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Report from the Gardening Club



ON Thursday 27th June Neil Lovesey gave us a fascinating talk about herbs. There are three dictionary definitions re herbs. 1. Any plant with a succulent stem which dies to the root every year. 2. Plant whose stem is soft and dies down to the ground after flowering. 3. Plant whose leaves, etc are used for food, scent, medicine, etc. So there are many more herbs in our garden than we thought!

Neil explained that there are perhaps nine groups of plants that can be called herbs. He went on to tell us in some detail the plants that belonged to each group. Culinary herbs (eg. parsley, nepita, acanthas). Some of the herbs in this group can be made into herbal teas, herb vinegar or oil. Medicinal herbs (eg. St. John's Wort, hyssop, valerian, Echinacea) cosmetic and perfumery herbs. Such plants as lavender, violets, roses contain essential oils. Disinfecting, antibiotic and antiseptic herbs eg. pine oil kills germs. Garlic and thyme are also used against bacteria. Dying herbs. Many plants are used to obtain subtle, pastel shades. Threshing herbs. Dried herbs on the floors of houses in years gone by have helped create pleasant smells, especially in damp places or with poor sanitation. Mystical or spiritual herbs. Laurel and bay were mystical herbs, mistletoe was a highly revered herb by pre-Christian druids. There are also holy herbs (Frankincense and Myrrh) and gardeners herbs.

Neil has a great knowledge about his subject and took us on a journey of discovery with much more detail than there is space for here!!

Outing to Courts Garden, Holt. National Trust. 6th July

Members from the Gardening Club had a great trip to Wiltshire's best-kept secret! It nearly was a secret as we got slightly lost and travelled the scenic route in our Charabanc (Dorset Community Bus). Nevertheless it was a lovely day out in this classic, early 20th century garden. Well worth a visit to see the topiary, kitchen garden and beautiful herbaceous borders, also ponds and an orchard.

The arboretum gave us welcome shade and tested our knowledge of trees. There were several unusual ones. We enjoyed picnics, teas and scrummy ice cream from the café. Thanks to Peter and Shirley for organising the trip.

We have a Social for members in August. On 26th September we have a Members Meeting.

Angie Nowell

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Bus2Go has fun in the sun

WE are enjoying the great British Summer. Two buses took our passengers up to The Jailhouse Café on Portland. The weather was glorious and the views stunning. Our eldest passenger to date, aged 98 said "I love going to the seaside and having fun. I thought I would never travel out of Blandford any more".

Christchurch was our next destination; under clear blue skies, a ride on the 'Noddy train' from Hengistbury Head to Mudeford and an opportunity to admire the beach huts, then embark on the Wick Ferry to Christchurch Quay. This excursion was taken by four of our intrepid passengers. The remaining passengers took our bus to Christchurch and either went shopping, visited the magnificent Priory or went to the Quay for an ice cream and fed the swans.

Whilst we were at Christchurch, Milborne St. Andrew Gardening Club went on their outing to Bradford on Avon via a booking with Bus2Go. Bookings such as this are open to all groups.

Our final outing for July is a mystery lunch and then to The Corn Exchange, Blandford for the band concert.

For our August and September outings please see main adverts. Looking forward to seeing you soon on one of our outings.

Grants have been received from Blandford Town Council and Winterborne Whitechurch Parish Council in order to maintain our subsidy when seats are removed.

Have a safe and happy summer.

The Bus2Go team

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Wednesday Club Outing – 2nd July

HAVING had a few lovely sunny days at the end of June, we were not so lucky on Tuesday 2nd July for our trip to Exmouth and Exeter. The sky was grey and overcast and threatened rain. However, this did not put a dampener on the Wednesday Club's spirits and we all cheerfully boarded the coach to start our journey.

There was a small problem as we arrived in Exmouth because the coach driver was uncertain as to how to reach the quay. He, quickly, corrected his route successfully. As we stepped on board our boat there were a few drops of rain, which, thankfully, did not amount to very much. The braver ones amongst us stayed up on the upper deck whilst others chose to sit down below.



The boat began its journey by showing us the seaward side of Exmouth harbour before turning to proceed up the River Exe to the Turf Lock where we entered the Exeter Boat Canal, which is the oldest

working canal in Britain. Along the way we passed I. K. Brunel's tower for the now defunct Atmospheric Railway and then Powderham Castle, home to the



Earl and Countess of Devon, and Powderham Church built in 1098. Next came Nutwell Court, the residence of Sir

Francis Drake's family until the First World War. Close by is Lady Hamilton's home.

The final lock we passed through, we are told took 1.2 million gallons of water to raise the

boats each time it was operated. We, also, passed through the infamous Countess Weir (three way bridge) which closes every time a boat passes through, and causes absolute chaos on the road.

On our arrival in Exeter, at the Quay, we were able to explore the little gift shops and find lunch in one of the numerous restaurants within very easy reach.

All too quickly it was time to board the coach for a pleasant trip back home, stopping en route for a raffle and with a diversion into Dorchester to take on fuel (the driver said he felt the coach would have been a little difficult for us to push otherwise) we arrived home having enjoyed the day, even though the weather could have been kinder. In the event it did not pour with rain.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 7th August when we are meeting in The Royal Oak at 12.00 noon for 12.30pm for a carvery and dessert (Members £13.00 and Guests £15.00). We look forward to seeing you there.

Lis Watts

Milborne Player to perform Shakespeare

Local resident Roy Sach (front cover) to perform at the Brownsea Open Air Theatre

BROWNSEA Open Air Theatre company (B.O.A.T) began presenting Shakespeare plays on the island 50 years ago and have been doing so every summer since.

As it is a special anniversary year, instead of the usual one play being performed over 10 nights, this year, two plays – A Midsummer Nights Dream and Pericles are being shown for five performances each.

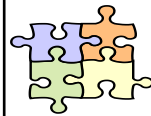
Midsummer Nights Dream: Wednesday 24th July to Friday 2nd August. **Pericles:** Wednesday 7th to Friday 16th August. Each play is performed every other day to allow for postponements before turning to proceed up the River Exe to the Turf Lock where we entered the Exeter Boat Canal, which is the oldest

Unfortunately all shows for Midsummer Nights Dream are sold out, but tickets for Pericles are still available for each of the five nights.

B.O.A.T is a non profit making company, proceeds on expected sales of 5,500 tickets will be presented as donations to The National Trust and Dorset Wildlife Trust charities.

Roy says "This is my second year performing as part of B.O.A.T. I have somehow ended up being offered parts in both plays, a fairly big role in Midsummer Nights Dream (but no, My Bottom was not good enough!) and an assassin in Pericles (hence the dubious beard that I have been unhappily wearing for the last few months). I am still very much involved with the Milborne Players and look forward to the Panto season back with them (for the last two pantos I have been on one leg as Long John Silver in Treasure Island and on my knees in Sleeping Beauty as . . . don't ask! and so await casting with some trepidation this time)."

Fancy an evening boat ride, enjoy your own picnic in the grounds, followed by a Shakespeare play? Contact the Box Office answer phone 01202 251987 or visit www.brownsea-theatre.co.uk.



Do you like Jigsaws?

Starting on **Thursday 5th September** from 11.00am to 12 noon. there will be a free Jigsaw Library in St.

Andrew's Church. Puzzles for all ages are free to borrow. Come along, pick the jigsaw you fancy doing and have a coffee. If you have one to swap that's great, if not just come along anyway. This will be a regular event on the first Thursday of every month.

For more enquiries phone Pam on 01258 837203.

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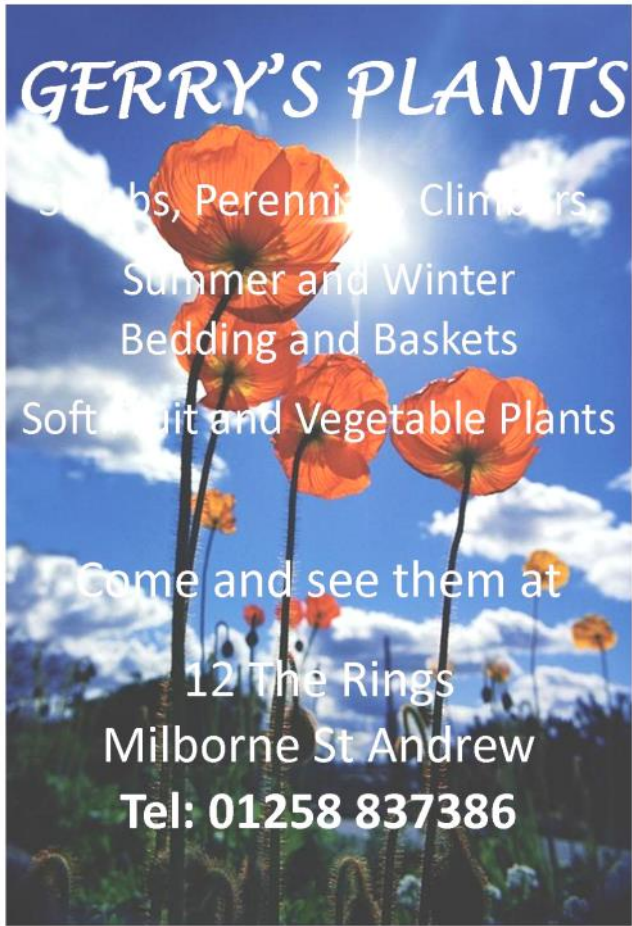
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The Weatherbury Singers' Concert heralds the start of summer!

OUR first concert held at Buckland Newton Village Hall at the end of November 2011 was held on a freezing cold and snowy weekend. In total contrast, our recent summer concert held on Saturday 29th June was held on a very hot and sunny weekend heralding the start of our long awaited summer!

We celebrated in style with canapés and Pimms and sang a selection of songs from musicals to light classics to a full house. The audience were invited to participate, which they did – with gusto!

The raffle in aid of our nominated registered charity, About Face, raised £148. About Face, which is based at About Face Centre, 111 Longfleet Road, opposite Poole Hospital, was established in the late 1990s and supports people who have cancer of the head and neck. The charity provides one-to-one and group support for patients and their families and carers. It also provides a specialised facility for the further education and training of health professionals in the head and neck cancer disciplines. Further information about the charity can be found on their website www.about-face.info.

Thank you to everyone who came and supported us – we really enjoyed the evening and hope you did too!

We are always looking for a few more gents, tenors and basses, to join our merry group of singers so if you would like to come along and have a sing, with a view to joining, then give me a ring on 01305 848053. Our repertoire is very varied, some choral, jazz, pop, musicals, gospel, traditional songs – something for everyone! No need to read music. We have a break during the summer holidays and resume on 10th September. Rehearsals are on Tuesdays at the Church Room, adjacent to St. Mary's Church in Puddletown between 7.30 and 9.30pm with a break for refreshments and a quick chat at 8.30pm.

Sue Chapman, New Members Secretary
www.weatherburysingers.co.uk

Granny's bedroom

By Josie Wright

The early morning light filtered through granny's lace curtains, making dappled patterns on the shiny, orange counterpane. The clock's ticking seemed muffled, as though stifled by my strange appearance in that alien room. Outside the little street had started to begin the day. I could hear the milkman's horse clopping along wearily and gates clicked as men hurried down the dusty pavements to work.

How exciting it had been last night, going out with granny to the Michaelmas concert. And later when the fog rolled in so thickly that we couldn't leave the theatre. I couldn't sleep there, it was far too interesting and everyone kept chatting anyway. It was still early morning dark when we finally left.

So Granny decided we would go to her house and I could sleep in her big bed for the morning and go to school in the afternoon – if I woke up. I hoped Dad wouldn't mind.

I had put on one of Granny's old nighties and now climbed up into bed, the mattress was really strange – hard but bumpy with little black hairs sticking through here and there. I lay there for a while looking around, it wasn't like my bedroom at all, it was so gloomy. The furniture was all dark wood. The mirrors were covered with stripey towels so the lightning wouldn't strike you if there was a storm in the night. Silly old granny, so lovely, so kind.

Slowly I started to drift off to sleep, to be jerked awake by an angry voice downstairs. It was Dad! The little door at the bottom of the stairs opened with a crash. He pounded up, shouting and cursing. 'Get out of that bed – now!' I lay still for a moment, petrified, waiting for that first blow to fall.

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The meaning of . . .

Church language can sometimes divide people. It is quite unintentional, but, as in many organisations, words, shorthands and phrases are used which are familiar to those who are at the core but less so to those on the fringes or further from the centre.

It was suggested at one of our church council meetings last month that, though regular churchgoers know what the names of our services indicate, not all those who read our posters and diary entries are necessarily clear about what everything means.

So for those of you who have pondered, here is a quick rundown of the main services on offer in the benefice each month.

In all services, there are common things. The Bible will be read, prayers will be prayed, and usually (unless a service name is accompanied by the word "said") hymns will be sung. There is often a sermon, a talk or an address relating to the theme of the service that day.

Parish Communion/Holy Communion/Family Communion/Communion: a communion service is where the congregation receives bread and wine, in memory of Jesus's Last Supper in which he commanded his disciples to "Do this in remembrance of me". In the Church of England, this is usually quite a formal service with set words to follow. These come from the current C of E service book, known as *Common Worship (CW)*. Our Family Communion services are shorter and simpler than the others, but still using set words.

1662/BCP: any service prefaced by these comes from the *Book of Common Prayer*, the service book that was produced in the 17th century. The words used are traditional, for instance "thee" and "thou" instead of you. Many people like the beauty and familiarity of words they have often known since childhood, but they can be difficult to follow for those not used to them.

Matins/Morning Prayer/Evensong: these services are known as Services of the Word. They have most of the elements of the other services, but do not involve sharing bread and wine.

All-Age Worship/Family Service: these are much less formal services than those above. They will always involve activities for the whole family, children as well as adults, and do not follow a precise set of words. Look out for a new one soon to be launched in Milborne.

Methodist United Service: in Tolpuddle once a month, there is a service in the church (occasionally in the Methodist Chapel there), led by the Methodist Church but for Anglicans and Methodists alike.

Sometimes we also have one-off services of a different type to those above, but usually their titles are self-explanatory e.g. Pet Service (bring your pets along); Songs of Praise (a chance to sing your favourite hymns), Farm Service (a service on a farm).

Everyone is welcome to join us at any or all of these services. You will always be greeted as you arrive, and we will do our best to make you feel as comfortable as possible.

With best wishes,

Sarah Hillman

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CHURCH SERVICES August 2013

THURSDAY 1st August

12 noon Lunch-time Communion Milborne

SATURDAY 3rd August

2.30pm Holy Matrimony Puddletown

4th August – Trinity 10

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

11th August – Trinity 11

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

THURSDAY 15th August

12 noon Lunch-time Communion Puddletown

18th August – Trinity 12

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

25th August – Trinity 13

8.15am CW Holy Communion (said) Puddletown
10.00 Benefice Farm Service Warren Hill Farm, Puddletown

SATURDAY 31st August

1.00pm Holy Matrimony Puddletown

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

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

Flowers – w/e Saturday

27th July and 3rd August – Elaine Anthony, Kath Gipps and Hilary Daffern

10th and 17th August – Angie Nowell

24th and 31st August – Maureen Lock

7th and 14th September – Marion Regan

21st and 28th September – tbc (please contact Helen Pugh for details)

5th October – Harvest – All helpers please



Do you need a lift to church?

If you have difficulty getting to church or need transport when the Benefice Service is at another church, we can arrange transport for you.

Please contact John on 839090.

See the Reporter each month in colour on
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CHURCH SERVICES September 2013

1st September – Trinity 14

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

THURSDAY 5th September

12 noon	Lunch-time Communion	Milborne
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Saturday 7th September

12 noon	Holy Matrimony	Puddletown
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8th September – Trinity 15 – Blessed Virgin Mary

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

Saturday 14th September

2.00pm	Holy Matrimony	Tolpuddle
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15th September – Trinity 16

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

THURSDAY 19th September

12 noon	Lunch-time Communion	Puddletown
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22nd September – Trinity 17 – LEE ABBEY WEEKEND AWAY

11.00am	Parish Communion	Puddletown
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29th September – St Michael and All Angels

10.00am	United Benefice Holy Communion	Tolpuddle
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Milborne St. Andrew Church notes

THE highlight of the last four weeks must be the Sunday of Roger's Rant weekend. In the morning at the benefice communion service a congregation of 60 enjoyed music played and sung by a group from the folk festival. Then in the evening 60 of us enjoyed a concert in church given by Bob Kirkpatrick, 'No Fixed Abode', Hilary Ward, and the Oxford-based duo Sue Brown and Lorraine Irwing. It was a great event followed by wine and nibbles.

Fairs and Fetes We are now looking forward to a summer of fund raising events. The Milton Abbas Street Fair will have taken place by the time you read this, so we hope that our prayers for fine weather were granted and that we will have better weather for the benefice's annual Athelhampton Five Churches Fete on Bank Holiday Monday, 26th August. Last year it was very wet which was a great pity as the takings were down and we rely on it to provide funds to pay our church bills. This year we have a good team organising our bric-a-brac and toy stalls. If you have any unwanted toys and games we would be very happy to have them for our stall. They can be left in Milborne church or let me know if collection is required. (01258 839090)

Music We have now chosen a new keyboard to provide music in church following the demise of both our old pipe organ and Conn electronic organ. We are looking forward to having live accompaniment to our hymn singing again but we will need to have a pool of keyboard players who would be prepared to play it for us. Let me know if you are interested!

Holiday Club Several of us are getting ready for what promises to be fun-packed week from 19th August. I am sure that we will all know what we have to do by the time we have to do it! We will tell you all about it in the next (October) edition of the *Reporter*!

The Holiday Club is for children in the current YR to Y6 10.00am–12.30pm Monday 19th August to Friday 23rd. Theme is Jungle Jamboree. Venue is St Mary's Middle School. £2.50 per day; buy 4 days, get 5th free! For more information and application form please e-mail Sarah on: sarah.c.hillman@tesco.net or telephone 01305 848784.

Spaces are still available for the benefice weekend at Lee Abbey, 20–22nd September.

Milborne Harvest Festival is at 9.30pm on 6th October.

Look out for the new service coming to Milborne in the autumn. It will be less formal than the current services, designed for all ages to join together, and will not be a communion service. All welcome.

John Wright

Dewlish Church notes

Pets espied in the churchyard murk

IT was so good to see so many dogs and their owners at the recent Pet Service held in the churchyard on one of our cooler and murkier Sundays. Still, we were all under the trees and any spots of rain didn't bother us.

The dogs were all very well-behaved and it was so lovely to see the mother hen and her chicks brought by Sue. Thanks to Sarah H. and Jim for the service, and to Ed who lent us some of his sound equipment.

On Sunday 25th August, we shall be holding the **Benefice Farm Service** at Warren Farm, near Puddletown, at 10.00am, followed the next day by the annual **Bank Holiday Fete** at Athelhampton House, held between 12noon and 3.00pm.

At Athelhampton there will be many attractions, as well as food, drinks, various stalls (cakes, jams and produce, books, bric-a-brac, and so on), games and a very good raffle. Music will once again be provided by the Moonlight (formerly Memory Lane) Swing Band.

Please come and support us. All proceeds go towards benefice expenses (around £10,000 per year) and the Greek Orthodox Church at Athelhampton.

Dewlish Community News

Many thanks to all who supported the Cream Teas event, organised by Dewlish Ladies Group, and held in Sue Britton's lovely gardens. We were so grateful for the additional help we had, and to all those who supported it. We raised £430, part of which will be donated to the Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance.

Daphne Burg

Five Churches Fete at Athelhampton

For several years now St. Andrew's church has joined forces with the other churches in the benefice to have a grand fete in the lovely gardens of **Athelhampton House**. This year it will be on **Bank Holiday Monday, 26th August from noon until 3.00pm** with a wide variety of attractions for all the family – stalls offering cakes, produce, preserves, books, crafts and tombola to name a few, plus Moonlight (formerly Memory Lane) Swing Band, ferret racing, bouncy castle and a beer tent . . . Milborne will be running the bric-a-brac and toy stalls. If you have anything, especially toys or games, that you have finished with we will be very pleased to have them for the stalls. You can leave them in the box in church, or phone 839090 if you need us to collect them. Come and support us at the event; flyers will be distributed round the village during August giving you a reduced entrance fee.



Hunt goes on for Ladybirds committee



MILBORNE Ladybirds Playgroup is still desperately seeking a treasurer! The management committee would like to welcome a new member to the team to take on this role, without which the future of the playgroup is uncertain. This is a rewarding position in itself, but a small salary may be possible for the right person.

Full support and handover will be given by the current treasurer and would suit someone with PC and Excel knowledge and/or basic book-keeping skills. If you're interested please call Peter Anthony on 837089.



A Wonderful Day

THE first Friday in July turned out to be lovely weather when Ladybirds, parents and grandparents spent a day at Weymouth Sea Life Centre. After looking at the various sea creatures we gathered together at the water play area for a picnic lunch then the children enjoyed cooling down and having fun in the water. We followed this with ice creams and several rides at the amusement end of the park before setting off home. Many of the little ones were fast asleep before the outskirts of Weymouth.



Our last day of term is Thursday 18th July when the children will be entertained by a puppet show. This year we say goodbye to 12 children who move on to Milborne First School – we wish them all the best for the future.

Next year starts on Tuesday 3rd September when we will be welcoming several new children. If your child will become eligible for preschool in the next school year please register an interest soon so we can make provision for them starting.

July also saw a visit from the dreaded Ofsted inspector. All went really well and we have been given Good in all areas. The report will be available on the Ladybird Website for anyone to read. *Liz Dyer*

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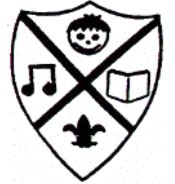
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School News

JULY is always a busy month in school as we complete the school year and look forward to the summer holidays. This month we have welcomed the children who will be joining the school in September and our year 4 children have spent time at the middle school during transition day. Our football team got an opportunity to play once more this term in a tournament at St. Mary's First School in Charminster. Congratulations to them for winning and bringing the trophy back to school. All of the classes have been involved in show



assemblies for parents, sharing what they have learnt this term, and for all the children who have music lessons in school there was a further opportunity to perform. The Foxes class shared their learning about Creepy Creature and completed their topic work with an ugly bug ball.



To say farewell to the year 4s, FOS organised a final leavers party with dance workshops and fun and games. On a glorious summer evening families enjoyed sharing a picnic on the school field; face painting was popular as was throwing wet sponges at various willing volunteers.

As well as saying farewell to the year 4s we also say goodbye to some families who have been bringing children to the school for many years and we wish them well in the future. Our thanks and good wishes also go to all our volunteers who have helped this year, from reading with children to some necessary DIY and of course fundraising. We are fortunate to have a committed and dedicated staff in school, but the volunteers are a key component of our successful school.

When we return in September we will be starting the planning for the children joining us in September 2014. In the next issue of the *Reporter* we will give details of our open days for new parents.

See the headteacher's report on page 27.

Handyman needed



Often in school we have small DIY projects that need completing. We would like to use someone locally to help us with these jobs. If you would like to be considered for this occasional paid work please contact the school office for further details.



Question: What does it take to fill the shoes of a school governor?

Answer: YOU!

The Board of Governors is looking for a community governor to join and work alongside the existing board. No previous experience is necessary and training is provided. If you would like to know more about how you can support the local school in this role please contact the school office who will put you in touch with the chair of governors.

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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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YOU have to be careful in our house when making your breakfast; absent-mindedly reach for the sugar and you could be sprinkling something quite different on your cornflakes. At the moment, there are a clutch of Small Tortoiseshell butterflies percolating away in a couple of old sugar jars on the kitchen shelf. My wife, the lepidopterist, found the caterpillars locally and brought them back to rear at home, like you do.

Having been fed a diet of fresh nettles, the dozen or so caterpillars made their preparations for the next stage as an adult. Each spun itself a cocoon which hung precariously from a sturdy nettle leaf or mostly, from the lids of their jars, using a fine silk thread. All of them that is, except one poor unfortunate. Whilst his other little black, hairy brothers and sisters munched away on the stingers readying themselves for their big transformational act, this one's fate was rather different. In a quirk of nature that demonstrates the success of one species at the detriment of another, this caterpillar gave us a ringside seat to its final moments. It made for compulsive, yet grotesque viewing.



Leaf-like chrysalis (top), caterpillar enveloped by parasitoid wasp cocoons

Like an insect version of *Alien*, from all over its body tiny grubs began to emerge, which had been living – and feeding – inside the host caterpillar from an early stage. It was likely to be larvae from the parasitoid wasp, *Cotesia*, which injects its eggs inside the unwitting caterpillar. Dozens upon dozens – perhaps 80 in total – of the larvae poured from the body of the Small Tortoiseshell caterpillar. The wasp grubs feed on the bodily fluids within the insect, ensuring that the vital organs are untouched. The caterpillar remains alive right up to the point of the wasp larvae's great escape. It is indeed a gruesome sight, but one which is an evolutionary marvel. It is because the larvae eventually kill the host that it is a 'parasitoid'; parasites will nourish themselves from the host without fatal harm – think tick, for example. It was

this particular parasitoid, *Cotesia*, which Charles Darwin encountered and said of: "I cannot persuade myself that a beneficent and omnipotent God would have designedly created parasitic wasps with the express intention of their feeding within the living bodies of caterpillars."

Once emerged, the grubs set about cocooning themselves in preparation for their own metamorphosis by spinning protective webs around themselves. The now dead caterpillar was at the centre of what looked like balls of cotton wool. Or, as was remarked, "It looks like it's being cuddled by a teddy bear." (I don't think this is a scientific term). Left to their own devices, they would then emerge as tiny wasps, all intent on finding a suitable caterpillar to become a host to their own offspring. Needless to say, they didn't get a chance to continue their life cycle in the comforts of our sugar jar. They were released close to where the caterpillars were found so that nature could take its course once more.

Ten days later . . . it was a happier journey for the rest of the Small Tortoiseshell brood. Their transformation was almost complete and a flash of the bright red markings could be seen through the silk of the chrysalis. Lightly brushing a finger on the outer casing of the pupa and the imago within reacts, sending the chrysalis swinging on its thread. By morning, some had emerged, ready to get some sun on their wings. The bottom of their temporary incubator was covered in a watery red liquid – blood? No, it is meconium; baby butterfly poo!

Now for my cornflakes; milk, sugar . . . actually, I think I've lost my appetite.

Ed Richards

For more butterfly information, go to www.butterfly-conservation.org



Milborne First School Reunion

OUR roving reporter recently heard about a reunion taken place in The Royal Oak so went along and took this photograph of those present. Do you recognise any of them?

Left to right: Janette Orr – whose visit to the UK from her home in Australia prompted the reunion; Karen Vineycombe (néé Sturmey); Rose Mowlem (néé Way); Melissa Watts; Paul Stevenson; Katie Wilson (néé Payne); Georgina Jessop (néé Watts); Jon Gulliver and Shaun Campbell.

DVD's as well as Computers

ARE you still confused by Windows 8? Well, help is at hand. Come in to the Committee Room of the Village Hall on a Friday morning and our experienced helpers will be there to make everything easy.

But even if you don't have a computer problem, do come along because from September we will be making available DVDs of some of the latest films for a donation of just 50p a week. Our aim is not just to raise extra funds for our Coffee, Cake and Computers drop-in but also provide a means for those, not so dusty, new DVDs (including those recently shown at Milborne Movies) to be well-used in our village.

But even if you are not interested in either Computers or the latest Block-Busters you are welcome to just come along for coffee and delicious home-made cake. The drop-in starts back on 13th September and we look forward to seeing you there.

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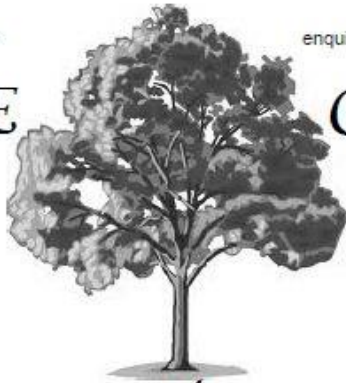
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Safer Neighbourhoods

SAFER Neighbourhoods is a commitment by Dorset Police to improving the quality of life within our communities by working together with partners to target the issues identified by you – local people – as those that matter most.

There are a number of opportunities that the Safer Neighbourhood Team in your area will provide, on an ongoing basis, for you to voice your concerns. Get in touch with your team today to find out how you can raise your issues.

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Theft from vehicles

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The 'breakdown' of vehicle crime – what you need to know:

Valuables – Don't advertise to thieves, keep all valuables and documents out of sight or take them from the vehicle when leaving.

Engine off – Never leave an unattended car running or your keys in the engine, no matter how long you will be away from the car.

Help others – Encourage others to take these same steps to secure their property. Most vehicle related crime occurs outside residential property so the more vigilant the local neighbourhood, the less likely criminals are to see an opportunity.

Insure everything – so that you are covered in case the worst should happen and always use a valid insurance provider to guarantee that you have a valid policy.

Check your property – make a list of your valuables, take photographs of the property, and where possible, write the registration number on the car stereo, engine and bike frame, which will make those parts easier to trace if stolen.

Lock your vehicle doors – also get a secure bike lock in order to deter thieves.

Evaluate each situation – before you leave your vehicle or property, you may need to change or adapt your security.

Shed burglary message

Please review your shed security. An inexpensive shed alarm is available through your local Neighbourhood Watch. For further advice and a security survey please contact your local Safer Neighbourhood Team.

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Scary Stunts at the WI in July

OUR last meeting before the summer break, but events still to come include: Outing to the RNLI Headquarters in Poole on Thursday 29th August and the Literary Lunch on Friday 23rd August, which is being held at Athelhampton House, when the guest speaker will be social historian Jane Robinson.

Recently, ten members turned up at the Parish Pit to commemorate the felling of the WI's tree. Many thanks to Pat Shipton for hosting our recent annual Summer Supper, which was much enjoyed by all.



Denise Edwards, apparently often introduced as 'a lady stuntman', was our speaker this month. She said she did not choose the career, it just seemed to happen. Always a keen swimmer and diver, she joined the Bournemouth Aqua Show in 1971, thence to a circus in Berlin featuring water ballet. After that she joined Trevor Baylis, at the time an escapologist, now known more famously as the

inventor of the wind-up radio, in a VW car lowered into a tank of water. This was her first experience of doing something really scary and dangerous – and all in front of an audience.

Advised to join the Stunt Register, she went on to films, television and commercials, and carved out a successful niche in television drama, including 13 years on *Eastenders*, during her fruitful 33-year-old career.

Denise gave graphic descriptions of some of her stunt action sequences: running through burning buildings whilst on fire, jumping from the 17th floor of a block of flats, being knocked down by cars and thrown from horses, to name but a few.

She worked with many film and television stars, including the "always unruffled" Sean Connery on a James Bond film. Others she recalled were Ann-Margret, Kevin Costner (on *Robin Hood: Prince of Thieves*) and having the great honour of swimming with Miss Piggy and Kermit the Frog on a Muppets movie.

Though she suffered some injuries along the way, she had to carry on when called otherwise it went down as a black mark and could result in losing work. Today, though, the industry is very well regulated. She now works as a Stunt Co-ordinator.

Considering her intrepid career Denise made us all laugh when she admitted to being terrified driving along the Bere Regis road to Milborne! She was going to find another way home, she said!

Looking to the future, it will be Milborne WI's 70th birthday anniversary in 2015, and we are asked to start thinking of ways to celebrate this event. We meet again on **Thursday 12th September**, when Christine Shaw will introduce us to '*Spitzbergen: Looking for Polar Bears*'. Please do join us.

Pat Bull

Milborne Players improbable farce

JOIN us, The Milborne Players, on an autumn evening and laugh and smile your way through Noel Coward's "improbable farce" *Blithe Spirit*.

Set in the 1930s it concerns Charles and his two wives. He invites Madame Arcati, the local medium and a most exotic character, to hold a séance. She inadvertently brings back Elvera, Charles' first wife, from The Other Side. Imagine the repercussions because Ruth, Charles' second wife, is also present!

Blithe Spirit can be seen at the Village Hall on Friday 20th and Saturday 21st September starting at 7.30pm. Tickets £6.30 from The Royal Oak.

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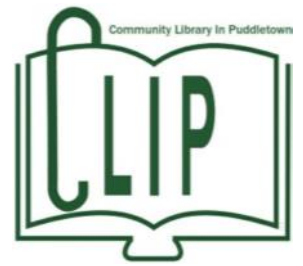
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On 7th January 2013 Puddletown Library was handed over by Dorset County Council (DCC) to be run by the Friends of Puddletown Library (FOPL). The library is now manned entirely by trained volunteers and has to cover it's own running costs (rent, insurance, electricity, etc.) estimated to be about £3,500 per year.

The library itself was renamed to show its new role and became "The Community Library in Puddletown" also known as CLIP. Without the constraints of DCC the FOPL committee could see that the library had tremendous potential as a useful community facility and since taking over responsibility they have carried out some major changes to make the library a "more attractive and useful place".

DCC still provide books for the library, and the fiction selection is still regularly changed. In addition there is a new CLIP free loan selection of books, jigsaws and DVDs that can be borrowed free of charge with no time limits.

The rationalisation of the library shelving has made space for tables and chairs and the new hot drinks machine offers a selection of freshly brewed teas and coffees. There is a collection of games (such as chess, dominos, draughts, etc.) available for use in the library. FOPL have also subscribed to "The Week" magazine. These changes aim to make the library a pleasant meeting place for people to come and sit and enjoy a drink and a read.

The library notice boards now shows "what's on" locally and the new business card display rack not only helps raise funds to run the library but supports local businesses too. Likewise, the new container to recycle empty inkjet and laser cartridges provides a useful recycling facility and also raises funds.

The library is currently open 3.00-5.30pm Monday, Wednesday, Friday afternoons and 10pm-12 noon Saturday mornings* so if you haven't visited recently please do drop in and see what is now on offer. There is also a "comments box" so let us have feedback on your thoughts.

*With additional volunteers it would be possible to be open every afternoon!
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Have you met . . . Karen Park

KAREN grew up in Winchester. The eldest of two girls Karen was privileged to have known both her great grandparents and grandparents as most of her family lived there or thereabouts giving her a great sense of family and belonging. After passing the 11+ Karen's parents decided to send her to the first mixed comprehensive in Winchester instead of to the single sex grammar school. This may have had something to do with her ambition to be a nun or a nurse. However Karen's concentration at school was not really focused towards the teachers but more towards her passion for music and in fact her Dad would say "If you knew your times tables like you know the words to that David Cassidy song you might get on a bit better". Ted's determination paid off and after the teachers recommended that Karen take CSE's Karen studied privately for her O-Levels and passed. The passes led to one in the eye for the teachers and a place at college where Karen studied A-Levels in Geography, Biology, Art and extra curricular Country Dancing.

Karen's creative skills led to a job window dressing in

Debenhams where she spent a year collecting up lovely home ware items for the front windows and avoiding Mrs Yarrow the manager of Ladies Separates who thought that the team were rather naughty especially when paint fights were involved. It was during this year that her mum Ann reminded her that she wanted to be a nurse (not a nun) and a friend suggested that she start to apply for trainee positions. Southampton and the new hospital at Poole were discussed but Karen felt it was time to spread her wings and in 1979 aged 19 she moved to the big city and the Whittington Hospital in Archway, North London. During four mad years Karen completed her SRN training and a year in theatre at both The Whittington and Guys Hospital. This is where she found her passion. The cut throat of medicine and the developing medicine of the early 80's gave Karen a taster of what was to forge the rest of her career.

In 1983 she made the decision to go and work abroad and answered an advert for the Hadassah Hospital in Jerusalem mainly because it was warm and sunny! Having looked at the map with Mum and Dad a flight was booked to Tel Aviv and after cashing in her NHS Superannuation, and packing a hot water bottle in a suitcase Karen landed in Tel Aviv. She boarded a bus and was taken to the American hospital in the middle of the desert where the receptionist didn't speak English but by following some signs she found herself sat in the nurses administration office on her suitcase crying. The nurse who came to her rescue said "Don't worry everyone cries when they come to Israel". Karen then spent days on buses around Jerusalem trying to get the paperwork to be able to start work at the hospital. Finally starting work in Theatres about three weeks later. The following two and a half years set me up for life" she says. "My time in Israel was a huge learning curve and I came back a completely different person."

On her return to the UK Karen took a sister's post at The Wellington Hospital in London and met her first husband, who was a marine. His posting to Plymouth meant that Karen also moved and discovered that nursing outside of London was another different experience. Her colleagues and the staff nurse in charge found Karen's forward thinking an alien experience and it wasn't long before another move this time to The Landsdowne hospital in Bournemouth. A new hospital was being opened at the time and Karen was encouraged to apply for the Theatre Manager's role including the commissioning of two new theatres. She applied and the rest as they say is history as 16 years later she is still at

The Harbour Hospital where she continues to play an active clinical role. *So how did you end up in MSA?*

"We were looking for a place in Broadstone and nothing was available, Ian mentioned that they were building in MSA and we drove out to look. At the time I thought Oh My this place is in the middle of nowhere but something took my fancy and we ended up here."

And what is it about MSA that keeps you here?



"I love my house and I love the countryside. Being out here means that you can keep your work and your life in very different places. I also love the fact that it's such a mix of people here; it's like the crossroads of life with all the trials and tribulations that that entails. In 2005 I met the man of my dreams at a Policeman's ball. I had been abandoned by my friend, and Mum and Dad were chatting to their friends when I was approached by a man and a bottle of red wine. There was an instant attraction and 10 months later Jim and I were married in Mauritius. As well as Jim being my number one man I also adore animals and have had house rabbits and a selection of cats the latest is the lovely

Cedric. When Jim joined the household it was already home to Archie, Alfie and Bert so Jim was right at home.",

So apart from the above who would be your fantasy dinner date?

"Michael Palin, Phil Spencer and Kevin McCloud. We could throw caution to the wind and dance around the kitchen to soul music!"

What would people find surprising about you?

"Well there are a few things I think. I have a toilet full of frogs. Stuffed ones, ceramic ones, cute ones and funny ones. I was an active member of Greenpeace whilst married to a member of the special forces and I have had bilateral hip replacements."

Is there anything about MSA that you dislike?

"I think that the public transport links are rubbish and it would be nice to be able to walk to a curry house but apart from that I really like it here. We are members of the Food and Wine Society and regularly attend the films at the Village Hall. We attended the dance lessons when they were on and would still do so now if they were available. We also regularly frequent The Royal Oak and the themed food nights there."

Do you have any pet hates in life?

"Pearl barley, pea and mam soup because pea soup on its own is so delicious, Tale telling and I abhor people who are cruel to animals."

Who are your heroes?

"In my third year at the Whittington senior staff nurse Haddock-Flynn was knowledgeable, as well as being professional and controlled. My Mum and Dad are my real heroes. I think that I have a mix of both my Dad's level headedness and patience as well as my Mum's passion and conviction."

Do you have a lesson in life?

"When I was waiting to go to Israel I worked in Winchester and there was a Sister who made my life a misery. I would regularly go home crying. Years later when I was commissioning the theatres for The Harbour Hospital I was asked to go to another of the BMI hospitals to have a look around. On entering the theatre I thought 'That's that woman who made my life a misery' but she clearly didn't recognise me and I didn't mention a thing. However they were also recruiting a new theatre manager and she had been demoted. So my lesson would be don't be mean to people when you are on your way up the ladder because you never know who you may bump into on the way down."

Interviewed and written for the Reporter by Jo Lovett

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South West Highways hello@swhitd.co.uk	01404 821500
North Dorset District Councillor	
Emma Parker	01258 881631
Jane Somper	01258 471089
Parish Council – Dewlish	
Clerk: Sandra Sims	01258 837132
Chair: Andrew Booth	01258 837284
Parish Council –	
Milborne St. Andrew	
Clerk: Colin Hampton	01258 837011
Chair: Jenny Balcon	01258 837121

General – Adult

Computer Drop-in Centre	Rose and Ed Frost	01258 837921
Ladies Group – Dewlish	Judith Bridgen	01258 837157
Moonlight (formerly Memory Lane) Swing Band		TBA
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	101
Safer Neighbourhood Team	PC Dave Mullins and PCSO Luke Goddard	101

School

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

Special Interest

Bellringers	Pip Howell	01258 837329
Bridge Group	Laurie Benn	01258 837720
Food and Wine Society	Julie Johannsen	01258 839004
MSA Allotment Society Chair:	Jo Lovett	01258 837957
Secretary:	Sue Gould	01258 837575
MSA Friendly Art Group	Elaine Anthony	01258 837089
MSA Gardening Club	Richard Lock	01258 837929
Milborne Players	Roy Sach	01258 837033
Modern Sequence Dancing	Brian Webber	01935 812347
Ranters' Folk Session	Roger Harrall	01258 837371
Round Robin Ramblers	Ian Bromilow	01258 880044

Sport

Abbey Swimming Club	Pat Cowan	01258 880601
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Archers – Crossways	Sheila Ryall	01258 837504
Athletics – Junior	David Pearson	01258 837057
Badminton	David Payne	01258 837700
Circuit Training and Pilates	Claire Barratt	01929 554999
		or 07946 732769
Cricket – Dewlish	Elaine Kellaway	01258 837696
Cricket Club – Milton Abbas	Andy Smith	01258 880310
Cricket – Junior (U11 – U13)	Andy Smith	01258 880310
Football – Adult	Matt Hall	07846 262717
Football – Reserve Team	Tom Lane	07786 156335
Football – Under 11s	Marie Hayter	01258 837241
Ladies Netball	Jane Williams	01258 839291
Running Group	Anne-Marie Pearson	01258 837057
Skittles – Dewlish	Frank Ross	01258 837366
Sports Club		
Chairman:	Phillip Hayter	07830 125610
Bookings:	Dean Hamilton	01258 837370
Table-tennis	Sandra Shannon	01258 837253
Tap Dancing for Adults	Libby Goodchild	01305 268029
Tennis	Dennis Nelson	01258 837734
Tennis (Members Secretary)	John Sanderson	01258 837049
Yoga	Sue Chapman	01305 848053

Village Hall

Dewlish		
Chairman:	Alex Carter	01258 837312
Secretary:	Alex Carter	01258 837312
Milborne St. Andrew		
Chairman:	Paul Tasker	01258 837590
Booking Secretary:	Sandie Sach	01258 837033

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Community Events Diary

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

August

- Wednesday 7th** **Wednesday Club** Carvery at The Royal Oak 12 noon for 12.30pm – see page 3.
- Tuesday 13th** **100 Club Draw** The Royal Oak, 8.00pm. New members always welcome – see pages 15 and 19.
- Wednesday 21st** **Parish Council** (Plans) Village Hall 7.30pm.
- Thursday 22nd** **Fiddlesticks Toddler Session** Village Hall 10.00am – see pages 35.
- Wednesday 28th** **Ancient Games and New Inventions** Village Hall 10.30pm – see page 35.
- Saturday 31st** **Village Lunch** Village Hall 12.15pm. – see page 2.

September

- Wednesday 4th** **Badminton** resumes Milborne First School 7.00pm. All newcomers welcome.
- Thursday 12th** **WI** talk by Christine Shaw “Spitzbergen, looking for polar bears” Village Hall 7.30pm – see page 15.
- Friday 13th** **Computer Drop-In** resumes 10.00am to 12 noon Village Hall Committee Room.
- Saturday 14th** **Historic Churches Trust “Ride and Stride”** details page 3 July *Reporter* or tel. Pam Shults 837203. **Reporter** deadline for copy. Please send your stories and pictures to msa.reporter@yahoo.co.uk
- Tuesday 17th** **100 Club Draw** The Royal Oak, 8.00pm. New members always welcome – see pages 15 and 19.
- Wednesday 18th** **Parish Council** Village Hall 7.30pm.
- Friday 20th –** **Blithe Spirit** The Milborne Players Village Hall
- Saturday 21st** 7.30pm see pages 15 and 18.
- Saturday 28th** **Village Lunch** Village Hall 12.15pm. – see page 3.

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 every two months 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)
- Ladies’ Netball** Saturday 9.30–10.30pm MUGA
- Village Lunch** last Saturday of the month 12.15–2.30pm MH
- Sequence Dancing** third Saturday 7.30–10.30pm MH
- 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

August and September at the Sports Club

- The Busy Bees** Under 5 Group from 9.30am to 11.30am on Thursday term time only. Contact Hayley Davis (07919156578).
- Table Tennis** from 7.00pm to 9.00pm every Monday evening. Contact Sandra Shannon Tel. 837253.

Milborne Mini Soccer

Training on Wednesdays from 5.00–5.45pm for under 6s and 5.00–6.30pm for all other age groups.

Please let the Reporter know if there are any alterations to this list or you would like something added.

September 2013



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Milborne Tennis Club Village Hall Multi Sports

**Well done Andy Murray 2013 Wimbledon Champion!
Report, News and organisation update**

Report

During June last year eight founder members established the Milborne Tennis Club (MTC) and the Milborne Tennis Academy (MTA) based at the multi sports court at the village hall. A very successful Open Day attracted over 40 people comprising parents and children and individual prospective members interested in starting up the club. Our strategy for the first year was to establish regular playing sessions, adult/junior membership and a coaching programme on which to build during the following year.

In spite of a few hiccups and atrocious rainy weather last year we successfully fulfilled most of our aims, securing membership numbers, completing two major junior coaching programmes during July and August with some adults beginners/developers turning up for adult coaching albeit some sessions got clobbered by persistent rain!

Our junior coaching programme is currently suspended pending our coach recovering from recent neck surgery. If all goes well he will be operating fully at beginning of August

Membership

1. To all paid up members from 2012-2013 Membership has now been extended for a further year and covers membership for 2013-2014.
2. Members who wish to use the Milton Abbey Courts must call Dennis on 07805296535 to get their Milton Abbey sports club members card which is included in your membership.

Club Playing Times

Offers adults and juniors opportunities to play regular tennis at Milborne with **free coaching** for beginners.

- Mondays 4.00-7.00pm junior coaching
Wednesdays 6.00-8.00pm social tennis adults and competent juniors
Sundays 9.00am-10pm free adult coaching
10.00-12 noon social tennis adults and competent juniors

NB Non members are welcome at any time as guests for three sessions. For free coaching please call to book 07805296535.

New Proposals

The club is now considering looking at what opportunities there are for funding two grass tennis courts in the village. We need the support of the community to help fund this by way of Milborne Tennis Club membership. If we can build up a regular membership to around 20 adults and 20 juniors we will be able to attract funding for this project to build our own tennis courts and enhance the sporting opportunities for our village.

Dennis Nelson

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New Dorset Driver courses

OUR summer 2013 Dorset Driver courses have arrived, so book your place now to attend a two hour theory session for just £5!

Driving in the modern age is nothing like it was 50, 60 or 70 years ago. The road network has grown beyond recognition, vehicle safety has improved significantly and the Highway Code has been updated many times. We all get a bit rusty and have a few bad habits so this is a perfect opportunity to refresh your driving knowledge and pick up some invaluable driving tips.

We organise a two hour theory discussion session which includes topics such as how to spot hazards sooner, how to negotiate roundabouts safely, new road signs and signals, changes in the law, how to stay fit to drive safely in the future, tips on driving safely in adverse weather conditions, how to avoid stressful driving situations and driving on dual carriageways and motorways.

Courses are being held at various locations around the county and are presented by an experienced driving professional. Our instructors have an extensive local knowledge of Dorset's road network and will be happy to answer any questions you may have on how to drive safely for longer.

When and where?

Dorchester – Top O' Town House on Thursday 22nd August from 10.00pm to 12.00 noon.

Poole – Upton House on Wednesday 28th August from 2.00pm to 4.00pm.

Other venues include Gillingham, Sherborne, Boscombe, Bridport and Swanage – ask the *Reporter* for details.

The course costs £5 per person, which is payable to the presenter on the day.

Bookings

You can book online at www.dorsetforyou.com/dorsetdriver or by telephone on 01305 224558.

Practical course

Put theory into practice – book a 90 minute refresher session on local roads with a driving professional, in your own vehicle or the instructor's vehicle

If you feel you are lacking in confidence as a driver, want to improve your safety on the road or simply save money on fuel and vehicle 'wear and tear', this course is for you.

It is not a test so there is no such thing as 'pass' or 'fail'; our professional instructors will simply provide useful tips and techniques to help you to continue driving safely for longer.

Cost

The practical course costs £37.50 for a 90 minute session.

Bookings

For booking information go to www.dorsetforyou.com/dorsetdriver or call 01305 224558.

Dorset Driver Gold

Are you a driver aged 75 or over? Would you like to take part in a free theory and practical driving course?

Dorset Driver Gold is a Dorset Road Safe Partnership project, aimed at updating and improving your driving skills and confidence on the road. The project also hopes to achieve a long term reduction in the risks associated with drivers aged 75 and over.

We are looking to recruit volunteer drivers aged 75 and over to participate in the free pilot project. The project is made up of two parts; a theory course and two practical driver observations.

For more information and to register your interest, visit dorsetforyou.com/roadsafety/gold

*Road Safety Team,
Dorset County Council, County Hall, Dorchester DT1 1XJ.
Tel: 01305 224558 dorsetforyou.com/roadsafety*

Mini Soccer success

AS the 2012/13 football season came to an end Milborne Mini Soccer could be extremely proud of a number of successes for both our under 8 and under 9 league teams. Andy Brown and Stuart Joyce have both done a fantastic job of developing their teams and we look forward to them taking their teams through to the next season. We are delighted that Darryl Simms who started with our youngest age



group at the start of the season will also be entering a league team for the 2013/14 season at under 7's with a 50/50 mix of next year's year 1 and 2 children.

The end of season was celebrated with a mini soccer presentation to all players at this year's fun day, which despite the bad weather still managed to raise over £700 towards the new floodlights.

We were delighted that so many people turned out in the wind



and rain to support the event and would especially like to thank Mr Ferguson of the Milborne Business Centre for the fantastic raffle prizes and for allowing us use of the car park for the event, The Royal Oak pub for putting up another terrific fight and second year win against our coaches and dads team in the tug of war, the Bere Regis Football Club who came to play our teams in some pre-fun day friendlies and of course to the wonderful Neil Coad and youth band Ricochet who did a wonderful job of entertaining the crowd against the elements.

Next season we will require another wonderful willing volunteer coach to take on the new reception group. If you are interested in taking on this rewarding challenge please do not hesitate to get in touch (Marie Hayter 01258 837241).

Marie Hayter

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Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday 17th July

The Scouts have permission from Village Hall Committee to have a storage shed at the Hall. This will keep all their equipment in one place, rather than various locations around the village. They asked for funding from the Parish Council for half the cost. The Parish Council has no budget to award grants to local organisations this year. It was recommended that the Scouts consider a loan from the County, or approach people in the village for help with applying to other bodies for grants.

Concerns expressed about a planning application for two houses at the former dairy at Springfields, Milton Road, Reference 2/2013/0655/PLNG. Villagers are concerned about the driveways for the houses and their access to the proposed garages, the potential to block access to existing driveways, the listed building at the property and the presence of Japanese Knotweed which could be spread by building activity. A change of use from agricultural to residential use would be needed. The planning application claims that there is no flood risk to the new houses; villagers are concerned about the potential for increased groundwater flooding to other homes in the area. The Parish Council will object to this development based on these grounds and encourages affected villagers to write to North Dorset District Council and make their views known.

Villagers queried why more houses are being built when those in New England have not sold, why big houses are being built which are too expensive for local purchasers, and whether planning consent would be granted, given the flooding experienced in the area.

Cllr Hilary Cox's report was read. More bins and fewer buses this year! Community Transport will continue to be subsidised. Cllr Cox stated she is available to help anyone who contacts her.

There was no report from the Allotment Society. The Parish Council is pressing for the creation of a formal lease.

Neither WDDC nor Charminster Parish Council has objected to the application for a wind farm at Charminster.

Under the new Planning Framework being introduced by Central Government, Parish Councils will not hear about most future planning applications. Those they do hear about will be handled by a sub-committee which will provide the Council with more robust arguments for responses. A Neighbourhood Plan will provide a basis for considering future applications and must be consulted by NDDC and other councils when considering planning applications; grants are available to create one. The Parish Council will notify NDDC that they are to create a Neighbourhood Plan and will apply for a grant.

The Clerk's quarterly financial report shows that the Council is keeping to its budget and forecast, although income is behind forecast at the moment due to the late arrival of rents from the Sports Club.

Clerk to ask the owner of the house on the corner of Milton Road to cut back the hedge from the path. Councillors are concerned about the safety of the railings as well as the appearance of the property.

Speeding in Milton Road, raised last month, was raised again. The Clerk will write to Highways to ask about '30' signs to be painted in the road after a meeting to be held soon with Highways. Speeding involves tractors and lorries as well as cars.

Susan Cawley

Roger's Rant record's weekend

Just to let you know that we made £2,244.32 at the 2013 Rant. This was by far a record and we want to thank all who came to help, all those who came to play and all those who just came to enjoy themselves.

What a brilliant way to have fun and raise money. The weekend will now benefit Julia's House Children's hospice and Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance.

Best regards from the committee of Alice and Roger, Kitty and Derek and Gilly and Tony.



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The *Reporter* has just come across this leaflet, printed in 1988. We thought you might like to read it.

A walk around Milborne St. Andrew A friendly Dorset village

A guide compiled by the children of the village school

Welcome to Milborne St. Andrew

Milborne St. Andrew takes its name from the stream running through the middle of the village and the parish church. Mentioned in the Domesday Book as a farm for Milton Abbey, the village has a long history. There are many interesting places and houses in our village and the children of the school have compiled this guide to show you some of them. We hope you will enjoy your walk.

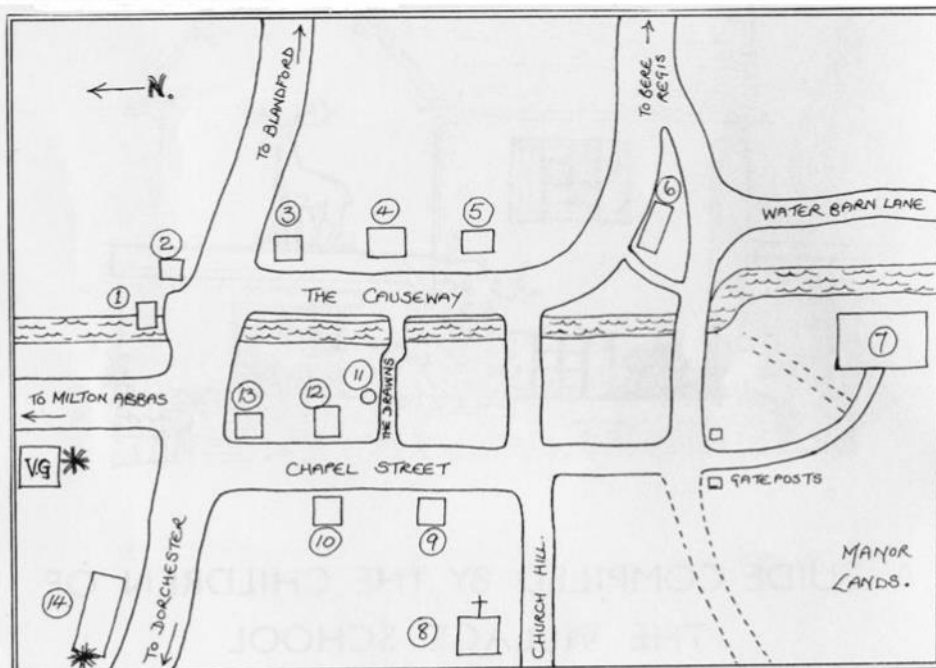
The walk begins in the square in the centre of the village where you will see

1. The old saddler's shop – circa 1700



Though now used as a greengrocery shop for many years this was a saddle maker's workshop. The large windows let in plenty of light so the saddler could see his work with ease and from this vantage point in the centre of the village he could see everything that happened so the saddler's shop was also the local gossip shop.

MAP OF THE VILLAGE CENTRE



Parking – you may park in the Square, or in the car park by the V.G. Store and by The Royal Oak.

2. The Post Office – circa 1700



Dorset buttons, once a thriving cottage industry, were made by women all over the area and brought here to the 'button factory' where the workers were paid and the buttons sent to London.

Dorset buttons are made of thread woven in patterns over a metal ring and though machines invented in 1850 killed the cottage industry, traditional patterns like honeycomb, basket weave, crosswheel and Blandford cartwheel are still being made today.

Cross the main road to

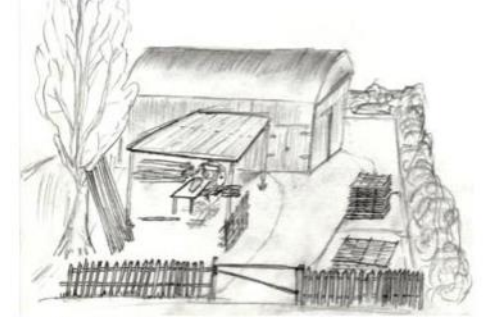
3. Tilly Whim – circa 1690

Originally two rooms up and two down, this picturesque cottage was re-thatched in 1975 when a sheep's skull and a Victorian child's shoe were found – placed in the roof to ward off evil – they were of course replaced!



Walk up the Causeway and you will see

4. The Hurdlemaker's Yard



Hurdles have been made in the village for hundreds of years from hazel grown in the local woods which is cropped every seven years.

And

5. Goulds Farm – circa 1780



A mellow, red brick, Georgian house with a steeply pitched tiled roof. It is typical of Dorset farms of the period with its closely-grouped barns and cowsheds.

Follow the road around the corner to

6. Little England – circa 1550

One of the oldest houses in the village – the original structure was an open-hall house, built of cob. The village coffin maker once lived here, and the original inglenook fireplace and bread oven are still intact.



Follow the footpath to the gateposts which mark

7. The manor house site



All that is left of Milborne manor house is the manor farm, once the servants' quarters. Along Water Barn Lane are the dovecote, orangery and the watermill - now derelict - which once belonged to the estate, home of the Morton Pleydell family until the manor was destroyed by fire in 1802.

Turn left out of the field (please shut the gate) to

8. St. Andrew's Church – circa 1067



The church has a Norman arch on the south side with a sundial above. Inside are another Norman arch, a Norman font and memorials to the Morton Pleydell family. The tower has a peal of fine bells which are rung regularly.

Walk down Chapel Street until you find our

9. Village school – circa 1857



A classic Victorian village school, built of brick and flint with its original gate. The school now has a large playing field, many animals and the latest computers! Our new school bell was a gift from Her Majesty's navy to commemorate those who died in the Falklands.

10. Home farmhouse – circa 1804

The front of the house was built in bonded stone and flint, materials taken from the remains of the manor. The other walls are of



cob, two feet thick and parts of the house may be much older than the front.

As you pass the 'Drawns' (where water was drawn) see

11. The village pump



One of several in the village and still in daily use until the late 1930s.

The Regency house by the pump 'The Retreat', was once the bakehouse where villagers who had no ovens took their bread and meat to be baked.

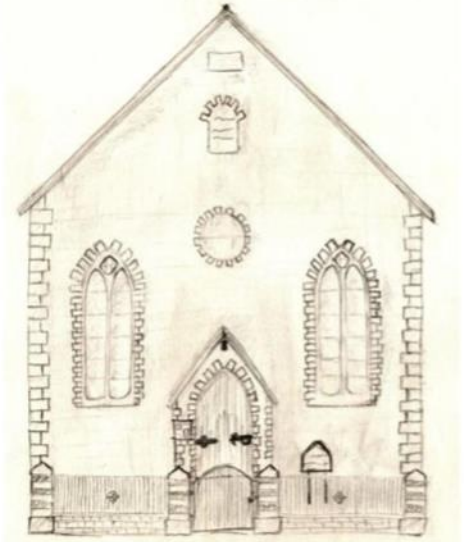
Further down Chapel Street is

12. The Methodist chapel – circa 1867

Methodism was enormously popular in rural communities in Dorset in the 19th century. The chapel is typical of such buildings of the



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period – built of local materials with a slate roof.

13. The Stag House – circa 1790



Built by the Morton Pleydell family, this pair and Rose Cottages were for superior estate workers. The stag (actually a roe buck) has been there since the 1860's when the house was the village dairy and post office. His body is concrete over a metal framework and his antlers are real. The house is built of brick and flint with a clay-tiled roof.

The walk ends at the village pub – of course!

14. The Royal Oak – circa 1700

Originally thatched, the pub has thick cob walls and a red tiled roof. It was once a coaching inn but is now the centre of village social life and headquarters of the local cricket and football teams. Thomas Hardy drank the occasional pint here!

News from Dorset County Council Trading Standards Service

IT IS estimated that nearly half of people in the UK have been targeted by a scam and that £3.5 billion is lost to scams every year.

Scams are schemes to con people out of their money. Other names for scams include fraud, hoax, con, swindle or cheat. Scams come in a variety of ways such as by post, phone, email, online and sometimes via a knock at the door.

There are hundreds of scams including fake lotteries and prize draws, bogus health cures, dodgy investment schemes, pyramid selling, phishing – to name just a few. These may change as people become aware of them and as scammers attempt to keep one step ahead.

People from all walks of life get conned because scammers are clever and are always on the lookout for dubious new activities.

Spot Scams

It could be a scam if:

The call, or letter, e-mail or text has come out of the blue.

You've never heard of the lottery or competition they are talking about and didn't buy a ticket.

They are asking you to send money in advance.

They are telling you that you have to respond quickly so you don't get time to think about it or talk to family and friends before you decide.

They are telling you to keep it a secret.

Stop Scams

Report it. If you have been scammed, or if you think someone has tried to scam you, report it to Action Fraud on **0300 1232040** or visit www.actionfraud.police.uk/contact-us

Get advice. The Citizens Advice Consumer Service **08454 040506** can provide advice and pass details of rogue traders to Trading Standards.

Tell someone. Tip off a friend, neighbour or relative about the scams you become aware of.

Scam averted

Dorset Trading Standards received a call from the police about a gentleman in his 70s who was having some work done on his roof. The gentleman (Mr X) had received a knock on his door from a man who was offering to fit some plastic edging to his roof. Mr X agreed to this work being done. No sooner had they started than the roofer came back to the door and said the wood on the roof was rotten and he could fix it but it would cost £4,500. Fortunately for Mr X a neighbour was concerned and called the police who turned up and arrested the roofer; it turned out he was wanted for crimes elsewhere. Trading standards then employed a surveyor to look at the roof and he confirmed that the wood wasn't rotten and didn't need replacing. Mr X had a lucky escape thanks to his neighbour and was £4,500 better off. There is a piece of law that requires a trader who visits your home to give you a seven day cooling off period and a notice of right to cancel if the suggested work costs more than £35. If they don't give you this notice they are breaking the law and can be prosecuted as was the roofer in this case.

We recommend that you do not deal with traders who cold call you and offer to do work for you.

Charity bag fraud

How do you know if the collection bags dropping through your letterbox asking for your old clothes, shoes, CD and DVDs and other household items are genuine?

According to the National Fraud Investigation Bureau, charity bag fraud costs £50 million per year in the UK. Some charity bags are distributed by fraudulent collectors who claim that donated goods will go to charities, legitimate or otherwise, but have been pocketing the proceeds for themselves.

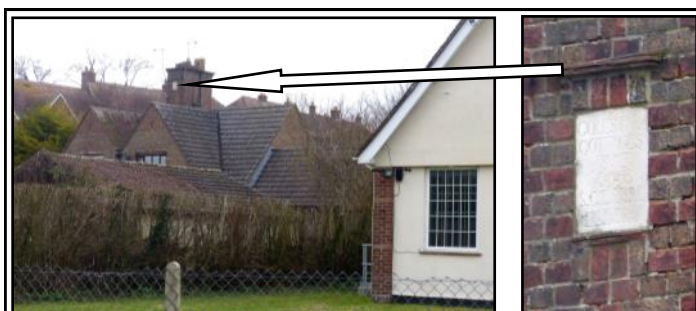
Only recently Dorset County Council Trading Standards Service helped the South West Scambusters Team, who work on tackling trading standards offences that occur across two or more local authority areas, which resulted in a charity bag fraudster being sentenced to 13 months in prison. This fraudster had been distributing bogus charity bags across the south west area, including Dorset, under the name 'Bernhardos' which many consumers mistook for the genuine UK charity Barnardo's due to the similarity in not only name but also in the colour and style of the text.

A large proportion of charity bag collections are genuine, and they will feature the charity's details and registered number on the bag. If you want to check them out then you can look up the charity from its registration number on the Charity Commission's website www.charitycommission.gov.uk or call the Charity Commission helpline on 0845 300 0218.

However as only English and Welsh charities need to be registered with the Charity Commission it means that it's more difficult to check an overseas-based charity and you may wish to take this into account when deciding whether to support the collection.

If you want to donate it's also worth being aware that some charity bag collections are run by legitimate commercial collectors on behalf of genuine charities. These commercial collectors will take a percentage of the profits for themselves. This is all perfectly legal but they should tell you this so check out the small print on the charity bag to see how much profit they will keep and make sure you are happy with that before you donate.

Look out for the Buy With Confidence logo – trading standards check traders so you don't have to. Visit the website www.buywithconfidence.gov.uk or call The Citizens Advice Consumer Service **08454 040506**.



Did you identify this?

Last month's photograph was on John Joyce's and Jon Riddle's chimney, 1 and 2 Coles Farm Cottages, last houses before the Pumping Station, Milton Road.

Congratulations to Ronald Hogg for being the first, and only, person with the correct answer.

If you could see the words they were:

Try your luck this month on page 16.

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School Report Summer 2013

THIS has been a busy and enjoyable school year with many notable successes and achievements for the school.

The school year began in autumn with the school for the first time for a few years operating with four classes; numbers of pupils having grown during the summer term 2012. Some experienced staff left Milborne; both Mrs Dipple and Mrs Hammond; which gave school the opportunity to recruit new staff. Miss Wittman began teaching in our Foxes class (Reception/Year 1) and Miss Jones in Badgers (Year 3).

School has joined with the local community to celebrate many special occasions throughout the year. St. Andrew's day saw the children working with Rev Sarah Hillman learning about St. Andrew and also taking part in a Milborne Church service which also saw the unveiling of the church's recent building development. Christmas was an exciting and enjoyable time at school. Key Stage one entertained the school community with a '10 minute nativity'; Key Stage Two produced a highly enjoyable pantomime based on Jack and the Beanstalk; and the whole school shared a church service with our whole school community. Easter saw our traditional egg rolling, an egg hunt and an Easter service led by our Year 4 children in church.

Our children have had a huge range of learning experiences this year and have benefited from numerous visitors and visits to enhance their learning. For example our younger children have had the opportunity to explore our fantastic school grounds each week learning about habitats, wildlife and natural art, whatever the weather! The older children have visited many places including a roman villa, Streetwise and Lyme Regis Fossils and visitors have included experts in the fields of caterpillars, Judaism and maths!!

Out of school our sports teams have enjoyed football, cricket, multi skills, athletics and netball competitions and our clubs have given our children the opportunity to explore cooking, gym and wild art, to name but a few. Musically the school has been impressed and proud to watch and listen to many performances from our talented children playing a range of instruments from trombones, cellos, pianos to ukuleles!

Our children have all made great progress in all areas of the curriculum, particularly in their writing which we were all working on together this year. Our children have learnt together, in groups, pairs and individually and they have all found out new things about themselves and the world around them, but above all shown enthusiasm and excitement for learning which is reflected in all their achievements this year.

And finally as this academic year come to a close, I would like to extend a huge thank you to our whole school community, parents, staff, volunteers, Friends of School and Governors for all their dedication and support this year. I hope everyone associated with the school has an enjoyable and restful summer break.

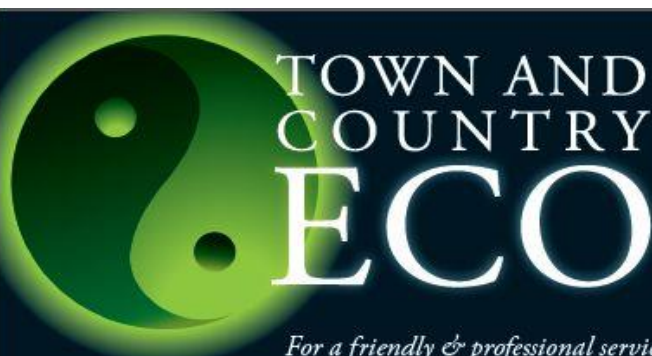
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- Pan fried scallops with pea and black pudding purees and a Parma ham crisp
- Pork, apricot and pistachio terrine with real ale chutney and toasted bread

Salads

All salads are available as a starter or a main course

- Hambro Caesar salad of romaine lettuce, herb croutons, parmesan and anchovies (add chicken)
- Prosciutto ham salad with olives, tomato and caper berries
- Goats cheese with a walnut crumble, baby mixed leaves, pickled beetroot, pear and toasted pumpkin seeds (v)
- Pan seared tuna loin with boiled egg, green beans, new potatoes, sun blushed tomato and salad leaves

Mains

- Braised and rolled leg of hogget with butternut puree, dauphinoise, asparagus tips and red currant jus
- Rump steak with confit tomato, field mushroom, hand cut chips, red watercress and pink peppercorn sauce
- Dressed Portland crab with shaved fennel, samphire and sun blushed tomato salad, buttered new potatoes and roasted garlic aioli
- Pan roasted corn fed chicken supreme, with linguini carbonara
- Mushroom, tarragon, onion and garlic risotto with morelle essence

Pub Classics

- Trio of sausages with black pepper mash and red onion gravy
- Breaded plaice with hand cut chips, peas and tartare sauce
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A Good Read by Shirley Dunkley

Notes on a Scandal

by Zoe Heller

THE narrator of this 1990's novel is a history teacher called Barbara, a sixtyish spinster lady who heads a department of a mixed comprehensive school in Islington. The 'scandal' of the title involves another female teacher, Sheba, new to the school who becomes sexually involved with a 15-year-old boy pupil. This causes enormous upheaval to her family and her marriage and to the school itself. Barbara befriends Sheba and becomes more and more part of the action. However, the subtext of the novel is the nature of the relationship between the two women. Barbara's need for power over people is gradually revealed as the underlying motive of all her apparently benign behaviour.

If that sounds as if the story is grim or sleazy, the judgement could not be farther from the truth. Heller is a witty and precise observer and writer. The picture of school life which emerges has a powerful reality. The extent of Barbara's jealousy and possessiveness is gradually revealed in the 'Notes' she writes about what is happening in the interim between discovery of the scandal and the pending court case. At the end it appears that Barbara has taken total control of her 'friend', but has she? Many questions remain unanswered. The novel is a compulsive read, full of surprises. It has been made into a film with Judi Dench as Barbara, but there are sufficient differences between the versions not to spoil enjoyment of the book.

TAINT press release

ON Sunday 23rd June a highly successful fund raising event was held at Waterston Manor for Tolpuddle Against Industrial Turbines (TAINT).

Attractions included the Anonymous Travelling Market, plant stalls, a lecture from the Thomas Hardy Society, a family dog show, cream teas and above all the magnificent gardens surrounding the manor. Over 1,000 people attended and the Silent Auction faired particularly well raising many thousands of pounds; this was for the fighting fund to oppose the planning application currently with West Dorset District Council for nine massive turbines, which would wreck the landscape of mid Dorset.

Taint would like to thank the many donors of some magnificent lots. The Dorset branch of the CPRE joined forces with TAIN to explain the proposed horror aided by some splendid drawings and paintings of the area by talented local artist Adrian Whittlesea. The TAIN committee were delighted that throughout the day so many people from the local communities voiced their objections to the proposal.

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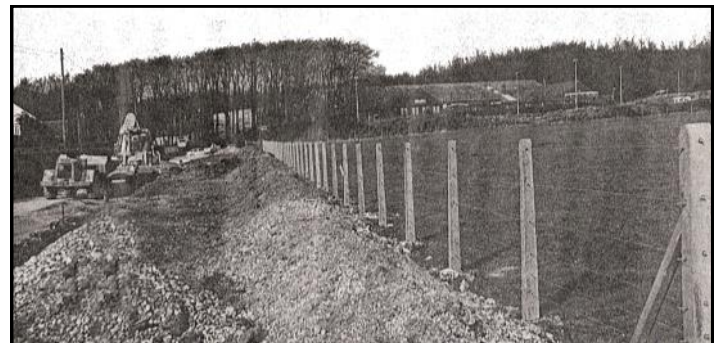
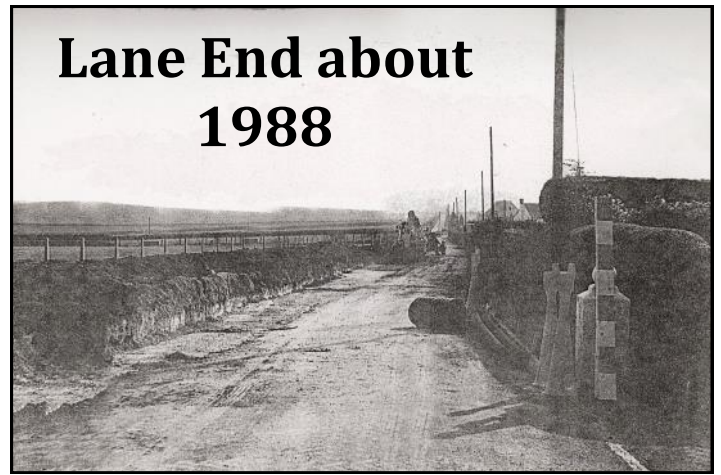
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The Council will, sometime in the future change the sign, but please give them time, its only 25 years.

If you know anything about this or other pieces of local history or news then please send it to the *Reporter*.





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Ask Millie

– your problems solved



In response to last month's problem of "barbecue blues" (the neighbour using noisy garden machinery just as you start your barbecue):

Millie says –

Your neighbour has my sympathy here. Perhaps he or she objects to the clouds of noxious oily smoke produced by your sizzling snout and sawdust sausages and the Black Beauty burgers billowing over the garden fence. Leave the barbecue in the shed, try serving a cold chicken salad at the patio table and see if this solves the problem.

Hi Millie

What do you think about the new online social justice group advertised in the Church pages of the Reporter? Is this the same social justice group who tried to be the tea Taliban a couple of years back?

Millie says –

I always try to see both sides of any problem, if you are a Fair Trade supporter, try Googling 'Fair Trade is not fair', have a look at the other side and then make your own mind up.

As regards the SJG's recommendation that we should formally object to "on-line snooping". . . perhaps this is the price we have to pay for increased vigilance against a growing threat of terrorism and pornography. Personally, I do find it difficult to take moral advice from a group financed and supported by the C of E which doesn't recognise the social justice of equality for women priests and gay people. Anyway, in last month's article they unfortunately omitted to include the email address that they ask you to use to join the online group. Perhaps they should stick to drinking coffee that tastes like gravy browning?

Hi Millie

I hear that there is a new 'Gentleman's Club' in the village that meets on Fridays. Do you know where and when and what they get up to please?

Millie says –

Gentleman's club? In a previous letter to Millie all the various clubs and societies in our village were researched and found to be open to both sexes, apart from the WI, which is still only open to women members although men may attend meetings as guests. I think you may be referring to the Friday Computer Group (aka The Cake Club) which I hear is almost exclusively male for the first hour, but apparently the genders balance out later in the morning when the women arrive having

put on their make up, done their hair and completed all their household tasks.

Next month's problems –

Hi Millie

When helping to wash up and put away the wine glasses at the village hall, I notice that some user groups put the glasses away upside down and some leave them right way up. What do you think is the right way to store these communal glasses?

Dear Millie

What can I do with my old dustbin?
– Sensible replies please!

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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I love my food

By Josie Wright

*While slurping my way through a large glass of red
I was startled to see a fat chicken ahead*

*With a lopsided grin and a belch and a laugh
Said, 'Mind if I join you, mine's just a half*

*We sat down on the bed, this chicken and me,
We raised up our glasses, we had two or three*

*We were totally smashed, we were having a ball,
Told hilarious jokes, far too rude to recall,*

*More bottles were opened, dispelling all gloom
We took off our trousers and danced round the room*

*Then we lay down with our legs in the air
We sang silly songs with our backsides all bare*

*We tried to stand up and fell down in a heap
In the middle of laughing, hen started to weep*

*'Was the matter ol' buddy, ol' pal, friend o' mine?'
'I'm to be Friday's supper, on me you'll soon dine.'*

*No, never, not me – I'm your number one fan
I recalled this on Friday – I love coq au vin.*

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Mah Jong Group

THE Mah Jong Group continues to meet every Monday at The Royal Oak. Usually we have enough members in attendance to have two games running at once. We play the western version of the game, which is slower and more complex than the eastern version. The evening isn't taken too seriously and there is a good deal of banter as the games progress – the usual calls of 'pung!' and 'kong!' supplemented by the occasional 'oh rats!' or 'I want that one!'.

We'll continue to meet until the Crib League starts again, but we will take a break on Monday 29th July for the Crib Round Robin competition.

If you'd like to try this rather fiendish Chinese game, please come along at 7.00pm on Mondays – you will be most welcome.

Susan Cawley

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In your Garden

Seasonal notes and tips from Maureen Lock of *designerGardens*

Ornamental grasses in the garden

ORNAMENTAL grasses are some of the most versatile plants in the garden. They can be grown in all kinds of conditions from boggy wet soil to very dry sandy soil and just about everything in between – obviously it depends on which variety you choose! Some grasses such as *Miscanthus sinensis* and *Stipa gigantea* are very tall and other such as *Festuca glauca* (blue grass) and *Ophiopogon 'Nigrescens'* (black grass) are very short.

Adding grasses to the border will extend the interest over a much longer period. In spring as they are emerging, they provide a good backdrop to spring bulbs, midsummer sees them producing a mass of tiny flowers, and then in autumn they change into lovely golden ambers and browns. Even in winter they provide you with structure in the border and at all times they provide movement as they waft and wave in the breeze.



Stipa gigantea with *Rosa 'Nathalie Nypels'* and *Cistus x purpureus*. You could throw in the odd lavender too for a bit of blue.

The pretty, yellow variegated grass *Hakenochoa macra 'Aureola'* will grow in full sun or in shade and looks stunning when grown with the blood red grass *Imperata 'Red Baron'*. If you like a more formal approach, then box balls with grasses planted in between is a delight.

Grasses are pretty easy to look after too. With a little care just once a year (how low maintenance can you get!) they will reward you with a long display – and they don't need deadheading or staking. Their care depends on whether they are deciduous or evergreen. Grasses don't like to be disturbed during the winter months so maintenance is



Planting Combinations

In late summer grasses combine well with *Verbena bonariensis*, *Rudbeckia* and *Echinacea* – the colours complement one another perfectly. Tall spires of the perennial veronica (*Veronicastrum virginicum*) work well with grasses. Most of the *Pennisetums* have oval flower heads ranging from fluffy white to deep pink – *Pennisetum 'Red Buttons'* is particularly attractive and one of my favourites.

Another pretty combination is the large



best carried out in the spring as they are just breaking into growth. Deciduous grasses – just cut the old stems back as close to the ground as you can. Tidy and rejuvenate evergreen grasses each year by raking out the dead leaves and flowers, or run your hands through (with gloves on) and pull out the dead leaves.

If you want to see grasses at their best, then we have one of the best gardens in the country right on our doorstep – Knoll Gardens near Wimborne – an absolute MUST to visit and August/September is the best time to go.

Kens Kabs



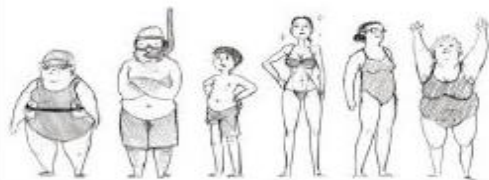
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Karen Hansen with Ancient Games and New Inventions

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It is suitable for ages nine plus and places costs £10.00 each. The Workshop runs from 10.30am to 3.30pm. Dress for mess and bring a packed lunch. Places are limited so early booking is advised.

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Artsreach runs lots of creative activities for young people over the summer holidays and puts on shows especially for you and your family throughout the year. Check out workshops and performances on http://artsreach.co.uk/childrens_page.php



Cheselbourne Theatre Club



ON **Monday 7th October** we are going to Salisbury Theatre to see two short plays staged in the more intimate surroundings of the Salberg Studio. Each explores the shocks and surprises of adulterous love between an older man and a younger woman.

Elegy for a Lady by Arthur Miller was first performed in 1982 on Broadway. It is set in an expensive New York boutique where an affluent, guarded man shopping for his mistress encounters the young elegant woman who owns the store.

The second play of the evening is by Brian Friel and it is based on an adaptation of a short story by Chekhov. It takes us to a resort on the Crimea where Dmitri and Anna play The Yalta Game. To pass the time as they sit in the central square the restless middle-aged accountant and Anna, a young newly-wed travelling alone, invent outrageous life stories about the people they watch. Will the desire to make life more interesting lead Dmitri and Anna to start an affair?

Tickets (£23) are available from John Widdowson 01258 837791. Please book and pay as soon as possible but by 5th August at the latest.

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