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## Unusual Objects . . . at the May WI

OUR Annual Dinner at The Royal Oak was generally agreed to have been superb. Huge thanks to Nelda and June for organising it. Well done to those who took part in the Group Quiz. We didn't win, but equally didn't come last, and much fun was had by all. The pub lunches at The Royal Oak are again proving a success, so keep an eye on the dates, which vary each month. Looking ahead to the summer, Eva has kindly offered to host the summer supper on 20th June, and after much discussion over options for the summer outing, Jenny will follow up some suggestions and bring them back to next month's meeting. A small group is off to Royal Ascot on 17th June, always an enjoyable event.

We were saddened to hear of the sudden death of Nelda's husband Rod whilst on holiday recently. It was good to see her at our meeting, where she has many friends and is much loved. Our condolences are also sent to the family of 'Bobs' Blake after her recent death. She had been a member of our WI, and also of Bookends, for many years.

Larry, Sue and Charlie hosted their version of 'Call my Bluff', offering a formidable array of unusual items and asking us to choose the description which best fitted each one. Some of the descriptions included a hot chestnut holder, stable horse toggle, hair curlers, fat scraper, wicker worker's tool . . . None were obvious, all were old, some were quite frightening-looking. Many of us were completely baffled and our scores reflected this! However, the grey cells are clearly still working somewhere, and well done Shirley and Pat Shipton, the winners. Larry and his team have raised a considerable amount in this way over the last decade for various charities, and more recently well over £20,000 for the Weldmar Hospice.

Equally interesting was the range of unusual objects brought along by our own members. Josie talked about her chatelaine; Val might one day be able to identify an object found in a demolition skip if anyone comes up with the right answer; a Russian tin plate doll had been bought by Eva many years ago in a bric-a-brac sale, while Shirley showed us part of a WW2 kit for a Luftwaffe pilot which had belonged to her father, Sheila an electron gun for an electron microscope, and June a first/second century Roman trumpet brooch found on their farmland. All in all a very interesting evening.

At our next meeting, on **Thursday 12th June**, we host a talk about the 'Air Ambulance'. Our competition will be Flower of the Month. We hope you will join us; we would love to see you. *Pat Bull*

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# Record breaking May Fayre and Dog Show

THE village May Fayre was a great success, with many coming to enjoy the events and stalls in the sunshine – and over £2,000 was raised. The good weather ensured a large crowd and the event was opened with the Dolphin Marching Band, who certainly made a loud and rousing entrance. The dog show attracted 52 entrants and Dorset Search Dogs brought another four to demonstrate their people-finding skills. Jon Riddle kept everyone informed and entertained during the afternoon as compere and a small army kept the assembled fed with a wide variety of foods and drinks. As the finale, the grand raffle had some special prizes, including two large hampers.



visited many of them with mic in hand and interviewed stallholders. Some material was broadcast on air during the afternoon, giving Milborne Dorset-wide coverage.

Milborne St Andrew Scout Group (*below*) show how they prepare toasted marshmallows. The group's leaders also organised the very popular barbecue, which was possibly the hottest place



terrier cross. Other dog show classes included Hurdles and Temptation Alley, which gave fayre-goers plenty of laughs with many refusals over the jumps, and sausages being wolfed down by contestants who were definitely having a field day.

to be in Milborne.



Judge Cesar Sastre and compere Jon Riddle (*above*) look on as Sunny charms all with her tricks and talents. Dave Andrews' Jack Russell is blind, yet she showed that she can still pull off some fabulous feats to win the Best Trick class. Jazz, an 8 year old Staffie came a close second, with her owner Rachel Ind demonstrating her dog's amazing counting ability.



**Photos: Ian Stapleford and Steve Bulley**  
For more photos, visit <http://www.wessexfm.com/gallery/-/milborne-st-andrew-may-fayre-dog-show-1/> and [www.milbornestandrew.org.uk](http://www.milbornestandrew.org.uk)



Wessex Karate Academy (*above*) demonstrates a sequence of Goju-Ryu moves under direction from Sensei Peter Thompson. A smaller group displayed the art of Okinawan combat, using a *bo*, a six foot long staff.

Co-organiser of the May Fayre, Mike Mullett (*above*), in ever-jovial mood. He and his fellow committee members had much to smile about – a successful event with lots going on, a record-breaking fayre total – and not a drop of rain.

A variety of sizes in the puppy class (*top*) – the winner was Anna, a 14 week old Newfoundland. The second place, Bernie, towered over 3rd place Maison, a Border

Members of the Allotment Society (*right*) display their vegetable seedlings, some in novel and resourceful seed trays. There was a good variety of stalls, from crafts to splat the rat and Steve Bulley, popular DJ from Wessex FM,

## Front Cover

Turtles class children from the village First School look resplendent in red costume as they performed a selection of traditional English folk dances. Under the guidance of teacher Mrs Plant and Trish Padwicke of Friends of School, the dances included The Milborne St. Andrew Gallop and The Dorset Ring Dance. *Ed Richards*

**Front Cover and more photos on page 33 by Ed Frost**





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# Dorset Natural History at Gardening Club



On the evening of Thursday 24th April the Gardening Club members plus one visitor were treated to a great slide presentation of Dorset Natural History. It was by way of a change from our usual talks in that we had no gardening advice, planting tips or pest control information. It was purely sitting back and enjoying a 'whistle stop tour of Dorset'.

Colin Varndell who has 30 years experience of wildlife photography took us on a coastal journey from Lyme Regis to Swanage. He has been working on a book entitled *The Natural Beauty of Dorset*, which has now been published, and we saw some of the lovely photos that he used. As we travelled along the coast we discovered many facts about the rock formation and erosion by wind and water that has affected this coast for hundreds of years. This last winter has been one of the worst years for coastal damage. We saw fantastic slides of familiar beaches such as Charmouth, Golden Cap, Eype, West Bay with beautiful images of wild flowers, rocks and birds. The sight of thousands of Starlings was especially dramatic. The swannery at Abbotsbury is familiar to most of us, the only other one of this size is in Russia. We saw and learnt about Portland stone and the famous buildings that contain this very hard rock. Colin recommended a trip to Portland in June to see the wild flowers. We moved on to Weymouth, Osmington, Ringstead Bay and more erosion of the chalk cliffs. Lulworth and Durdle Door are perfect examples of seeing the hand of nature at work and are the subject of many a photograph. We journeyed on past Worbarrow Bay, Kimmeridge, Chapman's Pool and Durlston seeing pictures of the Lulworth Skipper butterfly and Spider Orchids. To finish off the presentation we also viewed some inland photos of rare birds, heathland, bluebell woods and much more. One photo stayed in my mind which was a cider apple orchard in full bloom with the surrounding grass covered with Dandelion seed heads – just natural beauty! Colin spent some time answering questions and chatting about his work. His web site is worth checking out, just google Colin Varndell

This month (21st June) we have our Summer Social and BBQ. at Ruth's Cottage.

On 26th June at 7.30pm (Village Hall) we have a talk by Martin Catford entitled 'Deckchair Gardening and Funny Stories'. Do come and join us, you will be very welcome.

*Angie Nowell*

## VILLAGE LUNCH

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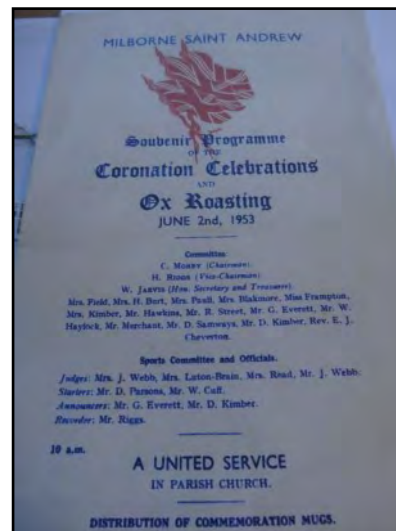
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# Village Hall Deed of Trust

THIS was signed and agreed on 8th March 1944 for the sum of £200 between the Bradford Property Trust and Sidney and Mona Isabel Field (known as the Longthorne Settlers). This was supplemental to a Conveyance signed on 29th September 1943 between the same two parties. The subsequent Hall and land was from then on known as The Trust Premises. Application was made to the Charity Commissioners to become a Charitable Trust and the Order vested in the *Trustees of the Committee of Management*. This was for the purposes of; physical and mental training; recreational and social, moral and intellectual development through the medium of playing fields, reading and recreational rooms; library, lectures, classes, recreations, entertainments or otherwise as may be found expedient

for the benefit of persons resident in the village of Milborne St. Andrew or the parish of Milborne St. Andrew (known as 'the said area') without distinction of sex or of political, religious or other opinions subject to the provisions of these present.

Following this, premises such as the school and the church were used to hold fund raising events organised by the Girl Guides and the W.I. such as Tea Dances in order to build the Village Hall.



After the excitements of the May Fayre, those of us still left with some energy (and some of us who weren't) met in the Village Hall to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the Deeds being drawn up that gifted the land it stands on and the field around it to the village. We were also celebrating approximately 60 years of the hall being built.

The hall continues to develop with the latest improvement coming in the form of the resurfaced car park. We should like to thank Viridor for their support without which we could not have done this work.

We ate a bring and share supper while being entertained by well-known local singer and fiddle-player Nina Garcia. Nina was supported by 17 year old singer Abigail Brewster, who lives in Weymouth but has relatives in Milborne. There was also a guest appearance by Jojo Lovett duetting with Nina. We sang, danced, ate, drank and shared Village Hall stories. There is an exhibition in the Committee Room of photos and other items from the Hall's history, including school photos going back several decades, which is well worth visiting. A good end to a successful day.

*Photographs by Carole Fornachon*





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# Milborne St. Andrew Village Hall AGM

MR PAUL Tasker, in his capacity as Chair of the Village Hall Management Committee, gave his Annual Report to their AGM on 23rd April 2014. Of the 18 attendees, committee members and Trustees formed the bulk of the audience. He reiterated that theirs is an independent charity managed by the Trustees 'for the good of the village'. Importantly, he stressed, it is independent of the Parish Council. It is notable therefore, that the Grant received from them this year is reduced from its 2013-2014 figure of £500 to £250 for the coming year 2014-2015. He commented, in this context, that the cost of 'outside facilities' alone amounts to £2,500 despite the hirer's subsidized rate.

Throughout the preceding year there have been a number of complaints and general comments from a minority of villagers and users of its facilities. The persistent lack of a secretary, keeping up with paperwork and, also, maintenance, continue to present demanding challenges.

There have been three issues of safety, one of which, involving a gate has been the basis of a claim on the Trustees (this had already been given a clean bill of health by the Inspector). The main key issues which require attention are:

**Play equipment** – closed due to the identification of 45 actionable safety-related defects following an annual safety inspection in December 2013. The play park dates from the late 1980s-1990s with additions in 2005 and 2009. Significant problems which require attention are, for example, the crash matting and the older "rainbow" or "multi-play climber" which was reworked in 2000 and 2010. Certain components need removal and or replacement. Actions to be agreed by the Inspector, Insurers and Manufacturers.

**Top field** – this has become a particular draw for youths in the summer months. Mr Tasker believes they congregate there 'amid rough ground and spoil heaps' in what was to have been a wildflower meadow/conservation site. Fires were set last year necessitating the involvement of police officers together with littering including 'sharps'.

The Committee continue to explore ways of effecting temporary repairs to the play equipment. However money and ideas are needed to improve these problematic matters in any substantial way. Current development plans will need to be shelved until these can be solved. Amongst these were kitchen refurbishment and a fixed canopy over the side terrace. Both ideas had been agreed by a user group poll in 2012 following the resurfacing of the car park which has been completed. However, there is a problem with villagers' use of parking when legitimate bookers need the space for their vehicles. The Committee has received many anonymous complaints on these issues.

Mr Tasker made the following recommendations to put to the new Trustees:

- i. An affordable, temporary 'fix' to the Play park and/or the removal of hazardous equipment in line with advice given by the Insurers.
- ii. The engagement of facility/maintenance managers to be held on a retainer.
- iii. The formation of a "Friends of the Village Field and Hall" group (and/or possible donors?)
- iv. Active funding applications for new play equipment.
- v. Begin maintenance work on e.g decorating the inside and outside of the hall/repairing the floor.
- vi. Consultation on 'ways forward' for the Top Field.
- vii. The shelving of other, less pressing, previously identified, developmental projects.

The Chair ended with some personal observations.

Mainly that: those above-mentioned positive projects which would have added value to the Hall had been stalled by 'hectoring critical comment'; many appear to ask "what does the Hall/Trustees do for me?" rather than "what can I do for the Hall to make it a greater amenity for the village"; that the Trustees act only as custodians requiring a greater section of the community to be involved with much-needed tasks. There will be no long term

viability without a 'broader' franchise that a group such as a 'Friends of the Village Field and Hall' would provide.

If you feel you have something to offer to any of the above ideas and projects please contact Paul Tasker on msavillagehall@gmail.com

He perceives the role of volunteer villagers as 'ambassadors' giving a little time and help on an occasional basis.

Without this extended pool of support he is no longer prepared to invest so much personal time in his position. *Carole Fornachon*

## Annual Accounts Report

THE Village Hall has had a good year financially, almost meeting the target set which was to cover essential costs with the income from rental charges. Through events such as films, the race night and the ArtsReach productions, funds have been raised which cover the cost of on-going maintenance including our contribution to the car park resurfacing. We are nearing the target which was to ensure that there are reserve funds of approximately one year's expenditure. We have set a broadly stand-still budget for next year that will see a small increase in rents. We would like to thank the auditor, John Moulson, for checking the accounts for a further year.

### MILBORNE ST ANDREW VILLAGE HALL

Registered Charity No. 301153

#### Statement of Assets


2013-2014

Building and land at cost	8,955.18	Building and land at cost	8,955.18
Cash in hand	40.53	Cash in hand	217.34
Nationwide building society	1,586.57	Nationwide building society	1,586.69
Santander current a/c	11,959.18	Santander current a/c	12,022.30
<b>Total assets @ 31.01.13</b>	<b>22,541.46</b>	<b>Total assets @ 31.01.14</b>	<b>22,781.51</b>
Plus excess of income	240.09		
	<u>22,781.55</u>		

Independently verified as a true and fair record of the income and expenditure of Milborne St Andrew Village Hall for the year ended 31 January 2014 and their financial position at that date.



John Moulson

11 March 2014  


## Play Equipment May Update

THE Trustees had to close the children's play park at the Village Hall fields late in January following the annual 'safety and condition inspection' which highlighted many risks. The Trustees decision has been made to ensure that the children are as safe as reasonably possible and that the insurance is not invalidated.

Regulations require that only a special contractor can undertake many of the repairs and the ability to do this has been hampered by the age of the equipment and lack of spare parts from the original manufacturers. This means that only some of the problems can be resolved by modifying the equipment. Approval will be needed by the inspectors, possibly the insurers, funding bodies and the original manufacturers. It is going to be a long and complicated process which may ultimately mean that some equipment is beyond affordable repair.

Trustees are seeking quotes for the essential work, which if it is affordable will need permission from the relevant organisations before proceeding. In the longer term, it is clear that the village will need to raise funds to completely replace the play equipment.

It was with regret that the Trustees had to close the play park for the village children and their families but their safety must be of paramount importance.



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## Open the Book

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"I've learnt that God cares about every good and bad person and that he brought Jesus to us who showed people the rights and wrongs of life."

"[It] is a fantastic resource. The children in our school love it, and as a team I don't know who enjoys it more – us or the children!"

"The headteacher told us they were changing assembly times, but if we couldn't manage the new time they'd work round us. She said, "The children would never forgive us if you didn't come!" What an encouragement!"

"One child said Tuesday was the best day of the week – because of [it]! Well done for being a highlight of their week."

What could possibly be having such an effect country-wide? Adults and children love it. Schools welcome it; churches grow; team members have fun; children enjoy the Bible.

"It" is Open the Book (OtB). The quotations above are all genuine from those who have taken part. OtB involves groups of adults taking the Bible into primary and first schools, through active story-telling. The adults come from local churches – it could be you.

The Bible is quite clearly important for Christians, but it is also part of our heritage and history. The stories are told in such a way as to be sensitive to those of all faith traditions and none.

Each week a team of volunteers goes into the school during collective worship (assembly), and presents the stories through words and acting. Sometimes the children are asked to join in with non-speaking parts too. The material covers a three-year rolling programme; the first year starts with creation and ends with the Ascension, which gives the children an idea of the spread of the Bible's story, before and during the lifetime of Jesus. Years two and three are based more on themes, for instance, children in the Bible, and the first Christians.

I have been involved in Open the Book in a previous parish as a team member, but a group of folk from this benefice have already attended a training morning, and we hope to be able to offer OtB to Milborne First School in the autumn, and later to Puddletown.

There are so many ways in which you could help. Perhaps you'd like to join the team who go into the schools. (All Christians are welcome to join our team, not only those who attend church in the benefice, so if you live in one of our villages but worship elsewhere, please do also consider this.)

Maybe you would be good at trawling round charity shops looking for props that help the story-telling. Are you creative and could make some? Could you help by buying one of the Story Bibles we need (£15.99 each), or the handbook (between £5 and £10.50)? Please contact me if you are interested or would like any more information.

If none of those ideas appeal, then please add Open the Book to your prayers. Pray for us as we start growing a team, for the schools in our benefice, for those thinking about volunteering and those who are committed to doing so already.

With best wishes,

*Sarah Hillman*

## Milborne St. Andrew Church Notes

OUR **Easter Experience** event on Good Friday was well attended. 37 children came to the village hall to make hot cross buns, Easter biscuits and chocolate nests, and try their skill at various art activities before walking up to the church to hear the Easter story. A full report appears elsewhere. We are very grateful to Sarah Godfrey and all the helpers who made this possible. On **Easter Day** we had a good congregation with several children who, between showers, went on an Easter egg hunt in the church and churchyard. We also dug up some 'Alleluia's which had been buried in the churchyard at the beginning of Lent – we don't say 'Alleluia' during Lent!

The following weekend the benefice assembled first at Puddletown and then at Dewlish to say goodbye to **Roy and Diana Bennett** and **Sarah Godfrey**. I am sure that the service

## CHURCH SERVICES June 2014

### 1st June – Easter 7

9.15am	Celebrate	Milborne
9.30	Parish Communion	Tolpuddle
11.00	Parish Communion	Puddletown
11.00	1662 Morning Prayer	Dewlish

### THURSDAY 5th June

12 noon	Lunch-time Communion	Milborne
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### 8th June – Pentecost

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

### 15th June – Trinity Sunday

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

### THURSDAY 19th June

12 noon	Lunch-time Communion	Puddletown Church Room
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### SATURDAY 21st June

1.00pm	Holy Matrimony	Puddletown
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### 22nd June – Trinity 1

9.30am	All-Age Worship	Tolpuddle
9.30	Parish Communion	Milborne
11.00	Family Communion	Dewlish
11.00	1662 Morning Prayer	Puddletown
3.00pm	Covenant Renewal Service followed by tea in the village hall	Tolpuddle Chapel and Church

### 29th June – St Peter and St Paul

10.00am	United Benefice Holy Communion	Puddletown
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### MORNING PRAYERS (Monday – Thursday 8.15am Saturday 9.00am)

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

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on Sunday will be long remembered if only for the power cut before the service resulting in our hymns being led by Aidan's wonderful viola playing, and the dramatic return of electricity just before the gospel! However we will remember and be very grateful for all the work that Sarah Godfrey has done in our parish over the last twelve years, especially with the children here in Milborne and at Puddletown Middle School. It was fitting that her last duty in Milborne was with the children on Good Friday. We will miss you, Sarah, a lot.

The first service here in June will be our team-led All Age **Celebrate service with breakfast** starting at 9.15am on **1st June**. We do hope that adults and children from the whole benefice will come to see what we do, and please tell us what you think of it.

Since the dead ash tree has been removed from the new churchyard Roger and Maurice have done a magnificent job restoring the hedge that it was once part of. They were able to use the hedge plants left over from the new hedge along the border with St. Andrew's View, and took the opportunity to remove a lot of other dead wood from the area. We have joined the Dorset Wildlife Trust's 'Living Churchyard' scheme again so we would like to keep the whole churchyard as neat and tidy as possible. To this end we would ask all those who tend graves to note the Salisbury diocese rules that are displayed in the church porch about what can be put on graves without us having to obtain special permission.

For Christian Aid Week we are organising a **car wash at the village hall** which will be followed on the following Saturday by our cake stall at the May Fayre.

*John Wright and Pam Shults (Churchwardens)*

## Dewlish Church Notes

### Beginning to see the light – eventually!

I AM pleased to report that we raised £353 from our Lent Lunches and Agape Supper, and this has been donated for the relief of Syrian refugees. Many thanks to all the people who hosted the lunches and made such delicious soups – every one was different –also to those who supported them. The Agape Supper, led by Norman, was once again a very moving service. Thank you, Norman.

Norman again took part in our Easter Day service, when Sarah baptised Evie Hewish. It was lovely to hear the joy of the Easter message after the darkness of Good Friday. It was also good to see so many people in church. The flowers looked marvellous, so a big thank-you to all our talented flower arrangers.

The church still looked wonderful on the following Sunday when we said our farewells to Sarah Godfrey.

Our village lost the electrical power just before the service, so as many candles as possible were lit; Aidan played his viola and so it didn't really matter that we were without lights. But at a very interesting juncture in our service, they came back on!

Afterwards we had a bring-and-share lunch in the Village Hall, at which Sarah was presented with her gifts and cards, and people gave their special thanks and tributes to her.

### Two special church events in June

On **Sunday 15th June** we shall be holding our annual **Pet Service** in the churchyard at 11.00am. Please come along, and bring any pet (well-behaved of course!) you may have, or a photo.

Mrs Daphne Berridge has kindly offered to host a **Coffee Morning** at her home, Shailes Farmhouse, Dewlish, on **Thursday 19th June**, 10.30am – 12noon. There will be a cake stall with produce and a raffle. Do come and support the church, and see her lovely garden.

### Other Community News

On **Saturday 21st June** the local Scouts group will be holding a **Jumble Sale** in Milborne St. Andrew Village Hall, 1.00pm – 4.00pm. Please give this event your support, particularly as it replaces one held in April when so few people attended. There will be teas and refreshments, a raffle, bric-a-brac, clothes for sale, etc.

*Daphne Burg*

## Ambling at Abbotsbury

ON 7th May 16 of the Wednesday Club members met at Abbotsbury Gardens. After a coffee we wandered through the beautiful gardens admiring vast red and pink rhododendrons, orange, yellow and salmon pink azaleas with heady perfume and red camellias. Here and there could be spied yellow tree peonies and weigela in pink and mauve. Most of the trees and shrubs are well ahead due to the micro climate and fallen trees have been cleared except for one



which fell in the lake. As it is too big to shift it has been cut back as much as possible and the bole has been planted with shrubs and perennials. In full bloom was a huge handkerchief tree looking beautiful with myriads of white 'hankies' hanging by their corners. There are several paths, some easier than others and a few strong souls made it to the top of the steep magnolia walk to view the bay.



All enjoyed some lunch and a wander around the plants and the shop.

This month, June, will be our annual cream tea and quiz.

*Janet Allen*



### Do you need a lift to church?

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## The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug (PG-13)

shown by 'Milborne Movies'  
at Milborne St Andrew Village Hall  
on Friday 13th June 2014 at 7.30pm

PREVIOUSLY on The Hobbit: a band of dwarves set out to reclaim their kingdom, Erebor, steered by the wizard Gandalf (Ian McKellen). It was at his suggestion that they enlisted Bilbo Baggins (Martin Freeman), a harrumphing, diminutive chap dressed in 50 shades of beige and one of the few movie heroes required to comb his feet. In the new film, the dwarves, along with Bilbo Baggins and Gandalf the Grey, continue their quest after successfully crossing over (and under) the Misty Mountains. Thorin and Company must seek aid from a powerful stranger before taking on the dangers of Mirkwood Forest – without their Wizard. If they reach the human settlement of Lake-town it will be time for the hobbit Bilbo Baggins to fulfil his contract with the dwarves. And, where has Gandalf got off to? And what is his secret business to the south? There are two stories unfolding here, one the dwarves attempting to reclaim a homeland, but a dark, nefarious force resides in Mirkwood far to the south. The Necromancer is summoning his forces for an assault on the Free Peoples of Middle Earth and Gandalf soon recognizes this threat and diverts himself to investigate further trusting the dwarves and Bilbo to complete the task of eliminating one more potential weapon in the Necromancer's arsenal: Smaug.

It is epic; it is packed with action; it is a delight of detail and design for the most critical eye. Director Peter Jackson ignites the screen with all the adventure, thrilling action, humour and explosive special effects that you come to expect.

The village hall and bar is open from 7.00pm and the film starts at 7.30pm. Tickets: Adults £3.00 and Accompanied Children (under 16) £2.00 can be obtained on the door.

## Round Robin Ramblers

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Walks are normally held on the first Sunday and the third Wednesday of each month. Please join us as we enjoy exercise, good company and the wonderful Dorset countryside, irrespective of the weather.

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

**Sunday 1st June – 2.00pm**

**King's Stag and Lydlinch**

Meet near the Green Man pub, King's Stag.

Grid reference: ST 724105 on OS Explorer Sheet 129 (approx. 4.5 miles).

**Wednesday 18th June – 11.00am** *(Coffee and cake served from 10.30am)*

**Hilton and surroundings**

Meet at the Old School, Hilton, DT11 0DB

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

Bring a packed lunch.

*This is our last walk until early September. An evening walk will be planned for July and August. Please contact Ian Bromilow (01258 880044) for details.*

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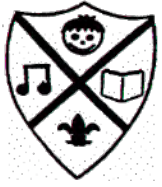
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## School News

AFTER completing their Roman topic years 3 and 4 welcomed parents and the children in KS1 to their open morning. They were proud to show their homework projects linked to the topic, with shields and models of Roman times. The topic for this term is WW2 and they made their own gas masks in readiness for an evacuee trip to Nothe Fort in Weymouth.

We continue to work closely with Trees for Dorset in school and this half term Year 4 joined local representative Pete Rothman on a walk to Milborne Woods. On a sunny May day the Year 4s explored the ancient woodland, enjoyed the bluebells and learnt about the flora and fauna of the area.

Over a third of all children, across the year groups, have taken part in Fizz Pop science after school clubs this half term, enjoying fun hands on science experiments under the watchful eye of Astro Alice and her colleagues. We have also continued our Wild Art clubs with Mrs Spratt, where children have been learning about nocturnal animals. Rosie produced this fabulous picture of an Owl.



## 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

**Chair of Governors:** Mr Kevin Connolly    **FOS Chairman:** Mrs Becky Hunter

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## And the answer is . . .

OUR team (One for his nob) of Mike and Christine Surtees, Helen and Giles Pugh won the village quiz last year giving us the honour of running the event this year on the 10th May. After coming up with 100 questions that would split the wise from the hopeful, we waited anxiously for some teams to arrive. By 7.30pm the village hall was full to the rafters with 72 people making up 17 teams prepared to do battle. There were plenty of mutterings whilst they came up with their answers – sometimes right, sometimes imaginative. Do you know how long Chesil Beach is or the title of the Rolling Stones first UK number one? Or maybe your area of expertise would have been knowing the name of Prince William's dog and the line up of One Direction? Some teams played their double your points jokers wisely, giving a much needed boost to their scores.

The event was there to raise funds for the village hall. With entrance fees and a half time "heads or tails game" we raised £146. The bar remained open all evening, doing a roaring trade which needed a replenishment of supplies twice during the quiz. Many thanks to Elizabeth Humphrey, Sue and Beth Leonard for their hard work behind the bar, which generated even more profit for the village hall.

With everyone knowing that the winners will not only see their name on the shield, but also have the honour of setting the quiz next year, the battle to come second heated up in the later rounds. After totting up all the points the winners were announced as the Deadliners, the team (pictured left to right Linda Constant, Josie Wright, Susan Cawley and Janet Allen ) representing the Reporter. They were only a few points ahead of Senior Moments (WI) and the Camp Followers (Milborne Players), who all breathed a sigh of relief at the end.

So thank you everyone for taking part and congratulations to the winners. We certainly had a fun evening and hope you all did too. See you next year when we too will be competing for second place!



## Message from Sarah Godfrey

Thank you everyone for the lovely good bye in Dewlish village hall after my last service in the benefice on 27th April. What an amazing spread of food appeared and such a lovely cake too. Thank you for all your good wishes and thank you for the home communion set that you gave me. Every time I use it I will be reminded of you all.

I am now looking forward to a few weeks of holiday before moving to the Rectory in Milborne Port. Everyone is welcome to my licensing service in Milborne Port church at 7.00pm on Monday 7th July. There is plenty of space.

## Written history of the village

THE earliest written history of the village is from about 901 when King Alfred the Great bequeathed it to his son. Later his grandson King Athelstan gave it to the Abbey at Milton. There has been a very complicated history of ownership and of the division of the parish. At one time it was made up of a number of manors and hamlets such as Milborne Abbatston, Audrueston, Churcheston, Deverel and Mamford. One or two of them had their own chapels. Again to the south, there is a site of an ancient village, traces of which can be seen today. This village was probably abandoned at the time of the Black Death in the 14th Century. The vicar at the time, John de Chalk, died of the plague.

The most famous name associated with Milborne is the Morton family. The most important member of the Morton family was Cardinal Morton, Henry VII's Chancellor. They patronized both Milborne and Bere Regis. There are a number of monuments to the family in St. Andrew's Church; in a sealed vault many of their ancestors were buried, including a black Jamaican servant. The present house is only about a quarter of the original, the interesting part being that the manor house was partly in Bere Regis and partly in Milborne, the brook being the dividing line as it ran under the house. The fine manor house was destroyed in 1802, the family having moved to Whatcombe in the next Parish.

The most ancient site in the Parish is Wetherby Castle, an iron age fort with multiple defences, enclosing an area of some 17.5 acres. Milborne was a coaching stop with horses changing at 'The Crown' (now Crown Court). There were other inns including The Royal Oak (still in existence). The horses were grazed on what are now the Village Hall fields. The stag on a house which can be seen in the centre of the village was a gift to a Mr. Cole by the Earl Drax family in gratitude for his support in an election campaign. Milborne was granted a fair by Henry III; this was stopped in 1925 because it attracted many 'unsavoury characters'. Luckily this has been reinstated!

(This potted History has been taken from a book by Peter and Biddy Matthews.) **What's in a name?** *Muleburne* 934 (in a later copy of an Anglo Saxon charter) *Melborne* 1086 (Domesday Book), *Muleburne St. Andrew* 1294, *Milborne Seint Andrewe* 1391. Named from the stream on which it stands, "mill stream" from the old English *myln* and *burna*. The addition *St. Andrew* is from the dedication of the church in order to distinguish this place from Milborne Stileham.

Carole Furnachon



## Can you identify where this is in Milborne?



Be careful, there are a lot of these signs but where is this one?  
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## Warming up

### Preparing for exercise

As we spoke about last time, walk:runs are a very efficient way to begin your journey into the world of running.

However, leaving the house cold with your body unprepared and starting too fast are sure ways of causing injury. Warming up is critical to remaining injury free and allowing your body to build to a sustainable pace, which can be maintained and enjoyed.

A warm up should comprise different types of exercise at different tempos concentrating on different body areas. Walking is a very easy starting point; building up your heart rate, allowing muscles to warm and loosen up and preparing you mentally for the exercise that is to come.

After this initial phase, as static stretching is no longer advised, you can then move towards mobilising or 'dynamic stretches'. These generally mimic the movement patterns, at a comfortable speed, that you are about to perform and also include other total body exercises. So marching, lunging, standing leg swings, kicks, skipping, star jumps, squats, arm and ankle rotations are all useful inclusions. Just be sure to warm up muscles that are relevant to your intended exercise and build gradually from isolating exercises such as arm swings to total body exercises such as a squat.

In regard to timing, these activities should be integrated over a five to ten minute period, before moving without delay into your exercise routine. So an easy pre run warm up could comprise a ten minute progression from walking (two–three minutes) through dynamic stretching (five–six minutes) and a light jog that builds to your running speed.

Above all be mindful, and take time to prepare yourself, so your body can be ready for the impact of exercise whilst avoiding injury and enjoying the experience. Other articles linked to this are printed on our website blog at [www.welltroddenpath.co.uk](http://www.welltroddenpath.co.uk)

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A variety of interesting Veteran/Classic cars and motorbikes will be on display.

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This is proving to be a very successful show, and will, of course, be in our amazing Village Hall. Please spread the word to your friends and relations – it really is a day NOT to be missed.

It will be opened by Brett Sutton – new chef/owner of The White Post, Rimpton, and former Chef at the Eastbury Hotel.

Adults £2 – Under 15 Free. Contact: Elizabeth Turnbull on 01935 873846 or [julian.turnbull@virgin.net](mailto:julian.turnbull@virgin.net)

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# Obituary – Rod Oakes

## 13th February 1946 – 10th April 2014

THE funeral of Rod Oakes was held at Poole Crematorium on the 1st May. The former Head Master of Puddletown Middle School was a well-loved member of our community. The article below contains extracts from the eulogy given by his two daughters and son-in-law at the funeral service:

“Rod was born on the 13th February 1946 to Betty and Ronald Oakes. He was the eldest of two brothers, the eldest grandchild and one of 36 cousins. They were a big family, as Betty was one of 11 children, but also a strong family.

Rod grew up in Leicester and went to Dixie Grammar School where he rapidly got into rugby football and relished the chance to play in school teams on the rugby and cricket fields. He left Dixie Grammar School at the age of 18 as Head Boy and went to York to do his teaching training and became a PE teacher. He excelled at sport and his love of rugby union stayed with him throughout his life.

At 21, he started teaching at Elmbridge School in Surrey but by 1973, Rod was teaching back in Leicester at South Wigston High School where he met Nelda. He always said that it was love at first sight – for him at least! They taught in the same PE department running outstanding sports teams – Rod excelled with the rugby teams.

Whilst his teaching of rugby continued, so did his love of playing the game. Whilst he was still at school he'd play for the school in the morning and the Old Bosworthians in the afternoon – two games in a day! He was an accomplished scrum half for the Old Bosworthians, Leicestershire County and finally the Leicester Tigers but he damaged his cruciate ligament and his playing days were over. He had a brilliant rugby mind though and the Tigers head coach Chalkey White told him to go to Bisham Abbey to train as a Senior RFU Coach. He became the assistant coach of Leicester Tigers and had many years of developing talented Tigers players into future England players and British Lions. He helped to shape the futures of many.

In 1976 Rod and Nelda got married. It was a love and a marriage that would last a lifetime. Nelda feels privileged to have known Rod for 41 years, and married for 38 of those. The feeling was mutual. They never argued and were a team right from the start. In June 1979, Claire Helen was born and two years later in June 1981, Laura Jane was born.

Rod was a wonderful husband and father. The Oakes' household was always one full of love and laughter. He was so proud of his girls. He nurtured their individual personalities and supported their interests and delighted in watching them grow into successful, confident young women. Whilst they were independent and individual, the acorns didn't fall too far from the Oak – Claire became a teacher and Laura followed Rod's love of rugby into a career in sport.

In 1986, Rod got a promotion to Deputy Head at Puddletown Middle School in Dorset. The family left Leicester and moved to Milborne St. Andrew and Rod also started coaching at Sherborne Rugby Club. Rod saw great potential with them and they won promotion for four consecutive seasons. At the same time Rod was also coaching at county level as Head Coach of Dorset and Wilts.

His new teaching job saw him move away from the sports fields



and more into the classroom. He was an exceptional history teacher. He taught with such passion he brought his subject to life. He was always reading history and war books. He never stopped learning and craved knowledge of the subject he was so passionate about.

He was also an exceptional leader and was promoted to Head Master in 2005. He didn't just shape the future of the students he taught but also of his colleagues. He cared immensely about developing people. He taught literally thousands of children and the family has heard it said countless times that, “Mr Oakes was the best teacher I ever had”. He was firm but fair. He kept many pupils on track.

A few years before retiring, he stopped coaching rugby and replaced it with another game he loved and one that Nelda could join in with this time – golf. They became members at Ashley Wood Golf Club and in 2011 they were Seniors Captain and Lady Captain at the club. It was a year they very much enjoyed together. Rod and Nelda travelled the world playing golf and organized several golfing holidays for themselves and their friends.

Claire got married to Lee Ames and in 2009, Rod became a grandfather to Joseph Frederick Ames. Two years later in August 2011, Rosie Betty Ames was born. Rod adored his grandchildren and would marvel at the things they said and did. Rod and Nelda were hands-on grandparents, looking after Joseph and Rosie three days a week – a wonderful experience and one that they would never have said no to. The children will miss their granddad immensely.

Rod died, suddenly and unexpectedly in St Lucia where Rod and Nelda had gone to celebrate their 38th wedding anniversary. 38 years previous, they had gone to York for two days – how things had changed. St Lucia was paradise and Rod loved the country and the people. He died on their wedding anniversary on the 10th April. He was 68 years old. His final words were ‘I love you, Nelda’ and what a truth that was. It was the end of a beautiful life and one that we will be eternally grateful for.

His was a life full of love – both for him and from him. He was loved immensely but somehow managed to give even more back in return. Everyone says that you never saw Rod without a smile on his face. He beamed and his laugh was always hearty and genuine.

We are sad for the things that he will miss and the things that we will miss him for, but we are thankful for a wonderful life, a wonderful husband, father, grandfather, son, brother, team mate, coach, teacher, but most of all, a friend to all of us.

He was simply the best.”

**There were hundreds of people at Rod's funeral service and his loss will be felt throughout the local community. Nelda and the family would like to thank everyone for their thoughts, prayers, messages and support over the last month.**

## Cream Teas in the Garden

ARE you disappointed not to have an Open Gardens event in Milborne this year? You should take advantage of an opportunity to have a cream tea in a garden in Stileham Bank with a magnificent village view for only £4. There will also be a static display of hurdles, and a glass and china stall. All the profits will go to St. Andrew's church.

This event is at **24 Stileham Bank, Milborne St Andrew on Saturday 7th June between 2.00pm and 5.00pm.** Children will be very welcome but no dogs, please.

*Eva Stockley*

## Time for a change

I'VE been living in Orchard Rise for many years, and now the time has come to move to a smaller home. If you or anyone you know is interested in buying my house (four bedrooms, large garden, double garage) please make contact with me. All the details can be seen on the houses for sale in Milborne St Andrew website. Also if anyone is interested in selling a two-three bedroomed bungalow in Milborne, I'd be very glad to hear from them, as I love living here and don't want to leave the village.

Many thanks,

*Jenny Balcon*

## Welcome to our visitors at Ladybirds

THIS month is only a short month but our topic of 'Pets' has meant we have had lots of visitors.

We had Alfie the budgie who cheeped away all morning then was quiet when he went home so he came again the next day. Inspired by Alfie we made paper birds and hung them on a large willow branch to make a 'budgie tree'.

We had a couple of doggie days with first Jazzy the Labrador – who as you can see really loved all the fuss and attention she had. Then we had two border collie puppies,



children found it funny and more interesting as the big tortoise left an enormous deposit on the floor. Reminiscent of an old Blue Peter moment!

The last visit didn't involve any animals but a young boy's brand new tractor on its way to the farm. Even the rain on that morning didn't deter the children going out to have a look and climbing into the cab.

*Liz Dyer*



Molly and Snitch who many of us could have taken home with us. The children learnt what they ate, where they slept and how they would be trained to work as sheep dogs on the farm.

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Draw Date – Tuesday 20th May 2014

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### Milborne Movies

Friday 13th June 2014  
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# Community Events Diary

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

- June**
- Wednesday 4th** **Wednesday Club** Cream teas and quiz. Village Hall 2.00pm.
- Saturday 7th** **Local Crafts for Local People** stall at Gray's Store 9.30am to 1.00pm  
**Cream Teas in the garden** 24 Stileham Bank, between 2.00 and 5.00pm. – see page 15.
- Thursday 12th** **WI** talk about the 'Air Ambulance'. Village Hall 7.30pm – see page 2.
- Friday 13th** **Milborne Movies 'The Hobbit'** Village Hall 7.30pm – see pages 10 and 18.
- Saturday 14th** **Affpuddle Church Fete** Cruck Cottage, Briantspuddle 2.00pm– see page 25.  
**Reporter** latest date for the June issue.
- Sunday 15th** **Pet Service** Dewlish churchyard 11.00am.
- Wednesday 18th** **Parish Council** Village Hall. Everyone welcome 7.30pm – see page 31 for May report.
- Saturday 21st** **Jumble Sale** in aid of local Scouts Milborne St. Andrew Village Hall 1.00pm – 4.00pm.  
**Briantspuddle Singers Concert**, Herrison Hall, Charlton Down, Charmister – see page 27.
- Tuesday 24th** **100 Club Draw** The Royal Oak everyone welcome to attend – see page 17 for May winners and below.
- Thursday 26th** **Gardening Club** talk by Martin Catford entitled 'Deckchair Gardening and Funny Stories' Village Hall 7.30pm – see page 5.
- Saturday 31st** **Village Lunch** Village Hall 12.15pm. Tickets from Drop-in Centre in Village Hall Committee Room on Fridays 10am to 12 noon – see page 5 for menu.

## 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
- Yoga** Thursday 1.30–2.45pm 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)
- 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

## June 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.

## Milborne 100 Club

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John Sanderson    Football Club    837049  
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## Fish Course

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*With a glass of Macon Villages Blanc 'Les Pierres Blanches', Burgundy, France\*\**

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Please contact Peter Lindsley on [peter@ageukdorchester.org.uk](mailto:peter@ageukdorchester.org.uk) or telephone 01305 269444. Rowan Cottage, 4 Prince of Wales Road, Dorchester DT1 1PW.

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## Coffee, Cake and Computers – Technology on holiday

HAVING just returned from a two-week caravan holiday in a very remote and beautiful part of Wales, I thought it was a good idea to remember how modern technology has made basic camping/ caravanning in a farmer's field (with electricity, waste disposal and a cold water tap!) so much more civilised and self sufficient in the last few years.

Of course it is wonderful to be able to get away from it all, but as we all know, stuff happens unexpectedly so it is wise to keep in touch with the outside world. Emails and phone calls of course, can get through on a mobile phone with a basic signal, but it is also handy to be able to access your home landline voice mail and pick up remotely any urgent messages in case of emergency. Also you can tether your tablet to your mobile phone which lets you download your daily newspaper and complete that all important crossword – no need to get in the car to search for a newsagent.

Having your complete library of books to read is also useful and being able to instantly download another book in a series has enhanced a few rainy afternoons! Local tide times, weather forecasts, theatre, cinema, restaurant, take-away delivery, leisure centre opening times and doctors and dentists and vets surgery times have also proved useful.



A new thing for us this holiday has been using a portable wireless hard drive with all our movies and music and photographs stored on it. It means that even without broadband we can each watch a different film on our tablets (with headphones) at the same time or catch up on family photos and videos while relaxing in the fresh air. Also it's so convenient when walking and exploring in a new area to be able to download up to date maps on to your smart phone and to be able to track your route precisely with the aid of GPS.

Shopping for basic supplies in a strange town can be stressful, but with a parking app and your sat nav it is a lot easier. There are, of course, lots of horror stories of people being misdirected by their sat nav, but you never seem to hear the good news of people being successfully directed straight to the supermarket or farmers' market of their choice or nearest garage.

When it comes to returning home at the end of a holiday, it is reassuring to know that your pre-booked supermarket delivery will be arriving to restock the larder at a time to suit you the morning after you arrive.

You may have noticed that I haven't mentioned internet TV at all. Of course the technology is available, and we can give advice on this but personally we choose to have a break from it while on holiday.

So if you would like to find out more about how some aspects of technology can help you either on holiday or at home then just turn up at the Friday Drop-In at the village hall committee room. Every Friday until the end of the summer school term – including half term.

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# A wonderful Easter Experience in Milborne St. Andrew

ON Good Friday 37 children arrived at the village hall to enjoy some seasonal activities and hear the Easter story. The children were divided into small groups for about an hour to decorate palm crosses, biscuits for Easter, and chocolate nests, and kept the kitchen busy with a continuous stream of hot cross buns for baking. As the production line was working well I was able to sample these excellent buns but the chocolate nests were more elusive – only a small proportion left the hall at the end of the day! After this Sarah Godfrey walked up to church with all the children stopping at four places in the Old Rectory garden and the churchyard to tell the Easter story. The journey ended in church at the Easter garden with its crosses and sealed tomb. We then wrote prayers and messages on



folded paper flowers and watched them open when placed in dishes of water. It was then time to return to the hall to find buns and craft work to show parents. It was a wonderful experience and a fitting end to Sarah Godfrey's ministry in Milborne St. Andrew. We all send our best wishes to her in her new ministry in Milborne Port.

*John Wright*

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## A Good Read by Shirley Dunkley 'A Spy Among Friends' by Ben McIntyre



UNAWARE that BBC2 was producing two very viewable programmes based on this book, I read it earlier with great avidity and interest. I can remember the furore when Cambridge spies, Burgess and Maclean decamped to Moscow.

I was a reader of The Observer when Kim Philby was in Beirut as a correspondent, the cover for his Soviet spying. Ben McIntyre gets behind the news and focuses particularly on the relationship between the men who were recruited to the Communist cause during the 1930s and their colleagues in the British and American Secret Services. He uses evidence from Russian sources to illustrate how important Philby was to Russia and how the charm and charisma of the man allowed him to delude his best friend, Nicholas Elliot, right up until his eventual discovery in 1962. It amazed me to see, in the 30s and 40s, how casually men were recruited to the highest places in security because they had been to the 'right' schools and colleges, belonged to the 'right' clubs and had a network of international family and friends. Philby is exposed as an ideologically driven killer of numerous betrayed agents, a man who set up operations in Albania and Turkey then revealed them to be ambushed by his KGB masters. Yet this man still sent his children to private boarding schools and kept up membership of his London club because that was what was expected of him. At the end of the book John le Carre talks about strange encounters he had decades after it was all over with Nick Elliot who still seemed to need to justify his affection for Philby, but as the author says, it was too late for him to use the material in a novel – it had already been written in 'Tinker, Tailor, Soldier, Spy'!

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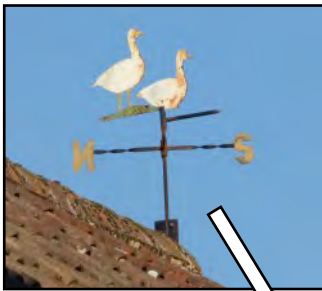
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## Did you identify this?

The May picture was of the weather vane at the back of the barn roof (The old Pure Drop off-Licence) in Milton Road.



Congratulations to Arthur and Shelagh Yeo who were the only people with the correct answer.

Try your luck this month on page 13.

Send your answer to [msa.reporter.yahoo.co.uk](mailto:msa.reporter.yahoo.co.uk) or give to a member of the Team.



## 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](mailto:caroltaylor2@nhs.net).

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If you experience difficulties we are here to help get you started. Just ask to speak to Carol.

### Surgery Opening Times

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<b>Tuesday</b>	8.15am – 1.00pm,	2.00 – 7.00pm
<b>Wednesday</b>	8.15am – 6.00pm	
<b>Thursday</b>	8.15am – 6.00pm	
<b>Friday</b>	8.15am – 6.00pm	
<b>Saturday</b>	8.30am – 10.30am	

Any changes to our opening hours are advertised on our website and in the surgery.

The dispensary is closed every day between 1.00 and 2.30pm.

Carol Taylor, Practice Manager

## Summer concert

BRIANTSPUDDLE Singers are delighted to be returning for their summer concert to the Herrison Hall at Charlton Down, Charminster on Saturday 21st June. They invite you to join them for a fine evening of song and celebration in a relaxed cafe style setting – what better for a midsummer evening? The concert starts at 7.30pm but if fine audience members might like to bring a picnic to enjoy outside on the lawns beforehand. There will be a bar serving wine and fruit juice.

Conducted by Rob Dishington, the choir, steeped in Dorset music making for more than 65 years, will present a programme spanning five centuries from popular Dowland madrigals and excerpts from Purcell's 'Dido and Aeneas' to a second half devoted to songs from shows including a medley from 'Les Miserables'.

In between there'll be a taste of Cole Porter, Gilbert and Sullivan and Rogers and Hammerstein.

Whether it is Dowland's "Fine Knacks for Ladies", "Flow My Tears" or something more upbeat from the 20th century, there is a wide choice to savour.

Sharing the evening, the choir is delighted to welcome soprano soloist Sian Newman and pianist David Ansell.

Tickets are £10 on the door or by email from [maureen\\_bayliss@mypostoffice.co.uk](mailto:maureen_bayliss@mypostoffice.co.uk) or [jane.soole@btinternet.com](mailto:jane.soole@btinternet.com) or by telephone from 01929 554055 or 01305 832069.

Jane Soole

## Are you aware that your rights are changing when shopping online, by telephone or mail order?

CURRENTLY, as you may be aware, you have seven days to cancel an order which has been made for most goods or services by 'distance', such as when you order online, by telephone, or by mail order. You have the right to cancel for ANY reason, including simply changing your mind and returning the goods for a FULL refund, although you may have to pay for the return postage costs if that was specified in the terms of the contract when you placed your order.

From the 13th June 2014, the law is changing. From this date you will have 14 days to change your mind and cancel the contract.

Obviously, there are exceptions to this rule and your cancellation rights do not apply to the following:

- prescribed medicines
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- auctions
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- perishable and other items that deteriorate rapidly such as food and flowers
- tailor-made or personalised goods
- underwear and earrings

There are also some service contracts you can't cancel simply because you change your mind, including:

- contracts for transport and some leisure services to be provided on a specific date eg hotel bookings, flights, car hire, concert and other event tickets
- a tradesman coming for emergency repairs

A new addition to the legislation is that if you have devalued the goods by handling them more than you would be able to in a shop, then the seller will now be able to reduce the amount that they refund you by the difference in value. Of course, if you are returning the product because it is faulty then a reduction would not apply.

If you are ever unsure of your rights regarding goods or services, then call the Citizens Advice Consumer Helpline on 08454 040506. or look at [www.adviceguide.org.uk](http://www.adviceguide.org.uk)



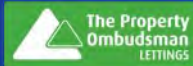


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## Scouts Jumble Sale

MILBORNE ST. ANDREW Scout Group are holding a jumble sale in aid of Scout Funds, on Saturday 21st June, from 1.00 until 4.00pm, at Milborne St. Andrew Village Hall.

Donations of jumble and bric-a-brac will be gratefully received and can be dropped off at our Village Hall on Monday or Tuesday evenings between 5.30 and 7.00pm, or delivered on the day of the sale any time after midday.

Tea, coffee and biscuits will be for sale, and there will also be a raffle.

*Brian Burton, Group Secretary 01258 839033*

## Local Crafts by Local People

WHAT a difference the weather makes! The sun shone and the craft was amazing for our May craft stall.

We had lots of new things to see and buy; beautiful cards, hand knitted tea cosies, covered notebooks for those precious memories and gorgeously detailed bags. There was yummy marmalade, two jewellers, hand woven willow, miniature felted animals and handmade soaps and quite a lot more. June will be different again as we have new crafters on board for this month.

Everything you see on the stall is made locally, mostly by residents of Milborne St. Andrew, Bere Regis, Milton Abbey and Winterborne Whitechurch, although a few come from further afield - what a great opportunity to support your local community.



**Next stall is Saturday 7th June**

Interested? Follow us on Facebook for details of who is involved each month and what they make [www.facebook.com/localcraftlocalpeople](http://www.facebook.com/localcraftlocalpeople) then pop along and see what we do for yourself and if you'd like to be involved please contact Emma at [localcraft@live.co.uk](mailto:localcraft@live.co.uk).

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## Parish Council Meeting Wednesday 21st May

AMIDST booths set out for the EU Polling day, the council met to continue business from the March Meeting, April's having been the Annual Parish Meeting.

Cllr Balcon was elected unopposed as Chairman for 2014/15. She reminded everyone that she is available by phone, mail and in person for villagers to raise matters with her, and thanked the Councillors for their support over the last year. Cllr Paul Morgan was elected unopposed to serve as Vice Chairman for 2014/15.

### Reports:

There was no District or County Councillors' Representation – Cllrs Parker and Somper sent apologies.

'Friends of the Village Hall' is being created to work ad hoc on tasks such as maintaining the play equipment and other jobs. The May Fayre and Deed Day Party were very successful.

The Sports Club has suffered the loss of the Manager of the Senior Football Team. The impact of this has still to be seen. Malcolm Applin was praised for the superb condition of the pitch. The Council hopes that it continues to be used for a good standard of football.

A new Head Teacher will join the school next term, initially for one year. It is likely that the school will join with others to become an Academy after that.

Steve Lord continues to meet DCC and others about flooding. The Council will write a letter for DCC stressing the importance of this work to the village, to maintain pressure. Groundwater levels are still high. The pipe from Stileham Bank towards Mr Butler's house is only six inches diameter rather than nine.

### Further business:

Posts for 2014-15 – *Ancient Monuments* – Cllr Hopper, *Floods* – Steve Lord, *Trees* – Susan Cawley, *Footpaths* – Adrian Hodges, *Homewatch Co-Ordinator* – vacant but much-needed as there have been four burglaries in the area recently. A possible candidate will be approached.

Representatives to other organisations remain as last year. Cllr Balcon stressed how important it is for the Council to hear news from around the village.

The Council had not heard any more about the latest Planning Application for the West Dorset Wind Farm. The Clerk is maintaining pressure to be kept informed.

The Bramble Cottage Planning Application was passed, with some restrictions. Councillors expressed disappointment at this after their multiple unanimous refusals of the applications, especially in view of 'Localism'. It is a feature of modern Government that developers have deeper pockets than Councils when it comes to appeals!

The Council's Risk Assessment is to be updated. The Asset Register was updated at the meeting.

The Clerk's laptop is due for replacement.

### Action Plan Review

Councillors will chase actions regarding seats at the top of Homefield and the Parish Pit.

Dogs still foul the grass around the memorial stone. Owners are asked to stop them doing this. It is highly unpleasant for the man who mows the grass as well as disrespectful to those remembered.

Villagers raised the poor standard of grass-cutting this year. DCC are responsible for this, with NDDC responsible for sweeping roads and footways. Cllr Balcon will raise with Cllr Somper.

**Next Parish Council meeting Wednesday 18th June**

*Susan Cawley*

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All copy for the July Reporter to be received by 14th June

## Milton Abbas Riding for the Disabled Group Summer Auction of Promises and Buffet Supper

Fund raising to make a real difference

### Bake Sale – Wednesday 7th May

THERE was an exciting turnout for a recent bake sale event, held to raise funds for Diverse Abilities Plus held at the Community Learning and Resource Centre (CLaRC) Wimborne.

Thanks to the kind support of Sorrels, Waitrose and the Community Learning and Resource Centre just over £100 was raised from selling cakes teas and coffees.

The 'Great Dorset Bake Sale' was coordinated by Diverse Abilities Plus a locally based charity who have supported children and adults with physical disabilities and/or learning difficulties in Dorset for 57 years. The charity provides a range of assistance, support and education services for children and young people, adults and their families. For more information <http://www.diverseabilitiesplus.org.uk/>

We had a steady flow of people from the town who had spotted our posters. One lady was visiting the area on holiday.



Alison Cross manager of CLaRC said 'the support we received from local businesses as well as the staff based here at the centre was fantastic. It was their generous donations that made this event such a success'.

As well as enjoying a piece of cake and a mug of filter coffee, members of the community had the chance to look around the Community Learning and Resource Centre (CLaRC), which houses a number of community organisations including Dorset Community Action, East Dorset Locality Hub, YMCA Dorset Play Schemes, REnergy and Sorrels Catering. CLaRC has rooms to hire for events and long-term letting at reasonable rates, for more information about CLaRC, call Alison Cross (the centre manager) on 01202 847600.

#### About Dorset Community Action

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EVERY Friday morning at 9.00am you'll find a group of volunteers busily grooming and tacking up five ponies. Nothing unusual in that, it is Pound Cottage Riding Stables in Milton Abbas. But what makes it extra special is the young riders. Whatever the weather, rain or shine, warm or biting cold, children from Beacroft Foundation School, in Wimborne, clamber down from their minibus and into the riding school. Some are shy and wary at their first encounter with ponies, but with the patience and skill of the volunteer helpers and determination of the children, very special things start to happen.

Young children who have communication problems or difficulty with mobility and balance start to gain greater confidence and physical strength. As one young mum said: "Riding for the Disabled has made such a difference to my son's confidence, and his co-ordination is also so much better since he started riding." Hundreds of parents have said similar things over the 23 years that the Milton Abbas group has been running.

The group desperately wants to be able to continue changing the lives of these young children, but needs your help. It takes the dedication and commitment of the volunteers to keep Milton Abbas RDA running week after week, year after year. They organise fund raising events regularly, and each year need to raise £4,000 just to keep going. If you recall the amazing performances of our Para-Olympians in the equine events in 2012, remember that many of the team began their riding careers at a Riding for the Disabled Group such as this.

This year the summer fund-raiser is an **Auction of Promises** to be held on **Friday 27th June at 7.00pm in the Visitor Centre of the Hall and Woodhouse Brewery in Blandford Forum**, by kind permission of the Brewery. Over forty wonderful "promises" have been donated, with something for everyone. Promises encompass the "equine" (e.g. a day out with a Dorset Equine Vet, a carriage drive in Wareham forest, a consultation with an equine physiotherapist or a riding lesson), the "sporting" (e.g. a day's sailing in Poole Harbour, a gun at a local shoot, golf lessons at the Dorset Golf Resort, or a stadium tour of St. Mary's Stadium, Southampton) and the more general (e.g. a voucher for Brittany Ferries, a dinner party prepared in your home by a professional chef, the use of holiday cottages in the UK and abroad plus a host of vouchers for local pub restaurants, museums and leisure venues). There are auction lots to suit every taste and every budget and there are some incredible bargains to be had. A full catalogue will be available on request.

Tickets for the Auction evening are £10 and include a welcome drink and a summer buffet supper. The first auction starts at 7.30pm and there will be a full bar available.

Tickets can be obtained from: Sue Hodder on 01258 880229 or email [suehodder@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:suehodder@tiscali.co.uk) or from Barbara Rawlings on 01258 837280 or email [cliveandbarbara@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:cliveandbarbara@hotmail.co.uk)

### Guilty of illegal parking scam

THE *Reporter* have been notified of a look-alike Ministry of Justice scam that says you are guilty of illegal parking and this is in effect a parking ticket.

The scam email – using copied Ministry of Justice logos – asks you to open attachments to find out more. Don't open the attachment! The attachment contains some clever program that allows the scammer access into your personal details, key strokes and can get into your bank details as well as any other stuff. Please alert anyone you know to this. It apparently looks very authentic.



# Peter Pan's Homecoming

By Josie Wright

When I began to look around me,  
Years ago when young in heart,  
Waking Wendy up from boredom,  
Catching shadows, trading kisses,  
Showed her how to play and laugh.

Then sweet Bella, bright and sassy,  
Teased and mocked her feisty way,  
Wanted me to be *her* sweetheart.  
Jealous glances, sacrifices,  
Made that game too hard to play.

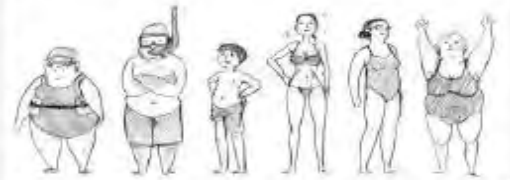
Summer days with fun and laughter.  
Friends understand life's just for fun.  
Winning ways, with shouts of triumph,  
Fighting battles, give no quarter,  
Glory days with bat and gun.

Can't you see the game needs playing?  
Time is wasting, look around!  
Can't you hear the clock is ticking?  
Never stopping, never thinking,  
Shouting loud to hide the sound.

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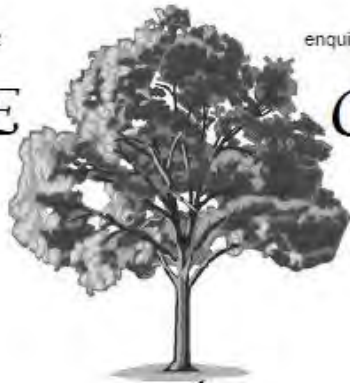
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# Police news

## All change in North Dorset

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Inspector 1919 Shawn Whitley has been promoted to Chief Inspector and thus left the section to join Weymouth. We wish him the best of luck in his new role. Mr Whitley's leaving sees newly promoted Inspector Rob Chalkley join the section as Neighbourhood Inspector for North Dorset. Inspector 1230 Chalkley will be joining the section in mid-July. In the interim we have Inspector Richard Newton holding the fort.

Blandford SNT saw the departure of PCSO 5412 Rich Mullins at the end of April. Rich has moved to pastures new – not very far though – to Gillingham Rural SNT. To replace Rich, we have gained PCSO 5952 Greg Downs who has moved over to Blandford from Sturminster Newton SNT.

And finally, Ringmaster has been replaced! On Sunday 4th May the Dorset community messaging service, Ringmaster, was switched off. It has been replaced with a new and improved system called Dorset Alert. The new system still runs under the same principles of messaging members of the public with important news, crime updates, etc.; however, we are now able to select specific areas to target information, making things more relevant and also link in with social networking sites to share information. Furthermore, you can log into this new site and provide us with feedback on the information you are receiving. Hopefully, all existing members of Ringmaster have automatically been migrated across to Dorset Alert. However, if you are an existing member and don't think you have, or are considering becoming a new member, please contact Blandford SNT on 101 and request an application form.

### Incidents in Milborne St. Andrew in April

4th Theft from motor vehicle – power tools stolen	Blandford Hill
16th Theft other – mobile phone stolen	The Causeway
19th Burglary not dwelling – food stolen	Blandford Hill
28th Burglary – shed – hedge strimmer and chainsaw	Dewlish Road

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## Sarah Godfrey's Institution and Welcome at Milborne Port

Monday 7th July 7.00pm

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There is a possibility that we might be able to run a minibus from Puddletown to Milborne Port, which would be more environmentally friendly than taking lots of cars, easier on the parking and a boon for those who feel uncomfortable driving at night. If this is something that might interest you, please let Sarah Hillman know by 31st May. Cost will be dependent on numbers.



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