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Millborne St. Andrew



## Pests and diseases at Gardening Club



ON Thursday 28th February members and guests were treated to a fascinating talk by Derek Luther about Pests and Diseases (subtitled: Fuschias, their pests and diseases).

We had such a lot of information given to us it's difficult to know where to start – here is a snapshot! I had forgotten just how many bugs there are in the garden and what a battle is going on.

Did you know lizards eat wasps? Did you know hornets are protected and are friends of the gardener? Did you know frass is the name for caterpillar droppings?

We heard about pest control with chemicals- – the best advice being always to read the label. The important thing in your garden is to get the right balance of plants and creatures to do the work for you and recognise the damage on your plants and relate it to the culprit. Beetles, ladybirds and hover flies eat aphids. Fennel attracts hover flies. Starlings eat leatherjackets in your lawn.

Derek, being an expert on fuschias, gave us some tips on caring for them and the type of bug that attacks them eg. gall mite – which spread from USA 30 years ago. Wasps and bumble bees damage fuschias when they are collecting nectar.

So if your garden pests include; thrips, red spider, may bugs, aphids, capsid bugs, shield bugs, flea beetles, vine weevil, sawfly and many more – spraying chemicals may not be the answer, think about what you plant and the birds you attract and be vigilant in caring for your plants by recognising the problems before they take over.

Our April meeting on Thursday 25th at 7.30pm will be a presentation by David Hitchcock entitled: 'Winning 12 Gold Medals at Chelsea' sounds inspiring. As usual we welcome visitors.

### Advance notice

Our Annual Plant Sale will be at the Village Hall on Sunday 12th May (10.00am – 12.00 noon) with delicious home made cakes and tea/coffee, and maybe other surprises! Everyone is welcome.

Angie Nowell

## Bomb Disposal at Wednesday Club

AROUND half the membership turned out to hear a talk about Bomb Disposal. However, it was more about how to make a bomb and apparently we all have the where-withal to do this in the cupboard under the sink or the garden shed!

It was formally agreed that the Annual Subscription be paid in October at the AGM, and that £5 be paid in April for the interim period.

A coach trip to Compton Acres on 1st May to see the camellias, azalias and other spring flowers did not receive much interest so may be cancelled.

The next meeting on 3rd April will see the collection of subscriptions and a Beetle Drive.

## A fourth successful year for the Reporter

THE Milborne St. Andrew *Reporter* had a financially successful year in 2012. Once again the *Reporter* Team were able to say "Thank you" to the team of distributors and "Have you mets" with a small celebration at The Royal Oak in January.

### Balance Sheet Year Ending 31st January 2013

Receipts		Payments	
Advertising	£5,216.45	Printing	£3,765.21
Donations	£19.25	Expenses	£85.00
Bank Interest	£5.34	Thank you Evening	£90.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>£5,241.04</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>£3,940.21</b>

Receipts		Payments	
Receipts	£5,241.04	Payments	£3,940.21
B/F Cash	£24.33	C/F Cash	£65.08
B/F Bank	£5,226.04	C/F Bank	£6,486.12
<b>Total</b>	<b>£10,491.41</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>£10,491.41</b>

Cash in Bank £6,486.21

Cash in Hand £65.08

**Total in hand at 31st January 2013 £6,551.29**

### Surplus for year ending 31st Jan 2013 £1,300.83

This surplus reflects payments made early for next year of £1,600.

The *Reporter* Team would like to thank Robin Keller for auditing the magazine accounts for a fourth year. We are most grateful.

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## **Milborne Mini Soccer Club receives cheque from Waitrose**

AS our league teams continue to do well in this season's fixtures, we hope to have enough new players to start our younger players off with a few friendly games in the near future.

Fundraising towards the much needed new flood lights was given a massive boost last month when Dawn Smallwood (Club Treasurer) and Marie Hayter (Secretary) were presented with a cheque from Dorset's Waitrose of over £160. A massive thank you to Waitrose and to all of you who supported the club with your green tokens at the check-outs.



Planning for our May fun day is now in earnest and we can reveal a day of mini soccer matches and even the possibility of another old-boys match during the day, along with fabulous live entertainment and a repeat of last year's tug-of-war challenge. The day, aimed at being a real "fun for all the family" event will also include a fete with various different stalls including a 40ft inflatable assault course, licensed bar and BBQ. Everyone is welcome to come along and we hope that the day will be another massive fundraising success for the club.

For more information on any of the points raised in this article or if you have a child in years reception through to year 4 who would be interested in joining the Milborne Mini Soccer Club, please do not hesitate to get in touch by calling Marie Hayter on 01258 837241.

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# Not the W.I.

By Josie Wright

MONICA wiped the rain splashes from her glasses yet again and peered at the notice pinned on the door: 'Private Meeting 4.00pm'. At last – this was the place. She couldn't help but be impressed as she gazed up at the stately building in front of her. Classical Greek statues flanked the magnificent oak door that opened at her touch. Monica, a new recruit to county, but no shrinking violet, entered.

Discrete taped music greeted her and the warm scented air that enveloped her steamed her glasses up completely. Tut tutting she wiped them on the tail of her damp scarf. They certainly knew how to look after themselves. It was her first visit to headquarters and she felt a little cross that there was nobody to meet her. No one seemed to be about, the small reception desk was deserted. 'Lax, lax! Anyone could walk in off the street,' she sniffed.

Striding down the corridor, she peered at the doors, even knocking on one or two, but all was silent. She arrived at a central atrium lavishly decorated with some rather lewd paintings where, amid tastefully positioned exotic plants, a fountain splashed into a marble basin. To the right loomed a large archway, the way beyond concealed by a luxurious velvet curtain.

Monica gazed around in disbelief, then scrabbling in her shoulder bag; she found her trusty notebook and feverishly uncapped her pen. 'What a scandalous waste of money,' she thought wrathfully. 'I must get all the details down for my report.' But first, what lay through the archway?

As she pushed the curtain aside, the secretary's plummy voice greeted her, 'Welcome my dear, don't be surprised. We select a few to join the inner sanctum. You look like *our* sort of people.' Smiling, she beckoned Monica forward. Her mouth dropped open at the scene before her. About six or seven ladies lounged around the room, chatting and laughing, their normally immaculate hairstyles were tousled and curled around their flushed cheeks. Jane clapped her hands and a young man glided in with champagne on a tray.

Monica took a brimming glass. Peering over the rim as she sipped, she realised that everyone was rather scantily clad. Putting away her notebook she sank down onto one of the plump cushions that were strewn around and began to unbutton her coat.

On Thursday, Monica's report on her first county meeting was brief and even boring in its mundanity. Her usual tirades about procedural lapses and overspending were noticeably absent. She just smiled and informed them that all her new companions had been 'very kind'.

The next day at a small private gathering of county committee, Madam President laughed when she heard. 'Our amateur dramatic lot made a good job of it didn't they? Getting that awful Masonic Hall for an hour just put the icing on the cake.

'That's pulled that troublemaker into line – carping is definitely not the W.I. We'll hang on to the photographs though, just in case!'

## Village Quiz

THE date for the Village Quiz is 13th April. Village Hall and bar open from 7.00pm and the questions start at 7.30pm sharp. So start getting your teams together. This year's questions are being set by the *Reporter* team who happened to win last year.

# Holidays remembered . . .

## at the March WI

OUR Speaker, who was due to describe her adventures while trekking in Peru, failed to turn up, but this did not deter Milborne WI: Rising to the occasion, members who had brought along their own holiday souvenirs reminisced, and shared with us, one of their own very special holidays.

Heather's 'money plant', now a thriving specimen, had travelled as a small cutting all the way from Alcatraz and was a permanent reminder of her trip – which included some hair-raising moments – with Ronald to America; Alice's Conker berry from Australia – '*not useful for anything, but it feels so nice!*'; Val's tiny malachite elephant had been bought as a present for her mother whilst in South Africa and, after her mother's death shortly afterwards, she had kept it as a very personal token of her affection.

After a visit to Australia to see her son, Jill had returned with a boomerang and many tales to tell of sights and 'properties' beyond her wildest dreams. Josie remembered clearly an airline flight which had been more than bumpy. Shirley's replica beaker from Knossos in Crete was a copy of one made 3,500 years ago, bringing back memories of high temperatures, ice lollies, but more importantly, incredible archaeology. While June's walking stick showed badges representing many holidays and such good times, including her first with the Young Farmers' Club.

Our coffee morning was a great success, raising £101.40. Thanks to Shirley for hosting this. Nelda is finalising plans for the WI Dinner at The Royal Oak, the late menu option for treacle sponge pudding attracting huge attention. Plans are going ahead for our Jarbola stall at Milton Abbas Street Fair. 'Bookends' have exhausted their reading around dysfunctional families and are to move on to Anita Brookner's *The Rules of Engagement*. Shirley reported that she had been fortunate enough to acquire library copies of Tom Stoppard's *The Real Inspector Hound* for the play reading group.

Some of the best of times at the WI are often spontaneous, and this thoroughly enjoyable evening was no exception. At our next meeting on Thursday 11th April, Abigail Langston-Wring will speak on the topical *Eat Yourself Well*. Please come along and join us.

Pat Bull



A very enjoyable evening was had by members who had a wonderful meal at 'The Royal Oak' on Friday 15th. Thanks to Nelda for organising it.

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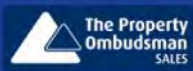


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## A354 Speed Plan

### Set to Rev Up Economy

THE A354 through Milborne looks set to be upgraded to the national speed limit from its present 30mph restriction. In a bid to boost the economy, central government is putting the final touches to a new scheme to deregulate a select group of A-class roads in the UK. This will enable hauliers and motorists to travel up to 60mph, without the need to slow down when travelling through built-up areas.



There is bound to be much opposition in Milborne for such a change, as the speed of some vehicles at present is thought too fast. The safety of pedestrians will be uppermost in most opponents' minds, with the road being

troublesome to cross with its present lower speed limit. However, the scheme has strong backing from Britain's powerful hauliers' lobby and the Government hopes to fast-track the changes nationwide to speed economic growth.

The project, *Acceleration for the Nation: making £ from mph*, focuses on 'valley villages' where traffic on the main through routes is hindered by 30mph speed limits, with a slow crawl up the other side for heavy goods vehicles. The A354 through Milborne – and other nearby villages on the A-road – typifies the scheme's aims, as any frustrated driver who has sat behind an HGV crawling up Dorchester Hill at a sedate 35mph would agree. The new rules would enable lorries to enter the village at double the current speed and give them more opportunity to exit the village uphill at a more reasonable and efficient speed. Cost-benefit analysis carried out for the scheme has shown that the savings of time and fuel far outweigh any local detriment, and the increase of haulage that the new A354 and other routes would encourage will further bolster the national economy.

Safety concerns are answered, the plan's author says, by installation of railings both sides of the road to protect pedestrians. The scheme allows for grants to be applied for, enabling communities to install new access equipment. In Milborne's case, this would mean either the siting of a pedestrian footbridge or excavating for a pedestrian subway underneath the road. The exact location for each proposal is undecided, but it seems inevitable that a Compulsory Purchase and subsequent demolition would be required for either option. Youth workers have suggested that a subway would be good news for street artists to practice and exhibit their talents and would give Milborne a new profile.

If, as is thought, the green light is given, work will start in the near future with the project being finished at the start of next April. All comments and thoughts on the scheme by interested parties should be submitted by April 1st, preferably before noon.



## Cheselbourne Theatre Club



After the end of our Spring/Summer programme, with *Less Than Kind* by Terence Rattigan, on **Monday 20th May**, the club will be taking a break. We will be considering what shows to include in our Autumn/Winter programme. Our announcements will resume as soon as we have decided what to see. So please watch this space.

If you would like to come with us to Salisbury Theatre to see the Rattigan play (a romantic comedy) we may be able to get some extra tickets (£24, includes travel). Please ask John Widdowson ASAP (01258 837791).

## Two April Concerts by the Briantspuddle Singers

BRIANTSPUDDLE Singers and friends are bringing 'This Green and Pleasant Land' to Milton Abbey School's New Barn Theatre, Milton Abbas on Saturday 20th April at 7.30pm. Our programme of English music will range over four centuries including works by Purcell, Boyce, Elgar and Vaughan Williams, as well as 'Tall Trees' which was written especially for the choir by Peter Hope who lives in Dorset. Our pianist will be Duncan Honeybourne and the orchestra will be led by Nikki Leadbetter.

Tickets are £10 (including light refreshments) available from choir members, by telephoning 01929 554055 or 01305 832069, or by email from maureen\_bayliss@mypostoffice.co.uk. They will also be available on the door.

Wine and soft drinks will be available. We look forward to welcoming you.

The following week on Sunday 28th April the Briantspuddle Singers will be singing again in St. John's Church Tolpuddle with a programme of songs and carols for Easter and Spring under their conductor Richard Hall. This will be Richard's penultimate concert with the choir after 35 years as conductor (plus a few more as a singer!). The concert will start at 6.30pm and will be followed by light refreshments for which a donation will be requested.



## News from Milton Abbas and Milborne St Andrew Surgery

### QUESTIONNAIRE RESULTS

The results of the patient questionnaire recently undertaken by the 'Patient Voice' group are available to view on our website at [www.masurgery.co.uk/](http://www.masurgery.co.uk/) If you do not have internet access you are welcome to collect a copy from the surgery or telephone the surgery and request that a copy be sent to you by post.

### ROAD CLOSURE

We understand that the possibility of road closures at Milborne St. Andrew between 24th May and 6th June 2013 may mean that Milborne St. Andrew Surgery will be inaccessible for either all or some of this time. Our website will keep you updated about surgery closures.

### KEEP UPDATED

Our website is constantly being updated with information about the surgery. You can:-

- provide us with feedback
- order prescriptions online
- view opening times
- update yourself on changes to services
- read about changes due to adverse weather
- keep in touch with the 'Patient Voice Group' activities
- update your personal details
- register with the practice
- access useful links about medical conditions
- access self help for minor ailments

### MAY BANK HOLIDAYS

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### Did you identify this?

Last month's photograph was next to the Surgery in Milton Road Close

Paul Hoskins was first with the correct answer.

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The mystery animal swinging through the trees photographed last month by Ann Westacott was last seen down The Causway.

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## Archbishop's ideas

Over the past few months, we have been learning more about the new Archbishop of Canterbury and his priorities.

He has made it clear, not least in the first sermon he preached after officially becoming Archbishop (though before his enthronement), that something he is passionate about is reconciliation in the face of conflict.

Perhaps, when one looks at the story of his life, that should be no surprise. According to a report in *The Times* newspaper last month, Justin Welby and his wife were among those who smuggled Bibles behind the Iron Curtain. They had to be constantly aware of the threat of informers and the secret police, were taught how to resist interrogation, and had to memorise codes and maps in their heads so that no concrete evidence of their activities could be found. It all sounds like a good old-fashioned spy story.

Three times he has faced a direct murder threat. Twice he reached the point of calling his wife to say goodbye; on the third occasion there was no time. During one of these incidents, which all took place while he was on Anglican peace missions in Nigeria, he overheard the captors' leader saying "Take them out and kill them."

Welby was sent to Iraq shortly after the Anglo-American invasion, so his experience of conflict is wide-ranging. It is this perhaps, more than anything, which has made reconciliation such an important part of his message.

In his first sermon, he suggested that Christians are not good at living with conflict. Too often, he said, they seek out those who are like-minded and, when they fall out with people, they take themselves off with those with whom they agree and form new communities.

However, in God's family are all sorts, those with whom we agree and those whose views we vehemently oppose. Welby reminded his listeners that heaven has no walls. "We cannot say 'this is my bit' and those who disagree can have another bit. It doesn't work like that."

In itself, conflict is not wrong, because it is a natural result of the diversity with which God has made his people. Jesus's ultimate task was about reconciling the world to God. As Paul said in his second letter to the Corinthians, "God put the world square with himself through the Messiah, giving the world a fresh start by offering forgiveness of sins. God has given us the task of telling everyone what he is doing." (from *The Message* translation of the Bible)

As people who have been reconciled to God through Jesus, we have been given an important mission to share the message of reconciliation. No one will trust or believe us if we cannot live it out too. In the words of the Archbishop, we need to be "reconciled reconcilers". When we are able to "disagree with passion in love" the Church can and will make an impact on the world around.

Since we have a call to be reconcilers, there is an imperative that we also find the means to put that into practice. At the moment the Church of England is struggling to find a way to hold together those of differing views on a number of issues, women bishops and same-sex relationships in particular. Somehow we need to learn to live with our differences. Let us hope that the new Archbishop can lead us in new ways so that we can embrace one another in spite of our divergent opinions, and so reflect a bit of heaven's undivided community here on earth.

With best wishes,

*Sarah*

## CHURCH SERVICES April 2013

### THURSDAY 4th April

12 noon Lunch-time Communion Milborne

### 7th April – Easter 2

9.30am Parish Communion + APCM Tolpuddle  
9.30 Family Communion Milborne  
11.00 Holy Communion Puddletown  
11.00 Morning Service with Baptism Dewlish  
3.00pm Holy Baptism Puddletown

### 14th April – Easter 3

8.15am 1662 Said Communion Puddletown  
9.30 Methodist United Service Tolpuddle  
9.30 Parish Communion Milborne  
11.00 Family Service with Baptisms Puddletown  
11.00 Family Communion Dewlish

### THURSDAY 18th April

12 noon Lunch-time Communion Puddletown  
Church Room

### 21st April – Easter 4

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

### 28th April – Easter 5

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

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

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

### Flowers – w/e Saturday

30th March – Easter Sunday –  
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## Milborne St. Andrew Church Notes

BY the time you read this, Lent and Easter will probably be over. We will have finished our Benefice series of Sunday evening services, distributed Mothering Sunday posies, joined Norman Beggs in Dewlish on Maundy Thursday for an Agape Supper, and enjoyed our Easter Experience in the Village Hall with hot cross buns, Easter biscuits and the Easter Story with Sarah Godfrey. We will have held our Annual Church Meeting so we should know who will be our Churchwardens for the next year and who will be on the PCC.

What has happened as I write this is that a good number of trees in the churchyard have been taken down or pruned. We now need to clear up the debris and restore the area north of the church to a peaceful and tidy area. There will be plenty to do and we will be asking for volunteers to help one Saturday. We will then be taking advice from North Dorset District Council and Dorset Wildlife Trust about planting a hedge along our north boundary. Phone John Wright on 01258 839090 for more details or to offer help. If we are to keep the church and graveyards in working order for the foreseeable future we are going to need help from the village. Something we urgently need is volunteers to help with the weekly cleaning of the church. A few more willing hands will take the pressure off the depleted band we now have. Working in pairs it takes an hour or so on a Friday or Saturday every six weeks.

*John Wright, Churchwarden*



## Fun and Games at Scouts

MILBORNE ST. ANDREW cub pack have been doing a lot of fun and exciting activities. This includes science, craft and games. Within the cub pack we do a lot of badge work which the cubs seem to enjoy. We are based at the village hall but we do go out and do activities away from Milborne which includes camping, district competitions, swimming and sporting activities. The cubs we have at the moment love playing games before and after the main activity. The game they love the most would have to be 'King ball'. King ball is played with a ball and everyone is against each other. The idea is to use only their hands to hit the ball, and aim at someone's knees and below. If hit the player is out of the game for the time being. The only way they can come back in is if a leader shouts "All back in". The game can end when the leader decides not to say all back in until everyone is out and there is one winner. If your child loves any of the activities mentioned and would like to join then please don't hesitate to call myself (Jo Hewish) on 07771558521. (Cubs age between 8 to 11.)

**Milborne St. Andrew Scout Group Quiz** to be held on Friday 17th May at Dewlish Village Hall from 7.00pm for 7.30pm start. Teams of four. £4.00 per person (£16.00 per team) includes a buffet. Team name to Jo Hewish by Friday 10th May please. Ring Jo on 07771558521 or email joannehewish@yahoo.co.uk. Limited spaces available. All funds go towards the Group.



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# Why Wholefoods?

WHOLEFOODS means unrefined food *with nothing added nothing taken away* and no unnatural processing, canning, preserving or freezing. As we, in the Western world suffer increasingly from diseases associated with an increased consumption of 'convenience' foods it is worth contemplating a shift away. Some of the diseases associated directly with dietary habits are: dental decay, obesity, diabetes, diseases of the gut, including cancer, appendicitis, colitis, diverticulitis and haemorrhoids, plus gall stones, arthritis, allergies and depression. The factors involved in this frightening list are: excessive sugar, fat, salt, meat, too little fibre, insufficient vitamins, trace elements and minerals, too many additives, preservatives and colourings, poor use of dairy products and poor infant weaning. The processing of food reduces nutrients. Especially vulnerable are vitamins, minerals and trace elements, essential fibre is removed and we have unnecessary sugar, salt, nitrates, and additives. We do not know what long term effect these additives may have. Recent study findings on the consumption of processed meats and its effect on health are most concerning. Our digestive system has evolved very little over thousands of years, but man's diet in the 2000's is almost a reversal of what it was in the 1920's. It has been estimated that we have been exposed to over 3,000 (and rising) additives in our food. They are not fully studied and have a cumulative effect. Each person on average consumes two ounces of food additives and colourings per week! As a result our body cells are less healthy and thus unable to resist disease and degeneration. *The wholefood aim is to promote better choices in our eating habits.* No one food contains all the nutrients we need. There is a balance in wholefoods between calories and other nutrients plus a 'density' of nourishment missing from refined foods.

They are no more expensive than conventional foods, do not confuse them with "health foods" in gimmicky forms sold in some shops. Good value healthy wholefoods include all fruit and vegetables in season, whole cereals and pulses, grains and seeds for sprouting at home, eggs (natural meats and poultry-enzyme and hormone free). By being able to buy all these items fairly reasonably you also save large sums of money by cutting out many expensive inferior supermarket items like tinned vegetables, biscuits and flavoured squashes. I hope that many of you will use some of these recipes using wholefoods over the coming months and enjoy them!

With Easter on the doorstep you may like to make this tea bread for Easter Sunday:

## Easter Surprise Bread

- 8 ozs wholewheat flour\*, pinch salt
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- ½ teaspoon mixed spice
- 4 ozs butter
- 2 ozs almond paste (see below for recipe)
- 8 ozs almond paste for decoration and centre 'sausage'
- 2 beaten eggs
- 4 ozs (weight) natural yoghurt
- Little lemon rind
- 1 oz sugar free peel
- 4 ozs currants
- honey



### Method

- i. Rub butter and almond paste into flour, salt, spice and baking powder until mixture is like bread crumbs.
- ii. Add eggs and yoghurt then the washed fruit.
- iii. Place half the mixture into a well oiled and lined 2 lb loaf tin.
- iv. Make 'a sausage' shape out of 4 ozs almond paste the length of the tin. Lay on top of the mixture.
- v. Cover with the remaining cake mixture.
- vi. Bake, covered lightly with a sheet of foil to prevent browning too quickly 180°C/Gas mark 4 for 30–40 minutes, don't over cook – done when a skewer comes out clean (avoid the middle).
- vii. Brush the top of the loaf with honey and with remaining almond paste cover top. Decorate with eleven small balls around the top, use a blob of honey to make them stick on. (These represent the Apostles with Judas missing.)

**Almond Paste:** 8 ozs ground almonds, 3 tablespoons runny honey, 1 egg, 3–4 drops natural almond essence.

Mix all ingredients together in a large bowl and knead together. Wrap in greaseproof paper. Will freeze.

\* Flour simply labelled "wholemeal" may not be 100% – it may not contain all its original bran. Look for the word "wholewheat" and the percentage of original bran on the packet. This will still retain the wheatgerm which stores vital foods to feed root and shoot were the grain left to germinate and is therefore a fund of important nutrients, including Vitamin E. This plays an important part in the bloodstream and in the prevention of heart disease. *Carole Fornachon*

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## The One and a Half Hour Club

THERE are many things that can be achieved in an hour and a half on a Sunday morning.

A few weeks ago on a sunny Sunday, many residents of Milborne St. Andrew were enjoying the unusually dry weather. Some were washing their cars, others were taking their little ones to football and many were probably enjoying a well deserved lie-in.

But in St. Andrew's view a gentle tide of local residents was leaving the warmth of their homes, donning their coats, collecting their forks and spades from their sheds and heading towards the church.

The rural pathway at the back of the houses leading to the church has become more and more difficult to walk on over recent months. The wet weather had turned the usually solid path into a muddy quagmire and there seemed little hope of finding a solution to the muddy problem.

But, as luck would have it, the church had carried out some essential tree maintenance work which had resulted in the production of a large quantity of wood chippings. It seemed a shame to waste it with such a muddy path close by when all that was needed was a group of volunteers.

It only took a short time on Saturday to rally up enough people who agreed to give up two hours of their Sunday to lay the path. Mike Peat, the local tree surgeon, had left us a large pile of wood



chippings and, true to their word, at 10.00am on Sunday morning a steady stream of volunteers made their way to the church path, carrying an assortment of tools for the job.

In true fashion, the men commandeered the wheelbarrows, mumbled something about strategic loads and took the muddy path end whilst the women took on the physical role of spading and forking the wood chippings until the pile had diminished and the path had been covered.

There was the usual banter between the men and the women about whose role was the most demanding. The women clearly worked much harder at the beginning of the task because there was not a lot of talking (whereas the men could be heard jabbering away from quite a distance). There was a lot of heavy breathing from the ladies who got stuck in, shifting the mound of wood chippings. It soon became clear that at least one of the female cohort had never actually used a spade before or indeed a fork for that matter... and a little tuition was required. There was also an incident where productivity slowed when a gardening glove had to be sought in order to prevent one of the ladies from chipping her nail varnish...

However, all that aside, one and a half hours later there was a beautifully laid pathway that both looks and functions amazingly. It is astounding what can be achieved with a little bit of help, some recycled materials and a community spirit that comes together to make a difference. And, just for the record, the men worked hard, but the women definitely worked harder!

Many thanks to Hazel for letting us site the chippings outside her house and to Mike Peat for providing them for us in the first place.

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Dear Editor

Three cheers to Anya Bruty for her letter in the March "Reporter" about support of wind farms. I can't claim to have done the research that she has, but I agree with so much that she wrote.

I too can see the lone example to which she refers, and enjoy the stately sight, which is far preferable to the rows of ugly pylons across our lovely countryside, which too, were well criticised at the time of their construction.

June Maitland

Dear Editor

In response to Anya Bruty's letter in the March edition, I write as follows:

Anya, you say you "have done lots of research into the adverse health effects which THEY use as their main argument" (they, being objectors to Turbines, unlike yourself).

This cannot go unchallenged, as we the MSA objectors do NOT use this as our main argument and never have! Nor are we objecting to Turbines as such. That is another bigger debate, for another time. We are objecting to the SITING of the windfarm, which for half the village will be closer than the recommended guideline of 2km. Some dwellings at the extremities of MSA are as close as 800/840m, which is totally unacceptable.

Our points of concern are listed in a flyer distributed to MSA residents, at the end of February. Yes reported and accepted health issues, are mentioned at point 4. You quote the British Acoustics Bulletin saying that this "annoyance" has far more to do with social and psychological factors in those complaining etc. They do NOT deny that previously healthy people living too close to Windfarm sites have been recognised as having health problems, whatever the cause.

It is common knowledge amongst experts that the current noise assessment practices and standards are incompetent and must be changed urgently. I suggest you research the BMJ wind turbine noise articles and the Waubra Foundation findings on this topic. Together with Dr Chris Hanning MD.FRCA.LRCP, an expert

Sleep Disorder Consultant, who spoke recently at a conference about his research into sleep deprivation and ill health CAUSED by proximity to wind turbines. Enough said.

I now list some facts from West Coast's own 1,100 page application as follows: The proposal is for nine huge turbines 126.5m high, with bases each 14m square x 3m deep, and crane pads 20m wide x 40m long, a sub station 16m x 8m x 5m, 70m high anemometer mast, and 6.5km of heavy duty service roads.

Access to the site on the already accident prone A354, will be from both directions to MSA. We are advised to expect a conservative 83 exceptional loads up to 48m long and 1,500 heavy goods vehicles. Imagine the disruption and chaos when added to the normal traffic, farm vehicles (you expect in a village) and tankers currently passing through, not to mention the extra potholes we can expect! (especially with the recent flooding complications). We objectors are simply trying to protect both this Hardy countryside site from industrialisation, protect wildlife (some endangered species are recorded), and the quality of life within our village, together with stopping the destruction of unexcavated archaeology and several safety issues we are aware of..

I cannot put our whole case here. So simply add: You heard no noise in Cornwall, impossible, even West Coast told us to expect noise. No birds were killed you say, well the RSPB admit birds are killed and what about the Portland school who had a small turbine only and had to switch it off because of the numerous seagulls that were killed causing distress to their schoolchildren. You say the windfarm in Delabole "was built instead of a nuclear power station (I cannot confirm this), and that no-one you met was now against Turbines?"

That doesn't surprise me as many people are afraid of nuclear, but how far away did they live and how long had they lived there?

You say it is acceptable to object if we do not like the look of turbines or are concerned about the value of our property. Can I suggest you consider some sympathy for your fellow neighbours' other points of view. Let us just hope that in 10 to 15 years time (the recorded truer lifespan of turbines, than the 25 years stated by West Coast) that any change of use to an Industrialised site if allowed, does not leave our area open to something even worse. Maybe, although unlikely, you may get the nuclear power station that you so dread!

Sharon Newman

The editor reserves the right to edit or condense contributions

## Bus2Go ends up in Jail

BUS2GO February Mystery lunch, venue revealed and April outings, no mystery.

Passengers had no idea where we were headed for and as the bus entered onto Portland, they thought we were going up to 'The Bill'. However, when it did a sharp left, signposted 'The Verne', there was an apprehensive silence and bemused faces as we drove into the prison and past the prison entrance.

The Jailhouse Café is situated in what was the officers mess and the highest point on the site above sea level! The home cooked food was delicious; the trustees were courteous and very welcoming. It was a very pleasant and relaxing outing.

April trips are planned for **Friday 5th** Easter treat to Intech, please see posters and page 17. **Saturday 20th** Wilton Shopping Village £14 return. Bus2go@btinternet.com 01258 837749.

Margo Kirk

## Blandford Lions celebrate 40 years

ON Saturday 23rd February Blandford and District Lions celebrated their 40th anniversary with a dinner at The Crown, Blandford.

The dinner was attended by the current Lions and their partners along with many past members together with members from neighbouring Lions clubs. The main guests were the District Governor Roger Munday from Fleet Lions and his Vice Governor David Merchant from Newbury Lions and their wives.

One other special guest was Albert Whittle of Wimborne and Ferndown Lions who was the founding father of Blandford Lions when they received their Charter in 1973. He was asked to cut the cake and was ably assisted by Henry Cuff, the longest serving current member who joined the club just six months after it had been formed.

The Lions and their guests were entertained by Spetisbury duo Take Two and pupils of The Blandford School with whom Blandford Lions have a long association.

The Lions provide charitable support across DT11 and anyone interested in learning more about what they do is asked to contact Secretary Tony Ives on 01929 472336.



Ian Corben, Blandford Lions current President with his guests of honour.



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Since May 2010 Neighbourcar has carried out over 2,000 journeys including Southampton Hospital in the east, Bridport Hospital in the west and Shaftesbury Hospital in the north plus all points in between. Over 60% of trips have been to local surgeries and we are grateful to the Practice for their ongoing financial support. We also take people to hospitals, dentists, chiropodists, etc. plus some social trips, e.g. shopping, helping residents with difficulty to get out thereby reducing social isolation.

In carrying out these journeys we have travelled round the world – so far we have driven over 27,000 miles! During our "world tour", no fewer than 154 surgery patients have benefitted by jumping on and off the "bus" driven by our 24 drivers. While Neighbourcar is extremely grateful for the efforts of all of our drivers, one of our biggest problems is having sufficient drivers to meet the ever growing demands for our service. So, if you have some spare time please ring me on 01258 881709 and I will be happy to talk to you about how you can help. You will find it extremely rewarding and you can offer as much or as little time as you wish. *Nigel Hodder*

## £200 donation to Mosaic



BOB PLANT, resident of Milborne St. Andrew, presenting a cheque on behalf of Babcock International Group Limited for £200. Mosaic, located in Milborne St. Andrew, is a charity supporting bereaved children, young people and their families across Dorset. "We were delighted to receive the cheque from Babcock's and wish to thank Bob Plant for nominating us. Bob was looking for a local children's charity to receive the donation but hadn't realised that we were based in the village. He has since been up to our offices and it was a pleasure to meet him", said Margaret Hannibal, Director of Operations for Mosaic. For more information about Mosaic, please telephone 01258 837071 or visit [www.mosaicfamilysupport.org.uk](http://www.mosaicfamilysupport.org.uk)

*Katie Hensman*

## Mosaic's Third Annual Charity Golf Day

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For tickets or further details please contact Mosaic on (01258) 837071 or email [katie@mosaicfamilysupport.org](mailto:katie@mosaicfamilysupport.org).

We look forward to meeting you at an event in the future.

Send your letters, stories and pictures to the Reporter at [m.sa.reporter@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:m.sa.reporter@yahoo.co.uk) or give to a member of the team.

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	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
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Round Robin Ramblers	Ian Bromilow	01258 880044

## Sport

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- March**  
**Friday 29th** **Good Friday** Easter Experience St. Andrew's Church 2.00pm.  
**Sunday 31th** **Easter Day** Holy Communion St. Andrew's Church 9.30pm.
- April**  
**Wednesday 3rd** **Wednesday Club** Beetle Drive. Village Hall 2.00 – see page 2.  
**Thursday 4th** **Hugo** Village Hall 2.30pm – see pages 10 and 19.  
**Thursday 11th** **WI** Abigail Langston-Wring will speak on the topical *Eat Yourself Well*. Village Hall 7.30pm – see page 5.  
**Saturday 13th** **Cricket Force 2013** – Milton Abbas Sports Club 10.00am – see page 31.  
**Village Quiz** Village Hall teams of four 7.30pm – see pages 5 and 10.  
**Sunday 14th** **Reporter** deadline for May magazine. Send your copy via e-mail to msa.reporter@yahoo.co.uk.  
**Saturday 20th** **Briantspuddle Singers** Milton Abbas 7.30pm – see pages 7 and 25.  
**Wednesday 24th** **Village Hall AGM** 7.00pm – see pages 10. and 21.  
**Thursday 25th** **Gardening Club** presentation by David Hitchcock entitled: 'Winning 12 Gold Medals at Chelsea' Village Hall 7.30pm – see page 2.  
**Friday 26th** **Anna Karenina** Village Hall 7.30pm – see pages 10 and 27.  
**Saturday 27th** **Village Lunch** Village Hall 12.15pm – see page 2.  
**Sunday 28th** **Briantspuddle Singers** Tolpuddle Church 6.30pm – see pages 7 and 25.  
**Tuesday 30th** **100 Club Draw** The Royal Oak 8.00pm.

## 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

## April 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**  
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on Thursday 4th April at 2.30pm

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Scorsese is a master storyteller and one of the best directors working today. Throughout his extraordinary career, Academy Award-winning director Martin Scorsese has brought his unique vision and dazzling gifts to life in a series of unforgettable films, but this rediscovery of the cinéma de papa is most memorable for its technical wizardry and astonishing visual trickery.

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

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**Sunday 7th April – 2.00pm**

**The Southern Winterbornes**

Meet outside St. Nicholas Church in Winterborne Kingston.

Grid reference: SY 863976 on OS Explorer Sheet 117 (approx. 4 miles)

**Wednesday 17th April – 11.00am**

**Martin Down and Penbury Knoll Hill-Fort**

Meet at Martin Down car park on A354, about ¼ mile north of Woodyates.

Grid reference: ST 037201 on OS Explorer Sheet 118 (approx. 6 miles)

**Sunday 5th May – 2.00pm**

**Briantspuddle Heath and Oakers Wood**

Meet at parking area on the heath, at first main junction south of Briantspuddle.

Grid reference: SY 815923 on OS Explorer Sheet OL15 (approx. 4 miles)

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# Local Police News

## Crime prevention security surveys

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- Anyone wishing to receive a survey is invited to contact local officers on 01202 223 006.
- Anyone wishing to speak to local officers to seek advice, or to advise us of anything suspicious, please call 101 and ask to speak to Blandford SNT.
- Anyone wishing to report a crime should call 101
- Anyone wishing to report a crime in progress or that you are concerned life is in danger; please call 999 as soon as practicable!

The quicker police get good information, the faster we can positively act on it. All information is treated with care and it is all accumulated to form a big picture. Please call us with any information you have, no matter how small it seems; it might be the final piece of the puzzle!

## Operation countryside

The second annual Operation Countryside will be held at Kingston Maurward College on Friday 26th April between 9.00am and 4.00pm. The rural crime prevention event, which was launched last year by Dorset Police, in conjunction with partner agencies, aims to inform and educate the rural community on how to avoid becoming a victim of crime, protect your property and/or business from risk of fire and also link in with already established rural networks. High profile speakers will be present at the event and traders will be offering show discounts. For more information visit [www.dorsetruralcrime.com](http://www.dorsetruralcrime.com) or contact Dorset Police to register your place on 01305 556 865 or [elaine.ryan@dorset.pnn.police.uk](mailto:elaine.ryan@dorset.pnn.police.uk)

## High value tool thefts

Blandford SNT is warning motor vehicle users, especially local van owners, to be vigilant after a recent increase in tool thefts from vans in the Blandford area. Some of these thefts have left the vehicle with no damage which suggests criminals may be using devices which block the signal from the key fob when it is being locked. Van owners are being urged to follow these simple steps to prevent them from becoming a victim:

- Don't assume your vehicle has locked properly using a key fob lock. Criminals can use devices which block the signal. Always check your doors are locked before leaving your vehicle unattended.
- If you have a garage, use it. If your van is parked on a driveway, consider installing security lighting or parking the rear of the van against a wall/front of the house so the rear doors aren't easily accessible. If neither of these apply, try to park in well lit areas.
- Consider alarming the vehicle or fitting an internal security cage.
- When tools and equipment are not being used, ensure they are kept securely in a lockable store rather than in your vehicle.
- Consider whether the storage area can be alarmed. If the equipment is portable, take it with you.
- Don't leave tools in vehicles unattended or overnight, and place a sign in the window stating they have been removed.
- Lock/immobilise vehicles and equipment when not in use.
- Visibly mark your machinery and tools using an engraving or chemical etching kit or use a forensic marking kit. Place a sticker in your window to say you have done so – the signage alone can be a very effective deterrent.
- Keep a list of tools, together with serial numbers and any identifying marks. You can do this at [www.immobilise.com](http://www.immobilise.com). This will help to trace them back to you if they are recovered.

Tools are extremely valuable possessions and when stolen can impact hugely on small businesses. Blandford SNT would like to remind all van owners to remove their tools from the vehicle when it is left unattended for long periods of time and overnight.

# The Village Hall

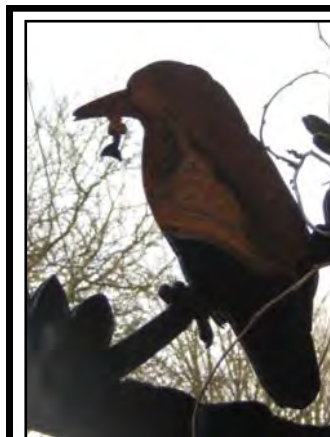
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## Your Hall Needs You!

VILLAGERS' views on the further development of the Village Hall are important and this year's Annual General Meeting is the opportunity you have to make these known. The AGM will be held on Wednesday 24th April at 7.00pm at the Hall when Trustees will outline their plans for resurfacing the car park and improving the kitchen facilities – please come along and comment.

We are currently seeking nominations for Trustees for the new year, and for volunteers to act as Secretary and Bookings' Secretary for the Hall. Clearly the Hall relies on the continued support of villagers willing to devote a little time to "making it work": if you think you may like to volunteer please, please contact the outgoing Secretary, Ed Frost on 07766 254881 or Paul Tasker on 07801 714619 as soon as possible in good time before the AGM.

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## Weather in Milborne St. Andrew February 2013

FEBRUARY was the first month since March 2012 with significantly less rainfall than average. Total rainfall for the month was 43.6mm which was 54% of normal, but drier weather in winter usually means colder weather and it was the coldest February since 1996. There were frosts on 15 nights. The first two weeks in March have continued dry and cold which has allowed most of the springs in Milton Road to dry up. Very little growth has occurred in fields and gardens up to the time of writing. The average temperature needs to reach 6°C before any appreciable growth takes place and the average temperatures for January and February were 4.4°C and 3.45°C respectively.

It was 'A Backward Spring' in 1917 when Thomas Hardy wrote;

"The trees are afraid to put forth buds,  
And there is timidity in the grass;  
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*Pluvius*



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We have a lovely new rug depicting Elmer the Elephant where the children can sit quietly with friends or enjoy a story. Finding any quiet area in a room full of energetic children is quite a challenge but we think Elmer is up to it.

*Liz Dyer*



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# Milborne St. Andrew First School



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## School News

DURING March the school held a science week, where many different activities were arranged for the children linked to the science curriculum. The week started with a visit from the Explorer Dome, within which the children learnt all about the solar system



and constellations. Over the week there were visits from geologists, further exploring of nature whilst working with Trees for Dorset and making bug hotels for our school grounds. At the end of the week awards were given out to the scientists of the week and winners of the Explorer Zone Challenges. Challenges included making the longest marble run, building a model rocket and creating the slowest falling parachute. Our final assembly of the week was



with Fizz Pop Science, where Astro Alice demonstrated all sorts of fun science to children and parents.

On 13th March we also held our annual year 3 and 4 six-a-side football festival for 12 local first schools. Having rescheduled the



tournament from November in the hope of better weather in the spring, the players battled through snow flurries and hailstones to complete their games, demonstrating some great football along the way. Spectators were grateful to Friends of School for hot drinks and home-made cakes and the Milborne team played so well they got through to the final; narrowly losing to Damers First School but collecting silver medals for their efforts.

On Friday 15th March you might have been forgiven for thinking the school had changed their uniform colours with the hall being filled with children wearing red. This change of clothes for the day, combined with sales of red noses and proceeds from a children's bring and buy book sale means we will be sending £253 to Comic Relief this year. Thank you to everyone for their donations.

The art project for April was produced by St. Andrew's Church and depicts the Easter festival. If you have the opportunity to see it in detail it is actually a collage, made using some beautiful fabrics.



## CONTACTS

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

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

**Chair of Governors:** Mr Kevin Connolly **FOS Chairman:** Sarah Clark

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Their individual journeys have proved both successful and fulfilling. Laurie's through 20 years in the RAF having obtained a Flying Scholarship at school which enabled him to gain his Private Pilot's Licence before going to RAF College at Cranwell. Duties within the RAF included captaining Hercules transport planes. In 1982 this involved him in flying 26 hour missions from Ascension Island dropping supplies to British Forces during the Falklands War. In his words "From missiles to strawberries and cream". Initially unable to land he not only delivered a multitude of goods, but also collected mail by a home grown method utilising something like a garden table leg with four foot hook to scoop mail bags from a 'washing line' at a height of 50 feet

above ground! During his military service Laurie also acted as Air Liaison Officer to an Army Brigade whilst based in Germany to foster mutual cooperation and reprised this role with a group of Forward Air Controllers from other regiments including the Life Guards.

In 1987, following discharge, Laurie began a new career as a lecturer in Civil Aviation initially teaching pilots at what was then the City of London Polytechnic and became London Metropolitan University. In 1999 he became Head of Department and when the Commercial Pilot Licence syllabus was rewritten, was responsible for the installation of a Flight Simulator to comply with the Civil Aviation Authority conditions for a Flying Training School. He also set up the first undergraduate Aviation Management Degree Course in the country becoming Associate Head of the Business Department at the University in 2002. When the University was suffering



financial problems, Laurie accepted a redundancy package in 2006. He then moved on to become a Flight Simulator Instructor at Farnborough until 2010. Alongside his lecturing he set up his own company as a freelance pilot until 2009 with contracts which involved flying all over the world as a relief pilot with companies such as JCB and RMC. His aviation activities included presenting Aviation Safety Courses in the UK and Europe.

Sue's has followed a totally different path during which her own instincts and experiences, beginning during an unhappy and 'rebellious' time at both Hollington Park Boarding School (from which she ran away twice) and various clerical jobs. She became a beauty therapist working in various salons and health clubs and first began to realise that she could dispel clients' pain and distress with a healing touch during massage treatments. Her affinity with animals and people became her guiding force and she became aware of her ability to heal and improve the lives of those around her. Her success with animals began with the healing of a concussed cockatiel, treating injured and sick farm animals and led to her being on call for the RSPCA and helping her daughter's MSc work with feral cats. She studied, completed courses, became a qualified Member of The Healing Trust (NFSH) and worked in clinics.

The Benns share their 16th century thatched cottage with a nine year old black Briard (French sheep dog) named Ruby. Sue has a horse, Puzzle, stabled in Tolpuddle, recently injured and now retired. She is therefore unable to ride, one of her passions since the age of four years and wonders *if any readers have horses that require exercise?* Her relationship with horses has always been one of mutual cooperation rather than that of power and domination.

The couple have two children whose talents and skills fairly represent their parents' own affinity with other peoples' health and social development. Their daughter, 38 year old Lisa, who recently gained a Distinction in her MSc in Animal Behaviour, was awarded a degree in Psychology, and also sang as a semi-professional classical soprano. Her main occupation is working three or four days a week on a NHS mental health helpline and as a photographer part-time. Their son, 40 year old Daniel, studied for and obtained a Masters Degree in Tourism specialising in holistic retreats, during an eight year stay in New Zealand. After gaining his degree he completed three years as a lecturer in a Hotel Management College before returning to the UK. He is currently studying for a PhD in Social Tourism.

Both Sue and Laurie have found contentment in their relationship, their various occupations and interests, their home and this village. Within the latter they have fast become integral figures in the community. Sue loves gardening and through this interest has become a Gardening Club committee member, a Bookends (a reading group) regular and made many friends. Laurie set up a Bridge Group that meets in The Royal Oak, is in the Crib League, the Food and Wine Society, the swimming group and a member of Dorchester Rotary Club.

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## Anna Karenna (12A)

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ANNA KARENINA is a timeless story that explores the capacity for love that surges through the human heart, while illuminating the lavish society that was imperial Russia. The year is 1874 when vibrant and beautiful Anna Karenina (Keira Knightley) has what any of her contemporaries would aspire to: she is the wife of Karenin (Jude Law), a high-ranking government official to whom she has borne a son, and her social standing in St. Petersburg could scarcely be higher. She journeys to Moscow after a letter from her philandering brother Oblonsky (Matthew Macfadyen) arrives, asking for Anna to come and help save his marriage to Dolly (Kelly Macdonald), but en route, Anna falls into a dangerous affair with a dashing young officer, Count Vronsky (Aaron Taylor-Johnson). The hypocrisy of society is skilfully highlighted by the fact that whilst Karenina's own brother's marital infidelities are brushed under the carpet, Anna's passion threatens to utterly ruin her.

By filming Leo Tolstoy's timeless novel as a series of theatre pieces that play out across stages and catwalks, Joe Wright extracts *Anna Karenina* from the dusty pages of history. Joe Wright's choice of Keira Knightley for the part of Anna Karenina may have surprised many, but in this sumptuous remake of the Tolstoy classic, she turns in a spirited performance whilst co-star, Matthew Macfadyen, lightens the mood whenever he utters one of his clever quips.

Stoppard takes a difficult and lengthy novel and turns it into something relevant and modern, but don't expect a standard costume drama although the costumes are as lavish as one could wish for in a period piece such as this, and the score is hauntingly beautiful. Visually stunning and wonderfully acted this complex film is easy to follow and the transition from one scene to another is very cleverly arranged. Definitely a must see.

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

## Thefts from Beauty Spots

WITH Easter fast approaching and the weather hopefully getting warmer and brighter, there is an increased possibility that thieves will target beauty spots and commit vehicle crime. Please be alert and aware of the possibility that thieves will target vehicles that are parked up in remote areas of the countryside.

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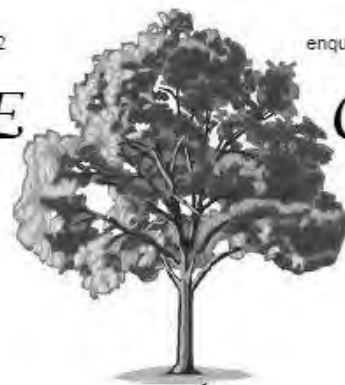
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## In your Garden

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

### The answer lies in the soil

It may seem a bit boring, but the soil in your garden is the key to the success or failure of your garden and is the most important aspect of growing healthy plants.

Happy soil is full of nutrients and creepy crawlies or to put it more scientifically – it has an abundance of fungi, bacteria, nematodes, worms and beetles. They will nourish your plants and improve growth. Where soil has been starved of organic matter, plants will be noticeably struggling and dying (literally) for a generous mulch of lovely garden compost.

You don't even need to dig it in – just add the organic matter to the surface and let the worms and other organisms drag it down – doing the hard work for you. NOT digging your soil actually leads to a healthier soil population and more vigorous plants – which will be healthier and less prone to pests and diseases. Organic matter can be any form of well-rotted plant material but animal manures are the best form of mulch to improve nutrient shortages. A thin soil (many of us have a thin layer of soil over the top of the chalky subsoil in Milborne) will benefit hugely from a thick mulch (10–15cm) of well-rotted organic matter each year.

To maintain soil health, you should be very careful about the amount of synthetic chemicals you use as they tend to irritate or even destroy many soil inhabitants. Although we all

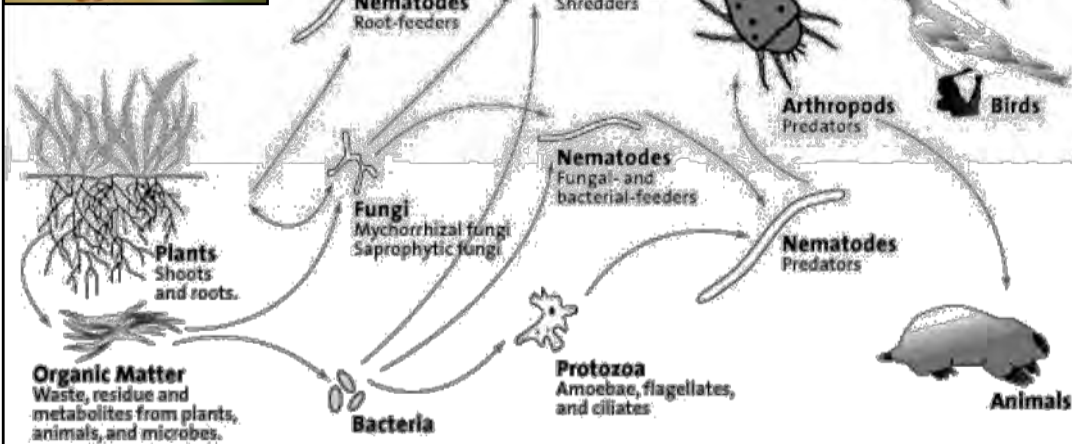
hate slugs, they do have a part to play in speeding up the decay and recycling old leaves and stems into lovely rich humus and nutrients. (I still hate them!) Slugs and snails are known as gastropods and mostly live under the surface. As well as converting organic waste to a more decomposed form, their excretions also help to bind the soil together.

One way of reducing their numbers is to put a few slug pellets underneath a piece of wood, or anywhere where you know they congregate, then collect them up and bin them.

You can enrich your home grown compost by incorporating animal manures. Horse manure is best for heavy soils and cow manure is ideal for light soils. Although it is easier to find a source of horse manure be extremely careful that it isn't full of bindweed, ground elder and other invasive weeds.

To finish off this month here are a few things you can be doing:

- Tie in climbing and rambling roses so the stems are as near horizontal as possible. This will encourage more side shoots to form – and more flowers.
- Cut back last year's growth on coloured stemmed dogwoods.
- Cut back perennial grasses – put the waste material onto the compost heap.
- Feed shrubs and other woody plants with a slow release fertilizer by sprinkling it over the roots and gently hoeing it in.







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Crab, pickled garlic and sun-blush tomato salad  
Roasted spreading garlic with basil pesto and toast

### Mains

Rump Steak with confit tomato, flat mushroom, hand  
cut chips, dressed rocket and red wine jus  
Lamb chops with new potatoes, butternut puree, and  
lemon thyme jus  
Fillet of Seabass with purple broccoli and capers  
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## Cricket Force 2013 – Milton Abbas Sports Club 10.00am 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

Colin Chastey, Club Chairman says "NatWest Cricket Force enables much needed work to take place at our ground ensuring the 2013 season gets off to the best possible start for our senior and junior teams.

"All players start their cricket careers at local clubs and it is crucial that we support the game's development. Good facilities and a fun environment can be the difference between youngsters staying with cricket or not and NatWest Cricket Force helps make clubs a real focus for community sports activities and volunteering opportunities".

Please come and support us from 10.00am on Saturday 13th April at the sports field. We will, as usual, provide refreshments – all we ask of you is to bring your brute strength, your wheelbarrows and strong garden tools and wear your work clothes – we are planning a huge garage clear out this year amongst other things. Glaziers, woodworkers, electricians and painters are most welcome to bring their talents too!

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