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Millborne St. Andrew



Hands up for netball

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Gardening Club annual plant sale

GARDENING Club members, village folk and visitors from far and wide enjoyed the bargains at the Annual Plant Sale. Despite cloudy weather and several people being away or poorly, the morning went very well with a steady stream of customers and most plants went off to new homes.



Everyone put their diet to one side and tucked into delicious cakes with their tea and coffee. The morning was enhanced by The Friendly Art Club's exhibition where members put on a great display – what a talented village this is! Anyone interested in joining please contact Elaine (837089) for more information.

The raffle and photographic presentation (thanks Heather and Pip) were also added attractions.

Thanks to everyone who helped in any way – we are most grateful.

PS A jacket was found when we were clearing up; please phone Richard Lock(837929). Angie Nowell

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Himalayan Balsam on the Bere Stream

DORSET Wildlife Trust's *Return of the Natives* Project, whose partners include Farming and Wildlife Advisory Group South West,

Environment Agency, the AONB and Natural England, endeavours to eradicate the invasive non-native plant Himalayan Balsam from the Bere Stream over the course of the next few years. We aim to do this by working with landowners and volunteers to hand pull from the source of Himalayan Balsam down to the lower reaches of its distribution in Milborne St Andrew.

Himalayan Balsam is an invasive annual that seeds along the river banks and quickly grows, out-competing the native flora. The roots are very shallow, so when it dies back in the autumn the banks have no cover and no roots holding them together, so erosion and siltation becomes a problem as does an absence of food for native species like Water Vole. *Return of the Natives* also focuses on restoring native flora that can be replaced by these invasive plants with wetland species such as Meadowsweet, Purple Loosestrife, Yellow flag iris, Skullcap and Fleabane.

Our key message to those living in Milborne St. Andrew is to ask you to join us in our efforts, by uprooting any Himalayan Balsam plants that are on your land and burning or compost them before they seed.

If you would like any further information about this project then please contact James Parkin at Dorset Wildlife Trust on jparkin@dorsetwildlifetrust.org.uk or 01305 217 976.

James Parkin

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Ladies' netball update

ON Saturday 4th May ten ladies turned up for the first practice. We had a 5-a-side match where many rules were bent as it had been many a year since most of us had picked up a netball! Not before long many of us realised that we are not as fit as we thought we were! Despite sweat and aching muscles, there were smiley faces by the end of the hour! Everyone seemed eager to return, and the following week saw ten ladies attend training. We warmly welcomed a lady who has many years of league netball experience. Her knowledge of the game was instantly beneficial.

If you are interested in playing netball, please come along to a training session. We play every Saturday from 11.00am to 12 noon on the MSA Village Hall MUGA court. New faces are welcome.

The front cover picture, taken by Heather Hogg, shows some of the ladies who turned out for the very first netball practice at the Village Hall MUGA court.

For further details contact Jane Williams 01258 839291.

Bikers' Ride Out in aid of cancer unit Sunday 16th June

FOR the past four years with the help and support from my family, friends and also the Black Sheep Bike and Trike Club, we have organized a 60 mile marshalled Ride Out.

The ride is in aid of the Poole Hospital Cancer Unit and since we started, we have raised over £5,500 to help with the daily care of their patients.

Even if you don't ride a motorbike please come along and support the event. Come and see all the bikes and trikes at the Village Hall in Milborne St. Andrew – they start to arrive at 11.00am and we leave for the Ride Out at 12 noon, returning at 3.30pm. There will be music and refreshments from 10.30am through to 6.30pm.

You can join us on Facebook or you can check us out on our website www.oak-motorcycle-rally.co.uk.

So please come along and support us on the day.

Ride safe and all the best.

Malcolm Carpenter

Mini quizzes at Wednesday Club



ABOUT 20 people attended our May meeting in the village hall on a bright, sunny afternoon. We could have been wandering round Compton Acres but this had to be cancelled due to lack of interest. We had a go at three mini quizzes set and led by Margaret Evans. All enjoyed this with a cuppa and a natter.

Our next meeting is on 5th June when the members can enjoy our usual cream tea.

July 2nd (Tuesday) will hopefully see a boat trip up the Exe from Exmouth to Topsham and thence (as the tide will be right) through the locks to Exeter Quay. Weather permitting we will spend some time in Exeter before the homeward journey.

We will need more people to fill the coach at £22.00 per head so please contact Janet on 01258 837551 for more information if you would like to go.

Janet Allen

All copy for the July Reporter must be received by the **14th June**. Please send copy via e-mail to msa.reporter@yahoo.co.uk or give to a member of the team.

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Report on Gardening Club April Meeting 25th April



MEMBERS and visitors were treated to a fascinating talk by David Hitchcock on 'Winning Gold Medals at Chelsea'. He is an experienced nurseryman with many years of showing his plants in the South West of England. He started with dahlias and moved on to pinks. In the 1980's

he began to win medals at Chelsea.

It was obvious that his wife had many ideas for the displays they produced and they worked very much as a team. One or two ideas went slightly wrong but many produced Gold Medal awards.

Some of the unusual displays found the couple sourcing all sorts of interesting objects such as a maypole – made up of drain pipes, buckets, ribbons and curtains, not forgetting the hundreds of pinks.

Another idea was a giant birthday cake with lighted candles. One of the best ideas was a display to advertise the Stoke Garden Festival – it involved pottery from the top makers, Wedgewood, Spode, Royal Doulton and Crown Derby. David persuaded the companies to lend him various platters, huge bowls etc. Johnson Tiles also specially made 875 tiles for the event and supplied jardinières that were just created for the show. This particular Chelsea Show was very special as the Queen and Royal family showed great interest in the display and stayed chatting to David and his wife for much longer than the schedule had allowed for!!

Other displays involved a galleon which required rigging, a crow's-nest, rope coils and even a cannon. The couple were never deterred by the diverse objects they had to find, in fact this became the main challenge apart from the actual blooms. Next was a lake with the idea of flowers being reflected on it. This became another obstacle to overcome and the problem was solved by dyeing the water black which was very expensive but in the end it all worked well.

Margaret Thatcher showed her interest one year when a carousel was put together for the display and 16 poles were secured for the shape and everything had to balance safely. After 25 years showing at Chelsea the Hitchcocks celebrated with a display specially made with glass vases and bowls (full of blooms) made by Dartingtons of Devon, which must have been really spectacular.

The evening finished with refreshments and the usual business of updating our diaries for future events.

Recently 16 members enjoyed a trip to see Ruth Goulden's (one of our members) garden at Gussage All Saints. This was a great afternoon and many thanks go to Ruth for giving us the opportunity to visit.

Our next meeting will be on 27th June when Neil Lovesey talks on Herbs – What are they?
Angie Nowell

Bus2Go volunteers required

Bus2Go volunteers are required once a month on a rota basis, usually on a Wednesday (9.30am–2.30pm) during the school day. Duties would include

- Help assist-less able bodied passengers. No lifting required.
- Help choose food from the menu, clothing/plants, when we are out shopping.

Health officials are noting the benefits that the community bus has to offer, including greater socialisation, confidence building and well-being.

For further information and an application form please email bus2go@btinternet.com or telephone Margo 01258 837749.

Date for your diary
Dorset Historic Churches Ride and Stride
September 14th from 10.00am to 6.00pm
More information next month.

Percy's garden

By John Wright

Gardening had been Percy's passion for forty years and he was going to carry on until the day he died. In his small garden he produced all the vegetables and fruit that he and Hilda could eat, and flowers for the house throughout the year. Percy was proud of his garden. He kept it maintained perfectly and, whatever the season, Hilda could always find something special to enjoy.

Looking to the future he started to make things easier for himself by raising the beds in wooden boxes so that he wouldn't have to bend down so far, and keeping the fruit trees and beanpoles low enough to avoid an awkward stretch. He made the paths a bit wider 'so I can get a wheelchair along them,' he said. He prayed that he would never be confined to one, but it was best to be prepared.

One spring, the most terrible thing that Percy had ever experienced happened. Hilda fell ill. Neither of them had ever been ill since they first met at school. Hilda didn't like being confined to bed, and Percy had to find a way to look after her as well as the garden.

The first problem was cooked meals. For years his aim had been to grow beautiful produce to place at the kitchen door, but it was now not only necessary but also very satisfying to present them as a tempting meal for Hilda.

Percy knew that his priorities had changed, and that the garden would suffer. He concentrated on the produce that gave the greatest pleasure to Hilda and was easiest to deal with in the kitchen. Carrots, beans and parsnips continued to come in with her favourite daffodils, sweet peas and chrysanthemums. He gathered the soft fruit and apples in season, but now didn't have time to tend the bushes as well as he would have liked. He kept the garden near the cottage window as beautiful as possible, though, because Hilda had been moved downstairs to give her a better view of him and the world outside.

By November Hilda had become very weak, and Percy spent most of his time with her. He was devastated when, at the beginning of December, after a mug of her favourite vegetable soup, she settled down for her afternoon nap and died peacefully in his arms.

He felt so alone. Planning for the future seemed pointless; you can't prepare for every eventuality. The only solace he found was the garden that had given Hilda so much pleasure. New life needed to be started out there. He began on Christmas Eve by planting seeds in the greenhouse. By the spring shoots were appearing – as the year moved on flowers and vegetables appeared in abundance and Percy found new friends with whom to share the beautiful produce. But his favourite times were when he was alone in the garden talking to Hilda.



Can you identify where this is in Milborne?

Be the first to send your answer to msa.reporter@yahoo.co.uk or give to any member of the Reporter team (Reporter team members can be found on page two).

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June News from Milton Abbas and Milborne St. Andrew Surgery

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Dispensary – During the early part of June, due to holidays and a member of staff leaving to further develop her career, we will be experiencing a staff shortage. We apologise in advance for any difficulties this may cause and ask that you bear with us until we have fully trained a new member of the dispensary team. Please help us by making sure you allow at least 48 working hours between the time you order your medication and the time you wish to collect it and longer if you use the post office collection or van delivery service.

Practice Staff – Lots of staff changes are due in June, both people moving on and new members joining the team. We would like to wish Hannah our dispensary assistant every luck in her new job, she will be greatly missed and, as stated above, we are in the process of recruiting a new member to the team. A new member of staff will be joining the administration team, her name is Caroline, and she will be with us from the beginning of June onwards. Our two GP registrars Dr Trickey and Dr Sword will both have completed their time with us this summer and will be replaced by a new male GP registrar due to join us in August. Primary Care nurse Jane, already known to some of our patients will be permanently joining the nurse team in July. Sadly, we say farewell to our longstanding phlebotomist Pauline who will be starting her long earned retirement in June.

Measles – In light of the current outbreak we are in the process of contacting the parents of children between the ages of 3 and 16 years who we believe have not received the full course of the MMR vaccination. We will also be contacting young people between the ages of 16 and 17 to offer them the opportunity to be vaccinated. Please contact the surgery if you are a parent worried about your child or children's vaccination status or if you are a young person unsure if you received the full MMR programme. If you receive a letter and think our information is incorrect please contact us so that we can update our records.

Abbey Sunday swimming

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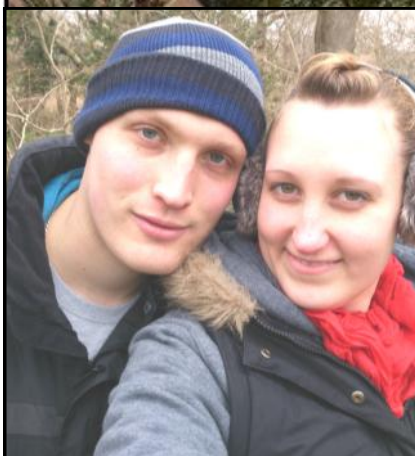
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All Pre-school Parent and Toddler sessions and Adult swimming lessons are held on a Sunday morning in the Abbey pool. For more details or to book contact Maria on 01258 880895/07721 011461.

Weldmar Hospicecare Trust Sahara Trek



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Nicky and Tim Trek the Sahara for Weldmar Hospicecare Trust

THIS October, Tim and I will be taking part in a four day trek across the Sahara Desert in Morocco to help raise vital funds for the Weldmar Hospicecare Trust. We will be crossing a mixture of terrains including huge sand dunes and dried-up riverbeds, spending around eight hours a day trekking in up to 38°C heat and then camping at night (which could reach -1°C). The Royal Oak have kindly agreed to offer a Moroccan buffet night on Thursday 13th June where there will be a selection of tasty Moroccan dishes available to try. The meal is £9.95 per person with £1 going directly to the charity. We will also be holding a raffle on the night, so please come along and enjoy great food, good company and help raise money for this amazing local charity.

You can also give online by visiting: www.justgiving.com/timandnickyssaharatrek.
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Nicky Dyer and Tim Joslin

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Liz Dyer



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School News

THIS month has seen a lot of sporting activities in school. All year groups have been getting some expert football coaching, the year 3 pupils have enjoyed taking part in an athletics festival at St. Mary's Middle School and the year 4s learnt about orienteering. Each week all pupils enjoy their time with Action Van sports coaches – this week the poor weather kept activities indoors, but children were able to practice their jumping skills.



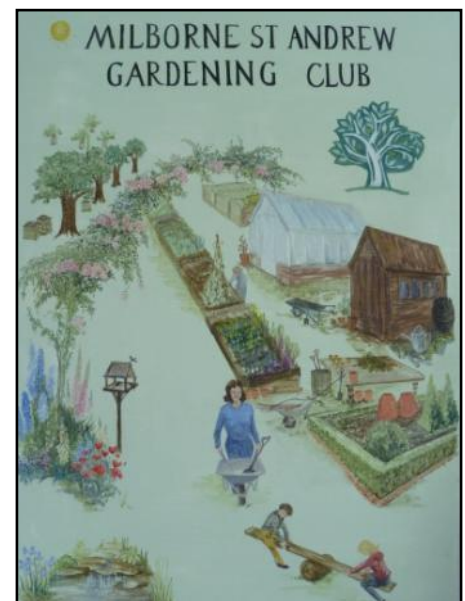
At the start of May year 4 pupils had the opportunity to visit Lyme Regis for the Fossil Festival. As well as taking part in fossil workshops, there were also opportunities for fossil related art and learning about geocaching and stargazing. Charlie wrote about the art of rock balancing *"The man balanced them by concentrating really hard on the rocks because he was doing it on curved edges. After he showed us he let us have a go. It was really*



hard, it's not as easy as it looks." Maybe a way to pass the time at the beach this summer.

Continuing their Trees for Dorset project, the year 4s were also given permission by the land owners to walk around Milborne Woods. Not only did they see the beautiful seasonal display of bluebells, but also learnt about much of the local flora and fauna with Mrs Featherstone.

Our month by month review of our art project now comes to a close with the June picture. Milborne St. Andrew Gardening Club produced a beautiful and detailed work showing all their horticultural expertise. The art project has been admired by many visitors to the school since it was put in place. Thank you once again to everyone who was involved.



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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Spring vegetable soup recipe

A *light spring vegetable soup* fits the bill as it can be light or hearty as the weather changes. A simple pea and herb soup can take on a main role when made from ham stock in which a ham hock has been cooked. A light broth can be bolstered with noodles or given substance with pieces of toasted sourdough and thick olive oil.

A basic pea, fennel and mint soup:

600g fennel chopped.

500g fresh or frozen peas.

900ml stock (vegetable or ham in which a ham hock has been simmered for 45–50 minutes).

3 tablespoons chopped fresh mint.

Salt and black pepper.

1. Place fennel, peas and stock in a large saucepan and bring to the boil.

2. Add chopped mint and simmer for further one minute, (other herbs can be added such as basil, parsley or chives).

3. Reserve a cupful (or more) of the vegetables and puree the remaining mixture in a food processor or hand-held mixer. Scrape back into the pan.

4. Return the reserved vegetables to the soup and reheat. Season to taste with salt and pepper then serve, garnished with lettuce leaves and herbs (such as chervil and mint).

If using ham stock, tear the ham into large pieces and add to the soup bowls.

This could be augmented in different ways by adding any or all of the following: leeks, spring onions, courgettes, flageolet beans, broad beans. The latter can be from 400g tins or dried/fresh and cooked separately. (The fennel can be omitted if it is not to everyone's taste.)

Carole Fornachon



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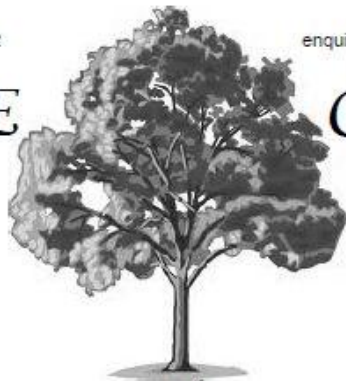
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K; 10; Ace. The set also comes with specific scoring cards which operate with three wheels similar to a clock face.

To Play

Cards are shuffled and dealt successively in packets of 3; 2; 3: each player having 8 cards. The game is one of two parts. The object of the first part is to collect certain winning combinations and sequences which can be declared and scored after winning a trick. The game is played by discarding and picking up from the stockpile. When the stockpile has disappeared, the players are left with 8 cards.

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Scoring

Scoring of collected and declared card combinations is done on special wheel cards and the winner is the player who is the first to score 1,000 points or the player who scores the most points in a previously decided time.

This brief description gives a flavour of Bezique and once the basic rules have been mastered, it is a most intriguing game combining skill and luck. Our small group would be happy to expand our numbers and welcome anyone who would like to find out more. Anyone interested could either play a few games with the group or on a one to one trial basis with no commitment. At the moment we play on alternate Thursday afternoons, but we can be flexible and play anytime, anywhere.

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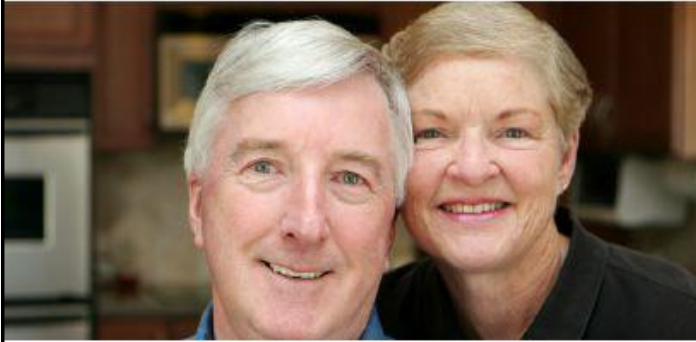
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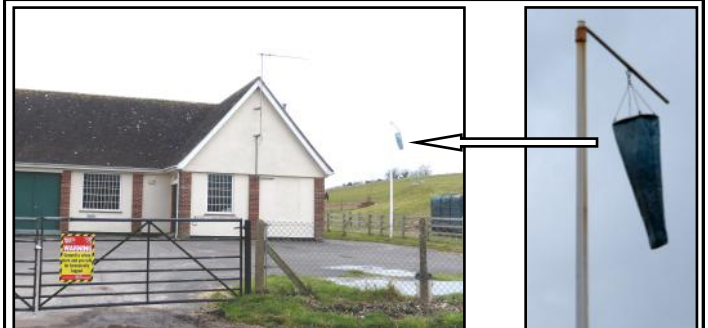
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June

- Saturday 1st** **Ladies Netball Practice** Village Hall MUGA 11.00am – see page 3.
- Tuesday 4th** **100 Club Draw** The Royal Oak, 8.00pm. New members always welcome – see pages 17 and 21.
- Wednesday 5th** **Wednesday Club** Village Hall 2.00pm Cream teas – see page 3.
- Saturday 8th** **Ladies Netball Practice** Village Hall MUGA 11.00am.
Ladybirds Sale Village Hall 2.30pm – see page 3.
- Thursday 13th** **WI** talk by Bonny Sarton 'A slightly alternative Christmas' Village Hall 7.30pm.
Moroccan Evening in aid of Weldmar Hospicecare Trust The Royal Oak. Please support Nicky and Tim – see page 7.
- Friday 14th** **Quartet** Milborne Movies Village Hall 7.00pm – see pages 16 and below.
- Tuesday 14th** **Reporter** deadline for copy. Please send your stories and pictures to msa.reporter@yahoo.co.uk or to Millie at millie@milbornestandrew.org.uk
- Saturday 15th** **Ladies Netball Practice** Village Hall MUGA 11.00am.
- Sunday 16th** **Bikers' Ride Out** Village Hall 11.00am – see page 3.
Cream Teas afternoon to raise money for the Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance Service. Parsonage Farm, from 3.00–5.00pm – see page 21.
- Wednesday 19th** **Parish Council** Village Hall 7.30pm.
- Saturday 22nd** **Ladies Netball Practice** Village Hall MUGA 11.00am.
- Saturday 22nd** **Family Fun Day** Sports Field, Lane End 12 noon onwards – see page 7.
- Thursday 27th** **Gardening Club** Neil Lovesey talk on Herbs, What are they? Village Hall 7.30pm.
- Saturday 29th** **Ladies Netball Practice** Village Hall MUGA 11.00am.
- Saturday 29th** **Village Lunch** Village Hall 12.15pm – see page 2.

Quartet (12A) (Milborne Movies)

at Milborne St. Andrew Village Hall
on Friday 14th June 2013 at 7.30pm

Quartet centres on four opera singers and is set at one of England's most scenic estates, the fictional Beecham House for Retired Musicians. It is based on Ronald Harwood's stage play of the same name and is a wickedly comic film about redefining old age and growing old with hope. Lifelong friends Wilf (Billy Connolly) and Reggie (Tom Courtenay), together with former colleague Cissy (Pauline Collins), are residents of Beecham House, a home for retired opera singers. Every year on Giuseppe Verdi's birthday, the residents unite to give a concert to raise funds for their home, but when Jean Horton (Maggie Smith), a former grande dame of the opera fallen on hard times, who is also Reggie's ex-wife and the fourth and most celebrated member of their former quartet, moves into the home to everyone's surprise, the plans for this year's concert start to unravel. The film is full of empathy, humour, living power and force.

As should be expected from such an exulted cast the standard of acting is excellent, the story line doesn't take itself too seriously and the humour is nicely calculated to add to, rather than detract from, the drama. Hoffman directs with elegance, allowing the denizens to be dignified, as well as adorable. We get a strong sense of each major character. Too many films make elderly folks come off like doddering buffoons. These characters feel universal in their emotions and make the same mistakes that those far younger might, emphasising their humanity over their encroaching mortality.

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.

More information from Alice Harrall on 01258 837371.

Regular Bookings at the Village Hall

- Ladybirds Playgroup** Monday–Friday 8.30am–1.00pm MH (term time only)
- Beavers** Monday 6.00–7.15pm MH (term time only)
- Scouts** Monday 6.00–8.00pm CR/MH
- Players** Monday 8.00–10.00pm MH
- ABC Line Dancers** Tuesday 7.30–10.00pm MH
- Cub Scouts** Tuesday 5.45–7.15pm MH (term time only)
- MSA Friendly Art Group** second and fourth Wednesday 7.00–9.00pm CR
- Wednesday Club** first Wednesday 2.00–4.00pm MH
- Gardening Club** fourth Thursday 7.30–10.00pm MH
- Karate** Thursday 5.10–6.40pm MH
- Village Hall Committee** third Thursday 7.30–10.00pm
- Women's Institute** second Thursday 7.30–10.00pm
- Coffee, Cake and Computers** Friday 10.00am–12.00 noon CR
- 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

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June at the Sports Club

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The hunt for an elusive aristocrat

THE sun shone bright and the air was still; it was early May and the conditions seemed perfect to seek out an elusive but short-lived beauty of the British countryside. They are in only a handful of colonies around England, and we are fortunate enough in Dorset to have a contingent of the Duke of Burgundy butterfly. Blink, and you'll miss them though – once they emerge, these butterflies live but for a few weeks, just long enough to mate and then lay eggs on either cowslips or primroses.

So how would we recognise these dukes? Are they tweed coloured, wear a monocle and have a ruddy nose? Well, it's a good job we have Milborne's resident lepidopterist with us, Dr Caroline Bulman (aka the Mrs) for hunting expertise and identification. Duke of Burgundys are not, in fact, that aristocratic looking. They are quite small with a wingspan of just over an inch across and have brown and orange chequered wings, delicately fringed with white scallops.

We headed towards the noted site, about 15 miles from Milborne; whilst I can't say exactly where, it can be said we enjoyed a pre-safari lunch at The Acorn Inn at Evershot (and very good it was too), to give you an idea. Parking as near as possible, the walk to the site was along a gentle slope, affording glorious views of the Blackmore Vale. The colonies of Dukes here been sighted annually for many years, though



Early-purple Orchid with cowslip in background.

the species nationally is in steep decline, having fallen over 50% in the last three decades. The Dorset-based national charity, Butterfly Conservation, lists the Duke of Burgundy as a 'high priority' case, whilst its European status is 'threatened'.

Walking further, the grazed fields gave way to more natural chalk grassland, dotted with cowslips and other flora. This was a signal to now keep a look out, cowslip being the host plant of the Duke caterpillars. The female adult will lay her eggs on the underside of the leaf, usually in up to four batches. It was a fine,

warm day, so expectation of seeing males in flight, feeding or defending their territories was high. The female, by contrast, keeps a low profile preferring to rest, or flying low to the ground to search for suitable egg-laying spots.

But nothing of the Duke yet. There was, however, plenty of our other native species in flight; the highly recognisable Small Tortoiseshell

was sighted, flitting in the warm sunshine, as well as a couple of staple Small Whites, proving it's not just veg patches and gardens they frequent. Further still, scanning the near distance for our prey, we saw the bright and blousy Peacock with its beautiful yet highly effective 'eye' markings.

We were now in prime Duke of Burgundy territory and where some of their number have been spotted in recent years; alongside a hedge, next to a steeply banking slope which was catching the afternoon sun. Cowslips abounded, as well as some interesting native species such as the Early-purple Orchid, a tall spike covered with dozens of deep purple flowers. As its name suggests, it is one of our first flowering orchids. Another aptly-named species came fluttering by, the Orange-tip – it's exactly as it says on the tin, wingtips looking as if they have been dipped into a tin of tangerine juice. (Although that's just the male; the female has black wingtips). But this harbinger of spring was flying alone; the elusive Duke of Burgundy still hadn't made an appearance.

Perhaps it was too early in the season, though reports from colonies in Hampshire in recent days had informed us that the Dukes had emerged there, so it was a good chance that the Dorset residents had too. On we walked, but we were fast completing the circumnavigation of the site with no sign of our prey. It was looking as if we were to be thwarted, when Caroline bent down to look intently at something on a tussock. It was not, however, what we had come to see but some kind of consolation – a Green Hairstreak.



Green Hairstreak feeding on Hairy Bitter-cress

She had to point it out to us, such is its size and camouflage. A small and delicate butterfly, its wingspan being about 32mm, the undersides an iridescent green which it shows when perched, always keeping its wings clasped together. The wings shimmer in the sun's rays, taking on a metallic aspect or like a fragment of glazed Victorian pottery. Although not rare as such, it is not seen commonly since often the number of colony members is low, and its size and colouration make it hard to spot.

So was it a wasted afternoon? A lovely jaunt in the warm sunshine, spotting native British wildlife on the micro-scale; so I think not. Yes, disappointing that we hadn't found what we'd come for, but another day in the near future, and we'll hopefully see the Dukes flitting about. I'll raise a glass to that. Of Burgundy, naturally.

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A compassionate life

I have recently read an interesting book by Trystan Owain Hughes, *The Compassion Quest* (SPCK, 2013).

Much of Christian tradition concentrates on the inner spiritual life, my relationship with God, if you like. Hughes argues that, important as this dimension is in our Christian lives, it has led to a separation of our interior and exterior lives in a less than helpful way.

He reminds readers that in the Bible a person's prayer life is not a separate entity from the rest of his or her existence. Jesus talks far more about how to live than about how to pray. He assumes people are praying and cultivating a relationship with God, and he shows by example that he needs time and space away for moments alone with God.

But Jesus was also adamant that our spiritual and practical living must be part of a coherent whole. Though humans have a particular role in creation, we are not separate from the non-human elements, but inextricably linked with them as part of God's creation.

What many today have lost is a sense of interconnectedness. Humans have come to believe in a very individualistic, human-centred world view, where creation has become little more than a backdrop for the story of relationships between God and humanity.

In many situations creation is viewed as an expendable commodity for us to use as we will. That was never God's intention. Creation is a divine gift, and our calling is to care for it and recognise it as one of the ways in which God reveals Godself to us.

No part of life is separate from God. Hughes reminds us that: "Church does not start and finish on Sunday, but continues in whichever community God has placed us. Whether we are a nurse, a shop assistant, a lawyer or a teacher, God has placed us to be salt and light in our communities." The secular and the spiritual are one because God's presence is in both.

Recognising the presence of God in all the world and that each human being is part of God's creation will enable us to live more compassionate lives.

Compassion is very different from pity, which is offered from a place of separateness from those who are the focus of it. Compassion is about recognising our togetherness with those who suffer. It is about being part of their lives, rather than removed from it. It is the way of the Cross, and has its roots in love.

Everything that God has made has significance in itself, not merely for what it can provide for us. Every leaf, every ant, every star and every blade of grass has been shaped by God. When we learn to see ourselves as part of that creation and not separate from it, we recognise the truth of Psalm 24: "the earth is the Lord's and everything in it; the world and those who dwell therein."

With best wishes,

Sarah Hillman

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12 noon	Lunch-time Communion	Milborne
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9th JUNE – Trinity 2

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

16th JUNE – Trinity 3

9.30am	Family Communion	Tolpuddle
9.30	1662 Said Communion	Milborne
11.00	1662 Morning Prayer	Puddletown
11.00	Holy Communion	Dewlish
6.00pm	Service of Wholeness and Healing	Puddletown

THURSDAY 20th JUNE

12 noon	Lunch-time Communion	Puddletown Church Room
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23rd JUNE – Trinity 4

9.30am	All-Age Worship	Tolpuddle
9.30	1662 Holy Communion	Milborne
11.00	Pet Service	Dewlish
11.00	Family Communion	Puddletown

With Sunday Seekers and Crèche

30th JUNE – Trinity 5

10.00am	United Benefice Holy Communion (with music by Roger's Rant)	Milborne
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Monday – Puddletown	Tuesday – Milborne
Wednesday – Tolpuddle	Thursday – Dewlish
Saturday – Puddletown	

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1st and 8th June – Angie Nowell
15th and 22th June – Lin Chatfield

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Milborne St. Andrew Church Notes

NOW that all the busy Easter activities are over and Ascension Day has slipped by we are approaching the 22 weeks of Trinity during which we can concentrate on the everyday jobs round the church. We have made a start by getting more people involved in the day to day running of the church, so I hope we can keep up the momentum. The builder has promised to start work on the roof "soon", and by the time you read this a Payback team should have spent a day tidying the churchyard after all the tree felling earlier in the year. The PCC has made progress towards deciding on a new electronic organ setup, though the recent theft from church of a keyboard that had been lent to us is making us think carefully about security.

At our recent PCC meeting we agreed that we should support two local Food Bank schemes. We will have a box in church every Sunday for donations of non-perishable food that will be divided between Dorchester's Food Bank run from the Dorford Centre in Bridport Road, and the scheme running in Blandford. We do hope that those who do not normally come to our church will support our effort as there are more and more people living in our community who desperately need help to feed themselves and their families. Just call John Wright if you have a donation but cannot bring it to church.

We are looking ahead to the end of July when we will be running a Bric-a-Brac stall at the Milton Abbas Street Fair. While you are spring cleaning is an ideal time to sort out that no longer required 'clutter'; we will be very happy to receive anything for our stall at any time.

John Wright (01258 839090)

Dewlish Church News

Raising money for Air Ambulance lifeline

ON Sunday 16th June the Dewlish Ladies Group is holding a **Cream Teas afternoon** to raise money for the Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance Service. The event will be held at the home of Mrs Sue Britton, Parsonage Farm, from 3.00-5.00pm.

As the group has so few members, it has been decided to invite anyone who would like to organise and run a stall for the charity to join us. We would also ask, please, for raffle prizes and cakes - and, of course, do come and support this worthy cause. As we all know, the Air Ambulance can be a lifeline for the public.

Putting pets in the picture

On Sunday 23rd June All Saints Church is holding its **Annual Pet Service** in the churchyard at 11.00am. We would welcome any pet or, if they are too troublesome, a picture will do! We look forward to seeing you there - and any of your "friends" of course!

Daphne Burg

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*Please speak to Denise Sanderson, Jenny Balcon
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It's a Small World - WI May 2013

CONGRATULATIONS to our President, Jenny Preston, who has been co-opted onto the Board at the WI County Office. In her words, it will be "a great way to find out what goes on behind the scenes". We look forward to sharing some of her experiences at future meetings.

Friendly skittles v Charminster WI took place on 13th May in The Royal Oak.

Coming up: Our Group walk is on Monday 24th June.

The Summer Supper is on Friday 28th June at Pat Shipton's, 'Rangemore', at 7.00pm. Catering and other arrangements to be discussed at next month's meeting.

Literary lunch at Athelhampton House on Friday 23rd August, where the guest speaker is Jane Robinson, and tickets will include access to the gardens.

Outing to RNLi Headquarters at Poole on Thursday 29th August.

Ann Gould, our speaker, whose subject was 'World of Miniatures', brought along a wonderful display of her work. She gave a very



informative talk and told us that most of the items had been made from oddments such as milk container tops, scraps of material and loo roll middles. Nelda Oakes voiced our sincere appreciation and thanks.

At our next meeting on Thursday 13th June, Bonny Sartin will host 'A slightly alternative Christmas', and the exhibition will continue the theme with 'A favourite Christmas recipe'. Please do join us.

June Maitland

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Dorset Police News

Beauty spot thefts

PEOPLE visiting Dorset's beauty spots are being warned to remove all valuables from their vehicles – to prevent them from becoming a victim of car crime.

In Dorset, thefts from vehicles tend to increase during the spring and summer months as a result of the increase in visitors to the county and the change in weather. Evenings are becoming lighter and people are taking advantage of this by visiting beauty spots all over Dorset.

Crime Prevention and Design Advisor for Dorset Police, Debbie Oldfield, said: "Unfortunately, people are still taking risks when leaving their vehicles unattended. Many vehicles are seen with valuables on display or windows left open. This is an open invitation for thieves. If a thief sees, or even thinks there is something of value in your car, they will try their luck. The best advice is not to leave anything in your car. Leave it at home, or take it with you."

More crime prevention advice can be found on our interactive Crime Prevention Portal on the Dorset Police website.

Blandford SNT changes

As some of you may already be aware, Blandford Safer Neighbourhood Team is seeing a few temporary changes between now and May 2016.

PCSO 6783 Emma Procter from Blandford Town SNT started a three year career break on Wednesday 1st May. We wish her well and look forward to her returning in May 2016.

Also, PCSO 5463 Charli Barkshire from Blandford Town SNT starts her maternity leave on Friday 3rd May and is due back on Wednesday 7th January 2014. We will update you once baby has arrived at the end of May.

Blandford SNT twitter

Blandford SNT is now on Twitter. You can follow us at @BlandfordSNT; this account covers the whole Blandford Section (Rural North, Rural South and Town). We will be tweeting from Monday 3rd June 2013! Follow us for updates and let us know about any issues concerning you in your area.

Crime stats website

www.police.uk is a website that can be accessed to view the latest crime statistics and anti social behaviour incidents for your Safer Neighbourhood area. You can interact with your local SNT, link through to Dorset Police Twitter and get up-to-date with the latest Dorset Police News. This is another means of engaging with your local Police.

It works 'alarmingly' well

Safer Neighbourhood Teams in North Dorset have been working for a number of months, installing 'STOP THAT THIEF' alarms to repeat victims of crime in conjunction with the NFU. They have proved to be both popular and successful with several positive results. The most recent of which was on Monday 23rd April when an alarm activated at around 10.30pm. The landowner spotted a male hidden by a gate with two containers filled with diesel. The male jumped the gate and made off across the field leaving the diesel behind. Unfortunately, Dorset Police were not notified until the next day and the resident has been urged to call 999 or 101 immediately if the alarm activates in the future for an unknown reason. Nevertheless, the would-be thief did not get away with the property and the alarm served its purpose perfectly. If anyone feels they need any crime prevention advice in relation to this type of incident, please contact you local SNT.

Blandford Safer Neighbourhood Team is now on Facebook and Twitter:

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The Gun – The AK-47 and the Evolution of War by C J Chivers

C J CHIVERS is a senior writer for the New York Times and its former Moscow Bureau Chief. He was an infantry officer in the US Marine Corps from 1988 to 1994 and served in the first Gulf War. He has reported from many wars, including the current conflict in Afghanistan.

His book is striking to look at, with a labelled diagram of an AK-47 on the otherwise plain front cover.

He has researched his subject widely, and covers the history of the automatic weapon since Richard J Gatling first had the idea of a gun that would 'by the rapidity of its fire enable one man to do as much battle duty as a hundred' and would 'supercede the necessity of large armies, and consequently exposure to battle and disease would be greatly diminished'.

The book starts in the mid nineteenth century, and covers the technical development of automatic weapons, alongside the political history of the world. For this reader it put a lot of history since 1989 into context. I also learned a lot about the way guns, particularly Kalashnikovs, flowed around the world since first being spotted in Indonesia in 1962, to the point where the Munich Black September people had them, Anwar Sadat was killed with one, and nearly every child soldier in Africa carried one.

The book gives interesting insights into life in the Soviet Union under Stalin, the propagation of the myths about Mikhail Kalashnikov's background, the difficulty of being a 'tall poppy' in a culture where to stand out wasn't really a good thing, and the research and development of a fine weapon in a planned economy where guns and main battle tanks were sturdy, reliable and fearsome, and yet refrigerators barely worked.

I was interested in how different countries saw and either took or ignored the opportunities presented by industrialised warfare. The Kaiser ordered hundreds of Maxims as soon as he saw one in action; the British Army refused to buy more than ten machine guns until it was far too late, and many of my grandfather's comrades paid the price. Later, as the USSR was developing the Kalashnikov, British and US forces were adamant that accurate long-range rifles were the way to go, rather than the compromised accuracy given by light weight, durability and ease of use of the AK-47 and its derivatives. The author argues convincingly that this left the West around twenty years behind the USSR in weapon development for the 'proxy wars' that took place during the Cold War period.

There's a chapter about the development of the US M-16, and this reviewer was horrified that men's lives were wasted to 'protect the project'. An addendum explains that the M-16 currently in use is a different beast, but it is obvious that field trials were taking place during a hot war, whilst pretending that the weapon was fine and that the men themselves were responsible for problems.

The author leads us through the development in the use of a gun conceived to help armies of one state fight another into one used by

states to repress its citizens (Hungary, Czechoslovakia, East Germany) and again into a weapon used by criminals, despots and terrorists to inflict countless deaths on unarmed civilian populations. He mentions some infamous arms dealers, and the costs of buying a Kalashnikov at different points in the last thirty years.

Descriptions of the stockpiles across the Eastern Bloc and how they came to spread across the world are frightening in terms of the numbers of these weapons still in use, in store, and being used as political bargaining counters. AK-47s made in 1954 are still in use in Afghanistan, and caches buried across the world can be brought easily back into use. Destruction treaties seem to be limited by funding, corruption and lack of political will, and I can envisage these guns still being in the hands of the unscrupulous when my grandchildren are my age.

The book was an interesting read. It had just enough technical detail for someone who hasn't handled automatic weapons, just enough historical detail to support the author's case, some thought-provoking quotes and some superb photographs. A brilliant study of how the industrialisation of war put death into the hands of so many people and the effect on our society of that. An interesting and informative addition to anyone's bookshelf.

'Spring Offensive' by Wilfred Owen (1918)

Soon, they topped the hill, and raced together
Over an open stretch of herb and heather
Exposed. And instantly the whole sky burned
With fury against them; earth set sudden cups
In thousands for their blood; and the green slope
Chasmed and deepened sheer to infinite space
Of them who running on that last high place
Breasted the surf of bullets, or went up
On the hot blast and fury of hell's upsurge.
Or plunged and fell away past this world's verge,
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A review by Susan Cawley

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A former resident of MSA now living in the USA and a regular reader of the Reporter online edition comments on last month's letter to Millie about the MMR vaccination –

Dear Millie,

Any child living over here has to have all the mandatory jabs or by state law will not be admitted to any pre-school or public school.

So if you live in MSA or USA have your MMR PDQ!

Milborne's got talent?

Thank you for all the letters and emails about pop-up art installations appearing in back gardens and fields all around our village. One helpful suggestion was that perhaps the Reporter could feature them in a "Did you identify this?" regular spot. Another suggestion was, instead of entering Milborne into a best-kept village competition, we could start a "Most Artistic Village" competition?

In reply to last month's security lights/multiple cats problem.

Millie says -

Not sure who is most to blame here. Perhaps the cat owner should take a look at the RSPCA website which says "... many cats are happier living without other cats", and "... most adult cats will only be friendly to cats with whom they have grown up and may not accept new cats into the home". The security conscious neighbour may like to consider adding barbed wire and machine gun posts or else moving to a high security prison environment. Security lights can be useful on a dark night but do need to be correctly adjusted so as not to disturb neighbours - try to remember this is Milborne not Moscow.

Hi Millie,

As the evidence suggests that using my 'Dyson' appears to be as noisy as standing directly under a large wind turbine, should I offer my cleaner a set of ear defenders to avoid a compensation claim?

Millie says-

There is so much whining going on both for and against wind farms that I sometimes find it difficult to hear the relentless roar of traffic

on the A354. You could offer your cleaner ear protectors but don't forget to check your home insurance for the correct amount of cover for domestic help.

Next month -

Dear Millie

My husband and I both work long hours and have to be up very early each morning to commute to work.

Consequently we go to bed early as we are shattered by 9.30pm, unfortunately for us our neighbours let their dogs out at around 11.00pm and they (the dogs, not the neighbours) charge around barking and wake us up. We don't want to create any unpleasantness and we do understand that the dogs need to go out last thing at night, but we need our sleep! What can we do?

Questions for Millie and further responses can be dropped through the letterboxes of any of the Reporter team or emailed to millie@milbornestandrew.org.uk

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The Village Hall

MILBORNE ST ANDREW

Hall News and a plea for Help

IT HAS been "reporting season" for the Village Hall, with a brief statement at the Parish Council AGM on 17th April followed by the Hall Trustees' own Annual General Meeting on 24th. Whilst the Trustees' reports at both meetings seem to have been welcomed, the main issue facing our ongoing development is a need for a volunteer to act as Secretary to support the committee as we move into our 69th year of support for the village. The need is for a villager with just a little time to spare to join the dedicated group of trustees and volunteers who are sharing the relatively light load of keeping the Hall going and putting on fundraising and social events. We have been increasingly successful in distributing the load across our group of volunteers but need a little additional help to manage the correspondence and take notes at meetings: the time commitment need only be very modest and the role may suit a new or recent villager interested in integrating into village life as much as someone who already knows us all really well. It would be great to have a new perspective on what we do at, and with, the Village Hall.

For those not able to get to the Village Hall AGM, the main item was agreement to press ahead and refurbish the hall car park, subject to being able to raise the grant funding to help with the expense. This has been a topic at many annual meetings in recent years and we should now be able to make progress, hopefully this year. If there is any money then left in the kitty it is hoped that a kitchen refurbishment would then be the next development. In the meantime efforts are focused on maintaining the facilities to a reasonable standard and to work towards taming a testy central heating system and boiler.

Anyone wishing to volunteer as Secretary should call or e-mail me, Paul Tasker on 07801 714619, p.h.tasker@gmail.com as soon as convenient.

Paul Tasker

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Photograph shows from left to right: Bus2Go Committee Members Roy and Pam Jeffrey; Margo Kirk, Bus2Go Project Leader; Nic Nicol, President of Blandford Rotary Club and Ron Ward, Chair of Bus2Go.

See page 7 for the Bus2Go outings for June.



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A Good Read The Kingmaker's Daughter by Philippa Gregory

Reviewed by Shirley Dunkley

IF THE Wars of the Roses mean to you, as they do to me, a Shakespearean confusion focussed on the individual quirkiness of late mediaeval kings, then Philippa Gregory is the woman for you. Originally telling tales of Tudor monarchs, this formidable historical novelist now brings her meticulous research and understanding to the years of conflict prior to the Tudor ascendancy. In 'The Kingmaker's Daughter' she explores the life of Richard the Third's Queen, Anne, offspring of the Earl of Warwick. We see her forced by circumstances and political marriages from Yorkist childhood to Lancastrian teenage and back to Yorkist arms by her royal matrimony.

She is known to us from Shakespeare's Richard the Third where she is wooed and won by the wily Richard while following her husband's coffin. However, this book shows a very different and would be honourable King. We see in Anne a girl born into one of the grandest aristocratic families, used as a political pawn while still a child by ambitious adults who have no respect for her wishes or feelings, unable to resist her fate.

While lacking the literary clout of Hilary Mantel's novels about Thomas Cromwell, Gregory nevertheless paints a convincing and authentic picture of uncertain and dangerous times where the machinations of powerful queens and ex-queens can impact as harshly as those of the mighty Barons. The helplessness of Anne, suffering successive losses of father, sister, child and lover is skilfully invoked. The narrative pulls the reader into some understanding and grasp of what were known more truthfully at the time as The Wars of the Cousins.

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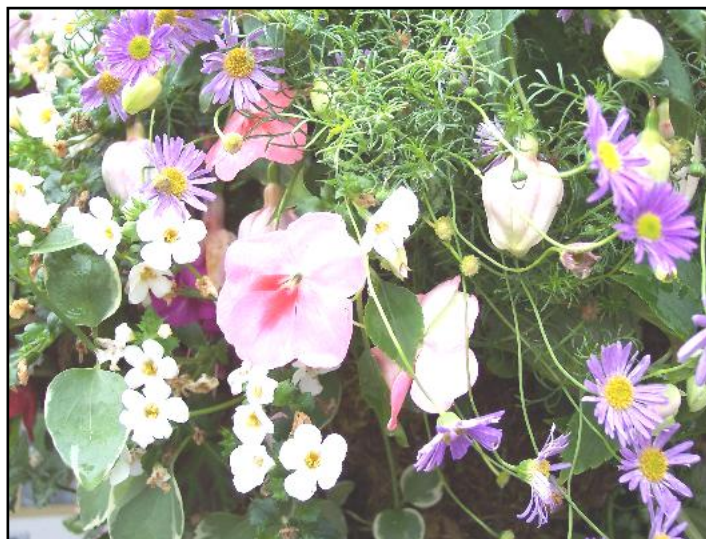
WITH May behind us, we can look forward to the colourful displays of our hanging baskets, window boxes and all sorts of other container that we can lay our hands on. In fact any old container will do – from old tin cans to huge stone troughs and everything in-between. One of the great things about hanging

baskets is that they add a bit of height to your planting, give you more room on the ground and are out of reach of pets and slugs!

The concept of a hanging basket full of flowers was widely used by the Victorians with their limited choice of plants. Nowadays we have an enormous range of plants to choose from and with the correct care – deadheading, food and plenty of water – will continue to give a stunning show of flowers for many months.

Colour schemes are endless and rather than planting randomly I like to have a theme using pink, white and blue flowers; or vibrant colours of deep pink and red pelargoniums. Cool schemes using silver leaved plants are equally eye-catching. Nasturiums, which are easily grown from seed, come in lots of lovely hot colours and the flowers are edible. They look really good with petunias in a contrasting colour, for example a soft cream Nasturtium blended with white, red and pink petunias – colour and scent. Gerry's Plants at The Rings always has a great selection of basket plants as well as many other plants.

The first step in creating a lush, beautiful hanging basket is to choose your plants with care and consider where they are going to be placed in the basket. Build up your planting in layers and add in some water retaining gel. Use a loam or humus based soil mix as peat based composts tend to dry out quickly and can be difficult to re-wet after they dry out – or mix a bit of both together.



Coat the sides of the basket using bushy plants that will also hang down such as Lobelia, Dichondra 'Silver Falls'; trailing Fuchsia, Bidens, Surfinia and Helichrysum – to name but a few. Continue to build up the layers and finally add some plants to give you a bit of height – Fuchsia, Pelargonium, even a small Rosemary or Lavender will look pretty. Bear in mind though, that you may not be able to see the top!

You can even grow herbs and vegetables in a hanging basket – quite handy just outside the kitchen door. Tomato 'Tumbling Tom' in red or yellow is particularly good and you can combine it with thyme and oregano which will trail over the sides.

For a bit of height you can add parsley or chives.



To encourage repeat flowering, dead head two or three times a week, add some slow release fertilizer to feed your plants (it may need a bit of a top-up in July) and sit back and enjoy.

And just a final note – it is vital that you feed **all** the plants in your border, not just the summer annuals. The nutrient levels will have become depleted by the amount of rain we have had over the winter months. A good all purpose feed for shrubs and trees is Vitax Q4; for summer perennials use Miracle Gro and don't forget your lawns – there are a multitude of lawn feed products to choose from.



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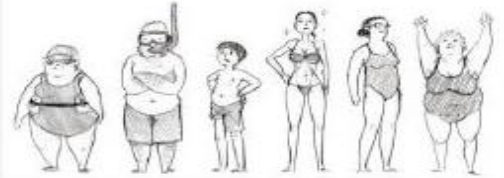
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Sunday 2nd June – 2.00pm Hod Hill

Meet at the parking area below Hod Hill, on the road going eastwards out of Child Okeford.

Grid reference: ST 854113 on OS Explorer Sheet 118 (approx. 4 miles).

Wednesday 19th June – 11.00am Hilton

Meet at the Old School, Hilton. *Coffee and cake from 10.30am.*

Bring a packed lunch.

Grid reference: ST 780031 on OS Explorer Sheet 117 (approx. 6 miles)

Please note:

- Who** All welcome including well-behaved dogs and their responsible owners.
No pre-booking required just turn up.
- Wear** Suitable clothing for wet conditions and location, walking boots or Wellington boots.
- Bring** Waterproofs and refreshments (packed lunch on Wednesdays).
- Pace** We go at the pace of the slowest.
- Terrain** Expect mud, inclines and stiles.
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Notes from the MSA Parish Council Meeting 15th May

AT the start of the meeting both current Chair and Vice-Chair were re-elected unopposed. *Apologies* received from NDDC representatives and the Chair. Other positions were filled by those who were willing to stand for a further year. Cllr Hopper as *DAPTC* representative gave a full report and it was agreed that the annual membership fee of £330 was a good investment for the support, reduction of isolation, and information received. *Annual insurance* was discussed and the efficacy of remaining with the same brokers for a further three years. *The appointment of a new Auditor Paul Reynolds of "Fair Account"* was approved. *PC assets* include benches in bad repair and two pieces of, as yet, unregistered land, the Parish Pit and War Memorial. Statutory declarations have been rejected and more anecdotal, specific information is required from any residents who hold the history of these parcels of land. Please provide written statements to the Clerk or any other Parish Councillor. The Land Registry have not yet proved ownership by any other body. The possibility of an indemnity was suggested and an approach will be made to a solicitor for advice. Steve Lord volunteered to survey these assets and repair any damage. The Clerk is to seek a template for drawing up *Emergency Action Plans* in case of floods, fire etc. Cllr Hopper explored the idea of setting up a *Planning sub-Committee* which would consist of three Councillors and *three residents* to become better informed on these issues before they are put before the PC. This group would have no executive powers. *Volunteers were requested.* If interested please contact Cllr Hopper.

Other issues included the *flooding of Milton Road* and the future full report of the meeting held with NDDC on 9th May at the June PC meeting. Brief feedback from this concluded that of two pipes going to the stream, one had been destroyed by Wessex Water and the other buried under topsoil during the erection of Huntley Down. A break was found and the build up of a 'dam' creating a stream three to four inches higher than normal.

Problems to be reported by the public to the following agencies as follows: if on the road, Dorset Direct, tel 01305 221000 email dorsetdirect@dorsetcc.gov.uk or go online www.dorsetforyou.com/reportroadproblems; if in the stream within the village, Environment Agency; if outside village environs, Dorset Flood Management.
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