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Healthy Eating at Ladybirds

THE first week in June was nationally designated Healthy Eating Week. Ladybirds had fun trying different foods, learning what foods



are good for us and what are treats. The favourite snack was fresh fruit kebabs. Each child made their own kebab, choosing from a selection of prepared fruits (with one marshmallow each), carefully threaded onto a wooden stick then enjoyed at snack time. One of the suggestions to remain healthy is to eat more fish. As most of the children only experience fish fingers we purchased fresh fish for them to examine under guidance of an adult. Several were hesitant to touch or hold the fish but were

fascinated to look at its teeth, fins and bones. We also cooked a bass fillet (not touched by the children) and tasted it. The weather has been great, so the children have played outside most of the time. Large sheets of



wallpaper attached to the fence have been painted with water and mud, the mud kitchen is still very popular, the den provides some



shade and the bikes have been ridden around and around the tyres. Apologies to neighbours for the continuous rendition of "Frozen" performed by our four year old girls. And finally to cheer everyone up a lovely drawing with a big smiley face.

Liz Dyer

PLEASE NOTE

There will be no separate September edition of the *Reporter*. All material for September will be published in a combined August/September edition, for which the deadline is 14th July.

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Bus2Go Motors Along

OUT and about enjoying the summer sunshine, we have been averaging three outings a month.

On a gloriously warm day, we headed up to the Jailhouse Café to sample the delicious home-made lunch, enjoy their hospitality and stunning views of the Jurassic coast.

Swanage Railway was our next destination. We took a leisurely steam from Norden to Swanage and from that point, we did our own



'thing'. Our youngest passenger this year headed off with granddad to the beach to have fun. The Town Crier, Andrew Flemming bade us all a fond farewell as we boarded the train for the return steam to Norden.

Clarks Shopping Village was a bargain hunter's dream. We all shopped 'til we dropped! Our driver had the best bargain of the day, a pair of shoes originally priced at £59.99 for £14.00!

August outings, Donkey Sanctuary and lunch at Otter Nurseries, Buckham Fair (Martin Clunes Farm) and Jailhouse Café, Portland.

We look forward to welcoming you aboard very soon. *Margo*



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A Walk through Dorchester at the June WI

A SUNNY evening for this month's busy meeting. June's events included the summer supper at Eva's, which hopefully will be blessed with a dry evening (weatherwise . . .). Hats were at the ready also for the annual Royal Ascot visit, we look forward to a post-race rundown.

'Bookends' are moving on to Andrew Miller's historical novel 'Pure'. Instead of a set book for August, Shirley is to host a garden party tea, and has asked each of us to read a page from a favourite book.

Plans for our summer outing are still in the melting pot; our Committee are working hard on this. The recent friendly skittles match at The Royal Oak with Charminster proved a close call, but a very enjoyable one, with a reciprocal invitation extended for September.

Ann Mepham thanked everyone for their condolences and kind wishes after her husband Ron's recent death. As a long-standing and much valued member of the WI it was reassuring to have her company again at our meeting. Val Andrews described the Neighbourcar scheme, outlining its many advantages. Volunteers are badly needed; they cover 12 villages. Anyone with spare capacity is asked to help with this very useful service. This is something we may all need to call upon one day.

Coming along at short notice, Mr Bates gave us a snapshot of what it was like to live in Dorchester during the 17th century. This was a time of flourishing economic prosperity and religious change. Although Dorchester was a comparatively rich rural town, trading as it did in wool and cloth, the poor were still in the majority. Infant mortality was no respecter of status: even in a wealthy family, out of seven children only one survived beyond the age of three years. Our guest walked us through the town, some of it familiar territory even today, past the present County Museum, previously an inn, to the top of town. There was an Isolation Hospital, a Jail and lock-up, and a House of Correction, not to mention a ducking stool for scolding wives and stocks for drunks, as well as those who did not attend church! This was a Puritan town and definitely not a fun place to be.

Nelda thanked Mr Bates for a very interesting talk on our local county town. We were all grateful to Linda for her help with the screen which at one point took on a whole new life of its own. Remote control certainly took on a different meaning!

Eva won the flower competition with a stunning blue delphinium, very fitting for a summer meeting, and the cup changed hands once more.

At our next meeting, on **Thursday, 10th July**, we host a talk by Ian Brooke on 'Shelter Box'. We hope you will join us; we would love to see you. *Pat Bull*

Update on the playpark and fields

PLANS to open the play park and zip wire are now in full swing to make the equipment safe. A group of volunteers have cleared the rubbish and weeds at the zip wire. New bark is laid. Arrangements have been made for the wire to be checked and mended.

The 'agility multi play climber' has failed safety tests on many points; the manufacturer is no longer in business. Funding for a new multi play climber is being applied for. So that the park can be opened as soon as possible, the trustees agreed that the best course of action is to dismantle the old climbing frame.

The other repairs will be made prior to opening the park. Many villagers have offered their services to do the necessary work. To offer your help contact Jo (07960854155) or talk to Sarah at The Royal Oak.

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Ronald James Mepham 1932–2014

ON the 27th May, forty or more family and friends from the village and beyond, attended a Humanist Memorial Service for Ron at Weymouth Crematorium. He had lost his exhausting battle with heart failure ten days before. The service's brevity and compassion well reflected the man.

Ron was born in 1932 to Archie and Elsie Mepham at Portslade in Sussex. He was educated at Hove Grammar School. Of equal importance to his youth, was the Scout Movement. Having joined the 3rd Hove Scout Group he rose to King's Scout, thus beginning a life-long link with it and its well-known motto, "Be Prepared". As Ron was to discover, he was a born organiser and administrator. The Army was the first to spot his gifts. During National Service, he became an N.C.O. in the Intelligence Corps in Field Security in Vienna, keeping tabs on the local Harry Limes. Fortunately, this coincided with the marvellous post-war flowering of music and opera in the city, which, together with walking and skiing, Ron was able to enjoy courtesy of HMG, even attending the 1951 International Scout Jamboree in Austria that year!

He came out of the Army with his native talents honed on the bluntness of military life. Ron had a good eye for detail, but never lost sight of the overall purpose of what he was trying to achieve usually 'balancing the books' at the end. Having flirted briefly with teaching and educational administration, he joined the Scouts' National Training Team at Gilwell Park. There he met a young Domestic Science teacher, Ann King, whose parents worked there. Ron asked her to cater a social event he was holding. The food clearly passed muster, for not long afterwards they got married.

Promotion took them to North Wales where they had three sons. As a father Ron was way ahead of his time, taking night feeds and nappy changes as a matter of course. A modern Dad, he gave his sons freedom to make mistakes, but was always there to pick up the pieces.

In his copious free time (!) he took an OU Degree and Diploma – always the hallmark of a good organiser. He moved to Suffolk as Field Commissioner for East Anglia, then on to Huntingdon to administer Adult Education. Ron's working life ended with nine

years as a College Registrar in Cambridge. But this full working life was barely half his activity. He was a Round Tabler in his youth; he and Ann sang in the Hunts Philharmonic Choir. Ron chaired the Philharmonic Society and stage-managed performances of Verdi and Elgar in Peterborough and Ely Cathedrals. He was chairman of the Bedford and Huntingdonshire Naturalists Trust and a prime



Ron, his wife Ann and granddaughter Megan'.

mover in the setting up of the Ramsey Arts Festival (which continues to this day). When he and Ann moved to Milborne, they sang with the Briantspuddle Singers, for whom he was Treasurer. Ron sailed in East Anglia and Dorset from the Redcliffe Yacht Club at Wareham, where he ran their Monday Club to do maintenance jobs, check the moorings and collect visitors' fees. Aided by his Springer Spaniel, Monty he walked with the Club's Walking Group. When not tending his huge garden, he was up a ladder painting his soffits. Ron was a pure embodiment of Churchill's dictum "If you want something

done – give it to a busy person". Perhaps the peak of his achievements was his chairmanship of the Brownsea Island Scout and Guide Trust which, with the National Trust, formed an awkward troika to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the first Scout Camp. He showed such skill in keeping them all moving towards a successful celebration, that, the day after he died, the Trust stood in silence for a minute in his memory.

Ron may not have been an officer, but he certainly was a gentleman. He knew the worth of good manners and was a private man, who preferred to work quietly in the background. He had a subtle sense of humour, spiked with mischief. One of his pet subjects was- the drains. He appreciated the need for an efficient system working away unseen, much as he did, behind the scenes. Ill as he was, he intervened in last winter's flooding, moving sand bags into strategic places to protect his house. Sometime after his death, the drains under his house *did* block. His sons immediately christened it "Ron's Revenge"!

In the words of P.G. Wodehouse, Ron was "an all-round good egg"

Many thanks to Rod Mepham for much vital information freely given.

Peter Dunkley

Cream teas at Wednesday Club

THE June meeting for the Wednesday Social Club has always included a cream tea, in the past at the home of Val and Dave Andrews, but the last few years in the Village Hall. One year we were even able to enjoy it outside! Not this year though when 30 members tucked into scones, jam, cream and cups of tea. We also puzzled over some close-up photos of ordinary everyday things which got us talking and discussing "what could it be?"

On 2nd July we are taking a trip to Lacock Manor (a National Trust property) and Museum. There are a few seats left on the Damory coach so if you would like to join us, please contact Janet Allen on (01258) 837551 as soon as possible.

Thank you

Margaret Evans

Deadline for the August/September issue 14th July



Cheselbourne Theatre Club



Come to see *Bedroom Farce* in the round

ON the first evening (**Monday 8th September**) of **Cheselbourne Theatre Club's** new autumn programme we are going to see an ingenious comedy by Alan Ayckbourn that shines a bedside light on the trials and tribulations of seventies suburban marriage.

Salisbury Playhouse is staging *Bedroom Farce* with seating on all sides of the stage so that the audience will truly be caught up in the simultaneous and intertwined stories of four couples that play out in three bedrooms on the same stage during the same sleepless night.

If you would like to join us please contact John Widdowson on **01258 837791** to book and pay for your tickets and transport (£27.50 by 14th July at the latest).

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MP opposes wind farm

A FULL village hall at Tolpuddle saw some attendees sitting on tables to hear the latest on the proposed wind farm to the west of Milborne St. Andrew and north of Tolpuddle.

The meeting was opened at 7.00pm sharp by Richard Slocock of Tolpuddle Against Industrial Turbines (TAINT). He explained that a fresh application for 5 x 115 metre turbines has been submitted. This is down from the original 9 x 126.5 meter turbines. TAINT are fully opposed to this latest application and encourage residents to object. Praise was also given to those local land owners who have refused offers from wind farm developers.

The floor was then passed over to Rt Hon Oliver Letwin MP, the MP for West Dorset. He summarised his position as not wanting any type of power station in the proposed location. He considers it as unsuitable as building five blocks of flats in the same location.

A question and answer session with Mr Letwin took place. During this session he further expanded his views.

Whilst he believes that we need a diverse energy mix, we now have enough onshore wind. He considers that the limit of the impact that we should allow wind farms to have on the countryside has been reached. This however will not be a consideration when the planning application is assessed by the planning authorities.

From a planning perspective, he believes that the most important argument is that this rural area is not the place for very large industrial structures.

No one in this session spoke in favour of the development.

The floor was then handed back to Mr Slocock. He explained that there was a rumour that if you had sent comments to West Dorset Planning department on the original application, then you wouldn't need to submit any comments on the current application. This is not true. If you want any comments on the current application to be taken into account you must submit them again.

The meeting then closed to a round of applause at 8.00pm.

If you wish to make any comments on the proposed development to WDDC, then they need to be received by 4th July. Comments can be made via the Dorset For You website or in writing to Mr David Hodges, West Dorset District Council, South Walks House, South Walks Road, Dorchester, Dorset. DT1 1UZ. The application number is WD/D/14/000885.

For some reason it appears that Milborne St. Andrew Parish Council is not on the list of consultees. Therefore for the village to have a voice it is down to individuals to make their views known one way or the other.

In related news it is believed that an application will be made to North Dorset District Council for four turbines of up to 130 metres in height will have been made in June. The turbines would be positioned to the south of Winterborne Whitechurch and east of Milborne St. Andrew. The development is being opposed by Dorset Against Rural Turbines (Winterborne Whitechurch). If you have any views on the proposal be sure to submit your comments to North Dorset Planning Department.

BBC cameras come to Milborne

THE BBC brought their cameras to Milborne in June to start the filming of Emma and Glenn Bratley's house-building project. The new house – a straw bale construction – is to feature in the BBC2 series *The House That £100k Built* which, as its title suggests, documents the building projects of people who have set a relatively low budget but not at the detriment of good design or materials.

The house that the Bratleys aim to build is intended for Emma's mum, Gillian, so that she can be close by but retain her independence. They were keen that the build should remain as environmentally sound as possible, as well as being visually pleasing too. The straw bale construction fitted the bill in every sense.

The television cameras visited them twice in the last month – once with a small crew to film the 'back story' of the family and more lately for on-camera interviews with the programme's presenter, Keiran Long. Filming took place in the shop – which Emma says customers will definitely have noticed as cameras and equipment took over the aisles – and also in the couple's house and garden, which is the site of the new house. The crew also wandered down Chapel Street, where the presenter did a 'piece-to-camera'.

Emma says that the whole day was exhausting but exciting. "They arrived at 9 o'clock and were here until 5.00pm. We had to do and re-do lots of shots so they could get it from all angles – Lizzie (2) did get a bit confused when Keiran came through our front door five times in a row, saying 'hello'!"

The cameras will return periodically to chart the progress of the build, with the eventual airing of the show not thought to be until late next year.

Ed Richards



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Beautiful flowers

Many of you will know that one of the things I enjoy doing in the summer months is walking my dog, Toby. (In case any of you get the wrong idea, let me say that I do also walk him in the winter – but the enjoyment-factor goes down somewhat with dark, cold mornings and wet windy evenings.)

One of the sights I treasure most is a field filled with red corn poppies. There's something about the bright crimson brilliance against the many shades of green and gold that lifts my heart.

We are hearing quite a lot about poppies this year because of the WW1 commemorations, but it's a different perspective I want to write about today.

I'm told that poppies grow best when the land in which their seeds lie dormant is disturbed. Shifts in the soil lead to good growing conditions, and we see the beautiful results above ground.

As I reflect on my own life, I can see something similar at work. As most people do, I have had some tough times as well as some easier ones. Looking back over my life, I recognise that often it is the difficult experiences that, once they are over, have contributed to the person I am today in positive ways.

And I have seen this very clearly too in the lives of others. What an amazing young man Stephen Sutton was! You will remember him as the 19-year-old who died in the middle of May from the cancer with which he had been diagnosed. He raised more than £3.2 million for the Teenage Cancer Trust. Had his life not been torn apart by his illness, it is unlikely that he would have had such an awesome effect, both in terms of his charitable fund-raising and in terms of the impact he made on other people.

Closer to home, I come across people daily who have known suffering of all sorts in their lives, and who have emerged stronger, more compassionate people, willing and able to support others in their troubles.

It is often when our lives are disturbed that we turn to God as well for support. Somehow there seems to be more room for God when we need help. God won't necessarily take away our suffering, but can transform it into something meaningful, if we allow his Spirit into the cracks and wounds of our souls.

So if you are struggling with life a bit at present, let me encourage you that beautiful things may emerge in time. Those stunning poppies are just waiting to break out and touch both your life and the lives of others with their beauty.

With best wishes

Sarah Hillman

Milborne St. Andrew Church Notes

JUNE 1st proved to be a very good day for our all-age service 'Celebrate . . . Glory'. We were very pleased to see a growing number of first-timers joining us for breakfast and the informal service. It was very encouraging for the team who put so much thought and work into the service. We look forward to the possibility of seeing more newcomers – we meet in church for breakfast between 9.15 and 9.45am, followed by a 40-minute service on the first Sunday of each month; **6th July** is the next date for your diary.

We seem to have settled fairly easily into the new rota of services since Sarah Godfrey's departure, though we know that the services in Milborne do not suit everyone. We do hope, though, that those who cannot find the right service in Milborne can find one in another church in the benefice. A list of all the services in the benefice is posted on the church noticeboards. One benefice event that should be worth a trip is the **Tolpuddle Martyrs' Festival Songs of Praise on 20th July** at 10.30am. Then at the end of August we will all be geared up for the annual **Athelhampton Fete on 25th August**. It is quite a long way ahead, but please put it in your diary now as we rely heavily on the proceeds from this to keep the churches running.

May Fayre and Christian Aid Week

We were very pleased with the contribution of over £150 to the May Fayre from our cake stall, and our collection of £285 for Christian Aid during Christian Aid Week. The car wash has become an annual event and my car received the most thorough wash it has had for a long time; it is *not* true that it is only washed once a year! Many thanks to Eva's Events

CHURCH SERVICES July 2014

THURSDAY 3rd July

12 noon Lunch-time Communion Milborne

6th July – Trinity 3

9.15am Celebrate Milborne
9.30 Parish Communion Tolpuddle
11.00 Parish Communion Puddletown
11.00 Morning Service and picnic Dewlish
Green
6.00pm Carnival Songs of Praise Puddletown
Square

SATURDAY 12th July

1.00pm Holy Matrimony Puddletown

13th July – Trinity 4

8.15am 1662 Said Communion Puddletown
9.30 Morning Service Tolpuddle
9.30 Parish Communion Milborne
11.00 Puddletown Praise Puddletown
Church Room
11.00 Parish Communion Dewlish

THURSDAY 17th July

12 noon Lunch-time Communion Puddletown

20th July – Trinity 5

9.30am 1662 Said Morning Prayer Milborne
10.30 Martyrs' Festival Songs of Praise Tolpuddle
11.00 Parish Communion Puddletown
11.00 Family Service Dewlish
5.00pm Martyrs' Methodist Service Tolpuddle
Chapel

27th July – Trinity 6

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

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Wednesday – Dewlish Thursday – Tolpuddle
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Committee and Eric who organised the two events, representatives of the scouts who helped at the car wash and all those who helped and contributed to the Christian Aid collection.

Cream Teas in Eva's Garden



Have you heard the saying "Rain before seven, Shine before eleven"? Well this really did happen on 7th June for Eva's Open Garden. There was no better way to celebrate a sunny summer's day than with a cream tea in a wonderful garden with spectacular village views. About 50 visitors kept Eva and her team busy, and many took away plants, glass and china, tried their luck in the raffle and enjoyed a hurdle display by Alan Brown. The afternoon made £283 for church funds, so many thanks to everyone for supporting this event and especially the people who helped with selling or serving teas.

Milborne 100 Club needs more members

Like everyone else we need to increase our income and fund raising each year. Everyone wants the church to be there for baptisms, weddings and funerals but it costs about £450 per week to keep it running. If anyone would like to support the church on a regular basis you can join the Milborne 100 Club, which is currently looking for new members. For just £1 per week you have a vastly better chance of winning £100 every five weeks than you do with the National Lottery, and proceeds are shared between the church and the football club. About half of your subscription (£5 every five weeks) goes into the prize fund and the other half is shared equally by St. Andrew's and the football club.

Jigsaw Library

This is on the first Thursday of the month at 11.00am in church. Anyone can borrow a jigsaw for free. We have a selection of puzzles for all ages, from two to over a 100 years old. If you fancy a challenge we have 3,000 piece puzzles, double sided and 'Wasgij's'. Of course there are also simple ones and 500 piece ones to borrow for as long as you like. Just pop up and have a look.

Coffee and cake is available and those who choose can stay for a short communion service at 12.00 noon. Everyone is welcome.

Do you want to have a say?

The PCC want to know what you think about the church and what you would like to see happen. We will be organising forums where we hope villagers will be able to chat to us and let us know what they think.

New plans for the Churchyard

Dorset Wildlife Trust has inspected our 'Living Churchyard' and will be giving us some advice about what we need to do to improve the

environment for both a wide range of wildlife and visitors who want to enjoy it. We are still checking to see if there are any more graves that need attention to bring them into line with diocesan regulations. Kerbs and chippings are not allowed any more.

The new hedges seem to be growing well and we are very grateful to Maurice Fox, Roger Westcott, Alan Herridge and Ronald Hogg who have given so much of their time to maintaining the grass and hedges, and keeping the churchyard tidy. We now only have a landfill 'wheelie bin' by the gate as we produce very little recyclable waste. Please put 'Oasis' into this bin, but the flowers that were stuck into it should go to the compost bin or heap.

Eva Stockley, Pam Shults and John Wright

Dewlish Church Notes

Wet on the hill, dry in the village!

FOR the first time in many years we were unable to hold our early-morning Ascension Day Service at the top of Greenways because of the weather. Instead, we decided to hold it at the church. Strangely enough, it was not raining in the village, so we had the service, which was led by Jim, in the churchyard. Nine people attended.

Hopefully the weather will have been dry for our Pet Service last month, and will also be for our **Parish Picnic and Service** on the Village Green on **Sunday 6th July** at 11.00am. As usual we would ask people to bring a plate of food to share. Drinks will be provided.

Mrs Margaret Groves thanks all those who supported her recent Coffee Morning for Christian Aid. Along with donations, the event raised £250 – a very pleasing result.

Daphne Burg

Rev'd Peter Henry Matthews

Vicar of Milborne St. Andrew with Dewlish 1978–1987. Peter died on 29th May, 2014, aged 91 years. He had been unwell for some time. His Funeral Service took place at Lady St. Mary Church, Wareham followed by Committal at Poole Crematorium. A tribute will appear in the August/September edition.

VILLAGE LUNCH

To be held at the Village Hall on
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Drink beer (or wine) with new people and boost your CV

HAS that got your attention?! Did you know that Milborne Ladybirds Playgroup is managed by a volunteer committee? We need new members to join the team, so if you're interested in becoming more involved, or know a friend or family member who may be, we would really welcome your support. It really isn't a huge commitment – we meet approximately every six weeks, on a weekday evening in the skittle alley of The Royal Oak, with meetings usually lasting a couple of hours (and alcohol is not essential!). Why not come along to a meeting to see what's involved before making a commitment? You'll find that we're a friendly bunch! It could be an opportunity to meet new people and the experience in new areas and responsibilities could add a different dimension to your CV – and, of course, you'll be contributing to a successful, essential village resource.

What we do . . . We help to ensure the efficient running of the playgroup as we carry out fundraising, support the staff, manage the budget and carry out other functions necessary to ensure that children have a fulfilling time at Ladybirds. If you are interested then please do have a chat with Caroline Richards (837907) or to Liz Dyer (839117).

Church holds a table top sale

To raise funds for the Church we are holding a table top event in the Village Hall on the 12th July at 11.00am. If you want to pay for a table, phone Eva on 837468 or Pam on 07913266230. **Booking essential.**



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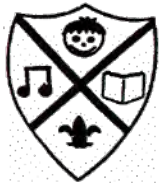
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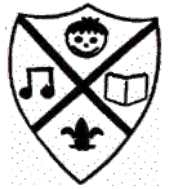
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Milborne St. Andrew First School



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School News



The school team work has continued to show this term with two great performances on the same day but at different events. The year 3 country dancing team showed how quickly they had learnt their dances for the village May Fayre and our six-a-side football team took the silver medal at the Prince of Wales School tournament.



OUR year 3 and 4 children enjoyed their evacuation experience on their trip to Nothe Fort. With their period dress, gas mask boxes and sandwiches wrapped in brown paper, they learnt all about the effects of the war including the rationing at the shop.

Year 4 children took part in the residential stay at Carey camp near Wareham. The three-day trip gives the children the opportunity to not only sleep under canvas and take part in a wide range of outdoor activities, but to also meet children from other local first schools who will also be transferring to St. Mary's Middle School in September. This year the heavy rain on the first day resulted in a loss of power for the camp. For the children it was all just part of the adventure and thankfully for the remaining days of the trip the sun shone and the power was restored. The children shared their experiences with parents at an assembly when they returned to school.

This month we also said goodbye to Mrs Pugh from the school office. Mrs Pugh has been working at Milborne since 2008, but has been involved with the school as a parent and governor since 2002. We wish her well in her career move.



CONTACTS

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

Headteacher: Mr Neil McDermott

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

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What's in a Name?

SO it was reported at the Village Hall AGM that youths congregate on the top field 'amid the rough ground and spoil heaps in what was supposed to be a wildflower meadow/conservation site'.

Charming, and if I were a skillfully moulded bank creating a wildflower theatre feature I might be 'miffed' at the rather disparaging remark of 'spoil heap', but then again, maybe not, because I am associated with that dastardly Richard Lock!

Just a couple of corrections are required, all of the rest is an insight into the various mindsets that exist.

1. The wild flower meadow was still there the last time I looked and there are loads of interesting plants and grasses so to refer to it in the past tense is a little premature. Maureen and I have a 'donor' site and every year we collect new seeds and broadcast them over the wildflower area.
2. The development of the top field was part of winning 'People's Millions' and was about creating a diverse outdoor facility in the heart of the village, it was *never* intended to be a conservation site.
3. The fact that young people are using the area is great, a number of little hide-aways were created and provided the facilities are not abused (too much) then it is a great place to explore and play.
4. The two horseshoe banks were created out of the top soil that had to be moved to create an impoverished soil condition where wildflowers could survive against the established nettles and long grasses.
 - a. The largest one creates a 'theatre' effect and also acts as a barrier to the Blandford Road half of the top field where the longer grasses, cow parsley and nettles, rule the roost.
 - b. The smaller one overlooks the Zip wire trail and with the inclusion of a bench would be a great place to sit and watch the activities on the lower level and to look over the village. If you have never done it, try it!

So, as you stand in The Causeway looking over the grounds of the Village Hall what can you spy? Answer: The QE II JUBILEE PLAYING FIELD. Not many people appear to know that, some don't care, some would rather it was built on.

Up until 2012 it was a 'heaving' recreational space with lots of things going on with loads of people enjoying the facilities. It was always a pleasure to drive past, but now it cuts a rather different scene.

On the lower level you will see the well manicured grass of the Playing Field with newly planted native hedges at either end and some nicely developing small trees alongside the car park.

To the back you will see the MUGA. This is no ordinary MUGA, it was built by a company specialising in building championship style tennis courts and is in fact built to LTA 'recreation standards'. It cost in the region of £56k and like a lot of the other stuff of that era it was built on time, on budget and to a very high standard.

The Fit Point was one of the first of its kind to be provided in a Dorset recreational space and they are now springing up everywhere, the latest being the Grand Field at Poundbury.

The bank at the back has some interesting bits including rambles, small trees and several little log piles hidden in the undergrowth. If you don't fancy the wall of death climb up the bank in front of the Zip wire and the play park steps are not available, you can always walk up the ramp at the Gould's Farm end. This hard standing was put in to enable people, tractors and 4 x 4 vehicles to gain access to the top field. The vegetation needs to be cut back occasionally otherwise it will disappear.

Once on the top field, to your right is the wildflower meadow that is developing quite nicely on the impoverished soil together with a FEDGE (living hedge and home to loads of creepy-crawlies), more log piles and little hideaways. I would suggest that there are not many wildflower habitats in the centre of many communities and it is something that needs to be supported and nourished, not wished away.

To your left is the field in its original state with the long grass, weeds and nettles running rampant. After taking expert advice at the time of People's Millions, it was decided to leave it like that to encourage a wildly diverse nature habitat with different things surviving and flourishing in the different areas. One idea explored at the time was to build a bmx grass track (just cutting the grass in the form of a track, complete with jumps etc). I can remember the trustees having an impromptu meeting with some young people in the VH kitchen but nothing materialised

This area only needs to be strimmed or 'topped' once a year, usually around July, to coincide with the school holidays. This was always the case, it was not done in 2012, didn't look as if it was going to be done in 2013 so I offered to pay £60 to cover half the cost and it was done. The same offer is not on the table this year so watch that space!

To the bottom left are a large number of native trees planted a few years ago by children from our school. I still keep an eye on the area and it is pleasing that about 95% are still there, but they need tending to ensure that grass does not take over. Interestingly, the plastic tree guards are also safe havens from the marauding cats that patrol the area and of course, the resident badger.

Lastly, if you look closely you will see a lonely looking sapling starting to emerge out of the tree guard between the smaller raised bank and the Zip Wire. That is THE ROYAL OAK. It was a sapling taken from a Royal forest and presented to the community by the Fields Trust to celebrate the fantastic achievement of being awarded QE II Jubilee Playing Field Status.

It is a pity that more do not share my views on this. When I suggested that this should be recognised and promoted by the May Fayre it was considered inappropriate as people might be confused and not know where to go.

The Parish Council have been asked to modify the existing signage to the Village Hall to include 'QE II Playing Field' but that hasn't materialised either, presumably because it might be seen as being a drain of the Council's resources. *Richard (Hector) Lock*

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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.

More (about) appointments

I was delighted to receive comments from our patients about the article I placed in the May magazine about DNAs (Patients who did not attend their appointments). Thank you so much to those who took the trouble to get in touch. One kind but anonymous person sent a clipping from the *Telegraph* advocating the introduction of telephone consultations. I read this with interest, as we do, in fact, already offer telephone consultations, but obviously we haven't publicised these very well! All you have to do is ring and request a telephone call. The receptionist will ask you if this is for something urgent or something routine and will book you a telephone appointment. We will give you the best estimate of the time when the doctor will call back. If you've already experienced a telephone consultation, I'd be pleased to know if you felt it was a success, or if there is any way it could be improved. If you've never tried to book a telephone consultation, then please do give it a try if you think the matter could be resolved without the doctor needing to "see" you. The receptionist will ask you for some idea of the reason for your call and this is simply so that the doctors can prioritise the more urgent matters.

The doctors are also pleased to tell you that they have each extended their routine morning clinics by two appointments and evening surgeries for all the doctors are being extended by half an hour, for booked appointments until 6.00pm.

These measures will increase the number of routine GP appointments by approximately 1,500 per year and we hope that this will help to improve the availability of routine appointments for our patients.

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Carol Taylor (Practice Manager)

A Good Read by Shirley Dunkley

The Mysteries of Glass by Sue Gee

THIS book was the June choice of Milborne St. Andrew 'Bookends', a book club that has been meeting monthly for nearly ten years. Started originally as a W.I. activity, it has opened its arms to other readers in recent years, though still firmly part of the WI family. We have 13 members at the moment who meet regularly at the same venue to discuss what we have read, finishing our meetings with tea and biscuits – we started with cake but changed to biscuits after counting the calories! Each year members draw up a list of books they wish to read from Dorset Library's master catalogue, so we share democratically in the choices which are then supplied by the Library Service-free of charge.

Opinions are varied and lively but are all respected-whether a book is loved or hated does not matter, as long as good reasons are given! What this system can throw up is authors, titles, even genres which are new and unexplored and offer the delights of serendipity. This book is one of those delights. It follows the progress of Richard Allen, a young curate in his first post, serving a vicar, Oliver, who is dying of tuberculosis, a middle-aged man with a young and beautiful wife, Susannah, with whom Richard falls in love. The village in which the fictional events take place is an actual one in Herefordshire and the beauty of the natural descriptions is one of the book's major strengths. The love between Richard and Susannah is erotically conveyed without recourse to physicality-they never remove a single garment! Set post Darwin in the 1860's, we see Richard also questioning the tenets of his faith and training as he tries to interpret and possibly intervene in the far from happy lives of some of his parishioners. Themes of wife abuse, illegitimacy and suicide are pondered, and although nothing dramatically eventful seems to happen, a great deal of growing up is taking place inside this young man. The book is lyrical and compassionate, firmly set in its period but not 'old fashioned' in its style or attitudes, gently but firmly drawing us into the lives of these quiet people living in quiet places whose beauty covers a world of pain and anguish. Most of the book club members loved it!

Rod Oakes

Thank you to all those people who contributed to Rod's memorial fund.

I am delighted to inform you all that a cheque for £746.55 has been sent to Mosaic.

The money is going to a very worthy cause.
Nelda Oakes

100 CLUB WINNERS

Draw Date - Tuesday 24th June 2014

Results in the August/September issue

We are in desperate need for more people to join the 100 Club.

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GENERAL – ADULT

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GENERAL – YOUTH

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SPECIAL INTEREST

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- July**
- Wednesday 2nd** **Wednesday Club** trip to Lacock Manor (a National Trust property) and Museum – see page 5.
- Thursday 3rd** **Jigsaw Library** St Andrew's Church 11.00am – see page 9.
- Saturday 5th** **Local Crafts for Local People** stall at Gray's Store 9.30am to 1.00pm.
Angolan Dance Night Village Hall 7.30p – see page 7.
- Sunday 6th** **Parish Picnic and Service** on Dewlish Village Green 11.00am – see page 9.
- Thursday 10th** **WI** talk about the 'Shelter Box' by Ian Brook. Village Hall 7.30pm – see page 3.
- Friday 11th** **Milborne Movies 'Saving Mr. Banks'** Village Hall 7.30pm – see pages 16 and 25.
- Saturday 12th** **Table Top event** in the Village Hall in aid of church funds. 11.00am. To book a table, phone Eva on 837468 or Pam on 07913266230 – see page 29.
- Monday 14th** **Reporter** latest date for the August/September issue.
- Wednesday 16th** **Parish Council** Village Hall. Everyone welcome 7.30pm – see page 23 for June report.
- Thursday 24th** **Gardening Club** talk on Organic Vegetable Gardening by Brian Hesketh Village Hall 7.30pm – see page 21.
- Saturday 26th** **Village Lunch** Village Hall 12.15pm. Tickets from Drop-in Centre in Village Hall Committee Room on Fridays 10am to 12 noon – see page 9 for menu.
- Tuesday 29th** **100 Club Draw** The Royal Oak everyone welcome to attend – see page 14 and below.

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
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- 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
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- Gardening Club** fourth Thursday 7.30–10.00pm MH
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- 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.

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JULY 2014

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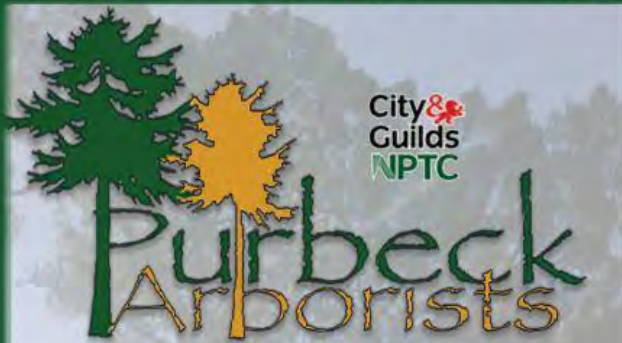
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Langham Wine Estate wins Judgement of Parsons Green IV

I WAS given a comprehensive tour of this estate by Liam Idzikowski, Langham's Winemaker, briefly meeting Justin Langham, one of three Directors (his two siblings are the others), Piers Closier, Vineyard Manager and Louise Idzikowski, viticulturist. The Crawthorne Vineyard occupies 30 acres (12 hectares) set in 25,000 acres of Bingham Melcombe Estate's farmland on Jocks Hill between Puddletown and Milborne St. Andrew. I understand this is the largest in the South West. There are 38,000 vines, planted between 2009 and 2010, on two sites, The Home Field and The Bowling Green, carefully selected for their sloping, South facing aspect, shielded from SW winds by mature woodland. It has a benign microclimate which allows grapes to ripen in near perfect condition for cool-climate quality sparkling wines. Liam explained that they buy 'high grafted' vines which produce grapes in 2-3 years. 2014 will be a bumper year as each shoot bears 'inflorescences', which will flower during Wimbledon week becoming recognisable grapes within a month and, possibly, ready to pick in October.

Langham Wine Estate, unlike many other English wineries and Champagne houses only produces single Estate grown and made sparkling wines. This is achieved through small ferments in old oak



barriques providing unique wines from their Dorset vineyard each year, allowing them to produce small individual bottlings. The production from the vineyard equates to an average of about 50,000 bottles per year and sales were initially concentrated in Dorset. This aim was originally centred on Langham Wine Estate's belief that the further a wine travels the more diluted the story becomes.

Liam explained that the ripeness of the grapes is not the main issue, they are looking to harvest at 10.5% alcohol. The vines self pollinate and are pruned when dormant. This is labour intensive work, which consists currently of 'bud-rubbing' to remove unwanted shoots and allow the wind to pass freely through each vine preventing stagnation. Not much is lost to predators. Deer fences surround the fields although bark nibbling rabbits can be a problem! Also badgers and foxes sample the grapes. There are five resident buzzards which help scare off the starlings.

The winery is in a beautiful building which was originally constructed over 100 years ago. However, the grain which was initially designed to be stored there has been replaced by rows of French oak barrels imported from Chassagne-Montrachet. The use of old oak 'barriques' was traditional in Champagne until the introduction of stainless steel and refrigeration. The reason old

French barrels are used, is because older barrels have considerably less aromatic volatiles and tannins, compared to barrels less than four years old. Primary fermentation in barrel will further reduce the influence of oak, because yeasts reduce the oak tannins and aromas



to provide a more subtle and robust *base wine* with complex aromas. This *solera* system in barrel has been developed for the maturation of reserve wine, which is then used as the *dosage* wine. This means a small percentage of each vintage will be part of every bottle.

Harvesting is done by hand in small picking trays to avoid any damage to the grapes, before being gently whole-clustered pressed in a very gentle membrane-press. After primary fermentation the base wines will receive minimal fining and filtering to avoid removing any of the delicate aromas from the

primary ferments, whilst keeping the integrity of the wines potential foaming qualities.

Once bottled with yeast and enough sugar to generate six bar of pressure from the yeasts natural production of CO₂, the wines are left for up to four years in the Langham Wine Estate's cave. This will allow flavours from *autolysis* to diffuse from the yeast into the wine and provide an end product with finesse and the topmost quality. Langham produce three champagne varieties; *Pinot Noir*, *Pinot Meunier* and *Chardonnay*.

I am told that the Romans brought vines to England which flourished during the reign of Henry VIII mainly in Monasteries but during the dissolution they disappeared. The weather that followed was considerably colder until the 1800's, therefore unsuitable for grape cultivation. In the 1900's and again in the 1970's vines were planted. Apparently these were found to be unpopular German varieties. Not until the 1990's was it appreciated that our chalk lands, as in Champagne, lent themselves to sparkling wine production. Chalk provides good drainage and a 'heat sink'.

Sparkling wine was discovered in England, during the observation of natural fermentation processes, by Christopher Merrett in the 1600's. He published an innovative paper on his discovery. So, apparently, despite their claims, Dom Perignon were not the first! We went on, successfully, using thicker glass!

In 2014 Langham entered their 2010 wines from their first year of production in a National Competition known as the Judgement of Parsons Green IV. 93 other English sparkling wines were entered from 47 different Wineries. There were 12 Judges including six Masters of Wine and the wine buyers from Waitrose and Hotel du Vin taking part in blind-tastings. They won Top Prize with their Classic Cuvee (which is a blend of all three of their champagne varieties aged for two years in the bottle), coming eighth with their Reserve Blanc de Noir. This has brought them much business as well as acclaim for such a new venture. So they are currently reviewing their methods and volume of production and marketing. They are situated off the A354 at Crawthorne and are open to requests for tours to be booked on their website www.langhamwine.com



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No prize, just a bit of fun.
Answer in the August/September Reporter.

Bellringing update

I CAN report with pleasure that since bellringing was restarted with three beginners ten weeks ago considerable progress has been made, and the mournful clanging of single bells has now progressed to a number of bells ringing together. I am very grateful for the support of three ringers who have come to join in and help with the training. The new ringers have now got over the initial problems of bell handling which always looks easy until you try it. During this early training only one bellstay has been broken and was mended before the next week's practice. Progress now will consist of ringing up to six bells at a time, firstly in order, and later with changes to produce a different sound. Eventually we hope to learn some 'methods' and to be able to ring once more for some church services and weddings. I am grateful to those people who I have spoken to in the village who have commented how nice it is to hear the bells ringing again.

Should you feel an interest stirred by the bells ringing again please feel free to come along and see us on a Tuesday evening and maybe have a try, or phone me on 01258 837329. We are always pleased to see new faces and further the tintinnabulation of the campanologists.

Pip Howell (Tower Captain)

The Village Hall has a Facebook Page – look for us and let us know what you think.

Gardening Club Plant Sale



SUNDAY morning, 11th May from 10.00am was the starting time for the plant sale. Although the weather was not perfect, a bit windy and overcast we went ahead and arranged our plants at the side of the Village Hall. It's always a bit of a mad rush to get everything in the right place with the right price and various unnamed plants giving us a bit of a challenge. Members had been busy over the last weeks, splitting perennials and potting things on so that we had a decent show of plants to sell. Thanks to all that brought things along from giant hebe bushes in a wheelbarrow to small pots of garlic ... all welcome.

Everyone enjoyed the refreshments ... the usual tea, coffee and homemade cakes. All profits have gone towards our funds and thanks to all who came along and found a bargain.

The following week the Club were involved with a stall at the May Fayre, which we all enjoyed. The main attraction was a Treasure Hunt with super hanging baskets as prizes. The ever popular Splat the Rat which was fun for the kids, along with the Hoop-La and Soft Toy Tombola. It was a great village event.

Our July meeting will be on 24th July. Our speaker will be Brian Hesketh and his subject Organic Vegetable Gardening.

We have a special guest in October when Paul Atterbury will be visiting us. Please look out for future adverts and put 23rd October in your diary. All welcome.

Angie Nowell

Lack of interest stops another competition

As there were only two replies, one from outside Milborne, the team has decided not to run another quiz this month.

Answers to last month's quiz

1. Mike and Christine Surtees, Helen and Giles Pugh.
2. Sidney and Mona Isabel Field.
3. Abbotsbury Sub-Tropical Gardens.
4. John Moulson.
5. Nick Elliot.

Congratulations to Mrs Cynthia Clarke, the only person from the village to send in the answers.

Please help the Reporter by sending in suggestions for future issues.



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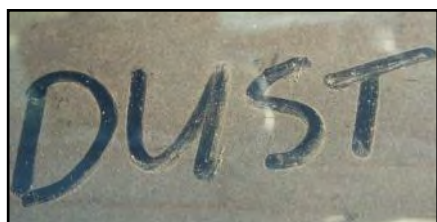
THE main feature of spring 2014 weather was the higher than average temperature in all three months. March was a particularly warm month with the average temperature more than 3°C higher than March 2013. April was more than 2°C higher and May more than 1° higher.

There were five air frosts in March but no air frosts in April or May.

The spring of 2013 was particularly cold but the average temperature for this spring was still 1.39°C higher than the 43 year average.

Rainfall in March was 84% of average with 64.7mm but April was 179% of average with 111.4mm and May was 168% of average with 93.5mm. There was a period of 11 days in April when no rain was recorded which was the longest dry period since last July.

Apart from a short thunder storm on 2nd April and a period of heavy rain on 3rd April there were no days of particularly heavy rain in all three months.



The thing that most people will remember about the spring weather of 2014 will be the Sahara dust that fell on the country between the 16th and 27th March. *Pluvius*

Did you identify this?

The June picture was taken at the The Drawn in The Causeway
No correct answers this month.

Try your luck this month on page 21.



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Parish Council Meeting Wednesday 18th June

Items from the floor –

Concern about the trees at Parish Pit. The Tree Warden will follow up further and contact Peter Jackson regarding the felling of the tree he sponsored.

The stag at Stag House needs some repairs and paint. The Clerk will write to owner to request this, although it was pointed out that this is her property and there is no statutory reason why she should comply.

Concern was expressed about the wind farm application which was re-presented.

Reports:

District or County Councillors' Representation – Cllrs Parker and Somper sent apologies again.

The village has been successful in its application to create a Neighbourhood Plan. Work continues.

Cllr Balcon had been to a meeting of the DT11 group, which included discussion of the closure of Higher Shaftesbury Road at Melbury Abbas and the impact of increased traffic on inhabitants of villages along the A350. The summer drink driving campaign by Dorset Police is now under way.

Floods – Environment Agency will not act unless they know that houses have been flooded, despite promises made when the floods were high. A meeting with local MPs and the EA taking place on 19th June will be reported next month. EA have stated that it is illegal for local people to touch the gravel to alleviate flooding. DCC has committed to the Flood Warden to complete proper drains and drain the springs in the road at Milton Road, including repairing paths and kerbs by October 2014, although differing stories have been given to Councillor Smith. Planning Applications for new developments will not be able to use the surface water drains unless they pay to upgrade them.

Householders who have been flooded should apply for the grant of up to £5,000 (apply to Stuart Caundle at NDDC) to ensure that their insurance company may not increase their premiums.

Councillors drew attention to the lack of support from Hilary Cox our local DCC Councillor.

Renewable Energy Meeting Seminar – Clerk had attended and seen presentations from various community renewable energy companies. Government seems to see that renewable energy is the only way forward, and the seminar encouraged communities to embrace it. No plan for when the sun isn't shining or the wind not blowing – be prepared for the lights to go out this winter!

The Village Hall now has a Facebook page. The Parish Council page seems to be defunct. The previous Clerk was the administrator and is to be asked to pass over the admin rights so we can continue with the page.

Tree Warden – a short report as the incumbent is new to the role and has yet to take over the full pack from the previous one. The fallen tree at Bladen View has gone, and the stump will be removed when the area is turned into a wildflower meadow. Villagers had expressed concern about the removal of a hedge by the builder of the new house at Little England. The Chairman will consult the Planning Application and talk to the owner.

Fox View is now owned by Broadway Park Housing Association, PG Norman (in administration) and three individual owners. There was a meeting last week between NDDC and various owners regarding their various responsibilities. The administrators are advertising the remaining land for sale.

Planning Applications –

22 Stileham Bank Extension – no objections.

Tolpuddle Wind Turbines (resubmission with five turbines) – Unanimously rejected on the same grounds as the previous

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There will be no separate September edition of the Reporter. All material for September will be published in a combined August/September edition, for which the deadline is 14th July.

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Saving Mr. Banks (PG-13)

shown by 'Milborne Movies'
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on Friday 11th July at 7.30pm

SAVING Mr Banks is the story of how Walt Disney (Tom Hanks) manages, in a 20-year campaign, to coax P.L. Travers (Emma Thompson) into giving him the film rights to her creation book. It began when Walt Disney's daughters begged him to make a movie of their favourite book, P.L. Travers' Mary Poppins (1964). In his quest to obtain the rights, Walt comes up against a curmudgeonly, uncompromising writer who has absolutely no intention of letting her beloved magical nanny get mauled by the Hollywood machine. But, as the books stop selling and money grows short, Travers reluctantly agrees to go to Los Angeles to hear Disney's plans for the adaptation. Walt Disney pulls out all the stops and armed with imaginative storyboards and chirpy songs from the talented Sherman brothers, Walt launches an all-out onslaught on P.L. Travers, but the prickly author doesn't budge. He soon begins to watch helplessly as Travers becomes increasingly immovable and the rights begin to move further away from his grasp. It is only when he reaches into his own childhood that Walt discovers the truth about the ghosts that haunt her, and together they set Mary Poppins free to ultimately make one of the most endearing films in cinematic history. Emma Thompson gets the toughest job and delivers the ultimate performance. She becomes very unlikable and yet sympathetic at the same time, and it is impossible to see anyone else deliver this type of impact. Tom Hanks does a superb job portraying Walt Disney as he gives him a humanity that separates the flawed man from the myth. The rest of the cast does not disappoint. This film is an unexpected gem, a witty and warm-hearted celebration of two great storytellers with affecting biographical insights.

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The main variation in terms of equipment compared to road running are your shoes. You will need some with extra grip, sliding all over the place on mud is no fun whatsoever. Depending on how far you go, you may want to take a rucksack, but that is for lengthier treks and particularly if you are going into unknown territory. It is best to decide beforehand, how much drink is needed and to check the weather forecast so that you are wearing the correct equipment.

Personally speaking, I find that cross country running takes my mind off the exercise itself. But you may find that initially, it's harder work than running on the roads. The terrain will vary and it's more difficult to keep a steady rhythm. The important thing to remember is that in time you will adapt, it's also good to know that the extra work translates to a boost in fitness, less impact on your joints and a generous dose of wellbeing.

I would initially choose routes that you know, copying old walking routes for example. If it gets too much then run/walk the route instead. It's always good to have advance warning where the hills are, how long you have to travel, where you need to rest and when you can push the pace along. Building up your overall conditioning slowly for the more challenging terrain is important, particularly your lower legs, which may take time to adapt to the extra stresses placed upon them.

I would advise taking a drink with you, a phone and telling someone the route you will be taking, staying on the waymarked paths, in case of unexpected difficulties. Above all though have fun, relax and enjoy the spring flowers before they go over for another year.

Matt Briars is a conservationist and personal trainer who has worked outdoors for the last decade. He has a passion for the Dorset Countryside and runs a lifestyle approach to being fit and well. You are welcome to email Matt with any queries (muddyrunner@hotmail.co.uk).



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Police news

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

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Current priorities – You are telling us that the following issues are a priority in your area

1. Acquisitive crime in rural areas
2. To set up further community speed watch groups in rural locations.

Previous priorities – You said ... We did

1. Acquisitive crime in rural areas – High visibility patrols increased with officers tasked daily to tend locations, as well as use of ANPR technology in police vehicles.
2. A number of new areas have now been set up and we have seven community speed watch schemes in place.

More change in North Dorset!

Blandford SNT and the North Dorset Section have seen some staff changes in recent months as publicised. We can now inform you of the latest change that will affect the Blandford SNT. Sergeant Justin Woodward is now going back to supervising his response squad on a full time basis as we welcome Sergeant James Dimmack to the fold with effect from 1st July. PS Dimmack joins us from response policing in Gillingham and we welcome him to his new area with open arms and support.

New section Inspector Rob Chalkley has now joined North Dorset and is looking forward to the new challenges he faces. Inspector Chalkley will be absent from the section in July owing to a number of previous commitments and we will again be with Inspector Richard Newton in the interim.

Milborne village fayre

Local Officers attended the Milborne St. Andrew Village Fayre on May 17th, fully equipped with all sorts to keep the children amused and the adults engaged! Information on alarms and home security, dressing up outfits for residents old and young and plenty to say about Community Speed Watch were popular amongst villagers. While we find ourselves increasingly committed with rigours of day to day policing, we always like to be able to get out and engage with our communities. We hope to see you at an event near you soon.

Dwelling burglars caught red-handed

Two Dorset males were apprehended and charged with Dwelling Burglary following the discovery of a large quantity of property in their vehicle which was believed to have been stolen. Following a report of a dwelling burglary in Shroton, a number of the recovered items are thought to have been identified as belonging to them. The males are currently remanded in custody and investigations are continuing.

Homewatch meeting reminder

The next Rural Home Watch meeting is at 10.30am on 17th July at Okeford Fitzpaine Sports Pavilion. It is available to *all* members of Home Watch and any members of the public who would like to know a bit more about what is going on in the community. Many topics are discussed at the meeting including recent crimes, up-coming events and security advice to name a few. All those who come will be welcomed and it would be great to see a few more faces!

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applications. Various observations about use of taxpayers' money to subsidise big business to make massive profits from electricity which will be very expensive, that the 'essential height' for the turbines has now been reduced, and that the financial viability level has been reduced to get the application through. Observation that Dorset's major industry is tourism, and the Jurassic Coast is a profitable asset to the county which would be lost to local business in favour of big corporations. The cumulative effect of applications at Blandford and Whitechurch was noted. Those with strong feelings must write to West Dorset District Council by 5th July, as the previous applications seem to have been 'loss leaders', with the current one being the final one, risking expansion once it is in place.

Manor Farm: create a flat from the first floor of a listed building by internal changes – passed unanimously.

The Internal Audit, Final Accounts, Accounting Statements and Governance Statements were accepted and signed, and the Internal Auditor re-appointed.

The Risk Register and Asset Register updates were accepted.

Susan Cawley

DORSET COUNTY COUNCIL has made an Order under Section 14 [1] of the Road Traffic Regulations Act 1984, as amended. **All vehicles will be prohibited from proceeding along [1] Milton Road, Milborne St. Andrew from outside Hewish Farm to the junction with A354, Dorchester Hill, Milborne St Andrew, a distance of approximately 2,650 metres. [2] Jock's Hill, Crawthorne from the junction with the A354, to the junction with Crawthorne Lane, a distance of approximately 1,830 metres.** The order is needed in order to comply with Health and Safety Regulations, which require the provision of safe working areas and to minimise the likelihood of danger to Highway Users. **It will come into operation on the [1] 07th July 2014 until the 18th July 2014, between the hours of 08:00hrs & 17:00hrs daily, for a duration of 10 days. [2] 09th July 2014 until the 18th July 2014, between the hours of 08:00hrs & 17:00hrs daily, a duration of 8 days. The roads will be open outside of these times, and also over the weekend. Please note that the dates are a window of opportunity, and the road may not be closed for the whole duration stated above. Even though the dates coincide, only one road will be closed at a time. The closure is also weather dependant.** This order will enable Dorset County Council to carry out carriageway maintenance and resurfacing works.

A locally signed diversion route will be put in place to enable traffic to travel around the closed sections.

Church holds a table top sale

To raise funds for the Church we are holding a table top event in the Village Hall on the 12th July at 11.00am. If you want to pay for a table, phone Eva on 837468 or Pam on 07913266230. **Booking essential.**

Trading Standards through the eyes of a new officer

SAY 'Trading Standards' and what comes to mind? Ask my Dad, who prosecuted for trading standards when he was a council solicitor, and he would say it means 'back in the day, when trading standards officers checked the quantity of goods sold, from coal to beer, from bread to petrol,' because the oldest form of consumer protection is the accurate use of weights and measures. As a worker at a convenience store for many years the answer for me was simple 'they enforce fair trading laws and conduct underage sales test purchases.' It is only now I have recently crossed the divide to work with trading standards that the true breadth of what they do has become clear to me. Yes, it is true that we do enforce retail law and yes, we still carry out the weights and measures duties of our historic origins, but that only scratches the surface. In the short time I have been with the Service I have spent time assisting vulnerable victims of scams, on animal health welfare and checking the safety of petrol stations. This is on top of the day to day consumer complaints referred to us from the Citizens Advice Helpline, which may require further investigation or may contain details of a vulnerable consumer who needs more in depth help and support. It's fair to say I was surprised. One day I was clad in a luminous yellow jacket helping officers check the safety of a petrol station, the next I was walking around a field looking for signs of fly strike in sheep. In the few weeks since I started this job it has thrown up something different each day. So from stopping rogue traders to ensuring food standards, from testing product safety to monitoring farm animal movements, and from administering the Buy with Confidence trading standards approved trader scheme to providing free advice to businesses I know there are still a lot of different days to come!

If you are a consumer with a problem contact the Citizens Advice Helpline on 08454 04 05 06. If you are a business and need help or advice contact the trading standards business advice line 01305 224702.



If you would like a card to put in your window to stop uninvited traders then telephone Citizens Advice Helpline on 0844 245 1291 or write to Dorchester Citizens Advice Bureau, 1 Acland Road, Dorchester, Dorset DT1 1JW.



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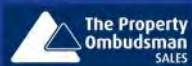
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In your Garden

Seasonal notes and tips from Maureen Lock of *designerGardens*

Stars of the garden

ALTHOUGH evergreen shrubs are the backbone of the garden giving you colour and structure in the winter, deciduous shrubs and perennials provide the seasonal colour. Most deciduous shrubs flower in the spring and early summer but some, such as Buddleia, hydrangea and Caryopteris flower later in the year.

Perennials are the showy stars of the garden and come in all shapes and sizes. Some are hardy and some need winter protection; some die down completely in the winter and return again in the spring and some – the woody perennials – remain as evergreen plants during the winter.



Penstemons and Geranium macrorrhizum are like this.

Every three years or so, in either spring or autumn, many perennials need to be divided into smaller clumps. This helps to control their size and also keeps them healthy. Overcrowded perennials often have fewer and smaller flowers and may often appear quite

stunted. Another advantage of dividing up the plant is to make even more plants – and if you don't want them, there's always someone who will. Or you could grow them on and bring them to the annual Gardening Club plant sale in May.

Perennials such as Penstemons don't die down in the winter and it is advisable to leave a good amount of top growth on the plant until quite late in the spring (when danger of frost has passed). Then you can prune the plant quite hard almost back to the base and it will re-sprout with nice new healthy growth. The same applies to Verbena bonariensis – leave some of the

top growth on to protect the plant from frosts and then give it a prune in the spring.

Geraniums are devils for becoming huge and overcrowding other plants in the border and definitely benefit from dividing up. There is a lovely herbaceous geranium called Rozanne but it does grow into quite a large clump. It is worth trying to find a spot for it as it has pretty blue flowers all summer and into the autumn. Oriental poppies can become a bit over-large and definitely benefit from dividing up every few years.



Tall perennials such as delphiniums and Eremurus (foxtail lilies) do well at the back of the border, but some other tall plants can be placed

in the middle of the border so that you have to 'look through them'.

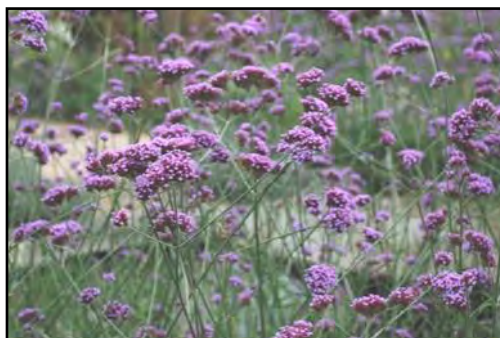
Foxgloves, Verbena bonariensis and Knautia macedonica all look good when planted in small groups



in the middle of the border. I saw a lovely display once of deep red dahlias with purple Verbena bonariensis growing amongst the dahlias.

If you plan what plants you want to put in your border you can

achieve colour and interest for every month of the year either with different textures created by foliage or flowers. For example Hellebores are great for late winter colour, along with snowdrops and wood anemones; aquilegias, foxgloves and early flowering geraniums give you spring colour; dianthus (Pinks), astrantia, lupins, delphiniums and many others are good for summer interest; and late summer sees Penstemons, agapanthus, rudbeckia coming into their own.



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