day-out watering hole. No, yours is 'edgy' – when will it appear, how high will it rise and can I walk through it in my wellies? Yes, it's a bind that 4x4's can (and do) plough through it as if they'll dissolve if they're in it for more than three seconds. (Or perhaps they're on-message; they don't want to ruin the bucolic scene). Just need to ship in some rare breed fowl and you have your picture-postcard scene that can be stuck on the front of every box of assorted fudge or water biscuits for the coachloads.

You have springs? You have real life springs, like, duh! – low hanging fruit, guys! You could be the next Evian, Volvic, San Pellegrino (that posh Italian one). Sure, there'd be some work for us to do – Eau de Tarmac just wouldn't cut it, but that's what Photoshop was invented for, right? [Team note: 'Dasani' and 'Peckham Spring' are off the script, kapiish?]

Here at B&B(B), we're aligned with the eco-mental ideology and the need for an icon of green capital. But you're missing a trick with those wind turbines – Milborne ain't windy, it's watery. Turbines, yes – but not with blades up in the sky; turn them upside down and let the river current do its stuff – we're talking megawattacity, guys! What's more, those 4x4's racing through? – harness the power of the bow waves, don't just let the pedestrians lap it all up, such a waste.

Let's look at the flip – worst case scenario, it stops raining, the Grand Canal (Milton Road) dries up. We've seen it and it don't look good – all pot-holes and fissures, like an open-cast mine or a parched river in drought. But take another look – it's authenticity; it's not a highway in need of major municipal surgery (and let's face it, it won't get it soon anyway), it's crackle-glazed. It's a feature, live it, love it, embrace it, sell it (but don't ride a bike on it).

Job done, it's a wrap, then. There are rainclouds overhead – you have a bright future, Milborne. Prepare for greatness! Prepare for fame! Prepare for riches! But maybe order a few more sandbags as well. Ed Richards





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BACK from the dead, again, James Bond (Daniel Craig) shows up late one night in the apartment of his MI6 boss M (Judi Dench), who, weeks before, gave orders for him to be shot by a fellow spy while battling a bad guy on the top of a high-speed train. Yes, James Bond is back to being James Bond and his loyalty to M is tested as her past comes back to haunt her. As MI6 comes under attack, 007 must track down and destroy the threat, no matter how personal the cost. After struggling with the psychological and physical damage brought on by his job, Bond returns to work and a callous M. The scene in M's office establishes the tone of the at once adversarial and collaborative relationship between the two, a theme the movie uses to illustrate the impersonal nature of a job where one's life is less important than the things being protected.

Mendes is renowned as an actors' director, and he really leans on Craig and Dench to explore a performance range denied them in previous outings. Each responds magnificently to the challenge. This, the 23rd instalment of the series, is the most fully fleshed-out portrait of a beloved legend and the most formative relationships in his life. It is also a meditation on the dangers of a changing war on terror and the casualties of this Brave New World, as one character describes it. The result is an engaging, thoughtful and handsome odyssey with the perfect amount of humour and self-referential dialogue. Skyfall has been nominated for five Academy Awards. Bond is back, and "Skyfall" will leave audiences breathlessly waiting for No. 24.

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.



Did you identify this?

Last month's photograph was on the garage roof of Barton Hill Cottage, Little England.

Connor Young aged four, of Lynch Close, recognised the picture as soon as he saw it. He likes to look for "his dragon" whenever he walks from his Gran's to his Great-Gran's home. Unfortunately for him Heather Hogg was first with the correct answer.

We had a few replies this month, not all correct, so we will continue with this for a few more months.

Try your luck this month on page 15.

Bus2Go . . .

Have you got what it takes to do the miles that make the smiles??

WE are seeking a representative from Milborne St. Andrew to join our enthusiastic group of volunteers in assisting to plan outings and liaise with other groups within the DT11 area.

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Players Panto perfectly performed

THE lights were dimmed, the music began and once the curtain was raised we were treated to a chorus of "Happy Days", which set the mood for the evening ahead. Yes, once again, it was panto time and



the Milborne Players certainly did the village proud. Sleeping Beauty was true to tradition, but with modern references scattered throughout. A large chorus of children enthusiastically sang and danced their way through the evening. There were plenty of opportunities for smaller acting roles for the children as various nursery rhyme characters were cleverly intertwined in the story. If you'd hoped to see the seven dwarfs dancing Gangnam style or meet Little Red Riding Hood's sister "Big Blue Balaclava" then you'd come to the right place.

encouraging our shouts of "he's behind you".

As in previous years the script managed to get in some national and local references and a little corporate sponsorship – did you know Dyson made Ghostbusting equipment? The story was brought to life with great costumes and was once again supported by superb music from Sam Ryall. Rupert Morton and Jo Lovett played the King and Queen with regal style and the Prince (Rhianna Webb) dashinglly wooed the beautiful Sleeping Beauty, Princess Rose, elegantly played by Livvy Wise. The newcomers to panto might not have expected trips to Easter Island to save the prince from the feisty cannibal chief (Beth Leonard), nor did the regulars. What everyone expected however was the panto villain. This year the hisses and boos were saved for Adrienne Rogers in the role of the evil fairy "Deadly Nightshade". Adrienne was fabulous in this role and so well supported by her sidekick henchman "Snivel". Roy Sach has been treading the Milborne boards for many a year now and I always thought of him as a tall man. Think again! Try to imagine Tolkien's Gollum, Rowling's Dobby and a little Scooby Doo and you'll



The main characters of the story were played by some of our regular Players, some newcomers and some who have returned to the stage after a period of resting. The good Fairy Godmothers (Caroline Nobbs, Marie Hayter and Jess Tasker) talked in rhyme, sang sublime, looked divine . . . well nearly all the time! Happy Harry the Jester (Larry Lagrue) and Dame Winnie Slaptickle (Gren Elphinstone-Davis) were there to fulfil our need for the traditional slapstick elements and they did so expertly. With custard pie faces, smashed eggs on heads, jokes that made us groan and of course

have the picture of Roy in this somewhat stunted role. He certainly made us laugh and completed the evening's entertainment.



Of course there's a lot of work behind the scenes and many long hours of rehearsals, which this year fell to director Jon Riddle to organise. Well done to Jon and all the team. If you managed to catch one the performances you'll know what I'm talking about. If you didn't . . . why not? Look out for next year's performance and get yourself a ticket, I'm sure it will once again be "Jesterrific"! *Helen Pugh*
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Good stewardship

Most of the month of March is taken up with Lent, about which I wrote last month. It's a time when Christians think about how they live their lives. There is, however, a temptation to narrow down our interpretation of the Christian life to those things that are to do only with our spiritual lives, such as worship, prayer and studying Scripture.

But our life in God is not something confined only to those things which we define as religious. Most of what Jesus taught was not about how to pray but about how to live one's daily life. He has much to say about money and riches.

Stewardship is not a word used that much these days, but it is something that Christians have thought important for many years. It is often mistaken for fund-raising. However, the two are entirely different. Stewardship is about the on-going responsible use of what we have. One dictionary definition of stewardship is "the careful and responsible management of something entrusted to one's care". Christian tradition, and beginning before that Jewish culture, has had a long-standing commitment to caring for God's world. There is a sense that all we have has been given to us by God, and that we have a responsibility to use well what we have been given.

There are many commitments, especially financial ones, that we all face nowadays, and perhaps, for many, times are particularly tough at the moment. But stewardship is something for prosperous and less prosperous times. However, much or little we have, we can choose to use it wisely or not.

Traditionally Jews and Christians gave ten per cent of their income – a tithe – to Temple, synagogue or church, and in many church communities tithing still occurs today. The money was used in different ways – to aid worship, to support ministers, to care for the poor. Christians do not all agree on whether tithing is a principle that should be followed literally today or not, but it is known that churches where members tithe rarely face money problems and still manage also to give to those who are in need.

Some years ago the Church of England suggested a guideline to take account of the fact that much of the care for the poor is carried out by agencies other than the Church. It suggests that those who are committed members of a congregation give five per cent of their income to church and five per cent to charities working with the poor and disadvantaged. Other people order things differently. Many are extremely generous.

There is no getting away from the fact that giving away some of what we have been given by God is a longstanding tradition for people of many faiths. If you don't have very much, no one is expecting you to bankrupt yourself by being generous – Jesus did not condemn the woman who could only pay two small coins into the Temple treasury, but rather commended what she had given.

We all have something we can give, and it is up to each one of us to decide what our priorities are. But, if you want to make use of the village churches for baptisms, weddings and funerals, do consider whether you want some of your giving to go to them, so that we can remain open and available for you when you want us. We will, of course, welcome you with open arms.

With best wishes,

Sarah

CHURCH SERVICES March 2013

3rd MARCH – Lent 3

9.30am	Parish Communion	Tolpuddle
9.30	Family Communion	Milborne
11.00	Holy Communion	Puddletown
	<i>With Sunday Seekers and Crèche</i>	
11.00	1662 Morning Prayer	Dewlish
6.00pm	United Benefice Evening Service – Theme: Social Justice	Milborne

THURSDAY 7th MARCH

12 noon	Lunch-time Communion	Milborne
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10th MARCH – Mothering Sunday/Lent 4

8.15am	1662 Said Communion	Puddletown
9.30	Methodist United Service	St John's, Tolpuddle
9.30	Parish Communion	Milborne
11.00	Family Service with baptism	Puddletown
11.00	Family Communion	Dewlish
6.00pm	United Benefice Evening Service – Theme: Vocation	Tolpuddle

17th MARCH – Passion Sunday/Lent 5

9.30am	Family Communion	Tolpuddle
9.30	1662 Said Communion	Milborne
11.00	1662 Morning Prayer	Puddletown
11.00	Holy Communion	Dewlish
6.00pm	United Benefice Evening Service – Theme: Healing	Puddletown

THURSDAY 21st March

12 noon	Lunch-time Communion	Puddletown Church Room
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24th MARCH – Palm Sunday

9.30am	All-Age Worship	Tolpuddle
9.30	CW Holy Communion + APCM	Milborne
11.00	Family Communion	Puddletown
11.00	Family Service	Dewlish

28th MARCH – Maundy Thursday

7.00pm	Agape Supper	Dewlish
7.30	Holy Communion	Puddletown

29th MARCH – Good Friday

10.00am	Reflective service	Tolpuddle
12 noon–3.00pm	Church open for Meditation	Puddletown and Milborne
2.00pm	Easter Experience	Milborne
6.00	Good Friday service	Dewlish

31st MARCH – Easter Day

9.30am	Easter Holy Communion	Tolpuddle
9.30	Easter Holy Communion	Milborne
11.00	Easter Holy Communion	Puddletown
11.00	Easter Holy Communion	Dewlish

MORNING PRAYERS (Monday–Thursday 8.15am Saturday 9.00am)

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

LENT During Lent there will be two extra services on Thursdays. Compline in Milborne at 6.00pm and Evening Prayer in Dewlish at 6.30pm

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Milborne St. Andrew Church Notes

THE first six weeks of the year have been quiet, but we are now into the busy period of Lent. In March the benefice will be continuing our series of Sunday evening services with guest speakers at 6.00pm. The themes will be 'Social Action' on 3rd March at Milborne, 'What is our Calling' on 10th March at Tolpuddle, and 'Healing' on 17th March at Puddletown. We are also holding a short quiet service of prayers and hymns (Compline) each **Thursday evening in Milborne church** at 6.00pm. Everyone is welcome to join us at all of our services – if you just want to come for Lent, that's fine.

March 10th is Mothering Sunday when we will have posies for the children to give their mothers, and then on Maundy Thursday (28th March) we will be joining Norman Beggs in Dewlish at 7.00pm for an Agape Supper – a special service of Holy Communion served over supper. Let John know on 01258 839090 if you would like to come as we need to know numbers for catering.

On **Good Friday** (29th March) we will be holding our **Easter Experience in Milborne Village Hall** between 2.00 and 4.00pm when we will make and decorate hot cross buns and Easter biscuits, and Sarah Godfrey will tell us the Easter Story. Come along and enjoy yourself! We need children and helpers! You can also drop into church between noon and 3.00pm to listen to music and follow the Easter Trail.

On **Easter Day** (31st March) we have our morning **Holy Communion** at 9.30pm in Milborne Church.

Our **Annual Parochial Church Meeting** this year will be in church after morning service on **24th March**. This is an important meeting for all members of our parish when the churchwardens and PCC for the next year will be elected. We pray that new members of our congregation will put their names forward for election. To be on the Electoral Roll, however, *everyone* needs to re-apply this year by filling in one of the forms in church or from our Electoral Roll Officer Linda Wright. But you need to be quick – we need your forms as soon as possible as the list has to be ready by March 9th. (Other parishes may have different dates.) Don't forget that if you are thinking of getting married in church you may need to be on the Electoral Roll!

Easter Church Flowers – Lilies for Remembrance



IF anyone would like loved ones to be remembered this Easter, please give your donation (no particular amount – just whatever you feel like giving) and the name(s) to be remembered, to Helen Pugh, 2 Huntley Down (837080) by Friday 15th March so that the lilies can be ordered. We can't guarantee one lily per name (it will depend on cost) but every name will be in the book.

Church Cleaning – w/e Saturday



2nd March Hazel Ingram and Lin Chatfield
9th March John Wright and Eric Austen
16th March Josie Wright and Rose Johnson
23rd March Carolyn Martin and Elizabeth Walker
30th March Margaret Hurley and Eva Stockley

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).



Outside the church many will have noticed that some of the trees have been pruned, pollarded, coppiced or removed; you may like to read my account of how to take a tree down in 12 easy steps. (see page 19) Many of the trees have been allowed to grow unhindered for many years, some out of old graves, and some over the road. We took advice from North Dorset District Council Tree Officer and Dorset Wildlife Trust and

now hope to restore the churchyard to a peaceful place once more. To do this we will need help, so any volunteers will be very welcome. Phone John Wright on 01258 839090 for more details.

Eva Stockley and John Wright

Dewlish Church Notes

Disheartened by lead thieves

UNFORTUNATELY, Dewlish All Saints has fallen victim to lead thieves. It was so disheartening to find rain had poured in to the church after some of the heaviest storms of the winter. At present we are awaiting a second quotation for repairs to send to the insurance company, and then hopefully the roof can be repaired.

During March we shall be holding an Evening Prayer service on a Thursday evening at 6.30pm. On 28th March (Maundy Thursday) we are having the Agape Supper at 7.00pm in Dewlish Village Hall. Will those wishing to attend please let me know before 25th March (Tel: 01258 837 466).

At our Mothering Sunday service (10th March at 11.00am) we hope once more to present each Mum with a posy. I see flowers are already appearing in the garden so hope the weather continues to be kind!

Another seasonal harbinger is the Spring Sale which will be held in the Village Hall on Saturday 23rd March, 10.30am-12noon. Besides the usual busy and laden stalls, refreshments and an enticing raffle will also be available. Please bring along any donations on the day. Proceeds are for church funds.

During Lent we are holding our Lent Lunches. Please contact a member of the Dewlish Church Council for dates and venues. The money raised will be donated to a nominated charity. *Daphne Burg*

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Everyone is welcome to attend

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June Maitland 837235 or
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LETTERS to the Reporter

Council Tax Increase

Dear Editor

When I challenged North Dorset District Council about the increase in Council Tax for 2012, despite the Government ruling that no increase should be administered, I was advised it was requested by our Parish Council. They had adhered to the Government's request, but had been approached by our PC requesting the increase. I have some questions relating to this increase. Was it necessary? What was the money used for? Have the PC requested a further increase for 2013? Thanking you in anticipation of a response. Yours sincerely, D C Smith

We asked the chairman of the Parish Council if she would like to reply to this letter.

No increase in the parish precept has been requested by the Parish Council for the last two years and because of decisions of NDDC there may be a small requirement to increase our budget requirement for 2013. The PC has strived to hold down its budget and in doing so its precept.

Central government has made significant changes to the way Council Tax will be calculated in the future. We can only apply the rules as they are set by the government.

Jenny Balcon

Not everyone is against wind turbines!

I am writing to let people know that I like wind turbines, and I am not alone in the village of Milborne St. Andrew, I have spoken to many other people who like them too, and I am fed up with the anti wind turbine group speaking out as if they represent everyone, they do not! People who are not against them have no reason to make a fuss. Maybe only half the village are fighting the wind turbines because the other half don't object to them, so I for one am writing to WDDC to make sure they know that I do not have any objections to wind turbines. I am very happy to have a good view of the small wind turbine nearby from my sitting room window, it is the first thing I look for each morning when I open the curtains, although against a cloudy sky it can be hard to find.

As recommended by one of these anti wind turbine people I have done lots of research into the adverse health effects which they use as their main argument against turbines and have not found anything that concerns me for my health or the health of my children. I did

however find this interesting information on Wikipedia;

In 2011, the *British Acoustics Bulletin* published what is now the 10th independent review of the evidence on wind farms causing annoyance and ill health in people. And for the 10th time it has emphasised that "annoyance has far more to do with social and psychological factors in those complaining than any direct effect from sound or inaudible infrasound emanating from wind turbines" and also "Ultra-low-frequency sound, or infrasound, has been thoroughly examined and dismissed in regards to wind turbine health impacts; one study shows that infrasound 75 metres from a beach is significantly higher than 360 metres from a wind turbine".

Just to be thorough I have also visited the Delabole wind farm in Cornwall, where there are four large wind turbines with a capacity of 9.2MW. It was lovely. All the turbines were turning and I found watching them very relaxing. I was very close and was surprised how quiet they were. I took my German shepherd and she was not upset by them at all. There was a large flock of seagulls taking off and landing in the field in very windy conditions and not one single bird was killed! Not the devastating effect on nature I had been led to expect. I was standing about the same distance from the wind turbine as I was from the B road that runs past them and the cars were significantly noisier than the wind turbine, in fact the electricity transformer up a pole in my garden is noisier than the wind turbine was. If someone would like to put a wind turbine in my garden they are welcome to.

During the week I spent in Cornwall I saw many other wind turbines and asked in shops and restaurants for the opinions of the people who lived there, and while many had been against them before they were built, I did not find anyone who objected to them after they were built, and nobody who complained of "wind turbine syndrome"

I accept that some people don't like the way they look, that's ok, some people are concerned about the value of their property, that's ok, but please be honest and say so. Cornwall doesn't appear to have suffered as a result of wind turbines and they have lots of them.

The wind farm at Delabole was built instead of a nuclear power station in the area, I am against nuclear power, and have chosen an electricity company that provides 100% renewable energy, so I really do practice what I preach. I know that wind power is not the answer to global warming, every new house built should have solar panels and be properly insulated, much more needs to be done to generate power from water, in the

doomsday book there were over 5000 watermills in England and windmills were only used where there was no water, so maybe we need to look backwards to go forwards, but for now I vote in favour of the wind turbines and against nuclear power.

Anya Bruty

Flooding, pot holes, Milton Road

Dear Editor

I totally agree with the comments, sentiments expressed by Michael Hopper, (February Issue) about the flooding in the village. We must join as a Community to voice our disappointment to Dorset County Council of the lack of response to our needs. I have been speaking and writing to them over the past couple of weeks and as Michael says, they try to pass the responsibility on rather than accepting it's theirs. The Highways Maintenance is the responsibility of the County Council, subsidised by EU Funding. This Funding is available Nationwide, not exclusive to our County Council, so when they say they don't have the cash to spare, then perhaps they need to apply for an increase in funding. When I contacted the Council I spoke with Mr Eastleigh who proceeded to explain the Council carry out monthly checks for potholes and these are repaired within 28 days. However if the whole road needs resurfacing, like Milton Road does at the moment, he assured me this is treated as priority and dealt with accordingly. He proceeded to say because the road was covered in water it was impossible to repair, determine how many potholes needed attention. However I did explain the surplus water could be pumped away, which seems to have been acknowledged as we have had a couple of tankers, hopefully as a result of this conversation.

However the underlying problem needs to be dealt with, drains, sewerage system not to mention the Natural Spring which is one of the explanations provided for the flooding. I'm sure all of these issues can be dealt with if we as a Community continue to liaise with the Council and anyone else we feel can help us find a permanent solution to this problem. For those of you who would like to contact the Council regarding this matter, please address your letters for the attention of Mike Westwood who is head of the Highways Department, feel free to copy in Mr Eastleigh. Perhaps we need to remind the Council we will inevitably be claiming for damage sustained to our cars, wheels, tyres, suspension. We must keep up the pressure until we get action, the desired result. Regards, D. Smith

We asked NDDC at the beginning of February if they would like to comment and as we go to Press nothing has been received from them.



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My Darling Clemmie is written by Hugh Whitmore, who has written extensively for stage and screen, and won various awards for his work.

The village hall and bar is open from 7.00pm and the show starts at 7.30 pm. Tickets: Adults £8.00/Under 18s £6.00/Family Ticket (for 2+2) £25.00. Booking essential. Tickets can be obtained from Alice Harrall on 01258 837371 or from the Londis Village Shop.

Gardening Club at Milborne St. Andrew



ON Thursday 24th January, members and guests enjoyed a fascinating talk about camellias by our speaker Jennifer Trehane (from Trehane Nursery in Wimborne). We were treated to Jennifer's expert knowledge together with slides and stories from her extensive travels connected with her work with camellias. Countries included Japan, China, New Zealand and across Europe.

Jennifer started her talk with some history about camellias; they were discovered back in the 17th century growing wild in China. The monks and various other enthusiasts cultivated them and now camellias thrive in many countries – even surviving war in Brittany.

Camellia wood is used to make charcoal and souvenirs, and the seeds from forests of camellias are pressed and processed into cooking oil, or purified into beauty products.

We learnt about caring for our camellias, pruning, watering and pest control, which was all very useful.

Jennifer mentioned a Camellia Festival, where you would see an amazing array of plants. The festival is at Chiswick House (West London) for the month of February.

On 9th February members and guests very much enjoyed an evening at The Royal Oak where we held our Annual Dinner. We were treated to a delicious meal and shared a most relaxing evening.

Our March meeting will be on Thursday 28th, at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Our speaker will be Martin Young who will give us his expert knowledge and advice about Hostas, Heucheras and Hellebores. We are looking forward to an interesting evening. Visitors are most welcome.

Angie Nowell

Can you identify where this is in Milborne?



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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 April Reporter.

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

Bridge Group

THE MSA Bridge Group celebrated its first anniversary in January and can now boast a regular attendance of both improvers and intermediate standard players. We have recently gained two new recruits who greatly appreciate the relaxed 'Social Bridge' environment and 'blame free' atmosphere. New recruits – even with no prior experience – would be very welcome and basic instruction is available. The Group meets every Thursday at The Royal Oak starting at 7.00pm.

For more information please contact Laurie Benn on 01258 837720 or email at <laurie@benn.me.uk>. We look forward to seeing you.

Laurie Benn

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North Dorset District Councillor	Emma Parker	01258 881631
	Jane Somper	01258 471089
Parish Council – Dewlish	Clerk: Sandra Sims	01258 837132
	Chair: Andrew Booth	01258 837284
Parish Council – Milborne St. Andrew	Clerk: Colin Hampton	01258 837011
	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

Hazelnuts out-of-school club	Hazel Barrett	01305 848588
Ladybirds (Playgroup)	Liz Dyer	01258 839117
Scout Group	Mike Mullett	01258 837114
Under 5's Group – The Busy Bees	Hayley Davis	07919 156578
Youth Club age 8 – 14 years	Lianne Summers	01258 839081

Police

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

School

Milborne 1st School		
Headteacher:	Neil McDermott	01258 837362
Chair Governors:	Kevin Connolly	
Friends of School Chair:	Sarah Clark	

Special Interest

Bellringers	Pip Bowell	01258 837329
Bridge Group	Laurie Benn	01258 837720
Food and Wine Society	Julie Johannsen	01258 839004
MSA Allotment Society Chair:	Jo Lovett	01258 837957
Secretary:	Sue Gould	01258 837575
MSA Friendly Art Group	Elaine Anthony	01258 837089
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

Abbey Swimming Club	Pat Cowan	01258 880601
Adult Tap Dancing Milton Abbas	Libby Goodchild	01305 268029
Archers – Crossways	Sheila Ryall	01258 837504
Athletics – Junior	David Pearson	01258 837057

Badminton	David Payne	01258 837700
Circuit Training and Pilates	Claire Barratt	01929 554999 07946 732769
Cricket – Dewlish	Elaine Kellaway	01258 837696
Cricket Club – Milton Abbas	Andy Smith	01258 880310
Cricket – Junior (U11 – U13)	Andy Smith	01258 880310
Football – Adult	Matt Hall	07846 262717
Football – Reserve Team	Tom Lane	07786 156335
Football – Under 11s	Marie Hayter	01258 837241
Running Group	Anne-Marie Pearson	01258 837057
Skittles – Dewlish	Frank Ross	01258 837366
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Village Hall

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Milborne St. Andrew		
Chairman:	Paul Tasker	01258 837590
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Who has seen this?

Has anyone seen this animal swinging through the trees in the village?

Photograph by Ann Westcott

Community Events Diary

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

March

- Saturday 2nd** **Family Bingo** Milborne St. Andrew First School. 5.00pm – see page 27 and posters.
Skyfall (12) Village Hall 7.30pm – see page 7.
- Wednesday 6th** **WI Coffee Morning** at 31 Little England 10.30am – see page 23.
Wednesday Club Vote on Constitution change. Talk on Bomb Disposal. Village Hall 2.00pm – see page 3.
'My Darling Clemmie' Village Hall 7.30pm – see page 15.
- Saturday 9th**
- Thursday 14th** **WI** Resolutions and talk by Sally Ann Hunt on Trekking in Peru. Village Hall 7.30pm – see page 23.
Reporter deadline for copy for April magazine.
- Saturday 16th** **Jumble and Car Boot Sale** Village Hall 1.30pm – see page 19.
- Monday 18th** **Mah Jong** The Royal Oak 7.00pm. For more details please contact Susan on 01258 839070.
- Friday 22nd** **Drop-in** Grand Easter Raffle Village Hall Committee Room 10.00am to 12 noon.
'The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey' (2012) Village Hall 7.30pm – see below.
- Saturday 23rd** **Village Lunch** Village Hall 12.15pm – see page 3.
- Sunday 24th** **St. Andrew's Annual General Meeting** – see page 11.
- Thursday 28th** **Gardening Club** Martin Young on Hostas, Heucheras and Hellebores. Village Hall 7.30pm – see page 15.
- Monday 18th** **Mah Jong** The Royal Oak 7.00pm. For more details please contact Susan on 01258 839070.
- Friday 29th** **Good Friday** – see page 11.
- Sunday 31st** **Easter Sunday** – see page 11.
Summer starts. Clocks forward one hour.



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
- Youth Club 8–14 years** every other Friday MH (term time only)
- 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

'The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey' (2012)

Presented by 'Milborne Movies'
at Milborne St. Andrew Village Hall
on Friday 22nd March 2013 at 7.30pm

'The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey' follows the adventures of Bilbo Baggins (Martin Freeman), who is swept into an epic quest to reclaim the lost Dwarf Kingdom of Erebor, that was conquered long ago by the dragon Smaug (voiced by Benedict Cumberbatch). Bilbo is approached, out of the blue, by the wizard Gandalf the Grey (Ian McKellen) and finds himself joining a company of thirteen dwarves who are led by the legendary warrior Thorin Oakenshield (Richard Armitage). After setting out on their quest from the safety of Bag End, the band of travellers soon find that their journey will take them into the Wild, through treacherous lands swarming with Goblins and Orcs, deadly Wargs and Giant Spiders, Shapeshifters and Sorcerers, not to mention a small slimy creature known simply as Gollum (Andy Serkis). The Hobbit will remind you that you can do great things, no matter how small.

Martin Freeman makes an excellent Bilbo Baggins. His innocence and latent lust for adventure shines through in every facial expression. Also what might well be throwaway characters, the hobbits, are in the hands of some much-esteemed actors. In fact the whole cast is strong. The score by Howard Shore is so clever that it will put a smile on your face. Peter Jackson has crafted a masterpiece with this first instalment of The Hobbit trilogy which is flamboyant and great fun. The sets and the special effects are absolutely stunning. It is a thoroughly engaging film and often rip-roaring. It's got scope, excitement, and above all, an emotional heft.

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.

March 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.

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How to take down a tree in 12 easy stages

By John Wright (Churchwarden)

AS MANY of you will have noticed, we have taken down a few trees in St. Andrew's churchyard. With all that rain last year all the trees put on some pretty impressive growth, which may be good for those wanting the wood, but it is not good when the lengthening branches come tapping on the roof of a neighbouring house or drop bits of branch into gardens or onto the road. So it was last July that the churchwardens decided that something must be done.

'No problem', you might think, 'half a morning with a chainsaw will sort everything and everyone will be happy'.

But we knew we needed some expert advice, so it was a few days before we went round the churchyard with a tree surgeon to see just what needed to be done. After a closer look we

were quite convinced that, apart from a few yew trees, nearly all the trees were 'weeds' that had been allowed to grow untrimmed for several decades and should have been removed long ago. Have a look at the beech 'hedge' along the west side of the old churchyard. You can see where it used to be trimmed to about five feet, but it has now got away up to about 60 feet – nearly twice the height of the church tower! (The hedge is still there only because we can't do everything at once.) We noted about six trees along the north boundary that might be blown over in a strong wind because of a weak trunk, and four or five growing out of old graves and damaging their headstones.

That was Stage One which had shown us that there was more to do than we had thought.

Next stage was to ask Dorset Wildlife Trust what they thought would be good for our wildlife. Fortunately their ideas were more or less in line with ours and there were only a few adjustments to be made before we had a viable plan for our Parochial Church Council to approve. Following this it was submitted to North Dorset District Council who needed to approve any work done to trees over six feet high and branches over four inches thick. They wanted to change our plan quite a bit; for one thing they said that there were a number of *other* trees that we must trim back as they were likely to drop quite big branches onto the road. However we did agree with the Tree Officer on most points and were happy to send his revised plan in for approval.

The next stage was to wait. The District Council had to ask our Parish Council whether *they* approved our plan. They had no objections and, after the statutory 28 days, the council gave us permission to do the work.

As we are a church we also had to have approval from Salisbury Diocese. The diocese was happy with the plan provided the District Council was happy, but they required us to put up a notice for 28 days asking for any comments from the public. There weren't any, so at the end of January we finally got the piece of paper that allowed us to proceed. We weren't idle while we waited, however. In anticipation we got three quotations for doing the work, chose the best at a conveniently timed PCC meeting, and gave the go-ahead on 30th January with a proposed start date of February 14th. As I write the work has just started, so I hope that it will be finished by the time you read this.

In all it took seven months, a lot of discussion but very few hold-ups which was amazing.

There is still work to do, though. There is a lot of tidying up to be done and a new hedge to be planted along the north boundary for the benefit of wildlife. If you would like to join a working party when the trees have been cut down and removed, we will need help to make our churchyard the tidy and peaceful place it should be. Please let me know on 01258 839090 if you would like to join in.



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This month has been a gourmet delight. Starting with Chinese New Year the children tried eating noodles with chopsticks and made moon cakes. Pancake day we made, tossed and ate pancakes, with choices of jam, golden syrup or lemon and sugar. Then finally we finished with little cakes decorated with pink icing and heart shaped sweets.

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School News

AROUND the school this term different classes have been exploring different parts of the world through their curriculum. Owls class have been studying the Romans and parents were treated to a special assembly and open class morning to show what they had learnt. Rabbits class had the opportunity to perform as a Chinese Dragon when they learnt about Chinese New Year (2013 is the year of the Snake). Rabbits also made the first return on their Christmas



fund – they invested in hot chocolate and marshmallows to sell at break time and have increased their balance already. Foxes class have been enthusiastically learning about Africa and have produced a colourful display to show the story of Handa delivering fruit in Africa, and the Badgers have been concentrating on all things French. February 4th was UNICEF's "Day for Change". Each year, Day for Change focuses on a different aspect of UNICEF's work. This year the chosen aspect was food, looking at UNICEF's vital nutrition work that helps hungry children around the world get enough food to eat. UNICEF changes children's lives by providing them with the nutritious food that they need to grow up healthy and strong so that they can attend school and break the cycle of poverty. Within school this year each class changed their routine to include a different morning snack, linked to their recent studies – from oriental snacks and Roman inspired pizzas to African dried fruits and hot French croissants. Donations of £35 received on the day will be forwarded to UNICEF to support their work.



We have continued a number of after school clubs this term. As well as a computer club there are opportunities for keen ukulele players, tumbling gymnasts, potential chess Grandmasters and wildlife artists. We also have two new after school clubs this term. The hall is filled with singing on a Monday now we have a choir club and Fridays see our older children learning netball skills.

During February all children participated in a Safer Internet Day. This was an opportunity to work with pupils to produce a charter of rules when they are using the Internet. Additional e-safety guidance was distributed to parents and is also available on the school website.

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CONTACTS

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

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A chance to dance . . . at the WI

THE WI are to have a stall at Milton Abbas Street Fair on 27th July and will make it a Grand Jarbola. Please give jars to Pat Shipton for storage. Shirley Dunkley is to host a Coffee Morning at 31 Little England on Wednesday 6th March at 10.30am. June will run a raffle and all offers of prizes are welcomed. There will also be a Bring and Buy. Visit to Poole Lighthouse on 17th April to see 'Little Voices'.

Bookends reported divided opinion on Jeanette Winterson's 'Sexing the Cherry'; they are now moving on to Anne Tyler's 'The Amateur Marriage'. A visitor from Martinstown WI had come along specifically to see how a book club functions!

Our speaker, Ann



Hinchcliffe, introduced us to 'Dance through the Ages' and managed to cover 1,000 years of dancing of all kinds. Alice and Roger Harrall led those who were keen to participate and it is fair to say much fun was had by all.



Sally Ann Hunt is coming to our meeting on Thursday 14th March, with 'Trekking in Peru'. The exhibition will be of holiday souvenirs. Please do come along and join us.
June Maitland

Milborne Sports v Poole Town Reserves – 9th March

A THRILLING encounter promises on the 9th March when the Laneenders take on Poole Town Reserves in the semi-final of the Dorset Senior Trophy. With Milborne being the only team left from Division One it will be a big ask to conquer opposition from two leagues above but Sports will give their all to try and obtain a final place, having tasted cup victory at Dorchester Town's ground last season winning the Dorset Intermediate Cup against a previously unbeaten Lyme Regis outfit.

For anyone who is interested in football the fixture kicks off at 2.30pm and beverages will be available. This is a great chance to enjoy football at grass roots level and to support a team that are also performing well in the league whilst playing some entertaining football.

 <p>Milborne Movies Saturday 2nd March at 7.30pm Doors and Bar at 7.00pm</p> <p>Milborne St. Andrew Village Hall</p> <p>Tickets £3.00 More information from Alice Harrall on 01258 837371</p>	<p>Milborne St. Andrew Village Hall in association with <i>Affinity</i> presents ROHAN MCCULLOUGH 'My Darling Clemmie'</p>  <p>Saturday 9th March at 7.30pm Tickets 08.00, 66.00 (u 18c), £25.00 (family - 2 adults max) at the door (if available) or in advance from Roger and Alice Harrall (01259 837371) or the LONDIS shop Doors and Licensed Bar at 7.00pm</p>	 <p>Milborne Movies Friday March 22nd at 7.30pm Doors and Bar at 7.00pm</p> <p>Milborne St. Andrew Village Hall Tickets £3.00</p>
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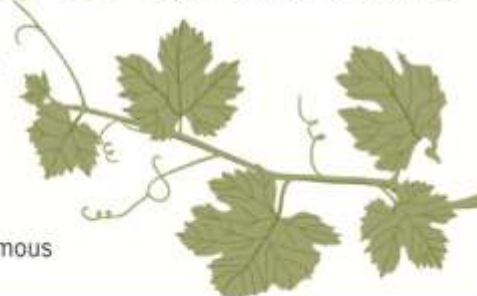
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Looking back over the last five years, so much has happened on the technology front, how did we manage without smart phones, tablets and Skype? We have very few complete beginners now (although they are still warmly welcomed) but in 2013 most of the enquiries have been about how to sync phones and computers and advice about which are the most useful apps and the best value broadband deals. With the advent of 4G and other big changes afoot I'm sure that the next five years will see even more advances.

So why not come along and make a start? Everyone of all ages welcome, one-to-one help, proceed at your own pace. We are all volunteers and make no charge, the sale of refreshments covers our costs, and a cup of tea or coffee with homemade cake costs only £1.50 – the latest village news and gossip is completely free! Get in the loop and join us at the village hall committee room Fridays during term time between 10.00am and 12 noon.

Rose and Ed Frost 837921

The Village Hall

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This year's Annual General Meeting for the Village Hall will be held on Wednesday 24th April at 7.00pm at the Hall. As well as presenting the Annual Report for the year to the end of January, it is intended that plans proposed for the next stage of development will be presented for discussion by the village. Whilst the plans for development have emerged from a consensus of the main user groups, Trustees are concerned to ensure that anything done to improve the facilities at the Hall has as wide support as possible from villagers. The Annual General Meeting is the opportunity to voice your opinion.

The Annual General Meeting is also the occasion on which the Village Hall committee is elected from nominees from the user groups and non-affiliated candidates. We have been fortunate in having a strong, full committee this year but there will always be opportunity for new members interested in shaping and contributing to the future of the Hall at the centre of our village. Do consider joining us to help "make a difference". If you would like to consider putting yourself forward as a committee member and Trustee of the Charity, or to volunteer to help in some other way, please contact myself, p.h.tasker@gmail.com, 07801-714619, Ed Frost (07766-254881) or Elizabeth Humphrey (07740-201375).

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Notes of the Milborne St. Andrew Parish Council

Held in the Village Hall 13th February 2013

ISSUES raised from the floor at the open meeting included the following:

Flooding/excess water flowing in Milton Road, in fields and gardens, "Stileham Bank is a flood plain"; inadequacies of sewage pipes; Japanese knotweed and the difficulty of its eradication. Comments in response were that Mike Coker, Senior Technical Officer, NDDC is conscious of efforts made; the PC hope to be the co-ordinating body to cope with the problem; that previous efforts such as road repairs have wasted money, schemes proposed range in cost from £300,000 to £5million. Councillors asked 'What can be achieved within a strict budget?' The springs and floods are a DCC affair. Cllr Hooper requested more flood pictures/burst banks. Meetings between 2002 and 2005 with the Highway Authority were recalled when it was concluded 'nothing could be done'. *It was suggested that ND Planning Department representatives should be at these meetings as it is over-development in the village that has exacerbated the problem, more development cannot be absorbed.* A PC meeting with all agencies is planned and its conclusions reported back.

Apologies received from both the NDDC and DCC representatives. Letter from NDDC Cllr Somper read. *Rise in Council Tax* amounting to 5% for Band E because of fast Broadband introduction.

Allotment Society funding awarded for fencing.

Co-option of new Councillors five villagers to be interviewed later in the month so that those chosen will be eligible to sit at the March meeting.

Planning Applications Springfield: development decision to be determined by the Development Management Committee as it fails on significant criteria of Planning policy. Others were agreed, but a fence in front of a hedge in Milton Road was refused on the grounds of 'no pre-application discussion' and an objection to the Chapter House development on grounds of drainage and parking issues.

West Dorset Wind Farm, letter received from West Coast Energy informing Council that a planning application has been submitted to WDDC. The proposal was as follows:

An initial response will be sent to WDDC following 'debate and resolution' at a Public Meeting to be held in the Village Hall on 6th March at 7.30 p.m. NDDC and TAIN to be invited. This is a single item event for villagers only.

It was felt that 'learned input' was imperative in order to prepare a 'robust response'. This must be received by WDDC before the deadline of 13th March. Comments were made that it would be seen from four counties and will be the tallest structures in Dorset, 'not in this place, not of this type'. The PC made it clear that they were opposed to this development mainly because of its impact on the environment, on our historical heritage, on walkers and riders, and endangerment to wildlife, creating a huge carbon footprint, noise generation and other health issues.

Other Issues PC Budget has been reduced by £1,700.

Jubilee tree plaques, quotations prepared, order deferred.

Site meeting held to consider safety measures at the Chapel Street junction and concerns expressed at possible 'urbanisation of the street scene'.

Trees at Parish Pit cost to fell five and remove branches from others risen to £475. Proposal; Chair to look at original plan of plaques to assess ownership before work takes place. Mrs Maitland to be consulted.

Memorial chain link fence cost of new chain and posts £500, money to be used out of 'reserve' fund. Decision deferred.

Allotment Society Licence decision deferred on this as 12 months given to prepare a Lease.

Low-flying helicopters MOD response awaited.

Next Parish Council Meeting to be held at the Village Hall on Wednesday 20th March. All villagers welcome to attend.



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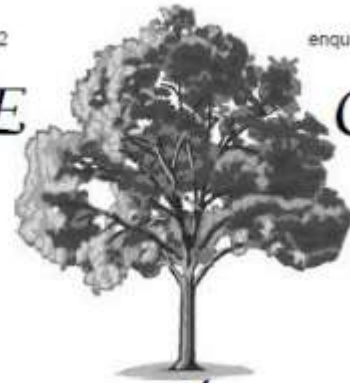
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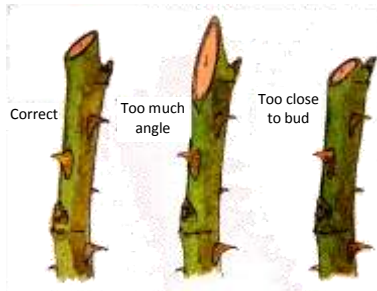
IT'S FUNNY, isn't it – we were talking about drought tolerant plants last year and this year I think we all need bog gardens! You can never predict the weather – all you can do is go with the flow and be prepared.

March is a really busy time in the garden with lots of plants needing to be cut back or split if they have got too large; and tidying away all the dead and decaying material from last year. This will help prevent diseases getting a foothold in the garden.

Here are just a few of the jobs you can be getting on with.

Late flowering clematis (Group 3) need to be pruned now. These are clematis texensis and viticella types and are the easiest of all the clematis to look after. You just cut them down to about 30cm (1ft) from the soil to just above a nice pair of fat leaf buds and tie in the new growth as it appears. Keep the roots shaded to help prevent clematis wilt and feed regularly during the summer – tomato feed is good for clematis.

Roses will need to be pruned now – aim to leave an open centre and prune to an outward facing bud. As a general rule, and this applies to most things, remove all dead, diseased and damaged stems, and anything that is crossing over causing the branches to rub together causing a wound. You should also start to spray the roses for blackspot as soon as leaves emerge and feed them regularly now until late summer.



Lavenders which were pruned in August should be pruned again to keep them looking compact and bushy and prevent them becoming leggy and woody.

Penstemons, Brunnera and Phylgelius can be pruned hard back (unless a hard frost is predicted), and you can rake out the dead leaves from evergreen grasses.

Start pruning early flowering shrubs such as Chaenomeles (flowering quince) and Forsythia just after they have finished flowering. This applies to all flowering shrubs that flower before June.

The time is just about coming to an end to plant bare root trees and shrubs, so if you haven't already done so – you will need to get a move on.

The garden centres are starting to fill up with all sorts of pretty and colourful perennials and shrubs – the choice is huge. Do check the soil requirements for the plant – we are on lime (chalky) soil, – acid loving plants will not survive for long unless planted in a pot in ericaceous compost. Also check how big the plant will get – a Choisya ternata may look quite small and compact in the pot in the nursery, but will soon grow to 2m high and 2m spread – so ensure you have the space for it.

Finally it is a good time to dust off the garden furniture – give it a spring clean and treat wooden furniture ready for the sunny days of summer (we hope) and your welcome glass of Pimms.





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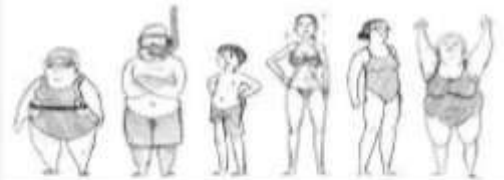
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Cricket Teas – fantastic volunteer required

Milton Abbas Sports Club

CRICKET tea is a very important aspect of any cricket match. Visiting teams will regard the success of a fixture by the quality of the tea provided by the home team as much as they do the standard of the pitch, the facilities and the game itself, of course!

Milton Abbas Cricket team has a reputation to keep up! The quality of our teas needs to reflect the high standard of our village hospitality and the aspirations of our players.

Up to now our players have been responsible for providing the teas – and although they have done a great job we think we now need an expert on the case so they can concentrate on their job at hand – beating the opposition. This season we have home games on about 12 Sundays as well as three District games to provide the replenishing teas for.

WE NEED YOU! If you think you could manage to feed 22 hungry players, umpires and scorers, creatively (economically!) on a set budget – then we need to hear from you. Maybe you are a fan of cricket and would like to be involved but don't wish to play – this is your ideal opportunity.

As much help in getting up and running as required will be given – then our reputation is in your hands!

Could you take on the challenge? Contact 01258 880895 or secretary@masportsclub.org.uk if you would like more information.

Cricket Force 2013 – Milton Abbas Sports Club Saturday 13th April

MILTON ABBAS Sports Club is once again preparing to take part in NatWest Cricket Force on Saturday 13th April 2013, an England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) initiative aimed at rejuvenating local cricket clubs and giving volunteers an opportunity to get involved.

Following two successful years of fantastic volunteer support from Club Members, the village and further afield, Milton Abbas Sports Club would really like you to get involved again this year.

News from the Milborne Mini Soccer Club

We are delighted to now have three FA Qualified Coaches with Andy Brown, Stuart Joyce and Darryl Simms who supported by a further two assistant coaches Paul Newton, Tony Major and a further three teenage helpers. We feel extremely lucky to be able to offer such an overwhelming amount of dedicated coaches and assistants to train our young players.

We are sad to report that after a long campaign we have had to fold our Under 10's section, although we are delighted that coach Jason Chadwick will remain with the club, helping out with the other teams. Our Under 8's and Under 9's continue to play extremely well in all their league matches. And our younger players are thriving too!

Last year we were thrilled to be so well supported at our Family Fun Day and were able to raise the necessary monies towards the development of the mini soccer pitches at the rear of the club. We plan to hold another **Family Fun Day on Saturday 11th May** this year to help raise money for the much needed flood-lighting for the new pitches. So we hope that you will put this in your diary; further information regarding the day to follow in next month's *Reporter*.

If you have a child that is in years Reception to Year 4 and is interested in joining the Milborne Mini Soccer Club then please come along. Training is from 5.00pm on Wednesday nights during term time. Alternatively please call Club Secretary Marie Hayter on 837241.

It's not just for the elderly – it's for anyone

The Village Lunch Committee would like to invite everyone to its monthly lunches in the Village Hall on the last Saturday of the month.

The Hambro Arms Milton Abbas, Dorset

The Hambro Refurbishment Completed And Now For The Food Offering!!!

The refurbished Hambro with The Library Restaurant is now ready for a change in the food offering. To achieve this, we are absolutely delighted to announce that Fred Gallo has joined us as our new Head Chef. He joins us from The Anchor at Shapwick where he was also the Head Chef.

A Bit About Fred

Fred is a fabulously talented, passionate and totally unpretentious Head Chef. He grew up in Spetisbury, has created imaginative yet accessible dishes in a select few restaurants and hotels all over Britain, including central London and the New Forest.

He has returned to his Dorset roots where he intends to continue building his reputation at the Hambro.

Fred's ethos is to prepare, cook and serve good food simply, allowing the excellent quality and freshness of our locally sourced produce to speak for itself: real food, real flavours. All Fred's food is home-made, right down to the tartare sauce served with your fish and chips. He is committed to using the best local produce and changing the menu regularly.

Easter Opening

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