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# Reporter

News and Views from around the area  
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Millborne St. Andrew



## Fun in the sun again

Success at Youth Club — see page 5



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## Wednesday Club outing to Lacock Abbey

ON Wednesday 4th July the Wednesday Club visited the National Trust property of Lacock Abbey and village. It was good to be joined by a number of friends which made our party up to 34.

It was a beautiful day and we enjoyed a relaxing coach trip through the lovely Dorset/Wiltshire countryside. Once we arrived there was plenty to occupy us. The village is very quaint and has been used for the filming of various period dramas, in fact they had been filming at the Abbey while we were there for a television series. There were plenty of eateries to choose from including tea rooms and a number of pretty pubs.

Lacock Abbey was once a nunnery and is an amazing building with a mix of architectural styles and medieval cloisters which are over 800 years old. The grounds are beautiful and include a botanical garden which was full of bright summer flowers.

In the museum there was an exhibition telling the story of William Henry Fox Talbot who had his home at Lacock Abbey where he invented photography. There were many interesting artefacts on show. It was a truly delightful day out.

Our next meeting, for members only, is on Wednesday 6th August at The Royal Oak, 12 midday for 12.30, when we will be enjoying a carvery and dessert followed by tea or coffee.

The September outing is on Wednesday 3rd September when we will be visiting The Blue Glass Factory at Bedminster.

*Lis Watts*

## Bus2Go Gets a steam up as we say goodbye to summer

WE end our summer schedule as we started, with the age of steam. This time we take to the waters around part of the Jurassic Coast as we steam on the *SS Waverley* from Swanage Pier to Weymouth.

The cruise on 21st September departs from Swanage Pier at 12.55pm and docks again at Swanage Pier at 5.55pm. The cost is £37.50 per person. This includes the steam around the coast and return bus fare.

Money for this outing has to be paid in full by the **15th August**.

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*Margo*

## Correction in July Reporter

IN your report of the Parish Council meeting held 18th June, under the heading 'Items from the floor -' you reported on a point raised by a member of the public regarding the material condition of the stag on Stag House. You went on to report that the Clerk will write to the owner requesting that the stag be repaired and painted. This is incorrect and it was agreed by all council members at the meeting that this was not a matter for involvement by the Parish Council.

*Colin Hampton, Clerk, Milborne St. Andrew Parish Council*

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# Artsreach Activities

## In Milborne St. Andrew Village Hall during August

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**Thursday 21st August 10am-1pm**

**Penny Blogg**

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**Peter Rush**

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# Gardening Club Report



WE have had a busy summer so far, firstly we celebrated the longest day on 21st June with a BBQ. The weather was just like an old fashioned summer's day, we enjoyed Pimms sitting under the trees in Ruth's Gussage All Saints garden. We spent time wandering round and admiring the huge garden which she lovingly cares for. It is in a beautiful area and is bordered by a stream with fields beyond. Ruth has a very special BBQ area in the form of a yurt shaped summerhouse, so you can BBQ in all weathers. Members who were there brought along tasty things to cook and we shared salads and puddings not to mention the wine. It was a great get together and enjoyed by us all – many thanks Ruth.

Thursday 26th June, our talk was entitled 'Deckchair Gardening and Funny Stories'. We were entertained by Martin Catford who had gathered many stories through his career, rather too many to share with you! He had been a landscape gardener, hosted trips to gardens and worked on cruise ships when he retired. For the first half of the evening he explained how we could save time and energy and have more time to lounge in a deckchair, by using all kinds of gadgets. He shared various tips on weeding (use weed killer), cutting down on mowing by not putting lawns in awkward places, even suggesting we get plastic lawns, or shale, chippings or stones. When watering – only water certain plants, e.g. ferns, delphiniums or cannas. The funniest time saver was Billy the Robot Mower, which had been purchased a few years ago and although very expensive seemed to be the best gadget for a large garden with lots of grass. You could program it to come out of its shed at a certain time on a set day, but woe betide you if you had forgotten and were happily sitting on the grass doing a bit of weeding . . . Billy would get you, there was no stopping him!

After a break for refreshments, Martin continued his tales mainly about his experiences as a guest lecturer on tours. He finished with a story about Gardeners Question Time (not the one on the radio). Someone asked how to keep cats off the lawn and garden . . . well I'm sorry I can't repeat the answer as I'm sure there are many cat lovers in Milborne including myself; all I can say is, it did involve a balloon.

Wednesday 9th July – Members visit to Longstock Water Gardens, near Stockbridge, Hampshire. This was a brilliant outing, 13 members set off in cars to arrive for 10.30am. We were greeted by Darren who told us some of the history behind the gardens, very interesting. John Lewis of Waitrose and John Lewis Partnership fame was the main creator of the seven acre area of land. When he died the place was left to the Partnership and has been cared for and maintained ever since. It was a privilege to walk round and enjoy the beauty of the place, so peaceful and yet full of colour, lilies, astilbes, hostas, primulas and many more water/damp loving plants. Mature trees and shrubs supplied the architecture and a large lake with Koi carp, moorhens and wild life and water lilies which were abundant. There were two smaller lakes and many little islands to reach by wooden bridges. It seemed a very large area but also had an intimate feel to it. The Water Gardens are not open to the general public except by special arrangement or on certain Sundays (NGS) for charity. We would thoroughly recommend a visit. It is part of the Leckford Estate with a large nursery and cafe very near, perfect for a day out. Many thanks to Sue for organising the visit.

### News of future events/meetings

Our September meeting will be on Thursday 25th at the Village Hall with a talk by Peter Cantrill entitled 'Unusual Herbaceous Plants'. All welcome.

Angie Nowell



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August 2014

HOW did we do today? This is a question we'll be asking our patients regularly, and the feedback will help us provide the best possible service to all our patients.

We are delighted to have been selected as one of only three GP practices across the Dorset, Hampshire and Isle of Wight region to pilot the new NHS Friends and Family test – something that began in all our hospitals in 2013, and is being extended to all GP surgeries nationally by the end of 2014. The Friends and Family Test is a chance for you to tell us what you think about the care you get from the practice. This happens soon after your appointment and that means we will be able to regularly see and respond to very recent feedback from you.

Further information about the "Friends and Family Test" is on our website at [www.masurgery.co.uk](http://www.masurgery.co.uk)

Being part of the pilot scheme will allow us to learn how best to provide this new service and for our patients to access the scheme earlier.

The NHS Friends and Family Test is a new and important opportunity for you to give us your feedback on the care and treatment we provide to you. Your feedback is important to us; it will enable us to understand what we do well and what aspects of the care we offer can be improved. We will be working with Patient Voice [our surgery patient reference group] throughout the pilot so that patient and carer views are strongly heard.

We will ask patients a very small number of questions within 48 hours of your appointment. This will be via text message with the option to reply by text or to call an automated service. We recognise that this method will only enable some patients to access the survey during the pilot. We also acknowledge that this is not the practice's first choice for contacting patients, but we chose it as we wanted to test the text method in a rural site to see how well it supports patient feedback, so the pilot can share this with other practices. When we implement fully as part of the national roll out in December all patients will have the opportunity to feedback in a variety of ways.

Your participation is entirely voluntary, and be assured that all feedback is anonymous. The practice team will review your anonymous feedback to see if any changes to the service we provide are required, and we will then display the key points every month in the surgery so that patients can see what themes have been highlighted, and how we have responded to your feedback.

For the pilot, it would help us greatly if you could let us have your mobile phone number, if we don't already have it, and for you to keep us informed if your mobile phone number changes. Providing us with your mobile phone number will have the added benefit of enabling us to contact you in an emergency should we need to. Please either email ([miltonabbassurgery@nhs.net](mailto:miltonabbassurgery@nhs.net)), phone (01258 880210) or fill out a form at reception to let us have your mobile number.

We are planning to start the Friends and Family pilot in August, working in partnership with NHS England [Wessex]. When the pilot has started we will clearly display information in the surgery so you will know when you are able to participate. More detailed information will be available when you attend the surgery and staff will be able to answer any queries you may have.

*Dr Martin Longley (Senior Partner)*

*Carol Taylor (Practice Manager)*

*Colin Harte (Patient Voice Chair)*

**The Reporter delivery team will be taking a well earned rest along with the rest of the team during August. October issue will be the next one.**

## Success at Youth Club



On a warm sunny evening in June, two of the Reporter Team met the friendly members of the Milborne St. Andrew Youth Club and their leaders. The members were all busy outside, some preparing to shovel bark for the zip wire area, others to make a film at The Royal Oak, and others playing sport in the MUGA.

We were there to meet the very talented people who had won prizes in the Dorset Youth Association's recent Talent Competition. Milborne's superstars had won the junior category (William playing the piano) and the mixed age category (Amber and Leah with their karate). Holly sang an Elton John song to open the show and was one of the competitors in the junior category along with William. She was presented with a certificate. Jared and Paul had won a certificate



for their magic display in the Junior category. Jared told us they had learned the tricks from a book, and their repertoire included 'cups and balls', 'cards and fruit', 'ball in a bag' and '52 card prediction'. We're not sure whether Paul had gone a bit further and made himself invisible, as he didn't make the photo!

As well as their lovely trophies and certificates, the winners will take part in a professionally recorded studio session and then video production. The girls will select their own music. William will play the piano and make his own film. Once the videos have been made they will be shown at Youth Club.

There were 38 acts in the heats that were held at a number of youth clubs throughout Dorset so for us to have four of our acts in the final made the whole Youth Club very proud.

It's great to know we have such talented young people in Milborne, and that their Youth Leaders and parents encourage them to practice such a variety of hobbies so successfully.



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Face Painting—Bouncy Castle  
Duck Race on the Piddle —Coconut Shy  
Roundabout—Children's Stalls  
Beer Tent—B B Q - Craft Stalls!*

**Moonlight Swing Band**

*All proceeds to the Churches of  
Puddletown, Tolpuddle, Milborne St Andrew, Dewlish  
and St Edwards Orthodox Church*

## What's in a name? at the July WI

OUR last meeting before the summer break. We agreed with Jenny that the summer supper at Eva's had been one of the best ever – balmy weather, superb food and good company. A big thank-you to Eva.

'Bookends' readers are moving on to a thriller by William Boyd, something of a change from the previous book which, despite its at first sight doubtful content, had been very much enjoyed by many of us. A reminder from Shirley that she is to host a strawberry tea for the August meeting, when we are to take along a book we are particularly fond of, to share with others.

Lesley has stepped into Nelda's shoes as captain of the skittles team. The first match is on 15th September at 7.00pm at The Royal Oak, other dates will follow. All volunteers welcome.

With future events such as Royal Ascot in mind, Nelda has suggested a hat bank, where anyone willing to lend their favourite hat(s) should bring it along to one of our meetings to be photographed for an album. Already looking good and featuring some lovely hats – we will just need the outfits to go along with them!

Our guest speaker presented us with an unremarkable looking green plastic box, but the contents belied its exterior. Rotarian



Ian Brooke has worked as a volunteer for 'ShelterBox' for seven years. Imagine a scenario where you have lost everything. What do you need? A ShelterBox arrives and always goes to every family in real need. To date 100,000 ShelterBoxes, which are packed by highly trained volunteers in Cornwall, have been sent around the world.

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We rounded off the evening with a light-hearted look at some of the items we thought ought to be included in our holiday suitcase. Disregarding the unmentionable and the inevitable pills and potions, the more unlikely items included a shoe horn, an array of sink and bath plugs and even parsnips!

Looking ahead to our next meeting on Thursday 11th September, Gordon Bartlet will bring us 'Music in every home'. The exhibition will be 'My Favourite Piece of Music'. Please do join us. *Pat Bull*

### Milborne St. Andrew Gardening Club presents

#### 'The Perfect Partnership'

Gertrude Jekyll and Sir Edwin Lutyens,  
a talk by Paul Atterbury (of Antiques Roadshow fame)  
Admission for non-members £3.00 and members £1.00  
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*Looking forward to an interesting evening, please come.*

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## Milborne St Andrew May Fayre 2014 Accounts

IN our reports on the May Fayre we were only able to give an indication of the amount collected and likely to be distributed. However, the final cheque has been sent out and I'm now able to report that we had our best year yet. We have continued with our policy of making the same distribution to all groups regardless of the amount they raised, which was £120 this year (plus a refund of the start-up contribution where paid), with a half payment to those groups that contributed entertainment to the day but did not put in any funds to the total collected. We have decided to retain more money this year as the up-front costs of putting on the Fayre have increased. This is the first year that we have had to pay for food and we also put on a bar for the first time. The summary accounts are as follows:

Income	£	Expenses	£
Balance brought forward	145	Insurance	120
Sponsorship	820	Publicity	144
Start-up contributions	240	Expenses (food and drink)	449
Receipts from the Fayre	2,352	Expenses (travel)	100
<b>Total income</b>	<b>3,412</b>	Payouts	2,080
Less expenses	(2,893)	<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>2,893</b>
<b>Balance carried forward</b>	<b>664</b>		

Mike Mullett and I would like to thank everyone who contributed to make the Fayre even more of a success. We are already planning the 2016 May Fayre and welcome any offers of help.

*Elizabeth Humphrey* Treasurer

## Rabid dogs and burning cows

ONE area of trading standards work that many people don't realise we're involved with is animal health and welfare. This is to ensure that welfare standards for farmed animals are adhered to (the RSPCA look after domestic animals) and also to prevent the spread of certain diseases such as foot and mouth.

About four years ago my then boss decided it would be a good 'career development opportunity' to move me into the animal health team having spent most of my career dealing with counterfeit clothing. I had to quickly learn a whole new language such as 'hogget' (a sheep over a year old) and 'stirk' (a one year old heifer or bullock).

Within the first two weeks of joining the team I received a telephone call from Defra to say they had taken samples from a dead cow that may have anthrax. They then dropped the bombshell that it was my problem to dispose of the carcass by burning it in situ. A number of frantic phone calls later and our well prepared emergency plans were set in motion and I found myself as part of a team on a hillside with a digger, a ton of coal, a pile of railway sleepers and a dead cow. It was the middle of January and I had to stay in the field all night to keep the fire burning. I will never forget cracking the frost off a bag of coal at 2 o'clock in the morning wondering how this was developing my career. Thankfully the results came back negative.

Another disease that we are responsible for policing is rabies. There are strict importation controls for animals coming into the UK but unfortunately over the last couple of years we have had quite a few cases of pedigree puppies being smuggled into the country. In all cases it is the innocent new owner of a puppy that is then told the dog will have to go into quarantine at their expense. Please be very careful if you are thinking of buying a pedigree puppy. If the price seems too good to be true it could cost you a lot in the long run!

For advice or to report an issue contact the Citizens Advice Consumer Helpline on 03454 040506. If you're a business looking for animal health or welfare advice call us on 01305 224475.



## Ride and Striders needed

EVERY year the Dorset Historic Church's Trust holds a regional activity to raise money to support old churches in the county. Our local church of St. Andrew's has benefited from their grants to do essential repairs such as the roof. As a village we are proud of our remarkable church building and want it to be maintained and a way to help is to take part in a sponsored event which is fun and rewarding.

On Saturday 13th September some St. Andrew's supporters will take part in a sponsored walk between the four churches in Milborne, Tolpuddle, Dewlish and Puddletown. This is open to all and an open invitation is there for anyone who wants to join in, sponsor those signed up or for you to get on your bike and ride between any Dorset churches on the list.

For more information contact the local Ride and Stride organiser Pam Shults on [pamshults@btinternet.com](mailto:pamshults@btinternet.com) or text/phone on 07913266230.

## Coffee, Cake and Computers –

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*Rose and Ed Frost*





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## Revd. Peter Henry Matthews

1922-2014

AS mentioned in the July *Reporter* Peter died on 29th May, a few weeks short of his 92nd birthday. He was a much liked and well-remembered Vicar of Milborne St. Andrew with Dewlish from 1978-1987.

Peter was born in Essex in 1922 and served in the Navy before becoming a rep for a seed merchant. He married Gladys (Biddy) Utton in 1944. Biddy pursued her career in nursing. The couple had two children, Stephen and Susan.

Peter went to Salisbury-Wells Theological College in 1962 to train for the Priesthood and was made Deacon in 1964 and a Priest in 1965. From 1964-1967 he was Curate of Wareham, later moving to Parishes at Houghton (Near Stockbridge) and Sholing (Southampton). From 1970 until he moved to Milborne he was Vicar of Hilperton, near Trowbridge, and his time there was extremely happy. Peter succeeded John Spruyt as Vicar of Milborne and Dewlish in 1978.

Peter and Biddy soon made themselves at home in the villages, Peter being an ardent visitor (especially in the period before Christmas when he liked to try and visit every household) and Biddy being involved in many village organisations. Sam, Tess and Barty were canine residents of the Vicarage and Biddy used to be seen riding her horse, Jenny, around the lanes. It was during Peter's incumbency that the Vicarage in Chapel Street was sold.

Peter was a good preacher, usually speaking without notes. He possessed two beautiful copes much in evidence at weddings and festivals. During his time here he set about replacing the altar frontals, pulpit falls, etc; most being paid for by parishioners in memory of loved ones departed. He supported the Sacred Dance Group, then at Longmead and they contributed to some memorable services, especially those for St. Andrew's Day, which were invariably followed by a patronal supper in the Village Hall. The Eucharist was, and remained, the bedrock of Peter's faith.

Peter and Biddy retired from Milborne to live in Shepton Beauchamp, Somerset, but remained in contact with many parishioners. Peter helped in several local parishes, re-discovering his Anglo-Catholic roots, helping at the Sung Mass in Shepton and at Hambidge, where he became very proficient with the incense! In retirement he made a translation of all 150 Psalms and also continued to cultivate his beloved dahlias.

Biddy's sudden death was a great blow from which Peter never seemed to recover fully. As his health declined he moved to a nursing home in Lytchett Matravers to be nearer Sue, and it was there that he died peacefully.

His funeral was held at Lady St. Mary Church, Wareham, where he had been Curate; his coffin resting in the Church the previous night. The service was conducted by another good friend of Milborne, Revd. Colin Hodge and, at the cremation following it was fitting that Tony Fox was at the organ to play Peter into Chapel for one last time.

As we remember Steve, Sue and their families we give thanks for all that Peter and Biddy did for Milborne and Dewlish. Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord, and may light perpetual shine upon them. Amen.

Tony Fox

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IN the June *Reporter's* article about the Village Hall's AGM, the Trustees were recorded as voicing their concern about the use of the top field of the QE II Jubilee Playing Field. They believed that the challenge is in the use of those areas of the grounds especially those which are hidden from view; this often results in a serious littering problem that is very difficult to control, not pleasant for a park which is accessible to all.

The Committee would like to improve the top field so that it is an outside space or amenity for children, young people and any resident of the village. You are invited to let us know what ideas you have for its use, improvement or development.

There is to be a consultation meeting on the 8th August at 7.00pm by the Village Hall to which anyone is invited. If you can't make it then please let them know by one of the following ways

- email (msavillagehall@googlemail.com),
- message on our Facebook page
- post a note on the notice board in the hall
- talk to one of the committee members
- or any way that suits you

Pam Shults



## Allotment frenzy



Milborne St. Andrew  
Allotment Society

IT is absolutely amazing to think that just over two years ago we had a bare field, and today we have a rabbit fenced allotment area, which is practically full, with a potential holder for the very last half plot. Isn't that fantastic! Don't worry though, there are still plenty of plots outside this area, the next task will be to try and fundraise so that we can extend the fence.

With our 3rd Annual AGM coming up in September, maybe we are nearly grown up! Mind you, we are still learning, primarily by our mistakes! Our third trough is now in place, so everyone has water near their plot, and most of the paths and roadway has been tamed and grassed, so the whole area looks reasonably cared for. Everyone is welcome to walk up past the Sports Pavilion (the pedestrian gate is always open in daytime) and have a look. I have to say, we are all pretty proud of what has been achieved so far.

Notification for Allotment Holders: You are invited to the 3rd AGM of the Milborne St. Andrew Allotment Society on Tuesday 9th September at 8.00pm in the Skittle Alley of The Royal Oak.

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# The Love Punch (PG-13)

To be shown by 'Milborne Movies'  
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on Friday 5th September 2014 at 7.30pm

THIS film is a brilliant comedy about Richard (Pierce Brosnan) and Kate (Emma Thompson), a divorced couple who have an amicable relationship. Richard, who is about to retire, learns that his company's assets have been frozen because it's under investigation and that includes the pension fund. When the owner, Vincent Kruger (Laurent LaFitte), goes out of the country, Richard decides to pursue him and Kate goes with him. They then learn that the man doesn't care about the employees, so they decide to get the money some other way, and decide to steal the diamond necklace he has just purchased for his girlfriend, the ravishing Manon (Louise Bourgoin), which they feel will fully compensate for the lost funds. To do this they follow Vincent and Manon, so that Kate can get close to the girlfriend. Roped in to assist in the heist are the couple's former neighbours Jeremy (Timothy Spall) and Penelope (Celia Imrie) who are also rooting for their reconciliation. The foursome form an unlikely band of lawbreakers in this classic comedy caper set against the sun-drenched backdrop of the Cote d'Azur.

Can *The Love Punch* be called predictable and silly? Yes, but so what? Writer/director Joel Hopkins doesn't set out to make a film that's meant to be taken seriously. He also grounds the film in just the right amount of sweetness without giving you a cavity and the screwball scenes work because the cast seem to be having such a great time. Casting director Elaine Grainger should be commended for selecting just the right actors with Pierce Brosnan and Emma Thompson who have great chemistry and rapport. Thompson and Brosnan, as well as Imrie and Spall, play off of each other very well and add plenty of charm to the film. They all get their moments to shine. What also shines brightly is the breath-taking Cote d'Azur setting which becomes a character of itself. This film is nice escapist fun with wonderful scenery.

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

## Did you identify this?

The July picture was taken at the barn at Manor Farm, Waterbarn Lane.

Congratulations to Robin Keller who was the only person to identify this. He says the upper part of this building was used as a dance hall during the war. Have you any recollections of this?



Try your luck this month on page 25.



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## End of another School year



THERE always seems so much to do in July at Ladybirds. To start with there was the summer outing. We went to Weymouth Sealife Centre on a slightly cloudy day. Several parents and grans came too and we had a great day looking at sea creatures; having rides (with some grown-ups getting soaked on the crocodile ride); meeting an Octonaut and playing in the water area even though the water was cold. Then to finish, an ice cream. A fun packed day with lots of tired people – and that was the adults!

Before venturing on this outing we talked about the sea creatures and pirates. This was a favourite topic. We made treasure chests, dug for treasure in the sand, made treasure maps which took us to a tropical island to collect the buried treasure.

After the trip we created a display board of the sea creatures the children had seen. The photo shows the impressive shark that several children made by sticking grey, white and black paper onto a pre-drawn shark.

By the time this goes to print we will have had our end of year party. This year's entertainer's theme is 'Frozen' which has become a popular film with the children, with many of them singing the songs over and over and over again . . .

During this month the preparations to introduce our leavers to school went well with visits to Milborne First School for story time; outdoor education and a teddy bears picnic. We will miss them all and wish them the best for the future. And we look forward to meeting our new Ladybirds in September.

That's all for this year – see you in September. First day back is Wednesday 3rd September. *Liz Dyer*



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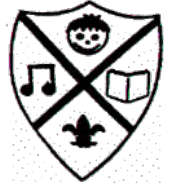
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# Milborne St. Andrew First School



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## School News



THE school year came to an end with the traditional end of year services and celebrations. Friends of School arranged another fun leavers evening with BBQ, puppet shows and a disco. Following the event the year 4 children were invited to spend the night at school. After a film show of "Night at the Museum", the children set up camp in the classrooms, possibly wondering what might come to life in the school once lights were out. In the morning they were treated to breakfast in school and were asked for some of their favourite memories of their time in school:

- I remember walking through the gate on my first day on a bright sunny morning and waving to my mum and creeping inside. I nervously shuffled in and plonked myself next to Willow on the carpet. (Emma)
- I remember playing a football tournament. It went to penalties in one game. I slipped over but still scored! (Ellie-May)
- My memory that stands out most is sports day. I came second in the sprint race. I was so happy and proud of myself! (Alex)
- My amazing memory is our KS2 club especially making the scrumptious ice cream! (Hannah-Louise)
- I remember Sensi the fish. I was very sad when I found a note to say he was dead. But he looked very happy whilst he was alive. (Bustamante)

At the end of the term the school also said goodbye to Mr McDermott, who after 2½ years at Milborne is leaving to take up a position at St. Joseph's Catholic School in Poole. In September there will be new faces at Milborne; Mrs Sharon Hunt will be the Acting Headteacher and Mrs Lynn Pearcey the school administrator.

## 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:** Mrs Sharon Hunt      **Secretary, School Office:** Mrs Lynn Pearcey

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

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# Susie Edwards: Musings

WHEN we met, a matter of weeks after the end of her chemotherapy treatment, Susie had just got back from The World Flower Show in Dublin. She was tanned, beautifully made up, ebullient and enthusiastic. Having met one of her oldest friends in Ireland and spent late nights laughing and catching up, her spirits were high. Still blogging (following popular demand!) making amazing plant creations for a photoshoot and planning for her cockapoo, Nutty, to be mated, I found her irrepresible.



Despite a delay in her chemotherapy caused by a low blood count and a consequent three week lengthening of the whole process, her hair began to grow and then fell out . . . again, together with her eyebrows and eyelashes! When the treatment programme was completed it grew again. There have been other alarms and excursions along the way involving further trips to hospital. All of these difficulties have been surmounted with good humour and perseverance. Her most pleasing discovery, a M&S tight fitting vest ("Fits like a glove!"), and most useful experiences, a 'Feel Good Day' organised by the Breast Care Nurses with a lymphoedema talk and a new 'Patients' Experiences Project'. For the latest venture Susie feels that whilst collecting patients' experiences their partners should be included. She also believes that volunteers who themselves have been through the same system and processes could be trained to talk to those new to it.

When she last saw her oncologist for her final appointment and asked for guidance for the future, his words were "Be Vigilant". At that point she experienced abandonment querying "For what?" Her feelings are, that once at home, confidence can slip away just when support is needed. She particularly mentioned the Breast Cancer Campaign's latest commissioned survey, 'Spread the Word', gathering information on gaps in treatment, particularly among older women and women who have never become pregnant. She highlighted Aftercare and Giving Explanations. As she says she is now 'through to the other side . . . she is FREE' and in a better state of mind to listen to information on what symptoms vigilance is needed. (to access this find it on [breastcancercampaign.org/spreadtheword](http://breastcancercampaign.org/spreadtheword)).

Susie highlights her reflexologist, a 'rounded person', who is not only a trusted source of support and relevant information, but whose touch is healing. This sensation is one she feels we have lost the benefit of mainly due to Health and Safety fears. Alternative medicines and treatments should be explored by those in her

position, also the synergy between plants and people. Her belief is that empathy and the ability to cherish each other is being forgotten and could be fostered in schools with very young children.

At the close of her experiences she talks of being made to think more about things in general. It has changed her relationship with food having now retrieved 90% of her taste back. Her healing process appears erratic as the reproduction of new cells destroyed by chemotherapy is uneven. She feels it is important to have contact with your doctor/consultant or Breast Care Nurses if there is anything different about your body or its working processes. You must take responsibility and ask. There is still residual chemical damage such as pain in her feet at night with tingling in her toes and fingers. Currently she cannot fault the system having always had instant service whenever

anything untoward arose. There are, however, still matters outstanding as cancers affect each person differently. As she comments 'One size doesn't fit all' and that "There is a lot of ostrichness about'.

No-one could accuse Susie of the latter attitude as these pictures show. Taken by Amy Smart Photography (they show Susie wearing two of her own creations).

If any reader would like to donate to the latest Breast Cancer Campaign it can be done by text: PINK03£10to70070 (can change the amount to whatever you wish to give) or on-line at <http://www.breastcancercampaign.org/support-us/donate>



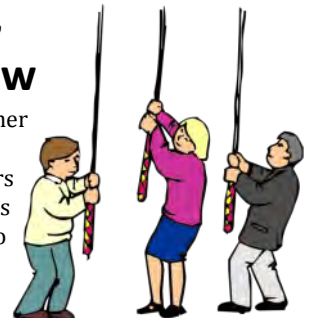
Carole Fornachon

## To all bellringers, new and not so new

RINGING has stopped for the summer break until Tuesday 9th September.

I look forward to seeing the ringers from the previous session as well as any new learners who might like to give ringing a try.

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Tennis (Members Secretary)	John Sanderson	01258 837049
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Yoga (at village hall)	Sarah Ryan	01258 839230

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Patient Voice Secretary	Nigel Hodder	01258 881709



## Milborne Movies

Friday 5th Sept 2014  
at 7.30pm

Doors and Bar at 7.00pm



Milborne St. Andrew Village Hall

Tickets £3.00



# Community Events Diary

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

## August

- Saturday 2nd** **Local Crafts for Local People** stall at Gray's Store 9.30am to 1.00pm.
- Wednesday 6th** **Wednesday Club** Carvery at The Royal Oak, 12 midday for 12.30 – see page 2.  
**Curry Supper** in aid of church funds Stileham Bank from 6.00pm – see page 21.
- Friday 8th** **Consultation meeting** Have your say. Village Hall 7.00 – see pages 9 and 27.
- Saturday 9th** **Bladen Estate Centenary Exhibition** (runs until Saturday 23rd) Briantspuddle Village Hall 1.00pm to 4.00pm weekdays and 10.00am to 4.00pm at weekends. Entrance is free. Most of Milborne was included in the Estate.
- Tuesday 19th** **Artsreach** Treehouse Theatre Storybox – The Gingerbread Man. Village Hall 10.30–11.30am – see page 3.
- Wednesday 20th** **Parish Council** Village Hall. Plans 7.30pm – see page 27 for June report.
- Thursday 21st** **Artsreach** Penny Blogg Woolly Tiles. Village Hall 10am–1pm – see page 3.
- Friday 22nd – 25th August** **WWI Flower Festival** Milton Abbas remembers WWI 1914 – 1918 WWI Flanders Flowers. St. James Church, Milton Abbas – see page 29.
- Monday 25th** **Athelhampton Fete** in aid of benefice funds 12noon to 3.00pm – see pages 22 and 23.
- Tuesday 26th** **Artsreach** Peter Rush Plastic Cutlery Insects. Village Hall 10.30am– 3.30pm – see page 3.
- Saturday 30th** **Village Lunch** Village Hall 12.15pm. Tickets from Josie Wright 829090 and David Payne 837700 – see page 6 for menu.

## September

- Tuesday 2nd** **100 Club Draw** The Royal Oak everyone welcome to attend – see page 16 and below.
- Wednesday 3rd** **Wednesday Club** Visit to The Blue Glass Factory at Bedminster– see page 2.  
**Badminton Club** restarts after the summer break. New members welcome. Milborne First School 7.00pm. More information from David on 837700.
- Thursday 4th** **Circuit Training** restarts Milborne St. Andrew First School 7.00pm.
- Friday 5th** **Coffee, Cake and Computers** restarts after the summer holiday Village Hall Committee Room 10.00am to noon.  
**Milborne Movies 'The Love Punch'** Village Hall 7.30pm – see pages 11 and 18.
- Saturday 6th** **Car Boot Sale** in aid of new play park Village Hall 11.00–3.00pm – see page 7.
- Sunday 7th** **Leukaemia and Lymphoma Research Annual Bikeathon.** Starting from Crossways Village Hall at 10.30pm, with a check point at Milborne Village Hall – see page 28.
- Thursday 11th** **WI** Gordon Bartlett will bring us 'Music in every home' Village Hall 7.30pm – see page 7.
- Saturday 13th** **Ride and Stride** – see page 7.
- Sunday 14th** **Reporter** latest date for the October issue.
- Wednesday 17th** **Parish Council** Village Hall 7.30pm.
- Thursday 25th** **Gardening Club** talk by Peter Cantrill entitled 'Unusual Herbaceous Plants' Village Hall 7.30pm – see page 3.
- Saturday 27th** **Village Lunch** Village Hall 12.15pm. Tickets from Drop-in Centre in Village Hall Committee Room from Fridays 5th September from 10am to 12 noon – see page 33 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

## August and September at the Sports Club

**The Busy Bees** Under 5 Group from 9.30am to 11.30am on Thursday term time only. Contact Wendy Britton on 07867 720283.

### Milborne Mini Soccer

Our training sessions will be altering slightly with all training sessions on a Wednesday night, and additional training for next years under 11's on a Saturday morning. Matches will be played on Sunday morning and afternoons.

Under 11s Stuart Joyce and Gordan Spackman

Under 10s Andy Brown

Year 2&3 Darryl Sims

Year R&1 Sam Roberts

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

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Kiln style roasted salmon with heirloom tomatoes

Home smoked Gressingham duck breast salad with Hampshire baby spinach, fennel and balsamic

#### Mains

8oz Herefordshire rump steak with twice cooked chips, sautéed mushrooms and roasted plum tomato (Add either béarnaise or peppercorn sauce)

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Homemade Spinach and gorgonzola ravioli

Pan fried chicken breast with polenta, red chicory and tarragon jus

Oven roasted plaice (off the bone) with crushed new season potatoes and lemon, caper and parsley butter

#### Pub Favourites

Battered cod with twice cooked chips, pea puree and homemade tartare sauce

Cajun spiced chicken breast with rosemary roasted new potatoes and garlic butter

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#### Desserts

Peanut parfait with dark chocolate ice cream

Lemon posset with spiced berries

British cheese selection

Dark chocolate tart with salted caramel and mascarpone cream

Coffee panna cotta with crème Chantilly and biscotti biscuits

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## Curry Supper at Stileham Bank

**Wednesday 6th August  
6.00pm to 9.00pm**

ONCE again Eva will be hosting a Curry Supper in her garden (or inside if it is wet) at 24 Stileham Bank in aid of church funds. There will be a choice of three curries, rice and sauces, and a choice of sweets. Coffee and tea will be available, but bring your own alcoholic drinks. So that we know how much food to prepare please book your tickets in advance from Eva (837468), Pam (837203) or John (839090) Tickets cost £7.50 each.



## 'Sheduction' in North Dorset!

NATIONAL Home Watch Week was well supported in North Dorset with local officers attending a 'Sheduction Road Show' throughout the week. Numerous villages were visited at pre-arranged places over a three day period culminating in an all day visit to Blandford town centre's market place on the Saturday market day.

On the Thursday, the rural team could be found in Milborne St. Andrew, Winterborne Stickland and Charlton Marshall, liaising with members of the community with the support of some of our Home Watch Co-ordinators and kind help of Roy Phillips from the Association of Dorset Watches.

The Friday brought us to Tarrant Hinton, Stourpaine and Shillingstone, the latter of which saw us engaging with and advising many parents at the local school on home security matters and local watch scheme initiatives.

## Get Spotting for the Big Butterfly Count

LULWORTH-BASED national charity, Butterfly Conservation, is urging people to 'get out for the Big Butterfly Count' this summer. The annual project aims to count one million butterflies during the British summertime and the charity is calling on the public to become 'back garden detectives' in what is the world's largest butterfly survey.

The organisation's president, Sir David Attenborough, is encouraging nature lovers to take part. He says, "The UK is a nation of amateur naturalists and we have a proud tradition of celebrating and studying our wildlife, and by taking part in the Big Butterfly Count you can contribute to this heritage."

He explains the significance of butterflies since they are a key indicator species of the health of our environment - if they are struggling, then many other species will be too.

The Big Butterfly Count runs until 10th August and any garden, park or countryside area can be used as a survey location. Pick up a free colour identification chart and survey form from Gray's Stores and get butterfly spotting.  
*Ed Richards*



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THE BENEFICE OF PUDDLETOWN, TOLPUDDLE AND MILBORNE WITH DEWLISH  
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## A nation remembers

"The lamps are going out all over Europe. We shall not see them lit again in our lifetime."

The words of Edward Grey, Foreign Secretary, spoken on 3rd August 1914, as he watched the lamplighter at work in St. James's Park at dusk that day. Earlier he had explained in detail to the House of Commons why the Government had decided it was obliged to go to war against Germany. As we know, war was declared by Britain the following day.

The lamps did return, and in Grey's lifetime, but the marks of war never leave a nation. In our remembrances this year, we call to mind the sacrifices and scars borne by so many of that generation of young men who went away to fight, and the families they left behind. Some returned; many did not. And of those who came back, so many were damaged, physically and mentally, by their experiences.

Nowhere, not even this quiet, beautiful part of Dorset, remained untouched by the Great War.

Some joined up excited by the chance to escape their humdrum existence. Many believed the battles would be done by Christmas. But as the war went on, the seriousness of the situation became clear.

So much devastation was wrought across Europe, and yet only 20 years after the end of WW1, it all started again.

The Psalmist cried out "How long, O Lord, how long?" and we echo those cries: "Will there ever be a time when war stops and peace will reign over all?"

It is hard to know where God is in such situations. Many people in our world today still live with sound of gunshot, bomb and grenade in the background to their daily lives. Both sides in the First World War claimed to have God with them. How could that be?

Where do we find God in war? I believe that God who came in Jesus is with the victims, the broken-hearted, the wounded, the emotionally tormented. I believe that God is on the side of justice and peace and love. I believe that God does not want to see human beings crucifying and torturing one another, but rather living together in love. It seems so hard to achieve.

There is a beautiful Christian hope that there will be peace, when God's kingdom truly arrives. The book of Revelation puts it like this: "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." (21.3-4)

As we look back in remembrance and with gratitude for all that we have, let us also look forward to that time when war will be no more. And let us work to be peace-makers in our homes, our schools, our workplaces, our villages, our country, our world.

When human beings work together for the good of all, it is amazing what can be achieved.

With best wishes

*Sarah Hillman*

## CHURCH SERVICES August 2014

### 3rd August – Trinity 7

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

### THURSDAY 7th August

12 noon	Lunch-time Communion	Milborne
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### 10th August – Trinity 8

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

### FRIDAY 15th August

2.30pm	Holy Matrimony	Tolpuddle
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### SATURDAY 16th August

2.30pm	Holy Matrimony	Dewlish
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### 17th August – Trinity 9

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

### THURSDAY 21st August

12 noon	Lunch-time Communion	Puddletown
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### SATURDAY 23rd August

2.00pm	Holy Matrimony	Puddletown
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### 24th August – St Bartholomew

9.30am	All-Age Worship	Tolpuddle
9.30	Parish Communion	Milborne
11.00	1662 Morning Prayer	Puddletown
11.00	Family Communion	Dewlish
3.00pm	Thanksgiving for a child	Milborne

### 31st August

10.00am	United Benefice Farm Service	Parsonage Farm, Dewlish
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### MORNING PRAYERS (Monday – Thursday 8.15am Saturday 9.00am)

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

## Milborne St Andrew Church Notes

WE have had a fairly quiet month as we get organised for a busy summer. We have just had a successful table top sale and refreshments in the village hall which raised about £130 for church funds from 12 tables, though the number of customers was a little disappointing. For our next event Eva is hosting a **curry evening on 6th August** to which everyone is welcome (see page 21), so book your tickets as soon as possible. We are also preparing for the **Athelhampton Fete on 25th August**. We will welcome toys and bric-a-brac from anywhere in the benefice. This fete is a really important part of our fundraising efforts, so we hope that the weather will be fine and that everyone in the benefice will come and enjoy a fun day!

On Saturday 13th September we will be taking part in the Dorset Historic Churches' Trust annual 'Ride and Stride' event which is to raise funds to support old churches in Dorset (last year we received a grant from them to repair the roof). Anyone can enter and be sponsored for every church they visit. Pam Shults has all the details: pamsults@btinternet.com or 07913266230.

Balancing our books has always been a struggle, so we are hoping that we will get some useful advice from the Diocesan Stewardship Advisor at the end of July when he comes to talk to us. I think that I can safely say that he will say that we all need to contribute more towards the running costs of the church!

Just because the church has survived for 800 years without being



## CHURCH SERVICES September 2014

### 7th September – Trinity 12

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

### SATURDAY 13th September

1.45pm	Holy Matrimony	Tolpuddle
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### 14th September – Trinity 13

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

### THURSDAY 18th September

12 noon	Lunch-time Communion	Puddletown
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### FRIDAY 19th September

1.30pm	Wedding	Puddletown
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### 21st September – St Matthew

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

### 28th September – Trinity 15

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

### MORNING PRAYERS (Monday – Thursday 8.15am

#### Saturday 9.00am)

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

### Do you need a lift to church?

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

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burnt down does not mean that we do not need to have an emergency plan. Richard Lock kindly gave us a very interesting and informative training session for all church helpers at which the half dozen or so who attended had the opportunity to use a range of fire extinguishers. Richard has now produced a policy and plan which must be 'required reading' for all who help in church.

**Installation of Sarah Godfrey.** On 7th July a large party from the benefice travelled by car and minibus to St. John's church in Milborne Port to be present at the installation of Sarah Godfrey as their new rector. What an event! There must have been 250 or maybe 300 who crowded into the large church (some at the very last moment!) to witness the ceremony by the bishop of Taunton and archdeacon of Wells. We were all cordially welcomed to the church, and they even reserved several parking spaces near the door for latecomers! The



*St. John's church, Milborne Port*

choir and organ led the singing admirably, giving us an anthem 'The Call of Wisdom' by Will Todd. After Sarah had been presented to the bishop, she was installed in the benefice of Milborne Port and led to her seat. Eight groups of representatives from all parts of the local community brought symbols of ministry, which ranged from a bible and bread and wine for communion to a plaque made by all at the local school, and a useful map of the area. After Sarah's first duty (notices about services the following week), prayers and a final hymn we all followed the bishop into the Church House next door for an amazing spread of drinks and food. The room was packed but the supply of food never stopped! What a great start to Sarah's new ministry. We all wish her and her family well and pray for them as they settle into their new life in the enormous rectory opposite the church.

*John Wright and Pam Shults (Churchwardens)*

## Dewlish Church Notes

### Collecting for Farm Africa and the benefice

We were delighted to welcome 24 people at our Pet Service, along with some very well-behaved dogs, and a mother hen and her chicks. Congratulations to all you pet-owners!

Although the numbers of visitors to Mrs Daphne Berridge's house and lovely garden were low, we still managed to raise £154 for church funds. Many thanks to Daphne and her helpers. Your garden was beautiful, Daphne.

This year's **Farm Service** is being held at the home (and farm) of Mrs Sue Britton at Parsonage Farm, Dewlish, on **Sunday 31st August** at 10.00am. This is a service for the whole benefice, and the collection will be donated to Farm Africa.

On **Bank Holiday Monday 25th August**, we shall be holding the annual **Athelhampton Fete** between 12noon and 3.00pm. Dewlish is running the jams, marmalade, pickles and produce stall, and we shall be very grateful for any donations. All money raised at the fete will go towards the running costs of our benefice. Please come, listen to the Swing Band, have refreshments and enjoy the many stalls and children's rides, and, of course, the lovely Athelhampton House gardens.

Jim hopes to be cycling on **Saturday 13th September** to raise money for the **Dorset Historic Churches Trust** and **Dewlish Church**, so, in the next month or so, he will be calling on you hoping for your sponsorship. We are so thankful for everyone's generosity.

### Other Village News

Dewlish Ladies' Group invite you to a **Traditional Afternoon Tea** on **Saturday 9th August**, and this will be held at the home of Mr and Mrs Albert Ross, who live at Akerian, Dewlish. Do come and join us from 3.30pm-5.00pm (£5 each). There will also be a raffle. All proceeds will be shared between the local Stroke Unit, Cancer Research and the Ladies' Group. If the weather is wet, we shall hold the event in the Village Hall.

*Daphne Burg*

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## “25 year” presentation for RDA volunteer at fundraising event

BARBARA Thomson has been an important part of Milton Abbas Riding for the Disabled (MARDA) for 25 years and her volunteering friends took the opportunity at a recent fundraising event to present her with a Silver Jubilee award and a bouquet. During this time



Barbara has carried out a variety of roles and is currently treasurer and group instructor. The presentation was made by Susan Jones, chair of Dorset RDA in recognition of Barbara's commitment to the group.

The event was an Auction of Promises held at the Hall and Woodhouse Visitor Centre generously provided free of charge by the Brewery.

Bill Allen, an auctioneer with Bonham's, kindly gave up his time and steered the auction to a profit of £4,000 – a much needed boost to the group's funds. Items auctioned ranged from a couple of hours gardening to a day's sailing in Poole and included a signed “Doc Martin” DVD donated by Martin Clunes which alone raised £80.

MARDA provides disabled children from Beaucroft Foundation School, Wimborne with an opportunity to learn to ride a pony. These young children who often have communication problems or difficulty with mobility and balance start to gain both confidence and physical strength from their experience with RDA.

MARDA would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who donated promises as well as bidders (successful or otherwise). Anyone interested in volunteering for two hours on a Friday morning or to make a donation please contact Liz Platten on 01258 881650.

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## Flux 'n' Flame Jewellery School Open Day

TO celebrate our 11th Anniversary this year Flux 'n' Flame Jewellery School is holding an open day – silversmithing and jewellery making demonstrations, Fairtrade gemstones, and an exhibition of students' work along with the latest collections from award-winning jewellery designers and owners of Flux 'n' Flame, Jesa and Al Marshall.

From humble beginnings in a garage in the New Forest, Flux 'n' Flame has grown to become one of the most creative and popular jewellery schools in the UK, winning national acclaim and rave reviews. Now 11 years later in a beautiful purpose-built workshop in the heart of Dorset, Jesa and Al Marshall are proudly holding an open day for all to visit, watch silversmithing demonstrations; see, buy and learn about ethically sourced gemstones as well as seeing the latest jewellery creations from Jesa and Al themselves . . . and there'll also be teas and cakes!! Who could possibly have anything better to do?!

Here's what some of our previous students have said: *'Surpassed all my expectations! Really encouraging and supportive tutors. Can't wait to go again!'* Dee

*'I will definitely be back – this school is refreshingly innovative in its approach which I think is down to the personalities and vision of the owners/teachers who obviously want to share their passion. I for one am converted! Thank you Flux 'n' flame for a brilliant time x'* Fran

*'Humour, patience and creativity Jess and Al have in abundance. I can't praise them highly enough.'* Susan.

The open day is on Sunday 10th August at Luccombe Farm (Unit 11) from 10.00am to 4.00pm.

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## Changes at Mini soccer

As from Wednesday 2nd July there will be a new committee in place for Milborne Mini Soccer:

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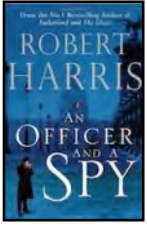
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## A Good Read by Shirley Dunkley 'An Officer and a Spy' by Robert Harris



THE concept of miscarriage of justice is a very familiar one to us, often the subject of films or TV documentaries, embodying as it does the powerful idea of the frail individual against the great institutions of the State. Perhaps the most notorious of these stories is the Dreyfus affair in France which Robert Harris revisits so effectively in *An Officer and a Spy*. Albert Dreyfus was a Jewish army officer in 1890s Paris, found guilty of treason, publicly humiliated by the removal, before thousands, of his military insignia, and then deported to solitary confinement on Devil's Island at the mercy of a sadistic penal system. Harris tells the story of the fight against this sentence which, ironically, is led by another soldier, Georges Picquart, who is promoted to be the youngest colonel ever in the French army and put in charge of the intelligence unit which has tracked Dreyfus down. Gradually Picquart realises the wrongness of this conviction, only to find himself thwarted, denounced, removed from office, banished from the army and imprisoned when he tries to convince the authorities of the truth. It was a time of powerful anti-Semitic feeling with many prepared to turn any outsider into a scapegoat. It was also a time of paranoia resulting from the defeat by Germany in the Franco-Prussian war of 1870. There was much fear and anxiety about the future.

Despite the fact that we all know what happened in the case, Harris manages to maintain extraordinary tension as we try to work out not 'who dunnit' but 'How did they do it?' The characters in the book are historical figures, but treated as fictional in the exploration of their feelings and conversations; however, the research is meticulous if well hidden beneath the plot. Dreyfus himself is not a central character, it is Picquart with whom we identify, whose pain and frustration we share and whose survival is important to us. This powerful historical account still has resonance for modern readers in a troubled and divided world.

## Parish Council Meeting Wednesday 16th July

### Items from the floor –

The pre-circulated material which councillors discuss will be explained more fully during meetings to help parishioners to understand the wider context.

**Signage of speed limits in Milton Road** – The Clerk has been promised that roundels would be painted on the road; parishioners are concerned that this is not happening. He will write again to remind the Council that this should be done after the road is resurfaced. The Community Speed Watch Team from Whitechurch has offered help. The Clerk will write to Whitechurch's Clerk to see what can be done.

Welcome to Christopher Carlin, who has moved into Fox View.

### Reports:

District or County Councillors' Representation – Cllrs Parker and Somper were unable to attend.

The Neighbourhood Plan Group has arranged its first meeting, later in July, and needs more volunteers to share the workload. Please contact Cllr Hopper if you would like to be involved in creating this plan for all villagers. Councillors to explore putting the group's Minutes etc. onto the village website. If any young knowledgeable person would like to set up a Facebook page, please contact Cllr Hopper!

Trees – a yew at Little England has been trimmed because it was growing into thatch. Because it is in the conservation area, NDDC should have been consulted and have given permission. NDDC will take this up with the owner of the land. The trees at the Parish Pit will be re-marked and felling will be arranged in the autumn.

Floods – The Oliver Letwin meeting had taken place. A single point of contact has now been appointed to ensure the various councils and agencies work together. The Prime Minister and the Manager of the Environment Agency for the South West are monitoring progress which will be reviewed in September.

Division meeting – Clerk had attended. The majority of the meeting was about the 'ask Dorset' survey. Readers are asked to contribute via the Dorset For You website. Results, collated by September, will be used to provide input to Council decisions about services and funding. Action will be taken to improve the grass cutting service.

Correspondence – NDDC Planning/Enforcement Officer continue to monitor the car dealer operating from residential premises in Wetherby Close. The Parish Council has sent a letter to WDDC objecting to the Tolpuddle wind farm planning application. A job order raised to deal with the dead oak and overgrown holly in Coffin Path. Correspondence regarding the removal of gravel as opposed to silt and weed from the river had been received. The Flood Warden confirmed that riparian owners may not remove riverbed gravel from the stream but have a duty to remove silt, weed and grit washed into the stream from roads in order to reduce flooding.

No planning applications, although noted that the application for the Wind Farm at Whitechurch has been submitted and the Council expects to be consulted.

Neighbourhood Planning Group funding approved. Discussion about buying a machine to fill sandbags held over to see what progress is made by authorities in flood prevention. Please contact the Chairman or the Clerk if you have an old dustbin which you are willing to donate to store sand as the bags used last year are rotting. Better planning when heavy rain is forecast will be addressed by the Flood Group.

Camping on the Sports Ground approved. Parish Council as Landlords must be consulted before campers are invited.

Next month's meeting is Planning Only. September's meeting is on 17th.

Susan Cawley

# We need you!



The Village Hall Committee want to hear what you would like to see the top field of the QE II Jubilee Playing Field used for.

You are invited to meet the committee at 7p.m. on the 8<sup>th</sup> August in the Village Hall

We look forward to seeing all – children, young people, parents and all grown ups.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE



There will be no September edition of the Reporter. All material for the October issue must be received by 14th September.



## LETTERS to the reporter

Sir

I refer to Richard Lock's article 'What's in a Name' regarding the QE II Jubilee Playing Field published in the June edition, in particular to the last paragraph where he takes a side swipe at the Parish Council. Writing as Clerk to the council I can assure Richard and your readers that the current council members have no knowledge of a request to fund modification of the Village Hall sign to include the words QE II Playing Field. I do not know when the request to change the sign was made, but the reason that it hasn't materialised will be due to a lack of awareness of the request rather than it being seen as a drain on the council's resources.

Colin Hampton, Clerk,  
Milborne St Andrew Parish Council

Wake up!

I would like to thank the Village Hall Committee for arranging a very different fund raising event - an Angola Dance Night. The hall looked really great with tables and chairs set around the hall with table cloths, decorations, candles and free nibbles on each one. Jo (Spoiled Rotten)



and her partner, Gary, showed us how to do the steps first and explained in detail every move. Jo looked stunning wearing her bijouli.

What a pity very few people turned up, I think there were only five of us that were not connected to the Village Hall Committee or related to them.

Come on people of Milborne, if you want facilities updated, like the play park, support the committee - it's no good moaning things aren't being done if you can't make any effort to come to these events - you missed a really good evening out too.  
David Payne

## Word slippage

We knew that getting old was tough  
That knees and backs would pain  
It seems that we were not forewarned  
Of softening of the brain.

The stiffening of the sinews  
Is nothing now we find  
Compared with loss of memory  
And mushiness of mind.

Our brain cells are still numerous  
As grains on sandy beach  
But sadly now the one we want  
Is always out of reach.

You start to tell a story  
Your audience is agog  
But then the very word you want  
Seems clouded in a fog.

You have a vivid image of  
This thing you need to name  
A well known vegetable you say  
A marrow's much the same.

A gourd, a cucumber, they cry  
To help you nail the thing  
No, no, I think it starts with 'a'  
I plant them in the spring.

Or maybe it begins with 'b'  
And has an 'l' somewhere  
I think it has three syllables  
And looks just like a pear.

You soon forget the reason why  
You need to find this name  
As each attempt at idle chat  
Becomes a guessing game.

The conversation takes a turn  
As others now recall  
That they once grew a vegetable  
They couldn't eat at all.

Your moment as the raconteur  
Has surely now gone by  
The word will still evade you  
However hard you try.

Next day when idly wasting time  
Before the tv screen  
The wretched veg invades your head  
The word was 'aubergine'

Elizabeth Lyons

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## "Patient Voice"

"PATIENT VOICE" (the Patient Reference Group for Milton Abbas and Milborne St. Andrew Surgery) meets on a quarterly basis.

The next meeting will be held at 6:30pm. on Wednesday 24th September in the Milborne St. Andrew surgery. All patients of the surgery are welcome to attend. Contact Secretary, Nigel Hodder, for more information on 01258 881709. Nigel Hodder

## Leukaemia and Lymphoma Research Annual Bikeathon through Milborne

LEUKAEMIA AND LYMPHOMA Research are holding their annual Bikeathon on Sunday 7th September this year starting as usual from Crossways Village Hall.

There are three bike ride routes; a fairly level nine miles through Woodsford and Moreton, a 20 mile ride via Briantspuddle, Milborne St. Andrew (with a check point at the village hall) Dewlish and Puddletown and for the more adventurous a 30-mile route, which is the latter extended to take in Cheselbourne and Piddletrenthide.

The event starts at 10.30am with free refreshments at Crossways and a medal on completion of the ride.

The entry fee is £5.00 for adults and £2.50 for under fifteens, which will entitle all riders to a free t-shirt.

Last year 200 riders raised £9,000 to help in the fight against blood cancers, a cause close to all organizers, helpers and entrants alike.

To enter or for more information please contact Paul Buckrell at [spbuckrell@aol.com](mailto:spbuckrell@aol.com), 07890047244 or 01305773950, go on line at [beatingbloodcancers.org.uk](http://beatingbloodcancers.org.uk)

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## Dorset County Show 6th and 7th September

THIS year the Churches Together marquee in the Countryside area will feature community activities from various churches across the county.

There will be activities for children and the young at heart; try your hand at flower arranging or telling bible stories with an iPad and much more.

Come and see us in the Countryside area near the footpath entrance from the town (Greys Bridge). You will be very welcome.

Harvest Worship will be at 11.00am (yes 11.00am this year!) on Sunday 7th September.

We shall be in the Sheep Shearing area amongst the livestock - do join us to sing your favourite harvest hymns and to give thanks for the gifts of God's creation. We look forward to seeing you.

Jean Coates

**Deadline for the October issue  
14th September**



## Separate Tables for Cheselbourne Theatre Club

ON **Monday 20th October** we have a reservation at a genteel Bournemouth hotel where the gentleman making notes at the table by the window and the elegant young woman, newly arrived from London, have attracted the attention of the lady residents with a nose for gossip.

First staged in 1954, *Separate Tables* was Terence Rattigan's last big West End success. The Salisbury Playhouse production that we are going to see will be performed in the round and the residents' isolation at separate tables will be intensified by seeing the action on the island of the stage.

If you would like to join us please contact John Widdowson (01258 837791) to book and pay for your tickets and transport (£27.50) as soon as possible but by 25th August at the latest please. We pick up in Cheselbourne, Melcombe Bingham, Ansty, Hilton, Milton Abbas, Winterborne Whitechurch, Blandford and Pimperne and we may be able to stop at additional points. Please ask.



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# Have you met . . . Ray Hayward?

RAY was born in Bloxworth near Wareham, but moved to Milborne when he was very small, as his father was appointed Poultry Manager at Bladen Poultry Farm in Milborne Wood. His parents were Dorset people – one from Beaminster and one from Bridport. Ray went to Milborne School when it was in Chapel Street, and still has the 'Observer Book of Birds' which he won as a Nature Observation Prize when he was a pupil there.

At that time, all female schoolteachers had to be unmarried, and the three ladies who taught at Milborne School were the Misses Burden, Haylock and Frampton. Children who did not pass the 11+ stayed on at Milborne School until they found work. Ray passed the 11+ with the highest score in Dorset for the year 1939–40 and still has the prize books he received for this excellent achievement. He went on to Dorchester Grammar School, catching the ancient double decker school bus six days per week for his lessons. At that time most boys at the school were children of shopkeepers and small business owners who closed on Thursday afternoons, so the boys had Thursday afternoon off, but went to school on Saturday mornings to make up the time.

Ray has memories of an incident where a light aircraft landed on the school playing field one foggy morning. The occupants were two Frenchmen escaping occupied France. He would like to hear from anyone who knows more about this, which must have been a big event at the time.

Ray left school at 15 and went to work at the dairy at Milborne as a vehicle fitter. He retired from there after over forty years as the Fleet Engineer responsible for the care and maintenance of over forty HGVs. During his time the factory was owned by Independent Milk Supplies, Express Dairies and finally Northern Foods. On his marriage to Audrey he moved into a company house at The Rings, where they lived rent free. It was here that daughter Darlene was born. Once the company stopped providing housing as part of the salary package, Ray decided that paying for a mortgage was a better use of his money than paying rent, so he and Audrey bought a house in Bere Regis.

There is a family link to Bere Regis as Audrey's grandparents, father and three brothers owned and ran Applins, the village butchers in Bere Regis back in the days when slaughtering was done in the village. The shop is now a Londis. Audrey was born in the Post Office in Sturminster Marshall, where her parents were based at the time.

After a while, the family moved to Stag House in Milborne, but on hearing that the Wetherby Close estate was being built, sold it and bought a plot, being keen to be at the top of the hill with a big garden and rural views. The family lived in Audrey's mother's front room while the house was built. They have now lived happily in Wetherby Close for 41 years, the only 'original' inhabitants left.

Ray couldn't think of a downside to living in Milborne St. Andrew, and says that the best thing about the village, although he's now quite detached from all the activities here, is that it has retained a shop, Post Office, pub, school, Village Hall and sports field at a time when so many other villages have lost one or all of these amenities.

One thing Ray would change, having been involved with sports clubs for many years, is that he would like to see a cricket club return to the village. Given his involvement in persuading the directors of Grand Metropolitan to sell the Sports Field to the village, he is sad to see the former cricket pitch used for football training during the summer, with no sign of bat, ball or stumps. In past summers, Ray played for four clubs a week; Milborne St. Andrew, Dorchester Casuals, Dorset Rangers and the Agrarians. The Rangers were a club founded by Col. Pinney for

professional people, with the addition of some club cricketers of good standard, the Agrarians were a team of farmers and had the most fun. The only embarrassing memories Ray could recall related to dropped catches.

As chairman of the Housing Committee of Blandford Rural District Council, Ray is proud of his achievement in the building of sheltered housing for the elderly at Chescombe Court, Winterborne Whitechurch, Churchill Court at Winterborne Stickland and Bryanston Court at Blandford St. Mary.

The thing Ray hates most is tailgating motorists – he says he drives to the speed limit and cannot abide the dangerous people driving a few inches from his rear bumper, particularly on class B and C roads. He told an anecdote about a local resident being tailgated at 30 mph in Milton Road, who stopped and informed the aggressor that the two 30 mph

signs on opposite sides of the road were not meant to be added together to make a 60 mph limit!

Ray's hero is his great friend Ron Scamp, a Cornishman who is a world authority on daffodils. They have been friends for thirty years despite living over 160 miles apart.

Ray had a shortlist of three dinner guests that he would find most interesting – W. G. Grace, Glenn Miller and the Rev Engelhart – a country vicar from Salisbury who developed daffodils as we know them today. The premier award at the RHS main daffodil show is named after him.

A surprising fact which you may not know about Ray is that he is

part owner of a racehorse. It's a four-year-old hurdler and they are hopeful of success next season.

Ray's hobbies and interests include horticulture, particularly daffodils and vegetables, and judging at shows – he has judged at RHS shows at Wisley, as well as Melplash and other Dorset events. He is treasurer and past president of the Dorset County Show, the only non-farmer ever to have been president. He is really pleased that in 2014 the show will host the National Vegetable Championships, putting Dorchester on a par with Malvern, Harrogate and Dundee on the national veg growing circuit.

The role of treasurer to the show involves supervising the employed accountant and helping to organise each year's show. He spends around two days per week in the office doing this, and helped with the recent major audit, imposed by the Charity Commission after turnover exceeded half a million pounds a year for the first time. Daughter Darlene is vice chairman of the horse committee and can be seen at the show every year supervising events in the horse ring. The show has been running at various sites in Dorchester for 174 years and has only two employees – Ray was full of praise for the teams of volunteers who organise the show, arrange the classes, sort out stewards, parking, and all the elements that make the event so successful.

Since watching German bombers fly over Dorset towards Bristol, Ray has been very interested in aircraft. He still tunes into local Air Traffic Control broadcasts to see what is going on – perhaps a hobby inspired by Audrey's father, who was a member of the Observer Corps. Ray's father was a member of the Home Guard, and Ray remembers helping him to clean the Lewis Gun.

Ray and Audrey are keen supporters of the Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance, making regular contributions to keep this essential service flying.

When not working in his garden, at the Show office, or judging, Ray watches a variety of sport on TV. I'm surprised he finds the time!

*Susan Cawley*



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*Sue Brazier*

## Richard's fundraiser

LISA MAKK sang beautifully as around sixty guests enjoyed a 60th birthday party for Richard Crisp recently. Guests dropped in from as far afield as London, Italy, Surrey and Latvia as well as Milborne St. Andrew. Friends old and new sat and chatted in the garden with the lovely musical accompaniment. The sun shone, the garden looked beautiful, children played in the garden and stream, and the buffet was delicious.



Richard kindly used the event as a fundraiser for the British Heart Foundation and Great Ormond Street Hospital, raising £90 with a bucket collection. He did this to support Yas and Stephanie Jones in their fundraising. In memory of their good friend Nathan Cross, they are running the Bristol Half Marathon on 1st September to support these two worthy causes.

Yas and Steph would like to thank everyone who has supported their fundraising so far. If you have yet to sponsor them, please see Yas at The Royal Oak where she works, a sponsor form at the Londis shop, or use their justgiving page at [www.justgiving.com/yasminjones92/](http://www.justgiving.com/yasminjones92/)

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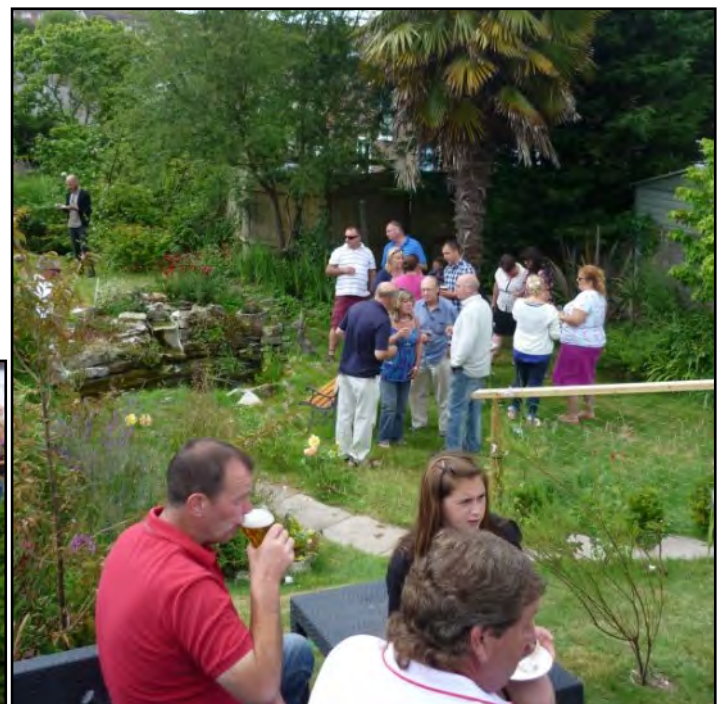
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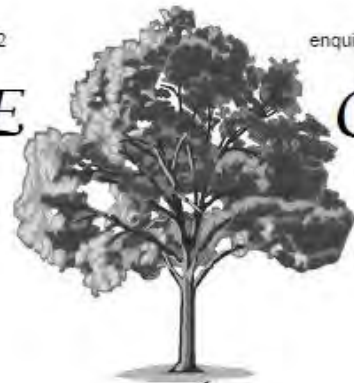
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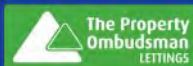
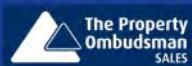
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## In your Garden

Seasonal notes and tips from Maureen Lock of *designerGardens*

### Planting for succession

SPRING bulbs will soon be appearing in the garden centres and mail order catalogues and now is the time to plan what you will plant for the spring. It's always lovely to see colourful spring bulbs emerging through the winter gloom and there is a bulb to suit just about every situation – for difficult soils, shady areas, naturalised in grass and in containers and pots. They are perfect for brightening up the base of trees and shrubs in early spring and help to fill in the gaps before the perennials and shrubs start to grow. While herbaceous perennials are dormant during winter and spring, the ground can still be a carpet of colour with *Anemone blanda*, *Eranthis*, crocus and cyclamen.

One of the main drawbacks to planting bulbs in the borders is the fading foliage which needs to be left on for six weeks and can look very unattractive. However, with careful planning you can disguise the fading foliage.

Plant bulbs underneath a flowering shrub such as *Weigela florida* 'Monet', *Cytisus* or *Spiraea japonica* so that when the bulb's flowers fade, your eyes are drawn towards the shrub's colourful flowers. I like to plant Camassias underneath *Viburnum plicatum* 'Mariesii' so that as



the flowers on one plant fade away, the flowers on the *Viburnum* take over.

Planting bulbs between quick growing perennials such as paeonies, hostas, and *Euphorbia griffithii* 'Fireglow' ensures that their tatty leaves are hidden by fresh new growth; planting bulbs amongst deciduous grasses and ferns achieves the same purpose – as the new leaves and fronds emerge the leaves of the bulbs become insignificant. Taller bulbs such as daffodils and tulips give a bit of height and if

planted in drifts can enhance your planting scheme. Remember that not all tulips and daffodils are the same height so, as a general rule, place the shorter varieties towards the front of the border or next to pathways and the taller ones further back.

Another consideration is how many to plant for the best impact. Clump them together in groups of uneven numbers (five or more at a time) to avoid a regimented effect – even if you are planting in drifts. You don't want a sparse 'line of soldiers standing to attention look'. Plant bulbs as soon as you buy them and from time to time check that they haven't been dug up by visiting wildlife (or the pet dog).

You can choose bulbs that flower in succession all year giving you continuous interest. In summer, lillies can be grown under the dappled shade of shrubs and as long as they are not too shaded, crocosmias do very well and their strappy leaves provide a bit of structure in the border.

The secret is to plant for succession and bear in mind that simple combinations of a limited variety provides the best result.





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