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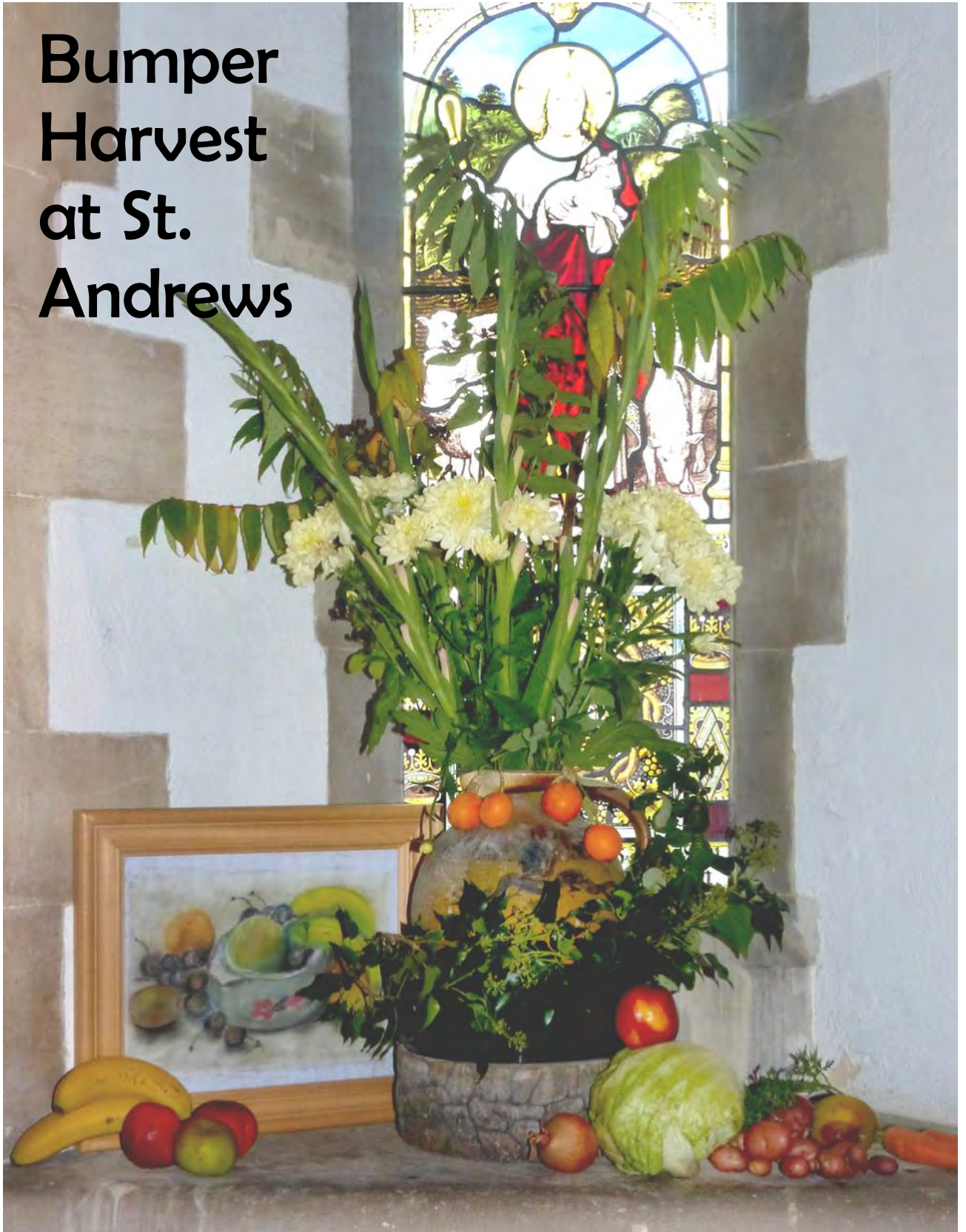
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## Designing gardens



ON 26th September we had a Members Meeting (with guests), it is traditionally presented by one of our members about something special they have done or are involved in.

This time it was Maureen Lock and as we know from her *Reporter* articles she is a keen gardener and has built up a garden design business.

It was great to hear her passion as she took us through the basics of her designing and the different challenges she faces with most gardens. Her work has ranged from a country house estate with many acres to a small courtyard garden in Poundbury. The country estate design was quite early in her career and brought her many new experiences such as building a ha-ha, planting an orchard, excavating a large pond, wildflower meadow, Italian garden, building walls and much more -- this was achieved over four years and the before and after slides we saw were amazing. Since that time Maureen has designed many lovely gardens and also public areas, one of these is The Quiet Space, well worth a visit, (near the Garden Centre in Poundbury).

We heard about the process from meeting the garden owners, discussing the brief, doing a survey, producing a design, overseeing hard landscaping and the planting plan. I believe Maureen's favourite part is the choosing of plants and the planting, for which you need a vision in your mind. She has a tremendous knowledge of plants and we feel as a Gardening Club very fortunate to have her as a member - so thank you Maureen from all of us. *Angie Nowell*



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## Wednesday Club hold their A.G.M.

IT was good to see 33 members at our A.G.M. on Wednesday 2nd October and all present paid their £10 annual subscription. We were pleased to welcome some new members and our thanks to Paula Pointer for kindly helping Pearl in the kitchen with the teas.

Ian Watts presented the draft accounts which were accepted. Janet Allen informed the meeting that the present committee were prepared to stand for another year and that she was willing to continue as chairman. Members unanimously approved of this.

Information regarding our Christmas lunch was circulated and we agreed to car share to save the cost of a coach.

In addition the committee had prepared a list of suggested trips for 2014 and asked members to give their preferences.

Two representatives from POPPs talked to individual groups about help available for over 50's while we had tea and biscuits and a chat.

Our next meeting will be in the Village Hall on Wednesday 6th November at 2.00pm when there will be various table games, tea and biscuits and time to catch up with friends. *Lis Watts*

## Bus2Go prepares to get festive

OUR outings to Wilton Shopping Village and Stewarts Garden Centre provided an excellent opportunity for some early Christmas shopping as well as items for the home and garden. At both venues, our shopping spree was rounded off with a delicious lunch together.

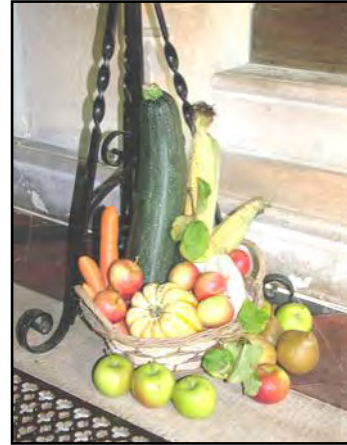
Christmas shopping continues, Saturday 9th November with a visit to Castle Point Shopping Centre, Bournemouth.

Christmas Lunch Party, Saturday 30th November, bus and two course lunch £19.00

Pantomime visit to Weymouth Pavilion, Cinderella matinée performance and a final opportunity to do some last minute Christmas shopping. £22.50 includes bus and panto ticket, lunch extra.

## Bountiful Harvest Festival at St. Andrew's

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH looked wonderful for Harvest Festival. As usual the church flower arrangers put on a magnificent show of autumnal flowers, with arrangements of sunflowers, chrysanthemums, gladioli, dahlias and roses in beautiful autumn



colours adorning every available space. Foliage from gardens and hedgerows together with lengths of fruiting passionflower and boughs of crab-apple were among the flowers.

Villagers brought donations of fruit and vegetables which were arranged around the church to complete a wonderful display. There were marrows, squashes, tomatoes, sweetcorn, carrots, onions, apples, pears, cabbages, herbs, peppers, some delicious looking grapes and even a loaf! All were grown in Milborne St. Andrew and much will be donated to the Longmead community. It was a truly marvellous way to celebrate the end of an unforgettable summer. *Marion Regan*

## Village Hall Chatter

GOOD NEWS! We have the grant from Viridor Credits Environmental Company which with a considerable contribution from Hall funds, will allow us to resurface the car park at long last. The work should take no more than a week and will start, hopefully on Monday 30th December. All cars must be cleared from the car park by then. We hope that the work will not unreasonably inconvenience neighbours.

Sadly, it seems that a downside of the lovely summer was large groups of young people "partying" and setting fires in the Hall top field - a danger to themselves and nuisance to neighbours. Unfortunately this only stopped after police intervention

Littering in the Hall fields remains an ongoing problem. Many thanks are due to those few villagers who help pick litter on a regular basis: they would undoubtedly appreciate more help.

Regarding help, is there any chance there are more villagers who would be prepared to give a little time to help manage the Hall and its facilities? Please could anyone interested in donating a little time for the good of the Hall and village contact any of the current committee members.

We plan to decorate the Hall for Christmas again this year and will do this on Saturday 30th November - starting at 10.00am. This seems an early start but should allow us to get decorations up for the usual seasonal events in early December. Any donations of decorations will be welcome as will any help on the day!

*Paul Tasker*

## Special events at Milton Abbey

There are two special events happening at Milton Abbey soon. A concert will be held on 23rd November at 7.30pm, the Milton Abbey Choral Society with Amy Haworth (soprano) and Martin Ings (trumpet) will be performing Haydn's Nelson Mass and Bach's Jauchzet Gott.

On 8th December at 7.30pm, the Milton Abbey Choral Society and orchestra all invite you to 'Come and sing Handel's Messiah'.

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## Dorset PCC to recruit Older People's Advocate

TO mark Older People's Day, Dorset Police and Crime Commissioner, Martyn Underhill, has announced plans to recruit an Older People's Advocate. The new voluntary role is designed to help the PCC in his engagement with older communities across Dorset.

The Commissioner said: "This new role signals the importance I have placed on making sure the elderly in Dorset have a voice. It is important that the elderly and the groups that represent them have a point of contact on the wide range of issues affecting older people."

This will mark the third advocate role, to support the Commissioner's work. Mr Underhill appointed Helene Bowman Brown as his advocate for Boscombe in April. He is also currently looking for a Polish PCC Advocate.

All roles will provide support to Martyn Underhill as Dorset's elected Police and Crime Commissioner working on community issues, helping to raise awareness of the PCC role while giving the PCC a better understanding of the crime and community safety issues that affect local people.

The advocates will represent the PCC at relevant community meetings working with key local partners, stakeholders, other community contacts and members of the public.

They must be available for one to ten hours per month and although these are unpaid voluntary roles, reasonable expenses will be reimbursed.

A link to the Advocate application pack can be found here: [www.dorset.pcc.police.uk/Get-Involved/Current-Vacancies/PCC-Older-Peoples-Advocate.aspx](http://www.dorset.pcc.police.uk/Get-Involved/Current-Vacancies/PCC-Older-Peoples-Advocate.aspx)

The Police and Crime Commissioner is committed to achieving a truly representative workforce and therefore welcomes applications from all sections of the community.

*Debbie Morgan, Office Manager, DAPTC*

## Parish Council Meeting – Wednesday 16th October

THE Parish Council held its monthly meeting in the Village Hall on the 16th October at 7.30pm, attended by Councillors J. Balcon (Chairman), M. Hopper, P. Smith, S. Fox and S. Cherry, together with the Clerk and three members of the public. Before commencement of business the public were invited to raise any matters of concern and the subject of bins and other rubbish being left on the pavement outside the flats at Crown House was again raised. The Clerk undertook to contact Spectrum Housing once more, having received no response following an earlier complaint.

Reports were received from the two District Councillors regarding NDDCs position on any central government Council Tax support grant that may be forthcoming and how it would affect Town and Parish Councils, currently it appears there will be no grant.

Cllr Hopper reported on progress with the allotments, which now have water on site, and also a Community Speed Watch (CSW) meeting he attended with Cllr Fox. A pilot CSW scheme is now operating in Winterborne Whitechurch and the Safer Neighbourhood Team is keen to roll it out in other villages. The possibility of setting up a CSW group in Milborne St. Andrew will be discussed at the next Parish Council meeting on the 20th November, residents willing to volunteer to form a CSW group are very welcome to attend this meeting and partake in the discussion. Anyone interested in volunteering is asked to contact the Clerk or any Council member.

It was noted that planning permission has been granted for a development at Hillside, Little England and the Parish Council's suggestion that the archaeological importance of the site be taken into consideration has been acted upon. Future Council meeting dates for 2014/15 were agreed and will be posted in the *Reporter* and on the village website.

A half yearly financial report was received from the Clerk, who pointed out that despite the forecast of a significant deficit at the end of the financial year, an unforeseen one off source of income should be received which will clear the deficit. A first draft of the budget for 2014/15 was discussed at length by the Council and it was decided to defer a final decision to allow for further consideration and notification of the precept from NDDC. An application for a grant from Bus2Go was rejected. A report on village maintenance was considered and it was agreed that contractors will be invited to tender for a three year contract for grass cutting/general clearing of the memorial stone land and parish pit on a reduced specification to previous years. The Royal Oak has agreed to sponsor the cost of planting at Milton Road corner.


Cllr Hopper proposed that the Planning Committee should meet for half an hour prior to the main Council meeting to debate any planning issues and report to the following meeting. The meeting, which will have no executive powers, will be held in accordance with the rules for a full Council and open to members of the public. This was agreed.

The need for a follow up meeting to the Flooding meeting held in May was discussed and it was agreed to await the outcome of a Flood Warden's meeting to be held later this month. However, the Clerk has been asked to write to the Environment Agency requesting an update on the actions they took from the meeting in May, in particular their undertaking to write to all riparian homeowners reminding them of their responsibilities.

After the cheque schedule was agreed the meeting closed at 9.30pm. There were no further comments from the public.

*Colin Hampton, Clerk*

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## Remembrance

War is never a good thing. Hundreds of people are killed, homes and communities are destroyed, children are left parentless, parents lose children, many of those who survive end up with physical injuries or lives affected by emotional trauma.

And yet, there seems never to have been a period in the world's history where there wasn't somewhere in the world caught up in conflict. Today, when we are so advanced in so many other ways, people still seem intent on fixing their problems by blowing others up.

When it was alleged that chemical attacks had taken place in Syria, the immediate response of some was to go in with bombs. Nobody of a right mind can condone chemical warfare. It is utterly indiscriminating in those who are affected: civilians as well as soldiers, children as well as adults, the elderly and vulnerable as well as the able-bodied, and it causes severe damage to those who remain alive as well as bringing death. However doubts were raised as to whether the correct response was to attack weapons with weapons, to leave the situation to the Syrians to deal with or to find another way forward through dialogue. After much negotiating that third option was taken, and the chemical weapons are now being removed without any more loss of life.

These issues raise all sorts of questions. Should the international community ignore problems in other countries or ride into the rescue of the most vulnerable, who always come off worst in conflict? Should using the armed forces be the first response that governments consider or the last one? What role does dialogue have in these disputes? How best can the pursuit of peace be brought about?

Each year in November we remember the many who have fallen in war. We look back over our past history, and call to mind the cost and horrors of war.

But let's not overlook the fact that in Remembrance Day services across the land, we also pledge ourselves to working for peace. Conflict happens on the small as well as the large scale. Most of us will fortunately never end up on the battlefield, but we do have the opportunity to make a difference to the homes and communities in which we live. In small ways we can make a difference.

Let us never forget that most large wars begin with the action of one person or a small group. Individuals can change the world for better or for worse. Which do we want to do?

With best wishes

*Sarah*

## Milborne St. Andrew Church Notes



THE highlight of October must have been our **Harvest Festival**, celebrated as a service for all ages. Thank you so much to all the flower arrangers, Allotment Society, Wednesday Club and a host of individuals who made the church look so wonderful with the fruits of a bumper harvest in field and garden which have now gone to the Longmead Community. Without children to help her, Sarah had half the congregation holding up phrases



## CHURCH SERVICES November 2013

### 3rd November – All Saints' Sunday

9.15am	Breakfast followed by	Milborne
9.45	'Celebrate! ... The Saints' (All-age Worship)	
9.30am	Parish Communion	Tolpuddle
11.00	Family Communion	Puddletown
11.00	Patronal Festival Songs of Praise	Dewlish
6.00pm	Service of remembrance and thanksgiving for those who have died	Milborne

### Thursday 7th November

12 noon	Lunch-time Communion	Milborne
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### 10th November – Remembrance Sunday

(No 8:15am Service at Puddletown this month)

9.30am	Methodist United Service	Tolpuddle
10.00	Service of Remembrance (followed by procession to the Memorial Stone for 11.00am)	Milborne
10.50	Remembrance Day Service (starting at the War Memorial at the Crossroads)	Dewlish
11.00	Family Service	Puddletown Church Room
3.00pm	Royal British Legion Service of Remembrance	Puddletown

### 17th November – 2 before Advent

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

### Thursday 21st November

12 noon	Lunch-time Communion	Puddletown
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### 24th November – Christ the King

9.30am	All-age Worship	Tolpuddle
9.30	1662 Holy Communion (said)	Milborne
11.00	Parish Communion	Puddletown
11.00	Family Communion	Dewlish

### Saturday 30th November

6.00pm	Songs of Praise for St Andrew's Day	Milborne
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### MORNING PRAYERS (Monday–Thursday 8.15am, Saturday 9.00am)

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

### Flowers – w/e Saturday

26th October and 2nd November –  
Maureen Lock

9th November – Remembrance poppies  
16th and 23rd November – Lin Chatfield  
1st December – flowers removed for Advent

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making up Psalm 100, and the other half trying to put them in the right order. You could tell that we are a little unsure of the psalms and a good number of adults thought that life might be easier next time if they found some children to bring along

to do the work! Later that week it was lovely to have a full church for the school's harvest festival service.

Do come along to our new **'Celebrate . . . ' all age service on 3rd November**. This will start with a 'coffee, croissant and papers' breakfast at 9.15am before **'Celebrate . . . The Saints' at 9.45am**.

Our next service for the Benefice will be a **service of remembrance and thanksgiving** for the lives of those who have died, especially those that died during the last year. This will be an evening service at **Milborne on Sunday 3rd November at 6.00pm**, and will be similar to the one we held last year.

10th November is **Remembrance Sunday** when we will hold our usual service in **church at 10.00am** followed by a gathering at the Memorial Stone for 11 o'clock.

Our new **Jigsaw Swap Shop** on the first Thursday of the month attracted more interest this month. Everyone is welcome to come along to church at **11.00am on 7th November**, have cake and coffee or tea, and see which jigsaws you fancy. If you want to, you can stay for our mid-week Communion at noon.

We have now heard that the **Woodland Trust** have allocated us about 400 tree saplings to plant as a hedge between the churchyard and St. Andrew's View but there is still a lot of preparation work for our working party to do. We are also looking at what can be done with our western boundary where 6ft beech and leylandii hedges have grown into massive 60ft trees.

Our annual **Christmas Market** will be held in Milborne Village Hall on **23rd November**. We have arranged a good variety of stalls and attractions, so come along between 12.00 and 3.00pm for the grand raffle, cakes, preserves, gifts, toys, teas, soup-and-a-roll, mulled wine, and games to test your skills afterwards. There will also be displays of work from the school and playgroup. Entrance is free to all.

The following Saturday is **St. Andrew's Day (30th November)** when we will have displays in church by village craft people and the school. Our flower arrangers will put on a display with a Scottish flavour, teas and cakes will be served from 4.30pm, and judging of the best Dundee Cake will take place before a **Songs of Praise service at 6.00pm**. See the article on page 26 for more details.

*John Wright*

## Dewlish Church Notes

### Autumn colours at their best

OUR church looked beautiful, as usual, for our Harvest Festival service. Many thanks to the people who provided such wonderful flower arrangements – all autumn colours at their best. There was also plenty of produce reflecting our glorious summer and abundant harvest – especially of apples! It was lovely to welcome back Nell

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and Alan Gregory who, along with other musicians, provided us with the music. A big thank-you to all.

Next evening we held our Harvest Supper and Auction, which was well attended and most enjoyable. Thanks to all who provided such a wonderful supper. Our net proceeds amounted to £209, and this will be put towards church running costs.

The auction – once again with Andrew as the superb and humorous auctioneer – raised £306.86. Half that amount has been sent to Water Aid and half to Farm Africa. Thank you so much to all who contributed, to Marg for her organisation and last, but not least, to Andrew.

On Sunday 3rd November we are celebrating our **Patronal Festival (All Saints)**, and our service will be a Songs of Praise starting at 11.00am. The **Remembrance Day** service this year is on Sunday 10th November. We shall be assembling at the War Memorial at 10.50am for a short service, continuing in the church after 11.00am.

*Daphne Burg*

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# Royal British Legion Service of Remembrance 2013

AT 11 o'clock on 10th November 2013, following the church service, the annual Remembrance Service at Milborne St. Andrew will take place at the Memorial Stone. The service is for *all* those who have died or suffered as a result of wars and conflict.

The names of the fallen from the 1914-1918 and 1939-1945 World Wars will be read out. Assemble at 10.55 come rain or shine.

*They shall not grow old as we that are left grow old;  
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.  
At the going down of the sun and in the morning  
We will remember them.*

**We will remember them**

Whilst the fighting in Afghanistan is now being passed to the Afghan Army there will for those of our armed services, boys and girls, still coming to terms with the physical and mental effects of combat. Life after service has many pitfalls, lack of employment, homelessness and despair. The Royal British Legion is one of the country's leading charities in helping serving and ex-servicemen and women and their families in times of crisis. Please help by wearing your Poppy with pride.

Poppies and other items to commemorate the fallen and support the work of Royal British Legion will be on sale again from the end of October until just after Remembrance Sunday. To see more of the work of The Royal British Legion please visit [www.britishlegion.org.uk/can-we-help](http://www.britishlegion.org.uk/can-we-help). Thank You.

On the 11th November at 11 o'clock there will also be an opportunity to observe the two minutes silence, the precise time the armistice came into effect in 1918.

*Michael Hopper*

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## Ask Millie

– your problems solved



In response to last month's problem of the disappearing goldfish.

### Millie says -

This could be cats, herons, egrets or even mischievous next-door neighbours if they have been following the story lines of a popular TV soap. So without resorting to CCTV cameras it will be difficult to apportion blame. Talking of portions, if your fish disappear on a Friday you might like to consider the possibility that they are being served up with chips and mushy peas somewhere in Milborne. Try following your nose?

Hi Millie,

Having read the last Reporter and the reasons for the support (financial and otherwise) that the Parish Council is giving to the Mini Soccer Club for floodlights, when can I look forward to an evening of tennis under floodlights at the QE II Playing Field?

Isn't it all getting very exciting and positive, I must tie a knot in my handkerchief and get my tennis bat re-stringed and polish up my snow shoes ready for the winter season.

### Millie says -

I'm willing to be corrected about this but I thought tennis is usually played in summer during the light evenings and soccer has a winter season, with darker evenings.

Looking back at the Village Hall committee meetings' minutes on the MSA village website, it would appear that timed floodlighting was under discussion at the time the MUGA was planned, and dismissed as being too costly. (Minutes for June 2009.) However the minutes have not been published on the VH website for some time so it is difficult to find out if there have been any recent requests from user groups for floodlighting.

I think it may be worth pointing out, especially for younger readers and new residents, that the Village Hall is run by a committee of volunteers. Each volunteer represents an organisation using the Hall and is able to speak up for the needs of their members. In this way the Youth Club members have a say in the running of the hall on a par with The Players or the Wednesday Club and all the other organisations. It is not just one individual who pushes through their own agenda, but a committee approach where everyone gets their say and has a vote. Consequently decisions sometimes seem to take a long time and not everyone is happy as the VH committee has to try to suit most of the current users and also look to the long-term

future of the Hall and consider the findings of the Parish Plan.

So if you feel passionately about putting floodlights on the MUGA, join the VH committee, play your part in managing the hall, put some effort into fundraising, take an interest in what is of long-term benefit to the entire village, including the VH near neighbours. You might also consider volunteering for the Parish Council. Whichever organisation you give your time and efforts to, you must also accept that you will have to be tolerant and patient with your fellow committee members; people often hold views different from your own and compromises may have to be made. It is so easy to snipe and criticise other people's efforts without coming up with a credible alternative.

Further to which way up to store glasses.

Hi Millie

More replacement wineglasses have just been ordered for the VH as the missing glasses still haven't reappeared. Shame on you, whoever you are.

Next months problem –

Hi Millie

It is that time of year again and every winter we have the same old problem in our house. I go round turning up the thermostat on the central heating and my husband follows me turning it down again. Have you any thoughts on how we can live in peace?

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

## The Very Early Christmas Market

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH is having its annual Christmas market in the village hall on Saturday 23rd November from 12 noon until 3.00pm. We are not only offering beautiful homemade Christmas present ideas and our fabulous cake stall there is also an opportunity to win one of John's rich fruit cakes for Christmas. We will have games, books and some bric a brac bargains for the discerning shopper. There is a bumper raffle and for the peckish, homemade soup and rolls or mince pies and mulled wine. We will also be having displays of the children's work from Milborne School and Ladybirds Playgroup. All profits are going to the church. *Josie Wright*

Deadline for the December issue is  
14th November

### Thank you to Alice and Roger

We would like to thank Alice and Roger Harrall and all the lovely people at the Village Hall for the superb Artsreach evening with 'Bowjangles' on Sunday 13th October. The four musicians were very talented and very funny, and it was good to see the Hall packed full, with everyone enjoying the good music and comedy. It was especially good to see so many children enjoying live music from talented musicians playing seriously good music. Let's hope it inspires them to make music themselves!

Thanks also to Rose and Ed Frost for running the bar at these events for the past three years.  
The Motley Crew

### Request to all dog owners

I would like to kindly request that dog walkers using the pathway running alongside the village hall and Honeysuckle Cottage to please ensure that all dog excrement is cleared and disposed of in the correct manner at all times when using this walkway.

Over the last year of ownership of this path, I have endeavoured to keep the path regularly maintained for all users whilst also trying to improve access, by installing some steps in place of a slippery slope on one section of the path. I have also added gravel and stone to various sections to improve traction and accessibility for all users. Despite these efforts, I have become increasingly dismayed when carrying out maintenance to find a rise in dog excrement being left on the path, or being bagged and left in my garden! This is unacceptable.

Whilst I am required to continue to allow access to this path, I will however cease all gardening maintenance and repairs along the path if the situation does not improve. This would be at the detriment to all users, so it is again, I ask that all dog excrement is collected and disposed of correctly.

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Colin Bladon



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## Through the mists of time . . . at the WI

THE skittles team have been busy notching up their first win of the season, Nelda reporting success by 54 skittles with the first game at Bere Regis. At 'Bookends', Shirley reported that opinion had been divided on the Daphne du Maurier book, 'Frenchman's Creek', with a group of romantics seeming only too keen on the idea of being swept away by a swashbuckling pirate! We have now moved on to Helen Dunmore's 'House of Orphans', a heftier read about Finland in political ferment in the early 1900s.

There is to be an Arts and Craft event on Saturday 30th November from 2.00pm at St. Andrew's Church, to celebrate St. Andrew's Day. If you have any art or craft work for display or sale, please take it up to the Church on the Saturday.

And so to Christmas . . . Nelda now has menus for the Christmas lunch on Monday 9th December at The Royal Oak. She would like your choice of menu by next month's meeting please. We agreed to hold our usual Christmas buffet at the December meeting, with gift exchange as before. Contributions of either sweet or savoury options to be decided later. We look forward to joining in with Eva's 'hands-on cake decoration'.

The 1960s evoke memories for many of us of a certain age. A sweep amongst us very quickly elicited the swinging side with the Beatles, and on a more serious note, the Great Train Robbery, Cuba, Vietnam and the assassination of JFK. Our speaker, Colin Dean, remembers it all but from a slightly different angle. He was a young policeman in Bristol, enlisting at the age of 19, and joining the ranks of what we then thought of as the 'bobby on the beat'. This was a decade of change, and for a young policeman it could be both sad and scary as well as humorous. He talked about patrolling the streets, sometimes for hours at a time, and controlling the traffic on point duty. There were no breathalysers then; it was all down to a policeman's judgement. Policemen carried truncheons and wore starched collars – much has changed . . .

Please feel free to join us at our next meeting on Thursday 14th November at 7.30 pm, when Waitrose will be hosting a Cheese and Wine tasting. We would love to see you there.

*Pat Bull*

## News from Milborne Mini Soccer

VOTING for the Lloyds Community Fund closes at midnight on Thursday 31st October. If you haven't yet voted for us to win the £3000 grant then please do so either on-line by visiting [www.lloydsbank.com/communityfund](http://www.lloydsbank.com/communityfund) and searching for Milborne, by texting **VOTELZLA** to 61119, or by going into the Blandford branch of Lloyds.



We are delighted to now offer training for Reception children aged 4 and 5 years old. Training is on Wednesday nights from 3.30pm until 4.00pm at the Milborne St. Andrew Sports Club. If your child is interested in joining us, please either come along to training, or you can call us on 01258 837241.

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Wednesday Social Club	Margaret Evans	01258 450518
Women's Institute	June Maitland	01258 837235

## General – Youth

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Ladybirds (Playgroup)	Liz Dyer	01258 839117
Scout Group	Mike Mullett	01258 837114
Secretary:	Brian Burton	01258 839033
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
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## School

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Milborne Players	Roy Sach	01258 837033
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# Community Events Diary

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## November

- Friday 1st** **'Song for Marion'** Village Hall 7.30pm – see below.
- Tuesday 5th** **Fireworks** at The Royal Oak 6.00pm, food from 5.30pm – see back page.
- Wednesday 6th** **Wednesday Club** Various table games Village Hall 2.00pm – see page 3.
- Sunday 10th** **Remembrance Sunday** – see pages 6 and 7.
- Monday 11th** **Remembrance Day** – see page 8.
- Thursday 14th** **WI** "Cheese and wine tasting" Waitrose. Village Hall 7.30pm – see page 15.
- Monday 14th** **Reporter** deadline for copy. Please send your stories and pictures to msa.reporter@yahoo.co.uk or give to a member of the team – see page 2.
- Wednesday 20th** **Parish Council** Village Hall 7.30pm.
- Thursday 21st** **Gardening Club** Indoor Charity Kurling Evening Village Hall 7.30pm – see page 31S.
- Saturday 23rd** **Very Early Christmas Market** in aid of St. Andrew's Church. Village Hall 12 noon to 3.00pm – see pages 7, 11 and 13.
- Tuesday 26th** **100 Club Draw** The Royal Oak, everyone welcome to attend. New members always welcome 8.00pm – see below and page 25.
- Saturday 30th** **Decorating the Hall** 10.00am – see page 3.
- Saturday 30th** **St. Andrew's Day** display from 2.00pm in the church followed at 6.00pm Songs of Praise – see pages 7 and 26.
- December**
- Saturday 7th** **Christmas Village Lunch** Village Hall. Everyone welcome 12.15pm – see page 2.

## 'Song for Marion' (PG)

Shown by 'Milborne Movies'

at Milborne St. Andrew Village Hall

on Friday 1st November 2013 at 7.30pm

'SONG FOR MARION' is a heart-warming comedic drama that is about shy, grumpy pensioner Arthur (Terence Stamp), who is reluctantly inspired by his beloved wife Marion (Vanessa Redgrave) to join a highly unconventional local choir. At odds with his son James (Christopher Eccleston), it is left to charismatic choir director Elizabeth (Gemma Arterton) to try and persuade Arthur that he can learn to embrace life once more. Arthur must unpick a lifetime of restraint and confront the undercurrents of his own grumbling persona as he embarks on a hilarious, life-affirming journey of musical self-discovery.

Vanessa Redgrave, in one her best latter day performances, plays Stamp's wife who is dying. Later, and it is through her memory and the gradual guidance of young music teacher, Gemma Arterton, in a lovely performance that finally draws Arthur out of his shell. Terence Stamp is magnetic in a wonderfully pitched performance that has dark moments, moments of real humour, and a broad streak of humanity running right the way through it.

A story of people doing exceptional things: Elizabeth devoting time and energy to doing something worthwhile in the community; Marion determined to fight death and stay positive as long as possible; older people using their energy to enjoy themselves and entertain others and Arthur beginning to understand that family and relationships with others are far more important than he had realised. A gem of a little film with superb understated performances thanks to the strong ensemble, diligent work from writer/director Paul Andrew Williams.

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

## Regular Bookings at the Village Hall

- Ladybirds Playgroup** Monday–Friday 8.30am–1.00pm MH (term time only)
- Beavers** Monday 5.00–6.30pm 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

## November 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).

### Milborne Mini Soccer

Training on Wednesdays. Reception children aged 4 and 5 years old 3.30 until 4.00pm; Year 1 and 2s at 4.00pm; Year 3 and 4s at 6.00pm. Year 5's who now train in two groups one at 4.00pm on Wednesdays and the other at 6.00pm on Thursdays.



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

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She lives alone in a fairly remote bungalow and one day had a problem with her telephone. She contacted BT who sent out an engineer who found that the phone line into the property had been damaged by an overgrown tree. He repaired the line but told her that she would need to get the tree cut back to prevent it happening again. Shortly before this she had read a Trading Standards press release about itinerant traders who had ripped off a consumer for hundreds of pounds. Unfortunately these types of traders do prey on the elderly and vulnerable. Typically the householder knows that they need some work done, such as a loose tile replacing or a tree cut back and so they jump at the chance when someone knocks at the door offering to do it there and then for what sounds like a very reasonable price. Inevitably once the work is started the price increases dramatically and the work is often very shoddy. With this in mind my Aunty asked around to see if anyone could recommend a tree surgeon but had no luck.

A few weeks later she confided in my Dad that she was losing sleep over the tree because she had no idea how much it would cost to have it cut back. In her mind she initially thought it should be no more than a few hundred pounds but over time her imagination had worked overtime and she was now expecting a bill into the thousands. My Dad mentioned this to me and at the time I knew that Hampshire were one of the few authorities trialing a new scheme called Buy With Confidence. I contacted them and they were able to recommend three tree surgeons in her area. My Aunty called them in for a quote and was delighted with the prices. She chose one who came within the week and trimmed the tree back clear of the phone lines. A nice happy ending you would think but unfortunately not. My Aunty was so delighted with the quality of work and the price charged that she got a bit carried away and selected virtually every tree in her garden for a short back and sides. Her once slightly overgrown wildlife sanctuary of a garden now resembles a slightly greener version of the Somme. As they say, you can lead a New Forest pony to water but you can't make it drink.



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## Coffee, Cake and Computers

Recently we have had to raise the price of cake to £1.00 per slice to help cover our costs, however, there is still no charge for help and advice with computer and other problems. Last month a few of the issues we were able to advise on included – iOS 7, Yahoo email, organising files and folders, transferring digital photographs from camera to card to computer, address labels, security while internet shopping, transferring old vinyl records to your computer, fingerprint recognition on the latest iPhone.

Raffle tickets for a Christmas Hamper will be on sale from the 1st November, orders taken for Rose and Ed's Christmas puddings, tickets on sale for the Village Lunch and also some DVD's to borrow (do you remember "Whistle Down The Wind" with Hayley Mills?).

So if you are in a bit of a muddle about the Hudl then why not come along on Friday mornings from 10.00am to 12 noon in the Village Hall Committee Room, we are open every week, including half term until the 13th December.

*Rose and Ed Frost*

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# Have you met . . . George Cherry

When I arrive to meet George, he's simultaneously doing three chores around the house. He'd been back home not long from a canoeing session in Poole, where he also coaches others. He tells me a little later that he has recently returned from a motorbiking holiday, travelling to and around rural Spain for a few weeks. After spending a couple of hours with him, it's clear that George has enjoyed a very active life and, even though he celebrated his 80th birthday earlier this year, he has no desire to slow down.

Sport has played a large part of George's life – he has earned his living from it as a PE lecturer; competed at county and national level in multiple disciplines and coached in his spare time, which he continues to do. However, it took a spell of National Service for him to realise his 'trade' – in his three years with the RAF, he spent much of it as a PT instructor. This was to set in train a lifelong career of teaching, training and coaching sports.

George was born in Leicester in 1933. His parents met in the city's Co-operative; his father was the bakery manager and this was where his mother worked. His father had done well for himself having previously been out of work, living in Birmingham – he walked the 40 odd miles to Leicester to get a job mixing the dough in the bakery. By the end of his career, he sat on the board of the Co-op, eventually becoming chairman.

After George's schooldays, he began an architecture course at college, but after a year he realised it didn't quite suit him. National Service then helped him to really decide what he wanted to do with his life – he says that the two or three years that youngsters served with the forces was in many cases a motivating factor to their jobs and careers after, something that today's youth have missed out on. After leaving, his time as an RAF physical training instructor was to inform his career choice – he swapped architecture for teacher training to become a PE teacher. He undertook his training at Leicester Teacher Training College and achieved a distinction, the only one ever awarded there in that field. He taught for a few years at the local Secondary before taking a job as a lecturer of Physical Education at Hatfield Technical School (soon to become a Polytechnic) in 1968. He stayed at the college for 25 years, much of that as Senior Lecturer.

There were other jobs in between though of some note – George can claim some small credit for the construction of the M1; as it snaked its way to Leicester, he was employed as a general labourer. However, inspired by the (mainly Irish) digger drivers' claims of "three tenners in their pay packet" to George's one, he convinced the bosses that he could drive (he couldn't) and was in charge of a huge earth mover, shifting dirt from one end of the site to the other. Though the hours were long – 7.00am to 7.00pm – he earned enough from that summer to put a deposit down on a house.

Another summer's work was in a completely different field – George was a redcoat for Butlin's in Pwllheli and seemed to enjoy himself. He says, "I used to boast that in one week I had only ten hours sleep!" One young lady he met there, Cherry, invited him to her 21st birthday party. He was taken aback at the size of her parents' home where the party was held, until he discovered her full name: Cherry Butlin.

All the while though, rugby had been his big passion. He coached the team at the training college and teams at subsequent schools and colleges he taught at. A few years earlier, he played the sport for the team that is acknowledged as being one – if not the best – of the nation's greatest clubs, Leicester Tigers. Often described as the 'Manchester United of rugby', George played for the team for about four years, making 50 or so first team appearances. But it was a different time, and the comparisons with the lifestyles of the elite of today's Premier League are few. He says, "It was all amateur in those days – we all had jobs during the day and we'd be training whenever

we could and then playing on Saturday". During his playing days, George taught PE at a school in South London and was often there on a Saturday morning. He says, "Sometimes I'd be refereeing a rugby match there on a Saturday morning, then whack off 120 miles to Leicester on me motorbike, run in back home, have a quick beans on toast, then shoot off down to Welford Road (*the Tigers' ground*) and get out on the pitch!"



He was in esteemed company with the Tigers – amongst others he played alongside the legendary AJP O'Reilly. The banter with the players was that O'Reilly was going to make it big. "We always used to say that Tony would be the Prime Minister of Ireland", George says. Instead, AJP made his fortune in business, becoming a billionaire and one of Ireland's richest men.

George also swam competitively, as well as playing water polo for the county. He remembers one occasion when he played for Leicester on a Saturday afternoon then made a quick dash to Nottingham to compete in the 200m freestyle for the county in the evening. His interest in other sports, such as skiing and canoeing came a little later, after his rugby days, as the club discouraged their players taking part in potentially hazardous sports.

Canoeing has been a passion too – George started a canoeing club at university, has paddled many of Europe's rivers, specialising in 'wild water' canoeing. A couple of large, framed photographs on his wall illustrate the nature of the terrain; rocky rivers gouging their way down mountainsides with specks of canoes negotiating the rapids. Looking at these, it's easy to see why the rugby bosses were disapproving of their players taking part. George was involved at national competitive level in the sport, being the coach of the GB Youth canoe team.

Motorbikes have also been another big part of George's life – he's been riding them for over 60 years now. He has three at the moment – "no museum pieces" – and never does less than 10,000 miles a year. He has motorcycled all over the world, taking in four continents with countries as diverse as India, Iceland, Morocco and Peru – where he and his companions rode to 16,200 feet in the Andes. He says, "I ride motorbikes not really for the speed but because it takes me to places I want to go in the most interesting, beautiful way. It's so much better than driving a car". His beloved wife of 30 years, Rosie, rode pillion on many trips, and together they visited over 20 countries. This despite the fact that she spent six years on dialysis following kidney failure in her early fifties. It also didn't stop her learning to ski and visiting some of Europe's best ski resorts with George during this time.

George and Rosie moved to Milborne from Hertfordshire eight years ago. They had looked for a suitable house ("with a four car garage for all the toys") in the Yorkshire Dales, but nothing had come up. Friends in Devon had suggested looking in Dorset, so they concentrated their search ten miles west of Poole and anywhere north of the A35 – and their present house seemed to fit the bill.

*What's the best thing about Milborne?* There's so little traffic and it's so close to fabulous countryside.

*Is there a downside to the village?* Nothing, other than it's a long way to the Leisure Centre and the canoe club at Hamworthy.

*Who is your inspiration?* Johnny Weissmuller. As a kid, I got a book from the school library, "Swimming the American Crawl" by him.

*Who is your fantasy dinner date?* Nelson Mandela – mainly for his policy of reconciliation; it just seems incredible to be incarcerated for that length of time and to come out of prison with that kind of attitude.

*What's your proudest moment?* Being on the winning side at Stradey Park (*Llanelli's rugby ground*) – not many Englishmen can say that! Wales was the dominant force in rugby – not too many English clubs travelled to Wales and played the big clubs and came away having beaten them on their own turf.

*Ed Richards*

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## 'We're going on a Bear Hunt'

THIS half term we have been looking at some bear stories. The photo shows our outside area arranged with obstacles that reflect "We can't go over it, we can't go under it, Oh No we've got to go through it." Those of you who know the book will understand the repeated refrain and the challenges of hunting a bear. This has helped the children understand instructions and use positional and descriptive language.



We have made bear biscuits and a large bear cake which was shared at snack time.

The old song, 'Ten Green Bottles', has been sung as five brown teddies in a variety of positions such as sitting on a wall and climbing the climbing frame. We used the knitted teddies that the dear late Margaret Daniels made us.

Other bear stories included are 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears' - the children did some lovely drawings and collages of the characters. We wondered what bear would draw in 'Bear Hunt' to stop the hunters catching him. How does a bear scratch and what does he use in 'Itchy Bear'. There are so many wonderful children's books about bears we could go on for ever.

*Liz Dyer*



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## School News

This term our Dolphins class have been learning about castles as part of their history, geography and art and design lessons. To understand more about what life was like in a castle they enjoyed a trip to Corfe Castle. The children enjoyed a tour and as you can see had an opportunity to dress up.

On Thursday 10th October all children in years 1-4 walked to St. Andrew's Church with staff and parents for our Harvest Festival. Donations of food items were collected by school and donated to the Dorchester Food Bank.



In September the school welcomed Ofsted as part of their routine inspection programme. The inspection classed our school as "Good" and noted the following in the summary of key findings:

- All groups of pupils achieve well. Over the last year pupils have made rapid progress and as a result their attainment is rising . . .
- By the time pupils leave the school in year 4 many are reaching levels above those expected for their age . . .
- Teaching is good across the school with some outstanding . . .
- Any pupils whose progress dips are helped to catch up quickly.
- Pupils are motivated in lessons and enjoy their learning.
- The curriculum is organised well . . .

The full report is available on the school website or by contacting the school office.

Don't forget that if your child is due to start school in September 2014 we would be delighted to welcome you at one of our open day sessions as detailed below. Please contact the school office if you would like to attend or to make alternative arrangements if these times are not convenient.

Wednesday 6th November, 9.15am – 10.00am or  
Wednesday 6th November, 2.00pm – 2.45pm.



## CONTACTS

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

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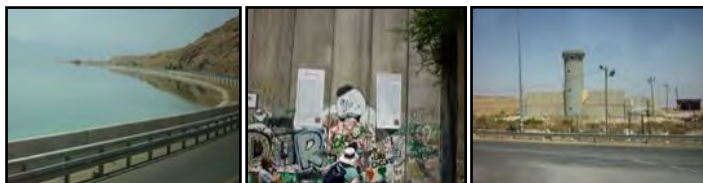
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## A Taste of Palestine and the Holy Land

THE evening, attended by around 20 people, proved to be a great success and of interest. Pam, who recently returned from a trip to Palestine and the Holy Land, laid on a Mezze which is a typical meal offered in the Palestine area. There were a variety of dishes which included home made hummus, falafel, couscous, olives, vegetable dips including cucumber and yoghurt, several different salad dishes, and for dessert there were dates, sesame seed bars and halva.

The evening was designed to bring people's attention to the struggle between the West Bank Palestine and Israel so that action can be taken to help them move towards a peaceful and lasting outcome. The group saw pictures and listened to a presentation about the geography, plant life, Holy sites, the current political situation, the Wall and how it affects the residents of those countries.



L to r: The Dead Sea; The Wall at Jerusalem; Checkpoint on the West Bank

The group generously donated money through the purchase of items, raffle and giving. The profits of £102 will benefit St. Andrew's church.

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**Sunday 3rd November – 2.00pm Charlton Marshall**

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Grid reference: ST 900041 on OS Explorer Sheet 117 (approx. 4.5 miles)

**Wednesday 20th November – 11.00am**

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Meet outside St. Andrew's Church, Fontmell Magna.

Bring a packed lunch.

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**Sunday 1st December – 1.30pm (note earlier time) Tarrant Crawford**

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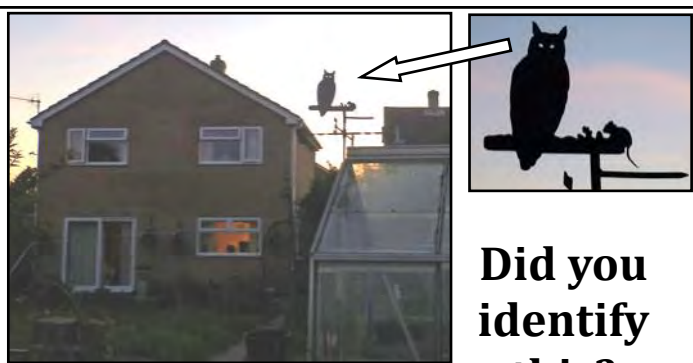
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This weekend, thanks to some very hard work the water was extended from the roadside meter down to the actual site which will save trekking across the uncultivated section of land to collect water!

We held our second AGM at The Royal Oak which was very well attended and agreed our business plan going forward. We once again thanked the MSA Parish Council and the MSA Sports Club for their continuing support and efforts on their part. We also had the pleasure of announcing another successful grant application as we have received £400 from the Hall & Woodhouse Community Chest. This will enable us to continue to develop the site and make next year even more successful than 2013.

Another pile of manure was donated to our site by Giles Coleman and we managed to collect enough superbly grown veg to make a two box donation to the Harvest Festival. Phew, how busy have our little band been!

Thanks to Barry Bright for the loan of the digger and to Bagber Farm for the loan of the tractor and to Mark Lovett for driving both (no not at the same time!). Our harvest is culminating in a Bonfire Party so I will update on that event and with any other news in our next article. As always if you are interested in joining our little band of growers then please contact either Sue Gould (01258 837575) or Jo Lovett (01285 837958)

## St. Andrew's Day Celebration



ST. ANDREW'S DAY is on Saturday 30th November. This year we are hoping to celebrate all the creative talent in Milborne St. Andrew in the church. There will be displays of art and craftwork along with flowers in church throughout the afternoon followed by tea and cakes and a Songs of Praise service in the evening.

So, calling all artists, woodworkers, knitters, cooks, poets, Dorset button makers, stitchers etc. If you have a creative hobby and would like to display

some of your work in church to celebrate St. Andrew's Day please contact Eva (837468) or John (839090).

To celebrate St. Andrew the church will be decorated with flowers in a Scottish theme and we will be holding a Dundee cake making competition. Brush up on you bake off skills and make a Dundee cake for the day. See Eva for the recipe.

### Programme of the day

2.00pm Church open to view crafts

4.30pm Tea and cake will be served

5.00pm Judging of the Dundee Cake followed by cake auction

6.00pm Songs of Praise Service.

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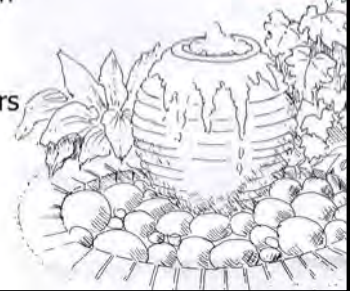
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## In your Garden

Seasonal notes and tips from Maureen Lock of *designerGardens*

### Your Garden in Autumn

AS soon as the dormant season is upon us, it is time to take stock of what was successful during the year and what were the failures, and start to plan what you are going to grow next year. The evergreens in the garden will continue to give you winter interest and provide some structure in the borders. Seed heads of verbena, poppies and ornamental grasses also give you some winter interest, and the ornamental bark of *Prunus serrula* and *Betula jacquemontii* look stunning.

The dormant season is when the plants have ceased active growth. This is when the nurserymen can dig out bare root trees and shrubs and it is worth making use of this time of year for planting. Not only are bare root plants much less expensive than pot grown plants, you will have more choice, they will establish better and you don't have to water after the initial watering-in. I will put a 'however' in here – you *will* have to water as soon as things start to grow and especially if we have a long dry spell.

One of the most important things when planting is to make sure the ground is not waterlogged or frozen. As long as you avoid these things, you can plant at any time. Give your new arrivals plenty of organic matter such as homemade compost or well-rotted manure. If your plants arrive and the weather takes a turn for the worse, either heel them into the veggie plot or put them into a container with some compost in. You don't need to put them in a greenhouse or other shelter because it will soften them up and they may start to green up so that when you do get round to planting, the new growth will be damaged.

Planting in autumn gives the plants a chance to get their roots going before next year. When you have planted your shrub or tree, do check how firm it is in the ground after frost as it may have come a bit loose.

#### The Native Hedge

**Hedge mix:** This is a good time to plant native hedges. The majority of native hedges contain a mixture of hawthorn, blackthorn, dogwood, guelder rose, hazel, maple, dog rose and holly. Don't include elderberry or sycamore as they grow too fast and shade out other plants leaving gaps in your hedge. Plants like yew, laurel and privet are poisonous to livestock so avoid these if your hedge is likely to be close to the four-legged critters.

If you have the space it looks good to add a few hedge trees to the hedge. Field maple is a great choice and looks lovely in the autumn. Do make sure that you don't cut the tops off when you trim the hedge – mark them so that they can be easily and clearly identified.

**Plant:** You need to make sure the area you are planting in is free from perennial weeds such as brambles, nettles and docks and then it is an easy matter of making a slot with your spade and popping the plant in. Native hedges are normally planted in a double staggered row at five plants per metre. Don't plant them deeper than they were in the nursery – you will be able to see the 'high-tide' mark just above the roots. If you plant them too deep they are likely to rot.

Don't forget to add canes and rabbit guards. Then, when you have planted them, cut them back by half to ensure that they bush out nearer to the base. You *do not* do this with a formal hedge such as box, yew or beech however.

**Feed:** If you want you can scatter in some bonemeal around the base of the plants and lightly fork in. If you want to use manure make sure it is really well-rotted and keep it away from the roots as it will burn them. Enjoy your garden!

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### News in your area

#### Community Speed Watch

Volunteer groups set up to undertake road traffic monitoring are set to be appearing across the Blandford Section. The scheme known as 'Community Speed Watch' is there to monitor traffic safely and supply information to Dorset Police to allow a more accurate assessment of key times and days at which issues such as speeding are at their worst. A group is already set up and running in Winterborne Whitechurch with several others set to follow over the coming weeks. Groups receive training and awareness sessions once participants have been vetted and approved once specific site risk assessments have been carried out. Groups purchase the required equipment for £300 from the Association of Dorset Watches.

If any groups are interested in setting up a community Speed Watch in their area, please contact local Liaison Officer PCSO 7309 Mike Sinnick on 101.

#### Horse Tack Marking

Following a theft of several thousand pounds worth of horse tack from a stable yard in Thornicombe, North Dorset, Safer Neighbourhood Officers PC Dave Mullins and PC Julie Pearson attended a pre-arranged session whereby various items were marked up to allow easier identification of property and deter any future thefts. Assisted by horse watch volunteer Emma West, property was marked up in different ways – a service offered locally and free of charge – with easily identifiable marks making any such theft of those items far more problematic for re-sale and therefore deterring future incidents. It was very well received by the local community with a healthy turnout of people taking up the free service. Anyone wanting to arrange a session is asked to contact their local officer on 101 who will help arrange this.

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