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Reporter

News and Views from around the area
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Millborne St. Andrew

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Muddy water mystery

HAS anyone noticed the irregular but quite large releases of very muddy water passing through the village at various times of the day. We are trying to find its source as this has produced increased silt deposits and a huge increase in plant growth throughout the length of the Bere. Does anyone have any idea where this might be coming from?

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As always our summer supper was a great success, much enjoyed by everyone, and many thanks go to Lin Chatfield for hosting it for us.



With the summer break in mind, arrangements are now in hand for our stall at the Milton Abbas Street Fair, all contributions of books still welcome. Nelda is continuing to post items on Facebook each month. We will possibly make the January meeting – a cooking demonstration – an open meeting.

Following the summer break, our next meeting is on **Thursday 10th September**, when Clare Riglar will talk about Athelhampton House. Please do join us, we would love to see you there.

Pat Bull

PLEASE NOTE

**There is no Reporter in September
Deadline for the October magazine
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Elizabeth's steps down . . . could you step in?

ELIZABETH has been the Village Hall Committee Treasurer for the last nine years and unsurprisingly has decided that she has done this job for long enough; she will be leaving the committee at the next Annual General Meeting in April 2016. The committee, therefore needs a replacement.

Numeracy is not my thing so I would be useless but someone in the village must have the skills and willingness to take on such a role. Elizabeth is very happy to show the new person the ropes and will be at the end of the phone or by email (on her wonderful Blackberry).

She assures me that anyone who is good with numbers and can spare one hour a week, on average, will be able to take on the role of Village Hall Committee Treasurer. The other requirement is to have a computer in order to use the Microsoft Excel programme, which she created, to manage recording the finances. This spreadsheet programme even produces the monthly report and reduces the amount of work needed for the annual accounts. Elizabeth uses her own computer at home.

The treasurer needs to be a trustee of the Village Hall Committee but not a representative of a user group. They will be responsible for maintaining the accounts, paying in cheques and cash (at the village Post Office), producing cheques or paying by BACS for services and producing reports for the monthly committee meetings and the annual report (after the auditor has signed them off).

She assures me that being the treasurer is easy! To find out more contact her directly on mobile number 07740 201375, email elhumphrey@hotmail.com or get in touch with Paul Tasker, Chairperson mobile number 07801 714619, email p.h.tasker@gmail.com
Pam Shults

Bus2Go have Summer of Fun

WE have certainly made the most of the beautiful sunny weather. Glorious sunshine on Portland for lunch at the Lobster Pot. We had a professional film crew on board one of the buses and the laughs were coming thick and fast all the way from Milborne St. Andrew to Portland. Our next outing to the Wishing Well at Upwey was a change of pace as we had a leisurely stroll around the gardens after lunch enjoying the tranquil surroundings of the 'Wishing Well' and all the flora and fauna. The pace quickened on the next outing as we steamed into Swanage for a day packed full of sunshine and laughter (all part of the Bus2Go



Top: One of the walks at Upwey.
Middle: A view from Swanage Esplanade.
Bottom: Getting ready for the steam to Swanage.

experience). On the return journey to Norden there was a wedding party on board. We wished the Bride and Groom well as they left the train with their guests and cheered and clapped. The wedding photographer was taking photos of our passengers, so they became part of the wedding party.

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Killerton House: A wanderer's perspective

History:

KILLERTON House, set northeast from Exeter amongst the gentle hills of Broadclyst, with its hillside garden and estate, has been owned by the National Trust since 1944 and is a stately home previously occupied by the Acland Family. The last owner, British politician Sir Richard Dyke Acland, 15th Baronet, bequeathed the house to the National Trust just before joining the Labour Party in 1945. The estate covers some 2,590 hectares (25.9km², 6,400 acres). Included in the Estate is a steep wooded hillside with the remains of an Iron Age Hill fort on top of it, also known as Dolbury which has also yielded evidence of Roman occupation, thought to be a possible fort or marching camp within the Hill fort. Killerton House itself and the Bear's Hut summerhouse in the grounds are Grade II* listed buildings, and have had several refurbishments.

The manor of Columb John in the parish of Broadclyst was purchased by Sir John Acland (d.1620), the High Sheriff of Devon. The adjoining estate of Killerton was purchased a short time thereafter from Sir Thomas Drewe by his nephew Sir Arthur Acland as jointure for his wife Eleanor Mallet. The present Georgian Killerton House was built by Sir Thomas Acland, 7th baronet in 1778, The chapel was built in 1738 to the designs of Charles Robert Cockerell.

The garden was created in the 1770s by John Veitch, one of the leading landscape designers of the time. It features rhododendrons, magnolias, herbaceous borders and rare trees, as well as an early 19th-century summer house. Since owned by the National Trust, the house has simply been maintained with minimal changes made to the overall structure of any of the buildings. The estate is displayed as a comfortable country home and has been renovated to display a realistic view of life in the home in the mid 18th century.

Collections:

The ground floor of the house is set out as if the family lived there. The centrepiece of the Music Room is the large country house organ gifted to Lady Lydia Acland on her marriage to Sir Thomas, 10th Baronet. The elegant Drawing Room was re-modelled in the early 20th century by Sir Charles, 12th Baronet, as a place to entertain. The Library holds the Sabine-Baring Gould collection, and the Dining Room a number of family portraits. A good challenge for all lovers of curiosity is to try and find the secret cupboard in the Library - disguised by an amusing set of false book-spines!

On display on the upper floor of the house is a collection of 18th- to 20th-century costumes, originally known as the Paulise de Bush collection, shown in period rooms. Much of the period costume is in excellent condition and, significantly, is accompanied by comprehensive provenance documentation. Approximate total holdings are 9,000 items, including male and female dress from the 18th century to the 1980s. Other items include accessories, children's dress, occupational dress, military and civic uniforms from the 19th-20th century, as well as embroidery and samplers (17th-20th century), and English and Continental laces (16th-20th century).

Conclusion:

Upon visiting Killerton House one can learn all about how the Paulise de Bush collection came together throughout the 20th century, and how the Victorian plant hunters managed to create such an ornate and varied set of gardens, and simply enjoy the setting when the perennial borders and plants are in full bloom. If the clothing exhibition is not really "your thing", then the gardens will certainly encourage you to come back again and again. The National Trust volunteers are exceptionally helpful, friendly, and knowledgeable, and at the very least the coffee and cake is pretty good! So all in all, it really is a family day out for everyone.

Mark Ferguson

Visit Killerton House with the Wednesday Club on 2nd September - see next column.



Wednesday Club News

Wednesday Social Club - for our July meeting we decided to spoil ourselves by having a meal at The Royal Oak. We had a choice of menu for the main meal and a delicious Black Forest Gateau with coffee or tea to follow. Sarah, Andy and staff did us proud and we are very grateful to them all for making our lunch so enjoyable.

For our August meeting on the 5th, we have a visit from a representative of the Dorset Wildlife Trust at 2.00pm in the Village Hall which should prove very interesting.

On 2nd September we have planned a coach trip to Killerton House in Devon leaving Stileham Bank at 9.30am prompt, we should be home about 4.30pm. Cost of the Coach is £13.00 for our members,



Killerton House

£15.00 for non members. National Trust card holders will have free entry but the rest of us will pay £9.00 for the House. Please book your place with Jenny Balcon, 4 Stileham Bank (01258) 837121 with payment by August 15th please. *Margaret Evans*



Take part in this years Ride and Stride

ON Saturday 11th September the annual Ride and Stride event will take place. This is a fundraising activity organised by the Dorset Historic Churches Trust and is their primary source of income. Money that is raised by the Trust enables them to give grants to local churches. St. Andrew's church has regularly benefitted from them over several years.

This year our village church will link with our benefice churches to do a sponsored walk along the river between Puddletown and Tolpuddle. Please feel free to join us if you don't fancy doing your own thing!

I am the Parish Organiser and I have the necessary paperwork and information so if you want to take part do get in touch on 07913266230 or email pamshults@btinternet.com *Pam Shults*

Milborne FC back at Lane End

MILBORNE have entered a team in Dorset Division Two for the forthcoming season under the management of Jamie Haylock.

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Austin 7 – YY639 or Yoyo

You may have seen our car around the village and may be interested in some information about it.

Our 'toy' car Yoyo was first registered in 1932 in Surrey where it stayed until 1967. From there it moved to Martinstown in 1974 and underwent a restoration. Some time after that, probably about 1980, the car was acquired by a GP in Dorchester who was known to use it for some home visits. In 1993 he contacted me, knowing that I had restored a 1962 Morris Traveller, to ask if I would like to borrow the Austin 7 for a year, which I did, as I had access to a spare garage at the time. I ran it that year including to a Lifeboat charity run from Beaulieu to Weymouth with the Morris Traveller as support car. At the end of the year I returned the car, despite the offer to buy it, as I no longer had the storage, or the money to afford it.

The car then changed hands to an owner in West Stafford who in 2011 decided he wanted to sell it to buy a Bull Nosed Morris. By this time I was in a better position to acquire and store the car, which I did in January 2011.

Upon becoming the owner of the car, I undertook some work, returning it to a more presentable appearance, particularly on the inside and underneath. This involved having some replacement of the leather interior particularly the drivers door panel and the front seats. I also had some bright work replated. There is still work to be done.

I have replaced the clutch plates and done some minor tinkering with the engine but nothing major has been required yet. It is of interest that it is still running on the original engine. (No M159485) I also have the original handbook which appears to have been soaked in engine oil and, from the singed edges of the pages, in a fire also.

I have only had two interesting incidents. One where I reversed too fast, and too far, and the differential locked up in a narrow street, immediately followed by an ambulance with a blue light coming towards me. The other was as I slowed down to negotiate a major roundabout and the footbrake went to the floor with NO effect as a cotter pin in the linkage had snapped. Luckily everything missed me and I missed them and I completed the journey using only the handbrake.



This July we took the car to the National Austin Seven Rally at Beaulieu and were very proud to be awarded a cup for the 'Best in Class'. We try to join in club runs and other events as we very much enjoy the car and the response of people who see it. *Pip Bowell*

Have you something to share?

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News from Milton Abbas and Milborne St Andrew Surgery

August Edition 2015

The Surgery will be closed on Bank Holiday Monday, 31st August

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Named GP

Changes to the GP contract mean that all patients in England, including children, must have a named, accountable doctor who will be responsible for coordinating their care. By the end of March 2016 the practice is required to assign all our patients a "Named GP".

In fact we've been doing this for years so for us this is just a tick-box exercise. You can find out your own GP by looking on the right hand side of your prescription, or ask at reception, who can easily look this up for you. You can still talk to any of our clinicians not just your Named GP. You can still have appointments with any of our clinicians not just your Named GP.

The number of patients who do not attend their appointment has halved!!

We are delighted to report that the number of patients who fail to attend their appointment is falling dramatically. In December last year 43 did not attend GP appointments and 42 did not attend nurse appointments. These figures have fallen dramatically to 22 and 21 respectively. Huge thanks to those of you who have called us to cancel appointments when you find you're unable to attend. It is greatly appreciated.

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Carol Taylor Practice Manager

The next *Reporter* magazine will be the October issue and the deadline for that will be 14th September.

When Ladybirds go down to the woods . . .

WHEN I last wrote we were about to go on our summer trip to the Woodland school. Well on a beautifully sunny day we went to the woods. We had a great time walking along paths looking for birds, hunting for insects in the undergrowth, going through tunnels and over a plank bridge before making dens to sit in and eat lunch. After lunch we set off again listening to clues as to what animal we were to seek before the children set off at a run to see who could be the first to find the animal (a soft toy version) then we hunted for real bugs with pots and magnifiers. Apart from the usual woodlice, beetles and centipedes, we were lucky to find several newts. Thank

goodness it was a Friday as staff and children were delightfully tired after the adventure.

Back at the Hall the children continued with their den-making using sticks, tarpaulins, string and pegs. Some decided we should have an ice cream shop as the weather was good. We made play dough in three colours to represent vanilla, strawberry and chocolate ice cream. The children played for several days using scoops and cones of plastic or card before the play dough had to be binned!

This is our final report of the school year when we say goodbye to 17 of our children. We wish them all the best for the future.

Liz Dyer



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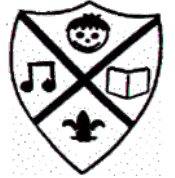
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School News

IT has been a busy run down to the end of the school year.

Luckily the sun shone on our annual School Games Day on the 16th June and the children and parents enjoyed an afternoon of sport. Well done to all who took part and congratulations to Dragons House, our winning team.



Children from years 1-4 have been nominated for DASP Citizen awards by staff and children because they show all of the seven C's characteristics of a DASP Citizen. These include being Courteous, Caring, Commutative, Conscientious, Co-operative, Considerate and Confident. One of our children received a DASP Music Award.



On 6th July we were joined by some guests from Dorchester Day Centre, who Dolphin class have been corresponding with over the past few weeks. The children asked them questions about what life



was like when they were young, gave them a tour of the school and entertained their guests with songs and nursery rhymes. The children had been busy making cakes in preparation and served these with tea and coffee. Following the visit the children received a lovely thank you card and have been invited to visit Dorchester Day Centre.

Thanks to Helen from Dorchester Day Centre for organising the event.

The first week in July was also literacy week across the DASP schools and the children enjoyed a visit from a local author Heather Chamberlain who writes 'Happy Bottom' books'. Some of our children have also visited Thomas Hardye School and have taken part in various literacy based events.

Year 3 and 4 children are busy preparing for a performance for their parents which will be held at Milton Abbey during the last week of term. This promises to be an amazing event as the children demonstrate what they have learned over the last half term with Shaun Pirttijarvi from Milton Abbey School. We are very grateful to the support provided to the school by Milton Abbey School including the provision of swimming for our year 4 children and we look forward to working together in the future.

On the last day of term we will be holding a leavers assembly followed by a picnic with our year 4 children and their parents. They have already spent a day at St. Mary's or their next school to get a flavour of middle school life and we wish them every success in the future. On transfer day we welcomed our new reception children to school and look forward to seeing them in September along with all our new Dolphins, Turtles and Puffins.

Following feedback from parents we are delighted to advise that we will be providing Before and After School Care from September.

Before School Club 7.45 - 8.45am.

After School Club 3.00 - 5.30pm.

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We hope everyone enjoys their summer break and look forward to another successful year in school. Thankyou to all who support the school.

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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Milborne wedding of Lizzy and Mike

ON the 20th July Lizzy Harrall, who lived in Milborne from the age of 18 months to her mid-twenties, came home to be married in St. Andrew's Church. As usual she was late! I felt for Mike, the groom, but he said that she was always late for everything. The bell ringers did a sterling job as they kept ringing in anticipation of the bride's arrival. Lizzy wore a beautiful white gown with maroon embroidery and carried a bouquet that she had gathered herself. She had a maid of honour, Lisa, who was brought up in the village, and an adult bridesmaid, Shady. They were both wearing green dresses, and a young bridesmaid (Lisa's daughter, Isobel) was wearing a white dress with maroon ribbons. Lizzy's son, Alex, was a pageboy and was wearing a green waistcoat. Lizzy's father, Roger, in a linen suit, gave her away to Mike Gibson, her long-suffering and adoring groom. The flowers in church were boosted by hedgerow and garden flowers, much to Lizzy's delight, and were arranged by Angie Nowell. Sarah officiated and coped with added excitement of the young pageboy.

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This Month in History: August

Births

August 1, 1819 – Herman Melville, author of both *Moby Dick* and *Billy Budd*, was born in New York to a merchant family. Following bankruptcy in 1832, he joined the merchant navy and used his experiences as a basis for his whaling novel *Moby Dick*.

August 15, 1769 – Napoleon Bonaparte, Emperor of France (1804-13, 1814-15) and one of the greatest military commanders in history, was born in Elba, Corsica. He was defeated in 1815 at Waterloo, but remains one of the most celebrated and controversial political figures in history.

August 30, 1797 – Mary Shelley, renowned dramatist and novelist, was born in Somers Town, London. Shelley's most famous work is the gothic novel *Frankenstein*, which she began aged 18 and published anonymously aged 20. It's highly successful reception resulted in her name appearing on the second edition of the novel, published in 1823.

Deaths

August 9, 117 – Trajan, 13th Emperor of Rome, dies from a stroke aged 63 in Selinus, Turkey. Regarded as one of the most successful and loved Roman emperors, Trajan presided over the greatest military expansion in Roman history, leading the empire to attain its maximum territorial extent by the time of his death. He is also known for his philanthropic rule, overseeing extensive public building programs and implementing social welfare policies, which earned him his enduring reputation as the second of the Five Good Emperors.

August 13, 1910 – Florence Nightingale, an English nurse made famous by her pioneering of modern nursing under the persona "The Lady with the Lamp" during the Crimean War, died in Park Lane, London aged 90.

August 22, 1485 – Richard III becomes the last English king to die in battle, as he is killed at Bosworth Field, Leicestershire by Henry Tudor. Henry goes on to become King Henry VII, and is the founder of the Tudor dynasty.

August 29, 1533 – Atahualpa, last Inca King of Peru, murdered by Spanish conquerors led by Francisco Pizarro. Atahualpa was captured a few months before this, and noticing the Spanish lust for gold and silver, offered to fill a large room about 22 feet (6.7m) long and 17 feet (5.2m) wide up to a height of 8 feet (2.4m) once with gold and twice with silver within two months in return for his life. The Spanish agreed but after a few nervous months expecting Incan attack, Atahualpa was converted to Christianity and garrotted; signalling the beginning of the collapse of the Inca Empire.

Events

August 1, 1944 – Anne Frank penned her last entry into her diary: "I keep on trying to find a way of becoming what I would like to be, and what I could be, if...there weren't any other people living in the world". Three days later, Anne and her family were arrested and sent to Nazi concentration camps. Anne died at Bergen-Belsen concentration camp on March 15, 1945, at age 15.

August 21, 1911 – The Mona Lisa was stolen by a worker at the Louvre museum, Vincenzo Peruggia, and remained lost until he tried to sell it to a Florentine dealer, Alfred Geri, almost three years later. Vincenzo simply slipped out of a cupboard in the Louvre on the night of the crime and is alleged to have walked out the door with it! Thanks to the media attention the robbery received, *La Gioconda* became an overnight sensation and largely explains her fame today.

August 29, 1897 – Chop Suey is reportedly invented in New York by premier Li Hongzhang's chef on his visit to the US in order to accommodate for Chinese and American tastes. In truth, the origins of the dish are shrouded in mystery and legend, and is a prime example of culinary mythology.

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Parish Council Meeting

15th July 2015

THE meeting opened with questions from the floor.

- Two new houses being built on the flood plain on Milton Road. NDDC over-ruled the Parish Council's strong objections to building there. The Neighbourhood Plan, being a Statutory Document, will lend more force to local objections.
- Cost of the recent work in The Causeway – the Council doesn't have this information; individuals are entitled to make a Freedom of Information request.
- Dead tree overhanging Coffin Path. Individuals are struggling to contact the landowner. Mr. Hopper offered to help.

Apologies from Cllrs. Fox, Smith, and Cherry, also Cllrs. Somper and Parker.

Minutes of June Meeting approved.

Joint report from County and District Councillors taken as read.

Homewatch has been concentrating on outbuildings this Summer. Homewatch only has 15 members from Milborne. Please join! **Speedwatch** – no volunteers came forward, so don't complain about speeding!

Allotments – all growing well.

Healthwatch – a voluntary organisation which reviews NHS services, had a meeting in Poole, related to the forthcoming Clinical Commissioning decisions which may affect Poole, Bournemouth and Dorchester hospitals. Cllr Park will join this group and will ensure that when the review is released (currently scheduled for August), it is publicised throughout Milborne for the six week consultation. The Clerk has written to the CCG with villagers' concerns about the possibility of Dorchester's SCBU moving to another venue.

Neighbourhood Plan Group – are developing their questionnaire, and looking at housing issues. They have applied for a grant to pay for qualified analysis of the data and help with framing recommendations.

Cllr Balcon had attended the Winterborne Ward meeting which looked at matters including the impact of council cuts to mental health and other services. They had completed questionnaires, and contributed views. The Community Bus fund has not spent its budget! Interestingly, grass within the 30mph limit should be cut seven times per year. Cllr Balcon had pressed them on the standard of cutting and the leaving of grass.

Accounts for the first quarter were reviewed and accepted. The misprinted date in the Budget Report will be corrected.

The **Financial Risk Assessment** and **Internal Auditor's** reports were reviewed and accepted, with recommendations adopted already.

The **Statutory Documents – Risk Assessment, Code of Conduct, Equality & Diversity Policy** and **Asset Register** were all reviewed and accepted. Assets mentioned at last month's meeting have been added.

A volunteer has offered to refurbish the notice board outside the Village Hall.

The fingerpost at Highfield has been completed, and John Hopkins was thanked for his hard work.

Defibrillators – The nearest ones are at Briantspuddle and Milton Abbey School. Please let Cllr Robinson know whether you think the Village needs one.

Community First Responders – Cllr Robinson is following up enquiries regarding having these in the Village – please let her know if you are interested. It will also be included in the Neighbourhood Plan questionnaire.

Community Asset Register – Some villages are now setting these up, listing items such as their pub, shop etc. Being on this register would ensure that villagers were consulted in the event of their being sold. The Neighbourhood Plan will ask villagers which assets should appear on it.

Electoral Review of Dorset – Council has been asked to respond, although they felt that the decisions had been made already.

Please look at the Parish Council's website at www.milbornestandrew-pc.org.uk. Also try to watch 'Stop! Roadworks Ahead!' Broadcast 8.00pm 13th July on Channel 5 for six weeks and available on Demand 5.

Please contact Cllr Balcon if you are interested in discounted plants from Parkers Bulbs – an order from the whole village will attract a good bulk discount!

Susan Wilson

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SAMPLE MENU

Starters

Homemade soup of the day served with a crusty baguette (v)

New Forest wild mushrooms in a creamy blue cheese sauce served on toasted ciabatta with a rocket garnish (v)

Rosary goats cheese mousse served with heirloom tomatoes, mixed leaf salad and pea shoot oil (v)

Pan-fried king prawns and chorizo with a sun-dried tomato & rocket salad

Pork and apricot terrine served with crushed hazelnuts, spiced tomato chutney and toasted homemade bread

Mediterranean Mezze Board (to share)

Italian salami, Spanish chorizo, crusty ciabatta, home-marinated olives, sun-dried tomatoes, honey brie and manchego cheese served with extra virgin olive oil with balsamic vinegar

Mains

Pan-fried South West lamb rump cooked medium rare served with truffle-scented mashed potato, roasted tomato and New Forest asparagus

Pan-fried sea trout served with crushed new potatoes, baby spinach and a caper & parsley butter

'Puttanesca' black olive and tomato linguini served with parsley and garlic bread (v)

Honey roasted pork belly served with a fondant potato, sweet apple sauce, seasonal vegetables and red wine jus

New Forest asparagus and wild mushroom risotto, served with a parmesan crisp, rocket, truffle-oil and toasted ciabatta (v)

Jurassic Coast sirloin steak with twice-cooked hand-cut chips, roasted cherry tomatoes and oven-cooked flat-cap mushrooms

Brixham line-caught Doom Bar battered cod with 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

Coffee panna cotta served with Chantilly cream and a chocolate chip cookie

Creamy chocolate pot creme brulee

Baileys and salted caramel cheese cake on a shortbread base served with a berry compote

Assiette of Chocolate (to share)

Dark chocolate torte, white chocolate mousse and a chocolate parfait served with Madagascan vanilla ice cream

Lunchtime Menu

In *addition* to the sample menu above we offer a selection of salads, ciabattas and other lighter lunchtime dishes from Monday – Saturday and on a Sunday we always offer a traditional roast lunch

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Bell ringers progress

It is with some pride that I can report that the bell ringers are currently making good progress and are now in a position to ring with confidence, as was recently proved at the wedding on the 20th of June in the village. The band can ring up and ring down and do call changes satisfactorily and were able to do all of these at the wedding. The bride was somewhat late, so they carried on ringing for longer than normal. This then gave the waiting congregation something to take their mind off the delay. After the service the ringers carried on until the church was empty. This was all done in my absence as I was away for a month and left them under the wonderful guidance of Michelle Trevett, who has always been a reliable stalwart in supporting the band.

We are lucky to have attracted another new member to the group, Emma, who is advancing in the basic bell handling very quickly and will soon be able to ring in the band. Our next hurdle as a band is to start to learn simple methods, starting with plain hunt on three, four and then five bells. After that, it is to be hoped that we can progress to further more complicated ringing.

There has been a slight problem with broken staves this year, as since Bulbarrow Timber closed down in February, obtaining ash wood has been a challenge. We were able to get two pieces from the timber yard at Ashley barn, but when a third was broken the search had to go further afield. However, the good news is that some timber was made available at Hilfield through the West Dorset Ranger service and two other sources for the future were made known to us.

We are always keen to encourage new members to join us and I am reminded to pass on the information that we do get paid for weddings. All training and support is offered to anybody who would like to give bell ringing a try. Although the description of the ringing is somewhat technical, the band has a good camaraderie and Tuesday practice (at 7.30pm) is always good fun.

P. Howell Tower Captain

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Milborne St Andrew



Food & Wine Club

Food and Wine Society dine out at the Riverside Restaurant

THE evening of Saturday 11th July saw 26 members of the MSA Food and Wine Club served delicious fish dishes fresh from the seas around Bridport. The Riverside Restaurant did us proud. We were offered tempting canapés and glasses of fizz on the veranda overlooking the river and then sat down to a varied and mouthwatering selection of fish and shellfish . . . seafood salad piled high on the plate, beautifully grilled lemon sole fillets, scallops, John Dory. The choice of desserts was equally good . . . Eton mess, gooseberry fool, raspberry cheesecake . . . and a cup of Romberts coffee rounded off a first class menu.



The weather was kind and the pre-dinner drinks were served on the veranda and there was much talk of Broadchurch! The conversation flowed freely amongst the members and the evening was unanimously acclaimed a huge success. We can thoroughly recommend The Riverside Restaurant for its excellent food and service.

New members would be very welcome to join us even half way through the year. Come and meet us all and join in our summer barbecue on 15th August. Details from our chairman Julie Johannsen 01258 839004.

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Leading by Example, Janet Allen's Crusade



FROM discontent to more than satisfaction and a birth of renewed community spirit. Is this tale of one woman's crusade a lesson to us all?

Janet Allen lives in Bladen View. In the centre is a large circle of grass sporting one tree and one stump. Having been, in her own words, "disgusted" with the way the Local Authority grass cutting staff left the lawn she decided to take matters into her own and her daughter (Alison Riddle's) hands. On the first Monday afternoon of raking, they filled eight bags with loose material. On the second day, 25 bags were filled with the help of Margaret Hurley, the latter's granddaughter Betty aged six years and Mark Bennett (weed killing). Then mother and daughter cleared 25 bags plus four large bags of grass. On the third day Mark, Julie Hodgson, Les Senter and Rob Paulley helped fill two large 'dumpy' bags, all finding a good home with highly satisfied pigs at Dean Hamilton's Ashley Barn who rolled and munched happily on their gift. On the following Sunday, Janet mowed the green, filling two and a half bags in garden bins with the help of Lin Chatfield. Janet suffered blisters on her hands but it had become a community effort.

Still outstanding is the issue of stump removal and ongoing maintenance. The residents of Bladen View can be assured that Janet will pursue this aim with the same tenacity as she tackled the grass. To celebrate they set out table, chairs and an parasol to toast their efforts with wine, lemonade and shortbread and pledge to keep up the good work. The aim is to make this area usable for games and celebrations. I raise a glass to them all.

Carole Fornachon



Community Contacts

Please let the *Reporter* know if any of these details change

More information about many community organisations can be found on www.milbornestandrew.org.uk

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Moonlight Swing Band	Gillian Pink	01305 260731
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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

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Community Beat Officer	PC Dave Mullins	101
Safer Neighbourhood Team	PC Dave Mullins and PCSO Luke Goddard	101
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SCHOOL

Milborne First School		
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Chair Governors:	Kevin Connolly	
Friends of School Chair:	Becky Hunter	

SPECIAL INTEREST

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Secretary:	Sue Gould	01258 837575
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Milborne Players	Roy Sach	01258 837033
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Round Robin Ramblers	Ian Bromilow	01258 880044

SPORT

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August

- Wednesday 5th** **Wednesday Club** a visit from a representative of the Dorset Wildlife Trust Village Hall 2.00pm – see page 5.
- Thursday 6th** **White Horse Willow Lanterns** with Sarah Butterworth Village Hall 10.00am–3.00pm – see page 29.
- Tuesday 18th** **Rosie the Little Red Car** with Playsongs Plus, Village Hall, 10.00am–11.00am – see page 29.
100 Club draw The Royal Oak 8.00pm – see page 29 for latest winners.
- Wednesday 19th** **Parish Council** (Plans) Village Hall Committee Room 7.30pm. See July notes on page 13.
- Wednesday 26th** **Insect Hotels and Bugs** with Karen Hansen Village Hall 10.30am–4.00pm – see page 29.
- Saturday 29th** **Village Lunch** Village Hall 12.15pm. Everyone welcome. Tickets and information from 839090 or 837543 – see page 2 for menu.
- Monday 31st** **Athelhampton Fete** 12 noon–4.00pm – see page 23.

September

- Wednesday 2nd** **Wednesday Club** coach trip to Killerton House in Devon – see page 5.
- Tuesday 8th** **Bell Ringing** restarts after summer holiday 7.30pm – see page 15.
- Wednesday 9th** **Badminton restarts** Milborne First School 7.00pm telephone 837700 for more information.
- Thursday 10th** **WI** Clare Riglar will talk about Athelhampton House Village Hall 7.30pm – see page 2.
- Friday 11th** **Barn Dance** Village Hall playing field – see page opposite for detail of tickets.
- Monday 14th** **Reporter** latest date for the October 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 16th** **Parish Council** Village Hall Committee Room 7.30pm.
- Thursday 17th** **Gardening Club Abundant Autumn** interactive talk and demonstration on spectacular arrangements and displays for the home by Sally Burrage Village Hall 7.30pm – see page 35.
Allotment Society AGM Sports Pavilion 8.00pm.
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If you require more information, then please feel free to contact the editor, David Payne on 837700.

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)

August/September at the Sports Club

- Thursday 17th September Allotment Society AGM 8.00pm.**
- Every Saturdays football Milborne or Corfe Mullen 3.00pm.**
- Table Tennis** Monday 7.00–9.00pm. Information from Pauline Pitfield 01258 839123
- The Busy Bees** Under 5 Group from 9.30am to 11.30am on Thursday term time only. Contact Wendy Britton on 07867 720283.
- Milborne Mini Soccer**
Our training sessions will be altering slightly with all training sessions on a Wednesday night, and additional training for next year's under 11's on a Saturday morning. Matches will be played on Sunday morning and afternoons.
Under 11s Stuart Joyce 01258 456594.
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Worth and value

I wonder if we lined up every human being on a shop shelf with a price tag, how much it would cost to buy you.

Now that idea is absurd, of course, and would never happen. But, for as long as I can remember, that is what governments have been doing in their approach to this nation. It is important to say that I am not making a Party political judgment here. Whichever brand of politician has been in charge in the past 25-30 years, people have been classed and judged on their economic value.

To a certain extent, we can understand why this has happened. A large part of the role of government is to collect taxes and redistribute them for the good of all. Many decisions they have to make require balancing one economic need against another.

What we risk losing though is the sense that people are worth far more than what they contribute or take out of the public purse. My opening suggestion was absurd because we all know that people are of much greater worth and value than a monetary figure. The heart of being human has nothing to do with pounds and pence.

Jesus showed this in the choices he made. He spent time with the poor and needy, much to the disgust of the more powerful. He saw beyond the rags and vulnerability. He knew the infinite value of every human being.

When I talk to families before a funeral about the person who has died, they never mention how much money they earned, how many cars or houses they

possessed, because those things are really of no importance. What they talk about is the love they have been given, the skills and talents of the person, their uniqueness and generosity. And soon realise that words cannot suffice, because we cannot sum up all that a person is using words alone. To do so diminishes them because words are finite and our worth as people is infinite.

I hope and pray that one important thing Christians can do is to help people discover their infinite worth and value. Scientists are creating amazing robots who can do many of the things that we can do. But an automaton will never be able to love.

To love and to allow ourselves to be loved are two of the most important human qualities. It is therefore no surprise that in response to God's love, Jesus said the two most significant things we could do were to love God and to love our neighbours. To know how to do those two things requires us also to know how to receive love.

Let us keep these things in mind next time we hear or read about the migrant or asylum-seeker, the welfare claimant or the traveller. When we lump groups of people together as a block, it becomes all too easy to forget that they are individuals of value and worth, created by God, and loved by Jesus, whose example we are called to follow.

With best wishes

Sarah Hillman

SATURDAY 1st August

4.00pm Dedication after civil marriage Milborne

2nd August – Trinity 9

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

9th August – Trinity 10

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

16th August – Trinity 11

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

THURSDAY 20th August

12 noon Lunch-time Communion Puddletown

23rd August – Trinity 12

9.30am Worship Together Tolpuddle
9.30 Parish Communion Milborne
11.00 1662 Morning Prayer Puddletown
11.00 Family Communion+ Baptism Dewlish

SATURDAY 29th August

1.00pm Holy Matrimony Tolpuddle

30th August – Trinity 13

10.00 United Benefice Parsonage
Farm Service Farm, Dewlish

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

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

St. Andrew's Church News

Wedding Bells ring out from St. Andrews

OUR new team of bellringers, under the direction of Michelle Trevett, as Pip our Tower Captain was away, rang the bells for the marriage of Lizzy Harrall and Michael Gibson. The late arrival of the bride gave them extra time to ring before the service for the waiting congregation of about one hundred. Everyone also enjoyed the wonderful flower arrangements that decorated the church.

Open the Book moves from the Old to the New

Our group taking Bible Stories to the children at Milborne School have now performed sixteen stories from the Old Testament and started to tell stories from the New Testament. The first one was of Jesus being baptised with a great 'wall of water' made by Jim Burg to represent the river Jordan in which the immersions took place.



CHURCH SERVICES September 2015

6th September – Trinity 14

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

13th September – Trinity 15

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

THURSDAY 17th September

12 noon	Lunch-time Communion	Puddletown
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20th September – Trinity 16

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

Saturday 26th October

1.00pm	Holy Matrimony	Puddletown
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27th September – Trinity 17

9.30am	Coffee, Pastries + Worship Together (10am)	Tolpuddle
9.30	Parish Communion	Milborne
11.00	1662 Morning Prayer	Puddletown
11.00	Family Communion	Dewlish

Do you need a lift to church?



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Wildlife Trust impressed by our wild flowers

Some people complain that parts of our churchyard are overgrown with weeds, but at Dorset Wildlife Trust's visit in connection with the 'Living Churchyard' scheme they were impressed by the wide range of wild flowers that grow. We do need to keep them under control, however, and we will be trying to reduce the area of nettles that is now considerably larger than that required to support our butterflies. We now have a new guide to the wildlife in the churchyard, and a new bench for those who wish to sit and admire it. This replaces two benches given in memory of Mike Green that had become unsafe to sit on.



Falling numbers at Benefice Service

We are very disappointed at the number of people attending the benefice services held when there is a fifth Sunday in the month. We would like to hear of any ideas you have to make them more popular. The next benefice service is a **Farm Service on August 30th at Parsonage Farm, Dewlish**. Anyone needing a lift is urged to contact any of the benefice churchwardens who will be able to help. An open barn with a spectacular view is a wonderful place to gather for our service of Holy Communion.

Your support needed for Athelhampton Fete

Plans are well advanced for this annual event on **August 31st** which is a vital fundraising event for Milborne church. This year there will be a dog show as well as the usual duck race, pony rides, children's amusements, cakes and other stalls. The central costs of the benefice have to be funded by the four parishes of Milborne, Puddletown, Tolpuddle and Dewlish, so every pound received at the fete reduces the amount of cash that each church has to contribute; so your presence at the fete directly benefits St Andrew's church.

John Wright and Pam Shults

Dewlish Church Notes

SINCE our last report, we have held two outdoor services. Firstly, we have had the Pet Service outside in the churchyard. We welcomed a good congregation, with their seven dogs, two guinea pigs and a mother hen with several chicks. Each pet was introduced by name, breed and age. It was a most enjoyable service, led by Jim. As usual, the pets behaved wonderfully.

Our next outdoor service was held in the marquee after the Village Fun Evening – held in aid of the Village Hall – which, in itself, had been a very successful event, being much enjoyed by villagers and visitors. Jim led the Picnic Service, after which we enjoyed a lovely picnic provided by members of All Saints' congregation. Thank you to everyone who came and provided such good food and drink.

Now for August . . .

At the annual **Athelhampton Fete** on **Monday 31st August** (being held by kind invitation of Mr and Mrs Patrick Cooke), Dewlish Church will be running the jams, marmalade, pickles and produce stall. We would be most grateful for any donations. The money raised from the Fete, which runs from 12 noon – 4.00pm, will be used to offset some of our benefice running costs, so we do hope people will support us.

The day before (30th August) we are holding the **United Benefice Farm Service** at Mrs Sue Britton's Parsonage Farm, Dewlish, starting at 10.00am. Our collection will be donated to Farm Africa.

Daphne Burg

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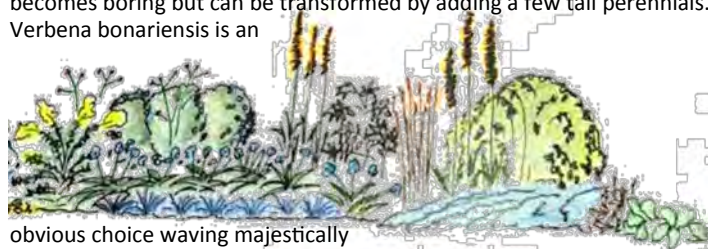


In your Garden

Seasonal notes and tips from Maureen Lock of *designerGardens*

Spotlight on Verbascum

IN your perfectly planned border you need some round shapes, some loose shapes and some tall vertical shapes to provide you with interest and texture in the planting. A border with only curves and mounds becomes boring but can be transformed by adding a few tall perennials. *Verbena bonariensis* is an



obvious choice waving majestically throughout the border, or you could use lupins which will create that little bit of vertical interest. Cut off the spent flowers and you will get another flush of smaller spikes later on.



A lesser known plant is the **Verbascum**. There are lots of very eye-catching verbascums – not just the yellow variety you see growing wild on waste land whose common name is great mullein. So, although they are short-lived perennials, they provide that bit of stately architectural form.

They range in height from 30cm to 2m or more and produce a mass of small flowers growing up the stem in

subtle and unusual colours. Often their small saucer shaped flowers are blotched at the centre with shades of raspberry or blackberry. They like a sunny, open



site and good drainage – even doing well on poorer soil. Great for gravel gardens. Their single flowers invite beneficial insects and bees in particular. And they are avoided by slugs and snails!



Smaller varieties such as *V. Clementine* which has warm orange brown flowers and only grows to 60cm is ideal for the front of the border. If you want something a little taller try *V. Merlin* (pinkish lavender) or *V. June Johnson* (copper orange) which only grows to 90cm so could be used as a mid border plant. One of the most popular Verbascums is *V. Helen Johnson* – a strawberry pink with coppery tones.

Verbascums look good when planted with poppies, old roses and the white ones look great in front of coloured hydrangeas.

They are not only an asset in the summer garden – they are valuable plants in the winter borders. When they die back, their seed heads and stems blacken creating a striking silhouette and the birds love the seeds.

The verbascum even has some folklore attached to it. In days of yore it was supposedly used by sorcerers. A potion made from the leaves is meant to turn your hair golden and it is said it can cure many ills from gout to ringworm!!

PRUNING YOUR ESPALIERS

Just to finish – you must prune your cherries and other stone fruits NOW (ie before the end of August) if you haven't already done it. This is to minimize the risk of fungal diseases such as the dreaded silverleaf.

It is best to prune espalier and fan fruit trees to bring them back into shape before winter. If you do it in winter they will produce a spurt of new growth which will be unproductive.



Allotment Society: It's official, we're full!

Allotment waiting list started

WE really didn't think we would ever be in this position when we looked at the large field, full of bramble, ivy, willow herb, couch grass . . . and rabbits! Please do pop up and have a look, we are very proud of ourselves.

It is the rabbit proofed area that is full, if we get a really long waiting list we will consider expanding that area, as it will cost lots to get more fencing.

What's bin 'appening?

Shelter

This year we were donated a sturdy shed for the allotment community, so sturdy that the roof took off in an early storm and landed neatly in the next field. And there was absolutely no damage to it! Four of our strong chaps



popped it back over the hedge and fence and it is now double fixed back in place. The same donor passed over a selection of old but usable tools, just right if you've forgotten something. Many thanks to Richard and Hazel for your generosity!

Potholes

A small allotment working party got together with the Sports Field groundsman, Malcolm, to fill in some of the larger road potholes and, along with a compactor (thanks Ian), and Malcolm's expert eye, it gradually became flatter. We had aches in areas we didn't know could ache, but it looks a lot better.

AGM notification

You are invited to the 4th AGM of the Milborne St. Andrew Allotment Society on Thursday 17th September at 8.00pm in the Sports Pavilion, Lane End. Full notification and the Agenda will be available to view on the fence at the allotment site. All Allotment holders will be notified individually. Only allotmentees can vote on any actions.

Sue Gould (Allotment Secretary).



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Machine Gunner on the Somme by Captain Eric L. Bird M.C.

SUBTITLED 'Reflections on the development and employment of the Machine Gun during the Great War', this slim paperback is a reissue, having been written by Captain Bird in the 1920s. As well as telling the story of his career 1915–1918 and the actions and inactions of his daily life, his purpose is to show how use of the machine gun developed during the Great War. Proceeds from the sale of the book support the Western Front Association.

From his vantage point in the 1920s he also explores his view that the men who had fought so hard for military victory then lost the peace due to the hatred, fears and greed of politicians. A view that will resonate in today's world, I'm sure.

Captain Bird was an early member of the Machine Gun Corps, using the Vickers machine gun. He talks about training, tactical use of the weapons, the way Senior Officers viewed machine guns and how that changed as battle-hardened men were promoted to the General Staff, and how eventually the machine gun became a vital element of infantry support.

Captain Bird proposes the view that all modern weapons, tanks, artillery, mortars, and aeroplanes exist only to support infantry. He admires the brave and well-trained infantryman, and resents their use as navvies, latrine cleaners and dogsbodies (and maybe in the modern world firefighters, flood clearers and Olympic Guards?).

He tells some amusing stories, one of which, a dig at GHQ's reluctance to supply battalions with tanks even after two years of tank warfare, describes an Australian Unit creating dummy tanks of wood and canvas, with a mule inside, from which enemy soldiers fled in terror.

Captain Bird describes in detail what it was like to fight on the Somme over the years, and the physical and emotional effect on himself, his men, and men he met during that time. I was particularly moved by his despondency in March 1918 when he found himself sitting in the same field from which his battles started on 1st July 1916. His words 'a grim vision of a never-ending war' sum up the way he and many others felt at having been driven back to square one. Most moving was his reaction on 11th November, when hearing that hostilities had ended. With a dawning sense of relief, he said to his colleague 'Do you realise that we shall probably live to be old men?'

This is a thoroughly interesting and informative book, and I have no hesitation in recommending it to any reader. *Susan Wilson*

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Artsreach are getting creative again this summer with three fun workshops at Milborne St Andrew

White Horse Willow Lanterns

with Sarah Butterworth

Milborne St. Andrew Village Hall

Thursday 6th August 10.00am–3.00pm

A familiar sight as you travel to Weymouth is the chalk figure of King George III (who frequently visited the area for a holiday) on his white horse at Osmington. Sarah Butterworth will help you design and create a beautiful horse head lantern using willow, glue and tissue paper, which you can then light up using fairy lights or a torch. If you would prefer you can make a willow hobby horse then see which horse wins the race with your friends!

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Tuesday 18th August 10.00am–11.00am

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Places £5.00 contact Alice and Roger Harrall: 01258 837371
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Insect Hotels and Bugs

with Karen Hansen

Milborne St. Andrew Village Hall

Wednesday 26th August 10.30am–4.00pm

Imagine for a moment, a world without insects... You probably can't, it's practically impossible! Insects are everywhere and by far the most common creatures on our planet. Spend the day hunting under logs, amongst the leaves and in the grass for creepy crawlies in their natural habitats, then recreate them using wood, wire, cloth and colour. Learn to use drawknives and shaving horses, drills, gauges and mallets to carve and construct beetles, ladybirds, stick insects, dragonflies and more or maybe even imaginary creatures. Finally create your very own bug hotel to take home and put in the garden.

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THE NEST by Maurice Willsher

At the age of eight, with two younger brothers,
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best.

In 1937 dad moved us into a village cottage,
With the enchanting country name of 'The Nest'

Now that sounds really idyllic, does it not,
Read on and you might change your mind.
Main bedroom of three was straight off the
stairs,
Total privacy for mum and dad – nothing of the
kind.

The thatched roof was worn away on one corner.
Sparrows used the rest to make holes for nests.
Had to lay their eggs somewhere I suppose,
But to us they were just feathered pests.

Never knew what horrors lay in the roof,
No access through ceilings to find out that.
Quite normal to hear mice on the bedroom lino,
But far sooner them than the repulsive rat.

Didn't get much trouble from them though,
Except gnawing a sack of spuds in the shed,
So dad would bait and set the occasional trap
And next morning discover the rodent quite dead.

The outside loo was another five star asset,
Not a flush toilet with water I hastily add,
But a wooden seat with a hole over a bucket,
A DIY job constructed by dear old dad.

So what next when the bucket was full then?
Another DIY job – do it yourself of course.
Step forward, you know who, to dig the hole,
Holding his nose with the constitution of a horse.

Our potatoes were grown in that area,
Producing some fantastic tasting crops,
Superior to the tasteless lumps of today,
That we're forced to buy in the shops.

Now this may probably shock you a bit,
When us lads needed a wee anytime,
We used a waste bucket in the scullery,
To save filling the loo bucket outside with urine.

My hobby was drawing the daily war cartoon,
On winter evenings when needing a good light,
No such luxury to just flick on a switch,
But sit next to the table oil lamp every night.

All in all 'twas a hard life, oo-ar, oo-ar,
Sharing bathwater in the 'high one end' tub,
Think I pulled rank being the oldest,
To get in first for our weekly all-over scrub.

Weekly rent for our, 'detached three bedroom palace',
Was eight shillings and sixpence of dad's hard earned pay,
But together with others living in similar conditions,
We were a lot more contented than people today.

Household water came from a communal pump,
Filling a gallon churn, I remember it still,
Always hoped I wasn't the one to find it empty again,
'Twas a game of bluff who did the refill!



Tried to help dad with his gardening one year,
When planting his spuds, carrot and onion seeds,
Didn't turn out the way we planned, when he said,
'See that patch over there, go pull up they weeds.'

During the war he built an air raid shelter,
To protect us from German planes above.
Six bombs landed on the village outskirts one night,
Sent by Hitler – a gift without love!

Kids of today don't know they're born,
They wouldn't believe we lived that way.
Our one time home is still standing,
But with electrics, tap water and flush toilet today.

So that was my early boyhood for ten years,
Not a lifestyle to equal the best,
But no-one can take away those memories I have,
Of those unforgettable four walls called, 'The Nest'.



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An afternoon with an English rarity

IT'S a baking hot day in late June and we're heading to a hillside in Somerset, about 35 miles north west of Milborne. Our mission is to seek out a rare species that is found in only a few locations in the UK, and can be seen in adult form for a brief six weeks. Our quarry is the Large Blue, England's rarest butterfly, which became extinct in 1979 but has been resurgent in recent years following a reintroduction programme.



Large Blue (photo Martin Warren)

It just so happens that accompanying us is an ecologist who has been involved in that project, Milborne's leading lepidopterist, Dr Caroline Bulman (aka the Mrs). She's hopeful we'll spot some Large Blues; indications earlier in the year suggested that the habitat at the site was optimal, with caterpillars seen in good numbers. This butterfly is quite a specialist, requiring a certain species of host plant for its young and, crucially, the existence of a particular species of ant. More of the significance of this second point later, but a landscape with Wild Thyme in abundance is a very good start.

After parking, we walk ten minutes or so and arrive at the National Trust land that we are hopeful will prove fruitful for us. It is a steep, south-west facing hill which looks out majestically over the Somerset Levels. Far below, the B3151 snakes its way around the hill and fields, cars and lorries glinting in the sunshine, silent and inconsequential. On the hillside are small groups of enthusiasts, some who have come from afar, just to spot this rarity of the butterfly world. Later, we talk with people who have travelled from Norfolk, Oxford and Derbyshire.

As luck would have it, Caroline recognises a colleague, David Simcox and his assistant Sarah Meredith, who have called into the site on their way back home from a week's worth of butterfly work. Mr Simcox is one of the scientists working closely with the Large Blue project, helping to ensure habitats are managed correctly, and is an expert on the species. Sarah points to a pure white speck on a newly opened flower bud of Wild Thyme – this is a recently laid egg of the Large Blue. Eggs are laid singly by this butterfly, it being thought that because, when hatched, the caterpillars have a tendency to being cannibalistic. But that quirk isn't the half of it.

The hillside is dotted with small mounds, which is a clue to the next part of the story. These humps are in fact ants' nests, but not the particular one that is of interest to the butterfly. It is a red ant – *Myrmica sabuleti*, to be exact – that is the Large Blue's unwitting collaborator. When the caterpillar emerges from the egg, it spends a few weeks munching on the thyme until it's ready for the next stage. The caterpillar will purposely fall from the plant to the ground, with the intention of

attracting the ant, doing so by secreting a liquid that is irresistible to the insect. When the caterpillar has sated the ant, its Machiavellian endeavour is almost complete; it tucks its legs under, inflates its abdomen and hey presto, the ant is fooled into thinking it is one of its own



Wild Thyme on an ants' nest

young, a grub that has somehow escaped from the nest.

With that, the caterpillar is 'returned' underground to the nest by the ant, convinced it is doing a good deed. In a chapter that is missing from Eric Karle's classic, this hungry caterpillar doesn't eat apples, strawberries or blueberries, but feeds on the fluid tissue of the grubs of his very accommodating hosts. After feeding on over a thousand grubs (now that's very, very hungry) during the next ten or so months, the caterpillar finally pupates deep in the nest in late spring, ready to emerge as a Large Blue adult a week or so later.

The day's strong sunshine provides good flying conditions for the Large Blue and we manage to spot one, two then more. The upper wings are a faded dark blue, like a washed-out denim jacket, with the edges giving way to a dark slate border with a final edging of contrasting white. The forewing has a succession of black ink spots – it all makes for a delicate, yet striking butterfly. Not that we get much of a chance to see them in any detail as the warmth of the sun makes them flit incessantly, seeking mates or suitable purple budding flower heads of Wild Thyme to lay eggs. Many females won't make it this far, being predated by birds or spiders, but those that do can lay up to 300 eggs, on the same number of flower heads. The adult butterfly will live for an average of only five days. It is quite an amazing life cycle and one that seems incongruous when trying to square the beauty of the Large Blue with the artifices of the larva underground.

On a beautiful summer's day, watching these socialites in their designer jean jackets, you'd never guess what duplicitous and murderous youth they had experienced.

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Did you identify this?

The photo in July's issue was taken at the junction of Church Hill and Chapel Street.

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Try your luck this month on page 30.



Call My Bluff in Milborne

THE evening of 16th July saw a good crowd of people in the Village Hall for a most enjoyable game of the old TV favourite, Call My Bluff. Though organised by the Gardening Club, it was far from being our usual talk or demonstration on gardening matters, being a charity evening in aid of Weldmar Hospice Care and advertised as a 'Bygone Quiz'

Larry and Sue Skeats, from Stalbridge, and their friend Eric, brought along a whole table full of unfamiliar and very curious looking objects, and all three in turn gave an explanation of what they were. Most were old trade tools, made of wood or metal, and had been once used in a tannery, rope works, Victorian gardens, the timber trade and even the army and navy. The explanations were humorous and imaginative and it often seemed that the most implausible one was the truth! Some of the weird and wonderful exhibits were a hide scraper, Victorian beetle trap, plumbers 'mate' (for blockages), scythe sharpener, rope splicer and ramshackles (yes, really!)

As can be seen there were some real puzzles, but our deliberations were helped along by tea, coffee and wine with nibbles, and a convivial evening was enjoyed by all. The gardening club was pleased to welcome some non members to join us.

Larry and Sue have been presenting this quiz for some time and so far have raised over £22,000 for this wonderful charity. They were very pleased with the cheque for £100 which we were able to donate as a result of the evening.

The club has a social evening coming up in August, but our next meeting, on **17th September** will be a talk and demonstration called **Abundant Autumn** on spectacular flower and plant displays. All are welcome to join us at 7.30pm for this event. *Sally Dyer*

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This Month in History: September

Births

September 5, 1946 – Freddie Mercury, lead singer of Queen was born in Tanzania. He also wrote some of Queen's biggest hits, including *Bohemian Rhapsody*, *Don't Stop Me Now*, *We Are the Champions*, and *Crazy Little Thing Called Love*.

September 7, 1533 – Elizabeth I, the "Virgin Queen" who defeated the Spanish Armada and the last of the Tudor Monarchs, was born in Greenwich to Henry VIII's second wife Anne Boleyn.

September 8, 1157 – Richard the I (Lionheart), Christian military commander and pious leader of the Third Crusade, was born in Beaumont Palace, Oxford.

September 26, 1888 – T.S. Eliot poet, playwright, and social critic, was born in St Louis, Missouri. His works include *Ash Wednesday* and *The Hollow Men*, and he influenced not Modernists and New Critics, but also authors such as Virginia Woolf, Seamus Heaney, and even James Joyce.

Deaths

September 1, 1159 – The only English Pope in history, Adrian IV (Nicholas Breakspear) died in Anagni, a small town southeast of Rome, aged 59.

September 5, 1997 – Mother Teresa, Nobel Peace Prize winner and missionary, died in Calcutta aged 87. She was widely admired by many for her charitable works, but also widely criticised, particularly for her efforts opposing contraception and for substandard conditions in the hospices for which she was responsible.

September 20, 1863 – Jakob Grimm, brother of Wilhelm and editor of *Grimm's Fairy Tales*, died in Berlin aged 78. The *Fairy Tales* included famous stories such as Rapunzel, Cinderella, and Rumpelstiltskin.

September 28, 479BC – Confucius, a Chinese teacher, editor, politician, and philosopher, died in the vassal state of Lu, aged 72. Confucius' philosophy is world renown, emphasising personal and governmental morality, correctness of social relationships, justice and sincerity.

Events

September 2, 1945 – Japan signed the surrender terms aboard the "U.S.S. Missouri," ending the war in the Pacific, as well as World War II. It is known as V-J Day, and is globally celebrated today.

September 11, 2001 – The 9/11 attacks were a series of four coordinated terrorist attacks by the Islamic terrorist group al-Qaeda on the US in New York, Virginia, and Pennsylvania. The attacks consisted of suicide attacks by plane hijackers, the biggest crashes being into the World Trade Centre (the twin towers), and The Pentagon. The attacks resulted in the deaths of almost 3,000 people and led to the beginning of the Global War on Terror.

September 15, 1940 – The day of the last large-scale German aerial assault on Britain. The dogfight became known as the "Battle of Britain" and is nominally seen as a British victory. The British success marked the first ever defeat of Hitler's forces as well as the immediate indefinite suspension of *Operation Sealion*. It's affect in raising British morale is immeasurable even today.

September 28, 1928 – Alexander Fleming discovers Penicillin. Famously by accident, Fleming had left out a petri dish of bacteria which later become contaminated with a fungus that destroyed adjacent colonies. After spending months calling it "mould juice" Fleming named the substance Penicillin, after the genus of the fungus, on March 7th 1929.

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