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## Christmas Celebrations for the Wednesday Club

ON Wednesday 4th December, 36 members met together at The Coach & Horses at Winterbourne Abbas to chat, eat and drink and generally make merry.

The meals of our choice were delicious, two or three courses accompanied by a glass or two of wine followed by coffee or tea.

Our thanks to Sheila Burton for organising the raffle and to Janet and the committee for deciding to subsidise our meals and to pay for the coffees and teas from our funds. It was a most enjoyable start to the Christmas festivities.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 8th January for the New Year Party at The Royal Oak. Meeting at 12 midday for 12.30pm. The cost will be £13.00 to include a two course meal and the money will be collected on the day.

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*Lis Watts*



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Village Lunch celebrates with a Christmas meal



ON Saturday 7th December, 34 people sat down to a most enjoyable Christmas lunch in the Village Hall. The hall had been previously decorated for Christmas which added to the atmosphere. There were crackers pulled and glasses of wine drunk and lots of chatting and laughter.

The chairman presented Sarah from The Royal Oak with a lovely bouquet of flowers and a box of sweets for the staff for supplying us with great meals throughout the year.

It was nice to see four new faces this time, one of them very young, Luca, who was brought by his mum Keri and grandma Ann and we also welcomed Desmond. Luca helped to bring down considerably the average age of those present! He also behaved beautifully.

The Village Lunch takes place on the last Saturday of each month and we welcome new people of all ages to attend. It is a lovely way to get together and talk and relax and make new friends or catch up with old friends while enjoying a delicious meal.

The next lunch is on Saturday 25th January. Tickets are £6.50 and can be purchased from Josie Wright on 839 090 or from the Friday Drop-in, Coffee, Cake and Computers in the Village Hall from 10th January.

A big thank you was proposed from the floor for another lovely meal and also thanks to Dave and the committee and all the helpers who worked together to make it such an enjoyable event.

The AGM of the Village Lunch is at The Royal Oak on Friday 17th January at 12.15pm and everyone is encouraged to attend.

Lis Watts

## VILLAGE LUNCH

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## Village Lunch AGM

**The Royal Oak**

**Friday 17th January at 12.15pm**

## Mini Soccer Club wins £3,000 from Lloyds Community Fund

The Mini Soccer Club were delighted to discover we had won the Lloyds Community Fund. With an impressive 47% of the vote, Milborne Minis beat three other North Dorset groups by a country mile. Our thanks to all of the Reporter readers who voted for us.

Marie Hater







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## Looking back, looking forward

The New Year is one of those points in our lives when we stop for a moment and reflect on the past and look to the future. It is an artificial construction – there is little difference in reality between 31st December and 1st January – but it provides a stopping-point, a resting-place, a chance to gather our breath before we move on again.

There will have been much for which to give thanks to God over the past year: the joy of friendships, the glimpses of the glory of creation, new births, new relationships, new talents discovered, the love of family.

There will also be things that we would like to leave behind: broken promises, bereavements, shattered lives and moments of loneliness, money worries, unfulfilled dreams. And these we can offer to God, and ask God to hold them with us, and bring us healing from the pain they bring.

Looking back inevitably brings a mixed bag.

Looking forward too can present us with some challenges.

It is great news that Sarah Godfrey has been offered a new job, a benefice of her own to lead. We can be thankful to God for all that she has given of herself and her skills to our churches and communities, and share in her excitement at a new stage in her ministry. I hope you will join me in praying for her and her family, and the new churches she will service.

And, having said goodbye last year to Patrick Evans from Tolpuddle, we will also be waving farewell later this year to Roy and Diana Bennett, who have contributed so much to Puddletown and the other churches.

I am in discussion with the diocese about whether any more help can be found, when these three people leave for pastures new. At the point of writing this letter, it doesn't look as if anything is forthcoming.

As we look to the coming year, this will bring many challenges. As churches, we will have to work together with each other more across village boundaries, do more things together, learn more from each other, and most importantly continually seek God's guidance for our work and service, our priorities and mission.

We may have to shed some of what we currently do. The pattern of services we have is probably not sustainable in its present form, since it has been worked out on the assumption that there will be two clergy available each Sunday.

We will have to adjust together to some changes, but we will do this together and not alone. The church is so much more than its clergy, and the exciting thing is that God will work through all of us, if we open our hearts to the Holy Spirit.

I am praying and hoping that there will be a flourishing of our lay people, so that with appropriate training and guidance, their gifts and skills – your gifts and skills – may be used for God's glory.

Change is not always easy, and there will be some difficult things we have to grasp in 2014, but let us go into the New Year knowing that God got there before us, and is waiting for us to catch up while remaining present with us always.

With best wishes

*Sarah*

## Milborne St. Andrew Church Notes

FIRSTLY we send our congratulations and best wishes to Sarah Godfrey on her appointment as rector of Milborne Port. She will be leaving us and preparing for her new post after Easter. We have all been very fortunate to have had her helping us in the benefice during the last few years.

November has been a busy month at St. Andrew's, and December promises to be the same. The weather was fine for our **Christmas Market** where we raised about £850 from a host of stalls, food and drinks. Thank you very much to all who worked so hard to make the

## CHURCH SERVICES January 2014

### Thursday 2nd January

12 noon Lunch-time Communion Milborne

### 5th January – Epiphany

9.15am All-Age Worship Milborne  
9.30 Parish Communion Tolpuddle  
11.00 Family Communion Puddletown  
11.00 1662 Morning Prayer Dewlish

### 12th January – Baptism of Christ

8.15am 1662 Said Communion Puddletown  
9.30 Methodist United Service Topuddle  
Chapel  
9.30 Parish Communion Milborne  
11.00 Family Service Puddletown  
11.00 Parish Communion Dewlish

### Thursday 16th January

12 noon Lunch-time Communion Puddletown

### 19th January – Epiphany 2

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

### 26th January – Epiphany 3

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

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

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

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There is an answerphone.



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event a success. I gather that ideas are already being discussed to make it even better next year.

The following week we celebrated **St. Andrew's Day** with an **Art and Craft display**. The church was transformed for the day with 29 pictures by local artists and 17 wonderful craft exhibits; it is amazing how much talent there is in the village. The Dundee cake competition was won by Angie Nowell and the children's decorated cake competition was won by Hazel Ingram's grandchildren. Visitors were able to enjoy a good selection of refreshments, and £172 was collected for church funds. It was also nice to hear our tower bells ringing again. A team from Hampreston rang for well over an hour during the afternoon. Bell ringers do come from time to time and they all say what a good peal of bells we have. If anyone is interested



in bell ringing please get in touch with our tower captain Pip Bowell (Tel: 837329). We rounded off the day with a **Songs of Praise** service when all the hymns had a Scottish connection. Thank you to everyone who worked so hard to make this day such a successful community project.

The next day was our second **All Age Service** when the subject was '**Celebrate . . . Advent**'. Having breakfasted on coffee and croissants and checked the Sunday papers we sang our 'Come on and celebrate' hymn, lit the first Advent candle and, having heard how they celebrate Advent in the Philippines, made Lanterns of Hope. We were sorry that Sarah Godfrey could not be with us to lead the service, but 'the team' (Eric, Pam, Eva and Michelle) did a great job. The January service will be '**Celebrate . . . Epiphany**' at **9.15am on January 5th**. Come and join us!

The **Bishop of Sherborne's** visit to our morning service on December 8th and our Christmas services of **Christingle, Carols and Midnight Mass** are still to come as I write, and by the time you read this we will be thinking about the **Epiphany Party** for the benefice in Tolpuddle on **Saturday January 11th** from 6.00pm to 8.00pm. I hope to see a good crowd of you there, and at the **Benefice Communion Service** at 10.00am on **December 29th** in Puddletown.

*John Wright*

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# MILBORNE St. ANDREW PARISH COUNCIL

## Calendar of meetings 2014-15

All meetings are held on Wednesdays at 7.30pm in the main hall at the Village Hall, Milborne St Andrew and are all open for members of the public and press to attend.

|           |   |
|-----------|---|
| January   | 15th January 2014                       |
| February  | 19th February 2014                      |
| March     | 19th March 2014                         |
| April     | 16th April 2014 (Annual Parish Meeting) |
| May       | 21st May 2014 (Annual Parish Council)   |
| June      | 18th June 2014                          |
| July      | 16th July 2014                          |
| August    | 20th August 2014 (Plans)                |
| September | 17th September 2014                     |
| October   | 15th October 2014                       |
| November  | 19th November 2014                      |
| December  | 17th December 2014                      |
| January   | 21st January 2015                       |
| February  | 18th February 2015                      |
| March     | 18th March 2015                         |
| April     | 15th April 2015 (Annual Parish)         |
| May       | 20th May 2015 (Annual Parish Council)   |

Colin Hampton  
Parish Clerk

## MSA Parish Council Meeting 20th November 2013

*As observed by our reporter Carole Fornachon*

THE following issues were raised prior to the start of the meeting: Residents were urged to study a copy of the proposed Dorchester Transport Plan and consider its impact upon them: "20 is plenty" campaign should be considered by this village especially after an accident in Churchill Way: Halcyon Motors (trading from Wetherby Close) have been visited following complaints about the storage of hazardous chemicals on the premises; none were found, Mr McCloud answered the complainants with a letter in which he stated "pragmatism beats dogmatism" with reference to the way in which the matter was dealt: It was pointed out that there is an 80 foot high dead willow in a garden in Brooklands, should this be attended to?

*Apologies* received from Cllrs Fox, Smith, Thompson and Cherry. There were no DC or CC reports. Cllr Somper has to be advised to rest.

*The Report from the Flood Warden* took up the main part of the meeting and can be summarised as follows; The May meeting (with the Highway Authorities, NDDC, Wessex Water) and subsequent meetings have been held, drains inspected and the duties of riparian residents examined. A Flood Plan for the village should be prepared. Mr Lord concluded that, although the Highways Authority will rod the drains and clear out the gulleys four times a year, there is an urgent need for a 300 metre pipe at the junction with A354 to improve the annual flow of water. He has offered to clear The Causeway side, hopefully with volunteer residents, but constant vigilance and leadership is necessary from the Parish Council. The A354 creates a ridge and if the extra pipe is installed 500 extra gallons of water will be able to flow through and away. As a resident of a property in the Milton Abbas road, he assured the Council that, to be constantly surrounded by flood water, is a depressing environment in which to live. This has been partly caused by the three culverts cut in half by Wessex Water and two by a private developer. There are current negotiations for a new outlet pipe opposite Huntley Down. He drew their attention to the Somerset Resilience Project and suggested that a plan of the water level tables be included in an edition of the *Reporter*. The PC was totally supportive of his suggestions and Cllr Hopper will be arranging a further meeting.

Reports were received from the DAPC AGM, and the NDDC Benefits Scheme. The NDDC Pre-Submission Plan taking the Council's plans up to 2026, was handed over. This is available online for those who wish to read it. Closing date for submissions is 24th January 2014.

The Village Hall grant has remained the same for some years and it was accepted that this was 'unrealistic'.

*Community Speedwatch.* Dorset Police are urging residents to set up a group of six people to monitor speeding through the village. They will be security checked, trained and issued with high visibility coats and hand held devices (at a cost of £300). Recorded results will be scrutinised by the Police who may take action against drivers despite this being a non-statutory activity. Public Liability Insurance will be in place but volunteers should also self-insure. It was pointed out that other villages, such as Winterborne Whitechurch, are already participating in the scheme. Richard Lock has offered to co-ordinate this. If anyone is interested in being involved please contact him on 01258 837929.

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## John Lewis' Christmas advert reaches millions more through subtitling

JOHN LEWIS added a new dimension to their much talked-about Christmas TV advert, after an initially frosty reception from the UK's deaf community and charity Action on Hearing Loss (formerly RNID).

Over 10 million people across the UK have some form of hearing loss – that's one in six of us - yet John Lewis' original £7 million masterpiece did not include full subtitles, preventing the millions of viewers who rely on this function to enjoy the advert's full sentiment and the Lily Allen soundtrack.

In response to complaints from members and supporters, who felt they were missing out, Action on Hearing Loss contacted John Lewis via the social networking site Twitter – receiving a response within minutes.

Marketing Manager for Brand at John Lewis, Kirsty Rockey, said, "As soon as this was brought to our attention, we acted as quickly as possible to get this rectified. We're pleased the option to have subtitles is now in place."

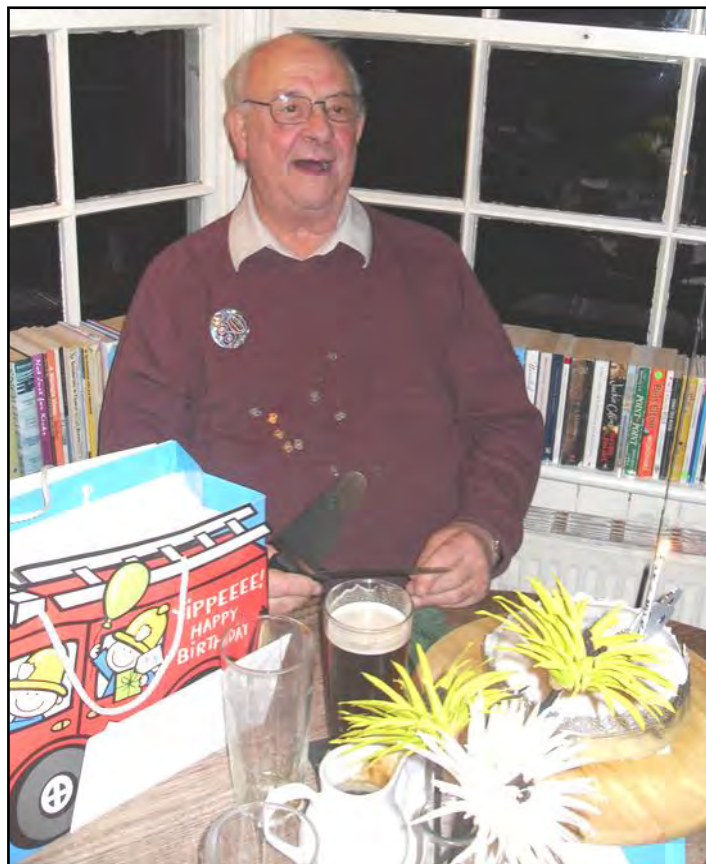
Less than a week after being contacted by the charity, John Lewis re-released their Christmas advert with full subtitles.

Paul Breckell, the charity's Chief Executive, added, "We are delighted with John Lewis' quick response: subtitling of lyrics may seem trivial to some, but our members tell us that music – be it carols, Bing Crosby or Lily Allen – is one of the things they miss most at Christmas time. It's wonderful that people can now enjoy this piece of the festivities with their families – and we're calling on other retailers to follow suit.

"As the UK's largest deaf charity, we're working flat out offering practical and emotional support to ensure people with hearing loss have the best possible Christmas this year."

## Ron' surprise party

THE Motley Crew shared a wonderful evening with Ron Ward to celebrate his 80th birthday. After a family meal in The Royal Oak, a Surprise Party wandered in with a cake and presents. Celebratory toasts were made, nibbles were nibbled and the noise level in the middle bar rose accordingly. Ron's Grandson made a short speech about his Grandad and a good time was had by all.



We'd like to thank Ron's daughter Lynne for letting us share this wonderful occasion with the family.

## Tolpuddle Against Industrial Turbines (TAINT) An Autumn update

OUR campaign to defeat the proposed giant wind turbines has enjoyed a highly encouraging summer and autumn:-

- 1) West Coast Energy (WCE) have withdrawn their application for nine giant turbines (each 126.5m high) north of Tolpuddle and south west of Milborne St. Andrew.
  - 2) The withdrawal followed West Dorset District Council's request for much more information and a long list of unresolved issues.
  - 3) TAIN is in an excellent financial position and is prepared to fight any renewed application to the bitter end.
  - 4) Nationally the recent hike in energy bills has highlighted the renewable energy surcharge on all our electricity bills – money that goes directly into the pockets of landowners and opportunist energy companies such as WCE.
  - 5) There have been countless newspaper articles spelling out the ghastly consequences to our landscape of massive, ugly turbines.
  - 6) The support of the Dorset C.P.R.E. has been invaluable.
- The chances of any giant turbines gaining planning permission in Dorset are looking more and more remote as each week passes. Indeed it seems the great wind farm scam engineered by Blair and Milliband (when Energy Secretary) has been exposed at last.

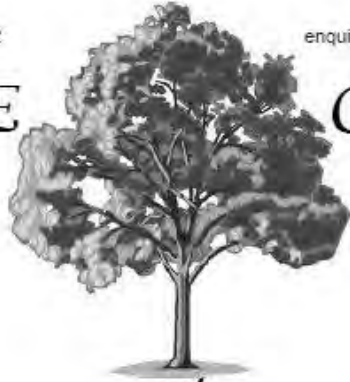
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HAVING thoroughly enjoyed my first year as Chairman of the Food & Wine Club, I would like to encourage more of the villagers to join our group and try and dispel any ideas that we are 'stuffy' and 'snobby'!

We all have such a good time together (including friends and family in some instances) and, from a personal point of view, it has enabled me to make new friends with people in the village I would not (otherwise) necessarily get the opportunity to meet.

We started the year's events in February with a Cheese and Wine Tasting in the Village Hall. Maureen Lock selected six different wines (24 bottles!) from around the world and gave an informative talk on each one, accompanied by a selection of cheeses.

In April we organised a Pie and Skittles Night at The Royal Oak. This was such good fun, and some members showed their competitiveness! Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the fantastic spread Andy and Sarah put on for us afterwards.

In May we visited the King & Thai in Dorchester. A wonderful selection of Thai delicacies were enjoyed in a calming environment.

In July we had a mid-summer Buffet and Cabaret in the Village Hall. The Committee prepared and cooked all the food, which was wonderful. The cabaret act, 'Simone and Garfunkel', was superb and the evening was a huge success.

In August we went to the RNLI College in Poole. Coaches took us to the college, where we split into two groups for a guided tour and experience on the lifeboat simulator, which proved to be the

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highlight of the evening for some! A beautiful three-course meal (with wine) was served after the tour and then we all walked down to the quay to watch the magnificent firework display. The coach collected us from the quay.

In early September, a Car Treasure Hunt was organised. Brian O'Dwyer and Helen Pugh spent an enormous amount of time and energy putting together really excellent clues. Several cars took part in the Hunt and the weather was very kind to us. Nobody got lost and we all met back at The Royal Oak for a much appreciated carvery.

In October we had a Fish Supper and Dorset Quiz at the Village Hall. We ordered 31 portions of fish and chips from the van! An excellent quiz was devised by members of the Committee.

And on 18th December we are going to round off our year with a Christmas Dinner at Athelhampton. This will be heavily subsidised by the F&W Club, as a goodwill gesture to all our members.

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May I wish you all a very Happy New Year.

Julie Johannsen



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This right to cancel is unconditional for most goods. To cancel your order you must contact the seller in writing within seven days after the day you receive the goods, The right to cancel is to allow you to take time in your own home to examine the goods .

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Roasted red pepper and tomato soup served with croutons and crusty bread

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Palate Cleanser

Champagne sorbet

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Main Course

Duck breast and leg confit served with truffle-scented mashed potatoes, savoy cabbage and a thyme and vanilla jus

Fillet of sea bream with crushed new potatoes, samphire and baby brown shrimps in a light tandoori butter

Glazed shallot tatin with spinach, poached duck egg and béarnaise sauce

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Dessert

Chocolate fondant with vanilla ice cream

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## Autumn 2013 Weather in Milborne St. Andrew

IT was a relatively dry autumn with 251.6mm of rainfall compared to the 303.5mm average rainfall for the September–November period. September rainfall was 50% of average at 39.1mm, October rainfall was 139% of average at 153.4mm and November rainfall was 51% of average at 59.1mm. It was another mild October again this year. The five warmest Octobers in the last 42 years have occurred since 2001. The wettest day of the autumn occurred on 27th October when 39.6mm of rain fell. This was accompanied with strong winds gusting over 80 mph at Portland and caused considerable damage and disruption over much of southern England. This storm was described as the 'St. Jude's Day Storm'. St. Jude's Day is on 28th October and was anciently accounted as certain to be rainy and considered to be the first day of winter. It was certainly the first day of winter this year as that storm was the first storm of the winter and the first ground frost of the winter occurred on 29th October. The last 12 days of November were quite cold with a minimum temperature of  $-5^{\circ}\text{C}$  on the night of 19th.

The dry conditions of the autumn have been ideal for metal detectors to search the newly sown fields of winter cereals. A recent find near the village has been a 1797 'cartwheel' penny. These coins were only minted for one year as they proved to be unpopular because of the size and weight and are more of interest than value as many of them wore through pockets and fell out. Perhaps the metal detectors could use the continuing dry conditions to go in search of the Golden Coffin that legend has it is buried somewhere in Milborne St. Andrew. There are two possible sites in the village where the Golden Coffin might be found but metal detectors might be deterred from seeking it as the legend has it that anyone going in search of the Golden Coffin will be met with thunder and lightning and a group of headless mourners!  
*Pluvius.*

## LETTERS to the Reporter

*Thank you*

*My sincere thanks to everyone who came to the aid of my husband when he had a bad fall in Milton Road on Saturday 16th and stayed with him until the medic arrived and took him to Dorchester Hospital where once again doctors and nurses couldn't have been more attentive and caring.*

*Thank you all again.*

*Anne Miller*

**Editors note:** It is good to see John getting out and about again, I believe he is waiting a heart monitor and some tests. Good luck.

*Dear Editor,*

*Its true! Go along to St. Andrews and get a croissant, a drink, have a chat. You can even read the football reports in the Sunday papers, Joe Hart saves but then so does Jesus ! Do try it, its informal, its laid back and a great time of getting to know folk. Joe Hart may save but Suarez can score from the rebound! Once you have been saved by Jesus you enter a match made in Heaven!*

*From another concerned villager*

**Send your letters to the Reporter by e-mail at  
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Milborne St. Andrew  
Village Hall  
in association with  
*Artsreach* and the  
**Forest Forge  
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**Ann of Green Gables**

**Thursday 16th January at 7.30pm**

Tickets £8.00, £6.00 (u 18s), £25.00 (family - 2 adults max)  
at the door (if available) or in advance from  
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### **100 CLUB WINNERS**

Draw Date – Tuesday 26th November 2013

|           |      |              |
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| 1st prize | £100 | Mike Handley |
| 2nd prize | £50  | Pat Shipton  |
| 3rd prize | £6   | Des Hopkins  |

The next two draws are at 8.00pm, in The Royal Oak,  
on Monday 30th December 2013  
and Tuesday 4th February 2014

**Everyone is welcome to attend**

**New members always welcome. Contact  
June Maitland 837235 or  
Denise Sanderson 837049**

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*Please speak to Denise Sanderson, Jenny Balcon  
or June Maitland for information.*

The Church and Gardening Club would like to encourage folk to think about opening their garden for a day (end of May/beginning of June 2014). It is always good fun and very inspiring to see everyone's efforts and ideas. There would be the usual delicious Cream Teas, etc. More news in 2014 but please put the date in your diary.





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## Gardening Club News

ON November 21st the Gardening Club held a Charity Kurling Event in the Village Hall.

This event was organised for the third year running and was attended by approx. 40 club members, friends and villagers. It was a great fun evening, with the competitive spirit reaching tense moments! We played and got to grips with the rules for the first half



of the evening as we enjoyed liquid refreshments from the bar. Thankfully the rules were simple and we got into the swing of it very quickly. A hot supper followed – jacket potatoes with three different fillings – very enjoyable. After the raffle we continued to kurl the evening away and if I remember correctly Ruth Goulden was the overall winner and received a very nice prize of bulbs in a pot. We were able to donate £100.00 to help a charity which supports the elderly.

### AGM plus Quiz with mulled wine and mincepies

The AGM and Quiz had a lovely Christmas flavour with our homemade refreshments.

Our chairman Richard Lock led the AGM with his report on the year of 2013 – highlighting various speakers and outings, especially our picnic at Serles House. It has been a busy year with a Plant Sale in May and Charity Kurling event in November, which all helped to provide for the ever increasing cost of speakers. Bill gave us his financial report and we are still solvent! He and Richard thanked both the Committee and the members for their support throughout the year. We voted on the officials and committee members including a new member, Val Andrews who will be joining us with fresh ideas.

After the business was concluded we had some more mulled wine from the chief muller – Tony Dyer and also enjoyed the mince pies. The quiz followed which was presented by Martin Young, a local nurseryman. It was a great quiz with a power point presentation and many questions to test our plant/garden knowledge. Not sure whether the mulled wine helped or not! The top three scorers were all ladies . . . well done Sally, Ruth and Shirley. Prizes were supplied by Martin. A very good evening enjoyed by all.

We have a number of interesting topics and speakers lined up for next year, including; Deckchair Gardening and Funny Stories, The natural Beauty of Dorset and a national celebrity Paul Atterbury speaking about Gertrude Jekyll and Sir Edwin Lutyens . . . please watch out for the posters. We hope also to be involved in the organisation of 'Open Gardens' in May/June.

We start the year in January 2014 – Thursday 23rd January – Joy Michaud speaking on Choosing the Right Variety of Vegetable. 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Visitors welcome especially any allotment holders. Members – please remember to sign up for the Annual Dinner at The Royal Oak on Saturday 8th February. (phone Angie 837543 if you wish to come and your name is not on the list)

*Angie Nowell*

## Charities call on Government to halt proposals that could push increasing number of people with hearing loss out of work

ACTION ON HEARING LOSS (formerly RNID) and other leading deaf organisations are urgently calling on the government to reassess cost-cutting policy changes to their Access to Work scheme, which are creating barriers to employing deaf people and preventing them from playing a full role in the workplace in the future.

With deaf people already four times more likely to be unemployed, the change in policy will not only restrict their access to communication support but will also increase costs for employers that could force people with hearing loss out of work. Early reports suggest these new measures could cost employers an extra £10,000 per deaf member of staff.

Currently the government-funded initiative provides deaf employees with up to 30 hours of communication support per week, however the scheme is moving deaf people to employ full-time salaried communication support, rather than freelance support, restricting the range of support deaf people need and the flexibility that they rely upon.

Chief Executive of Action on Hearing Loss, Paul Breckell, said, "It's totally unrealistic for the 3.7 million deaf workers in the UK to recruit a full-time communication support worker. The type of support someone needs might vary from day today and there are real problems in terms of the number of qualified professionals available – from little more than 1,000 British Sign Language interpreters to just 25 speech-to-text reporters.

"These unworkable changes will damage the flexibility that deaf people require at work and transfer additional, unsustainable costs to employers. The government is creating a perfect storm by unnecessarily complicating a policy that deaf and disabled people across the UK rely on."

David Buxton, Chief Executive of the British Deaf Association, added, "We are very concerned that deaf and hard of hearing Access to Work users were not properly consulted about the new 30 hours a week rule. We know some users who are following this new policy have said it creates more barriers on top of those that they already face. That's why we have come together to request an urgent meeting to resolve this matter and ensure that no one who is deaf or hard of hearing users struggles in his/her own job and is as equal as his/her own hearing peers."

In response to concerns from the deaf community, supporters and partners, Action on Hearing Loss, the British Deaf Association and Action Deafness and four other deaf organisations have written to the Head of the Access to Work Programme and Minister for Disabled People demanding immediate action.

### Notes

1. Action on Hearing Loss wrote to Rilesh Jadeja, Head of National Access to Work Delivery Programme at the Department of Work and Pensions and Mike Penning Minister of State for Disabled People in partnership with Action Deafness, British Deaf Association, NDCS, RAD, Sense and Signature. A copy of the letter is available upon request
2. Access to Work is a government funded scheme that helps people with disabilities have equal access to workplaces. For people who are deaf or have a hearing loss, this means they can have their communication and equipment support paid for by the Access to Work scheme and their employer. An Access to Work grant helps pay for practical support if someone has a disability, health or mental health condition so they can start working, stay in work and start their own business Access to Work is only available in England, Scotland and Wales.
3. Action on Hearing Loss is the charity working for a world where hearing loss doesn't limit or label people, where tinnitus is silenced – and where people value and look after their hearing. Our vision is to find a cure for hearing loss and tinnitus.



# Community Contacts

Please let the *Reporter* know if any of these details change

More information about many community organisations can be found on [www.milbornestandrew.org.uk](http://www.milbornestandrew.org.uk)

## Councils

|   |                      |              |
|---|----------------------|--------------|
| 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 –<br>Milborne St. Andrew | Clerk: Colin Hampton | 01258 837011 |
|   | Chair: Jenny Balcon  | 01258 837121 |

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| Environment Agency Floodline   |  | 0845 9881188 |
| South West Highways <a href="mailto:hello@swhitd.co.uk">hello@swhitd.co.uk</a> |  | 01404 821500 |

## General – Adult

|                         |                   |              |
|-------------------------|-------------------|--------------|
| Computer Drop-in Centre | Rose and Ed Frost | 01258 837921 |
| Ladies Group – Dewlish  | Judith Bridgen    | 01258 837157 |
| Moonlight Swing Band    | Gillian Pink      | 01305 260731 |
| M.A. Neighbourcar       | Nigel Hodder      | 01258 881709 |
| Wednesday Social Club   | Margaret Evans    | 01258 450518 |
| Women's Institute       | June Maitland     | 01258 837235 |

|                              |                          |                                |
|------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Archers – Crossways          | Sheila Ryall             | 01258 837504                   |
| Athletics – Junior           | David Pearson            | 01258 837057                   |
| Badminton                    | David Payne              | 01258 837700                   |
| Circuit Training and Pilates | Claire Barratt           | 01929 550244<br>or 07540626174 |
| 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                   |
| 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

## General – Youth

|                                 |                |              |
|---------------------------------|----------------|--------------|
| Hazelnuts out-of-school club    | Hazel Barrett  | 01305 848588 |
| 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 |

## 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 |

## 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: | Becky Hunter   |              |

## Special Interest

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

## Sport

|                     |           |              |
|---------------------|-----------|--------------|
| Abbey Swimming Club | Pat Cowan | 01258 880601 |
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# Community Events Diary

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## December

**Monday 30th** **Village Hall Car Park** closed.  
**100 Club Draw** The Royal Oak, 8.00pm.

## January

**Wednesday 8th** **Wednesday Club New Year Party** The Royal Oak 12 midday for 12.30pm – see page2.  
**Badminton** starts again after the Christmas break Milborne St. Andrew First School 7.00pm *New players very welcome.*

**Friday 10th** **Friday Drop-in** with Computers, Coffee and cake re-opens after the Christmas break Village Hall 10.00pm.

**Tuesday 14th** **Reporter** deadline for copy. Please send copy to mas.reporter@yahoo.co.uk or give to a member of the team.

**Wednesday 15th** **Parish Council** Village Hall 7.30pm

**Thursday 16th** **Ann of Green Gables** in association with *Artreach* and the Forest Forge Theatre Company Village Hall 7.30pm see pages 13 and 19.

**Friday 17th** **Village Lunch AGM** The Royal Oak 12.15pm. Everyone welcome – see page3.

**Thursday 23rd** **Gardening Club** Joy Michaud on Choosing the right variety of vegetables. Village Hall 7.30pm – see page15.

**Saturday 25th** **Village Lunch** Village Hall 12.15pm all welcome – see page 3.

**Friday 31st** **Hyde Park on Humber** Village Hall 7.30pm – see page 16 and below.

## Hyde Park on Hudson (12A)

shown by 'Milborne Movies'  
at Milborne St. Andrew Village Hall  
on Friday 31st January 2014 at 7.30pm.

THE film *Hyde Park on Hudson* is a contained and delightful piece of historical speculation grounded in historical details and personal recollections that have continually been coming to light over the last seventy years. In June 1939 on the eve of World War II, President Franklin Delano Roosevelt (Bill Murray) and his wife Eleanor (Olivia Williams) host the King and Queen of England (Samuel West and Olivia Colman) for a weekend at the Roosevelt home at Hyde Park on Hudson. King George VI and his wife journey to the US to see President Roosevelt at his family's Hyde Park retreat hoping to secure American support against Nazi Germany. Meanwhile Margaret "Daisy" Suckley (Elizabeth Marvel) is reacquainted with her distant cousin, President Franklin D. Roosevelt, to help him relax at his family estate. That 'help' soon develops into much more as they become lovers. That puts Daisy in a unique position as Roosevelt receives the Royal visit from Britain. As a result international affairs must be juggled with the complexities of FDR's domestic life, as wife, mother, and mistresses all conspire to make the royal weekend an unforgettable one! The 32nd President was a flawed but charming man who overcame his physical limitations to serve his country as a strong leader. This film captures that and how wonderfully persuasive and strong he was at a time when his country needed such fortitude in the White House. Murray is terrific in the part – charming, clever, at ease and, ultimately, cunning as a fox. Elizabeth Marvel is excellent as his aide Missy; the music is lovely and the settings, which are always sunny spring or summer in a gorgeous part of the United States, are beautiful. This is a charming and witty film which shows that history can also be fun.

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

## 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

## January 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.



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## Future quarrying and waste facilities

BOURNEMOUTH, Dorset and Poole councils are considering potential new locations for future mineral extraction, to be included within a document called the Mineral Sites Plan. Once adopted, this plan will identify specific sites for mineral extraction within the county. We would like to hear your views on 44 sites that have been suggested by mineral companies, landowners and consultants.

A new Waste Plan is also being prepared. An initial consultation is taking place on anticipated needs for waste management facilities up to 2030.

### Why is it relevant to you?

Two sites for the quarrying of building stone have been identified within North Dorset, although these are some distance from Milborne St. Andrew Parish. In terms of waste facilities, there is an identified need to relocate and modernise the existing household recycling centre in Blandford. Additionally, facilities for transferring waste and treating bulky waste have been identified more widely throughout Dorset.

### How can I find out more?

Both documents are also available to view on our website  
[www.dorsetforyou.com/mineral-site](http://www.dorsetforyou.com/mineral-site)  
[www.dorsetforyou.com/waste-plan](http://www.dorsetforyou.com/waste-plan)

Documents are also available to view at district council offices. You can comment between 19th December until 13th February 2014. A number of planning exhibitions are being held in the area in January, where you can find out more, your nearest is: Dorchester Library Tuesday 14th January 12 noon–4.00pm. If you can't make this date but would like to speak to one of the team you are welcome to come to any of the other exhibitions across the county. Please see our website for further details. For further information, phone Dorset County Council on 01305 228585 or email [mwdf@dorsetcc.gov.uk](mailto:mwdf@dorsetcc.gov.uk)

## Ann of Green Gables from Forest Forge Theatre Company on Thursday 16th January 2014 at 7.30pm at Milborne St. Andrew Village Hall in partnership with 'Artsreach'

WINTER in the region would not be the same without a visit to the Forest Forge show. This year, the professional theatre company based in the New Forest have chosen to present an uplifting adaptation of Anne of Green Gables, the best selling story by Lucy Maud Montgomery.

As with recent Forest Forge winter shows the company has commissioned Russ Tunney to create a beautiful script that will be brought to life with original music and atmospheric lighting. Anne of Green Gables is set in picturesque rural Canada. Marilla and Matthew Cuthbert plan to adopt a boy to help on their farm. However like in all good stories things don't go according to plan and instead they get red haired orphan Anne. Irrepressible Anne is energetic and engaging and soon makes a best friend, Diana. However Anne's enthusiasm and mischievous nature does get her into trouble as she turns a rural community upside down. Anne has one arch rival in Gilbert Blythe who upsets Anne from the moment he calls her "carrots". The adventures of Anne at home, in school and moving to town are explored alongside a host of memorable characters as she works out her place in the close knit community.

The performance will take audiences on a warming story about family, friendship and the fun of childhood. It will be hard for the audience to not fall for the infectious energy and joyful honesty of Anne and by a host of memorable characters.

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

## Susie Edwards: Blogger Extraordinaire

### Part 2



SUSIE'S fluent, persuasive prose provides many metaphors and clues to her enormous reserves of strength and power. She writes convincingly of ephemeral flower arrangements with 'lots of soul . . . quirky little semicircles full of bravado'. When on life-affirming walks with her dog she fills her hands with gleanings and comments on the 'intense yellow' of gorse. During her time 'in the slow lane' she jokes about loaning herself out for Halloween. On glimpsing

her new image in the mirror whilst wrapped up combating cold caused by chemotherapy treatments, she sees an 'ancient boxer'. Meanwhile, her iced roses recover undamaged from the frost, her bread proves and her cakes are delicious.

An addiction to flowers overrides other concerns, despite discomforts and disruptions. They bring 'brightness to (her eye)' provide a tonic and enrichment to her soul as does her dog's 'unconditional' affection.

Susie's talk is all of the hospital's 'happy atmosphere and lovely staff'. She could be referring to her own situation when she writes of 'a little spillage with a certain attitude'. They are all images of reconstitution and recovery. Her linguistic abilities permit no questioning or self-pity, no strutting or fretting. This is a unique person who can see the intrinsic beauty and usefulness of bindweed roots.



*'Nutty in disgrace'*

Hers is a significant voice which inhabits and possesses her life using it as a platform from which to achieve, educate and perform.

Apart from flowers, Susie's strength is sustained by an extended network of friends and relatives. Many of the former emanate from a nine year period of flat-sharing in Earls Court 50 years ago. There are mutual efforts to contact across generations. Shared experiences and histories both nourish and delight successfully building an ability to withstand pressures and take joint responsibility for each others' lives.

Susie admits to an over indulgence in flower passion. Whilst she continues her current journey through treatment and eventual recovery they will validate and maintain her 'exuberant' lifestyle. This is exemplified in her own text applied to an arrangement; "Its design gladdens the heart and reminds the soul of what is to follow next season". With these words Susie Edwards glorifies in the present whilst boldly anticipating the future.

*Carole Fornachon*

**PLEASE NOTE:** Any copy for the **February** issue should be received no later than **14th January**.





Deputy Area Commander for Dorset, Craig Baker.  
Credit: Dorset Fire and Rescue Service.

## Have you ever thought about becoming an on-call firefighter with Dorset Fire and Rescue?

Fire stations across Dorset are recruiting for on-call firefighters – a part-time job which could save lives. We had a chat with Deputy Area Commander for Dorset, Craig Baker to explain what's involved and how you can sign up.

### What is an on-call/retained or part-time firefighter?

An on-call firefighter is someone who is able to work part-time for Dorset Fire and Rescue Service and who is able to respond to his or her local fire station when needed, to

deal with an emergency. It might be someone who is in other full time or part-time employment or is a carer and is keen to support their local community.

Local emergency services form an important part of our community. Firefighters do a whole range of jobs from fighting fires to helping at all sorts of incidents. As a retained firefighter you might be called to floods, road traffic collisions or chemical spills as well as fires.

### What kind of person can become an on-call firefighter?

Anyone can be an on-call firefighter, provided that they are over 18 and are both physically and medically fit. You do not need any formal qualifications for the job but you should have good reasoning and numeracy skills. You must be someone with commitment as you could be disturbed from your work or your home at any time of the day or night.

If you are able to respond from work you will need to get the permission and support of your employer. Your employer is likely to expect you to make up the time you have missed when responding to an emergency.

### What kind of training do you get?

To begin with, you will have to complete a number of tests to show that you have the right skills and fitness to be a firefighter. If you are successful in these tests you will then be asked to attend an interview at your local station. Finally, you will need to attend a medical and eyesight test.

Soon after your appointment you will have to travel to our Training Centre to complete a basic retained training course. This course is Monday to Friday and is for two weeks. Once you have been an on-call firefighter for three-six months you will return to the Training Centre in order to learn how to wear and use breathing apparatus equipment. Again, this course is Monday to Friday for two weeks. There are other training courses to gain specialist skills such as first aid and casualty care, but when possible these are at weekends or in the evenings.

We provide ongoing training in the form of a drill night each week at your fire station.

### How does the retained duty system work?

You do not have to work specific hours but you must be available at agreed times of the day or night, including weekends. During the application process, you sign up to a commitment of either 90 or 120 hours each week. This doesn't mean you have to be on duty at a

fire station. You may be at work or at home with your family during this time. When you are needed for an emergency you are "alerted" and must be able to drop anything you are doing and get to the fire station within five minutes.

### So do I have to be on call all the time?

No, the number of contracted hours you are on call will depend on the amount of time you can give each week. The number of hours will be dependent on your work or other commitments and will be agreed following a discussion with the station commander of your fire station.

### Will I have to deal with unpleasant situations?

The nature of the work of a firefighter means that you may be asked to deal with unpleasant situations. It is difficult to train for such situations however, the training we do provide will help you prepare for and deal with an emergency. There are lots of different jobs that have to be done during an emergency. Every firefighter has different skills and strengths and these are used, where possible, having regard to the situation. On the rare occasion when you may find the emergency unpleasant we do provide help and support.

### What will I get out of it?

Joining us as a retained firefighter offers a wealth of opportunity to work for your local community on a part time basis. It is an exciting and hugely rewarding job where you will become a crucial member of a highly trained and tight knit team.

The job gives you an opportunity to help your friends or neighbours in an emergency in a very real and practical way.

There are also financial rewards; you will receive an annual retainer that is based on the level of cover you are able to provide. An hourly rate is paid for training and responding to an emergency. In addition, you are paid a disturbance fee when you respond to an emergency.

As an on-call firefighter you are entitled to annual leave and you are eligible to join the fire service pension scheme.

### How do I apply?

Full details of the role of an on-call firefighter together with an application form can be found on our website; [www.dorsetfire.gov.uk](http://www.dorsetfire.gov.uk). If you would like any further information please visit your local fire station.

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## Nature's Kitchen

LADYBIRDS children have been able to play outside in the lovely weather this December. In the photo you can see some of the



girls enjoying the outside cooking area. They said "we're baking a salad. It takes many minutes to cook." Whatever their imaginations come up with I'm glad it was pretend and we didn't have to try the mix of sand, shells, leaves and twigs!

By the time this goes to print we will all be having a well-deserved rest and the children will be recharging their batteries having performed the Nativity to family and friends. Rehearsals and practising of songs have gone well so we're sure it will 'be alright on the night' - or morning in our case. The term will have finished with the Christmas party where the children are entertained by a magician and Father Christmas will have stopped in on his busy round.

We are currently full and are making a list of those wanting to join us in September 2014. So if this includes you it would be very helpful to us if you could fill in a registration document. If you change your mind later it is not a problem-we would rather know who we may have rather than have children appear that we are not expecting.

We would like to wish you all a Happy New Year.

Liz Dyer



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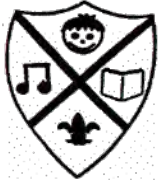
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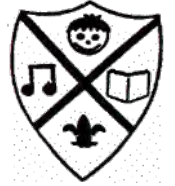
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# Milborne St. Andrew First School



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## School News

WE are nearing the end of a very busy half term and everyone is looking forward to the Christmas holidays.

Earlier this month our year 4 children visited the Safewise centre in Weymouth where they learnt about fire safety in the home. Joining with children from Cheselbourne School they had opportunities to spot dangers around the house and learnt how to “drop and roll” to keep themselves safe in any emergency. They also got a chance to perform for family and friends as they completed their musicianship programme. With trumpets, cornets and trombones they performed favourites such as “We will rock you” for the audience, showing how well they had learnt this new skill over the last eight weeks. Some of our year 4 children also joined with year 3s to take on Puddletown First School at football this half term. Both of our teams won on this occasion, so well done to everyone involved.

This month we have also started a new film club for our children. The younger children who signed up as members enjoyed a showing of “Flushed Away” and our older children “The Iron Giant”. As well as being a welcome after school treat, members also have access to the Film Club website where they can learn more about film making and leave reviews for the films they watch.



The school is looking festive and children are busy rehearsing for their Christmas shows. We look forward to reporting on those in the



New Year. Once again this year we are very grateful to the local depot of Lloyd Fraser for sponsoring our Christmas Tree and to Pete Jackson for the personal delivery and collection service. Once school has ended for this term the tree will continue the festive season at St. Andrew’s church.

And finally we would like to take this opportunity to send all readers our very best wishes from everyone at school. We are very fortunate to have such a supportive community around us and we are grateful for all the local help we receive. Staff and children in school are thanked for all their hard work this year along with our Friends of School, parent and family volunteers. We look forward to welcoming everyone back to school in 2014 and our best wishes to everyone for a healthy, happy and prosperous New Year.

## CONTACTS

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

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

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## British Army Cap Badges of the Second World War by Peter Doyle and Chris Foster

THIS is a large-sized book, with a semi-hard cover, in a nice clear font, and has lots of pictures. It is absolutely packed with information, written in a clear and concise way. The text is laid out with lots of pictures and plenty of white space, making the large amount of information easy to absorb.

The book has chapters on the evolution of the Cap Badge and its construction, from which I learned that during World War Two some badges were made of plastic, and others sand-cast by soldiers serving in hot places. Regiments are presented in groups, i.e. Household Cavalry and Royal Armoured Corps; Support Arms; Infantry; Home Guard, Airborne and Special Forces (an interesting combination, I thought!).

Although not a cap-badge geek, I am glad I reviewed this book, because the cap badges provide an entry into the wonderful history of Regiments of the British Army. I learned a great deal about the evolution of warfare (the adoption of a lance as a modern weapon!) as well as the raising, evolution and amalgamation of regiments, why some are called Royal, why some have mottoes in German and which regiment had only one man\*. As I've mentioned when reviewing books about the War in Asia, the British Army could teach the world about diverse nationalities living, fighting and working together harmoniously for centuries.

I liked the final chapter, which included the ATS, Dental Corps, Home Guard, and the NAAFI. The list is so comprehensive that I have to conclude that if anything remotely connected to the Army had a badge in the Second World War, it will be found in this book. This book would make an ideal introduction to Regimental History and is also useful for 'dipping' or for reference.

\*The North Irish Horse. Look it up!

*A review by Susan Cowley*

## Round Robin Ramblers

*The local villages walking group*

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**Any questions, please feel free to contact Ian Bromilow on 880044.**

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**Sunday 5th January – 1.30pm (note earlier time)**

**Puddletown Forest**

Meet at the Forest parking area SW of Puddletown, near Beacon Hill. Grid reference: SY 744936 on OS Explorer Sheet 117 (approx. 4.5 miles)

**Wednesday 15th January – 11.00am**

**Stourpaine and Bryanston via the Trailway**

Meet at the Tesco car park in Blandford Forum – near recycling area (approx. 6.5 miles). Bring a packed lunch.

**Sunday 2nd February – 1.30pm (note earlier time)**

**Broad Oak and Sturminster Newton**

Meet at the Fiddleford Mill car park, off the A357.

Grid reference: ST 802135 on OS Explorer Sheet 129 (approx. 4.5 miles)

### **Please note:**

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# NHS Bowel Cancer Screening Programme

## WHAT is the aim of this article?

It gives you information about bowel cancer, and the benefits and risks of bowel cancer screening. It aims to help you make an informed choice about taking part in the NHS Bowel Cancer Screening Programme.

## What is the purpose of bowel cancer screening?

- Bowel cancer screening aims to detect bowel cancer at an early stage (in people with no symptoms), when treatment is more likely to be effective.
- Bowel cancer screening can also detect polyps. These are not cancers, but may develop into cancers over time. They can easily be removed, reducing the risk of bowel cancer developing.

## Is screening for bowel cancer important?

- About one in 20 people in the UK will develop bowel cancer during their lifetime.
- It is the third most common cancer in the UK, and the second leading cause of cancer deaths, with over 16,000 people dying from it each year (Cancer Research UK, 2005. Cancerstats).
- Regular bowel cancer screening has been shown to reduce the risk of dying from bowel cancer by 16%

## What is the NHS Bowel Cancer Screening Programme?

The NHS Bowel Cancer Screening Programme offers screening every two years to all men and women aged 60 to 74 (in this area). People in the invitation age range are automatically sent an invitation, then their screening kit, so they can do the test at home. Your GP will provide your contact details, so it is important that he or she has your correct name and address.

After your first screening test, you will be sent another invitation and screening kit every two years until you reach 74. If you are over the invitation age range, you can ask for a screening kit every two years by calling the Freephone number at the end of this article.

## What does the bowel do?

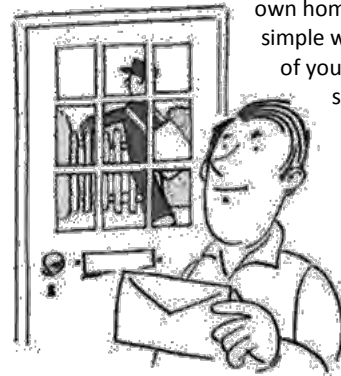
The bowel is part of our digestive system and is divided into the small and large bowel. The large bowel is made up of the colon and rectum.

Food passes from the stomach to the small bowel. After the small bowel takes nutrients into the body, any undigested food passes through the large bowel, where water is removed from the waste matter.

## What is bowel cancer?

Bowel cancer is also known as colon, rectal or colorectal cancer. The lining of the bowel is made of cells that are constantly being renewed. Sometimes these cells grow too quickly, forming a clump of cells known as a bowel polyp. Polyps are not bowel cancers (they are usually benign), but they can change into a malignant cancer over a number of years. A malignant cancer is when cancer cells have the ability to spread beyond the original site and into other parts of the body.

## How is the screening test carried out?



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**Freephone** (and Helpline) number for those over 74 years who wish to have a testing kit: 0800 707 60 60.

Article taken from Leaflet 273372 'Bowel Cancer Screening The Facts' produced by the NHS and Cancer Research UK Primary Education Group.

*Carole Fornachon*



*You can imagine how surprised our photographer Heather was when this Sparrowhawk landed on the bird bath outside her kitchen window.*

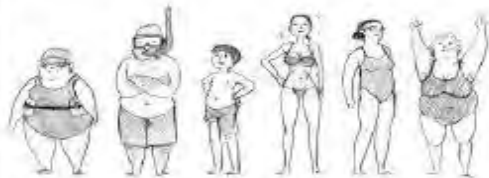


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## In your Garden

Seasonal notes and tips from Maureen Lock of *designerGardens*

### Using conifers in the garden

I EXPECT most of us have had a conifer in their living rooms over Christmas and so this month, I thought I'd do a piece on conifers.

When the garden is dormant in winter, conifers are the plants that give you structure and interest. Conifers will provide you with colour, form and a backdrop to many shrubs and perennials. Many have lovely autumn colour for example *Pinus mugo* 'Wintergold' which glows yellow in autumn, or the Japanese Cedar (*Cryptomeria japonica*) which turns deep purple bronze in winter.



maintenance. Some are upright in a traditional cone shape, and there are also weeping, spreading and even round conifers. You might want to consider *Pinus mugo* 'Humpty', or *Pinus strobus* – nice rounded conifers that go well with blue grasses and upright perennials; or a spreading Juniper (*Juniperus squamata*) with a blue foliage conifer as a contrast. The Colorado Blue Spruce (*Picea pungens*) has glaucous blue foliage and there are many different cultivars to choose from.

As with any plant you are going to use in your garden –



And, of course, the new growth in spring is a burst of colour and can be brilliant blue, bright grassy green, yellow, orange and even red. You will often see red flowers appearing on many conifers as the cones develop providing you with even more interest in the garden.

Some conifers are scented – we all know how lovely the fragrance of the Norway Spruce is at Christmas.



do a bit of planning before you buy. Decide how big it is likely to grow and where you are going to put it. Some dwarf conifers only grow to 90cm/3ft in a hundred years or more, others may grow much larger. You will need to make sure it will grow in your soil and don't always go by the label in the garden centre – they can be misleading. It is better to go to a reputable supplier – look on Google for local suppliers.

And . . . don't be tempted to plant those



The crushed leaves of *Thuja plicata* smell of pineapple, and many junipers have quite a distinctive scent. Conifers are also wildlife friendly providing a sheltered place in which birds can nest as well as providing cones as food for birds and other animals.

Conifers often get a bad press because of the Leyland Cypress (*x cupressocyparis leylandii*) but in fact they are one of the most versatile plants you can have in a garden. All year round colour – they are mainly evergreen – and **very** low



little conifers you can buy on the market for your winter containers without finding out a bit more about them. Often they will grow too large for the average garden and once they get their freedom will romp away.

There is a good range of dwarf, slow growing and miniature conifers such as *Juniperus communis* 'Compressa' – ideal for the smaller garden. These dwarf conifers are often used in rock gardens and containers and partner well with heathers and alpine/rockery plants.



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## From the Elves . . .

PLEASE be advised that all employees planning to dash through the snow in a one-horse open sleigh, going over the fields and laughing all the way are required to undergo a Risk Assessment addressing the safety of open sleighs. This assessment must also consider whether it is appropriate to use only one horse for such a venture, particularly where there are multiple passengers. Please note that permission must also be obtained in writing from landowners before their fields may be entered. To avoid offending those not participating in celebrations, we request that laughter is moderate only and not loud enough to be considered a noise nuisance. Benches, stools and orthopedic chairs are now available for collection by any shepherds planning or required to watch their flocks at night.

While provision has also been made for remote monitoring of flocks by CCTV cameras from a centrally heated shepherd observation hut, all facility users are reminded that an emergency response plan must be submitted to account for known risks to the flocks. The angel of the Lord is additionally reminded that prior to shining his/her glory all around s/he must confirm that all shepherds are wearing appropriate Personal Protective Equipment to account for the harmful effects of UVA, UVB and the overwhelming effects of Glory.

Following last year's well publicized case, everyone is advised that EU legislation prohibits any comment with regard to the redness of any part of Mr R Reindeer. Further to this, exclusion of Mr R Reindeer from reindeer games will be considered discriminatory and disciplinary action will be taken against those found guilty of this offence.

While it is acknowledged that gift-bearing is commonly practiced in various parts of the world, particularly the Orient, everyone is reminded that the bearing of gifts is subject to Hospitality Guidelines and all gifts must be registered. This applies regardless of the individual, even royal personages. It is particularly noted that direct gifts of currency or gold are specifically precluded under provisions of the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act. Further, caution is advised regarding other common gifts, such as aromatic resins that may initiate allergic reactions.

Finally, in the recent case of the infant found tucked up in a manger without any crib for a bed, Social Services have been advised and will be arriving shortly.

Merry Christmas

### Linda

*by Josie Wright*

A slight breeze through the open window stirs the garish orange and lime green curtains. It wafts a few grey specks from the ashtray, releasing a faintly exotic odour. The scruffy wallpaper is partially hidden by a series of cheap posters, a shaft of sunlight brightening the flamboyant poses. Four cups lie on the draining board, so hastily washed that last night's diluted coffee dregs are still dripping into the sink.

At the other end of the room a tatty wardrobe door hangs open, revealing glimpses of bright colours and a shabby leather coat. Nearby the small bed has been roughly straightened with a tail end of blue blanket trailing the floor. Odds and ends are pushed into the edges of a mirror on the wall; the photograph of a dog, a postcard from Blackpool and an old concert ticket, across the corner is the number 2977 in pencil. Underneath the mirror is a small table with a lunar landscape in fine pink dust, as lotions and perfumes have shifted from place to place. Incongruously at one end sits a hyacinth in a pot with a small card, 'Love from mum.'

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