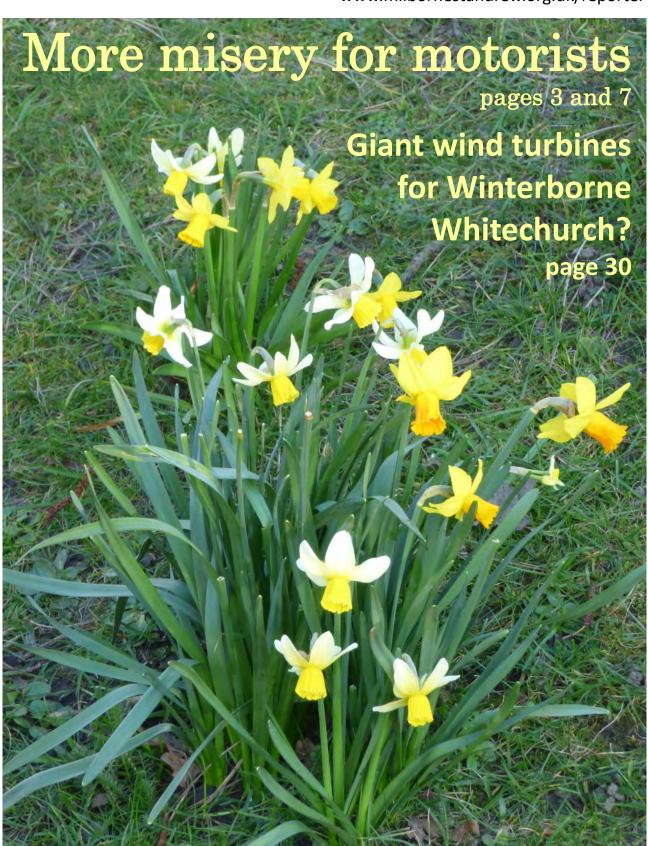


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"Outstanding" at The **Winterbornes Nursery**

THE pre-school nursery in Winterborne Kingston, is celebrating after it was rated as "Outstanding" across the board following its recent Ofsted inspection. The ranking is the highest possible. The full report can be viewed on the Ofsted website, ofsted.gov.uk URN No:

Nursery Manager, Fiona Ward said "We are delighted with the report. This is a tremendous report for the whole community associated with our nursery. Our "Outstanding" verdict is not just based on a visit by inspectors. It takes the excellent efforts of our brilliant staff, parents and supporters to achieve this - and I congratulate them all. The children are happy, motivated and stimulated at our nursery, and we pride ourselves on delivering high quality experiences for the children enabling them to make good progress in their learning and development."

For more information or to book a "show round" please contact Fiona Ward or a team member on 01929 471846. Fiona Ward

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Not more water at the **Gardening Club**

THE talk for our February meeting was entitled 'Water in Gardens', which brought a wry smile to our faces, as we were fed up with water in our gardens! However Alan Eason whetted our appetites as he showed us water features, ponds and lakes, some that he and his company in

Gillingham had dug/built over many years. Many of the photos showed the before and after story, from excavating, levelling, lining and filling, also the best plants to surround the area and types of lily to have in the water.

Alan told us about the different ways of lining a pond eg. sand, underlay, butyl rubber or puddled clay. Some sort of levelling equipment is needed to allow for the slope of the land. Consideration needs to be given to disposing of the soil which is being dug out. Portland or Purbeck stone are ideal for building any walls surrounding the pond, and plants such as primulas, iris, hosta, astilbe and kingcups all love moist or boggy conditions. Although care must be taken where the size of a plant such as gunnera might take over! Alan showed us some lovely photos of work he had done of ornamental ponds, including rills and cascading water over rocks and stones, also a weir effect giving the garden the sound and sparkle of moving liquid. It's always good to hear a talk by someone with such experience and knowledge of his subject and this was much enjoyed.

We continued the evening with refreshments and a time to catch up with friends. This was followed by a short business meeting to sort out dates and events for the future.

In April (Thursday 24th) our talk will be 'The natural beauty of Dorset - a whistle stop tour' with Colin Varndell. Visitors welcome to the Village Hall at 7.30pm.

Date for your diary Sunday 11th May, plant sale at the Village Hall, 10.30am-12.30pm. Everyone welcome, come and pick up some bargains. Angie Nowell

The Vet at the Wednesday Club

Verity Griffiths of Southfield Veterinary Service in Dorchester spoke to the Wednesday Club at the March meeting of her work in the Dorchester area. Since the age of four she was encouraged in her love of animals by her Uncle David. After studying at London and Cambridge obtaining several specialist degrees she took a job at the PDSA in Wolverhampton. Later on she had veterinary experience in Wool and because she felt at home in Dorset, she joined the staff of the well established Southfield clinic which has been working in the area for 100 years. Now a senior partner in the practice she still has to do her share of the work involved, from scrubbing the floors to major operations.

She finds acupuncture can help with pain relief. Although working mostly with small animals, she showed a picture of a dog who completely covered the operating table from end to end with the legs dangling down the sides! We saw photos of her current pets, Hungarian Vizstas, and in her spare time she enjoys sailing and exhibiting her dogs at shows. We were pleased to welcome Verity and thank her for giving us an insight to her work.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 2nd April when we will share in the fun of card and board games in the Village Hall, you are all Margaret Evans welcome to join us.

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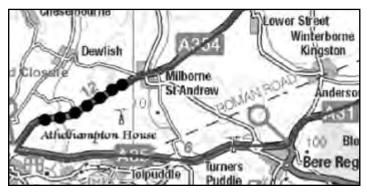
WE need to temporarily restrict use of the carriageway at the A354 Milborne St. Andrew, whilst carriageway surfacing works are carried out.

To enable us to safely carry out maintenance work to the road we need a road closure for 15 working days between 20th May and 8th June 2014. This is part of the traffic and safety management for a scheme that is part of our programme of major maintenance works to the county roads.

Whilst the road is closed, a signed diversion route will be put up to enable traffic to travel around the closed section. The detail of the section of road affected is on the attached plan and the diversion will be A354, A35 east to Bere Regis, A31, A350 to Blandford, A354

If you want to discuss any issues regarding the road closure, please can you contact me by telephone on 01305 221000 or email dorsethighways@dorsetcc.gov.uk by 4th April 2014.

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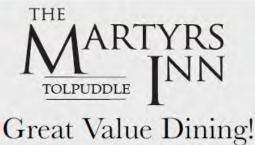


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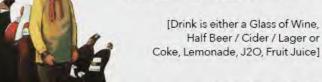
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April News from Milton Abbas and Milborne St. Andrew Surgery

I AM writing once again to keep you up to date with events at the practice and impart important health messages. If there are any other matters you would like me to address, please let me know by ringing to speak to me on 01258 880210 or e-mailing caroltaylor2@nhs.net.

Easter Opening Times

The surgeries at Milton Abbas and Milborne St. Andrew will be closed on Friday 18th April (Good Friday), Saturday 19th April (Easter Saturday) and Monday 21st April (Easter Monday).

If you are unwell and need medical advice, always ring NHS 111, the new number for urgent calls. In a genuine emergency you should call 999. Chest pains and/or shortness of breath constitute an emergency.

Patient Voice Annual General Meeting Wednesday 9th April 2014 at 6.30pm Milborne St. Andrew Village Hall

Our Patient Reference Group, Patient Voice, is holding its AGM on Wednesday 9th April 2014 at 6.30pm at Milborne St. Andrew Village Hall. We do hope you will come along.

Patient Voice provides a channel of communication between patients and the practice to help improve the quality of healthcare services we provide. Patient Voice is looking for more patients to become involved either as a participant at meetings or as an occasional contributor to the consultation process. So, if you are a teenager, young adult, young mum, a Carer, middle aged or elderly and you would be interested in joining the group, please do come along to the AGM. If you would prefer not to attend the AGM, but would like to be involved, we would be delighted to hear from you - by telephone on 01258 881709, by email patientvoice@live.co.uk or by completing the form on our website, www.masurgery.co.uk/ppg.aspx

Care.Data

The doctors at Milton Abbas were asked to write a little about NHS England's proposed data sharing plans. This scheme has been the subject of much controversy since its proposal, not least as it requires patients to opt out if they do not agree to their data being shared . . . if you do nothing then it will be assumed that you agree to your data being shared and you will have 'opted in'.

If you 'opt-in' then our understanding is that your date of birth, full postcode, NHS number and gender (but not your name) will be used to generate a new set of anonymised medical notes which will have no identifying data. These alternative notes will be held at a secure site by NHS England.

The idea of this system is that patient data can be used for research into illness and treatments as well as design of future healthcare provision. The potential benefits of these changes are huge and are outlined at the official website www.nhs.uk/ caredata and at www.england.nhs.uk/2014/01/15/geraint-lewis/. Such huge amounts of information about illness and the effectiveness of treatments could make a real difference to future healthcare.

However it is important to note that this data will be used for purposes other than your direct medical care. The plan is to make data available to universities, commercial companies, medical researchers and other organisations. Some patients are opting out by writing to their surgery. There is a printable opt-out letter available on the surgery website, or you can collect the form from the surgery if you prefer. Opting out does NOT affect your treatment at your local surgery or hospital. Some believe that this plan for data sharing puts your confidentiality at risk and this case is outlined at the campaigning website medconfidential.org and by a campaigning Hampshire GP at www.care-data.info.

Some surgeries have opted out entirely and made a stand that all their patients' data should not be at risk. These surgeries may very well be in breach of their NHS contract as a result of their actions. We would prefer you make your own mind up.

You may have read that 41% of GPs will be opting out themselves (we are patients too!) and it is for us to decide the pros and cons of this data sharing for ourselves and our own families. Do make sure you're as informed as you can be by looking at both sides of the argument on the above websites. But if you are going to act to optout, do so soon. The data extraction has been deferred until September 2014 and once your data is shared, it cannot be reversed or deleted.

Bad weather

During recent flooding, we have had to close Milborne St. Andrew Surgery and see patients at Milton Abbas instead. We sincerely apologise for any inconvenience caused to our patients. In the event of severe snow and ice Milton Abbas Surgery itself can become inaccessible to staff and patients. In this event we will do our utmost to provide urgent medical care from Milborne St. Andrew Surgery. Updates will be provided via the website if adverse weather is forecast.

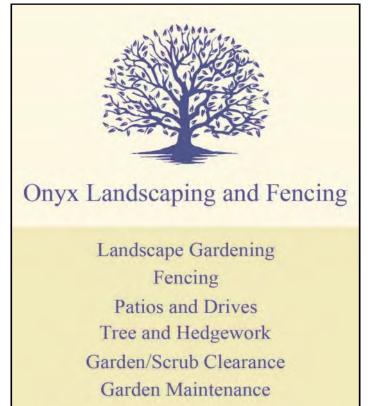
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Coffee, Cake and Computers

TICKETS are now being sold for our Easter raffle. The winning ticket will be drawn on our last session before Easter on Friday 11th April, we return after the Easter break on Friday May 2nd. The main prize is an Easter themed food hamper, with many goodies generously donated by Drop-in regulars. All profits will go towards keeping our group finances healthy.

The internet can be a great help in retirement and so many recent retirees have used their spare time to start getting to grips with it. Asking our regulars at the Friday drop-in, the top reason for most people to use the internet is for sending and receiving emails, an easy, cheap and quick way to keep in touch with grandchildren and old friends. Those of us who grew up with parents who were always nagging about how big the telephone bill was going to be are still amazed by Skype and FaceTime and how it is possible to chat face to face to someone on the other side of the world for as long as you want and it doesn't cost a penny!

Being able to access catch up TV is another popular one, so many good TV and radio programmes are on late at night or when we are busy. So it is great to be able to watch or listen to what you want at any time without having to pay for an expensive subscription for Sky or similar.

Internet grocery shopping is another favourite. In times of bad weather or ill health it's good to know that we can have our shopping delivered to the door. We all treasure our independence and none of us wants to be a burden on our friends and family so it makes sense to learn the skills which will keep us living independent lives for as long as possible.

Twenty years ago relatively few people had online skills because - quite simply - we didn't need them in our everyday lives. The internet was only just being used by the general public. It was okay not to know too much. It is now not okay at all. Access to the internet is fundamentally changing the way people connect and how they access information and support. Those who can't use technology are losing out on many levels - being able to access cheaper shopping deals, internet banking, online council tax payments or car tax renewals. Offline households miss out on estimated savings of £560 each year from shopping and paying bills.

So if you have been thinking about making a start or about improving the skills you already have why not come along to our drop-in? We look forward to seeing you next Friday 10.00am-12 noon at MSA village hall committee room.

Rose and Ed Frost

A date for your diary - Saturday 10th May Village Hall Quiz teams of four - so get swotting now

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Winter 2013/14 Weather in Milborne St. Andrew

IT will come as no surprise to anyone that the last winter was the wettest in living memory and on record. December rainfall was 220% of average at 261.9mm and the highest December rainfall I have recorded. January rainfall was 270% of average at 295.6mm and the highest January rainfall I have recorded. February rainfall was 239% of average at 188.7mm and the second highest February

rainfall I have recorded. The total rainfall for the winter months was 746.2mm which is 75.6% of our average annual rainfall. The wettest day of the winter was December 23rd with 65.6mm of rain. This was accompanied by strong and damaging winds recorded at 92 mph at The Needles. There were further strong and damaging winds on 4th, 12th and 14th February.

It was a very mild winter with only ten air frosts below zero. The lowest temperature for the winter was -3°C on 11th January. It was the warmest winter only since 2006/7 but there have only been 11 warmer winters in the 355 year records of The Central England Temperature.

The extreme weather of last winter will certainly rate quite high in terms of meteorological severity and insurance claims but it will not rate so high in terms of loss of life. The extreme weather of 1703 and 1824 caused thousands of deaths and 307 people died in the extreme weather of 1953.

Whenever extreme weather occurs in this country and disrupts our normally well ordered lives it is understandable that tempers become frayed and blame is apportioned to things ranging from CO₂ emissions to allowing gay marriage but the fact remains that it was extreme weather events which formed the flood plains of this country originally and shaped the coastline of Britain over thousands of years. Pluvius

New test for cars in Milborne

JUST when you thought the misery of the recent floods were just a memory, comes a new Government directive that will impact on villages like Milborne. In areas that have suffered significant flooding, a new inspection is being added to the vehicle MOT test amphib-ablity. It is designed to test the ability of a vehicle to drive underwater, as the likelihood is that it would be needed given the owner's home postcode. The test is to involve large water tanks that cars undergoing inspection are driven into. The MOT tester would have to drive the car 25 metres - a 'pass' would be if the car completes the full distance without conking out and, furthermore, the vehicle tester gets out of the car with dry shoes. This should ensure that during the monsoon season in Milborne, no local car should become stranded on Milton Road.

Inevitably, the motor industry has come up with a number of innovations to ensure flood village residents can keep their cars, rather than be forced to buy a semi-aquatic auto. One of these is a spray-on coating that is similar to expanding foam used in the building industry. Not only will this waterproof your car, it will also ensure that it will float. An optional extra is an outboard motor, though oars come as standard - with rollocks, of course.

The new MOT is due to begin this year, on 1st April.

Mah Jong returns to The Royal Oak

With the end of the Crib Season at The Royal Oak, thoughts are turning to Mah Jong again. The Mah Jong Group meets on Mondays at 7.00pm to play a couple of hours of this fiendish game. We play the Western Version, slower-paced and more thoughtful than the speedy Chinese or Japanese versions. Beginners are welcome, so why not come along and join us? There's usually a lot of laughter as well as some serious 'punging' and 'konging'! For more information please contact Susan Cawley on 839070.



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Obituary - Peter Vatcher-Dow

5th August 1924 - 4th February 2014

IN the March addition of the Reporter I said that I hoped to provide a full obituary for Peter but that he was a private person who did not talk or discuss his exploits or past life. At Peter's funeral on 4th March 2014 at Poole Crematorium I listened, as did a huge number of his friends, neighbours and family, not only from this village but from across the country, to the eulogy that had been put together by Peter's great friend Michael Stebbings. So with Michael's permission these are the memories of a friend by a friend whose loss to this world affects far more people and I hope that Peter understood before his death how much he was liked, appreciated and loved by those with whom he came in touch.

"I first met Peter in 1975, when I took up a new job and had to live on site. The site was on the Meadows at Runnymede. It was heartening to be met by my new neighbour who came straight up to me, hand extended in friendship. I shall never forget his first words to me, 'I'm Peter Dow, your neighbour, I know we'll get on, just as long as you don't keep coming round to borrow cups of sugar.'

What an ice breaker! I liked him straight away. Those of you who knew Peter well will know he had a wicked sense of humour. Our friendship started on that day and has continued ever since.

Peter ran a successful plumbing business, one which was not run for big profits, but a family concern, which he and his late father made a reasonable living. Peter ran the business well and was never short of work. He was never in it to make a fortune and in the time I knew him, he often did work for nothing, just to help others less fortunate than himself. When he retired, he passed on the business to his late son Michael, who continued in the same way.

Shortly after our first meeting I was invited to visit Peter and Elizabeth, (Peter's late wife). We spent many an evening in discussing subjects such as religion, mythology and my outlook on life. We also had many evenings in front of a log fire, playing chess.

It was these discussions which led on to Peter and Elizabeth inviting me to join them on a path which I had been looking for without realising it.

Peter and Elizabeth had initially been members of the 'Golden Dawn' but were then members of the 'Order of Bards, Druids and Ovates'. On the death of the founder Ross Nichols, they had permission to form their own Order. Thus was formed the 'Order of Independent Druids'. From my initiation we have continued on. This is remarkable in the fact that we have undergone many moves, but still continue to meet and celebrate the seasons through our eight main ceremonies.

Elizabeth once said that she'd be glad to settle in one place, but Peter must have gypsy blood. She was only jesting as Peter always had a good head on his shoulders and in his retirement managed to always make a reasonable gain from each move. This was the way they managed to finance their retirement.

Throughout their lives Peter and Elizabeth had a great love of dogs and the dedication of rescuing Dachshunds became their passion insofar as until his death, Peter continued giving a home to even hopeless cases. Restoring health and condition to all, when he couldn't save them, he made sure they were cared for until the end.

Peter has to my knowledge always been the same. Fiery at times, when things have upset the balance, but always fair. All the time I've known Peter, he held strong feelings for the Ghurkha's and what he saw as a lack of respect given to them during and after the war. He never explained why this was so, but I understand his position from what knowledge I have of the situation they are in.

His continued support for his beloved Commandos is understandable, as my own late father was a committed East

With the passing of Peter I along with lots of others will sorely miss his understanding, knowledge, compassion, friendship and love." Michael Stebbings

It is clear from the many people that attended Peter's funeral that a large void has been created by the passing of someone to whom a debt of gratitude is owed, not just for the



service he rendered in the last world war but just for the privilege of being able to call this man a friend. Michael Hopper



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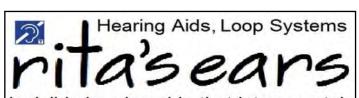
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'Rush' (15)

shown by 'Milborne Movies' at Milborne St. Andrew Village Hall on Friday 4th April 2014 at 7.30pm

THIS film is set against the sexy, glamorous golden age of Formula 1 racing in the 1970's and is based on the true story of the great sporting rivalry between handsome English playboy James Hunt (Chris Hemsworth), and his methodical, brilliant opponent, Austrian driver Niki Lauda (Daniel Brühl). A deadly rivalry will do wonders for your career and Hunt vs. Lauda erupts into snaking dogfights around the hazardous circuits of Monza, Silverstone, and nearfatally at the Nürburgring. Hunt is more alive to the alluring danger of racing (references to the famously large number of women he's meant to have slept with are left out), but it's Lauda who pays the higher price, and the film's dramatic heart is Lauda's psychological comeback, despite devastating injuries, as he prepares for a final showdown.

The acting on the whole is nothing short of miraculous and the two main actors who portray Lauda (Daniel Brühl) and James Hunt (Chris Hemsworth) not only resemble the two they are taking off remarkably well but they evidently did a lot of research regarding both of these two greats with the result that you could easily mistake them both for the real thing. Hemsworth's portrayal of Hunt as a playboy who wants fame and Brühl's of Lauda as a man who almost has a machine-like mentality to racing could not be better acted. The film is bang on in period, cars, fashion and sets the tone excellently, the cinematography is nothing short of breath-taking. With fine performances, extraordinary evocations of key races, a sweaty '70s feel and a celebratory aspect as we fondly remember two diehard nutters, this isn't called *Rush* for nothing.

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.



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THE BENEFICE OF PUDDLETOWN, TOLPUDDLE AND MILBORNE WITH DEWLISH PART OF THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND IN THE DIOCESE OF SALISBURY

Recognising God at work in the benefice

Each generation has struggled to find ways of presenting the Christian story for their age. Today we see social media being used in innovative ways but in an age when few had access to education or bibles to read for themselves one way to present the gospel was in wall paintings or in the stained glass windows of our churches. I wonder if you have noticed the stories told in the windows of our local churches. Some of them in Tolpuddle are great fun.



Here is an interesting one in the East window in Puddletown Church. Jesus is bursting forth from the tomb, with light behind him. He is carrying a flag of victory. At Jesus' feet are the sleeping Roman soldiers that were supposed to be guarding the tomb.

The window is bursting with life. It's as if it is saying 'Alleluia, God is on our side.' God is on the side of life and goodness and love. He is on the side of everything that Jesus stood for and showed in his life. Death and all the horrible stuff that we face have not had the last say. He is not on the side of oppression and injustice. He is not on the side of

authorities that make up trumped up charges to execute an innocent man. Goodness, love and mercy always win. So Jesus is depicted in the window as victorious and it looks like he is doing a dance over the Roman soldiers. Or is he trying to prod them awake with that stick? I am not sure. Is he saying 'Wake up, you are missing the best thing ever to happen' - new life, a new start, resurrection!

I first noticed this window when I was feeling particularly tired one day and nothing seemed to be going right. I remember joking with Benny that one of the soldiers looked like him and perhaps like them we were worn out. It looked to me as if Jesus was prodding us awake saying, 'wake up, open your eyes; start noticing those signs of resurrection and new life that are right in front of you. Start recognising me at work in this place.'

So, as a fairly new priest I began to keep a blog. It seemed important to me to take notice of all the small glorious things that were happening in the benefice; those places where I saw signs of new life and God at work in the lives of the many people I met. There are too many to list here. I only kept the blog for a few years but now I am leaving the benefice to take up a new post as rector of Milborne Port if you want to take a peep at a small snap shot in time of all the glorious things I have noticed the blog is at www.gloriousthings.wordpress.com

New life was the last thing those soldiers expected to see. They knew Jesus was dead. No one would expect a dead man from inside the tomb to be able to roll the stone away. Sometimes we are like that. We miss the surprise and the joy of this new life in us and of God working in the world because we don't expect to see it. Easter is our second chance to see the life force in our midst and we need to keep on working out what that means for our generation. with love and blessing.

Milborne St. Andrew Church Notes

IF you are reading this early don't forget that Sunday 30th March is Mothering Sunday when we will be pleased to welcome all children and their mums who will receive a posy. The service starts at 9.30am, but don't forget that the clocks go on an hour that weekend! Then April sees the last three weeks of Lent when at St. Andrew's we will be continuing our weekly Thursday evening service of Compline at 6.00pm, and the Sunday evening benefice series at 6.00pm in Dewlish and Puddletown of 'My Life and My Faith' when we shall hear from a business manager and a nurse. Towards the end of the evening service at Puddletown on April 13th we will be giving an official farewell to Roy and Diana Bennett who are leaving for Canada.

On Good Friday (18th April) the church will be open from 12.00 to 3.00pm for quiet meditation with music and an Easter trail of pictures, while the children take part in an Easter Experience run by Sarah Godfrey in the village hall from 2.00 to 4.00pm. This will be her last duty in Milborne before she leaves for pastures new in Milborne Port. We will have an opportunity to say farewell to her at the benefice service in **Dewlish on** 27th April at 11.00am followed by a shared lunch in Dewlish Village Hall. Before

CHURCH SERVICES April 2014

Thursday 3rd April

12 noon Lunch-time Communion Milborne

6th April - Passion Sunday

9.30am	Parish Communion	Tolpuddle
9.30	Celebrate	Milborne
11.00	Family Communion + APCM	Puddletowr
11.00	1662 Morning Prayer	Dewlish
6.00 pm	United Benefice Evening Service Dewlish	
	Theme: My life and my faith:	

as a business manager

13th April - Palm Sunday

8.15am	1662 Said Communion	Puddletown
9.30	Methodist United Service	Tolpuddle
9.30	Parish Communion	Milborne
11.00	Family Service	Puddletown
11.00	Parish Communion	Dewlish
6.00pm	United Benefice Evening Servi	ce
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17th April - Maundy Thursday

7.00pm	Agape Supper	Dewlish
7.30	Holy Communion	Puddletowr

18th April - Good Friday

10.00am Reflective Service		Tolpuddle
12 noon– Church open for Meditation		Puddletown
3.00pm		+ Milborne
2.00	Easter Experience	Milborne
		Village Hall

Dewlish

20th April - Easter Day

Good Friday service

9.30am	Easter Communion	Tolpuddle
9.30	Easter Communion	Milborne
11.00	Easter Communion	Puddletown
11.00	Easter Communion	Dewlish

27th April - Easter 2

FAREWELL TO SARAH GODFREY

11.00am United Benefice Holy

Communion Dewlish followed by bring-and-share lunch and presentations in the Village Hall

2.30pm RBL Women's Section Puddletown

50th Anniversary Service

MORNING PRAYERS (Monday - Thursday 8.15am Saturday 9.00am)

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

LENT

During Lent there will be two extra services on Thursdays: Compline in Milborne at 6.00pm, and Evening Prayer in Dewlish at 6.30pm.

Do you need a lift to church?

If you have difficulty getting to church or need transport when the Benefice Service is at another church, we can arrange transport for you. Please contact John on 839090.

that, however, don't forget our Easter Day Communion on April 20th at 9.30am.

It is good to see that the new hedge that has replaced the trees we felled last year seems to be starting to grow. However we have found another tree in the new churchyard that looks very poorly and needs to be removed before it falls down and causes damage to the graves beneath. It would help us if everyone tending graves in this area could keep them as clear as possible while this work and the clearing up afterwards is going on. We also need to remind everyone that rules from the diocese of Salisbury have for many years forbidden the introduction of kerbstones and chippings on any grave without special permission. If you think that you may have fallen foul of these rules you should get in touch with either me or Sarah Hillman.

As I write this we are about to hold our Annual Parochial Church Meeting at which we will elect our churchwardens and members of the PCC for what will probably be a very challenging year. I hope that we can elect a second churchwarden to work with me this year and that we can increase our income to balance our expenses.

John Wright (Churchwarden)

Dewlish Church Notes

A fond farewell to Sarah Godfrey

THE Lent Lunch to be held on Monday 7th April will be at the home of Mrs Daphne Berridge, Shailes Farmhouse, Dewlish, at 12.30pm. Lent will conclude with the Agape Supper on Thursday 17th April at 7.00pm in the Village Hall. Please let Daphne or Jim (Tel: 01258 837466) know (for catering purposes) by Sunday 13th April if you would like to come. This is always such a moving service, preparing us for Good Friday and the Crucifixion.

Our AGM is on **Thursday 24th April** at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. We invite and welcome all church members on the electoral roll to attend. Our church would be pleased also to have new members to serve on our Church Council, so please join us!

Our assistant priest, the Rev. Sarah Godfrey, is, sadly, leaving us to take up a post in Milborne Port. Her last service is on Sunday 27th April at 11.00am in Dewlish Church. This will be followed by a bring-and-share lunch in the Village Hall. Sarah has been with us for ten years, and we shall miss her. We wish her well in her new position. Daphne Burg

Church Easter Flowers for Remembrance



IF anyone would like loved ones to be remembered this Easter, please give your donation and the name(s) to be remembered, to Helen Pugh, 2 Huntley Down (837080) by Friday 11th April.

Every name received will be displayed in the book of remembrance in St Andrew's church during the Easter period.

All flower arrangers and helpers welcome on Saturday 19th April from 9.00am.

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Notice

We need to fell a large ash tree in the lower part of the new St. Andrew's churchyard. While this and the clearing up is taking place it would be very helpful if those who tend graves in that area could keep them as clear as possible. We would also like to remind those responsible for graves that any alteration to a grave needs to be in line with current rules from the Diocese of Salisbury. In particular we are not allowed to install kerbs or chippings without special permission. If you have any questions about this, ask one of the churchwardens, Pam Shults (01258 837203) or John Wright (01258 839090).

Events Committee Report

THE Events Committee was set up at the end of last year with three members of the PCC and three members from the community. The group's purpose is to plan and organise social events which could also bring some income for the church. You may have read from the Church Annual Report that it cost £350 each week to keep our church open. We do not get that sort of money from our weekly parishioners; therefore, we have to do a lot of fund raising.

The events we hold will show that the church building can be used for more than church services, as the arts and crafts display in

In February the archaeologist Gordon Le Pard came to talk to us about the archaeology of our church. This proved to be a most interesting afternoon.

We look forward to our "Easter Experience" which will be in the village hall on Good Friday from 2.00 to 4.00pm and open to all children. We plan to make hot cross buns, decorate Easter biscuits and Sarah Godfrey will take the children on the Easter Trail to church, telling the Easter story on the way. See posters for more

St. Andrew's Church will be open on Good Friday from 12 noon to 3.00pm when you can reflect, pray, listen to music and follow the Easter trail in church.

The Events Committee are planning to put together a recipe book with your favourite recipes. To start with we are concentrating on cakes and biscuits so that children can also submit their favourite cake recipes too. The book will be printed and sold to help raise money. If you have a recipe which we could include in the booklet please contact Pam Shults (pamshults@btinternet.com tel. 837203) or Eva Stockley (evastockley@btinternet.com tel. 837468).

We have now finished re-writing the church guidebook which is available for sale in the church.

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Deed Day celebration times two

AS well as celebrating the 70th anniversary of the Deed of Trust I do hope that the May Fayre event will also be used to honour the fact that the Village Hall is one of the very few privately owned sites that was awarded Queen Elizabeth II playing field status in 2011.

> The plaque on the front wall of the Village Hall is the only visible indication of achievement. There however two copies of a legally binding deed of dedication between entered into MILBORNE ST. ANDREW VILLAGE

HALL CHARITY, and NATIONAL PLAYING FIELDS ASSOCIATION, operating as Fields in Trust, one of which was placed with the original Deed of Trust.

Milborne St. Andrew Village Hall Charity dedicates the property in celebration of the Diamond Jubilee of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II as a village hall and public recreation ground for the benefit of the inhabitants of Milborne St. Andrew and thereabouts and the site will be titled the Queen Elizabeth II Field Milborne St. Andrew Village Hall Playing Field.

In 2011 the trustees as guardians of the Village Hall Charity collectively agreed to 'red line' the entire site within the conveyance document. In effect, they signed a legal undertaking not to use the property or permit the property to be used for any purpose other than as a village hall and public recreation ground. As a consequence it added a further tier of protection to the whole site in perpetuity, the other being that the space is currently confirmed and designated in the NDDC Local Council Plan as an important open recreation space. (the operative word being 'currently')

An added bonus to being a 'Protected Site' is that it opens up special and/or preferential funding opportunities for grants to maintain and enhance the recreational facilities, something not to be sneezed at. Richard Lock

FOOTNOTE

The Queen Elizabeth II Fields Challenge was a flagship UK-wide programme to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee and London Olympic and Paralympic Games by permanently protecting as many outdoor recreational spaces as possible. HM The Queen is the Patron of the Trust.

Notice of Meeting

Trustees of the Milborne St. Andrew Village Hall will hold the **Annual General Meeting for the Charity** on Wednesday 23rd April at 7.00pm in the Village Hall

The purpose of the meeting is to:

- 1. Present the Annual Report for 2013 to the Village
- 2. Discuss plans for the Hall for 2014 and beyond
- 3. Agree Trustees for the year to end April 2015

The meeting is intended to provide villagers with an opportunity to influence how the Hall is managed and the plans for its future as an asset for the local community.

Nominations for new Trustees should be sent to: Paul Tasker (07801 714619 or p.h.tasker@gmail.com) or Elizabeth Humphrey (07740 201375 or elhumphrey@hotmail.com) before 18th April, preferably by e-mail.

All Welcome

A Good Read by Shirley Dunkley

"Melisande! What are Dreams? "By Hillel Hankin

SOMETIMES, in a hurried library moment, I grab a book by an unknown author with vague critical comments on the back, and it turns out to be an enormous source of pleasure. Sometimes, of course, it can be a complete stinker, but with this book it was a gem. It is a novel set in America covering thirty years in the lives of Hoo and Mellie from their teenage meeting through love and marriage to an uncertain future. We never know the real name of the narrator nicknamed Hoo - but through him we gain a real sense of High School, College and University life from the 1950s to the 1980s as he moves from nerdy schoolboy to University Professor of Classics. Above all, it is about the progress of a great love as it copes with the tribulations of childlessness and schisms. Hankin now lives in Israel and the characters came from New York families, but this is incidental never a theme. Passion is a theme, loneliness is a theme, emotional priorities are a theme. Although there is a sense of social change as time passes neither history nor politics is a theme. This is the story of two intertwined lives, described in its 'vague comment on the back' as 'A long drink of cool water to anyone who likes an intelligent novel'. It left me feeling moved and enriched - not bad for a random pick-up!

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LETTERS to the Reporter

Editor

I also felt that the fireworks at midnight on New Year's Eve from various parts of the world were a total waste of money (February page 21). Can our Government stop paying money to any of these countries that require food and clean water. Surely this is nature's way of keeping the world's populations down. So much British money and life has been wasted already and once the Brits have left Afghanistan life there will revert to how it has always been with the Afghans and the Taliban.

Surely it is time for the British Government to concentrate on "its own" to help our people who are dealing with floods, destitution, homeliness and the NHS amongst other things. No other countries sent us any money when we needed it for flood alleviation. This country of ours is not the rich place it used to be, before immigration got out of hand and we kept giving money away to other countries. There is a saying that "Charity begins at home"; that time is now. Robin Keller

March 2014 Open letter to all villagers, Milborne St Andrew Dear Neighbour

Village Hall Car Park

Following resurfacing of our car park I wanted to remind you all that it is for users of the Hall facilities. The Village Hall car park is funded entirely by user rents and donations but its regular use by residents is significantly reducing the parking available for those attending events at the Hall. Unfortunately we are having an increasing number of complaints from users about this.

We would prefer not to implement measures to control the use of the car park, either with permits, or by locking the gate, but need to ask those residents who may wish to use the car park for off road parking to be more diligent in removing their vehicles when there is an event at the Hall. This is a particular issue for Tuesday evenings and often on a Friday or Saturday when "double parking" may

The Hall and its car park are maintained for the benefit of the whole village. However, Hall users have a reasonable expectation that parking will be available.

Those using the car park are reminded that they do so entirely at their own risk.

Paul Tasker, Chairman, Board of Trustees

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In Milborne St. Andrew Village Hall Saturday 10th May First question 7.30pm

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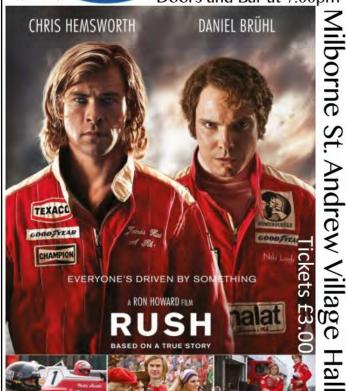
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Milborne Movies

Friday 4th April 2014 at 7.30pm

Doors and Bar at 7.00pm



Pilates

Cricket - Dewlish

Community Events Diary

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

April

Wednesday 2nd Wednesday Club board and card games afternoon

Village Hall 2.00pm - see page 3.

Friday 4th Milborne Movies Rush Village Hall 7.30pm - see

pages 10 and 16.

Saturday 5th 'Local Craft by Local People' craft sale Gray's Stores

frontage 9.30am to 1.00pm - see page 19.

Tuesday 8th Bell Ringing commencing eight week course.

St. Andrew's Church 7.30pm - see page 2.

Wednesday 9th Milton Abbas and Milborne St. Andrew Surgery

Patient Voice Annual General Meeting Village Hall

6.30pm - see page 5.

Thursday 10th WI Annual Meeting followed by a Bettle Drive

Village Hall 7.30pm.

Monday 14th Reporter latest date for copy and adverts for the

May issue. Please sent via e-mail to

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Tuesday 15th 100 Club Draw The Royal Oak everyone welcome

to attend - see below and pages 19.

Parish Council (Annual Parish Meeting) Village Hall. Wednesday 16th

Everyone welcome 7.30pm - see pages 23.

Wednesday 23rd Village Hall Annual General Meeting 7.00pm – see

page 14.

Thursday 24th Gardening Club 'The natural beauty of Dorset - A

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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

April at the Sports Club

The Busy Bees Under 5 Group from 9.30am to 11.30am on Thursday term time only. Contact Hayley Davis (07919156578).

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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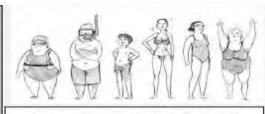
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'Local Craft by Local People' - monthly craft sale

CRAFTY locals will take over Gray's Stores frontage once a month in a new venture showcasing Milborne and local talent. Starting on 5th April, the first Saturday every month will see a craft stall offering locally-made goods, including handmade greetings cards, Easter eggs and gifts, knitted toys, hair accessories and watercolours to name a few.

'Local Crafts by Local People' will be a venue for anyone who makes, bakes, knits, sews - or just about anything crafted by hand and skill. There will be a constantly changing array of goods on sale by a variety of contributors - every month will be different - but everything offered will be locally made. Future sales will include goods such as handmade washable lunch bags, driftwood art, hanging towels, decoupage plant pots and needle felted animal miniatures - the list goes on. So organiser Emma Bratley invites all to come along to see for themselves the wonderful talent that Milborne and its surroundings has to offer. 'Local Crafts by Local People' takes place from 9.30am to 1.00pm on 5th April - there's still time to book a space for the first sale.

Do you make things? Would you like to be involved? Do you know anyone who creates things you admire that might be interested? This is a great way to make some money from your hobby - please call into the shop for a registration form or call Emma on 01258 837220 email: localcrafts@live.co.uk



Milton Abbas Cricket Club NatWest CricketForce 2014 Saturday 12th April

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Too early for you? We will be on the sports field all day - so come along and join in the fun when you can - for as long as you can!

Milton Abbas Cricket Club is once again taking part in NatWest CricketForce, an England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) initiative aimed at rejuvenating local cricket clubs and giving volunteers an opportunity to get involved. NatWest CricketForce is the biggest annual volunteering event in sport and is set to attract enough volunteers to fill Lord's Cricket Ground three times over (85,000)

"This NatWest CricketForce initiative will enable much needed work to take place at our club ensuring the 2014 season gets off to the best possible start. All players start their cricket careers at local clubs and it is crucial that we support the game's development. At Milton Abbas we want to provide good facilities and a fun environment for our players which can be the difference between our youngsters staying with cricket or not and NatWest CricketForce will help to make our club a real focus for many community sports activities and volunteering opportunities".

Colin Chastey, Milton Abbas Sports Club Chairman

To find out more about how you can help or to tell us you will be with us on the day (to help with catering numbers) contact Roy Sach on 01258 837033 or Colin Chastey on 882162/ col.argyle@tiscali.co.uk

If you are not able to help out on the day but could donate some time on another day we would be delighted to hear from you too. Thank you.

100 CLUB WINNERS

Draw Date - Tuesday 11th March 2014

£100 1st prize Ron Hagen 2nd prize £50 John Martin

We are in desperate need for more people to join the 100 Club. Our numbers have dropped so much that we are unable to give a 3rd prize

The next draw is at 8.00pm in The Royal Oak. Tuesday 15th April 2014

Everyone is welcome to attend

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

Payments may be made by a cheque payable to MSA FC and Church 100 club

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

Deadline for the next issue 14th April

Send your articles to the Reporter by e-mail at msa.reporter@yahoo.co.uk or give to a member of the team Remember you can always see the Reporter in colour at www.milbornestandrew.org.uk/Reporter



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> No prize, just a bit of fun. Answer in the May Reporter.

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Making the most of good weather

MID-MARCH has had some beautiful days and the children from Ladybirds have enjoyed playing outside. The ever popular outdoor kitchen has seen grass, herbs and water stirred and stirred with great concentration; the tyres have been seats for anglers; the milk crates have hidden dinosaurs; budding birdwatchers have stood by the fence with binoculars and the search for worms goes on.

Our cress caterpillars grew and we enjoyed egg and cress sandwiches. We have planted beans and the potatoes are chitting this may take a while as the first shoots were rubbed off by a helpful child! For Mothers' Day, flowerpots have been decorated and with a bit of luck the flower seeds planted in them will grow.

This month's photo shows Jane reading a story to a group of children in the den. The end of this term will be Jane's last at Ladybirds. After many years of dedication to the children at Ladybirds, she is moving away. We wish her all the best for the future and will miss her greatly.





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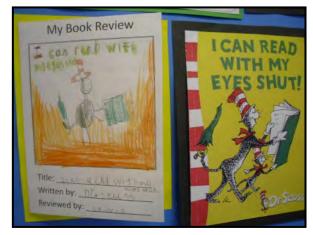
ON 5th March we celebrated World Book Day with book related activities and storytelling throughout the day. The children have also written reviews of their favourite books. Following World Book Day our year 3 and 4 children went to Dorchester library to learn about the resources the library has to offer and especially how to access non-fiction books. Earlier in the month two of our year 4 children represented their year group at the library at the launch of a





Dorchester Area Schools Partnership reading club which all year 4 children have the opportunity to join in their local schools.

We also welcomed Magic Drum to school for a drumming workshop. Children were taught about how to keep rhythm and control volume when playing and also had a chance to do some African dancing. The day ended with a whole school performance for parents.



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.

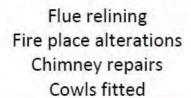
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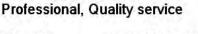
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Safer biking for Dorset riders

RIDING a motorcycle doesn't increase the chances of a collision compared to driving a car, but for bikers the outcomes tend to be more severe. Most bikers think they are both safer and more skillful than the average biker - but we can't all be right. In around two out of three collisions, human error is the cause. Bikers are at fault in just over a third of all motorcycle crashes, but bikers are most vulnerable to the actions of other road users as drivers are to blame in half of all motorcycle crashes.



In order to try and improve road safety in Dorset, Dorset County Council road safety team are sponsoring a series of three presentations on Advanced Motorcycling Techniques. Understanding the theory of how to take actions to keep identified risks to a minimum is the start of being aware of the risks inherent in particular road and traffic situations. The presentations will be on Wednesdays at 7.30pm on the 23rd and 30th April and 7th May at the George Albert Hotel, Evershot, Dorchester DT2 9PW. They are free to all bikers.

However, putting it all into practice is not easy and takes a lot of concentration and observation. These skills can be acquired by following the Institute of Advanced Motorists Skills for Life programme with the Dorchester and West Dorset Advanced Motorcyclists (DWDAM). Bikers are often surprised at how much more they enjoy their riding once they have completed the programme.

Doug Miners, an ex-Grade 1 Police Instructor, and now Driver and Rider Training Manager for the Ambulance service, will be giving these presentations. Further information for bikers visit www.dwdam.org.uk or e-mail newsletter@dwdam.org.uk.

Many thanks, working together to make our roads safer.

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Parish Council Meeting Wednesday 19th March

TREES at the Parish Pit were not felled last year due to the cost of professional fellers. A villager had volunteered to do this and Mr. Jackson will take down his sponsored tree. Felling of the other marked trees will be scheduled for autumn 2014. Mrs. Maitland will contact the volunteer to confirm.

Milton Road - the Parish Council has asked for the road and path to be swept when the sandbags are removed and have informed NDDC what additional works are needed. Dorset Highways Maintenance Programme for 2014 includes resurfacing, currently scheduled for summer (no date yet, but hopefully after the new twelve inch pipe is laid).

People from St. Andrews View were thanked for their work to restore the plant trough and sweep and clear the area around it.

The Clerk read Cllr. Somper's Report.

The Chairman read her own report, including information about the arrival of 'superfast' broadband in Milborne (ironically, probably not until 2016).

A Freedom of Information (FOI) Request revealed that little if any maintenance work has been undertaken on the culvert under the A354 for many years. Other FOI Requests related to maintenance of surface water drainage (or lack thereof) remain unanswered yet. Milborne is now very much under consideration by Councils, Highways Authorities and Wessex Water.

Cllr Hopper enquired why the published diversion route for the A354 closure in May takes traffic round main roads to Blandford, rather than through Winterborne Kingston to Whitechurch. Further information may be found elsewhere in the Reporter.

The Woodland Trust has offered more trees to replace losses this Winter. Cllr Balcon will confirm numbers at the Sports Field with a view to requesting another pack.

The Village Hall Committee will be asked to replace two dead trees from the Village Hall Playing Field with similar trees.

No new Planning Applications had been received.

Cllr Hopper reported that the two applications at Bramble Cottage continue. The latest document is complex and requires response to the Inspector within one week of receipt by objectors! It has not been sent to the Parish Council. On 6th March, Government issued new guidelines requiring drainage infrastructure to be taken into account when Inspectors consider applications. This would work in favour of Bramble Cottage's neighbours.

Wessex Water have stated that the sewerage infrastructure in the village cannot cope with the ingress of groundwater and have paid compensation to some villagers who have suffered sewage flooding during recent years.

Dewlish PC has invited Milborne St. Andrew PC to contribute to replacing broken wooden fingers on a Finger Post in Dewlish, one of which would point to Milborne. Milborne would contribute a third of the cost, up to a limit of around £30.

Cllr Hopper thanked volunteers who had offered to produce the Neighbourhood Plan. Work will continue despite the temporary withdrawal of support from county due to their workload.

Number-crunching: This Winter, more houses flooded in Dorset than in the Somerset Levels. Susan Cawley



Matt moves on from the pub

At the recent French Evening at The Royal Oak Matt receives a gift from a Smurf member of the Motley Crew to thank him for all his hard work and wish him well in his new job.

Snuggling down for a rather long journey

MILTON ABBAS Neighbourcar recently undertook its longest, and perhaps most unusual, trip ever just before Christmas. It all started with a call to Transport Coordinator, Nigel Hodder, from a somewhat distraught client who asked if we could take her cat to the vet.

Nothing unusual about that, I hear you say; but Sybil and Tom Palmer live in Milborne St. Andrew and the vet was in Havant - a 144 mile return trip costing £70. What's more, we were going to have to do it twice! Taxi firms had quoted in excess of £300 for each trip and Sybil was unable to afford that in addition to the expensive treatment that was necessary.

Their 15 year old cat, Snuggles, had been diagnosed with feline eyelid cancer which is guite rare and they were referred to the nearest vet suitably equipped to treat him. Unfortunately this meant a trip to



Snuggles eating his lunch watched over by Sybil

Havant to leave Snuggles in the capable hands of Rob Lowe of Optivet, an eye specialist. Treatment involved zapping the cancerous cells and using a skin graft to rebuild the eyelids. The cat would need to be left overnight and collected the following day.

Nigel knew just the man for the job. Step forward Terry David. Terry was used to doing long trips as he is a driver with Friends of Blandford Hospital and travels the length and breadth of the

South West on their behalf, as well as volunteering for Neighbourcar. Fortunately, he was free on the two days in question.

The trips were undertaken and on return Terry advised Nigel that he hadn't charged for the cat! This misdemeanour was overlooked on this occasion (it was nearly Christmas, after all).

I am pleased to report that the operation was a success and Snuggles is fully recovered and doing very well under the watchful eyes of Sybil and Tom.

Anyone interested in joining Neighbourcar or helping as a volunteer driver should contact Nigel on 01258 881709.

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Deadline for the next issue 14th April

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Temporary closure of the play park

THE Village Hall trustees have a responsibility to ensure the safety risks to all users of the hall, adjoining field, MUGA and play park are as low as reasonably practical. Our recent professional condition and safety check suggested that there are a few issues, with some of the equipment in the play park, for which replacement parts are needed. We are investigating exactly what is needed with the equipment manufacturer and will undertake the repairs as soon as possible. We regret the inconvenience experienced by parents and children but we need to ensure, as far as we can, that they will not he harmed

The nation's hearing – has it all gone a bit Pete Tong?

IN December, to round off a year's celebrations marking their 100th anniversary, the Medical Research Council (MRC) launched the UK's first ever mass participation study into the effect our music-listening habits have on our hearing.

One in six people across the UK have some form of hearing loss with the World Health Organisation (WHO) stating that excessive noise is the major avoidable cause of permanent hearing damage.

While sudden loud noises, from an accident or industry-working, can deafen people, research also suggests that listening to personal music players at a high volume over a sustained period can lead to permanent hearing damage.

Dr Michael Akeroyd, from the MRC Institute of Hearing Research, is leading the project. He said, "Amplified music has been around for about as long as the Medical Research Council. Back in 1913, when the MRC came into being, music was played on horn gramophones and the first electronic amplifier, the valve, was only about five years old. But in the last 100 years or so, there has been revolution after revolution in music amplification and we can now play music for hours at levels that could be potentially damaging. We want to find out if prolonged exposure to loud music really does cause hearing problems."

Might almost a century of amplified music have something to do with the prevalence of hearing difficulties, or is hearing loss just 'part of growing old'? The online investigation is aimed at everyone: younger or older, better or worse in hearing, and with a wide range of musical experiences.

The UK's largest hearing loss charity, Action on Hearing Loss (formerly RNID), has long campaigned on the dangers of loud music, and the importance of protecting and, in turn, prolonging your hearing.

The charity's Chief Executive, Paul Breckell, said, "Damage to your hearing is irreversible - and, contrary to popular opinion, hearing loss is not a condition that only older people need to concern themselves with. With many nightclubs and concerts measuring 20 or 30 decibels above the safe noise level, more and more young people are likely to start feeling the effects of their music-loving, gig-going habits. Hearing loss not only rules out our enjoyment of music, but has the potential to lead to unemployment, isolation and has even been linked to dementia. The MRC's public experiment is such a vital piece of work to offer a robust understanding of and insight into how people stave off early loss of their hearing.'

Researchers are calling on as many people as possible to get involved by completing the short survey about their listening habits and a quick hearing check. To get involved, please visit www.100yearsofamplifiedmusic.org

Action on Hearing Loss is the new name for RNID. Our name has changed, but our vision hasn't – a world where hearing loss doesn't limit or label people, where tinnitus is silenced and where people value their hearing enough to look after it. We also have a new website at www.actiononhearingloss.org.uk

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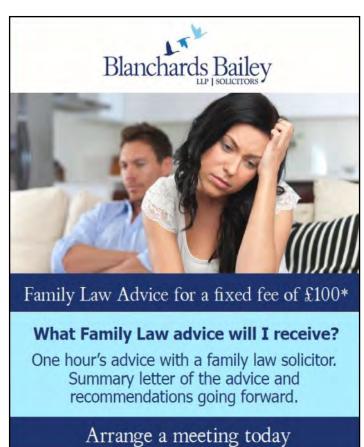


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A little sign of spring



Did you identify this?

The March picture was taken in The Drawn between Chapel Street and The Causeway. Congratulations to June Maitland who was the

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Let's hear it for flowers

by Susie Edwards

GO on spoil yourself! No I don't mean go and buy a pair of shoes or a handbag and with the economic situation a new kitchen range is perhaps a step too far, and a girl can only have so many sticks of

lippie . . . and including the chaps here, an extra beer will hardly touch the sides.

You buy them for anniversaries, for birthdays, for funerals, to say sorry, congratulations, thank you, hello, goodbye, for your mother, your sister, your aunt, your



boss, so why not for yourself? They are the cheapest luxury of all, albeit a transient one, but they lift the spirit like nothing else.

The first frail daffodils just before Christmas, the vibrant anemones just after, a handful of snowdrops, a froth of mimosa with the Mediterranean caught up in the scent, an armful of tulips ready to reach up and then flow down over the vase, a branch of cherry blossom, a tiny bunch of lily of the valley just because it is May, chiffony sweet peas, a single flame paeony with a shaggy yellow middle, a sheaf of brilliant blue delphiniums, ragged dahlias, hot pink nerines, huge mop head chrysanthemums which smell of the season of mists, berries galore, stately amaryllis - a year of choices. Imagine the mood each one evokes, the simplicity, the sophistication, the sensitivity they portray and let your mind wander on to your own favourite and enjoy!

But don't just go to the supermarket, that's no place to indulge and experience the 'spoiling'. Find yourself a good innovative local florist and savour the display they have. I have to admit some are better than others and row upon row of chrysanthemum sprays and carnations do not lift the heart as much as roses and ranunculus, but each year there are new and quite startling varieties of the old standards. Make it an occasion to go in and choose a bloom or three. Enjoy their presentation, even the wrapping. It should be done with care and skill, so different from the 'pop it in a bag' that comes with almost everything we purchase these days.

The vase life of a flower varies with each variety, with the temperature in which they are kept and how they are cared for. Don't expect stocks to last as long as paeonies or daffodils as long as alstroemeria. Just buy them, cut the stems cleanly at an acute angle, put them in clean water and enjoy their life cycle as they change and develop, then compost them and treat yourself again. They are more slimming than chocolate and the enjoyment is so much more long lasting. Remember you don't just want a fillip, you need one; the indulgence will do you good over and over again.

Your Local Golf Club

WHAT do you know about the Ashley Wood Golf Club at Blandford? This 18 hole course was established way back in 1896, originally



offering only 9 holes, and has gone from strength to strength over the years. Peter Alliss, the veteran golf commentator, once described it as "the best kept secret in Dorset". Laid out on chalk, one of its great assets is that it drains particularly well and consequently has remained open during the extraordinary wet weather this winter when most other Dorset courses have been forced to close.

The club is owned by its members and prides itself on being a welcoming and friendly environment.

If you are interested in finding out more, why not contact the Manager by e-mail at generalmanager@ashleywoodgolfclub.com

telephone 01258 452253.

Watch out for details of your chance to have a go at trying the game in the very near future. David Downing Press Liaison

Bus2Go – Easter Schedule

Castlepoint Bournemouth an opportunity to shop and buy those scrummy Easter Eggs or maybe buy a different gift for family and

Shopping at the delightful Market Town of Bridport a final opportunity to purchase an Easter Gift, browse the amazing number of small shops or sit at a cafe in the square and watch the world go by. Alternatively, an Easter grocery shop can be done at Bridport Morrisons.

Weymouth Pavilion . . . at the end of April, Bus2Go will be donning mini skirts and knee high white boots for the ladies and the men will be in flowered shirts, flares and Cuban heels for 'That'll Be The Day'. Bus2Go is an ardent follower of this fast moving and multi -talented cast as they showcase songs and groups from the 50's, 60's and 70's 'Rock On'.

Saturday, May 17 Milborne St. Andrew May Fayre and novelty dog show. Bus2Go will be running a bus from Blandford via the villages to the show. To book a place please ring Margo 837749.

Outings scheduled throughout the summer, Swanage Railway, Donkey Sanctuary and Otter Nurseries for lunch and a cream tea, Buckham Fair at the home of Phillippa and Martin Clunes, Christchurch.

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In your Garden

Seasonal notes and tips from Maureen Lock of designerGardens

Plants for scent

THERE'S nothing better than walking into a lovely garden and being overwhelmed by the fragrance of lavender and roses. But these are not the only scented plants that you might plant in your garden.



Those areas of activity in your garden – the patio or deck, and the outdoor dining area are ideal places to add some scents to your garden. Forget the candles and citronella, it is the fragrant plants that remind you why it is so enjoyable to be outdoors instead of indoors.

The scent of some plants is intensified in the evening -Evening Primrose and nightscented stocks are lovely on

a summer's evening. Climbers such as Jasminum officinale and Star Jasmine (Trachelospermum jasminoides) have a heady fragrance.

Early spring brings us scented daffodils, climbers Clematis armandii and Holboellia latifolia. In fact, these are very good evergreen climbers that will suit most gardens and need very little maintenance. They just need a bit of support and won't damage your walls like ivy does. Many early flowering shrubs have scented flowers - lilac for example and Viburnum x burkwoodii 'Anne Russell' is intensely fragrant.

Then there are plants with aromatic leaves. We all know lavender and sage, but there is also Rosemary, Melianthus major (whose leaves smell of peanut butter!), Santolina and all of the ornamental salvias. Low growing herbs such as Thyme and Oregano can be planted to hang over the edge of a wall, or as a fragrant filler in the cracks in paving.

Choisya ternata has aromatic leaves and white scented flowers that appear in early summer and again later in the year. It does get quite large so you might want to try Choisya 'White Dazzler' which only grows to one metre height and spread.

Of course, in the summer the choices are

endless – sweet peas grown on an obelisk in an area of the garden you frequently pass are lovely and the more you pick them, the more they

flower. Many of the honeysuckles are scented - however some aren't so do check that the plant is fragrant before you buy it. Lonicera 'Graham Thomas' has a strong perfume in the evening and has pale yellow flowers. One of my favourites is Lonicera 'Serotina' which has deep purple red flowers, is very fragrant and tends to flower later in the summer. Roses, of course, have to have a mention but make sure you plant



them away from an area where you might get scratched by the thorns.

Some plants flower in the winter – Sarcococca varieties commonly known as sweet box have a lovely fragrance as does Elaeagnus ebbingei with its very insignificant flowers but a distinctive aroma. As you walk past you wonder where such a lovely smell can be coming from and don't realize it is that boring looking hedging plant from which the fragrance is emitted. Even box hedging (Buxus sempervirens) has a particular smell attached to it.



Giant Wind Turbines at Winterborne Whitechurch?

Public Meeting 10th March

THE project proposed by REG to construct four 125 metre high wind turbines (taller than the spire of Salisbury Cathedral) has moved forward. The potential constructors held an exhibition in the village hall on 14th-15th February, expressing the intention to put in a planning application in the Summer. Meanwhile an action group, Dorset Against Rural Turbines (DART) has been formed to oppose the project. Its website www.dart-winterbornewhitechurch.co.uk sets out its basic objections.

A well-known local resident campaigner, Julien Turner, chaired the 170 strong meeting stressing that these turbines are first and foremost 'inappropriately positioned'. He had fought a successful battle in 2005 against a 32 turbine site which was proposed between Winterborne Zelston and Winterborne Kingston. What he termed 'the Central Belt' is under threat, but that 'the pendulum is swinging towards protectionism'. He listed four main concerns: Home Values; quoting a LSE independent Report which had looked at more than a million sales of properties close to Wind Farms over a 12 year period. They found that values of homes within 1.2 miles were being slashed by about 11%. So an average house now costing £250,000 would lose more than £27,000 in value. Even those within sight of a Wind Farm and a range of 2.5 miles would experience price reductions. This will be more pronounced for those on higher ground. This cloud will hang over properties for the foreseeable future and even deter viewings.

Landscape: These villages in Dorset have AONB site proximity, plus a major footpath running through the site which is a critical factor for all assessments. He described these turbines as "abominable eyesores, monstrosities" which interfere with amenities to which we are all entitled.

Heritage and Archeology: There are substantial remains on the ridge.

Health (noise): This was described as a 'hugely contentious issue'. It was explained that on moors and hills empty of human habitation, powerful lobbies such as RSPB and the Ramblers Association have prevented the erection of turbines to preserve wildlife habitats. But for smaller communities such as those in Dorset they would dictate our way of life bringing stress, and a ruined quality of life.

A ten year old video was shown of Morecombe Bay interviews with local people. Those interviewed spoke of being kept awake at night, of 'shadowing . . . of reflections . . . drumming, humming, boot in a washing machine' sound, 'stroboscopic disco effect in rooms . . . noise even on calm days 10-12days around the clock . . . it starts, ebbs and wanes'. In the future if all of these proposals are allowed we will all be 1k from a Wind Turbine. In Lincolnshire they are 100 metres high with 80 metre blades. The only way forward is to form an 'affected persons' Action Group.

Julien Turner put 'The Moral Case': We need a Firm and Predictable Electricity Supply. So far we have, Nuclear, Fossil Fuels, Hybrid, Hydro. However wind is non-firm and unpredictable requiring 100% conventional back-up power stations which need to run all the time because the turbines have not yet reached perpetual motion which creates a storage problem.

Richard Slocock of TAINT spoke about West Coast Energy's week's notice of their intentions, of the 'offensive' size of the turbines, 440ft, covering an acre whilst spinning around. That WCE had withdrawn two major schemes, that Eric Pickles had called off the Sedgmoor solar farm despite their lost appeal as he felt the damage to a heritage site was too great.

Rupert Hardy of CPRE, a leading National charity mentioned Mapperton's solar fields and the ravages it would inflict on the countryside. He had led the campaign against it which is now the subject of a judicial review following approval by EDDC. As Dorset was the least spoilt County this and the local scheme would be bringing industrialization to a rural area. DART will be supported with funds from CPRE on the basis of efficiency issues i.e. that Dorset was already meeting its renewable energy targets by 90%. He spoke of Government policy being dysfunctional with no franchise from the electorate.

Rogers Hill Turbine was mentioned as being half the size of those proposed for the village and that its neighbours found the noise intrusive.

Julien Turner addressed the issue of Money. That Stage 1 of the Campaign will cost £10,000 and should be regarded as 'helping NDDC to make a decision in the best interests of the community'. Stage 2 (the Appeal) will cost £25.000.

Subsidies: Benefits for the developers and landowners based on a 10 x Wind Turbine site producing 25 megawatts with 30% efficiency, £50 per megawatt, £2.4million per annum. The landlord will get rent and 2-3% of the electricity produced. The money, he stated, will be hidden in central funds.

A representative from REG and the landowner, the Tory family, were both in the audience. Residents were urged, in the first instance, to write to the landowner, to subscribe to DART's newsletter (as have 200 others) and when the Planning Proposal goes in, to write to NDDC Planning Department. Carole Fornachon

May Fayre 17th May

The Saturday Lunch Committee will be holding a book stall at the May Fayre. Please keep all your unwanted books for now and then contact David Payne end of April on telephone 837700 for collection or bring on the day.



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