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A busy March and April . . . for Milborne WI

DURING March – Milborne hosted the group meeting which was attended by members from five of our neighbouring WIs. A colourful history of Abbotsbury Subtropical Gardens by its curator, Stephen Griffith, followed. After the violent storms of 1990, which wreaked havoc amongst the trees and exotic plants, Stephen has been instrumental in developing and making dramatic changes to the gardens. The site is that of the original 18th century walled garden, part of a property belonging to the Earl of Ilchester which was burnt down in 1913, leaving just the garden standing. Now a 30-acre site and situated in a wooded valley leading towards Chesil Beach, the gardens are a multitude of colour all the year round, constantly changing and evolving, with something of interest for everyone.

The entertainment slot was filled by Sue Stone from Bere Regis, who read a short story based on the imminent ransacking of their local church by the King's men, and the subsequent hiding by villagers of the altar stone. Social time followed with refreshments and a variety of home-made biscuits.

April featured our annual meeting. A reminder that Josie is collecting books for our stall at the Milton Abbas Street Fair, contributions welcome. Pub lunch on 27th April at 12.30pm; as always just turn up at The Royal Oak and enjoy a relaxed meal. Chris has reached our target of 70 craft items for the Weldmar Hospice fair, but please keep them coming.

During our annual meeting June Maitland gave her end-of-year report as retiring secretary, and Jenny Preston, in thanking everyone for their help during the year, said she was proud to have served as our president for three years. Our new committee comprises Jenny Brown, Angela Jones, June Maitland, Nelda Oakes, Josie Wright and Linda Wright. Jenny Preston was re-elected as our president.

A competitive game of kurling followed, new to most of us, but surprisingly addictive. The red team won resoundingly, with Lin and Josie showing the best individual scores (*but they had done it before!*)

Our next meeting will be on **Thursday 14th May**, when we have a speaker from Wessex Assistance Dogs. This should be of interest to many, so please join us if you find yourself free that evening.

Pat Bull

Deadline for the June Reporter is 14th May

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Dog Fouling in Milborne St. Andrew

MOST areas of Dorset have dog fouling orders or are in the process of making them. Each Authority will have followed the procedure and guidance written under the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005 to produce Orders including appropriate consultation. These Orders enable authorised officers to serve Fixed Penalty Notices on any person responsible for a dog that fouls and does not clean up any mess left by the dog on the designated land. Owners can be prosecuted in the Magistrates Court where a fine of up to £1,000 can be imposed. These incidents can be reported to your local council with an online dog fouling form. A dog warden may then contact you and/or visit the area to assess how severe the problem is and take the appropriate action to deal with the problem. If they are not able to take action they will notify you of the reasons.

Dog fouling has been brought to the attention of the *Reporter* team and I have spoken to the Dog Wardens, the Environmental Health Department (EHD) and Dorset Waste Partnership (DWP).



The DWP is willing to provide an extra bin for dog waste on Hopsfield (as requested by Ms Balcon, current chair of the Parish Council who will include this issue in her Annual Report). Parish Councils can 'buy in' extra Dog Warden hours. Dog Wardens work as contractors for North Dorset District Council (NDDC). Following my enquiries, the EHD will send Dog Wardens to put up more stickers warning of the penalties for dog fouling.

To report those who flout

these laws can have repercussions for any citizen who takes this action. Photographic evidence will be required and Court attendance. Look on any website and there is abundant information on diseases spread by dog waste ranging from parasitic infections, intestinal illnesses, partial blindness and triggers for asthma. Children are particularly at risk. Hopefully responsible dog owners will 'pick up' after their pets without prompting.



Carole Fornachon

Front cover: The *Reporter* would like to thank Amelia, Olivia and Oliver from the Milborne First School for supplying the three posters, one on the front cover, one below and the other on page 23; well done to all of you. These posters will already be on lamp posts somewhere near you. Please read them.

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Alf was born in Stafford in 1890 and christened Aldred Alfred Barnes, but used his middle name. He married Florence Gripton in 1915 in Stafford and they had two sons, Frederick, in 1917, and Eric, in 1922.

Annie doesn't know much of the intervening years so is hopeful that *Reporter* readers will be able to fill in some of the blanks. She believes that he wasn't present at either of his son's weddings back in Stafford but doesn't know when he arrived in Milborne. Alf's funeral was recorded in the local paper as taking place in Milborne St. Andrew with a Requiem Mass being held at Our Lady of Lourdes and St. Cecilia in Blandford. The newspaper cutting goes on to say, "Floral tributes were received from his employers and workmates at Bladen dairy and a letter of condolence received from officers, ratings and WRENS."

His death certificate records that he died at home and Doris, his wife, was present, but Annie has yet to find out where Alf is buried. She also is keen to discover where Alf and Doris were married – if, indeed they were actually married. Annie does know that Alf's first wife, Florence, died in 1973.

If your memory is jogged and you can help to put together some more of the jigsaw for Annie, please get in touch with her on 01305 544034.



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Wednesday 20th May – 11.00am

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10 The Rings, Milborne St Andrew, Blandford Forum, Dorset, DT11 OHY

Winterborne Whitechurch Wind Turbine Planning Meeting

NORTH Dorset District Council Development Management Committee met in a packed, largely with objectors, Winterborne Whitechurch village hall to make a decision on the proposed wind farm near the village.

The development proposed by Renewable Energy Generation (REG) on Blandford Hill is for four turbines with a hub height of 80m and a blade tip height of 125m. This should produce between 8 to 12MW of electricity, enough to power 4,500 properties.

The 2¾ hour meeting, which was held at 10.00am on the 17th March, was kicked off by members of the NDDC Planning department. They explained in great detail the proposed development, its impact on the local environment and the both national and local planning policies that they have to take into consideration prior to making a recommendation.

The Landscape Planning Officer for Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty, to which the development will be close, considered that Blandford Hill is an inappropriate site for the scale of development. He also considered that there would be significant effects on the nearby AONB.

The impact on the local heritage was also considered to be unacceptable by the Heritage Officer. Numerous listed buildings, including several Grade 1 would be significantly impacted. Likewise it was considered that the conservation area within the village would also be significantly

impacted. Furthermore, in the officer's view, REG had "understated and under-represented the impact on heritage assets" in their application.

The Planning department then summed up their position. They recognised the benefits of the renewable energy that the development would produce and the short term employment generated. However they felt that these benefits would be outweighed by the adverse impact on both landscape and heritage assets. This being the case, their recommendation to the Development Management Committee (DMC) was to refuse the planning application.

The floor was then taken by the representative of Campaign to Protect Rural England who spoke against the development. He was followed by parish councillors from both Winterborne Whitechurch and Hilton. Both councillors spoke against the development, with a recent referendum of Whitechurch residents showing 2:1 against being cited.

Next to speak were a dozen objectors followed by seven supporters. Impassioned pleas to the committee were made by both sides. Statistics supporting either view being used where appropriate to back up the argument one way or the other.

The Project Manager now took the floor. He cited the annual £40,000 index linked community fund that would be made available if the development got approval. He also listed the number of interested parties such as the Environmental Health

Officer and the Highways Agency who have no objection to the development. He summed up by saying that on balance he believes that the site is suitable as only objections are for the temporary (25 year) visual impact.

A local District councillor was next to speak, opposing the development based on the wishes of the majority of the local community.

The Planning officers addressed points raised by the previous speakers then handed over to the DMC for a question and answer session.

Several of the DMC members made their position known. The chairman said he would recommend a refusal citing a lack of assessed wind speed data, the impact on St Mary's church and other listed buildings and finally that North Dorset has been approving many solar farm applications. To the delight of the supporters of the development, one member of the committee stated that he was changing his view from objecting to the development to supporting it. This change of mind was because he felt that AONB can no longer be sacrosanct.

Some points were clarified for the DMC members by the Planning Officers prior to the vote being taken.

Finally a show of hands for and against was taken. The result, to much applause, was four against and two for the development.

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ON Wednesday 1st April Roger Hunt came to talk to the Wednesday Club on the subject Nature or Nurture. Roger was a teacher, then head teacher and is now a counsellor with the charity Homestart where he assists families who are having difficulties.

Roger spoke about the importance of family and teachers encouraging children to feel good about themselves by praising them and building on what they can do rather than what they can't. He made us all think when he said that schools have a great responsibility to give children the confidence to succeed and that people always remember the teacher that they most liked and the teacher that they detested.

Altogether it was an interesting and thought provoking afternoon.

Our next meeting is a trip on The Swanage Railway from Norden to Swanage on 6th May. The cost is £8.50 and we are car sharing, going in individual cars, leaving Milborne at 9.30am.

On 3rd June we are going to Athelhampton for a cream tea. Again we are car sharing. The cost will be £5.50 per head to include two scones with jam and cream and unlimited cups of tea. Arrival time is 2.30pm.

If you would like to come to either of these events please telephone Jenny Balcon on 01258 837121, we will look forward to seeing you.

Lis Watts

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What is a Neighbourhood Plan?

- This is the way we can decide our own future in the village
- Make sure we can control what happens here
- What facilities we want, and where.
- From education, jobs, parking, footpaths, paths, roads to houses, businesses and houses.
- Failure to do a plan would mean control of planning would be done by NDDC and local people would have much less of a say.
- Who is going to do it? The working group has been put together to oversee the process, calling in folk with specific skills to help us. If you have a skill that can be used, contact us!
- If you can't make the last open session at the School May Fair, please email us with your views NPG@milbornestandrew.org

So what happens next?

Come and see us at the School May Fair

On Saturday 16th May 2015, at the 1st school.

This completes the first of

our group of open sessions, so make sure you let your views be known. Although we will consulting you whenever we can.

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The questionnaire!

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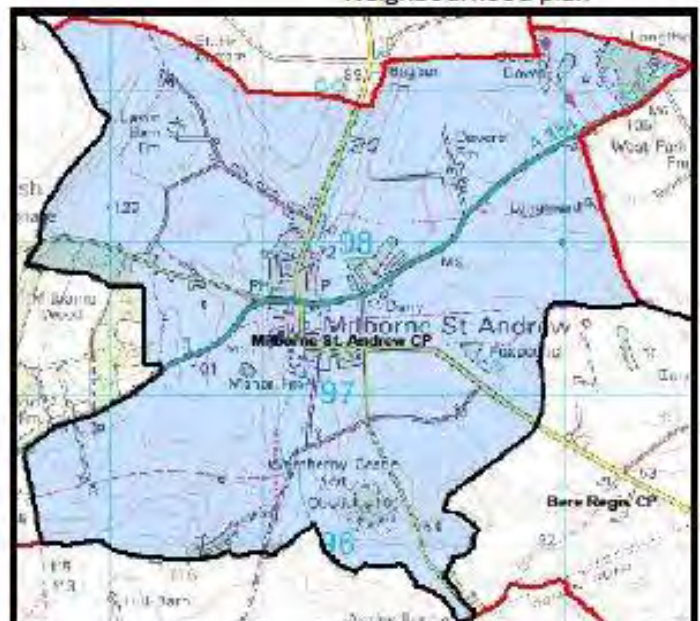
- We'll highlight the main findings from our 3 drop-in sessions.
- Have the start of a website
- And a website link to our new facebook page.

The village map (below) gives a clear view of the area that has been accepted to be covered by the Neighbourhood plan

The MSA Neighbourhood Plan Working Group

The working group is supported by, but is independent of, the Parish Council. All the members are local people who have volunteered to help, and have lived here up to 44 years. The group currently has 8 members and is led by Michael Hopper, with Mike Brown, Georgina Carrington, Sue Cherry, Dave and Sue Gould, Ronald Hogg and Jo Witherden on the team. Skills on the team include planning, utilities, administration and construction, to name but a few.

But we could do with more! Can you draw? Are you good with websites? Are you good at organising projects? Designing questionnaires? Helping out at events and talking to people? Do you know about local wildlife, historic interest or things like traffic engineering? Any help, however small, will be appreciated! If you wish to join in, please contact us – email NPG@milbornestandrew.org



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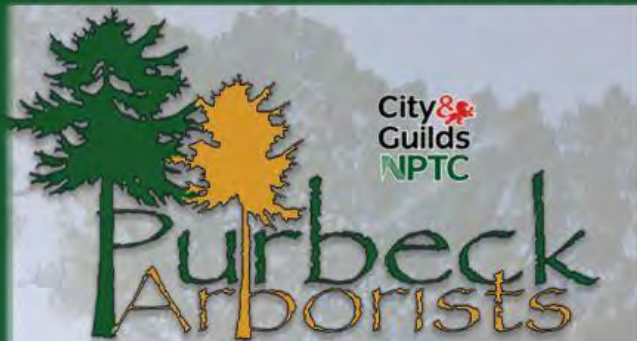
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Parish Meeting Notes of 15th April

COUNTY Councillor Hilary Cox, District Councillor Parker and Parish Councillor Philip Smith sent apologies.

The Chairman welcomed everyone and last year's Minutes were signed as a true record.

PCSO Mike Sennick spoke about Community Speed Watch, a non-punitive initiative to educate drivers about speeding. He and PCSO Luke Goddard answered questions from the floor. The Chairman thanked the two PCSOs for attending and for all they do in the village throughout the year.

Sharon Hunt, school head teacher, spoke about the school becoming an Academy Trust. The school would like volunteers, who do not necessarily have links to the school and can bring a fresh perspective, to be School Governors. Kevin Connolly, Chairman of Governors supported her request. (*Read more about this on page 21.*)

Jane Simkin spoke about the Patient Information Project, funded by Macmillan Cancer Support and covering all of Dorset, which provides targeted information and support for cancer patients and their families. Jane can be contacted at DCH, and left some leaflets and questionnaires at the Village Hall.

Cllr Balcon made her third Annual Report as chairman, thanking councillors, volunteers and particularly the clerk for their efforts. She thanked residents for their patience during the recent drainage works, hoping that no more flooding would ensue. Key points from the speech included the various planning issues that the Council has handled this year, the Neighbourhood Plan and dog fouling. Would owners **please** pick up their dogs' deposits? The new Council may engage the Dog Warden to help with enforcement at a cost to them (i.e. to village residents). Although the April 1st *Reporter* article was light-hearted, the fouling causes mess, concern and health issues for other residents.

Cllr Hilary Cox's report was read by the Clerk. Cllr Somper read her report, mentioning the new tripartite council which councillors believe will save money and the rejected Wind Farm application at Winterborne Whitechurch which may yet go to appeal.

The Clerk's Financial Report included accounts which will be audited before May's Parish Council Meeting. There was discussion about the Sports Club rent, still owing from December and now a significant issue. Villagers at the meeting were keen that the Trustees of the Sports Club are held to account over non-payment of the rent owing to the community, as well as the fact that no accounts have been issued.

The Flood Warden's report was largely about the new drains in Chapel Street, Milton Road and The Causeway. Please keep gullies clear of grass clippings and fallen leaves, particularly in Chapel Street. Contact Wessex Water if your drains are blocked by flood water. The new drains were designed assuming that there would be no further houses built in those areas. This is important for future planning applications. The Flood Warden will pass relevant information to the Neighbourhood Plan Team.

The Footpaths Representative's report mentioned dog fouling and that many of our footpaths are neglected.

The Tree Warden stressed that no tree within the Conservation Area may be felled, lopped or trimmed without referring to North Dorset District Council.

The new Homewatch Scheme is operational. Villagers are encouraged to join, if only to benefit from reduced home insurance premiums.

The Allotments Society now has a positive bank balance and one person on the waiting list. The community shed roof was reinstated after a winter gale. They thanked Mick Hopper for his contribution to the creation and success of the Allotment Association, also the Parish Council and the Sports Club. Gold Hill Organic Farm in Child Okeford has an open day on 7th June. Allotment holders and others are welcome to attend to learn more about growing vegetables.

The Neighbourhood Plan Group is working very hard to create the Plan which will have weight in planning matters. Feedback from villagers is welcome at the forthcoming open days and the May Fair, and will be included in the Plan. The Group was congratulated on the first Open Day, which people had enjoyed very much. *Susan Cawley*

News from Milton Abbas and Milborne St. Andrew Surgery

May Edition 2015

The surgery will be closed on

Saturday 2nd May and May Bank Holiday, Monday 4th May, Saturday 23rd May and Whitsun Bank Holiday, Monday 25th May.

IF YOU are unwell and need medical advice, always ring NHS 111, the new number for urgent calls. In a genuine emergency you should call 999. Chest pains and/or shortness of breath constitute an emergency.

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Equipment amnesty

We would like to ask our patients to check their homes for items of equipment that have been loaned to them by the surgery, in particular blood pressure monitors and nebulisers. If you have either of these items please can you let us know so that we can manage our supplies. If you no longer need the item please can you return it to the surgery so that it can be loaned to another patient. Unfortunately we are unable to take back large items such as commodes, zimmer frames etc, but do contact the nurse team for advice if you would like larger items collected.

Unable to attend your appointment?

We continue to be very concerned at the number of patients who do not attend (DNA) for their booked appointments. In March a shocking 60 patients did not attend their appointment to see a GP and 32 patients did not attend their appointment to see a nurse. It is upsetting to see so much GP and nurse time wasted when the demand for appointments is higher than ever. So, this is to ask you to ring and let us know if you are unable to attend your appointment so we can offer it to someone who needs it. Thank you.

Surgery Opening Times:

Monday	8.30am - 1.00 and 2.00 - 6.00pm
Tuesday	8.30am - 1.00 and 2.00 - 6.00pm
Wednesday	8.30am - 6.00pm
Thursday	8.30am - 6.00pm
Friday	8.30am - 6.00pm
Saturday	8.30am - 10.30pm

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

The dispensary is closed every day between 1.00 and 2.30

Carol Taylor Practice Manager

**Village Quiz: Saturday 9th May in the Village Hall
at 7.30pm**

Cost: £6 for each team of four



CHURCH SERVICES May 2015

800 years on

Though only a few of its clauses remain relevant for our 21st-century United Kingdom, the Magna Carta has symbolically come to represent freedom and liberty for people.

Its original purpose as a peace treaty failed, and its remit was restricted to a small number of wealthy and powerful people, who opposed King John, known by some as "the worst king we ever had", but this document has been influential throughout the world.

What it did do was to enshrine that no one, regardless of status or wealth, is above the law, and that every person is entitled to a free and fair trial: "No free man shall be seized or imprisoned, or stripped of his rights or possessions, or outlawed or exiled, or deprived of his standing in any other way, nor will we proceed with force against him, or send others to do so, except by the lawful judgement of his equals or by the law of the land. To no one will we sell, to no one deny or delay right or justice." It also had an effect on the evolution of the Church in England and its relationship with the state.

There are echoes of Magna Carta in the American Declaration of Independence (1761), the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (1948) and the European Convention on Human Rights (1950). The spirit of the Great Charter is as important today as ever. It allows the people to hold to account those who are in powerful positions.

Four copies remain: two in the British Library, one at Lincoln cathedral and one in Salisbury. Many celebrations are being held this year to mark the 800th anniversary.

There are lots of events marking this anniversary happening in Salisbury this year, in particular at the cathedral.* In The Bishop is keen to encourage church members and their friends to join a pilgrimage walk on Saturday 14th June. The route will follow the journey Magna Carta made when the Bishop's seat was moved from Old Sarum to Salisbury Cathedral. It is a gentle 2½-mile walk mainly on the flat. Pilgrims will be accompanied by the Amesbury Town Band and invited to join a free tea party in the cathedral close afterwards. The day will finish with informal outdoor worship at 4.30pm. All ages are welcome and encouraged to take part.

It would be good to have a group from our villages at this event. If enough people want to join in, we will look into hiring a minibus to transport people. There is a sign-up sheet in Puddletown church room, or please contact Marion Bishop our administrator (07812 687266) to express an interest.

In the words of the Bishop of Salisbury: "The pilgrimage will be a visible public witness to our faith, and one that emphasises that the Christian faith cannot be reduced to the privately pietistic but makes demands of how we govern ourselves and how we treat others."

With best wishes

Sarah Hillman

*www.salisburycathedral.org.uk for more information

3rd May – Easter 5

9.30am	Parish Communion + Baptism	Tolpuddle
9.30	Celebrate . . .	Milborne
11.00	Parish Communion	Puddletown
11.00	1662 Morning Prayer	Dewlish

10th May – Easter 6

8.15am	1662 Said Communion	Puddletown
9.30	Methodist United Service	Tolpuddle
9.30	Parish Communion + Baptism	Milborne
11.00	Puddletown Praise	Puddletown
11.00	Parish Communion	Dewlish
4.00pm	Dedication of North Aisle Works	Tolpuddle

ASCENSION DAY – THURSDAY 14th May

6.30am	Morning Prayer	Dewlish on hill by mast
12noon	Holy Communion	Puddletown Church Room
7.30pm	Holy Communion	Milborne

SATURDAY 16TH May

1.00pm	Wedding	Tolpuddle
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17th May – Easter 7

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

24th May – Pentecost

9.30am	Worship Together	Tolpuddle
9.30	Parish Communion	Milborne
11.00	1662 Morning Prayer	Puddletown
11.00	Family Communion	Dewlish
2.30	Pentecost Party	Puddletown

31st May – Trinity Sunday

10.00	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	

St. Andrew's Churchwarden's Report

EASTER arrived and our wonderful flower arrangers filled every windowsill and stand in the church with flowers. There were also lilies in memory of loved ones who are no longer with us. A big 'thank you' to all those involved not only at Easter but throughout the year. When John put the flag up on the tower on Easter morning he found that the jackdaws, who are nesting in the tower as usual, had also been doing their best to arrange a large number of sticks at the top of the staircase!

The Easter Experience event for children on Good Friday went well and was enjoyed by 26 children and some of their parents. In the village hall Easter biscuits, hot cross buns and chocolate nests were made (and some



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.

Deadline for the June Reporter is 14h May

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eaten!), jars decorated, windows designed, crosses decorated and of course Easter eggs created. Then we heard the Easter story as we walked up to church where we saw the Easter Garden and talked about forgiveness before returning to the village hall to pick up our freshly baked buns, etc.



Following the interesting talk in March by Maria Gayton, the Community Engagement Officer from the Dorset County Records Centre, we are hoping to start a group looking into the history of our village. Pam hopes to meet a few people who share the interest and explore what a group could do.

In March we held our Annual Church Meeting at which the existing churchwardens and PCC members were re-elected. We were also pleased to welcome Robert, Stephanie and José to the church Electoral Roll. The accounts for 2014, which were approved, show that in spite of an extra £1,800 from fees for weddings and funerals the church spent nearly £3,000 more than it received

during the year; we need everyone to support our fund raising programme before we run out of money!

Our **Friday morning 'Coffee and Sharing'** group in the Village Hall Committee Room has continued to meet each week. Come and share your skills and knowledge and bring your questions about computers and the internet. Sharing our questions and skills whilst enjoying a drink and a cake is a good way for the community to grow. Everyone is welcome between 8.45 and 11.45am each Friday.

Looking ahead to June, we are planning to have an **Open Gardens** event on **Saturday 13th June** so make sure this date is in your diaries and, if you can, open your garden for others to enjoy. Everyone can invite their friends along to see what Milborne can show.

May 10–16th is Christian Aid Week when we will once again be fundraising for this important charity. See the notice on page 15 about the **Car Wash at the Village Hall on May 16th between 10.00am and 12.00noon** when you can enjoy coffee and cake while you wait. *John Wright and Pam Shults (Churchwardens)*

Dewlish Church Notes

A very busy March, and now springtime's here!

HERE we are with Lent and Easter Sunday behind us and springtime truly here at last. We had a very busy March here in Dewlish with our Lent evening services, led by Jim, the Lent Lunches and the Agape Supper. The Lent Lunches were most enjoyable yet again – lovely food, friendship and hospitality. A big thank-you to all our hosts and hostesses.

We were sorry that Norman was unable to lead our Agape Supper service, but Jim took over and thus it continued to be the moving service it always is. Thank you to all who attended. The money raised from this and the Lent Lunches amounted to £300, and this has been donated to Water Aid.

We also held our Spring Sale and Coffee Morning, which was very successful: it raised £391.15 for use towards the ever-increasing running costs of All Saints. Thank you so much to all who supported us by way of donations, help and by coming to spend and buy.

Once again the church looked splendid for Easter – such a wonderful day after the drear and sadness of Good Friday. Many thanks to everyone who helped to decorate the church so beautifully.

And now to May! The **Ascension Day Service** will once again be held (weather permitting!) at the top of Greenways, by the television mast, on **Thursday 14th May at 6.30am**. If it is wet, this will be held in the Village Hall.

Norman's new reminiscences

The Rev. Norman Beggs has written a fascinating new book entitled *New Beginnings*. This continues his autobiography from leaving the Army until his marriage to Jennifer 55 years ago. He is holding a **Book Launch on Saturday 23rd May** in Dewlish Village Hall from 10.30am–12noon. Please come along, have a coffee and a friendly chat and, we hope, buy a copy. *Daphne Burg*

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Village Hall Work Parties – help needed

WE are planning two work parties, one on Sunday 31st May, and one on Saturday, 27th June. Please come along and help! We shall be there from 10.00am to 4.00pm. There will be free coffee, tea and refreshments but if you want to bring your own picnic and have a break in the middle, which would seem very sensible! You don't have to sign up for the whole time – even two hours would be great.

If the weather is good then we are hoping to do outside stuff like cleaning up the rubber matting, the zip wire and the car park – perhaps some painting as well . . . and even if the weather is awful, there is lots of inside stuff needing doing too.

If you can help, please email Sarah Ryan at saryan6630@aol.com or ring her on 01258 839230; it will help us to know how many we can expect to come.

Do you know about the 100 club?

THE 100 Club has been operating in the village for several years.

For £1 a week you are entered in a five weekly draw. The first prize is £100 second prize £50 third prize £25, but as numbers are low no third prize is being paid at the time of printing.

After the prize money has been deducted all the profits are divided equally between the church and the football club.

If you are interested in joining please contact either June Maitland 837235 or Denise Sanderson 837049, payments can be made by cheque payable to MSA FC and Church 100 club.

The next draw is in The Royal Oak at 8.00pm on Tuesday 5th May. All welcome.

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What We Did On Our Holiday (12A)

**shown by 'Milborne Movies'
at Milborne St. Andrew Village Hall (DT11 0JX)
on Friday 15th May 2015 at 7.30pm**

WHAT WE DID ON OUR HOLIDAY takes a wry look at modern life with all its idiosyncratic and often preposterous foibles. Doug (David Tennant) and Abi (Rosamund Pike) are taking their three children on a trip to Scotland for a big family gathering. They are in the midst of a difficult divorce, and have asked the kids to keep it a secret from their extended family as appearances of marital harmony must be maintained. No one wants to upset Grandad Gordy (Billy Connolly) on his 75th birthday. But as the family squeeze into their small car and head north the chances of the boisterous children toeing the party line look as slim as the prospects of mum and dad conducting a civilised divorce. While their offspring set about telling Grandpa and Grandma (Annette Crosbie) the ins and outs of their lives down in London, including intimate details of arguments their parents have had, Doug and Abi are trying to put aside their differences and have an enjoyable weekend. As the party is being set up and the family rows get louder, he decides to take the kids to the beach, leaving his mobile phone off so that he's not bothered by the rest of his dysfunctional family before the celebration. Set mainly in the beautiful Highlands, there's a lovely loose feel to *What We Did on Our Holiday*, partly down to the fact that while the adult characters have tightly scripted dialogue the child actors were allowed a good deal of leeway. David Tennant and Rosamund Pike are very believable as the bickering parents, and the children (Emilia Jones, Bobby Smallbridge and Hannah Turnbull) are a remarkable find, but it is Billy Connolly who really steals the show by simply being himself. *What We Did On Our Holiday* is an oddball comedy from the writer-director team behind hit TV comedy *Outnumbered*, Andy Hamilton and Guy Jenkin.

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

Step back in time

COME and join the villagers of Milton Abbas as they step back in time to the 18th Century with their famous street fair, held every two years. This year it's on Saturday 25th July from 11.00am to 5.00pm. The committee have been busy organising all the stalls and entertainers to make a great day out for every one of all ages.

We are thrilled to announce that this year the Street Fair will be opened by the famous zoologist, author and TV presenter, Dr George McGavin. George is well known for his TV and radio work. He has been a regular contributor to BBC programme, 'The One Show'. In 2014 he presented 'Monkey Planet' and other TV credits include Expedition Borneo, Lost Land of the Jaguar, Lost Land of the Volcano, Lost Land of the Tiger, Prehistoric



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Autopsy, which he presented with Dr Alice Roberts, and the multi-award winning documentary After Life: the strange science of decay.

We are delighted to say that George will be staying around the Street for the whole day and will also be presenting competition and raffle prizes for us. So keep the date in your diary and come and join us for a great day out for all the family.

More details can be found on our village website at www.miltonabbas.org under 'Street Fair' or 'LikeUs' on Facebook.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK — MAY 10–16

Once again St Andrew's Church is supporting this important charity with a

CAR WASH at the VILLAGE HALL

On SATURDAY MAY 16TH FROM
10.00 TO 12.00

Bring your car along for a good wash and enjoy a cup of tea and a cake while you wait

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	Jane Somper	01258 471089
Parish Council – Dewlish	Clerk: Sandra Sims	01258 837132
	Chair: Andrew Booth	01258 837284
Parish Council –	Clerk: Colin Hampton	01258 837011
Milborne St. Andrew	Chair: Jenny Balcon	01258 837121
Floods A354 problems contact the Highways Agency		0300 1235000
Dorset Direct		01305 221000
dorsetdirect@dorsetcc.gov.uk www.dorsetforyou.com/reportroadproblems		
Environment Agency Floodline		0845 9881188
South West Highways hello@swhitd.co.uk		01404 821500
Wessex Water Sewerage Floodline		0345 8505959

GENERAL – ADULT

Ladies Group – Dewlish	Judith Bridgen	01258 837157
Moonlight Swing Band	Gillian Pink	01305 260731
M.A. Neighbourcar	Nigel Hodder	01258 881709
Wednesday Social Club	Margaret Evans	01258 450518
Women's Institute	Josie Wright	01258 839090

GENERAL – YOUTH

Hazelnuts out-of-school club	Hazel Barrett	01305 848588
Ladybirds (Playgroup)	Liz Dyer	01258 839117
Scout Group	Mike Mullett	01258 837114
Secretary:	Brian Burton	01258 839033
Under 5's Group – The Busy Bees	Wendy Britton	07867 720283
Youth Club age 8 – 14 years	Lianne Summers	01258 839081

POLICE

Police – Non-emergency contact		101
Community Beat Officer	PC Dave Mullins	101
Safer Neighbourhood Team	PC Dave Mullins and PCSO Luke Goddard	101

SCHOOL

Milborne First School		
Headteacher:	Sharon Hunt	01258 837362
Chair Governors:	Kevin Connolly	
Friends of School Chair:	Becky Hunter	

SPECIAL INTEREST

Cribbage	Peter Anthony	01258 837089
Bellringers	Pip Bowell	01258 837329
Bridge Group	Laurie Benn	01258 837720
Food and Wine Society	Julie Johannsen	01258 839004
MSA Allotment Society Chair:	Jo Lovett	07960 854155
Secretary:	Sue Gould	01258 837575
MSA Gardening Club	Richard Lock	01258 837929
Milborne Players	Roy Sach	01258 837033
Ranters' Folk Session	Roger Harrall	01258 837371
Round Robin Ramblers	Ian Bromilow	01258 880044

SPORT

Abbey Swimming Club	Pat Cowan	01258 880601
Archers – Crossways	Sheila Ryall	01258 837504
Athletics – Junior	David Pearson	01258 837057
Badminton	David Payne	01258 837700
Circuit Training		01258 837700
Cricket – Dewlish	Elaine Kellaway	01258 837696
Cricket Club – Milton Abbas	Colin Chastey	01258 882162
Football – Adult	Matt Hall	07846 262717
Football – Reserve Team	Tom Lane	07786 156335


Football – Minis	Nicola Malone	07788 217579
Pilates (school)	Claire Barratt	07540626174
Pilates (village hall)	Samantha Buxton	07500208265
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
Table Tennis	Pauline Pitfield	01258 839123
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

Dewlish		
Chairman/Secretary:	Alex Carter	01258 837312
Milborne St. Andrew		
Chairman:	Paul Tasker	07801 714619
Booking Secretary:	Sandie Sach	01258 837033

HEALTH


Bere Regis Surgery		01929 471268
Milborne St. Andrew Surgery		01258 837383
Milton Abbas Surgery		01258 880210
Puddletown Surgery		01305 848333
NHS for emergencies		111
Patient Voice Secretary	Nigel Hodder	01258 881709

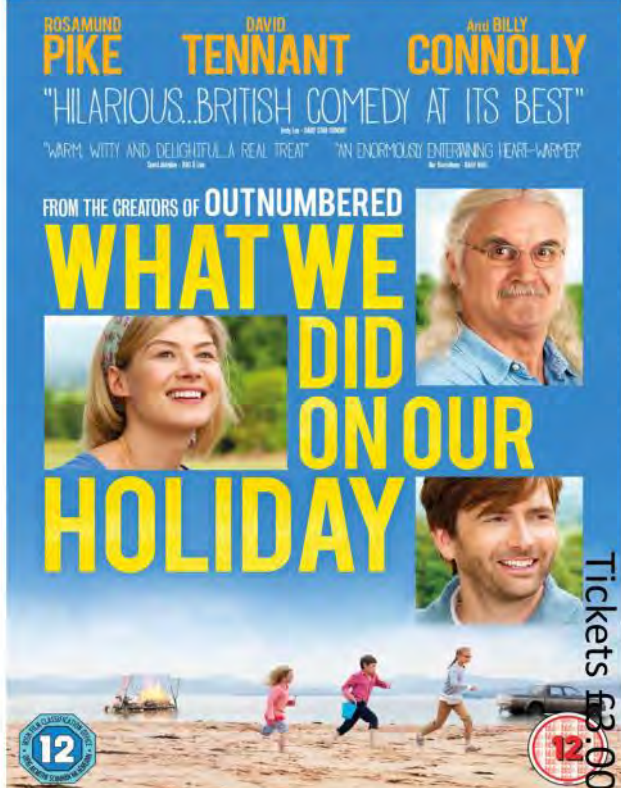


Milborne Movies

Friday 15th May 2015
at 7.30pm

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Community Events Diary

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

- May**
- Wednesday 6th** **Wednesday Club** trip on The Swanage Railway from Norden to Swanage – see page 7.
- Saturday 9th** **Coffee morning and plant sale** Village Hall 10.00am to 12 noon – see pages 10 and 25.
Village Quiz Village Hall first question. Teams of up to four 7.30pm.
- Thursday 14th** **WI** a speaker from Wessex Assistance Dogs. Village Hall 7.30pm – see page 2.
Reporter latest date for the June issue. Send your items to msa.reporter@yahoo.co.uk or give to a member of the Reporter team.
- Friday 15th** **Milborne Movies** *What we did on our Holiday* Village Hall 7.30pm – see pages 14 and 16.
- Saturday 16th** **Christian Aid Car Wash** Village Hall 10.00 to 12noon – see page 15.
May Fayre Milborne School 2.00pm – all welcome.
- Friday 19th** **Milborne Village History Group** The Royal Oak 7.30pm – see page 23.
- Wednesday 20th** **Parish Council** (Annual Parish Council) Village Hall Committee Room 7.30pm – see page 11 for notes on April's meeting.
- Thursday 21st** **Gardening Club** *Gardens for bees and butterflies* Village Hall 2.00pm – see page 25.
- Saturday 30th** **Village Lunch** Village Hall 12.15pm. Everyone welcome. Tickets and information from 839090 or 837543 – see page 2 for menu.
- Sunday 31st** **Village Hall Working Party** 10.00am–4pm – see page 14.

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)
- 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
- Cake and Coffee** Friday 8.45–11.45pm CR
- Pilates** Friday 5.00–6.00pm MH
- Youth Club 8–14 years** every other Friday MH (term time only)
- Village Lunch** last Saturday of the month 12.15–2.30pm 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 6.30–8.00pm (term time only)
- Badminton** Wednesday 7.00–8.30pm (term time only)
- Circuit Training** every Thursday 7.00–8.00pm

May 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.

Under 8s Nicky 01258 837919.

Under 7s Nicky 01258 837919.



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

Milborne 100 Club

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For information contact:

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We would like rugby fans and the general public to be aware that they should only purchase tickets from official sources and avoid being scammed.

Purchase tickets from an official source and avoid losing your money.

England Rugby 2015 Limited ("ER2015") is the organising committee of Rugby World Cup 2015, due to take place in England and Cardiff from 18th September 2015 until 31st October 2015. Rugby World Cup Limited ("RWCL") is the Tournament owner of Rugby World Cup 2015.

RWCL/ER2015 wants to ensure that the public is not misled, by unauthorised ticket sellers, into believing they have purchased genuine Rugby World Cup 2015 tickets.

Where can you buy official match tickets?

Tickets for the general public may only be purchased from ER2015 via official website at: <https://tickets.rugbyworldcup.com>

Where can you buy Official ticket-inclusive hospitality packages?

These can only be purchased through the official hospitality programme, operated by Rugby Travel & Hospitality Ltd ("RTH") at www.rugbyworldcup.com/hospitality.

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RTH has appointed a number of Official

Travel Agents ("OTAs") from across the globe to provide official Rugby World Cup ticket-inclusive supporter tours and a list of such OTAs is available at: http://supportertours.rugbyworldcup.com/travel_agents_list.aspx.

How do you ensure that you are buying Rugby World Cup 2015 match tickets, supporter tours or hospitality packages from an official channel?

To check whether a company or a certain website is an official Rugby World Cup 2015 channel, use the 'Official Checker' tool which is located at www.rugbyworldcup/buyofficial.

Can you buy official Rugby World Cup 2015 tickets, supporter tours or hospitality packages elsewhere, other than as outlined above?

There is no guarantee that Rugby World Cup 2015 tickets (and/or ticket inclusive packages) purchased from any source other than RWCL, ER2015, RTH (or those listed above) are genuine tickets (and/or ticket-inclusive packages).

Fans who purchase tickets and/or ticket-inclusive packages from unauthorised sellers run the risk of paying over the odds for a non-existent ticket, ending up disappointed by not getting to see the match they paid to see, and risk having their personal and credit card details stolen for use in other crimes.

Points to note about unauthorised activity:

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An average winter for Dorset gritters

WITH over 55 runs under their tyres Dorset County Council gritters are being taken offline and tucked up for the warmer months.

Dorset experienced just a small fall of snow on 3rd February, which disrupted untreated roads along the coast from Weymouth through the Purbecks and east Dorset, but gritters were still sent out across the county 57 times between 1st November 2015 and 31st March 2015.

While the gritters have a well-earned break, work will start on building a new salt dome at the Dorset Highways Charminster depot. This will be finished in time for the 2015/16 winter season, offering increased storage and improve resilience in extreme winter conditions.

Weather monitoring will continue throughout April in case of any temperature changes that could call gritters back into action.

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Phones and school ready

IT seems like summer is here. Back after the Easter break the sun is shining, birds are singing and the grass is being mowed. The children are full of life and excited to be back with their friends. We have a new toy – 'Talking Tubes'. A modern day version of the tin cans joined by string – how many of you can remember making them? Today the children have investigated, joined tubes together to make a very long tube and connected tubes to allow four children a handset each.



This term we are starting our transition to school programme with children dressing

up in uniform, 'writing' in workbooks, taking registers and looking at pictures and books of school. We hope to have visits from teachers and class assistants so they get to know the children in surroundings where they are confident.

Planting has begun with beans and sweet peas. Hopefully they will come to fruition before the end of the summer term and we can enjoy them. No doubt the plants will be well watered as lots of the children love playing in water! At least now it's sunny we can dry clothes before the children go home.

Liz Dyer



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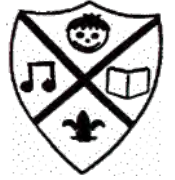
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Milborne St. Andrew First School



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School News

It has been a busy Spring term at school. On a wet Thursday morning, the whole school set out to cycle the distance from Milborne St. Andrew to Lyme Regis. The older children calculated how many circuits around the playground were required. Every child took part and they managed to cycle 98 miles the distance to Dartmouth. Well done everyone!



instruments. Parents were treated to a special assembly where they demonstrated their talents.

Our Easter celebrations were held on Wednesday 25th March. All children, friends and family joined for an Easter service in St. Andrew's Church. We welcomed the children from Ladybirds who will be starting school in September and they joined us for Easter egg rolling and a decorated egg competition. Friends of School donated the prizes and provided refreshments, they also organised an Easter egg hunt for the children on the last day of term. Our term finished with a celebration assembly in the morning, before the Freedom Bell.

Our Friends of School supporters have been working hard providing refreshments at various events throughout the term, this year they are holding a May Fayre on Saturday 16th May at 2pm. We are keen to make this a successful community event.



This year we held a non-uniform day for Comic Relief and the children demonstrated their various talents in a show. A fun day was had by all and we raised £104.65 for Red Nose Day.

The annual DASP (Dorchester Area Schools Partnership) first schools football festival was held at school on 19th March. Congratulations to the children from Penguin and Turtles who represented our school in two teams. They represented the school fantastically, were kind and respectful at all times and shook hands at the end of the matches (even when they didn't win!).

During the term our Year 4 children, as part of the local musicianship programme have been learning to play brass

Community Governor Recruitment

Community governors are important to the strategic management of the school as they broaden the experience and skill base of the governing body and can bring objectivity and a fresh pair of eyes to the issues we face and successfully meet the challenges ahead.

Our school is a sizeable business in its own right and being a member of the governing body of the school is similar to being on the management board of a business.

We currently require more Community governors to join our governing body and would be delighted to hear from anyone who is:

- A member of the business community.
- Has an interest in the performance of the school.
- Has a desire to contribute to and represent the community.
- An enquiring mind and the confidence to ask questions and join in debate.

The role of a governor is voluntary, if you are interested then please contact the school office.

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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- Dorset snails & creamy garlic linguini served with a prosciutto crisp
- Pan-fried king prawns and chorizo with a sun-dried tomato & rocket salad

Main

- Cider-glazed rack of South West spring lamb with roasted root vegetables, pomme puree and a red wine jus
- Roasted red pepper and courgette linguini with crumbled Rosary goats cheese and olive oil (v)
- Pan-fried sea bass fillet with saffron turned potatoes, crispy kale and a beurre blanc sauce
- Steeptonbill pork tenderloin with a creamy mustard sauce, colcannon potato and celeriac puree
- Free-range chicken ballotine stuffed with spinach & mozzarella served with tomato & basil sauce, pancetta crisp and Mediterranean vegetables
- Winterborne Houghten smoked trout & pea risotto served with a poached duck egg and a watercress garnish
- Greedy Carver confit duck leg with lentil & smoked bacon stew and roasted baby carrots and a red berry jus

Classics

- Gourmet beef burger with either blue cheese or chilli sauce served with tomato chutney and french fries

Jurassic Coast sirloin steak with twice-cooked hand cut chips, roasted cherry tomatoes and oven-cooked flat-cap mushrooms
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Sweet potato and chick pea curry in a rich tomato sauce, with yellow basmati rice, garlic & fresh coriander naan bread and mint yoghurt (v)
'Doom Bar' battered Atlantic cod with hand cut chips, pea puree and homemade tartare sauce

Desserts

Local Cheese Selection

- Blue Vinny, Black Wax cheddar, Somerset brie and Rosary goats cheese served with mixed rustic crackers, apple and celery
- Custard tart served with Madagascan vanilla ice cream
- Bailey's and salted caramel cheese cake on a shortbread base served with a berry compote
- Hambro crumble with homemade vanilla pod custard
- Assiette of Chocolate (to share)
- Dark chocolate torte, white chocolate mousse and a chocolate parfait served with Madagascan vanilla ice cream

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

Milborne Village History Group

FOLLOWING the very informative talk on researching history in Milborne a group met for the first time on the 15th April. Ten villagers are keen to establish a monthly meeting to explore different areas of Milborne's history; these include the history of individual buildings, local families who were influential in the village; ancient history such as the now disappeared villages, etc. We discussed the possibility of engaging speakers and having presentations. The next meeting is scheduled for 19th May at 7.30pm in The Royal Oak. For further information contact Pam on 01258 837203 or email pamshults@btinternet.com. Do come and join us.

Causeway Drain Update

Presently the Highways department are waiting for final EA approval and hope to complete the discharge and inlet points once the water vole activity is minimised in mid-May. All work is expected to be completed by the end of May.

100 CLUB WINNERS

Draw Date - Tuesday 30th March 2015

1st £100 Eric Snape

2nd £50.00 Jo Lovett

No third prize this month

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

The next draw is at 8.00pm in The Royal Oak, Tuesday 5th May

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Milborne St. Andrew Gardening Club



March report

At our meeting on the 19th March members were treated to an amazing HD wide screen multi-media presentation on the Wildlife of Hampshire and Dorset by photographer Brian Pettit. Along with his superb photographs we were entertained with his commentary on all aspects of the insects, animals, birds and plants found in the two counties. The enormous variety of his subjects was astounding, from the brilliant blue dragonflies with their intricate lace-like wings, butterflies, grasshoppers and spiders, to water voles, otters, rabbits, hares, foxes, squirrels, sika, muntjac, roe and fallow deer, to birds of meadow and waterfowl, and then on to plant life – flesh-eating bog plants (yes, they are found here, would you believe it?), orchids, snowdrops, aconites, bluebells, and so on. We thought the presentation had come to an end, but there was even more. After a quick coffee break, and time to buy some of Brian's greetings cards, we were into the second half.

Even more incredible (I did check that it was not the first of April) were the videos of two types of lizard living under the cliffs in Bournemouth. They are not a native species and no one knows how they got there. Next time I visit I shall be peering under the flowers to try to spot them. Brian had some pretty clever digital tricks as well, and his time-lapse sequences of the River Allen through the seasons was very impressive. Not that he sat there with his camera for a whole year, but he did say that being a wildlife photographer needed a great deal of patience.

Finally, don't forget our annual COFFEE MORNING AND PLANT SALE, which is on SATURDAY 9TH MAY 2015 at the Village Hall, 10.00am to 12 noon. There will also be a craft stall, grand raffle and an artwork and photographic display. Besides an array of all types of plants at bargain prices (and grown locally), we will be selling tea, coffee and home-made cakes and biscuits. We hope that besides our members lots of others will come along to support us.

Linda Harris

April Report

THE Gardening Club meeting for April was a very practical session on pruning given by Chris Bird a Royal Horticultural Society lecturer with deep knowledge of the subject and a great sense of humour. He arrived with a car boot full of plants, branches and twigs of all sorts which he used to demonstrate the techniques of pruning, passing around samples to us all, and encouraging us to comment and ask questions about general matters, and our own problems.

As a general rule we were told to prune the three D's and C': dead, diseased and damaged wood and branches that crossed over. Bushes and trees also need to be pruned to achieve a good shape. Chris spent some time talking about fruit trees, where the position and amount of fruit is also important and gave advice about how to grow espaliered and cordon trees.

Large shrubs and bushes can be pruned in a three year cycle, taking out a third of old, tired branches each year and thus renewing the plant or tree. Members were urged to look really closely at the position and type of buds in order to train plants, even newly purchased ones. All these tips were accompanied by amusing stories from his long experience, and he finished by demonstrating various secateurs, loppers and saws, including some amazing telescopic ones. Members all felt they had learned a lot and would no longer be hacking back shrubs randomly, as well as having an amusing and enjoyable evening.

Our next meeting on **Thursday 21st May** will be in the afternoon **2.00–4.00pm.**

The title will be **GARDENS FOR BEES AND BUTTERFLIES** and will deal with plants to attract these insects as well as which chemicals are safe to use to protect our bees. This meeting is open to everyone, not just members. We were delighted to have five non-members at our last meeting and this is a subject that may interest many. *Sally Dyer*

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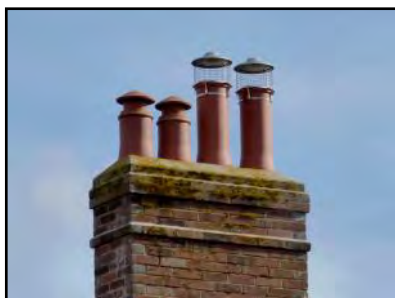
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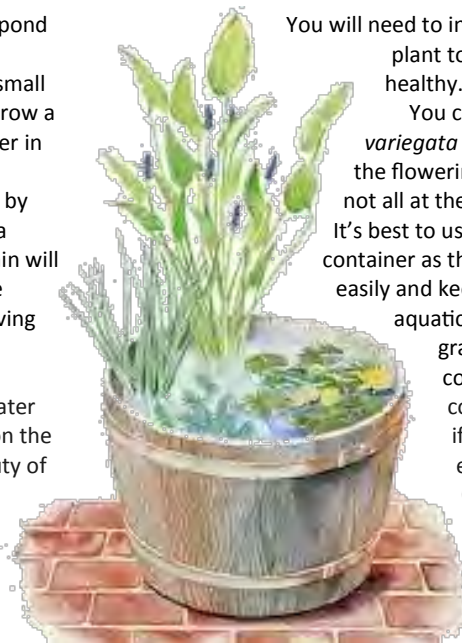
WHERE space for a pond is limited, it is still possible to enjoy a small water feature and grow a few plants. The water in the container will brighten up an area by reflecting light and a small bubble fountain will delight you with the sound of gently moving water.

The first step in designing a small water garden is deciding on the container. The beauty of it is that it can be moved around or displayed in a group. Any container that holds water and is resistant to frost and ice can be used to create a

small water garden. Old wooden half-barrels, glazed ceramic pots or old kitchen sinks make ideal water features. Ensure the inside is sealed to make it watertight and to prevent any preservatives used leaching into the water – this especially applies to half-barrels.

If you're going to leave it outside in the winter, it must be strong enough to stand up to freezing temperatures – will need to be drained or put in somewhere where it won't freeze.

A 90 cm (3 ft) diameter half-barrel can be planted up with one or two miniature water lilies (*Nymphaea pygmaea*), a miniature bullrush (*Typha minima*), and an Arrowhead (*Sagittaria sagitifolia*) for structure and foliage interest.



You will need to include a submerged oxygenating plant to keep the water clear and healthy.

You could also try *Houttuynia cordata variegata* (Chameleon plant), *Iris sibirica* or the flowering rush *Butomus umbellatus*. (But not all at the same time.)

It's best to use planting baskets inside the container as this allows you to maintain them easily and keeps their growth in check; use aquatic compost and cover with layer of gravel before placing in the container. Use plants with contrasting shapes and colours and if you don't like something it is easy to replace.

Once the container has been chosen, thought must be given as to its position.

It should be positioned in a bright, sheltered spot with some shade for part of the day

where it will complement and be enhanced by surroundings.

The advantage of a container water garden is that it can be moved around.

Remember to keep the container topped up with water throughout the year as it will evaporate more quickly. Do note that small containers are unsuitable for keeping fish because of their changing temperatures and restricted space. However, you will soon attract other types of wildlife from birds dropping in for a drink, to frogs and toads seeking something more permanent.





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A Good Read by Shirley Dunkley H is for Hawk by Helen Macdonald

WHEN I first became aware of this book – hard to avoid because it seemed to crop up on every literary prize list – I had my doubts. Would it be mystical and ‘arty’, would it be incomprehensible with its mediaeval terms of reference, would it be elitist in its appeal? Baseless fears, ‘H is for Hawk’ is a spell-binding account of a bereaved woman’s coming to terms with her father’s death through the distraction of training a goshawk. Helen Macdonald is a Cambridge academician, in her 30s when her press photographer father dies unexpectedly. Overcome by grief and fearing for her own sanity in her loss she grasps at something which she has loved from a child, namely falconry, and finds herself a challenge in which she can attempt to drown her pain. She sets out to train a young female goshawk called Mabel to obey and hunt. To do this requires enormous patience, the ability to identify with the bird’s thoughts and feelings and a deep respect for the equalities of hawks. Her obsession takes her back to another account of a similar task spelled out in T.H.White’s 1930’s masterpiece ‘The Goshawk’ – in many ways a manual on how *not* to train a hawk. As she goes through the slow stages of familiarising Mabel, she also follows the story of T.H.White, a strange, tortured but brilliantly original writer better known to us now as the author of ‘The Sword in the Stone’. As Helen tames the wildness of her hawk so gradually the wildness of her grief is brought back under control and by the end she can let go of both and get on with her life, though never forgetful of either. Full of wonderful natural descriptions of the Cambridgeshire countryside and the ways of the bird, the narrative of the training is also filled with suspense and the interwoven biography of T.H.White serves as a counterpoint. What could have been bitty and episodic melds meaningfully together. The language is clear and straightforward – no ‘artiness’ here, and one ends with a profound respect not only for the goshawk but also for the honesty and insight of the writer.

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We Gave Our Today – Burma 1941–45 by William Fowler

THIS book was published in 2009. I borrowed it from the library when between ABC books for review. It’s informative, and would be a useful addition to the collection of anyone interested in the Burma Campaign. There are lots of snippets of information which I haven’t found in other books.

It is a comprehensive description of the build up to the Campaign, the Campaign itself, the Japanese retreat and the aftermath in Burma. For some readers it may help to set in context the detention of Aung San Suu Kyi, when elected leader of her country.

There’s a lot of information about Japanese preparation for the war, the development of the Japanese military ethos, and how contempt for British and Indian troops was encouraged during the years before the war began.

The book contains a great number of statistics, making some sections hard going for this reader, but some of the numbers are mind-boggling, and it’s worth persevering with those sections.

The author includes some excellent photos, including a heart-stopping vista of the wrecked tennis court at Kohima framed by a blasted tree. It truly brings home what those men endured who fought there.

I’d like to thank the author for opening the book with his view that ‘to be a schoolboy in the early 1960s was to be taught by remarkable men, many of whom had served with distinction in World War 2.’ He says he considers himself lucky to have been taught by them. How different from the howls of anguish from various quarters when the current Government suggested that ex-service personnel would make good role models in our schools.

The section in the book about the diversity of nations who fought in this campaign caught my eye. At a time when our forces are constantly under criticism, I reproduce a quote from John Masters, who wrote:

‘There were English, Irish, Welsh and Scots, and in the RAF, New Zealanders, Australians, Newfoundlanders, Canadians and South Africans. There were Chinese, there were tall, slender Negroes from East Africa, and darker, more heavily built Negroes from West Africa, with tribal slits slashed deep into their cheeks – an infantry division of each. There were Chinese, Kachins, Karens, and Burmans, mostly light brown, small-boned men in worn jungle green, doubly heroic because the Japanese held possession of their homes, often of their families too.

‘Lastly and in by far the greatest numbers there were the men of the Indian Army, the largest volunteer army the world has ever known. There were men of every caste and race – Sikhs, Dogras, Pathans, Madrassis, Maharrattas, Rajputs, Assamese, Kumoonis, Punjabis, Garhwalis, Naga head hunters – and from Nepal, the Gurkhas in all their tribal and sub-tribes of Limby and Rai, Thakur and Chhetri, Magar and Gurung. These men wore turbans and steel helmets and slouch hats, and berets and tank helmets, and khaki shakos inherited from the eighteenth century. There were companies that averaged five feet one inch in height and companies that averaged six feet three inches. There were men as purple black as the West Africans, and men as pale and gold-wheat of skin as a lightly sun-tanned blonde. They worshipped God according to the rites of the Mahayana and Hinayana, of Sunni and Shia, of Rome and Canterbury and Geneva, of the Vedas and the sages and the Mahabharatas, of the ten Gurus, of the secret shrines of the jungle. There were vegetarians and meat-eaters and fish-eaters, and men who ate only rice and men who ate only wheat; and men who had four wives and men who shared one wife with four brothers, and men who openly practised sodomy. There were men who had never seen snow and men who seldom saw anything else. And Brahmins and Untouchables, both with rifle and tommy gun.’

For this reader, that one passage should be posted in every school, pub, club, church, mosque and political party office in the country. That would both contribute to the debates raging in our society at the moment, and also ensure that these brave men, who fought so hard with so little because their needs always came behind those of the European campaign, will truly not be forgotten.

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This Month in History: May

Births:

May 12th, 1820: British nurse and public health activist Florence Nightingale (1820–1910) was born in Florence, Italy. She volunteered to aid British troops in Turkey where she improved hospital sanitary conditions and greatly reduced the death rate for wounded and sick soldiers. She received worldwide acclaim for her unselfish devotion to nursing and contribution to the development of modern nursing procedures and ideas about nursing as a dignified profession.

May 22nd, 1859: Sherlock Holmes creator Arthur Conan Doyle was born in Edinburgh, Scotland. He was also deeply interested in spiritualism and wrote another series of books about the fictional adventures of the character Professor Challenger.

May 27th, 1922: Christopher Lee, an English author, singer, and long-time actor, was born in Belgravia, London. Some of his famous films include *The Lord of the Rings* film trilogy, *The Hobbit* film trilogy, and *James Bond: The Man with the Golden Gun*.

May 28th 1759: William Pitt (the Younger), an English statesman who became the youngest ever British Prime Minister at the age of 24, is born in Hayes, London.

Deaths:

May 1st, 1945: Paul Joseph Goebbels and his wife committed suicide by shooting themselves as Berlin is surrounded by Soviet troops and British troops start to cross the Rhine. Goebbels had also arranged the death of his six children, who were injected with morphine until unconscious and then a cyanide capsule crushed in their mouths: the eldest child was 13, and the youngest five.

May 2nd, 2011: Osama Bin Laden, leader of Al-Qaeda and often described as "the most wanted man in the world" is killed by US Navy Seals in a private building in Abbottabad, Pakistan on the orders of Barack Obama. News of his death spread fast and prompted street celebrations all over the US.

May 5th, 1821: Napoleon Bonaparte, Emperor of France and military genius, dies in exile on the island of St Helena. In 1798 he launched a military expedition to Egypt, gaining a critical victory at the Battle of the Pyramids – leading him to be credited with the facilitation of modern Egyptology.

May 30th: Joan of Arc was burned at the stake in France in 1431 at the age of 19. Known as the "The Maid of Orléans", she was born in Domrémy in north-east France and is considered a heroine of France and was made a Roman Catholic saint.

Events:

May 10th, 1940: Promising nothing but "blood, toil, tears, and sweat", Winston Churchill replaces Neville Chamberlain as British Prime Minister. Churchill was to form an all-party war government as German troops rampaged Europe.

May 27th: The Golden Gate Bridge was opened to the public in 1937. It took four years to complete and took the lives of 11 men. Ten of those men were killed at once when a large section of scaffolding with over two dozen men on collapsed and fell through the safety net. Those who were saved by the safety net (kept under the bridge all through construction) on that day and every day after, formed the famous "Halfway to Hell Club".

May 31st: The last Ford Model T auto-mobile was made in 1927. The Model T's Assembly-line production allowed the price of the touring car version to be lowered from \$850 in 1908 to less than \$300 in 1925. At such prices the Model T at times comprised as much as 40 percent of all cars sold in the United States. This dramatic price-cut helped realise Ford's dream of "democratising the automobile". *Mark Ferguson*

Dorset events

May 4th 2008: The first Dorset Knob Throwing competition is held at Cattistock, as part of the Frome Valley Food Festival.

May 2009: The new Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy, venue for the 2012 Olympics, is completed.

May 19th 1935: T E Lawrence ('Lawrence of Arabia') dies, six days after a motorcycle accident near his Dorset cottage, Clouds Hill. *Ed Richards*



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