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*Harry Thomas*

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The Reporter Team will be taking a holiday in August for a few weeks. This means that the next issue (August/September) of the magazine will be published at the end of July and then the next at the end of September.

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On 31st May a few hard working volunteers came to help at the village hall and grounds and a lot got done in spite of rather a disappointing turnout.

Amy and Sarah from the committee were joined by Alice, Elizabeth, Linda, Peter and Ian who did wonderful work in the hall, de-cobwebbing and special cleaning.

Amy, Lee, Cameron, John, Sarah and Richard did great work in the top field cutting back trees and brambles. We added to the fedge, but also put brambles and tree pruning onto a big pile to rot down. The zip wire was cleaned.

Peter cleaned the rubber matting in the play park and recommends a power wash for the big bit. One of the outside tables was pronounced to be rotting and was broken up. Ian and Lis, who cleaned lots of the inside walls, said they would check the rest of the outdoor furniture and do whatever needs to be done to preserve them.

Richard has offered, together with a work party, to lay a bit of the hedge in the winter. He also suggested we plant some fruit trees which could then be harvested by anyone.

There is a lot more work to be done to get things ready to establish the top field as a leisure area and a new work party has been arranged for Sunday 26th July

We do need someone to do some strimming occasionally. Volunteers will be welcomed: contact Sarah 01258 839230.

*Pam Shults*

## Cream Tea at Athelhampton



ON Wednesday 3rd June the Wednesday Club descended upon Athelhampton. Twenty-four of us sat down at three large circular tables to enjoy scones, jam and cream and endless cups of coffee or tea. Earlier in the week it had been blowing a hoolie but the afternoon was warm and sunny as we wandered round the gardens enjoying the glorious scent of the roses and the tranquility of the river walk. The afternoon was enjoyed by everyone and we are grateful to Athelhampton House for letting us visit the gardens without a charge.



Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 1st July when we will be having lunch at The Royal Oak at 12.00 for 12.30pm. The cost is £11 per head for lasagne and chips followed by Black Forest gateau and tea or coffee. Please call Jenny Balcon on 837121 to book a place.

On Wednesday 5th August we will be having a meeting at the Village Hall at 2.00pm with a talk from the Dorset Wildlife Trust, everyone welcome.

Looking ahead to September on Wednesday 2nd September we will be having a coach trip to Killerton House in Devon. The cost of the coach will be £12.50 for members and £15.50 for non members. Entry for National Trust members will be free but others will have to pay about £11. To book a place or for more information please contact Jenny Balcon on 837121.

*Lis Watts*



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## Milton Abbas Street Fair grand opening and children's parade

### Come and watch the Parade!

For the first time in years there will be a Grand Opening of our Street Fair by our celebrity Dr George McGavin, which will take place outside the Hambro Arms at 12 noon. This will be followed by the Children's Parade, consisting of Debbie Seeley and the children from her craft and drama workshops. The procession will then make its way down The Street, accompanied by our celebrity, 'Steps in Time' dancers, musicians, our Story Teller, Lizzy Bryant, followed by any children and parents, and anyone else who wants to join in the fun.

The parade will make its way to The Shelf, behind the Church where there will then be a performance by the children followed by our Story Teller, Lizzie Bryant.

Children's workshops will be held at the Church on Saturday 4th and 18th July where the children will be making costumes and props for use in the parade. Any children wanting to join in the workshops and get involved in the preparations for the parade please contact Debbie Seeley at [deborahseeley@uwclub.net](mailto:deborahseeley@uwclub.net).

So come along on Saturday 25th July and join in the fun for a great family day out. Gates open at 11.00am.

Front cover, below and pages 7, 21 and 27: *The allotments and gardens on open day*. Photographs by John Wright and David Payne.



## Bus2Go – From Somerset to New Jersey in four weeks

MAY and June have been very busy months at Bus2Go from shopping at Clarks Village, Street to exploring Wolfeton House near Dorchester and stepping back into history by walking on a floor that was five hundred years old. Our guide Peter, told us of ghosts and strange things that went 'bump in the night'. Part of the house was built in Roman times as a fortress, the stone turrets are original Roman architecture. Sitting down at the long oak table in the Tudor oak panelled dining room to have our cream tea gave us all a strong sense of the past.



Right: *The entrance to Wolfeton House.*  
Below: *Having tea at the long oak table in the Tudor oak panelled*



At the beginning of June, we had three buses with 37 passengers on each to see The New Jersey Boys at the Exchange, Sturminster. The show was a sell-out. Everyone enjoyed it very much, it was great to hear the old familiar songs from the 50's, 60' and 70's.

July's outings are booking really well. We have 37 passengers booked for the Swanage Railway. There is a free brass band concert at the Corn Exchange, Blandford. The Lions Youth Brass Band are in concert, we are running a bus from Dorchester via Puddletown, Milborne St. Andrew and Winterborne Whitechurch to the concert. Please ring Margo for further details.

August outings include the Donkey Sanctuary with lunch and tea at Otter Nurseries, Somerset Lavender Farm, Summer Dreaming at the Exchange (songs from the 60's and 70's) where the cast have said they would like to meet us before the performance. The last outing of the month is to Martin Clunes' farm.

September, we are visiting Jailhouse Café, Abbotsbury Gardens and going to Galton's for our spring bulbs. October, we are visiting Stourhead to see the glorious autumn colours, Holms Nurseries for more bulbs and plants and during half term – The Fire and Safety Centre at Weymouth, where we can have a go on the driving simulator.

We look forward to welcoming you on board very soon. Margo



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Check if your booking is protected by a holiday protection scheme. The main schemes are the Association of British Travel Agents (ABTA) and Air Travel Organisers' Licensing (ATOL) – there are others like The Association of Independent Tour Operators (AITO). Check that your booking is covered as sometimes travel agents who are ABTA members may make bookings with non-ABTA tour operators. You can ask the trader for their ATOL or ABTA number and check on the relevant schemes' website.

When you're booking your holiday let the travel agent or trader know of any special requirements you have and if possible get them added in writing to your booking form. Tell them what's important to you and why you've chosen the holiday. For example if a sea view is important stress this and get it in writing. If things go wrong and you don't get your sea view your case for compensation will be much stronger if you've made it clear how important it was to you.

If you can, pay the deposit for your holiday by credit card, particularly if you're an independent traveller because then your card company may be jointly responsible if your holiday contract is breached. This means you can make a claim against the card company if things go wrong, for example if your airline collapses and you're not protected by the ATOL scheme or package holiday regulations.

Travel insurance can give you extra protection if your holiday doesn't go as planned and you would be wise to make sure you have cover if you're planning a holiday. Without insurance medical emergencies abroad can end up costing you thousands of pounds. You need to make sure your policy gives you the right level of medical insurance for your trip. It's particularly important to have travel insurance if you're travelling independently because you may find yourself stranded with no way to get home and no-one to help sort out your holiday problem.

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Above: *Female Great Spotted Woodpecker feeding in the Reporter photographer's garden. Below: Open Gardens – see more on page 27.*



## More cute visitors at Ladybirds

I feel over the last months I have written about a variety of animals at Ladybirds. This month Terri popped in to show us her ducklings. Have to admit they are cute and the children loved them.

The last few weeks we have been talking about Mini Beasts and

hunting for bugs in the outdoor area. Along with the usual woodlice, snails, slugs, spiders – and not to mention numerous worms – we found a lovely moth which was very well camouflaged on the outside wall.



At home we have a big grass snake in the compost bin and it was suggested I bring that in – this I have declined as a step too far! Anyway the children need to learn that animals should be left where they are found and not disturbed.

We also joined in with National Healthy Eating Week paying attention to the five targets of 1) having a healthy breakfast, 2) trying something new, 3) keeping active, 4) have five a day, 5) drink plenty. We have tried lots of foods including papaya and avocado dip. The children liked making their own fruit kebabs – a good way of getting them to try different fruits.

This month we are taking a trip to the woodland school run by Whitehorse Training. We will spend the day walking through the woods, looking for more wildlife before making dens and having our picnic lunches. We will report back on this next month after we've put our feet up and rested. *Liz Dyer*



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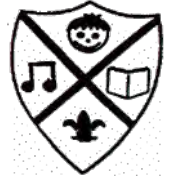
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# Milborne St. Andrew First School



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**School News**

THE summer term is always a busy term in school, as we complete the school year. This month we have welcomed the new reception children who will be joining the school in September and our year 4 children have been preparing to transfer to middle school.

The other week, some of our year 2 and 3 children became radio stars, when they were interviewed by James from Wessex FM breakfast show. The children told James their favourite things about summer, what they want to be when they grow up and more . . . You can listen to a podcast on Wessex FM. <http://www.wessexfm.com/podcasts/school-report-2014-15/>



Dolphins class had a fantastic trip to Washingpool Farm. They learnt about life on the farm, met lots of different animals and bought vegetables and fruit, which they brought back to school to cook and taste.

The year 4s have been on a Bluebell Walk with Trees for Dorset to Milborne Woods, where they discovered how to make charcoal, and learnt how to measure the girth of a tree to establish how old it was. They saw lots of bluebells and even a rare orchid.

We held a Creative Workshop for the whole school on Wednesday the 3rd June. The children had a great time working in small groups and learning new creative techniques such as felt work, painting, embroidery, printing, etc. Thanks to all the parents, staff, governors and helpers for making this a successful day and sharing your creative ideas with the children.

Our children have also been busy taking part in various sporting activities:

Penguins class took part in the West Dorset Kwik Cricket Competition at Dorchester Recreation Ground and Turtles Class took part in the Dorchester Schools Athletics Festival at St. Mary's Puddletown.

On Wednesday 10th June, representatives of Year 1 and 2 took part in the DASP Kwik Cricket Tournament held at St. Mary's Middle School Puddletown, where they achieved joint third place. Well done to all who took part. All children are currently busy



practicing for the School Sports Day which, weather permitting, will be held on Tuesday 16th June.

We would like to thank Garden Selections based at the Milborne Business Centre for their kind donation of bird feeders, food and various gardening equipment. It is much appreciated.



## 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

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## Get counting to help our wildlife

IT will soon be time to start counting butterflies for the annual stocktake of Britain's favourite insects. The Dorset-based national charity, Butterfly Conservation, describes their Big Butterfly Count which starts on 17th July as taking the pulse of nature. It has become the world's biggest butterfly survey, with 44,000 people taking part last year – counting over half a million of the insects.

And this year there could be a huge influx of Painted Lady butterflies, migrating from southern Europe. About once in every ten years, there is a 'Painted Lady summer', when unusually high numbers of the butterfly make their way across the continent. It has been reported that the orange and black butterflies are massing in their usual departure lounge in numbers that may see arrivals here exceed the last big influx, in 2009, estimated to have been 11 million Painted Ladies.

So why take part in the count? Butterflies react very quickly to change in their environment which makes them excellent biodiversity indicators. And butterfly declines are an early warning for other wildlife losses. The Big Butterfly Count results help the charity to identify trends in species that aid their work in protecting them, and also highlight the effect on our wildlife of climate change.

It's easy to take part – just download an identification chart and select a space to do your count. It could be a garden, park, school grounds, field, woods or wherever you fancy. Then, for fifteen minutes, note all the species you see from either a fixed position or on a walk. If you decide to stay still, count all the species you see at one time – so, if you see three Small Tortoiseshells together, note down all three; but if you see one on three occasions, that will count as one, to ensure the same individual isn't counted thrice.

For id charts and other downloads, go to [www.bigbutterflycount.org](http://www.bigbutterflycount.org) or get the free app for your smartphone. *Ed Richards*

## Creative fun for children this August

MILBORNE MOVIES will not be showing a film in July, but we do have the following workshops in August.

**White Horse Willow Lanterns** on 6th August from 10.00am to 3.00pm. Celebrating the White Horse on the South Dorset Ridgeway work with willow, PVA and tissue paper to make the horse head sculptures/hobby horses on bamboo sticks.

Open to nine year olds upwards including adults.

**Playsongs plus** on 18th August from 10.00am to 12noon.

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**Insect Creatures and Bug Hotels** on 26th August from 10.30am to 4.30pm.

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Open to seven year olds and upwards.

More information to come in next month's *Reporter*.

## A facelift for the Museum . . . at the June WI

WE welcomed Diane Bentley from Weldmar Hospice. As part of our 70th birthday celebrations this year, Milborne WI members agreed to contribute 70 craft items towards the hospice's fete on 12th September. These, and more, were displayed for all to see and Diane was delighted with our contributions. She spoke from the heart when she thanked us for taking the time. "Without the public we would not be where we are at Joseph Weldmar; it costs £10 per minute every day to keep the hospice running," she said. We are delighted to play some small part.



**Coming up:** *Bestival and Dorchester Show* – volunteers, as well as cakes, are needed. These two events alone help to keep the County office going. *Summer outing* – Lesley is organising this: likely to be Abbotsbury, final arrangements – next month.

Nelda is targeting the younger generation for new members by putting our details on Facebook 'Milborne News and Info', which has already had 70 hits and seven likes! We are always open to new ideas and we hope some of our young people may be inspired to come along and see what we do.

The past, present and future of the Dorset County Museum was the subject of Dr Peter Down's fascinating talk. The museum is independently owned and managed by Dorset Natural History and Archaeological Society. They rely on their membership of around 2,000, casual visitors and holiday-makers for their income. They have a popular café and shop run entirely by volunteers, offering delicious home-made cakes and a cosy place to sit and socialise. Everything on display is from Dorset, and includes artefacts from Maiden Castle and the Jurassic Coast, as well as items left to the museum by writer Thomas Hardy. Education is an important part of the museum's role, and over 6,000 children visit each year as part of their school curriculum.

A lack of space means the museum can only display 1.5% of the four million available objects. With the need to increase their income in mind, it was agreed to enlarge the museum with an extension to be built at the rear. Heritage Lottery are providing most of the funds needed, with two years to find the rest. The successful bid means that the museum will survive and will continue to play an even bigger part in our Dorset heritage. They hope to open in 2020. Thanking Peter Down for his informative talk, Lesley said she had been a volunteer in the café for some time and urged us all to find the time to drop in for our coffees!

Both Jenny, our President, and Angela, thoroughly enjoyed their recent visit to Buckingham Palace to celebrate 100 years of the WI. It had clearly been a day to remember and a great privilege to be there.

Our next meeting is on **Thursday 9th July**, when Derek Radley from the Green Island Holiday Trust will be our speaker. Please do join us, we would love to see you there. *Pat Bull*

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# Milborne St Andrew Neighbourhood Plan

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## All the first lot of open days are done!

We had fun chasing bits of paper, and toppling display boards at the School May Fayre! Even the parasol tried to escape in the wind! We are now in the process of analysing all your comments from the open sessions and ordering them to some extent.

### WHAT ARE WE DOING NOW?

We are at the very start of putting a questionnaire together. The part that is being worked on at the moment is based on housing. We are using the opinions of all the folk who attended the open sessions, the last village survey, and also looking at multiple questionnaires that other communities published. As we have very limited experience of doing this, it may take a little while!. If anyone has done this before, maybe they could give us a hand?

### THE QUESTIONNAIRE:

Here's a taster – they may appear exactly like this in the questionnaire – but then again – they may not. Are they clear, could they be improved? Contact us via the email address, our facebook page, or pop a note through the secretary's door (28 Stileham Bank).

1. If we had new houses, how many parking spaces per dwelling should there be, taking into account our rural location and poor public transport?

*1 space for 2 bed, 2 spaces for 3 bed etc  
One per bedroom  
One per bedroom plus 1*

2. How many bedrooms are in your property?  
How many parking places have you?

3. If new homes were built, what should it be?  
*2/3/4 Bedroom Homes  
Detached  
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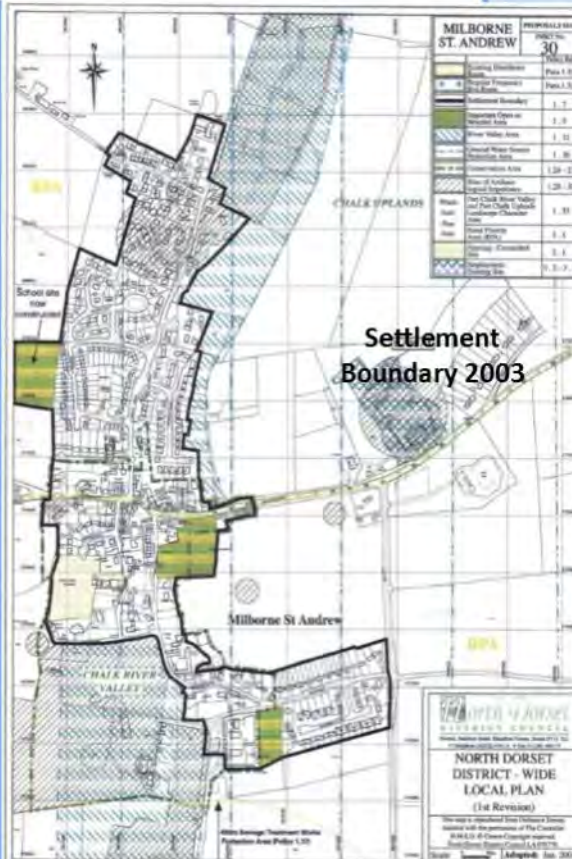
## HOUSING QUOTA MAY YET BE SET

Our planning decisions at the moment are based on the Local Plan, however, it has been examined by an inspector, who has made recommendations and given advice to North Dorset District Council. They may well have an impact on the village and on our Neighbourhood Plan.

In essence, the inspector does not want all the housing quota to be centred around the towns, but a proportion to be spread amongst Stalbridge and 18 of the Larger Villages, of which we are one. To this end, the settlement boundary would be reinstated, and infilling encouraged. Details below left:

### WHAT THE INSPECTOR SAID: THE NORTH DORSET LOCAL PLAN 2011 – 2026 EXAMINATION

- Settlement boundaries be retained around Stalbridge and the eighteen of the identified Larger Villages (including Milborne St Andrew).
- Over the period 2011 to 2031 (date extended by 5 years), 826 dwellings out of the 5700 dwellings district wide total to be built in Stalbridge and eighteen Larger Villages. This equates to a requirement of 41 dwellings per annum (about 2 or 3 each year in the village)
- However, the housing quota is likely to change again, as the Inspector has suggested an early review will be needed when the new housing evidence the Council is working on is published in the next year.
- This differs from the Local Plan, which at the moment indicates that a minimum of 230 be provided in the countryside, between 2011 and 2026.
- The inspector felt the Local Plan did not reflect a measured need for housing in rural areas, which could help to promote a strong rural economy.
- The Council accepts this advice and proposes to retain the settlement boundaries.
- They comment that the main advantage in retaining settlement boundaries is that it would allow for infill development within their boundaries. The Larger Villages would be encouraged and supported (but not required) to prepare a Neighbourhood Plan.



"like" the Milborne St Andrew Neighbourhood Plan Facebook page, give us your comments and keep up with the campaign!

The Parish Council has now got a webpage, and we are on it! It will have copies of our meeting notes, and eventually copies of all the other documentation we have to produce.



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ANNE Tyler's many admirers can only wonder, not only at her prodigious literary output, but at the constant surprises and delights of her narrative style. She writes of ordinary lives lived out in Baltimore, into which some drama obtrudes – disappearance, marital discord, tragedy, death. Her style is fluent yet disciplined – never a superfluous word or 'purple patch' – but her characters live and breathe and are drawn with meticulous truthfulness. 'The Beginner's Goodbye' is another mini-masterpiece.

It tells of Aaron Woolcott, who works in a small family publishing business, along with his sister Nandina and a small staff, producing niche gift books – Beginners' Guides – to marriage, parenthood, sport, the law, etc. He loses his wife, Dorothy, in a freak domestic accident and the book explores the dramatically ended marriage and the loss and mourning that follows. Then Dorothy begins to appear to Aaron, not like a ghost or a figment of his imagination, but solid and real and raising issues still unresolved in the marriage. From his initial sense of the loss of something perfect, Aaron begins to see the unhappiness that lay behind that façade and to recognise his responsibility for a fair part of that unhappiness. Despite the power of a genuine love, Aaron and Dorothy were too unlike to have a happy relationship yet their outsider awkwardness brought them together.

The author never explains what Dorothy, after death, is. She can be seen by others too sometimes, and she has knowledge of events of which Aaron is unaware, but she disappears as suddenly as she came, leaving him with greater self-knowledge and humility.

Anne Tyler's novels are not over-long, they can be read almost in a sitting, but it is a compulsive experience. Readers are drawn into these ordinary lives, they yearn to find out what happens to people they recognise and with what they can empathise and they are held by the deceptively simple yet elegant clarity of style of one of the finest writers in England today.

## Weather in Milborne St. Andrew Spring 2015

THE total rainfall for the spring months this year was 59% of the 44 year average. March rainfall was 27.3mm which was 36% of average. The dry weather continued through April with 32.4mm rain which was 51% of average but May rainfall was 144% of average with 81.5mm. The long range forecast for May was an accurate prediction of a wetter than average month.

The temperature in March was around the average for that month, April temperature was 1.5°C above average and May temperature was 0.8°C below average. There was a particularly warm spell between 14th and 23rd April with the day temperature rising to 24°C on 15th. Northerly winds dominated in May making it feel quite a cool month. There were slight ground frosts on 12th and 19th May. Frosts can occur in June some years and 1975 saw sharp frosts and some snow in early June and further frosts in late June.

The long range forecast for the summer is warmer than average with average rainfall but a wetter than average July. *Pluvius.*

## Milborne St. Andrew Parish Councillors

IF you wish to raise any issues with the Parish Council then you should contact the Clerk to the Parish Council in the first instance – preferably in writing. County and District Council members should be contacted directly.

**Chairman** Jenny Balcon, 4 Stileham Bank, 837121.

**Councillor** Joy Robinson, 10 Orchard Rise, 837661.

**Councillor** Philip Smith, MSA Post Office, The Square, 837707.

**Councillor** Sarah Fox, The Royal Oak, Dorchester Hill, 837248 or 07906335861.

**Councillor** Sue Cherry, 6 Dorchester Hill, 837315.

**Councillor** Simon Thompson, 7 Chapel Street, 839159.

**Councillor** Karen Park, 6 Coles Lane, 837186

**Parish Council Clerk**, Colin Hampton, Fairways, Streetway Lane, Cheselbourne, 837011.

**Parish Representatives**

**Footpaths**, Adrian Hodges, 837205.

**Tree Warden**, Susan Cawley, 839070.

**Flood Warden**, Steve Lord, 839222.

**Homewatch Co-ordinator**, Joy Robinson 837661.

**The Parish Council now has its own web site which is:**

[www.milbornestandrew-pc.org.uk/community/milborne-st-andrew-parish-council](http://www.milbornestandrew-pc.org.uk/community/milborne-st-andrew-parish-council).





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# Community Contacts

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More information about many community organisations can be found on [www.milbornestandrew.org.uk](http://www.milbornestandrew.org.uk)

## COUNCILS

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|   | Jane Somper          | 01258 471089 |
| Parish Council – Dewlish  | Clerk: Sandra Sims   | 01258 837132 |
|   | Chair: Andrew Booth  | 01258 837284 |
| Parish Council –<br>Milborne St. Andrew   | Clerk: Colin Hampton | 01258 837011 |
|   | Chair: Jenny Balcon  | 01258 837121 |
| <b>Floods</b> A354 problems contact the Highways Agency   |                      | 0300 1235000 |
| Dorset Direct   |                      | 01305 221000 |
| <a href="mailto:dorsetdirect@dorsetcc.gov.uk">dorsetdirect@dorsetcc.gov.uk</a> <a href="http://www.dorsetforyou.com/reportroadproblems">www.dorsetforyou.com/reportroadproblems</a> |                      |              |
| Environment Agency Floodline  |                      | 0845 9881188 |
| South West Highways <a href="mailto:hello@swhitd.co.uk">hello@swhitd.co.uk</a>  |                      | 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

|                                 |                |              |
|---------------------------------|----------------|--------------|
| 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<br>PCSO Luke Goddard | 101          |
| Home watch Co-ordinator        | Joy Robinson                             | 01258 837661 |

## 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 |
| Cricket – Dewlish           | Elaine Kellaway | 01258 837696 |
| Cricket Club – Milton Abbas | Colin Chastey   | 01258 882162 |
| Fitness Class               | Dave Wall       | 07970 462077 |
| Football – Adult            | Jamie Haylock   | 07894 685893 |
| Football – Treasurer        | John Sanderson  | 01258 837049 |

|                            |                    |              |
|----------------------------|--------------------|--------------|
| 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 |

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|                             |              |              |
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| Milton Abbas Surgery        |              | 01258 880210 |
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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

July

- Wednesday 1st** **Wednesday Club** lunch at The Royal Oak – see page 3.
- Tuesday 7th** **100 Club** draw The Royal Oak 8.00pm – see page 25 for latest winners.
- Thursday 9th** **WI** Derek Radley from the Green Island Holiday Trust will be our speaker. Village Hall 7.30pm – see page 11.
- Tuesday 14th** **Reporter** latest date for the August/September issue. Give your items to a member of the Reporter team or send (Word and pictures in .jpg) to msa.reporter@yahoo.co.uk
- Wednesday 15th** **Parish Council** Village Hall Committee Room 7.30pm.  
**Milborne Village History Group** meet at the church yard 7.30pm
- Thursday 16th** **Gardening Club** *Call my Bluff charity fundraiser* Village Hall 7.30pm – see page 21.
- Saturday 18th** **The Ladies' Group** are holding their **annual fundraiser** at 3.30pm in the garden of "Akerian", Dewlish – see page 21.  
**10th Leigh Food Fair and Vintage/Classic Car Display** – Leigh Village Hall 10.00am – 4.00pm.
- Saturday 25th** **Village Lunch** Village Hall 12.15pm. Everyone welcome. Tickets and information from 839090 or 837543 – see page 2 for menu.  
**Milton Abbas Street Fair and children's parade** from 11.00am – see page 5.
- Sunday 26th** **Village Hall working party** – see page 3.

## 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
- 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)

## July at the Sports Club

- Fitness Class** Friday 9.15–10.00am. Information from Dave Wall 07970 462077.
- 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**  
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Under 11s Stuart Joyce 01258 456594.  
Under 8s Nicky 01258 837919.  
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THIS is an interesting, well written and thought provoking book. In simple clear language it covers international politics, command personalities, supply difficulties, local history and the human stories of men so desperate that they threw bully-beef tins of excrement as weapons.

Without ever being dry or dull, it covers a vast range of information, setting the buildup, the battle and the aftermath into context, yet describing the detailed lives of the men who were there. It has a sensible level of footnotes, and the only criticism I can make is of the small writing on the maps.

The book mentions Westminster's appeasement of to avoid fighting on another front (e.g. closing the Burma Road so the US couldn't use it to supply China's Nationalist Army), whilst local commanders were pleading for resources. It includes the campaign for Indian Independence, its effect on Naga Tribesmen and Indian soldiers fighting for the British and its exploitation by the Japanese using the idea of 'Asians sticking together'.

The book gives details of the activities of the Chindits, V Force, and an amazing lady called Ursula Graham Bower, a former debutante who ran a unit of Naga Scouts and spies, and who was considered to be a priestess who would lead them to independence.

It looks at the relationships between senior commanders on both sides and their effects on the campaign. I was very interested how the relationship between Col Hugh Richards, Commander of the Kohima Garrison and Lt. Colonel Lavery of the Royal West Kents progressed during the battle and in the aftermath of the war.

With vivid descriptions this book tells of the pitilessness and remorselessness of battle, the thirst, the smell and the flies. It describes the horror of gas gangrene, dysentery and re-wounds and the heroism of medics working in two 6' deep pits, one roofed with planks, the other with canvas.

There's a lot in the book about the chaos of war, difficulty of communications, intelligence not being passed on and how this led to the Royal West Kents moving into Kohima, out and back again, leaving no time to dig in properly. It deals with supply lines and how they affected both sides and confirms stories I'd heard of US planes flying too high and much-needed supplies going to the Japanese. It tells also of the supply difficulties of the Japanese, and the obstinate refusal of Commander Mutaguchi to accept that he could not supply his men.

Mr. Keane deals equally with all regiments involved, whichever nationality, and shows the humanity of men who were very frightened as well as those who were very brave. The description of the battle in the Tennis Court is very vivid and it's still hard to comprehend how so many men could fight and die in such a small space. A picture of the memorial on the Tennis Court is amongst the book's excellent pictures.

The book gives many examples of leadership, including Charles Pawsey – civilian Deputy Commissioner (albeit with experience in Flanders) walking the battle areas daily with trilby and broly, accompanied by two Naga Spearmen, Col Hugh Richards visiting all areas every day and CSM Bill Haig, blinded, being guided around the battle by a Private so he could encourage his men.

To me all the men in this battle were heroes who did extraordinary things, many described in this wonderful book. It mentions the cooks who delivered beef stew and tea (and the hated soya-link sausages) to all areas under heavy fire and Sgt King of the mortar platoon who refused treatment until he had his mortars lined up although half his jaw was hanging onto his shoulder.

One particular story is of Captain John Young, who was ordered to fight to the last man. After three days he knew the end was near and evacuated his men and wounded, stocking up with grenades and magazines and remaining behind with a wounded Indian and a Bren gun. The Japanese raided at dawn when there was a 'short and fierce exchange of fire then silence'. Capt Young received no medal or award from the British authorities because his deed was

not witnessed, but the Japanese buried him with full military honours.

One aspect of the book that I didn't expect, but found very thought-provoking, was the Japanese retreat after Kohima. The book describes the suicides, starvation, and the revenge taken by the tribesmen. The book tells of Lt. General Sato who defied orders to preserve his men, gave his own bread to a soldier and after the war walked to the home of each soldier's family to light a candle, read a poem and talk about the men they had lost. My upbringing led me to believe that all the Japanese soldiers were like Takahide Kuwaki, also interviewed by Mr. Keane, with the Japanese who still believes in the Japanese war.

The book deals with the aftermath of war in that area of the world, the treatment of the Naga Tribes who had fought so hard for British Empire and yet were let down on Indian Independence and repressed severely during the partition of India.

Reading this book served to increase my admiration for the men who fought at Kohima and throughout the Burma campaign. Many of them had served on the Somme, in Flanders or at Gallipoli, only to go through this a few years later.

It is a great shame that the National Curriculum does not take the opportunity to teach the Burma Campaign. With this volume as a textbook pupils could cover loss of Empire and its impact on small tribes and major nations, development of fighting spirit, leadership and managing a campaign involving thousands of men in impossible terrain. It would also give an opportunity to discuss the relief amongst the soldiers in Burma when the A-Bombs were dropped and the Japanese surrendered.

I loved this book and would like to thank Fergal Keane for his painstaking research and for ensuring with his easy, human, and informative style that the sacrifice of these men will truly be 'Not Forgotten'.

*Susan Cawley*

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# Milborne St Andrew Church Notes

## Kidz Zone Club a success

What a frantic three days we had! The St. Luke's Light Club Team camped in the school field at Puddletown St. Mary's so that they were onsite for the children's holiday club held in the school. What an amazing dynamic and resourceful team



they are! We had songs that made the kids laugh, activities which were fun but made us all think, and lots of noisy fun physical games. The theme was David and Jesus. The kids made mini Arks of the Covenant, decorated 'Stars of David' biscuits, made piggies (in the middle) and trained like soldiers would have in David's time, including

having a try at archery. On the last day we celebrated Christmas, with presents and cards so that the children were able to link David and his stories to Jesus and the line of succession. Hopefully we will be able to follow their example and have another holiday club in the summer.



## £275 raised for Christian Aid

Many thanks to all those who supported our Christian Aid Week fundraising. We had a steady stream of cars to wash at the village hall where we collected £161; I think that everyone was happy with the shine on their cars produced while many of the owners enjoyed coffee and cake in the hall. Thanks also to all those who used Gift Aid envelopes which should enable Christian Aid to claim a further £50 or more from the taxman.

## Preparations for Open Gardens finalised

At the moment there are 20 gardens being prepared for opening, and a lot of cakes being made for teas to be served in the village hall. We are keeping our fingers crossed for a fine day! The proceeds of the day will be shared between St Andrew's church Fabric Fund for maintenance of the building, and the village hall for new playground equipment. See page 27 for what happened!

## British Legion Flag to go to Bovington

Following our request for views on the future of the Royal British Legion flag there was an 80% majority among those who gave an opinion for the flag to be taken to the RBL county headquarters in Bovington where it will be displayed with other flags in better conditions than we can give it in church. As the Milborne branch of the RBL was disbanded over 20 years ago Bovington is a fitting place for the flag to be kept.

## CHURCH SERVICES July 2015

### 5th July – Trinity 5

|         |                            |                  |
|---------|----------------------------|------------------|
| 9.30 am | Parish Communion           | Tolpuddle        |
| 9.30    | Celebrate                  | Milborne         |
| 11.00   | Parish Communion           | Puddletown       |
| 11.00   | Morning Service and picnic | Dewlish<br>Green |

### 12th July – Trinity 6

|        |                     |                           |
|--------|---------------------|---------------------------|
| 8.15am | 1662 Said Communion | Puddletown                |
| 9.30   | Morning Service     | Tolpuddle                 |
| 9.30   | Parish Communion    | Milborne                  |
| 11.00  | Puddletown Praise   | Puddletown<br>Church Room |
| 11.00  | Parish Communion    | Dewlish                   |

### THURSDAY 16th July

|         |                |                           |
|---------|----------------|---------------------------|
| 12 noon | Holy Communion | Puddletown<br>Church Room |
|---------|----------------|---------------------------|

### 19th July – Trinity 7

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

### 26th July – Trinity 8

#### No service at Tolpuddle today

|        |                     |            |
|--------|---------------------|------------|
| 9.30am | Parish Communion    | Milborne   |
| 11.00  | 1662 Morning Prayer | Puddletown |
| 11.00  | Family Communion    | Dewlish    |

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

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



*No Vicar's letter this month as Sarah is having a well-deserved holiday.*

### 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 August/  
September Reporter is  
14th July**

## Architect to examine the church

Every five years our architect is required to take a close look at our church and tell us what work needs to be done to keep it in good shape. The next inspection is due to be undertaken this summer and is likely to show that there is work that needs to be done in the near future. This work tends to be expensive as the church is a Listed Building so we will almost certainly be seeking support from the village at fund raising events in the near future; please help us to keep our village church open.

## 'Grannie's attic' at Milton Abbas

We are currently collecting items for our 'Grannie's Attic' stall at Milton Abbas Street Fair on 25th July. If you have anything that you feel someone else would love to own let one of the churchwardens or Eva know. We would love to give it a second chance. Phone 01258 -837203 / 839090 / 837468.

*John Wright and Pam Shults*

## Dewlish Church Notes

### The young cattle behaved impeccably!

WE MANAGED to hold our early-morning Ascension Day Service at the top of Greenways despite the weather which, at that time, was cold and damp. Thankfully, the heavier rain waited until we had returned home! Jim led the service and seven people braved the elements. We were watched intently by a herd of young cattle which stayed for the whole service and behaved impeccably!

The recent Coffee Morning and Sale in the Village Hall was very successful: £221.40 was raised for Christian Aid, of which, after expenses, £211 will be sent to the charity. Organiser Mrs Margaret Groves wishes to thank all contributors and helpers. "Everyone's support is much appreciated," she said.

Next month we shall be holding our **Picnic Service** on the Village Green on **Sunday 5th July** at 11.00am. This will be followed by a bring-and-share lunch, with church members providing coffee, tea and squash. Please come and join us.

### Other village news

The Ladies' Group are holding their **annual fund-raiser** on **Saturday 18th July** at 3.30pm in the garden of "Akerian", the home of Albert and Nonie Ross (near the bridge). There will be afternoon tea and a raffle. A donation from the proceeds will be given to The Alzheimer's Society. We look forward to seeing you there!

*Daphne Burg*

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## Gardening Club Hidden Gardens of London



The above was the title of a most interesting and unusual talk given to the Gardening Club this month by Bob Ayres, a retired Inspector of the City of London Police who is now a qualified guide to London, with a special interest in the gardens of the City - his old stamping ground.

He was able to cover all aspects of their history, from Roman gardens, through the many Medieval and Renaissance gardens, Georgian squares, Victorian parks, up to present day efforts to 'green' the City.

Some gardens have had much discouragement. Most Medieval gardens belonged to monasteries and were used for growing medicinal herbs, but were destroyed by Henry VIII; the Great Fire in the next century put paid to many more and the Blitz destroyed large areas of the City.

It is amazing how many have been reclaimed and renewed by their owners. Some of the most interesting belong to the Livery Companies and other such institutions, but they are also some of the most inaccessible as they are surrounded by buildings and not usually open to the public. Who would have thought that a garden with an immaculate lawn grows over the vaults of the Bank of England where the gold reserves are kept?

Bob certainly had photos of many gardens hidden from view which he was able to see in his police role, but there are many more modern ones which can be seen by all for example an exotic and enormous conservatory on top of the Barbican, open on Sunday afternoons. Certain new buildings now have roof gardens, and there are surprisingly many gardens in the St Pauls area. In addition the Parks and Gardens Department is very active in providing colour in planters and flower beds wherever possible in an effort to cheer up the 'concrete jungle.' It is amazing how many floral displays are only yards away from main roads, so if you are visiting the City it is always worth keeping your eyes open and peering over walls!

*Sally Dyer*



## Local History Group

THE Local History Group met on 16th June at The Royal Oak. Ian Gray from Poole came to talk to us about his family, who are descended from Milborne's blacksmiths, and also about local transport in recent times, having been on the buses all his working life. Old photos, books and stories contributed to a fascinating evening. We shall meet next on 15th July at 7.30pm at the church. All are very welcome.

*Sarah Ryan*



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## In your Garden

Seasonal notes and tips from Maureen Lock of *designerGardens*

# The Long Hot Days of Summer

THE long hot days of summer are upon us now and it is the time of year when everything in the garden starts to slow down so we can spend less time doing and more time enjoying. There are always lots of lovely gardens to visit in Dorset and these can be found through the National Gardens Scheme (NGS) Yellow Book available from the Tourist Office and many garden centres.



encourage more stems to grow from the base so if you do need to cut it back, it should send up new healthy shoots.

Your hanging baskets should be looking lovely now and if you didn't put slow release fertilizer in the compost when they were planted up, ensure that you feed with something like Miracle Grow once a week. They will probably need a good soak once a day if the weather is very hot.

One of the most important tasks in the summer garden is to deadhead regularly. Penstemons, Heucheras, roses and astrantias all benefit from regular deadheading. Cut back early flowering perennials such as geraniums, lupins and delphiniums and they are likely to produce a second flush of flowers later in the season. I like to leave the seed heads of the alliums in the



border to create a different texture and interest amongst the flowers.

Keep weeds under control especially before they run to seed as this will create a lot more work in the long run. If you are hoeing, do it on a warm day and leave

the weeds on the surface to shrivel and die. Weeds also take valuable nutrients and moisture meant for your flowers.

Make sure you keep watering the garden especially after any pruning. Tomato feed is really good to encourage more flowers especially on hungry feeders like clematis. Clematis can suffer from clematis wilt when the top growth suddenly wilts, collapses and dies back and this quickly spreads down the plant. If this happens you will need to cut the affected stems back to healthy growth – and dispose of the infected growth immediately. It is mainly the large flowered cultivars that suffer from wilt. When planting a clematis you should bury the crown of the plant at least 6cm (2 inches) below the surface to

encourage more stems to grow from the base so if you do need to cut it back, it should send up new healthy shoots. It is worth keeping your lawn in tip-top condition as it sets off the borders beautifully. Raise the blade on the mower a tad to keep the grass that little bit longer. This will help keep the roots cool and conserve moisture. Don't worry if the lawn turns a bit brown, it will soon recover after the first rain. This doesn't apply to newly laid turf or sown grass however – you will need to keep watering it. Keep the edges neatly trimmed or use a brick edging – which also acts as a mowing strip.

Don't forget the birds and the bees. They still like a drink of clean water. Encourage birds by filling up the bird-bath regularly and bees will benefit from a shallow dish filled with pebbles and water. They can drink by balancing on the pebbles without the danger of falling in.



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# LETTERS to the Reporter

## Dear Reporter

Further to the recent villification of dog owners, I would like to have my say. My wife and I like to think that we are responsible dog owners and pick up after our dog, even though I know that there are quite a few who don't.

What incenses me, is the amount of cat faeces which we have to clear from our garden, often finding piles of it in the grass and freshly dug borders. Very often we find it among our vegetable and fruit bushes. Cats never seem to go in their own gardens, always in some one else's. If my dog did its business on YOUR front lawn, you would probably get upset, and rightly so. Most cat owners seem to think "out of sight, out of mind". Why can they not have litter trays for their pets instead of letting them wander willy-nilly?

On the same subject, why don't horse owners pick up after their animals too?  
Brian Burton

## Dear Milborne Reporter

My name is Melanie Harvey. I have lived in Milborne St. Andrew for seventeen years, from the moment we moved in we found the village friendly and welcoming. I feel blessed to live here.

However recently there seems to be an air of audacious rudeness and poor behaviour from some villagers. upsetting people with nasty comments and assumptions.

Kids? Rowdy teenagers? I am afraid not! The culprits are retirees roaming the streets of Milborne, berating their neighbours for what they obviously feel is their business, for such infringements as:

1) Not finishing building work on time.

2) Not maintaining their houses exterior/ gardens to the satisfaction of these people.

3) Having the audacity to have a skip in their front gardens.

These are but three instances I can name. Whilst I can understand the frustration of having these sights ruin ones "rural idyl" I cannot for the life of me understand who it is these rude people think they are, or why they feel they have the right to be crass and

judgmental towards their neighbours!

Putting my hands up I confess I am the "culprit" with the skip, and am fully capable of dealing with bullies, however I have heard disturbing stories from other villagers (see above for their "infringements") who have been the focus of these odious people and have been left very distressed by the encounters. It is down right wrong to speak to people in such a derogatory way, whatever "right" they think they have to do so!

If this letter is printed, perhaps there will be a few heads hanging in shame . . . and perhaps those heads will think to consider the feelings and circumstances of the people they feel the God given right to be so horrible to.

I honestly think the children of this village are better behaved than some of the adults.  
Melanie Harvey

## Dear Editor

Could I please ask anyone who is having internet speed issues to contact me? My problem is not all the time but gets worse later in the day. In the mornings I can get 6.8 mpbs which is what I am told I should get, by 4.00pm it goes down to about 2 mpbs by 7.00pm it can be 1 but is often as low as 0.6 mpbs but one night this week at 6.10pm it was 0.42 and by 6.20 it was 0.31. I have been told it's probably REIN, which is Repetitive Electrical Impulse Noise, I have researched this and tested our house with an AM radio as suggested without any results. I am told this is a very difficult problem to solve as it can be any electrical appliance in a neighbouring property. It would appear to be something that is not used during school time.

I have had TalkTalk to my house twice

trying to solve this, who say that it is not a problem with our line as I wouldn't get 6.8mpbs in the day if it was our line or house, and as this exchange is the property of Openreach only a TalkTalk engineer is able to arrange an appointment with Openreach.

I would be very interested to know if anyone else has this problem before I contact TalkTalk again.  
Heather Hogg, The Causeway, O1258 837392

## Dear Editor

Has anyone lost, or does anyone know who the owner is of a very small adult black and white cat. Picture on facebook and below. It is constantly in my house at Wetherby Close eating my dog's food, cat food, in fact any food. If you haven't got access to Facebook, see Pauline at the Londis shop.

If I can't find the owners I'm afraid I will have to contact Cats Protection.  
Pauline Fry, Wetherby Close.



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**Deadline for the August/September Reporter is 14th July**

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## Colourful gardens on view

The weather was fine for the 'Open Gardens' event organised by St Andrew's, the Village Hall and the Garden Club. 20 varied gardens were on display including St Andrew's 'Living Churchyard' and the allotments. A fair number of visitors enjoyed the gardens, lunch in The Royal Oak garden and tea and cake in the village hall, and a lucky few won prizes in the raffle drawn at the end of the day. The total proceeds of £440 have been split between St Andrew's church and the Village Hall Playpark. Many thanks to the large number of people who worked so hard to make the day such a success.

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# Travel and transport newsletter – focus on highways



## Road condition

We've generally seen an improving trend in our road condition but, having been unsuccessful in our bid to the DfT Challenge Fund, we have a small funding shortfall for maintaining this current condition throughout 2015/16.

At the moment, 72% of A roads, 66% of B roads, 61% C roads and 52% of unclassified roads are in good condition, with only 3% of A roads, 4% of B roads, 6% C roads and 12% of unclassified roads classed as needing maintenance.

These figures are based on our annual surveys of the roads charted against Road Condition Indicators – which takes into account SCANNER surveys, rutting, cracking and how bumpy the road is!

In total, around 185 miles of road was 'treated' last year – this included 119 miles of surface dressing, 56 miles of resurfacing and eight miles of patching.

## Repair jobs

Between April 2014 and February 2015 18,776 defects were repaired, with 93% fixed 'on time'.

There were fewer repairs carried out in January and February this year compared to last year thanks to the milder, more settled weather – with 48% less jobs in January and 36% less jobs in February.

We've been moving towards carrying out more first time permanent repairs on A, B and C class roads and this has increased the amount of time it's taken to fix defects, with Category 2B repairs

## Reuse and recycle

Did you know we reuse and recycle as much material as possible?

There are three happy endings for any reusable material from schemes; some is put onto stock piles for future use, some is recycled back into schemes and some is sold or transferred to third parties in return for equipment hire or parking.

Last year, 47,365 tonnes of material was generated from resurfacing schemes. In 2014/15:

- 63% put on stock to be reused or sold at later date
- 28% was sold or transferred to third parties
- 12% was recycled onsite back into scheme

The total income from the sale of surplus material was over £70,000, this goes straight back into our highways maintenance budget - helping offset the costs of haulage and allowing us to maintain more roads.

\*The figures may not align to 100% due to advance invoice for sales/transfers

## Save time, go online

More people than before are reporting highway problems online; over 37 per cent of enquiries were made online in 2014/15.

These enquiries are dealt with in exactly the same way as an enquiry made by phone, but this can save you time if you're trying to call during a busy time for our contact centre.

As well as contacting us through the website, you can also find information about upcoming roadworks, car parks and cycling routes in your area.

You can also follow @traveldorset for live traffic and travel updates.

## Have you something to share?

Send your stories and pictures to [msa.reporter@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:msa.reporter@yahoo.co.uk)

# This Month in History – July

## Births

**July 6th, 1946** – Acclaimed actor and Hollywood superstar Sylvester Stallone was born in NYC. Stallone's acting career began with the soft-core pornography film *The Party at Kitty and Stud's* (1970), humble origins for sure. He is most famous for his roles as Rambo in the self-titled movies, as well as Rocky Balboa in the film series *Rocky*.

**July 18th, 1918** – Nelson Mandela was born the son of a Tembu tribal chieftain near Umtata, in South Africa. He became a lawyer, joined the African National Congress (ANC) in 1944, eventually becoming deputy national president in 1952. In 1964, he was convicted for sabotage as a result of his participation in the struggle against apartheid. Released in 1990, he was elected President of South Africa in 1994 in the first election in which all races participated, and remains a symbol of hope and justice for Africa's non-white majority.

**July 24th, 1897** – Amelia Mary Earhart was born in Atchison, Kansas. Earhart was the first female aviator to fly solo across the Atlantic Ocean, and she received the U.S. Distinguished Flying Cross for this record. She went on to set many more records and was central to the foundation of the Ninety-Nines: an organisation and charity for female pilots.

## Deaths

**July 8th, 1822** – Leading romantic poet Percy Bysshe Shelley drowned in the Bay of Spezia when his boat sank in a storm. Shelley did not enjoy fame in his lifetime, and was greatly admired for his work posthumously, unlike his wife Mary Shelley whose work *Frankenstein* was hugely popular from the time of publication right up to the present day.

**July 30th, 1898** – Otto Von Bismarck, the undisputed world champion at the game of multilateral diplomatic chess, died peacefully aged 83. His greatest achievements were a series of short wars against Denmark, Austria, and France, which united the smaller German states and resulted in a unified German Empire under Prussian Supremacy – Von Bismarck being Supreme Chancellor. Juggling a very complex interlocking series of conferences, negotiations and alliances, he used his unrivalled diplomatic skills to maintain Germany's position and used the balance of power to keep Europe at peace in the 1870s and 1880s.

## Events

**July 10th, 1991** – Boris Yeltsin took the oath of office, becoming the first popularly elected president in Russia's thousand-year history. He later resigned in 1999, and was succeeded by Vladimir Putin.

**July 16th, 1969** – The Apollo 11 Lunar landing mission began with a lift-off from the Kennedy Space Centre at 0937 local time. The mission was a huge success, with Buzz Aldrin and Neil Armstrong landing and walking on the moon's surface on July 21st before returning to Earth the following day.

**July 28th, 1540** – King Henry VIII has his right hand man Thomas Cromwell (a man who had been Lord Privy Seal, Chancellor of the Exchequer, Lord Great Chamberlain and Principal Secretary all at the same time!) beheaded. The same day he went on to marry his fifth wife Catherine Howard, whom he had beheaded less than two years later at the tender age of 21.

Mark Ferguson

## Barn Dance for all

in a marquee on the field featuring  
'The Black Sheep'

Friday 11th September

Keep your eye out for details and get your tickets early!

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### PLEASE NOTE

There will be no September edition of the Reporter. Anything you wish to advertise for September should be sent in by 14th July..

## Did you identify this?

The photo in June's issue was taken outside number one, The Square (the bus stop).

No one sent in the correct answer.

Try your luck this month on page 24.



## Singers raise the roof at Come and Sing Day

OUR local choir, The Weatherbury Singers, and 39 fellow singers joined forces at their recent Come and Sing Day at St. George's Church, Fordington, in Dorchester and gave the performance of a lifetime. The day's rehearsals and final performance of Mascagni's *Easter Hymn*, Tavener's *The Lamb*, and Mozart's *Requiem* were conducted by the Choir's Musical Director James Crawshaw and accompanist, Sam Ryall. Local soloists Martin Weston and Brian Savage were joined by soloists from The Weatherbury Singers: Nicki Brunt, Louisa Macnair and Sue Chapman for Mozart's *Requiem*, with Julie Lewis, soloist in the *Easter Hymn*. The day was enjoyed by everyone and many of the singers commented on the friendly welcome and the quality of the lunch and tea provided by The Weatherbury Singers as well as the quality of the singing by the soloists and the singers.

In addition to raising the roof, the sum of £160 was raised for Macmillan Cancer Support from donations and the retiring collection following the performance.

The Weatherbury Singers rehearse at St. Mary's Church Room in Puddletown on Tuesday evenings from 7.30 – 9.30pm during term time. We are currently recruiting new singers, so do come along to a rehearsal and meet us. For more information call Judy on 01258 837120 or visit [www.weatherburysingers.co.uk](http://www.weatherburysingers.co.uk); or email [weatherburysingers@gmail.com](mailto:weatherburysingers@gmail.com).

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## 10th Leigh Food Fair and Vintage/ Classic Car Display Saturday 18th July – Leigh Village Hall 10.00am – 4.00pm

TASTE and buy some of the best food and drink on offer from local producers. The stallholders will include: Adam's Tasty Chilli Sauces, Alwston Jam and Chutney Empire, Capreolus Fine Foods, Chocolate Workshop, Comins Tea, Dorset Pie Company, Dorset Shellfish Co., Dorset Sushi, Fussels Fine Foods, Hamwood Crafts, Leakers Bakery, Liberty Cakes, Little Groves Nurseries, Longmeadow Organic Vegetables, Reads Coffee Roasters, Percy's Bakery, Simply Sprinkle, Somerset Cider Brandy Co., Thomas J Fudge, White Post Gate Honey, Wraxall Wines, Wylde Meadow Farm, and Yarty Cordials.

A variety of interesting veteran/classic cars and motorbikes will be on display.

Barbecued Hamburgers and Sausages, Refreshments, Ice cream, Beer and Cider will be here! Entertainment includes children's activities.

This is proving to be a very successful show, AND will, of course, be in Leigh's amazing village hall. Please spread the word to your friends and relations – it really is a day NOT to be missed.

Proceeds go to Leigh Village Hall, The Hub, Yeovil and St. Andrew's Church, Leigh

It will be opened by Joselyn Dimbleby – a well known cookery book writer

Adults £2, children under 15 Free. Contact: Elizabeth Turnbull on 01935 873846 or [elizabethturnbull70@btinternet.com](mailto:elizabethturnbull70@btinternet.com) [www.leighvillage.org.uk/foodfair/](http://www.leighvillage.org.uk/foodfair/)

## Crimestoppers

If you have information about a crime you can contact Crimestoppers on 0800 555111 in confidence, your call will not be traced and you may receive a cash reward.

If you have information on possible terrorist activity call the anti terrorism hotline in confidence on 0800 789 321.

## It's still a dog's life . . .

IN the time since the last *It's a dog's life* column, our household has seen its Springer count reduced by two thirds. We were down to one for a while, which was mainly because our attempts to introduce a new companion for Meadow fell flat as she was 'resistant' to the idea – even though she moped and seemed lonely by herself.

But then the email arrived: 'we know you love spaniels, could you give this dog a home?', accompanied by a photo of a doe-eyed floppy-eared dog. The friend of a friend had taken the dog in only on a temporary basis; she had found him 'climbing the walls' of a flat in Poole, desperate for a decent walk and proper stimulus. Apparently, the elderly lady had bought the puppy from a breeder ('out the back of a van'), complete with a copy of his pedigree that detailed his fine Cavalier King Charles credentials. Only, as the weeks went by, his legs didn't stop growing and his energy levels kept pumping, and all thoughts the lady had of owning a quiet lapdog went out of the window. In short, she had been sold a pup.

Of course, we said, we'd love to meet him, only our old girl was a bit grumpy and may need 'warming up' to the idea. So we decided on a series of meetings to introduce the two of them to each other, a bit like a Platonic courtship. There were walks in the park, walks on the beach and even a trip round to his place for afternoon tea. A relationship blossomed, so he came to stay with us with a view to not leaving.

That was a few months ago and he's still here, all's well. We have wondered though what his parentage may be. Did you know you can DNA-test your dog to reveal its breeding? I didn't, that is until my next door neighbour told me about them. For 50-odd quid, a simple swab from a compliant dog's cheek is all it takes; it is then analysed by a lab (that's 'laboratory', rather than a Labrador in a white coat) and hey presto, the secrets of your animal's ancestry are laid bare.

We are interested in finding out exactly what our 'purebred KKC' actually is. But I have my suspicions; no, not just the Welsh Springer or Cocker Spaniel that may be lurking in there but something altogether different. Because, there are a few tell-tale signs in his behaviour that point in another direction. He does have a tendency to sleep a lot. But then, when awake, he has the poise and agility of a parcours runner, albeit in the indoor arena, vaulting the sofa, perching on the back of the armchair with four paws in a line. And, his piece de resistance is a perfectly graceful leap from a standing start, from floor to table top. Not that it is encouraged – it's actively discouraged, of course. But I have never known a dog to pad about on a table. Which is why I think that there may be a bit of cat in there. You know that mobile phone advert with the fluffy cat chasing a stick, ripping up newspaper and jumping into a pond? I find myself uttering "Be more dog!" on a regular basis these days.

Then there's the predilection with wood – I think beaver can be added to the possible breed lineage. The kindling basket needed reinforcements as it was being raided for prized chewing material; fire logs were on his 'to do' list too. It doesn't seem like 'anxiety chewing' – he'll attempt to gnaw in company, when lots of other highly chewable items are on offer – even a rubber 'stick', which is marketed as being the ultimate in mastication. Not interested. Nothing beats a good, old-fashioned, hunk of wood. In fact, the tougher the timber, the greater the challenge. Hardwood chair leg? Woof yes woof!

So what is the defining act of this rare concoction of beaver-cat-spaniel? The showstopper, admittedly a few rungs down from Britain's Got Talent (though, to his 'credit', it is all his own work) is the signature stunt of flawless gymnastics from floor to sofa to table top with a finale of a hearty chomp of the chair top. Perfect 10s from the judges . . . red card from the referee.

*Ed Richards*  
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