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Watch out! Thieves are about!

THIEVES struck in the early hours of 9th January at Coles Cottages in Milton Road. The small back window of a Range Rover used for off-roading was smashed. The wheel locking nuts were found and the four special wheels/tyres were removed and the vehicle left up on blocks.

An attempt on a similar vehicle next door resulted in a broken back window but as the wheel locking nuts could not be located, only the spare wheel could be taken. The blocks for the body were left behind. The police were in attendance for a couple of hours the next morning.

Warning to be ever vigilant

WHILE we were out at Dorchester Market on 14th January, a close neighbour saw two men, in their forties, examining the outside of our house. One then took photographs through our sitting room window using his mobile telephone.

The neighbour challenged them and they said that they had an appointment at 12.00 (an hour later) to look at some work on our fireplace.

The neighbour told them to come back at the right time. At this they were very abusive to him. They did not come back.

He recorded the registration number of their large, Hilux type, 4x4 white van. They were seen to be in-putting to their vehicle satnav as they drove off.

We reported this to the Police immediately on 101, and asked for PC Dave Mullins or PCSO Luke Goddard to call as there is a possibility that some finger prints might be taken.

We are very grateful to have vigilant neighbours who are not afraid of challenging strange goings on.

Tony Dyer

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Edmund Alfred Briggs

“Eddie”

2nd May 1937 – 6th December 2014



Sadly, Eddie Briggs died at the beginning of December after a short illness. The service at Poole Crematorium on Thursday 17th December was attended by his family and many of his friends.

The music played was, ‘Seven Tears’ by the Goombay Dance Band and, ‘I Won’t Forget You’, by Jim Reeves and we sang the hymn, ‘Abide With Me’.

Donations in his memory were for Milton Abbas Surgery and Marie Curie Cancer Care.

Phyll and her family would like to thank particularly the doctors and staff at the Milton Abbas surgery and Chris Sander and the Marie Curie nurses who showed great care and understanding both to Eddie and Phyll at this sad time.

They would also like to thank The Royal Oak for providing a lovely spread, allowing us all to reminisce and celebrate Eddie’s life.

Finally a big thank you to all the friends and neighbours for their cards, support and kindness.

Margaret Hannibal, MBE, Chief Executive Officer, Mosaic Family Support

SINCE being awarded the MBE in the New Year Honours List, Margaret says she has been overwhelmed with requests for interviews on radio, newspapers and online. Initially shocked by the news, she found she had a distraction in the arranging of her daughter’s wedding. Her husband had been instrumental in providing a CV and references following several months of recommendations by others. They had then been sworn to secrecy until 10.30pm on the night of 30th December 2014. The letter required her to either accept or refuse the honour. She will have five weeks notice of the call to Buckingham Palace to receive this well-earned award. Although including her staff, volunteers, family and supporters in this honour it has been her own vision that has sustained and invigorated Mosaic’s organisation and success. She has been shown to be a trend setter and change agent within this particular field of expertise.



Recent funding in providing stability for the next three years has enabled them to develop business plans into the future. A current audit of skills looking at gaps will allow an expansion of the service they provide with the addition of extra Trustee personnel. Margaret asks that if any local volunteer feels they would like to offer their time and skills please contact the organisation.

Her enthusiasm undimmed, she looks to the future of Mosaic and an increase in activity days, more events and three family residential weekends instead of two. Positive feedback from families and schools detailing the increase in confidence, reduction in isolation, ability to talk about what has happened to them, the management of anger and a better understanding of each other’s feelings have given the impetus to press forward with new and innovative ideas. At their recent Christmas party there were 33 families. Adults often approach them to say they wish they had such support and help as children facing the loss of a family member or friend.

Support has come from other sources. Wave 105 provided toys and Father Christmas for the party; two women are doing a 100k run for funds and two channel swimmers are giving their sponsorship money to Mosaic. EIMS, Bournemouth, funded 50 tickets and supper beforehand for the Ice Rink at BIC. Their outreach possibilities are growing.

Margaret detailed some of her ideas for the future. The setting up of friendship groups providing a platform for bereaved families to meet. The development of one day training in schools has already given others more confidence in supporting children and families. This is in three parts; An Introduction to Child Bereavement; Complex Grief and Creating Ways of Working. This is currently offered through schools, the health service, the voluntary sector and youth groups. Margaret would like this to expand to teenagers; those with special educational needs and fragmented families. Then, possibly, academic accreditation. She is looking also at ways to contact hard-to-reach families.

All of this expansion and innovation stems from an inspirational person, someone who, in the words of one of her Trustees, ‘has dedicated her life to this cause’ and simply states that she ‘likes a challenge’.

If anyone wishes to contact Mosaic either to offer their services or any other kind of support these are their details:

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Carole Fornachon

Too young to buy

MANY people are concerned about the potential availability of age restricted products to young people and of the personal and social implications that come from such sales.

You may not be aware, but trading standards enforce the law when it comes to the sale of alcohol, tobacco, knives, DVD’s, video games, solvents and fireworks to young people.

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We rely on information from the public about shops selling to people younger than the law allows. This helps us to target our checks. We also work with Dorset Police and district council licensing teams.

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A step back in time at the January WI

THE first meeting of the New Year and a reminder about our new WI pennant which will form part of a decoration at Council meetings, along with others from across the county. A template has been received and Ann Mephram has kindly offered to set the ball rolling, others to contribute ideas and help. We are to have a stall at Milton Abbas Street Fair, the date of which has now been set for Saturday 25th July. Craft items are still needed for Joseph Weld; we just need a little push to reach our target of 70. Our visit to Bere Regis Church on Tuesday 24th February, will start with lunch at the Drax Arms. A menu is now available.

Heather was thanked for all her sterling work with the Barnardos charity over 38 years, helping to raise a substantial sum.

Two very enthusiastic Heritage Fund trainees, Chloe Goddard and Tom Oliver, joined us to talk about their work at Kingcombe Meadows Nature Reserve, just north of Toller Porcorum. One of the flagship reserves in Dorset, Kingcombe offers an unchanged landscape which has escaped modern farming practices, without the use of pesticides and artificial fertilisers. A wide range of wildlife and displays of wild flowers amongst a patchwork of fields and ancient trees illustrate what the countryside used to look like. There are over 300 livestock and 150 cattle, most of them rare breeds. The enterprise is helped by a team of keen and sociable volunteers. Chloe and Tom gave us an illuminating picture of the work which goes on, the variety of wildlife and the species and habitat virtually on our doorstep. Definitely a date to visit for the diary.

We will be in full party mode at next month's meeting on **Thursday 12th February** to celebrate our 70th birthday. There will be 12 guests, including Valerie Stevens, European President. We are promised nibbles, cake and bubbly, so best behaviour and party frocks recommended! The exhibition will be 'An Artefact from another country', so much to enjoy. *Pat Bull*

When it comes don't throw it away . . .

WITH the next March issue of the *Reporter*, you will receive a flyer from the Milborne St. Andrew Neighbourhood Planning group, which will be giving you the dates of our open days at the Village Hall.

A Neighbourhood Plan has teeth, but can only be put together with your help. We need your ideas to help the future of the village, and to let us control the future of our village.

We look forward to seeing you on the open days, bringing your ideas.

NPG@milbornestandrew.org.uk

Ronald William Ward "Ron"

20th November 1933 – 28th December 2014

RON made his entry into the world on 20th November 1933 in Plymouth, a dear son born to Laura and William. He attended King Edward VI Grammar school in Totnes, Devon where he was a keen and conscientious pupil. With the onset of war, his life was interrupted and he was evacuated to Rattery where he stayed for a period of time.

Following the war, he trained as an electrician and worked for Standard Telephones in Paignton, Devon. Progressing with his career, in 1952, he joined the Royal Engineers, becoming a corporal, putting his skills to great use as he served in Germany.

Ron met Sheila; they married and welcomed their family, daughter Lynne and son Ian into the world.

The family moved to Somerset where Ron worked as a publican, moving on to manage a garage, before working with and becoming great friends with Michael Underwood, with whom he carried out a number of building services. Unfortunately the marriage did not last but Ron threw himself into life and work.

It was some years later that he met Anne Ward in Somerset. Anne came from the USA and was a cordon bleu chef. Ron with his charm, his charisma, his wit and broad smile soon won her heart and they moved out to Los Angeles, Ron becoming a US citizen in 1985. During his time there he embraced the life, the friends he made and of course having his family visit. Becoming a grandfather was a proud time for Ron, he delighted in listening to and advising them on their lives and their careers, always taking a keen interest in all of their achievements.

Ron worked in the film studios as an electrician, having the good fortune to meet numerous famous film stars, such as Roger Moore. He then moved to Little Rock in Arkansas and worked for the Arkansas State Highways Department. He was asked to take on the role of Ambassador of Goodwill for the department following his retirement in 1999.

His happiness was short-lived when Anne died in 1996, but Ron, like he did with most things in his life, carried on with strength and determination.

A move back to the UK in 2000 saw him live for a short time in Sturminster Newton before relocating to Milborne St. Andrew, where he always felt very welcomed into the village.

Here he met and made many friends, taking a keen interest in the villagers and village life. Becoming chairman of Bus2Go, a loyal member of the Royal British Legion, a familiar face at the Wednesday Club and the Motley Crew, not to mention an active member of Signpost Housing Board.

He would stop and talk to everyone, often referring to all his lady friends as sweetie, his charm, as they say, could talk the birds out of the trees.

But that was just Ron being Ron, a gentle, kind man with an innate sense of decency for everyone he met.

In later life, Ron found a new love: cruising. Going off to enjoy a cruise with his family and friend Michael. During this cruise to Norway he became best friends with Sid the barman, I cannot think why. But he also had a fabulous time on a cruise to Antwerp with his daughter Lynne, and Rebecca his granddaughter, and very recently went to France on holiday.

Time out for Ron would sometimes be watching TV and one of his favourite programmes was *Strictly Come Dancing*, I'm not sure if it was the scantily dressed ladies he liked or the dancing!

Ron was a popular figure in the village, he would often be seen out and about walking his dog, discussing this and that, putting the world to rights and sharing in the latest debate.

To fill some of his time Ron would love to read, especially crime stories, but he would also thrill the grandchildren with his imaginative stories when they were young, especially the one about the pink elephant that he continued adding to whenever he saw the children.

Ron's family would like to say thank you to all the friends and neighbours for their cards, support and words of comfort at this difficult time.





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A Generous Lent

"Lent is usually about giving stuff up, isn't it? What if you could add something transformational to the traditional?"

What if you could give up chocolate and give the money to your favourite charity? What if you could turn the TV off and spend more time helping your neighbour? What if Lent was a preparation for a lifetime of big-heartedness that reflected God's amazing generosity? Well, that's where 40acts – the generosity challenge from Christian charity Stewardship – comes in."

The quotation above comes from 40acts. Wouldn't it be great if all of us could add something transformational to what we would normally do during the Lenten season?

That's why for Lent this year, I would like to encourage everyone who has on-line capabilities to sign-up to the challenge which provides a suggestion for an act of generosity each day during Lent, and a reflection. Last year, 46,000 people took part and this led to 1.8 million acts of generosity across 180 countries. Each day during Lent, those taking part receive an e-mail with the daily generosity challenge and the reflection.

Generous acts positively affect the one to whom they are done, the person who does them and our wider communities, because often one generous act leads on to another.

It's not just for adults either. The website has a downloadable wall-chart for children so that they can join in too.

To sign up, go to the website www.40acts.org.uk and follow instructions.

For those not on-line, then please don't ignore Lent. You can invent your own acts of generosity each day – perhaps a phone call or visit to someone who would appreciate it, doing an odd job for someone, offering a lift to someone without a car, a free evening's baby-sitting to allow parents a night off. There are all sorts of possibilities. The challenge is to manage something each day of Lent.

There are also other opportunities in the benefice for using Lent as a time when we concentrate particularly on our relationship with God: Milborne and Dewlish will be holding short midweek evening services in church (details on the monthly service notices), and on Sunday evenings there will be our, now traditional, Lent services for the benefice. This year, instead of a speaker/sermon, we will hear thoughts from the Archbishop of Canterbury, David Suchet (vice-president of the Bible Society, but better known for his TV role as Hercule Poirot) and Sister Wendy Beckett. The theme will be Songs of Praise from the New Testament, beginning with Gratitude.

More details of these opportunities will be available soon in leaflets in our churches – do look out for them.

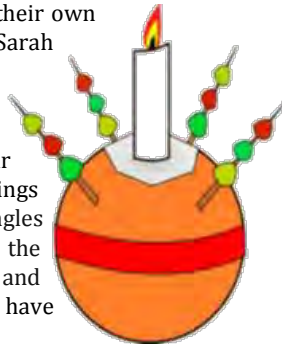
May I wish you a holy and generous Lent.

With best wishes

Sarah Hillman

St. Andrew's Churchwarden's Report

AFTER a busy November there was no let-up in December! This year our **Christingle service** attracted more families and the children were invited to make their own Christingle oranges, which was fun for them and their parents. Sarah explained the concept of the Christingles which is that the orange represents the world, the ribbon around the centre indicates the love and blood of Christ, the fruits and sweets are symbols of God's creation and for some represent the four seasons, and the candle in the centre symbolises Jesus who brings hope and light to people living in darkness. After the Christingles had been made, everyone enjoyed a lively event, especially the lighting of the Christingle candles, which is loved by children and adults alike. £53 was collected for The Children's Society who have promoted Christingle events since 1968.



The following week we held our **annual Carol Service**. There was a good crowd to hear the Christmas story and sing some favourite carols. It was lovely to have a scratch choir which was organised by Louisa Macnair; we all enjoyed their singing of two carols in harmony. Many thanks to all the singers and those who read the readings.

CHURCH SERVICES February 2014

1st February – Presentation of Christ

9.30am	Parish Communion	Tolpuddle
9.30	Celebrate . . .	Milborne
11.00	Parish Communion	Puddletown
6.00pm	Candlemas Evening Service	Dewlish

8th February – 2 before Lent

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

15th February – Next before Lent

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

18th February – Ash Wednesday

7.30pm	Benefice Holy Communion	Milborne
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THURSDAY 19th February

12 noon	Lunch-time Communion	Puddletown Church Room
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22nd February – Lent 1

9.30 am	Coffee, Pastries + All-Age Worship (10am)	Tolpuddle
9.30	Parish Communion	Milborne
11.00	1662 Morning Prayer	Puddletown
11.00	Family Communion	Dewlish
6.00pm	United Benefice Lent Evening Service	Puddletown

LENT

During Lent there will also be:

Compline in Milborne at 6.00pm on Thursdays

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

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

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On **Christmas Day** we were very pleased to welcome our archdeacon, Ven. Paul Taylor, who took the Midnight Mass, and Sarah Hillman who took a well-attended family service on Christmas morning. The church looked very festive with a wonderful display of flowers and holly which many commented on, and we much enjoyed the musical expertise of our organists Sam Ryall and Aidan Fisher. Our grateful thanks go to all who have contributed to all aspects of our services during the year.

I hope that everyone saw our plea in last month's magazine for new ideas for the **benefice Athelhampton Fete**, usually held at the end of August, and will have come to the meeting in the middle of January to bring and discuss ideas. If you missed it or have just had a good idea it is not too late to pass it on to one of your churchwardens. After the dreadful weather for last August's event it is vital that we have a financially successful event this year to help pay for the cost of running the benefice.

Christmas has hardly finished but we will soon be starting the season of Lent. The first day, **Ash Wednesday**, is on **18th February** when there will be an evening communion service for the whole benefice in **Milborne church at 7.30pm**. The following day, and **each Thursday evening** up to 26th March, we will be holding the quiet 30-minute evening service of **Compline at 6.00pm**. Everyone will be most welcome to join us. Sarah is arranging a series of **Lenten services** for the benefice on **Sunday evenings at 6.00pm**. The first on 22nd February will be at Puddletown, and the second on 1st March will be here at Milborne.

John Wright and Pam Shults (Churchwardens)

Dewlish Church Notes

Enthralling music and song at Christmas

WE are very grateful for all the support we had at our **Christmas Bazaar** – the very generous donations of goods and money, the help on the day and, of course, the people who came to buy. We raised a total of £487, a very useful sum towards the running expenses of All Saints' Church, Dewlish.

How relieved we were to be able to enjoy our **Carol Singing** around the village in mild and relatively dry weather! We were pleased to be joined by a good crowd of singers and raised £201 for Shelter, the charity for the homeless.

Many thanks to Andrew and Hayley who warmed us up with mulled wine, to Corinne and Chris who gave us an energy boost with chocolates, and to Dianne and John at The Oak for their mulled wine and delicious mince pies.

The **Carol Service** was, once again, most enjoyable: the children and readers were wonderful, as were Robyn, Imogen and Kitty who sang to us, and the Ladies' Group sang well too! Our very talented musicians enthralled us with their superb playing throughout.

We are so grateful to Ed and Adam for their hard work setting up and operating the lighting and sound, and to Jim, of course, who puts so much work into the organisation. A big thank-you to you all! The collection, which amounted to £170.93, has been donated to the Children's Society.

The **Christmas Day Service** was a much quieter affair. The church looked wonderful, being adorned with greenery and candles, and with our beautiful Crib Scene and Christmas Tree. As always, huge thanks to our flower-arranging ladies who decorated the church so beautifully – all very fitting to celebrate the birth of the baby who was to have such a dramatic effect on our world.

Daphne Burg

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 Pam on 837203 or John on 839090.



Memories of Peter Guilmant (1923 – 2014)

PETER and Margery Guilmant moved to Milborne St. Andrew in 1984, after long teaching careers. They loved Milborne and enjoyed taking part in village life.

Margery passed away in 2011 but Peter lived a further three years until just before Christmas last year.



Peter was born on the 19th January 1923 in Southampton, the sixth of seven children. His mother was Welsh, his father of French Huguenot descent. It was a strong Christian family and Peter continued in this faith throughout his life.

Peter was a keen scout and went on to be a scout leader. In his younger days he enjoyed outdoor sports, especially cricket.

When the Second World War broke out Peter joined the Royal Air Force as a radar mechanic. In later life he enjoyed reminiscing about where he was stationed – from Cape Wrath in northern Scotland, to Land's End, or the south-east coast of England.

After the war Peter trained as a woodwork and technical drawing teacher at King Alfred's College in Winchester. He met his wife, Margery, at a cricket match between their two colleges. They started married life in Southampton but soon moved to Bournemouth. Peter taught at Oakmead School for Boys in West Howe for many years. He used to run the school choir and support the brass band for staff and boys, in which he played the trombone. At Oakmead he was instrumental in enabling many boys to learn to swim as he gave up many holidays and weekends building the school swimming pool. This, he felt, was one of his greatest achievements. Memories from Oakmead pupils describe Peter as "a true gentleman".

Peter loved music and both he and Margery were members of the Bournemouth Amateur Operatic Society. Peter particularly loved choral music and became choir master of St. John's church in Wimborne. Village people might remember Peter singing in the special village events. He once dressed up as Rupert Bear and sang, "I am an English bear" (a parody from Gilbert and Sullivan's, "For he is an Englishman.")

Peter was verger and church warden at St. Andrews for many years. He did a lot of the practical jobs around the church, including caring for the graveyard where he is now laid. In recent years his health stopped him from attending church but he enjoyed receiving Holy Communion at home, thanks to his good friend, Jim Burg.

Peter and Margery were members of the gardening club and many might remember Peter growing soft fruits . . . the grandchildren would say that strawberries were his speciality! Margery won prizes at the WI for her homemade strawberry jam! The apple trees he nurtured produced much fruit and I am sure that some of the villagers enjoyed pies from Peter's apples.

Above all Peter was a family man. He and Margery raised four daughters, and the family now also includes ten grandchildren and fifteen great-grandchildren. Peter was heartbroken when his wife Margery, who had been his faithful companion for 63 years, died in September 2011. However, with the support of the family he kept going, looking forward to each new baby in the family with pride and joy. He loved the regular visits from grandchildren and great-grandchildren and always tried to support them in whatever way he could. Peter loved small children and when they first moved to Milborne he and Margery loved listening to the children play in the school playground which was then positioned behind their house. Village children grew up to be good visitors and friends. He always loved hearing their news.

His daughters would like to express their thanks to friends in Milborne St. Andrew and Dewlish. Peter and Margery had thirty special years in the village and made many good friends. Peter had a long and happy life on earth and is now reunited with his wife in heaven. *Written by his four daughters, Jenny, Judy, Diana and Niki*

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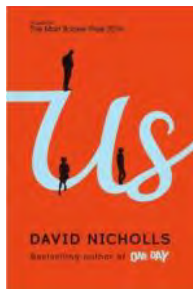
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A Good Read by Shirley Dunkley 'Us' by David Nicholls



'ONE Day', David Nicholls' last book, was a huge success, telling the tale of a relationship between a man and a woman who met on their last day at University and then met on that anniversary for the next 20 years or so. Enthusiastic readers have eagerly awaited his next book – and here it is. 'Us' begins with Connie Peterson telling her husband, Douglas, that when their son Alby leaves home for college in a few weeks' time, their 20 year old marriage should end too.

Douglas, devastated by this news, persuades her to keep to the plans for a Grand Tour of Europe with Alby, hoping that the joint family experience will repair the damage and prove the strength of their bond. We follow the itinerary, which is supposed to introduce the boy to the treasures of European culture, while learning through flashbacks the full story of the marriage between an unlikely pair. Douglas is a biochemist, methodical, practical sometimes pompous, sometimes irritatingly cautious, Connie is artistic, spontaneous, creative, emotional, and their differences are played out in their relationships with Alby. This may sound a sombre theme, but parts of the book are laugh-out-loud funny while others move to tears in their exploration of loss and regret. During the Grand Tour, Douglas learns a lot about himself, but is it enough to save 'Us'?

Speaking personally, I find this book more compelling and more complex than 'One Day' but that may be age-related! I loved the many insights, particularly the parent/child encounters, I found myself torn in sympathy between narrator Douglas and Connie, both good, loving people, and I was impressed by the humour and the narrative skill with which the lives of ordinary, unexceptional people are told. Fans of 'One Day', you have not waited in vain!

Bus2Go Motors into Spring 2015

AFTER our very busy fun packed autumn/winter schedule and lots of media attention, we are now preparing for spring. We have two mystery lunches this month, please see advertisement on page 17.

March and April, we are back to three or more outings a month depending upon the weather.

Outings further afield during spring/summer include The Donkey Sanctuary, Otter Nurseries, Swanage Railway, Exbury Gardens, Motorbike Museum and Craft Centre, Hengistbury Head and Christchurch, Salisbury Market, Clarks Shopping Village, Buckham Fair and a couple of theatre visits. Our Christmas venue for 2015 is already booked.

Sadly, just after Christmas our chair, Ron Ward passed away after a very brave battle with cancer. Ron had been our chair since Bus2Go first began in 2012. He will be greatly missed. The committee and passengers of Bus2Go send their deepest condolences and sympathy to Ron's family.

Do you know about . . . The Wednesday Club



THIS club was set up over forty years ago for the over 50's. They meet in the village hall once a month on the first Wednesday at 2.00pm. After a short business meeting there is a speaker, followed by tea, biscuits and socialising. Our speakers are varied, some offer practical advice about heating or benefits; some talk on more light hearted themes. Occasionally there are games or bingo meetings. In the sunnier months there are cream teas, coach trips and meals out. Over the Christmas period they celebrated in December at The Coach and Horses and welcomed the New Year in at The Royal Oak.

If you are new to the village or would just like to spend a couple of hours in good company – come along any Wednesday for a taster and perhaps join for the annual fee of £10.

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Farewell to Abbie



IT is with great sadness that we are writing this piece, our dear friend Abbie passed away peacefully on 20th January 2015 after a short illness.

Abbie was born at Fossil Farm in Winfrith on the 4th May 2000. She was an amazing puppy to be with from day one and grew into the most loyal, loving companion anyone could wish for. She brought joy to all who knew her and to all the people she

met on her many travels around England and Europe. She lived life to the full and loved nothing more than being on any of the beaches in Dorset or just walking around the village and nearby fields.

She will be so very greatly missed and we would like to thank our friends and neighbours for their kindness and support at this sad time.

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New Year's Celebrations for the Wednesday Club

ON Wednesday 6th January 16 members of the Wednesday Club met for lunch at The Royal Oak to celebrate the New Year.

Andy had cooked us a delicious meal of beef stew and dumplings with roast potatoes and vegetables and we had cheesecake for dessert followed by tea or coffee. A New Year's Secret Santa took place and all who took part had lovely presents. We even gained a new member, Bob, who was having a quiet drink at the bar and was persuaded by Ian to join us for the meal, we look forward to seeing him regularly now!



Our thanks again to all at The Royal Oak for making us so welcome.

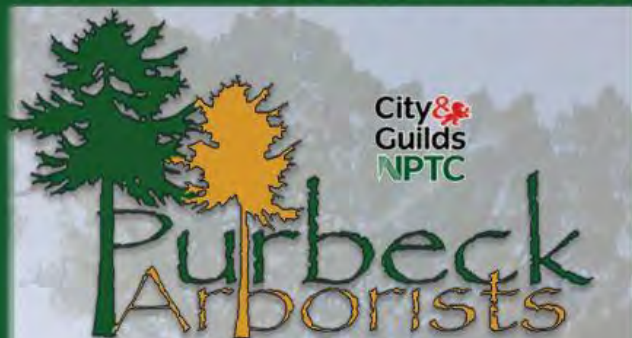
Finally Ann Guy asked us to raise our glasses in memory of our friend Ron Ward who died at Christmas; he will be sadly missed.

Our next meeting is in the Village Hall at 2.00pm on Wednesday 4th February when Dorset Community Action will be coming to give information on how to keep warm this winter and save money. A cup of tea or coffee will be served and we welcome all members and visitors so please come and join us.

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Notes from Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday 21st January 2015

Public discussion before the meeting:

Some trees on the Parish pit have been felled. June Maitland will check whether the marked trees have been felled and report.

Gully works in the Causeway – the lids appear to be rising towards the War Memorial. Mr. Hogg asked for his concern that the water is unlikely to flow uphill in the event of flooding to be noted.

Jane Somper, District Councillor, reported on the tri-partnership between NDDC, WDDC and W&PBC. Meetings to set up the partnership are taking place and much has been agreed, as reported in the Dorset Echo. Councils will remain independent within the partnership. No news yet as to what will happen to the new WDDC Office in Dorchester, or whether North Dorset will receive overspill of council tenants or school pupils from other areas. 12–36 months of meetings will decide details of office accommodation and sharing of services. Stour Valley and Poole partnership deals only with collecting council tax, business rates, and paying council tax, housing and other benefits – a different role from the tri-Partnership. It too is still determining the way it will work.

No news on a hearing date for the Winterborne Whitechurch Wind Turbine Application.

People interested in becoming District Councillors are invited to attend an open day on 18th February at Norden.

Council Representatives' reports:

Joy Robinson – Neighbourhood Watch – encouraged villagers to sign up to the Dorset Alert Scheme and is starting to learn her new role. Please ring 101 if you see anything suspicious. Joy was asked about the possibility of setting up a new 'ring around' scheme. If you would like to join this please call leave your name and phone number with Cllr Fox at The Royal Oak.

The Neighbourhood Planning Group continues to meet. Open days to show their progress to date will be at the Village Hall on 21st March and 17th April from 10.00am to 3.00pm. Please come along and make your (polite) suggestions and observations to enable the group to continue with this important work.

Floods – Drains in Milton Road are working as designed. The fall on the drains in the Causeway was discussed as Mr. Hogg's checks with a theodolite contradict the information from Mr. Lord. Mr. Hogg was advised to contact Martin Hill by letter.

School Report – Cllr. Balcon had attended a meeting about parents being asked to trial traffic route changes for dropping and collecting children and to walk to school more. Action is being taken to provide more dog-mess bins and the children will be making posters to support a campaign for dog owners to pick up their dogs' leavings. Please would villagers oblige?

Village Hall has a sub-committee looking into making the top field more usable in Spring. Fundraising continues with another Bingo and another Race Night planned and the Village Quiz on 9th May. The floor will be resurfaced during February half term so the film planned for 20th has to be cancelled. On 22nd March there will be a cleaning/decorating day – please donate your time and labour!

Planning:

Flue at Crown House – no objections.

Budget:

Option four was chosen, giving a precept increase of six per cent which includes funds for donation to the Village Hall and the Church included. The Clerk was thanked for his efforts in producing this.

Accounts – were presented and accepted. Actual Expenditures against Budget and Forecast spend to the end of March were also agreed.

Other business:

Query about resurfacing the road in Ashley Barn Road – Lane End. Could DCC please oblige?

Waste Storage Lagoon on A354 just opposite Greenacre Farm was passed with 13 conditions which can be found in the report of the DCC planning committee within Dorsetforyou.gov.

The next meeting is 18th February in the Committee Room as the floor in the main hall will be under refurbishment. Susan Cawley

One-way system at peak times

Dear Parent, Resident,

We would like to initiate a trial voluntary one-way system around the area of Milborne St. Andrew First School during the key drop off and pick up times. This will start from **Monday 2nd February** and will run as a trial until Friday 27th March.

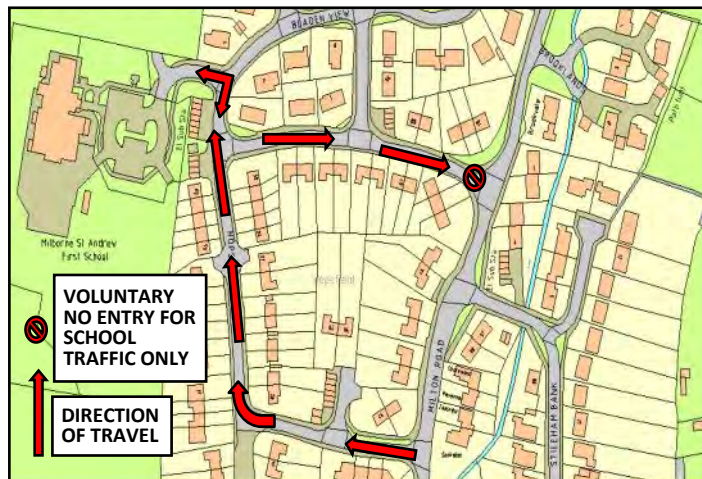
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Feedback will be gathered during the week beginning 23rd March via email to s.hunt@milborne.dorset.sch.uk.

During the trial, vehicles are requested to enter Hopsfield via the south entrance (nearest the shop) and leave by the north route.

Please note that cars coming from the southern Hopsfield direction have priority as per road markings.



We hope that this will ease congestion at these times and make the roads a safer place.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Yours sincerely,

Sharon Hunt (Acting Headteacher)

Luke Goddard (Community Police Officer)

Jenny Balcon (Parish Council)

David Payne (Resident)

Climbers at the Gardening Club

THE Gardening Club's programme for 2015 got off to a great start on 15th January with a most interesting talk by Marcus Dancer on climbing plants for sun and shade. Marcus is a nurseryman who raises all his own plants and he brought along a huge selection to talk about, which were available to buy if we wished.

Instead of the more usual slide show, he had large coloured and named photographs of all his plants to pass around. This had the advantage that we had plenty of time to see them properly and make notes on any which interested us instead of scribbling names quickly in the dark! He was also careful to point out which would do best in our chalk soil, and which would have to be in special beds or pots.

Although we were familiar with plants such as honeysuckle and jasmine, most members were surprised by the range of types and colours available, and of course Marcus introduced us to many new and interesting ones. He emphasised the need for lots of watering and feeding to establish new plants and get them to flower well, and the need to plant them in their own space, well away from existing tree roots and buildings. Many of us went away clutching our new finds, so you may in future see new and unusual plants appearing over walls and fences, or clothing garage walls.

Our next meeting is on 19th February at 7.30 and will be at The Royal Oak as the Village Hall is not available. There will be a talk by the owner of Milton Abbas Farm Shop. Anyone is welcome to come to our meetings and we would be very pleased to see you. Sally Dyer

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A step in the right direction for Elite Walkers

MARTIN CURTIS has gone from dog walker to walking ambassador for the Jurassic coast in just a few years, and hopes to turn his passion for the outdoors into a career. With his group, Elite Walkers, Martin guides new and seasoned walkers on routes of up to 20 miles across Dorset and beyond. He handpicks walks that take in some of the most beautiful parts of the county, with a healthy dose of interest and scenic variety – and not without some hills to provide a challenging experience for the group. As detailed in last month's *Reporter*, Martin takes an active role in promoting the Jurassic coast as a walking venue to the general public in the capacity of 'walking ambassador', as he was appointed as such by the charity that champions the coast.

Dorset provides a superb backdrop for a long distance day walk. "We're so lucky here in Dorset", Martin says, "there are so many nice areas – you only have to open a map". Generally, he says, a portion of map that shows lots of detail should produce an exciting walk, but this is just the first step. He spends many hours planning the perfect route that will hopefully include woodland, hills, farmland, historic sites and coast too, if at all possible. One other prerequisite is a pub.

"That's a must – we generally will start and finish at a pub", (with a drink at the *end* of the walk, rather than for Dutch courage!), though some of his routes have a lunch stop at an inn, halfway. He says, "People like to have a drink after we've completed a long walk and talk over the day and feel proud of their achievements". And this social side of Elite Walkers is integral to its success – having the right mix of people, together with a tailored route to match their abilities will often produce a fun, chatty and interesting walk, which is the ideal in Martin's eyes.

But this takes a great deal of planning, generally taking over the course of three days. "A walk starts when I open the map, from that very moment", Martin says, and this part of the process usually takes three hours. Once satisfied with a route, the real planning begins, with the walk segmented so that each part can be recorded with distance, grid reference, compass bearings, any ascent, terrain and potential hazards. Each segment is given an expected time to walk so that the whole day is planned in detail – this is the 'route card', which is the foundation of the walk. The route card also provides an 'escape route' at any of the stages if, for example, one of the party cannot continue. Martin says, "If something unforeseeable does happen, there is no need to panic; I just have to refer to the route card which contains simple info on what the best route is to return, if that's what's needed."

Martin's fervour for the organisation and safety of his walks almost match that for the landscape that it's set in. The words 'risk assessment' may have some people rolling their eyes, but he believes it to be his duty to ensure that all of his walkers are aware of, and as safe as possible from, any risk. This will include any number of issues from terrain and conditions - which dictate equipment and clothing needed -

to potential hazards. It is also a necessary procedure to comply with insurance conditions that cover his walks.

It was the recession that was to be the starting point of Elite Walkers; whilst 'between' renovation projects due to the slow housing market, Martin was invited by a friend to volunteer as a leader at a Duke of Edinburgh (DofE) group in Corfe Castle. Back then, Martin had little experience in the field, he was welcomed and through training



Martin on the Jurassic coast at Thorncombe Beacon.

began to build his skills in map-reading, first aid, working with others and leading. For a particular training course, he had to complete ten hillwalking days, together with attaining leadership experience. "I thought, how am I going to do this?", he says. "Then it came to me: start my own walking group. So I got together a small group of friends and planned a walk – that's where Elite Walkers started."

Since then, Martin has staged a group walk once a month and has developed his formula for great days out that result in tired legs. His routes are always between 15 and 20 miles as this has proved to be the optimum distance for most to achieve but also to feel challenged in doing so. It has not been without a few problems along the way, a watershed moment being when he decided there was no option but to charge a fee for future walks.

"I dropped the bombshell, but explained it was because I had to now pay other costs to run the group", Martin says. Insurance was the main cost, as well as regular first aid courses and running a website. He was advised by professionals on the Mountain Leader course he is attending he needed to take insurance, since by leading walks – even if only comprising a group of friends – Martin is ultimately liable. So there was no question in his mind that he would continue without being insured.

Although some of his group were put off, some remained and new members joined. And now, through new initiatives such as his association with the Jurassic Coast Trust, he hopes that Elite Walkers will go, well, far.

"I'm striving to create one of the best walking groups in Dorset", he says, "I offer a safe and professional structure with Elite Walkers that gives people an opportunity to achieve their walking goals – and have fun along the way."

Dorset's countryside offers a wealth of walking opportunities and it is clear that Martin is passionate about the county. Although he hopes to attain Mountain Leader status in the future, long-distance is his 'thing', notwithstanding the lack of mountains that Dorset possesses! But Martin makes the point about the stretch of coastline from Weymouth to Swanage – a 32 mile 'jaunt' that is also known as the Dorset Duddle – comprises an equivalent ascent to that of one and a half Snowdons. "That's how challenging it is; Dorset is an amazing place", he says.

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Community Events Diary

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February

- Monday 2nd** **One way system trial** starts 8.30–9.00am, 2.30–3.30pm – see page 13.
- Wednesday 4th** **Wednesday Club** Dorset Community Action to give information on how to keep warm this winter and save money. Village Hall 2.00pm – see page 11.
- Thursday 5th** **Robin Hood** Village Hall 7.30pm – see page 19.
- Friday 6th** **Robin Hood** Village Hall 7.30pm – see page 19.
- Saturday 7th** **Robin Hood** Village Hall 2.30 and 7.30pm – see page 19.
- Thursday 12th** **WI** celebrate their 70th birthday. Village Hall 7.30pm – see page 5.
- Saturday 14th** **Reporter** latest date for the March issue. Send your items to msa.reporter@yahoo.co.uk or give to a member of the Reporter team.
- Wednesday 18th** **Ash Wednesday** benefice communion service at St. Andrew's Church 7.30pm.
- Parish Council** Village Hall Committee Room 7.30pm – see page 13 for notes on January's meeting.
- Thursday 19th** **Gardening Club** The Royal Oak as the Village Hall is not available. There will be a talk by the owner of Milton Abbas Farm Shop. 7.30 – see page 13.
- Tuesday 24th** **100 Club Draw** The Royal Oak everyone welcome to attend – see page 10 for winners and below.
- Friday 27th** **Flute and Harp Fantasia with Amalthea** in partnership with Artsreach Village Hall 7.30pm – see page 9.
- Saturday 28th** **Village Lunch** Village Hall 12.15pm. Everyone welcome. Tickets and information from 839090 – see page 2 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** third 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
- 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 7.00–8.30pm (term time only)
- Circuit Training** every Thursday 7.00–8.00pm

February at the Sports Club

Table Tennis Monday 7.00–9.00pm. Information from Pauline Pitfield 01258 839123

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 year's under 11's on a Saturday morning. Matches will be played on Sunday morning and afternoons.

Under 11s Stuart Joyce 01258 456594.

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We have read the book 'Stickman' by Julia Donaldson and learnt about the different things sticks can be used for. The photo shows some of the stickmen we made.



January is the RSPB's Big Garden Bird Watch so in our outside area we have looked for birds and made bird cakes to help look after birds in the cold weather.

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Liz Dyer



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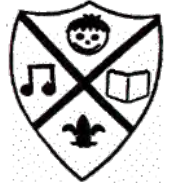
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School News

ON the first day of the spring term, Forest Forge theatre company came to the school and entertained the children for the afternoon with a fantastic production of Neil Gaiman's Stardust. For many children this was their first experience of a live performance.

At the end of last term the school took part in the Christmas jumper day, with everyone wearing their silliest, sparkliest or cosiest Christmas woollies raising £100 approximately for Save the Children. The children learnt about the work Save the Children undertake to help save children's lives. We also held a competition to design a Christmas jumper, the winners are in the photograph.



The school is now decorated with very pretty jumper bunting.

This half term the whole school topic is 'Explorers'.

Penguins and Turtle classes will be focusing on polar explorers and Neil Armstrong. They are going to be learning what inspired them, what they discovered and how they have influenced the modern world.

Dolphins class are going to be exploring space, learning about the history of space exploration, designing and making rockets and solar systems. The photograph shows a rocket in the development stage.

Seahorses class are exploring the sea and learning about people that help us. They are planning a trip to the coast to continue their exploring.

CONTACTS

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

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

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Valentine's Day: fact or folklore?

UNLESS you've been hiding under a rock, you will know that February 14th is Valentine's Day. Valentine's is a day treasured by many and dreaded by others, a day associated with love, chocolate, pink hearts, and lots of little naked people. But why all the fuss? Being a history nut, I've gone behind the myriad of cute things to find out whether Valentine's has always been associated with love, or if it's just an excuse to buy people cheesy presents. So, have you ever wondered why we shower each other in love on Valentine's Day? If you have, read on! If you haven't well, read on anyway. It might make you laugh.

Origins

Valentine's Day is a celebration of the life and deeds of Saint Valentine, the problem being that there were LOTS of them. The most well known and largest story takes place way back in time, under the Roman Empire. The Romans were a funny bunch, and several accounts of martyrdom attest to the demise of many Valentines – a long way to go for love if you ask me! Anyway, one particular man named Valentine was imprisoned for performing weddings for soldiers who were forbidden to marry and for ministering to Christians, who were persecuted by the Romans. According to legend, during his imprisonment, he healed the daughter of his jailer, Asterius. An embellishment to this story states that before his execution he wrote her a letter signed "Your Valentine" as a farewell. How romantic, a man tries to spread a little love, gets imprisoned, and suffers and dies for his 'crimes'. Why haven't Hollywood got hold of this yet?

However, Valentine's Day itself does not become associated with love until much later, thus we must leap forward into the late 14th Century. It's a long jump through time and we end up in the High Middle Ages, so best to take a run-up. In the 14th Century we find a man named Geoffrey Chaucer who was the first to associate the day with romantic love, when the tradition of courtly love flourished. Chaucer wrote a work called *Parlement of Foules* in 1382 (I know, he's a terrible speller! Lord only knows how he became an author!) in honour of the union between King Richard II of England and Anne of Bohemia. They were the tender age of 15 when they wed. The poetry of Chaucer was incredibly influential and these lines give a flavour of his poem:

*For this was on seynt Volantynys day
Whan euery bryd comyth there to chese
his make.*

"For this was on St. Valentine's Day,
when every bird cometh there to choose
his mate."

Around the same time, some other men in Europe were writing about the connection between Valentine's Day and love, and they were Otton de Grandson from Savoy, John Gower from England, and a knight called Pardo from Valencia. Chaucer most probably predated all of them but, due to the difficulty of dating medieval works, we can't know for sure who of the four had the idea first and influenced the others. What can be said about them all however, is that they had awful spelling.

We then leap again (tiring work this), this time into 18th-century England, where the

occasion evolved into one where lovers expressed their love for each other by presenting flowers, offering confectionery, and sending greeting cards (known as "valentines"). In Europe, Saint Valentine's Keys are given to lovers "as a romantic symbol and an invitation to unlock the giver's heart", as well as to children, in order to ward off Saint Valentine's Malady. The malady sadly is not some kind of "love bug" but rather epilepsy – bit of a downer there.

Valentine's Day then makes it to the modern day, and common symbols today include the heart-shaped outline, doves, and the figure of the winged Cupid. All of these symbols were associated with love during the Victorian era.

However despite all of the little additions and the almost entirely fanciful creation of the spirit of the day, I think Valentine's should be cherished as it is a day for love and goodwill for those close to us, and I end with the rueful description of Valentine's Day by Ophelia in Shakespeare's *Hamlet* (1600–1601), which neatly sums up the spirit of the occasion today:

*To-morrow is Saint Valentine's day,
All in the morning betime,
And I a maid at your window,
To be your Valentine.
Then up he rose, and donn'd his clothes,
And dupp'd the chamber-door;
Let in the maid, that out a maid
Never departed more.*

William Shakespeare, *Hamlet*, Act IV, Scene 5
Mark Ferguson

This Month in History – February

Births

6th February 1665 – Queen Anne, the last Stuart ruler of Great Britain and Ireland. A golden age for Britain in the fields of science, literary output, architecture and war, it was also during her reign that the Act of Union with Scotland was passed in 1707.

12th February 1809 – Charles Robert Darwin, scientist and founder of the modern theory of evolution. His book *On the Origin of Species by Means of Natural Selection*, published in 1859, aroused bitter controversy as it disagreed with the Book of Genesis in the Bible.

27th February 1932 – Dame Elizabeth Taylor, a London-born film star. Famous for her many Academy Award nominations and marriages, she starred in *Cleopatra* (1963), *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof* (1958), and *The Flintstones* (1994), to name but a few.

Deaths

1st February 1851 – Mary Shelley, the daughter of Percy Shelley and author of *Frankenstein*, dies of a brain tumour at 53.

2nd February 1979 – John Simon Ritchie (aka Sid Vicious), bassist for the Sex Pistols, dies at the age of 21 from an overdose.

8th February 1587 – Mary Queen of Scots is beheaded on the orders of her cousin, England's Queen Elizabeth I.

14th February 2003 – Dolly the Sheep, the first mammal to be cloned from an adult cell dies young from a progressive lung disease aged six.

Events

4th February 2004 – Facebook, a mainstream online social network, is

founded by Mark Zuckerberg. The social media site at of the end of 2014 was reported to be worth around \$217 billion.

12th February 1554 – Lady Jane Grey, Queen of England for only nine days, was executed at the tender age of 16 in the Tower of London following a successful coup by Queen Mary I in July the previous year.

14th February 1929 – Alexander Fleming discovers Penicillin.

15th February 1971 – Pennies, bobs, and half-crowns all disappear as Britain goes decimal.

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Valentines Menu

Starters

Baked camembert with a mixed leaf salad, toasted baguette and a basil & pine nut pesto (to share)

Pan fried scallops served with a spicy glaze and crispy chorizo

Salmon and crab rillettes served with aioli, mixed leaves and toasted baguette

Pan fried pigeon breast with sautéed butternut squash crispy bacon lardons and a red wine jus

Palate Cleanser

Passion fruit sorbet

Mains

Gressingham duck breast with fondant potato, black cherry and red wine jus served with roasted baby carrots

Fillet steak with roasted flat cap mushroom, confit tomato and hand-cut chips (£4.50 supplement)

Pan-fried chicken breast stuffed with garlic butter and wrapped in pancetta served with Mediterranean vegetables

Roasted salmon served with an asparagus and pea risotto with watercress

Halloumi stuffed red peppers with a cherry tomato sauce and rocket salad (v)

Desserts

Chocolate fondant served with a cherry compote and Madagascan vanilla ice cream

Lemon lime and ginger cheesecake served with a tuile biscuit

White chocolate parfait served with mint fudge and a berry coulis

Assiette of all of the above (to share)

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Gourmet Evening

Saturday 7th March at 7:30pm

To Begin

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Appetiser

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A glass of Côtes-du-Rhône Léon Perdigal, France**

Fish Course

Lobster and langoustine ravioli in a creamy bisque

A glass of Gavi di Gavi La Toledana, Italy**

Palate Cleanser

Mango sorbet with passion fruit foam

Main Course

Fillet of spring lamb served with a parsnip tart, red berry jus and honey roast fig

A glass of Château Grand Faurie La Rose 2009, St-Emilion Grand Cru **

Dessert

"Citrus Assiette"

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Have you met . . . Richard Crisp?

Richard lives in Stileham Bank, where he has settled after much travel and a very mobile life. We met in The Royal Oak to discuss his life over a pint and this is what he shared with your reporter . . .

Richard says he was lucky to be born into a family with a history in the jewellery business. His maternal grandfather was a director of Harvey & Gore of London, and other relatives owned Garrard's, jewellers to Her Majesty the Queen. His paternal grandfather owned a chain of builders' merchants. Richard's early years were spent in Brookmans Park, a very nice area of London.

Like many children from his background, boarding school was the automatic choice by his parents, so Richard was sent to school in Scarborough, which he hated. Whilst he was there his parents moved to Long Sutton, Somerset. They did give him the address, so eventually he came home and continued his studies at college in Yeovil. Still unhappy, he ran away to join the Army.

The Army put him into the Catering Corps, which gave him a trade that would be useful in his future, and also sent him on two tours to Northern Ireland, where even as a cook he had to patrol with his colleagues, facing the stress of being a target for the various violent organisations on both parts of the sectarian divide.

On leaving the army he took his skills into catering management, working mainly in hotels, and at the age of 24 was the Food and Beverages Manager in a top hotel in London. Although this was the achievement of his ambition, he found he hated it and ran away to live in Greece!

On returning, he opened a wine bar with friends. This became one of the top venues in London, with a clientele that included Susannah Yorke, Michael Caine, Mickey Dolenz, Sean Connery, Madonna and George Michael. The bar was a finalist in the 'Wine Bar of the Year' competition. Unfortunately the owners of the building decided to sell it at the peak of the property boom in the late 1980s, so Richard was on the move again. The building is now the Althorp, Wandsworth Common, a rather smart pub.

Richard's next job was as wine buyer for Gordon's Wine Bar in Villiers Street, the oldest wine bar in the world. The building was previously home to Samuel Pepys and Rudyard Kipling (though not at the same time!) He enjoyed this job greatly and was disappointed when the building closed for structural renovations and he had to move on again.

By now considered too old to work 'front of house' Richard moved back into the kitchen, and spent time working with Anthony Worrall Thompson, John Torode and Marco Pierre White. During this time his parents, who had been living in Ferndown, decided they needed to move to a bungalow, and bought the one in Stileham Bank, largely because they fell in love with the garden. Richard came home to live with them, although spent some time working as relief chef in the St. Peter Port Hotel, Guernsey and other places.

This meant he was living at home when his parents became ill. He himself suffered a collapsed lung, which resulted in early 'retirement' to become his father's full-time carer. During the two years his father was ill, he really appreciated the support given to them by Jane Hamilton, and they remain close friends.

Throughout his career Richard has enjoyed travel, and has visited many countries, including Cuba, Sri Lanka, Mauritius, Latvia, Greece, Spain, France and Portugal. I'm sure this has helped with his wine buying. He tells me he has a formidable wine cellar!

Like most people in the village, when asked what he likes best about living in Milborne St. Andrew, Richard, without hesitation, said the community spirit here and the number of good, decent people who will help a person in need. He's also quite fond of The Royal Oak! His main dislike is the total ignoring of the 30mph speed limit by traffic travelling between Blandford and Dorchester.

Susan Cawley



Round Robin Ramblers

the local villages walking group

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Any questions please feel free to contact Ian Bromilow, 01258 880044.

Sunday 1st February – 1.30pm (note the earlier time)

Mappowder and the Blackmore Vale

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Wednesday 18th February – 11.00am

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Sunday 1st March – 2.00pm

Winterborne Houghton

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IT'S that time of year when Christmas and the New Year celebrations are in the past, keeping to your New Year resolutions is getting harder and now many people are seeking ways to volunteer and support their favourite organisations, local community or needy individuals.

There are so many charities who are seeking support both financially and practically. There are national ones such as the National Trust, Cancer Research, Save the Children, Age UK, and so on; then there are Dorset or more county-wide ones such as Mosaic, the Weldmar Hospice Trust, Julia's House, Dorset Wildlife Trust; etc. and finally there are those nearer to home which include Milborne St. Andrew's village clubs and our own neighbours.

So if you are thinking about volunteering and using your specific, personal skills please give some consideration to supporting your Village Hall. Volunteers are needed to help run the charity which would include joining or supporting the committee; others are needed to help with maintenance such as repairs, cutting grass, painting, etc. Help is always welcomed to help run the Film Nights and the other Village Hall fundraising events which includes activities such as advertising, running the bar, selling tickets, etc. Of course other volunteering or support is always welcome, this could include money raised by personal fundraising e.g. sponsorship when doing events like marathons. Finally offering to make any financial or material donations.

Don't forget Mr Cameron's Student Volunteer week is 23rd February - 1st March and the Village Hall could help you to be part of this week. National Volunteers week is 1st - 7th June 2015 be involved!

To volunteer you can speak to Sarah or Jo in The Royal Oak; approaching any of the Village Hall committee members, emailing msavillagehall@googlemail.com or come to the AGM in April to offer in person - watch out for the notices in the coming months.

Pam Shults

Deadline for the March Reporter is 14th February

Did you identify this?

The first picture of the New Year was taken in Chapel Street outside Bramble Cottage.

Congratulations to five-year-old Samuel Richards who was the first person to send in the correct answer.

Try your luck this month on page 27.



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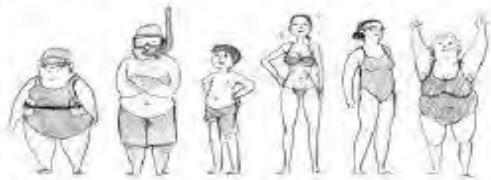
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In your Garden

Seasonal notes and tips from Maureen Lock of *designerGardens*

Down the primrose path

THE flowers of the primrose are definitely a sign that spring has arrived. They are woodland flowers that like the cool, dappled shade provided by woodlands and hedgerows. Primroses even have their own special day, 19th April – the anniversary of the death of Prime Minister Benjamin Disraeli in 1891. Primroses were his favourite flower and to this day a posy of primroses is laid at the statue of Disraeli by Westminster Abbey every year.

Primroses and polyanthus are part of the Primula genus. You can tell the difference not only by the colour but also by the fact that polyanthus flowers stand proud of the leaves on a single stem. Primrose flowers are carried on the short stems at the base of the plant surrounded by leaves.

Primroses were among the first flowers ever to be grown for the garden, as far back as medieval times. They were grown along with cowslips, verbascums and mallows between the cabbages and onions. With the introduction of the pink primrose from Turkey known as "Turkie Purple" back in

the 17th century, breeders began to experiment crossing this pink primrose with the cowslip, resulting in our much loved and colourful polyanthus.

I can remember picking primrose flowers to decorate the local church for many years until of course the practice of picking wild flowers became illegal. Luckily it's not too difficult to grow them from seed – so I can still pick them from my own garden. They will grow on just about any soil as long as they have plenty of moisture and a bit of shade, but they do like good drainage.

Although primroses and polyanthus are spring flowering, they will also flower intermittently during mild spells in winter. To create a lovely spring display, plant up a pot with Polyanthus and include some low growing evergreens such as Ivy, Skimmia and euonymus; underplant with Narcissus and crocus. If you are too late to plant bulbs, add some Forget-me-nots *Myosotis sylvatica* as a contrast. Position the pot next to the house and you will have something bright and cheery to look at even on the dullest day.



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