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## Wednesday Club moving along for 2014/15

ON 1st October the Wednesday Club had their AGM and a new committee was duly elected. Thanks were given to the outgoing members of the committee for all their help, and a bouquet of flowers presented to Janet Allen for all her help as chairman for the last three years. Ann Guy has now taken on the job, and Jenny Balcon has also become a new committee member. The new Committee hopes that all previous members will rejoin on the 5th November when the Club have arranged for a guest speaker from the Julia's House Charity. This should be very interesting and worthwhile. If you don't know about the Wednesday Club, because, perhaps you are new to the area, we meet on the first Wednesday of every month from 2.00-4.00pm in the MSA Village Hall. Everyone in the area is invited to come and meet us. Various events, talks, outings, and meals will be planned for this coming year and any suggestions will be taken on board. The age group is usually from 50 upwards, and the club is aimed at socialising and having fun. The annual fee is £10.00 per year, which isn't even 25p a week. BARGAIN!! Let's face it it's boring sitting on your own every day so come and join us once a month.

We are booked to go to the Coach and Horses at Winterborne Abbas on December 3rd for our Christmas meal, so if you want to go more details will be available at our November meeting when you can put your name down and pay your deposit, etc. Also we have booked a New Year's party/meal in The Royal Oak on 7th January 2015, so again we need to know who wants to come. More details will appear on the Wednesday Club notice board in the Village Hall or you can ring me on 01258 881766 or ring Jenny on 837121. The club is very informal and has been going for over 40 years. How brilliant is that! As a person who now lives on her own I really appreciate the Wednesday Club's friendly concept and I hope that our new Committee will come up with new ideas that meet the members' approval. COME ON GIVE IT A GO - MEET NEW PEOPLE AND ENJOY YOURSELF. You'll even get a cuppa and a biscuit thrown in. I promise we don't bite. See you on the 5th November!!

*Ann Guy, Chairman*

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# Royal British Legion Act of Remembrance

AT 11 o'clock on 9th November 2014, following the church service at St Andrew's the annual Act of Remembrance at Milborne St. Andrew will take place at the Memorial Stone at the corner of The Causeway and Church Hill.

The names of the fallen from the 1914-1918 and 1939-1945 World Wars will be read out. Please assemble at 10.55am come rain or shine.

Whilst we remember all those who have died please spare time to remember those who have suffered as a result of injury to both the body and the mind. Remember the conflicts in Iraq, Afghanistan and those we are now engaged in. Men and Women of armed forces are still risking their lives for our continuing safety.

On the 11th November at 11 o'clock there will also be an opportunity to observe the two minutes silence, the precise time the armistice came into effect in 1918.

*They shall not grow old as we that are left grow old;  
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.  
At the going down of the sun and in the morning  
We will remember them.*

### We will remember them



### Safety First

Concern has been expressed by The Royal British Legion HQ regarding people's safety during the Act of Remembrance throughout the UK, to which everyone is welcome. In order that we can reduce the risks to those attending, you will be asked to try and keep as close to the grass verge near the Memorial Stone as possible and away from any traffic using The Causeway. *Michael Hopper*

## Milborne St Andrew Art Group



The Autumn term is about to start once again for our small but friendly Art Group. We meet in the Committee Room at the Village Hall every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month at 7.00pm. The subs are very reasonable at £3 per session and you only pay when you attend.

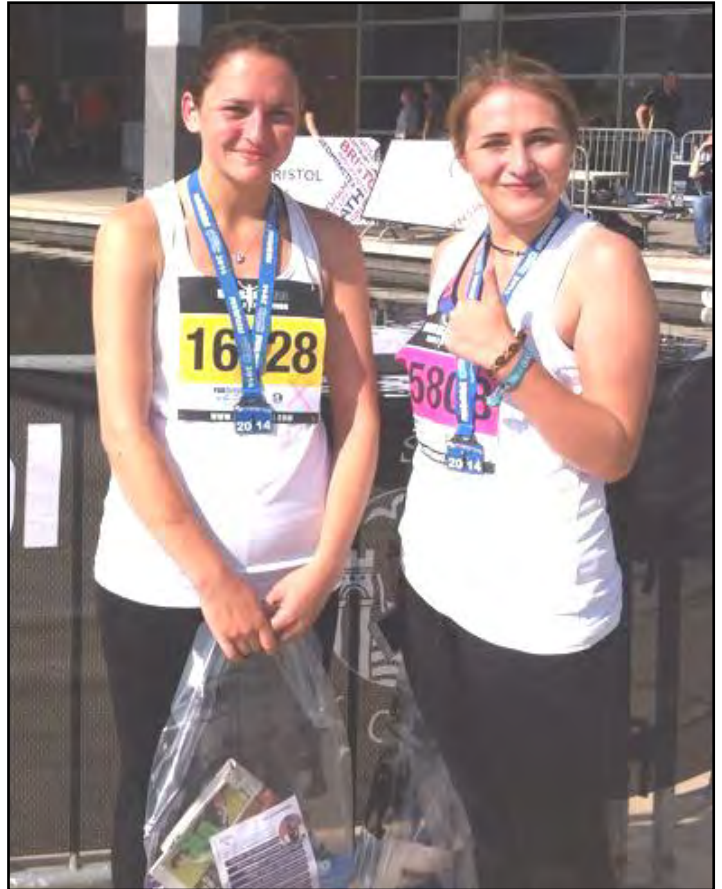
We meet up to share ideas and tips on all types of painting and drawing and to encourage each other to paint regularly. Occasionally (when funds allow) we hire a tutor or

a local artist to demonstrate their skills to the Group.

There is a display of our work in the Committee Room for all to have a look at and if you feel inspired please do come and join us. The next meeting dates are 12th and 26th November and 10th December. *Elaine Anthony (Group Organiser)*

## Local ladies complete half marathon

ON the 21st of September, Steph and I completed the Bristol half marathon in a time of 2 hours and 23 minutes for Great Ormond Street Children's Hospital and the British Heart Foundation. We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone that sponsored us, in total we have raised just over £800 for these two amazing charities.



We would also like to say a special thank you to Simon and Chris Buckingham at Buckingham Healthcare for their generous donation. Please could we ask that sponsorship is paid by Saturday the 22nd of November, by dropping it into The Royal Oak in Milborne so we can get it sent off as soon as possible! The atmosphere on race day was amazing, time to start training for a full marathon next!

*Yasmin Jones*

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## Unusual plants at Gardening Club



ON Thursday 25th September members and guests gathered together for a talk by Peter Cantrill about 'Unusual Herbaceous Plants'. It was a serious talk even though on our programme there was a mis-print of Pants for Plants, which could have been a quite different experience!

Peter came all the way from Exeter to share his knowledge of herbaceous plants, not only that but he brought with him a huge selection for us to see and possibly buy at the end of the evening. Peter has a specialist nursery (Dayspring Plants) covering two acres where he grows and supplies nurseries such as Otter, Abbotsbury and Castle Gardens. It was a nice change to actually see the plants individually and to hear in detail whether they liked sun or shade, which soil and the size it might grow into.

We were all deciding in our minds if we could just fit that one in and keeping a mental note as to where it was on the table, so that we could zoom in to buy it! We were given a helpful sheet of the names of all the plants that Peter talked about and showed us, which was useful to refer to and to look at in the future. I think we all learnt a good deal from the evening, with many useful tips about herbaceous plants. Most of us bought at least one plant and I am certainly looking forward to my Agapanthus Finnline flowering next year, if I can help it through the winter months. After the usual question time we enjoyed refreshments together and we were reminded of future dates for our diaries.

In November (27th) we will be listening to a Gold Club Speaker, talking about 'The Other Side of Plants: A Light Hearted Look at the Side of Plants you do not Usually See'. Everyone welcome.

Members please look out for emails re a trip to Poundbury Garden Centre to enjoy tea or coffee and a 25% discount on sales, sometime in November.

*Angie Nowell*



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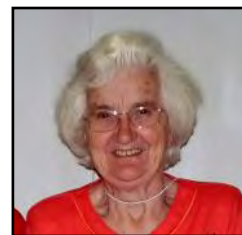
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***Local villages covered:  
Milborne, Cheselbourne and Dewlish***

## Gwen Patricia Elise Shipton

**16th January 1927 – 2nd September 2014**

IT IS with great sadness that we report the death of Pat Shipton who passed away peacefully on 2nd September in Dorchester Hospital.



Pat was born in Havant on January 16th 1927. She spent her early years on Hayling Island, the youngest of three children, sister to William and Jill. Their first childhood memories of Pat include watching her sitting on a mat in front of the fire reading to the dog Bonzo who was tucked under her arm.

In 1933 the family moved to Folkestone, but her father who was in the RAF was posted to Suffolk. Pat said: "my parents decided that if we were going to be killed we were all going together." She and her sister would cycle each day to the bus which took them to Ely High School.

In 1944, Pat joined the WRENS for three-and-a-half years, which took her first to Orkney and Rosyth in Scotland, then to Lowestoft and Chesham.

She returned home after that and became a secretary, working for a number of companies including PGTips, ITV and Austin Reed, but it was when she moved to an electrical engineering firm that her life changed, because that is where she met her future husband George.

They married in 1962 and moved to Bishop's Stortford, from where they set up a plumbing, heating and electrical business in Southgate, North London. In 1974 they changed direction and moved to Braishfield, a village north of Romsey, and took over the village shop and Post Office. At the same time, George also carried on doing some electrical work. Both of them became involved in village life.

In 1983, they bought some land just outside Milborne St. Andrew. At the time it had a couple of very rundown wooden houses on it, which hadn't been lived in for 20 years. It took them four years to sort everything out, but they did, and built their own bungalow on the way. Pat wasn't going to leave this project to the men – she got stuck in to the building as well, clambering on the roof, mending walls and so on. They named the house Rangemore, after the place where George had been born.

Many of us here in Milborne will know that the two of them joined in with village life enthusiastically. They were both on the village hall committee, with George chairing for a while. Pat was involved in the WI, which became the Dewlish Ladies Group, and the Wednesday Club. She supported the village lunches, and made valuable contributions to church activities. Indeed, Pat's Christian faith was important to her. She worshipped regularly and continued to receive communion and prayers in hospital as the end neared.

After George died in 2005, Pat moved into the village itself, taking the name of the house with her. She enjoyed going on holiday, so much so that when she first thought she was not well, she insisted on taking her trip before going to the doctors.

Pat enjoyed living in the countryside, but was sad that traditional village shops – the butcher, the baker and so on – had disappeared. She loved knitting, gardening, enjoyed television quizzes and being part of village life.

Pat never minded rolling up her sleeves and getting stuck in. She was reliable and always willing to help, but wouldn't push herself on people. She was always herself.

Pat had a twinkle in her eyes, a dry sense of humour and an energy that belied her age. She will be sadly missed by her many good friends and family in this village and beyond.

The family of Pat wishes to thank all those who helped her in her final days and thank the flower ladies who decorated the church for her Thanksgiving Service.



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## Remembering the lost

I have been pondering much recently on the many areas of conflict in our world, and the response of our politicians and others who seem to assume that a military response is the right one, whenever our nation might be threatened.

While I realise that these are complex issues, I don't feel comfortable with this approach. Every person who is killed is not just "the enemy" but a loved member of a family, a son or daughter, a mother or father, uncle, niece or friend. These enemies are real people, with lives outside the conflict.

A poem by Vera Brittain, who lost her fiancé Roland Leighton in the First World War, reminds us of the personal cost of wars:

### Perhaps -

Perhaps some day the sun will shine again,  
And I shall see that still the skies are blue,  
And feel once more I do not live in vain,  
Although bereft of you.

Perhaps the golden meadows at my feet  
Will make the sunny hours of spring seem gay,  
And I shall find the white May-blossoms sweet,  
Though you have passed away.

Perhaps the summer woods will shimmer bright,  
And crimson roses once again be fair,  
And autumn harvest fields a rich delight,  
Although you are not there.

Perhaps some day I shall not shrink in pain  
To see the passing of the dying year,  
And listen to Christmas songs again,  
Although you cannot hear.'

But though kind Time may many joys renew,  
There is one greatest joy I shall not know  
Again, because my heart for loss of you  
Was broken, long ago.

Jesus told his followers to love their enemies as well as their friends. It's a tall order, but it is easier to do that when we are able to see those on the "other side" as individuals with lives much like ours, part of families and communities, who mourn the passing of their loved ones as much as we do of ours, and miss them as much as Vera Brittain missed her fiancé after he died.

Perhaps you would join me this Remembrance season in praying for new and creative ways to address conflict and disagreement, whether it be political, geographical, religious, nationalist or cultural differences that are the cause of the fighting. When we see each person involved as a human being with hopes and fears, dreams and worries, it is perhaps easier to want to work for solutions that do not involve addressing violence with more violence and bloodshed.

With best wishes

*Sarah Hillman*

## Milborne St Andrew Church Notes

AS summer is now behind us we are reflecting on the last days of warm daylight evening hours. The church was beautifully decorated with produce and flower displays for our **Harvest Thanksgiving** service; our thanks go to the group of flower arrangers who excelled themselves again this year.

This service was designed and led by the 'Celebrate' team who try hard to make it appropriate for all ages. 'Celebrate' has now been running for one year and we were happy to welcome our largest ever congregation who enjoyed a light breakfast before the service. The fresh produce they

## CHURCH SERVICES November 2014

### 2nd November – All Saints' Sunday

9.30am	Parish Communion	Tolpuddle
9.30	Celebrate	Milborne
11.00	Parish Communion <i>with emptying of Children's Society Boxes</i>	Puddletown Church Room
11.00	Patronal Festival Songs of Praise	Dewlish
3.00pm	Service of remembrance and thanksgiving for those who have died	Milborne

### THURSDAY 6th November

12 noon	Lunch-time Communion	Milborne
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### 9th November – Remembrance Sunday

(No 8.15am Service at Puddletown this month)

9.30am	United Methodist Service	Tolpuddle
10.00	Service of Remembrance <i>(followed by procession to the Memorial Stone for 11am)</i>	Milborne
10.50	Remembrance Day Service <i>(starting at the War Memorial at the Crossroads)</i>	Dewlish
11.00	Puddletown Praise	Puddletown Church Room
3.00pm	Royal British Legion Service of Remembrance	Puddletown

### 16th November – 2 before Advent

9.30am	Family Communion	Tolpuddle
9.30	1662 Morning Prayer (said)	Milborne
11.00	Parish Communion	Puddletown Church Room
11.00	Family Service	Dewlish

### THURSDAY 20th November

12 noon	Lunch-time Communion	Puddletown Church Room
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### 23rd November – Christ the King

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

### 30th November – St Andrew/Advent Sunday

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

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





brought was given to Longmead while the 'groceries' were divided between the Blandford and Dorchester Food Banks. A few days later the church was full for the **school harvest festival**. The children sang and read beautifully and we enjoyed seeing how many words they could make from the letters in 'HARVEST'. Yes, you can make 'starve'.

Milborne has started **Open the Book** sessions in Milborne First School and it seems that the children are enjoying it. We know that the team, who read and act out a ten-minute Bible story each time, have been enjoying themselves. Simple props are needed as part of the presentation and give great amusement to all involved in creating and admiring them.

Two very different special services have been held in church. There was a **thanksgiving service for the life of Pat Shipton**, and the church was full for the **wedding of Chris and Sue Cummins**, a couple now living in Romsey, at the beginning of October. We were really pleased that Pip's new ringing team were able to ring our six bells for them before and after the service.

Following a meeting with the diocesan stewardship advisor about concerns that the PCC have about our financial position, a subgroup has been set up to make plans to deal proactively with the issues. We would like to have a representative from the village who is not a regular St. Andrew's church attender but is interested in helping us to connect with the village to keep the church running. If you would be interested in helping us please contact one of the churchwardens.

Our **Living Churchyard** is to undergo changes in the way that it is managed so that next year when the wildflowers appear it will be more obvious that the areas are not just messy uncut grass! Unfortunately, there is still a problem with some of the graves which do not meet the regulations for churchyard plots and there are some memorial benches which are unsafe and need attention; we hope to consult the relatives who provided them as a memorial to their loved ones.

At **3.00pm on November 2nd** we will be holding our annual **Service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving for Those who have Died**. We have invited all those who have been bereaved during the last year but everyone is welcome to come to the service and then join us for a cup of tea afterwards. The following Sunday, **November 9th, is Remembrance Sunday** when we will hold a

**Service of Remembrance in church at 10.00** followed by a gathering at the **Memorial Stone just before 11.00am**.

At 7.30pm on **Wednesday 5th November** (please remember the date!) we will be holding a debate in church to consider '**Science and Religion are not compatible**'. Chaired by our archdeacon, the motion will be proposed by David Nunn who is a government scientist, and opposed by Eric Austen. It promises to be a lively debate and everyone is welcome to attend. There is no charge but donations towards refreshments afterwards would be appreciated.

The big event in November will be our annual **Christmas Market in the Village Hall on November 29th**. (See our advert on page 14.) Father Christmas has promised to come, and there should be a good range of stalls for you to find lots of Christmas goodies.

There will be celebrations for **St. Andrew's day on the 30th November** with a benefice service in St. Andrew's church led by our archdeacon, and a **Haggis Supper** that evening in **The Royal Oak** (contact John or Eva for tickets). By the time you read this Christmas will be approaching fast but we will give you details of our annual Carol Service, Christingle and Midnight Mass in the next edition. In the meantime keep watching the notice boards!

*Pam Shults and John Wright*

## Dewlish Church Notes

### Very fitting time to remember Mrs Eleanor Carey

After our Family Communion service on 28th September Sarah re-dedicated the seat in front of the east window in Dewlish churchyard, after the name of the late Mrs Eleanor Carey had been added to it. Prayers were said and James, Mrs Carey's grandson, read a poem.

It was a very fitting time to remember Mrs Carey and we were delighted to see so many old friends once again. Afterwards, we all went to The Oak, where we enjoyed refreshments and shared our many happy memories. Many thanks to Robert and Stephanie for their kindness.

The church looked a blaze of colour for our Harvest Festival. Gifts were brought to the altar and we all enjoyed the service, which was led by Jim. This year we have had so much to be thankful for – good crops both in the garden and the fields. Thank you to the flower arrangers, who always make the church look so colourful, and to Jim and Graeme for the decoration on the pillars.

### Raising funds towards our church's running costs

The food for the Harvest Supper on the following evening after our Festival was simply delicious. A big thank-you to Margaret for all her hard work in arranging it, and to the helpers on the day. As usual, Andrew did an excellent job at the subsequent auction of produce, by extracting maximum amounts for everything he sold – even (somehow) managing to sell vegetables back to the person who had donated them! Thank you, Andrew.

As a consequence, we raised £344.50 in the auction. This is to be divided between Water Aid and Relief for the Hungry in South Sudan. The supper raised £244.10, which will go towards our church's running costs.

### Jim's biking marathon

Jim, who visited 33 churches during his biking marathon, is still busy collecting his sponsorship money for the "Ride and Stride" Dorset Historic Churches Trust. Thanks to everyone's generosity he should have raised about £1,900, half of which will be returned to Dewlish to help with the church's running costs. I hope to give a final figure next month.

### Important dates for your diaries

- **Remembrance Sunday** this year falls on **9th November**. We shall commence proceedings at the War Memorial at 10.50am, followed by the service in All Saints.
- We have now fixed the date of our **Christmas Bazaar**; this will be held on **Saturday 6th December** in the Village Hall, starting at 2.30pm. More details next month.

*Daphne Burg*

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## Friday Drop-In (Coffee, Cake and Computers) to shut down

AFTER almost seven years of supporting Milborne's silver surfers, the Friday Drop-In at the Village Hall, also known as "Coffee, Cake and Computers", will hold its last session on 5th December. Dwindling numbers mean that the group is no longer viable and is now not able to pay its way.

The Drop-In opened its doors in 2008 and, at its peak, had more than 40 regular visitors eager to learn about e-mail, the Internet, Digital Photography, Spreadsheets and Word Processing. Skype and now FaceTime have allowed face-to-face conversations with friends and relatives on the other side of the world.

Things have changed a lot over the years with Windows XP evolving into Windows 8.1 and conversations about megabytes evolving into conversations about terabytes. Discussions about Tablets now have to be clarified to distinguish between the medicinal and the digital varieties! The benefits of an Apple or a Mac are now well understood in more than one context. Spam continues to be viewed with some trepidation and viruses are avoided wherever possible.

The end of the Drop-In is tinged with some sadness but also a great deal of satisfaction. Our village Drop-In has been the model for similar groups around the county and our success in developing the skills of our silver surfers (and many younger) has, ultimately, taken away the need for the group although the delicious cake and coffee available has been the big attraction for many people for quite some time.

We would like to thank the Village Hall and Dorset POPP for their considerable support throughout the lifetime of the group but most of all, our "regulars" for their support over the years.

*Rose and Ed Frost*

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# Noah (12) shown by 'Milborne Movies'

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THERE is perhaps no better-known Bible story than that of Noah's Ark, which is an amazing tale; so who better to tell it than Darren Aronofsky, who is one of the most imaginative filmmakers working today. It tells the tale of a man chosen by his world's creator to undertake a momentous mission before an apocalyptic flood cleanses the world. The film starts by briefly retelling the beginning of the book of Genesis, before beginning the story with Noah as a young boy (Dakota Goyo) standing on a hill with his father Lamech (Marton Csokas), who is about to give him a precious heirloom – the skin of the original serpent in Eden. After many years the adult Noah (now played by Russell Crowe) has a dream where he sees the mountain his grandfather Methuselah lives on with water covering the earth and he realizes that the Creator is trying to send him a message. Then when the Ark nears completion, animals are seen following the streams from across the land to the source of the great spring and beginning to arrive at the ark.

Russell Crowe is outstanding playing a man in torment, trying to carry out the orders of a god who chose to communicate only obliquely, leaving Noah fumbling about in the dark as he tries to do the right thing. The director, Aronofsky, deftly blends his own unique interpretation of the story with the Biblical power and mysticism of the original. This adaptation is quite accurate and true to the biblical story, but Aronofsky also combines creationism, Darwinian evolution, original sin, the end of days, and radical environmentalism. The film is not only a feast for the eyes, but one for the mind as well.

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.

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## Have you something to share?

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# Lest we forget

WE are thinking particularly this year of the casualties of the First World War as it is 100 years since its outbreak in 1914.

This village has had its share of war casualties as we can see from our war memorial. But it wasn't only the men who died on the battlefields we remember, but also those who came back, scarred by the experience, and the families losing a loved one.

Every man who fought had a story, this is the story of one man whose name is on our monument, Alfred John Parsons.

Alfred was baptised on 11th April 1877 at Stalbridge in Dorset, the son of Samuel and Mary Ann. By 1901 at the age of twenty-four he was living at The Pure Drop Inn in Milborne St. Andrew with Benjamin Baker a grocer and baker, he was a servant, probably an apprentice and journeyman bread maker. During this time he met Maude Joiner who lived with her family at two Dorchester Hill and five years later he married her. Their daughter Elsie was born the next year and son Raymond four years later. By this time they had moved to Mayflower Cottage where the children were brought up, he was working as a baker, a normal, happy family life.

But in 1914 war was declared and Alfred enlisted in the Dorchester Regiment on 22nd November 1915 as private 18256. He was thirty-nine, his daughter was eight at the time and his son only four. He was mobilised to France on 14th June 1916. He served in the trenches for the next eighteen months. We don't know exactly the battles he fought in, but he received the British War medal, the Victory medal and the Silver War badge. But during this time, due to the appalling conditions he was living under, he was treated for dermatitis four times and was found to have tuberculosis. He was discharged as, 'no longer physically fit for war service' in April 1918 and shipped home, he spent some time in Dorchester Military Hospital, died the next year of tuberculosis on 3rd January 1919 and was buried on the 8th January in Milborne St. Andrew cemetery. His widow eventually lived at The Retreat as housekeeper with the children in the 1920s.

Alfred Parson's granddaughter June Jenkins, who lives in Dorchester, writes, 'The first World War changed social norms everywhere in England. My grandmother's sister Florence lost her fiancé in the conflict and never married. Life was hard, families supported each other while their menfolk fought and many sacrificed their lives for their country.'

We will remember them.

*Josie Wright*



Dorsetshire Regiment

Alfred is third from the right on the second row in the photograph.

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## Superfast Dorset to rollout fibre broadband to 9,000 North Dorset homes and businesses

THOUSANDS of residents and businesses across North Dorset will benefit from faster, more reliable broadband in 2015 as part of Dorset's multi-million pound rollout of fibre broadband.

Superfast Dorset announce on 16th October that engineering work is already underway on the third phase of the programme, which by spring 2015 is expected to make improved internet speeds available to 9,000 properties in communities in the exchange areas of Blandford, Bourton, Child Okeford, Fontmell Magna, Gillingham, Hazelbury Bryan, Marnhull, Milton Abbas, Shaftesbury and Sturminster Newton.

This third phase builds on the work of the private sector which has already made fibre broadband available to most of Dorset's towns, including the majority of properties in Blandford, Gillingham and Shaftesbury.

The programme, a partnership between Government, BT and Dorset's councils, will continue work throughout North Dorset in future phases to reach an estimated 17,000 premises by the end of 2016 in North Dorset alone.

Since the Superfast Dorset rollout started in spring this year, approximately 18,000 properties across the county have gained access to better broadband. By Christmas, the project aims to reach approximately 30,000.

BT's local network business, Openreach, has been busy surveying the network in Dorset in order to ensure that the rollout of the new technology is carried out in the most cost effective and efficient manner.

The Fibre to the Cabinet (FTTC) technology being widely used throughout the programme can deliver download speeds of up to 80Mbps and upload speeds of up to 20Mbps through fibre running to a fibre optic street cabinet. According to regulator Ofcom, the current average download speed in Dorset is 10.9Mbps. In many rural areas, it is much lower.

Once in place, the fibre optic network is available on an open wholesale basis to all broadband providers, which will ensure competitive pricing and a wide choice of suppliers for local households and businesses.

The Superfast Dorset partnership aims to have made superfast broadband available to 95 per cent of the county's premises by the end of 2016. Further, the programme is committed to ensure a minimum speed of 2Mbps for all premises within the programme area on request where fibre broadband isn't viable.

## 'Metal detecting is our hobby!' at the October WI

AS ever, the committee are keen to look ahead and are already planning for our stall at next year's Milton Abbas Street Fair, the NFWI centenary celebrations and our own WI 70th birthday celebrations, so there are a lot of ends to tie up. Chris has already collected a lovely array of craft items for the Weldmar stall, and we hope to continue adding to this. October also includes the Group meeting at Sturminster Marshall and the Annual Council meeting.

Lesley reported that our *Skittles* team has won two out of their three matches, with a contribution by Linda drawing particular commendation. Everyone is welcome to come and have a go; great fun is had by all. 'Bookends' readers have met to look at the new catalogue from the library and to choose their options. Out of the 84 pages of books on offer, Shirley is hoping to short-list down to a mere 15 books.

With Christmas on the horizon, Shirley and Val are to co-ordinate arrangements for the members' meeting in December. A Christmas meal is planned at The Royal Oak for Monday 8th December with partners invited, menu options to be decided for our next meeting.

In their leisure time, guest speakers David and Sheila Cobb are metal detectorists, venturing out into the Dorset countryside twice a week for the past 30 years. They brought along a vast array of artefacts which they have collected, their hobby having grown from the old mine detectors used during the Second World War. How would you start? Buy a magazine ("Search"), acquire a mine detector (second-hand will do) and head off to the beach or local farmland. Permission clearly must be obtained from the land owner, and there are many no-go areas where detecting is prohibited.

There are various rules covering any finds: anything over 300 years old must be declared within two weeks and it can take up to two years to identify real treasure and usually with the involvement of the British Museum. One of David and Sheila's larger finds included a 1st century AD hoard which involved Wessex Archaeology, the British Museum and the Ashmolean Museum and took five years to clean up and be verified. Other discoveries include Roman coins and keys, bronze axe and spearheads, Iron Age coins, brooches and toggles. We marvelled at the workmanship involved in these completely hand-made tools. Some of the many examples we were shown included Medieval Tudor coins, brooches and belt decorations as well as thimbles, buttons and pennies.

This is clearly a consuming hobby; David and Sheila never know what they are going to find next. They stress they are not necessarily looking for anything valuable; it is more for the interest and having these old items recorded.

Before our meeting started, Margaret, who has an eye for finding fossils, carefully placed one on each of our seats. They were hard to miss but equally hard for those who did!

Congratulations to our President, Jenny, whose apple cake was judged to be this month's winner.

At our next meeting, on **Thursday 13th November**, Tim Loasby will talk about the history of Kingston Maurward. The competition will be a photo of a Dorset landmark. Please come along and join us.

*Pat Bull*



## CHRISTMAS VILLAGE LUNCH



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## Try this Brandy cake for Christmas

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1 cup of dried fruit	1 tspn salt
1 cup of brown sugar	lemon juice
Nuts	1 bottle of Brandy

### METHOD

Sample the brandy and check for quality. Take a large bowl. Check the brandy again to be sure it is of the highest quality. Pour one level cup and drink. Repeat

Turn on the electric mixer. Beat one cup of butter and beat again. Make sure the brandy is still okay. Cry another tup. Turn off the mixer. Break two leggs and add to the bowl, then chuck in the cup of drier fruit. Mix on the turner. If the fruit gets stuck in the beaters, pry if loose with a screwdriver.

Sample the brandy again and check for tonsistency. Next sift two cups of salt, or something, who cares. Check the brandy. Now sift the lemon juice and strain your nuts. Add one babblespoon of brown sugar, or whatever colour you can find. Wix mel. Grease the oven. Turn the cake pan to 350 gradees. Do not forget to beat off the turner. Throw the bowl out of the window, check the brandy again and go to bed.

## Did you identify this?

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## Well ran Claire!

LADYBIRDS Playgroup is £180 better off thanks to Claire Scott completing the Bournemouth half marathon earlier this month. The deputy leader of Ladybirds was one of over 2,700 runners who took part in the 13.1 mile course over the hills at Boscombe Down and along Bournemouth's beaches. Claire says, "I enjoyed the route and the beautiful views. Everyone was in their charity t-shirts and I also remember passing a tiger, an ice cream man and another with a fridge on his back!"



She was making good progress, with Ladybirds leader, Liz, cheering her on at the 10 mile mark. She ran 11 miles in two hours, then it was down to Boscombe Pier and back up the hill but with a mile to go the pain set in. Cheered on by those around her ("go pink lady, go!" and "one more mile, one more mile!"), Claire found the extra resource to get to the finish line in two hours 27 minutes. She says, "Monday morning at Ladybirds was a challenge – but I'm ready for another!" Congratulations, Claire!

*Ed Richards*

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## Bus2Go Motors into Best Village Project Awards 2014

### By two of its regular passengers

BUS2GO is a great asset to Milborne St. Andrew and the surrounding villages and towns. Since the introduction of Bus2Go my sister and I have really enjoyed all the trips and shows. I think on average we have missed about three trips since Bus2Go launched in April 2012.

We both unfortunately lost our husbands within two days of each other five years ago. Joining in with Bus2Go has helped us overcome our loneliness, meeting so many people on a regular basis you soon make new friends, we have even met old school pals from at least seventy years ago which brings back lots of memories and gives you something to reminisce about. Kathleen's niece and her friend from Puddletown regularly join us on our outings too. My sister has often brought her grandson on outings with us. My granddaughters have often joined us too on shopping outings, other passengers have brought along their grandchildren too. The bus really is there for everyone.

Our visit to Walford Mill at Wimborne was a very poignant one for us both as it was where our grandparents used to live. We have travelled further afield to Bath, Winchester, Sidmouth, Ottery St. Mary, Seaton, Bristol Zoo and even Mr Clunes' farm in Beaminster.

Bus2Go is an all-inclusive project, which enables everyone to join in regardless of age or mobility limitations. In the main we pick up from the door step or a convenient place close to where you live. So please come and join us.

Margo Kirk makes an excellent job of organising all these trips which now averages three to four a month; usually we have two buses or more depending on demand.

Once again thanks to Margo for all her hard work and as she says if it were not for the passengers and Dorset Community Transport there would be no Bus2Go and we would not have received the



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## Colourful Month at Ladybirds

WE continued studying primary colours. Yellow led us to make sunflowers, play in the sand and talk about sunshine. Blue was more difficult as we all say the sea is blue but really water isn't so we added blue food colouring to water and froze into blocks of ice. The children who played with this for a long time ended up with stained hands. Which just makes you think what it does to their stomachs.

We followed the primary colours with 'multi-coloured'. The children made some lovely Elmer the Elephants out of plastic milk bottles and tissue papers which for some children involved a great deal of concentration.

All the children made handprints in the colours of the rainbow which we then cut out and arranged to show a beautiful rainbow. A sun and a rain cloud was added - oh and also a pot of gold at the end of the rainbow. The photo attached is shown in black and white you can't quite appreciate how colourful it is unless you look on the Reporter website at [www.milbornestandrew.org.uk/reporter](http://www.milbornestandrew.org.uk/reporter) *Liz Dyer*



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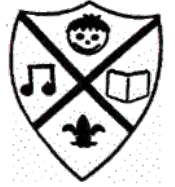
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## School News

THIS term our children have been learning about how the body works as part of science. The children really enjoyed their body tour in the Explorer Dome, where they were able to take part in lively hands on experiments which enhanced their learning.

On Thursday 9th October all children in year 1-4 visited St. Andrew's Church with staff and parents for our Harvest Festival. Donations of food items were collected by school and donated to the Dorchester Food Bank. Seahorses class have been having fun and celebrating harvest in their class by baking bread.



If your child is due to start school in September 2015 we would be delighted to welcome you at our open day as detailed below. Please contact the school office if you would like to attend or to make alternative arrangements if these times are not convenient.

Tuesday 11th November, 9.30-11.30am.



On Thursday 20th November at 3.00pm Dorset Police are running an Internet Safety Event for parents at the school and we would like to extend the invitation to parents of older children.

Do you have any unwanted but re-wearable clothes, shoes, including lingerie and leather items, bed linens and curtains?

Friends of Milborne School have arranged for a collection of unwanted textiles for recycling by Elm Tree Textiles a local Dorset Recycler. Unwanted clothes and shoes are recycled and sent to Eastern Europe and Africa to provide affordable clothing for families that live there. The school gets paid for all items collected, so raises funds as well as helping other families around the world. The Friends are looking to collect around Milborne on Sunday 9th November, or alternatively bags can be brought to school for collection on Wednesday 12th November.

Finally, thank you to Heritage Art Papers Ltd for thinking of us and for the donation of note pads, much appreciated.

## CONTACTS

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

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

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## GENERAL – YOUTH

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## SCHOOL

Milborne 1st School		
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Milborne Players	Roy Sach	01258 837033
Modern Sequence Dancing	Brian Webber	01935 812347
Ranters' Folk Session	Roger Harrall	01258 837371
Round Robin Ramblers	Ian Bromilow	01258 880044

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

Cricket – Dewlish	Elaine Kellaway	01258 837696
Cricket Club – Milton Abbas	Colin Chastey	01258 882162
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Football – Reserve Team	Tom Lane	07786 156335
Football – Minis	Nicola Malone	07788 217579
Running Group	Anne-Marie Pearson	01258 837057
Skittles – Dewlish	Frank Ross	01258 837366
Sports Club Chairman:	John Sanderson	01258 837049
Bookings:	Dean Hamilton	01258 837370
Tap Dancing for Adults	Libby Goodchild	01305 268029
Tennis	Dennis Nelson	01258 837734
Tennis (Members Secretary)	John Sanderson	01258 837049
Yoga (at school)	Sue Chapman	01305 848053
Yoga (at village hall)	Sarah Ryan	01258 839230

## VILLAGE HALL

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Chairman:	Paul Tasker	07801 714619
Booking Secretary:	Sandie Sach	01258 837033

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# Community Events Diary

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## November

- Wednesday 5th** **Wednesday Club** Speaker from Julia's House Charity. Village Hall at 2.00pm – see page 2.
- Sunday 9th** **Remembrance Sunday** St. Andrew's Church 10.00pm. Followed at 11.00am by the annual Act of Remembrance at the Memorial Stone at the corner of The Causeway and Church Hill.
- Tuesday 11th** **Armistice Day** 11.00am two minutes silence at the Memorial Stone, The Causeway.  
**100 Club Draw** The Royal Oak everyone welcome to attend – see page 9 for winners and below.
- Thursday 13th** **WI** Tim Loasby will talk about the history of Kingston Maurward. Village Hall 7.30pm – see page 11.
- Friday 14th** **Milborne Movies 'Noah'** Village Hall 7.30pm – see pages 9 and 18.  
**Reporter** latest date for the December issue. Send your items to msa.reporter@yahoo.co.uk
- Wednesday 19th** **Parish Council** Village Hall 7.30pm.
- Thursday 27th** **Gardening Club** 'The Other Side of Plants: A Light Hearted Look at the Side of Plants you do not Usually See'. Everyone Welcome. 7.30pm – see page 5.
- Sunday 30th** **Haggis Supper** at The Royal Oak in aid of St. Andrew's church 7.00pm for 7.30pm supper– see pages 3 and 7

## December

- Saturday 6th** **Christmas Village Lunch** Village Hall 12.15pm. Tickets from Drop-in Centre in Village Hall Committee Room from 10.00am to 12 noon on Fridays – see page 11 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

## November at the Sports Club

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Under 11s Stuart Joyce 01258 456594.

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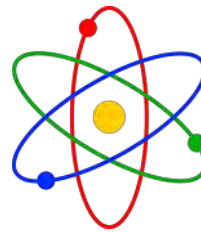
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## 'The Whispering Road' with Serious Kitchen in partnership with Artsreach

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The show content is suitable for children, 8+. The evening is in two halves, the first is general song and music with the second half being the show, which runs at around an hour.

The village hall and bar is open from 7.00pm and the show starts at 7.30pm. Tickets £8 adults, £6 under 18s, £24 family which can be obtained from Londis Village Shop in Milborne St. Andrew or from Sarah Ryan by phoning 01258 839230.

## Can you identify where this is in Milborne?



Be the first to send your answer to [msa.reporter@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:msa.reporter@yahoo.co.uk)  
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Answer in the December Reporter.

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# Notes from Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday 15th October

ONLY two Councillors and the Clerk attended. This was not a quorum, but the views of villagers were sought on the items on the Agenda. District Councillors sent their apologies again but there was a short written report from Cllr. Somper.

## Council Representatives' reports:

**Cllr. Thompson** – The Council is supportive of the garage extension at 'Catkins' and a retrospective planning application will be submitted. The fault appears to lie with advice given and protocol not being followed by NDDC. An official complaint has been made. Property within the Conservation Area is not entitled to 'permitted rights' development.

**Crown House** – Various villagers have raised with Councillors that shrubs have been removed from the owners' garden. This is not a Council matter.

The Chairman had attended a Planning Seminar in Dorchester, and had learned about the planning process – material factors such as residential amenity, parking, traffic, noise, contamination, etc. Parking issues are now having a greater effect on Planning Applications. Also factors which are not planning matters – boundary disputes, views, etc. The presenter had stressed the need for villages to have a Neighbourhood Plan to increase control over what happens in their areas.

**Tree report** – the holly blocking Coffin Path has been felled, but the dead oak uphill of the path has not. Warden will take photos to resubmit the job ticket, but also try to find who owns the land. Land clearance behind Little England/Hillside – an offence has been committed and the landowner has received a warning letter from NDDC. This reiterates that "no-one may fell or take branches from any tree within a Conservation Area without consulting NDDC". The Landowner was at the meeting and was advised to consult NDDC before tackling the Ash sucker which he has been asked to move.

**Flood** – work has started in Milton Road and is on schedule for the road to be resurfaced end October/beginning November. PLP applicants – people whose property (not gardens) is on the flood plain – the work on their homes is being done and will be finished by Spring. All residents who have suffered flooding are advised strongly to apply as it is unlikely that retrospective applications will be met. The storm drain will be in by end of winter as there is a delay to delivery of some pre-cast concrete elements. Houses on The Causeway will have temporary protection for this time. Various individuals were thanked for their help and support to get all this work done, namely Steve Lord; Martin Hill; Andrew Gill, EA Team Leader for MSA; Malcolm Munro, EA Enforcement Engineer and Brian Richards, Flood Risk Manager.

## Correspondence:

**Electoral Review** – will be an Agenda item at the next meeting. Posters have been received for display in the village with information as to where more information can be found.

**DCC Planning Application** for a Waste Storage Lagoon on A354 just opposite Greenacre Farm. In another failure of planning process, the Parish Council was not consulted when the application was lodged with DCC in April and neither were the neighbours at Greenacre Farm. Councillor Cox helped to make our voice heard. Application papers were finally brought to the Clerk yesterday for consideration in time for a DCC meeting next week. Clerk has asked for the decision to be postponed until the PC has had time to consider the application. It will provide bulk storage, with the landowner benefiting from cheaper waste for his land. From the quantity to be stored it is possible that several farms could be collecting from the store. Much discussion about the disparity between the amounts to be stored quoted in the planning application and the supporting notes, traffic and transport volumes and timings on the A354, accident risk, pollution and security, as well as yet another area where due planning process has not been followed. Clerk will write to complain officially about the planning process. It appears that

# Police News

## Fond farewell to Community beat officer Rich Barnes

AS we have kept you informed over the last few months, the on-going restructuring of staff within North Dorset has continued and entered a new phase. The 'Hubbing' of all Response Officers at Blandford took effect from the 1st October and as such, the Safer Neighbourhood Team roles have altered. Most notably for the rural areas of Blandford, it signals the end of PC Rich Barnes' tenure as Rural North Community Beat Officer. Rich's hard work and dedication to the area he grew up in will now continue in the capable hands of PC Dave Mullins who assumes responsibility for the whole of the rural patch. Rich has not gone too far though and simply switches to response work based at Blandford so you will all be seeing his cheeky smile around the patch for some time yet! A huge thank you to Rich for all his efforts within SNT over the last seven years and we wish him the very best as he continues his career.



## Rural team welcomes Charli

As we say farewell to one Officer, we welcome another; PCSO Charli Barkshire joins the Rural Team from Blandford Town as we continue to evolve. She is an experienced Officer of nearly five years that many of you will already know. She is looking forward to the temporary switch before she is due to join Dorset Police in March as a Constable. Meanwhile, an internal reshuffle has seen PCSO Greg Downs return temporarily to his old haunts at Sturminster Newton. Greg will continue to support the Blandford Rural Team though when needed.



Anyone wishing to get some advice on crime prevention can now follow this link to dorset police 'crime prevention portal' [www.dorset.police.uk/default.aspx?page=5981](http://www.dorset.police.uk/default.aspx?page=5981) or contact their local SNT on 101 and arrange for a home security survey – free of charge.

## Meet the team

Meet the team and members of your PACT Panel to raise local issues on the FIRST Thursday of every month (even months – February, April, June, August, October, December – at Milborne St. Andrew Londis, shop car park from 11.30am – 12.00 noon).

someone is trying 'sleight of hand' to push the application through quickly and with contradicting and insufficient information. Councillors are not happy with the level of information in the application and would like the Agent to attend a meeting to tell them precisely what is being planned.

## No Planning Applications.

Accounts were presented but could not be adopted.

A process for setting Budget and Precept will be discussed at November's meeting. Councillors are asked to come to the meeting well prepared so that the January deadline can be met. Villagers are encouraged to attend to make their voice heard about any considered increase in the Precept, and state any matters that they require the Council to fund. Examples might be the Village Hall, finger post repair, sand storage, local low-cost housing, traffic calming, etc.

**Speeding in Milton Road** – various suggestions as to a permanent method of keeping vehicles to 30mph, including on the A354 outside The Royal Oak. Highways to be approached for an Engineering solution.

Feedback to the Public regarding points raised at previous meetings will be an Agenda item in future.

Road repairs to the A354 will be carried out after Milton Road is finished.

Susan Cawley

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### Palate Cleanser

Champagne sorbet

### Main Course

Fillet of Hereford beef wellington with pommes puree, roasted micro vegetables and a red wine jus  
With a glass of Capilla de Barro, Malbec, Argentina\*\*

### Dessert

Pear, apple and cranberry tarte-tatin with Chantilly cream

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## Festive Party Menu

### Starters

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Roasted butternut squash soup with crusty bread

Gin marinated salmon gravadlax with avocado and lime sorbet

Chicken liver parfait with toasted brioche

### Main Courses

Traditional Roast Turkey  
Served with a sage sausage stuffing, pigs in blankets, roasted potatoes and seasonal vegetables

### Pheasant 'Two Ways'

Breast wrapped in pancetta and confit leg served with truffle-scented mashed potatoes, roasted seasonal vegetables and a red wine jus

Baked ratatouille stuffed aubergine served with mixed salad

Fillet of salmon with a pink peppercorn sauce, samphire and crushed new potatoes

### Desserts

Traditional Christmas pudding served with a brandy sauce and Madagascan vanilla ice cream

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Chocolate fondant with cherry ice cream

Apple, pear and cranberry tarte tatin served with Madagascan vanilla ice cream

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## New Years Eve Gala Dinner

### Starters

Cream cheese and wood smoked salmon terrine with a citrus dressed salad and homemade bread

Spinach, tofu and sweet potato spring roll, fresh lime and a sweet chilli dip

Pan-seared pigeon breast, lightly curried cauliflower puree and a Parma ham crisp  
Chorizo and chickpea soup & parmesan croutons

### Palate Cleanser

Champagne sorbet

### Main Courses

Loin of venison, berrichonne potatoes, honey thyme roast parsnips and a blackberry jus

Sea bass fillet, sauté potatoes, pan fried green beans, curly kale with a fish veloute

Aged sirloin steak, onion rings, roasted flat mushroom, tomato and hand-cut chips with a choice of blue cheese or peppercorn sauce

Mushroom, leek and chestnut bake, goats cheese topping, creamy mash and chantenay carrots

### Desserts

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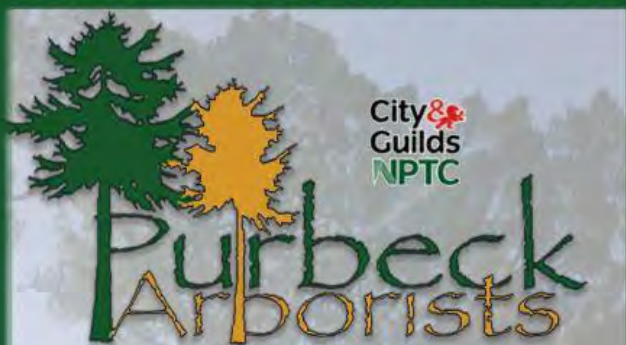
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2. The current committee is mostly made up of people who represent groups that use the hall regularly most of whom are Trustees of the Charity.
3. The Hall is 'for the purpose of physical and mental training and recreation and social moral and intellectual development through the medium of playing fields recreation rooms, library, lectures, classes, recreations and entertainments or otherwise as may be found expedient for the benefit of persons resident in the neighbourhood of the village of Milborne St. Andrew or the Parish of Milborne St. Andrew'.
4. The Village Hall is a registered Charity administered by the Trustees who are responsible for the safety and financial management of the hall itself, the playing field, play park and the Multi Use Games Area. Many improvements have been funded by grants from organisations such as the Lottery and Viridor Credits (who have been very generous to date).
5. The Village Hall is paid for by donations, rents from hirers and grants. It is one of the cheapest Village Halls in the area to hire for parties, social or business events. It has a fully functional stage, kitchen and a 'liquor licence'. Look on the webpage to find out more about hiring <http://www.milbornestandrew.org.uk/villagehall/VillageHallContact.htm>
6. Film nights, Arts Reach and some other social events like the recent Race Night and the planned Bingo evening are organised by the committee to raise funds. Watch out for adverts.
7. Parking for users is often difficult because of lack of space.
8. The hall can be dressed up to suit e.g. for wedding celebrations. Photos available!
9. There is a Facebook page for you to join.
10. The Village Hall now has a group of 'friends' who offer practical help e.g. repairs, painting, making things, donating equipment, etc. This helps to keep down costs. New friends are always welcome, ask at The Royal Oak or via the email or [msavillagehall@googlemail.com](mailto:msavillagehall@googlemail.com).

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## Eyes down 12th December

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# Have You Met . . . Sharon Hunt

AS new head teacher of Milborne First School, Sharon Hunt will have met a fair few of the village's children, and their parents too. She joined the school at the beginning of term, rounding off a busy summer 'holiday', which also included a house move. She now lives in Wimborne with her family, having moved from Verwood where they'd lived for the past 15 years and where her two children, Emma (16) and David (14) were brought up. But the move to Milborne's school is one that she is very happy with; from her first visit she says she could see it is a lovely school – well-designed, spacious, airy and with good working areas. In terms of resources, it is unlike any other in her experience. She says, "It's the first school I've worked at that hasn't needed a rota for the ICT suite!" Its difference from other schools is apparent, where buildings may be old, cramped and cluttered. The "lovely views" from her office are also very much appreciated.



It seems a long way, both literally and figuratively, from her first teaching assignment after training college. Born in Dublin, Sharon grew up and was educated in rural Wicklow and her first job was at a very small school – only 18 children – in a "really challenging area of Dublin". Being the only member of staff, Mrs Hunt had to perform all duties, both teaching and administratively, to the pupils who ranged from Reception age to Year 6. So, a real baptism of fire then? "Yes, almost literally – that is very appropriate, because a year in I took a call from the Chair of Governors to say that the school had been burnt to the ground – maliciously". The community rallied round though, with classes taking place in the nearby church hall and parents helping out, taking children to the park.

Her own schooldays were at a small – but not as small – school. There were two teachers and the pupils were split into two classes, Reception to Year 2 being in the lower room, whilst the latter four years were upstairs, via an old, stone spiral staircase. To set the scene of an earlier time, there was an outside toilet, a café next door which pupils would visit for warming snacks and it was not uncommon for them – including Sharon – to be sent on errands, such as to collect a teacher's lunch or pay in cheques at the local bank. She says it was a real independence-builder, but quite obviously belongs in the past.

Sharon's childhood was very rural; her parents had bought a large piece of land and set about building their own home. In the meantime, she and her two brothers, Karl and Stuart, had a very wild and natural existence. She says, "We explored and did our own thing – it was very safe, and lovely. I have lots of memories of long days being out, playing on bikes and doing things like making perfume from plants – and then selling them to the neighbours!" The children were expected to "muck in" though, helping out where possible, picking berries and fruit and suchlike.

There are four years between her and her brother, and another four years between the two boys. Sharon explains, "My father is very methodical – he didn't want us to be in the same classroom and also his theory was that they could devote the first four years to one child, which is really important; we all got our own four years of attention. There's not much he doesn't plan, my dad! He's got good logical reasons for most things."

After the first eventful school assignment, a more settled teaching career followed, until Sharon left Wicklow for England after almost 20 years. All of her family, apart from an aunt, is still in Ireland and she regularly returns to visit. Her parents now run what was her grandfather's dairy farm.

Whilst Mrs Hunt acknowledges that Milborne First School "is in a very good place", there is always a desire to improve. With a

background in special needs and pastoral support, she has a focus on children's emotional wellbeing. With this in mind, Mrs Hunt is keen to train members of staff in Emotional Literacy Support Assistance. They would then be able to provide extra support to children who need it – for example, those that are experiencing difficulties in their home life. She says, "There is evidence that shows that when children have that support, it has a huge impact on their

learning and themselves". But she is more than happy with the present teaching and support staff. She says, "Something I saw early on, is that we have a really committed group of staff – committed to the children's learning and to the school, and are very conscientious."

So we'd like to welcome Mrs Hunt and also thank her for her time, sharing her thoughts and memories.

*What are your impressions of Milborne?* There's a real sense of community, I noticed that straight away. Everyone's really friendly and helping each other out – it's supportive, but it's a practical support – you don't often get that. There's often verbal sympathy, but you've got people here who are willing to do something about it – which I don't see as just the school community, which is obviously a small part of the overall village.

*Who is your hero or inspiration, and why?* My dad's mum – she had her 90th birthday last year and is still active on the farm. What impresses me about her is, for somebody of her age and the life experience that she would've had, she always promoted women and women's rights, which is so unusual for the times, especially in Ireland. She saw all her children went to good schools – education was a priority but it was equal for both her boys and girls.

*Who from history would be your fantasy dinner date?* Nelson Mandela – he would be an interesting dinner date. He was very wise, and strong and to do what he did and still have that strength of character – it would be an interesting conversation to have.

*When did you last throw caution to the wind?* My instinctive reaction to that is: 'I don't'. I'd love to be able to say, it was last weekend or something, but I tend to give things quite a bit of thought.

*Tell us something people may find surprising about you:* I don't like animals – at all. My family just laugh at me – and there's no expectation of me doing anything on the farm with the cows. I really love camping – which people may find surprising too – and I have a vague recollection of when I was four or five of being stuck in the tent when a herd of cattle surrounded us. So I think that's where my fear of cows comes from. And then horses, they're just too big – there's that angst over the potential dangers; what could happen. And cats, dogs . . . I can see why people do like them, but they're just not for me.

*What was your most embarrassing moment?* I've got loads! One of the most embarrassing moments – but this could also be 'my claim to fame' – a group of four or five of us went to stay with a friend for a weekend while I was at college. We went to this place called Bally Bay and we were just enjoying ourselves when this person came to me with a microphone saying 'We need you, we need you, you're our queen of Bally Bay!'. Microphones, me, any kind of public display; it's just not me. But my friends were saying, "Yeah, they do this every week, they pick somebody to be the queen of Bally Bay!" They made me get up on stage, presented me with flowers, a crown, vouchers for hairdresser. That was embarrassing. My friends will still remind me and sometimes call me queen of Bally Bay.

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Park in lay-by on the Bishop's Road, NE of Abbotsbury, where the SW Coastal Path crosses this road.

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**Sunday 7th December – 1.30pm (note the earlier time)**

**Gore Hill and Up Cerne**

Meet at the parking area near Gore Hill, west of Minterne Magna (A352 Cerne Abbas to Sherborne Road)

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*Are there any funny anecdotes from your schooldays; nicknames and so on?* I couldn't think of any, but I had your list of questions stuck to my fridge and my mum came over and she's written some things on here . . . she's put down Long Legs was a nickname. I genuinely have no recollection of that! Though I believe it; she obviously recalls it.

*Do you have any pet hates?* Clutter! And idleness. I can't work with stuff all over the place – the first thing I have to do is clear my desk. Or if I'm at home, I have to have the kitchen clear before I start doing anything. *Could this be your dad's methodical nature . . .?* It is! I have a lot to blame him for . . . and a lot to thank him for.

*How do you spend your free time?* Tidying up?! I'm not particularly sporty, [but] I enjoy walking, I can just get on with it at my own pace. I'm part of a ramblers group and do it as often as I can, which tends to be on a Saturday. And I enjoy cycling, if it's not on the road. I set up a reading group about ten years ago – which my partner calls a wine-tasting group – but we do discuss books! We pick twelve at the start of the year and it forces us to read books that we wouldn't normally choose to do, so that can be interesting. I try to spend the weekends catching up with family and friends.

*Do you have a favourite television programme?* Breaking Bad – I've finally caught up using Netflix, about 63 episodes. I've been addicted to that, it's been really good. I also like watching Scott and Bailey and Downton Abbey – I set myself up for 9.00pm on a Sunday. I try not to watch things like 'Educating East End' – it's not really 'switch off' for me, though I did enjoy Waterloo Road, that was so far-fetched really that it was a break.

*Is there anything else you'd like to tell us? . . . well, my mother's written 'I love my mummy'!*  
*Ed Richards*

# News from Trading Standards

'GOOD NEIGHBOURS stop rogue traders' is the message from Dorset County Council trading standards this November during National Consumer Week.

Latest research shows that nationally there could be as many as 170,000 incidents of doorstep crime each year. Doorstep criminals exploit vulnerable residents by convincing them to pay for shoddy or incomplete repair work, charging extortionate fees for their services, or threatening residents who do not pay. Thankfully doorstep crime is low in Dorset and with your help we'd like to keep it that way.

The 'Good neighbours stop rogue traders' campaign focuses on preventing doorstep crime by encouraging neighbours, family, friends and carers to look out for those most at risk in their communities.

Good neighbours stop rogue traders by looking out for the following signs:

- Traders have been cold calling in the area;
- A builder's van is parked nearby, particularly one that doesn't include a company name or contact details;
- Building or maintenance work on your neighbour's garden or house starts unexpectedly;
- Poor quality work is visible on the roof, driveway, or property;
- Your neighbour appears anxious or distressed;
- Your neighbour visits the bank, building society, or post office more frequently, particularly if they are accompanied by a trader.

If any of these signs are familiar then why not:

- Ask your neighbour in private – in person or on the phone – if things are OK;
- If they are displeased, suggest calling a relative or carer on their behalf;
- Note any vehicle registration numbers;
- Keep hold of any flyers you have received through your door;
- Ask if the trader has left any paperwork and put it in a clean food bag for later use as evidence.

Report non emergency information to the Citizens Advice consumer helpline on 03454 04 05 06, or Dorset Police on 101. In an emergency call 999

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# LETTERS to the Reporter

## **Congratulations**

*Congratulations to the new bell ringers who rang for the wedding on the 4th October; they sounded very good.*

*Also many thanks to the church flower arrangers who once again made the church look lovely for the harvest festival.  
Linda Wright, 10 St Andrews View*

## **Well done to Steve**

*I would like to thank Steve Lord for personally getting something done on the drainage system in Milborne St. Andrew.*

*We can all see the work going on and it is thanks to Steve for spending a lot of his time getting all the organizations involved together and getting something done that has only been talked about in the past. Thanks Steve.  
I Flood, Milton Road*

## **Thanks**

*I would like to express my thanks to my family, neighbours and friends for all the cards, flowers and messages of support to me during the last six stressful weeks. I have been overwhelmed with every ones kindness.  
Sylvia*

## **A Good Read by Shirley Dunkley The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society by Mary Ann Shaffer**

THIS book is a one-sitting read, if you have a day to spare, so delightful and original are the characters who people it. The only novel of a writer who died aged 74 years, in the year of its publication, it was inspired by a visit she made to Guernsey many years before which led to her great interest in and knowledge of this Channel Isles' history. This is in a form we don't find much these days – an epistolary novel, that is one told entirely in letters – I suppose nowadays it would be blogs or tweets! The main character, Juliet, aged 32 years, is a journalist in immediately post war London who is contacted by a Guernsey man, Dauncey, who has acquired a book of hers (the essays of Charles Lamb) which had her name and address inside. They both love Lamb and start a correspondence in which he tells her of the Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society, which was originally a falsehood told to German occupiers to explain the breaking of a curfew. To give credence to the story, an actual society came into existence. Through the members she learns of island life during the Occupation and decides to visit, looking for the subject for a book. Many of the letters are between Juliet and her publisher and friend, Sidney, but there are also exchanges with islanders and English friends which continue the narrative. Interwoven in the account of Juliet's love of and interest in the island is the grimmer history of hardship, death and imprisonment of the Occupation, still very fresh in people's minds barely a year after liberation. However, although moving and shocking it is never gloomy or heavy because the tone is set by the letter writers and their voices dictate the mood.

After its debut the book went on to be published in 13 countries, so this delightful and uplifting novel has obviously found many admirers. There is love between characters, love between these characters and the literature they read but above all there is the writer's love of birthplace and people.

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The Telephone Preference Service can be contacted on 0845 070 0707 or [www.tpsonline.org.uk](http://www.tpsonline.org.uk).

To request a doorcard or report a business that persistently cold calls contact Citizens Advice Consumer Service on 03454 04 05 06.

## Hoodies hang out in Milborne Play Park!

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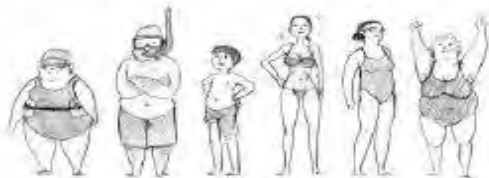
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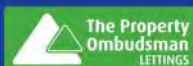
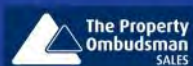


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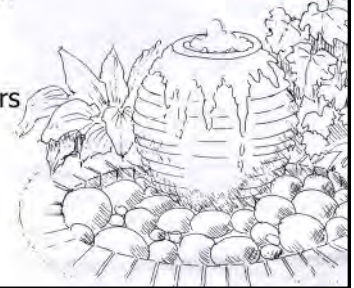
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## In your Garden

Seasonal notes and tips from Maureen Lock of *designerGardens*

# Phormiums for architectural impact

PHORMIUMS create an exotic feel to the garden with their architectural sword-shaped evergreen foliage and are available in a range of fabulous colours. Their bold shapes create eye-catching focal points in the middle and lower layers of the garden. They provide a nice contrast to the rounded forms of many plants and can be used successfully as individual specimens in containers.

There are two species of Phormium – both of which are New Zealand native plants.

Phormium tenax is a large plant with upright leaves and can grow up to four metres in height. The second species – Phormium cookianum is smaller and more arching. However, there are many cultivars available between the two species – P. tenax 'Bronze Baby' only grows to 60cm whereas P. cookianum 'Cream Delight' is a much larger arching shrub. Do give them sufficient room to spread out remembering that their leaves will whip around in the wind making any plants close by vulnerable to damage. It's very tempting to overplant a new border so do check the labels for height and spread.



Phormiums are remarkably easy to grow and are very unfussy. They are wind-tolerant and if their leaves look a bit ragged after a windy winter just remove the damaged leaves by cutting back close to the base. They do need full sun to perform at their best and a moist, well-drained soil (the holy grail!) and they are OK in temperatures down to -10°C. To protect them further you can apply a deep mulch to protect the roots. It's worth noting that Phormiums hate being moved once planted.



Use a palette of contrasting colours to produce a good effect. Dark leaved Phormiums such as P. 'Platt's Black' or P. 'Back in Black' look good with hot colours such as scarlet verbenas, red helianthemums and brightly coloured dahlias in the autumn as well as variegated deciduous shrubs such as Weigela

florida 'Variegata', Pittosporum 'Irene Patterson' and Euonymus 'Emerald n Gold'.

The cultivars of phormium with coloured leaves are the most popular in gardens. They are less vigorous than P. tenax and add colour



as well as spiky texture to the planting. Cultivars such as P. Apricot Queen', P. 'Jester' are effective when used as a contrast to plants with purple foliage ie Berberis 'Gold Ring', Cotinus, Pittosporum 'Tom



Thumb' and purple leaved Heucheras. It's sometimes hard to think what to plant with Phormium, as their shape is so strong. A carpet of Acaena microphylla 'Copper Carpet' or Ajuga reptans will creep around the bottom of the plant and their leaves

complement the Phormium. Acaena and Ajuga make good ground cover and are easy to pull out if they get too invasive. If you are sticking to a Mediterranean feel, then gravel or stones around the base of the phormium will emphasise their foliage.

If your garden is a bit on the damp side – plant with perennials with contrasting textures – such as hostas, astilbes, ferns and bergenias. If your garden is drier, then they look well with hardy palms such as Chamaerops humilis, breezy grasses like Miscanthus, Fatsia japonica and other dramatic plants such as cannas.



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