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Correction

WE would like to apologise to Maurice Willsher for an omission in his poem, 'The Nest' printed in the last *Reporter*. The thirteenth verse should read.

Household water came from a communal pump,
Filling a ten 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!

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Do-si-do for the Play Park

WHEN a village play park is in need of a make-over, what better way to raise some of the much needed funds than inviting the village to a barn dance. It's been a few years since such an event was held in the village and it proved to be a very welcome return.

At the end of my working week it was a delight to walk down to the village hall and see a beautifully decorated marquee soon to be filled with the unmistakeable music of The Black Sheep, who proved to be as fantastic as ever in getting our feet tapping. The organisers, who I must come back to later, had really pulled out all the stops to make the venue special. Not only was there plenty of seating inside the marquee, but hay bales were also cleverly crafted into sofas in more intimate covered areas outside. A well-stocked bar and the barbeque provided the refreshments, which were very much needed after some of the more lively dances. All marquees improve with the obligatory bunting, but these organisers didn't stop there and added



plenty of props to make for an authentic evening's entertainment. A big hit was the bespoke photo booth – people instantly smiling when donning a silly hat and climbing aboard a wooden horse.

Of course we were there to dance and dance we did. From the very young to the somewhat more advanced in years, there were right hand stars, stripping of willows and plenty of partner



swinging! Some didn't know their left from the right; some at times couldn't remember whether they were meant to be a man or a woman, but we were all dancing to the music, with plenty of laughter.

Such events don't happen overnight and it was obvious how much planning had gone into this successful September treat for the village. Since the barn dance was first mooted, Amy Tanswell,



Sandie Sach and Sarah Fox have been the driving force behind the evening and I hope they are feeling very proud of their achievements. On the evening they were well supported with volunteers and I have no doubt that many further hands helped

in the set up and tidy up as well. The organisers had covered many of the event costs with financial sponsorship from local Dorset companies, as well as donations from barrels of beer to hamburger buns, so increasing those much needed funds for the play park.

If you hadn't gathered by now I had a great evening – even a little late evening rain didn't dampen any spirits, so thank you to everyone involved. I know I'm not alone in hoping I'll get to try out those dosey does again next year.

Helen Pugh



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Gardening Club kurling event

THE **Gardening Club** is holding another **Kurling Evening** on **Friday 23rd October**, at the Village Hall.

Kurling is a competitive game consisting of sliding special stone weights along the floor to score in a bullseye at the end – a sort of cross between bowls and darts you might say, but not requiring the skills or knowledge of either. It needs no experience or strength and is great fun as has been found by all those who have tried it at one of our previous evenings. Everyone is welcome so do come along and have a go.

Tickets are £8 to include a hot supper and charitable donation to Brendoncare, a local charity which supports Friendship and Wellbeing Clubs for the elderly. There will be a bar, raffle and prizes.

Tickets from Mrs Ann Guy at 39 Hopsfield from 1st October.

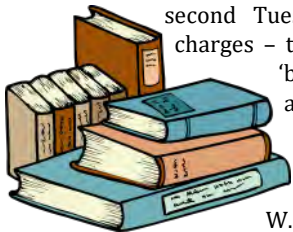
Milborne St. Andrew Bookends

On 11th August a birthday party was held to celebrate the ten year life of the book club, Milborne St. Andrew Bookends. Started as a Women's Institute activity by the then president, Sheila Bird, the club had 12 founder members of whom seven still regularly attend and we still congregate in the house of an original member on the second Tuesday of every month. There are no charges – the only expense the topping up of the 'biscuit fund' which supplies refreshment at the end of each meeting.

After a few years, we began to have requests to join from non W.I. members, which were happily agreed to by the W.I. and at present we have eight W.I. members and four non W.I. Our book choices are made by the whole group once a year and the books then supplied by the Dorset Library Service, which offers tremendous support county-wide to so many book clubs. It has been a challenging experience for us to read outside our usual comfort zone – those whose natural choice is historical, having to explore the likes of Anne Enright or Sebastian Faulks, those who love to curl up with a good thriller having to go to bed with *The Mayor of Casterbridge* or *Madame Bovary*. Everyone feeds back to the group her response to and judgement on the book read, guided by a feedback form which requires her to think about characterisation and style, plot and literary merit. Everyone's judgement is of equal value, whether she loved or hated the book in question – the only demand made is that the opinion is supported by reasoned criticism. It's not enough saying, 'I loved this book', without explaining why, similarly, 'I hated this, it's not my kind of thing', will be as keenly challenged. Members are very good at persevering with books, whatever they feel, not many being forced to give up!

In August we do not have a book to read but usually arrange a social event of some kind – a quiz or a tea party or a sharing of favourite books – twice we have raised money for breast cancer. We enjoy each other's company and respect each other's views. It has been a great joy for me to be part of such a lively and perceptive group engaged in such an enjoyable shared activity – so watch this space for news of the next 10 years!

Shirley Dunkley



Wednesday Social Club's outing

IT was a sunny day for our coach trip to Devon visiting Killerton House, once the home of Lydia and Thomas Acland M.P. for many years, now taken over by The National Trust. So many pictures to admire, books in the Library which we were encouraged to touch and read, an amazing fashion exhibition through the ages, clothes and accessories created by textile students at Exeter University.

Outside is the laundry reminding



some of us of a certain age of things we could recall, the boiler heated over a fire, Sunlight soap, the blue bag for whitening clothes, starched collars, the mangle. The estate is huge, plenty of walks and an amazingly large chapel in the grounds

with a beautiful stained glass window over the entrance. A lovely day out.

Our October meeting will include our A.G.M. and a travel talk by Percy Thorpe who was one time postman in Milborne. He will show pictures of his trips to Mount Everest and surrounding area. All over 50s are welcome to our meetings.

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Serenity and courage

One of my favourite prayers, usually attributed to the American theologian Reinhold Niebuhr (1892-1971), is the one that is often titled "The Serenity Prayer".

It goes like this:

God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change,
courage to change the things I can,
and the wisdom to know the difference.

There are many things in this life where we can contribute to transformation for the better: in our homes, schools, workplaces, communities, and even on a global level, if we all work together. And it is good and right to take courage to do this, so that injustices can be mended, evil overcome with good, and poverty – whether that be financial, emotional or spiritual – vanquished.

But there are some things that we cannot change. Growing older is one such. As many of my readers will know, it often brings with it various difficulties. Human beings are living longer, but research shows that although this means people are staying alive for a greater period of time, they are having to cope with more prolonged periods of ill-health, restricted mobility, pain, failing hearing and eyesight and so on. With these ailments often comes an understandable frustration and for some anger that they can no longer do the things that they used to.

Illness is another situation where often we have to learn to live with our conditions. Modern medicine is an amazing thing, but it cannot yet cure every disease and relieve every infirmity.

Bereavement too brings a situation we cannot change, since our loved ones cannot be resurrected this side of heaven.

Fighting against these things we cannot change seems to bring only unhappiness and misery. Far better to learn to live with them in a positive and constructive way.

Serenity is different from resignation. It is much more positive. It involves an active acceptance of the way things are, an openness to God and to others and a willingness to embrace every opportunity to make the most of the life one has.

Emily Ackerman is a former hospital doctor who had to learn many of these lessons when she was struck down by ME, while she was in her early twenties and with a young family. It left her bed bound and later restricted to a wheelchair. Her husband and mother had to look after the children, her career plans lay in pieces and her hopes and dreams for her life ahead were shattered.

She has recently written a book* about her experiences and what she has learned from them. She writes: "I cried out for God's power to relieve my suffering and allow me to fulfil my life's plans. What I got was God's power changing me slowly through my struggles . . . to fulfil his plan for my life."

Reaching a point of acceptance and serenity did not come easily to her, but with God's help, she did get there in the end. God has plans for all of us wherever we are in our lives; we can choose to fight them or to ask for his help in granting us "the serenity to accept the things I cannot change".

It's not always the seemingly easier path that brings the untold riches.

With best wishes

Sarah Hillman

*The Amazing Technicolour Pajama Therapy (Muddy Pearl, 2015)

SATURDAY 3rd October
12 noon Holy Matrimony Puddletown

4th October – Harvest Festival
9.30am Harvest Festival Communion Tolpuddle
9.30 Celebrate Harvest Milborne
11.00 Harvest Festival Communion Puddletown
6.00pm Harvest Festival Dewlish

11th October – Trinity 19
8.15am 1662 Said Communion Puddletown
9.30 United Methodist Service Tolpuddle
9.30 Parish Communion Milborne
11.00 Puddletown Praise Puddletown Church Room
11.00 Parish Communion Dewlish

THURSDAY 15th October
12 noon Lunch-time Communion Puddletown

18th October – St Luke
9.30am 1662 Morning Prayer Milborne
9.30 Family Communion Tolpuddle
11.00 Parish Communion Puddletown
11.00 Family Service Dewlish
6.00pm Service of wholeness and healing Puddletown

25th October – Bible Sunday
9.30am Coffee, Pastries Tolpuddle
+ Worship Together (10am)
9.30 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

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News from St. Andrew's church

Harvest Flower Festival at St Andrew's

OUR annual Harvest Flower Festival takes place on the **3rd and 4th October**. The flower arrangers will be showing displays on the theme 'We Give Thanks to . . .' for which the church will be open all day on Saturday and Sunday with tea and cakes being served each morning and afternoon.

Our harvest service will take place at **9.30am on Sunday 4th October**. Produce and tinned food will be most welcome either in church on Friday 2nd October or at the service on Sunday. We hope to give the Longmead Community in Milborne and the Dorchester and Blandford Food Banks good donations of food, or money donations if you prefer.

Our Churchyard Lives!

Our Living Churchyard was inspected during June by a Dorset Wildlife Trust officer who gave us a bronze certificate. He was able to make positive suggestions and praised our folder in church with information about the wildlife, plants and where to find them. We look forward to working through our management plan and hope that our visitors will enjoy exploring the churchyard.

Deadline for the November Reporter is 14th October

St Andrew's Supper at Royal Oak

Our annual supper will be at The Royal Oak on **31st October**. The theme this year will be about the countryside with a musical entertainment after supper. Tickets are £15 and available from Eva (01258 837468) or the churchwardens.

Confirmation Classes in Milborne

A series of confirmation classes will be held at a time and place suited to those who wish to take part. If anyone is interested in confirmation, please get in touch with Sarah Hillman. Confirmation is open to anyone who has been baptised in the Church of England, and who is now ready to make a public commitment of faith. It is also possible to be confirmed if you were baptised in another denomination recognised by the Church of England. If you have not been baptised and would like to be confirmed, it is possible for both to take place during the same service or for us to arrange a baptism locally before the confirmation service.

New Benefice Website Online

The benefice website has been relaunched and is now found at www.puddletownbenefice.org. Work on it is still in progress, but most information is now online. Don't forget there is also a benefice Facebook page.

Thanksgiving and Remembrance for those who have died

Our annual service for the benefice is at **3.00pm on Sunday 1st November** in Milborne St. Andrew church. Relatives of those who have had a funeral in church or through the church at the crematorium will receive invitations to this service. However, everybody is welcome. If there is someone in particular you would like named and remembered at the service, please let Sarah know. Tea and cakes will be served afterwards.

Athelhampton Fete goes with the Dogs

This year's benefice fete at Athelhampton was much enhanced by the inclusion of a dog show. Milborne ran the Grannie's Attic, Children's Pre-loved Toys, Lucky Dip and Pebble Painting stalls which all did well contributing just over £300 to the fete total of about £2900. This is an important fundraising event for all four parishes as it helps to pay for the costs of running the benefice.

Milborne Strides along the Piddle

Milborne joined walkers from Puddletown and Tolpuddle in a walk along the river Piddle from Puddletown to Athelhampton chapel and Tolpuddle church where 15 of us took refreshments before walking back to Puddletown for a 'Bring-and-Share' lunch. This was part of the 'Ride and Stride' fundraising activity organised by the Dorset Historic Churches Trust. All the participants were sponsored with the money shared between our churches and DHCT who gives grants towards the cost of maintaining old churches.

Annual Christmas Market

Our Annual Christmas Market will be in the village hall on **28th November**. Father Christmas will be there with lots of things for the children to do. As well as lovely home made refreshments and a tombola, there will be cakes, gifts, and Christmas decorations to buy. If anyone would like to help or set up their own stall please contact Eva (01258 837468).

Christmas Tree Festival

This year the Christmas Tree Festival will be at Milborne. It will be opened at the carol service on **19th December**. Final plans later.

We need your Support!!

Do come along to support St. Andrews Parish Church at all these events. If you would like to help you would be most welcome – we are not all church-goers! The church is a village asset and we need the village to help us keep it available in the village.

Pam Shults and John Wright

Dewlish Church Notes

And the piglets came too . . .!

CONSIDERING the days of rain we had in August, we were very concerned about the weather we would have for our two outdoor events. Thankfully, it was dry for both!

The Benefice Farm Service, held at Mrs Sue Britton's Parsonage Farm, was well attended, and it was lovely to see the sheep, chickens and mother pig and her piglets as well! After the service Sue spoiled us with coffee, tea and her delicious homemade biscuits. Thank you so much, Sue.

The next day was the Five Churches Fete at Athelhampton Manor. A big thank-you to Andrea and Patrick Cooke for once again allowing us to use their beautiful gardens. Despite the dull weather, a lot of people supported the event, and I believe over £3,000 has been made. This will be used to offset the running costs of the benefice.



Photograph by Emma Hughes

Dewlish members thank all the people who donated to their stall; we were pleased to raise over £200. We also thank all those who helped out on the day, and especially Marion and Jim who spent hours and hours organising the event.

Start of new Bible Study Group

Please do not forget the **Harvest Festival Thanksgiving Service** on Sunday 4th October at 6.00pm. We invite everyone to bring any gifts to the service. The following evening (Monday 5th October) we are holding our **Harvest Supper** and **Auction of Produce** in Dewlish Village Hall starting at 7.00pm. Please contact Mrs Margaret Groves (Tel: 01258-837617) for any information.

We are donating the proceeds from the auction to Water Aid and the Christian Blind Mission so we trust people will give generously.

We have also decided to hold a **Bible Study Group** each month. The first meeting will be on Thursday 22nd October at 7.30pm at Parsonage Farm, the home of Mrs Sue Britton. Please bring your own Bible. All are welcome.

Other Community News

Congratulations to **Dewlish Cricket Club** for beating St. George's in the final, thereby winning the Dorchester and District Evening League Cup for the first time, having been second so many times before. Well done, everyone!

Another great achievement was the amount raised when **Dewlish Ladies Group** held an afternoon tea party and super-draw in Nonie and Albert's garden. Over £600 was raised, out of which a large donation was made to the Alzheimer's Society.

Many thanks to everyone who contributed on the day, all who helped out and all who came. It was a wonderful afternoon and a fantastic result. So, thank you so much, Nonie and Albert, for allowing us to use your lovely garden.

Daphne Burg

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October

- Saturday 3rd** **Harvest Flower Festival** 'We Give Thanks to . . .' St. Andrews church – see page 6.
- Sunday 4th** **St. Andrew's Harvest** service 9.30am and harvest flower festival – see page 6.
- Wednesday 7th** **Wednesday Club** A.G.M. and a travel talk by Percy Thorpe Village Hall 2.00pm – see page 5.
- Thursday 8th** **WI** Gerry Spivey will talk about hanging baskets Village Hall 7.30 – see page 35.
- Friday 9th** **Kingsman: The Secret Service** (15) shown by 'Milborne Movies' Village Hall 7.30pm – see below and page 13.
- Wednesday 14th** **Milborne History Group** 7.30pm The Royal Oak – see page 27.
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 21st** **Parish Council** Village Hall Committee Room 7.30pm.
- Friday 23rd** **Gardening Club** Kurling Evening Village Hall – see page 5.
- Saturday 24th** **Shortt and Smart**, in partnership with Artsreach. Village Hall 7.30pm – see pages 15 and 23.
- Tuesday 27th** **100 Club** draw The Royal Oak 8.00pm – see page 27 for latest winners.
- Saturday 31st** **Village Lunch** Village Hall 12.15pm. Everyone welcome. Tickets and information from 839090 or 837543 – see page 2 for menu.

Regular Bookings at the Village Hall

- Ladybirds Playgroup** Monday–Friday 8.30am–1.00pm MH (term time only)
- Beavers** Monday 5.00–6.30pm MH (term time only)
- Scouts** Monday 6.00–8.00pm CR/MH
- Players** Monday 8.00–10.00pm MH
- ABC Line Dancers** Tuesday 7.30–10.00pm MH
- Cub Scouts** Tuesday 5.45–7.15pm MH (term time only)
- 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)
- Circuit training** Thursday 6.30–7.30pm (term time only)

October at the Sports Club

- Every Saturday 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.
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Lest We Forget

ON the morning of Sunday 16th August 2015, a very small yet industrious group of individuals gathered outside the monolith that is the Village Hall. The task was monumental, but the rewards were greater still. So they set to work: to clean the Village Hall and inject some order, life, and colour back into its walls and grounds.

The offensive upon the hall itself was spearheaded by one of the two organisers and commanders of the operation, Brigadier Amy Tanswell. Armed with a convoy of paint trays and rollers, she began to make short work of the outer walls with help from a small company of leading ladies. An assault from the front was brave, but resulted in a lot of time being spent as Brig. Amy and her company were held at bay by simply the amount of wall to cover. Lieutenant Jenny Balcon was always on hand trying to come to the aid of her companions, but was held down under the suppressing fire of a rather tricky plaque. After much effort and careful linework with a Sharpie, the plaque was brought under control and Jenny was on hand to help her industrious friends. But the damage had been done and the walls used up all the time available to our plucky Brits and so the Village Hall remains somewhat cleaner on the outside although the ultimate objective of a full make-over remains incomplete.

With this bittersweet realisation, over on the other side of the field of battle was Amy's fellow commander, Brigadier Sarah Ryan,



Organisers Sarah (left) and Amy (right).

and even nettles falling under the blade. Once again however, their great push proved to be in vain, and there is still work to be done.

There was however, success on this day. Captain Peter Constant and his wife Linda, having been supplied with their favourite gloves and hedge cutter through a re-supply mission led by Brig. Amy, were able to give the hedges around the Village Hall "what-for" and



cut those pesky branches back in line and to a suitable size and height. The hedges occupied the couple for the time they were there, and much tea and coffee was expended in all of the pursuits herein mentioned. The other success to be mentioned was that of Major Lis Watts who managed to clear and make safe once more the benches, fences, and other associated wood work and amusements dotted around outside the Village Hall. Her husband Lt-Gen Ian Watts was sadly out of action following duties elsewhere, but Maj. Lis managed all the same and her efforts are to be lauded along with all those who came to the Hall's aid in its time of greatest need.

It was bravery and altruism that led these unsung heroes onto the killing fields on the Village Hall, and along with their companions herein both named and unnamed, were able to make a start on what many thought never possible: a cleaned up and modern Village Hall to call our own. This brave effort was only the start however and the mission needs more volunteers (willing or unwilling) to come and join us in our efforts.

There will be refreshments provided and a celebratory bbq after, and any who feel strongly enough should get in touch with Amy or Sarah to sign themselves up and maybe next year our dreams can be realised. Until then we can only do what we can, for without any aid from the council we are left to fend for ourselves.

Assistance of any kind in the future would be greatly appreciated; the Village Hall is in many ways the beating heart of our village, and we need to keep it good order if we are to enjoy the many rich rewards it offers in the future. A big hand to all those who helped out, and we hope to see many of you there at the next assault!

This account was retrieved from the memoirs of Private Mark Ferguson, who was a witness at this great battle, but who retired from combat following injuries of a grievous but non-lethal nature. Thankfully no lives were lost on that fateful day, but much tea and coffee was spilled in the name of progress.

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FOODIE QUIZ . . .

From pretty easy to pretty cryptic!

This quiz was held at the recent Food and Wine Society Barbeque. It was fun but not many had the time to do it – they were so busy chatting and eating! The answers all have something to do with food or matters pertaining to food.

Think ingredients, veggies, fruit, cheese, meat, fish, recipes, desserts, sweets, booze, celebrities, anything vaguely connected to food and drink. May seem hard to begin with, but crossword *nuts* will be in there like a *shot* so let the little grey cells get working.

1. Alcoholic male bird
2. Shooting Belgian city
3. Crushed South American staple.....
4. Love apple.....
5. Royal cake.....
6. Bird in a carrier
7. Pasty drink
8. Far Eastern throw away.....
9. Honeymoon salad.....
10. Hot and cold
11. Thirteen
12. Wet train.....
13. Naughts and cross.....
14. Southern Muck
15. Bird food
16. Summer Spanish soup
17. Singer's special fruit dessert
18. Severed rentals
19. Splendid Victorian under garment.....
20. Lively dance
21. Fat tap.....
22. Talking rubbish.....
23. Ultra bad child
24. Ageing hair colour.....
25. Luggage shifter.....

Answers can be found on page 35. Look out for part two in a future edition of the *Reporter*.

Kingsman: The Secret Service (15)

shown by 'Milborne Movies'
at **Milborne St Andrew Village Hall** (DT11 0JX)
on **Friday 9th October 2015** at 7.30pm

THIS film is an original and brilliant take on the whole genre, and is based upon an acclaimed comic book. It tells the story of a suave, old-school British superspy Harry Hart (Colin Firth) and centres around an unrefined but promising street kid Eggsy (Taron Egerton) that Harry recruits into his agency's ultra-competitive training program. It turns out that Eggsy is the son of a fellow agent who died due to a mistake made by Hart. Now Hart hopes that taking the youngster under his wing will go some way to repaying the debt. Scripted by Vaughn's regular writing partner Jane Goldman, *Kingsman* is very much a modern-day tale – with the villains ranging from gangs of pub-dwelling thugs to Valentine (Samuel L Jackson), an American entrepreneur, who is a global threat and is cooking up a plot for world domination that involves controlling everyone via their mobile phones. Colin Firth is absolutely magnificent, he gives a great performance showcasing his charm, intellect and rare action hero chops that makes you wonder why he is not involved in more films of this genre and shows he would of been the perfect Bond if given the opportunity. Taron Egerton is a sensational new actor who has a great promising future. This is a ridiculously over the top and entertaining action-packed joy-ride with enough laughs and thrills to keep you going all the way through. Here is a world of carnage committed by gents in bespoke suits. Mr Bond and those men from U.N.C.L.E. had better watch their backs.

For further information see: <http://www.kingsmanmovie.com/>

The village hall and bar is open from 7.00pm and the film starts at 7.30pm. Tickets **£3.50** can be obtained on the door.

It's all Fun at The Royal Oak

SATURDAY 1st August began with a few clouds in the sky but thankfully cleared up in time for the Funday to begin at The Royal



Oak. The BBQ was buzzing, Bouncy Castle bouncy and then Mr Punch and Judy arrived to do a show for the kids. Then some balloon modelling to help them with their pirate adventures. The lovely Nina Garcia had us dancing in the garden and then in her break village resident Mark Elliott had a sponsored haircut and beard trim for The

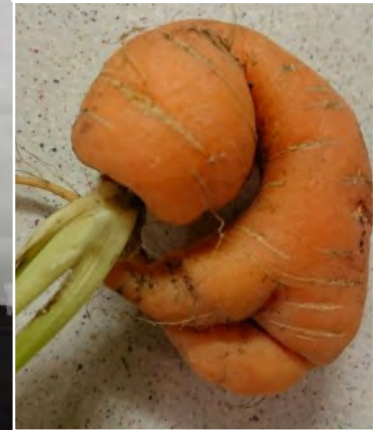
Somerset & Dorset Air Ambulance charity. Donna Read did the honours of trimming him up and Mark raised just over £300. The evening finished with lots of our lovely customers still dancing their way home and with the sound of fun and laughter in the air.



THE editor was busy with his camera at Dorchester Country Show at the beginning of September and came across these that he thought might be of interest.

The one bottom right was taken by Carole Fornachon and entitled my foetal carrot!

Have you any photos that you would like to see in the Reporter? We are desperate for someone to gather news and write articles either as one-offs or, better still, on a regular basis. Please think about it.





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Summer 2015 Weather in Milborne St. Andrew

IT was a disappointing summer which was cool, windy and increasingly wet as the summer progressed. June was a dry month with 36.5mm of rain which was 63% of average but it was a cool month with a temperature 0.57°C lower than average. There was 52.1mm of rain in July which was 119% of average and the temperature was one degree lower than average.

August saw rainfall of 137.8mm which was 198% of average and 107mm of that rain fell in the last two weeks of the month. The temperature in August was also a degree lower than average. There was a brief warm spell from 30th June to 3rd July when the temperature went up to 31°C on 1st July. The wettest day of the summer was on 24th July with 31.2mm of rain.

There have been complaints made to the Met Office for having forecast a warmer and drier summer than normal but they do not claim long term forecasting to be very reliable.

An interesting astronomical event happens on 28th September. A lunar Tetrad occurs which is the fourth 'Blood Moon' eclipse in succession without a partial eclipse in between. To early Christians this foretold of great disaster at best and the Apocalypse at worst. There are modern day prophets of doom that claim the world will end on that day. The *Reporter* will probably be delivered after that date so if you are reading this, the end of the world did not happen!

Pluvius.

Rough Traders target Dorset's elderly community

DORSET Police and Trading Standards Officers are warning householders in Dorset, particularly pensioners, to be extra vigilant after receiving increased calls from across the county relating to suspected rogue traders going door to door.

The offenders offer services including power washing driveways, cutting down trees, tending gardens and selling chainsaws and generators. They also carry out general building work for cash including tarmacking.

Householders need to be vigilant and not be forced or coerced into commissioning work, even if they are told it's urgent. The work is often costly and unnecessary.

Trading Standards also advise against giving personal details to cold callers on the telephone – a scam where fraudsters pretend to be from a reputable company and then defraud victims.

If someone calls you unexpectedly asking for your bank details say 'no thank you', put the phone down, dial 1471 and write down the number. Call the police immediately on 101.

If you have already bought services and goods at the door and you are not satisfied, call the Citizens Advice consumer helpline on 03454 040506. They will be able to give you advice and report the matter to Trading Standards on your behalf.

We ask friends, family members and neighbours to be mindful that these types of scam are happening and to look out for elderly or vulnerable people they know, especially if they are having work carried out at their property.

Why not get a 'We do not deal with uninvited doorstep traders' door sticker too? They are available from libraries across Dorset or by calling the Citizens Advice consumer helpline on 03454 040506.

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Artsreach Children's Workshops

WE had a creative summer again this year when Artsreach provided three fun workshops at Milborne St. Andrew Village Hall.

At the first workshop the participants made wonderful horse head shaped willow and paper lanterns to take home.

Then we had Rosie, the little red car, with plenty of singing, dancing, percussion and action. I'm not sure who enjoyed it most – the toddlers or the adults!

Last but not least we had a woodworking workshop where exciting and creative bugs, insects and insect hotels were made, plus a discussion about insects.

Every one of the workshops was a sell-out. We are now eagerly looking forward to next year.

Alice Harrall



Christmas is coming

Would anyone like to make a Christmas welcome wreath or perhaps a table centre? I will organise a class in early December if there are enough people interested.



Please contact me, Susie Edwards, on 837933 or susie@susie-edwards.co.uk, by 15th October.



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Christmas Day

Amuse bouche

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Starters

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Warm beetroot, goats cheese and walnut salad (v)

Oven-baked camembert served with roasted garlic
and toasted baguette (v)

Palate Cleanser

Cranberry, orange and thyme sorbet

Main Courses

Traditional roasted turkey served with pistachio
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vegetables and a red wine jus

Pan-fried pheasant breast and confit leg served
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and a red berry jus

Roasted Jurassic Coast striploin of beef served with
Yorkshire pudding, roasted root vegetables and
a red wine jus

Lemon and caper roasted Brixham sole, served with
saffron crushed baby potatoes and sautéed samphire

Butternut squash and chestnut risotto, sage crisps
and rocket (v)

Desserts

Traditional Christmas pudding served with a
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Whole roasted garlic with basil and pine nut
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Roasted parsnip and chestnut soup served
with croutons and crusty baguette (v)

Oven-baked camembert with a cranberry and
hazelnut crumb served with mixed leaves (v)

Main Courses

Traditional roasted turkey served with
pistachio and apricot stuffing, "pigs in
blankets", seasonal vegetables
and a red berry jus

Slow-roasted pork belly served with
homemade sweet apple sauce, seasonal
vegetables and a red wine jus

Pan-fried sea bass served with saffron
dauphinoise potatoes, pan-fried samphire and
a creamy fish veloute

Balsamic-glazed goats cheese and caramelized
onion wellington served with wilted spinach
and seasonal vegetables (v)

Desserts

Traditional Christmas pudding served with a
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Starter

Venison carpaccio served with orange flavoured horseradish, deep fried capers and roasted garlic
A glass of Torre Cerere Montepulciano d'Abruzzo, Italy**

Fish Course

Ravioli of lobster, langoustine and salmon with lemongrass and chervil veloute
A glass Baron de Bausnac Viognier, France**

Mango and Passion fruit foam

Main Course

"Trio of Game"

Slow-braised local pheasant breast, pan-fried quail and wood pigeon dumpling served with fondant potatoes roasted carrots and a red wine jus

A glass of Surani Costarossa, Primitivo di Manduria, Italy **

Dessert

"Assiette of Citrus"

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Start of another school year at Ladybirds

IT'S been a lovely start to the year so far. We had seven new children in the first week and send a warm welcome to them and their families.

The children that were with us last term were asked to decorate a shoebox and over the summer break put inside items of interest from their holidays. The photo shows some of the varied items we had. Most of us were expecting to see lots of sea shells but it seems the families have been out camping, visiting granny, going to the zoo and adventure parks not to mention fossil hunting and crabbing.



The boxes gave us ideas for activities. We have made 'fossils' with shells, plasticine and plaster of paris; gone sailing in a boat with a map; built dens; and made vehicles out of biscuits and icing. We also cooked apple muffins from apples donated from a person in the village.

The marquee for the barn dance provided much interest to several boys who watched from our little tent the very big tent going up. Then a few children went across to investigate and have a go on the stage and the mounted saddles.

The stage has been prepared for the players next performance, giving us a large stage with a home scene and a comfy sofa which we used at story time.

During the holidays our deputy leader left us so we are looking for a suitable, experienced, qualified person to replace her. If you know anyone who could fill the role please let us know. *Liz Dyer*



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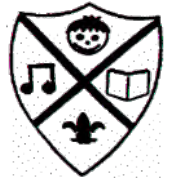
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Milborne St. Andrew First School



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School News

Welcome back to our new school year at Milborne St. Andrew First School. We are delighted to welcome our new reception children. All the children have settled quickly into the school routine with lots of enthusiasm.

The Before and After School Club was launched at the beginning of term and is being well attended by pupils. The club runs Monday to Friday during term time.



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A Good Read by Shirley Dunkley “Go Set A Watchman” by Harper Lee

JUST like everyone else who admired and loves *To Kill A Mockingbird*, I felt compelled to buy this book, despite an uneasy feeling that it might not be the author's considered wish that it should be published. It is a strange read. Written before *Mockingbird*, it is set twenty years after the events of that novel, yet involving the main characters. *Go Set A Watchman* concerns the beginnings of the Civil Rights movement as black Americans began to organise and push for reform at around the time of the decision of the Supreme Court that schools should be desegregated. The 26 year old Scout, now called by her proper name Jean Louise, returns to Maycombe for two weeks' holiday and to see her father, Atticus, now in his seventies and suffering from arthritis, but still her idol. The substance of the book is her discovery that Atticus, who she calls her 'conscience', supports the white supremacist organisation and regards blacks as children in need of guidance. She, long resident in New York is 'colour blind', in her words, feels her most important relationship is destroyed but eventually is helped to realise that growing up involves acceptance of parental frailty and that love can survive some powerful differences. Structurally the book is a bit of a mess – in the first chapters hardly anything happens as Lee establishes character at length, and then the climax is a chapter-long argument about racism between Jean Louise and Atticus. However, there are flashbacks to the younger Scout, both as a small child and an adolescent, which are vivid and convincing and explain why an early editor told her to go away and develop the child's view point episodes, with the result we know and love.

Out of interest, this is worth reading but it is important to try and separate it from the eventual masterpiece and see it as a juvenile work-in-progress with just enough clues to indicate the talent of the writer. Sadly, the essential themes are as relevant today as in the 1960s when it was written.

Shortt and Smart

in partnership with Artsreach on
Saturday 24th October 2015 at 7.30pm
in Milborne St. Andrew Village Hall (DT11 0JX)

KATE SHORTT and Shirley Smart are two of the UK's most innovative and creative cellists and they are joining forces with the Italian pianist/accordionist and composer Maurizio Minardi, to present an evening of comedy, improvisation and music from around the world.

Smart and Minardi's repertoires span music from North Africa, the Balkans and Eastern Europe, all re-imagined through jazz-inspired improvisation. Kate Shortt is a classical/jazz cellist/pianist singer-songwriter and former musician-comedienne of the year and will be bringing us her unique combination of cello and comedy.

Jazz cellist Shirley Smart and Italian accordion maestro Maurizio Minardi's repertoires span music from classical genre, jazz standards, tango and music from North Africa, the Balkans, and Eastern Europe, all re-imagined though jazz-inspired improvisation.

Their performance is like twisted dials of genre-sensitive minds, hopping from station to station like a pre-digital radio sliding in and out of wave bands. Linear time doesn't exist with Shortt; she occupies a zone of her own, a world where everything and everyone becomes either subject matter or an instrument to play with.

The village hall and bar is open from 7.00pm and the performance starts at 7.30 pm.

Tickets £8 adults, £6 under 18s, £24 family which can be obtained from Londis Village Shop in Milborne St. Andrew or from Alice and Roger Harrall by phoning 01258 839230.

This Month in History: October

Births

1st October 1910 – Bonnie Elizabeth Parker, an American outlaw who became cemented in pop culture legend (The Story of Bonnie and Clyde), was born in Rowena, Texas. Contrary to popular belief she was never a machine-gun wielding killer as depicted in film; ex-gang members never recall her firing a shot at police officers.

2nd October 1452 – England's last Plantagenet King Richard III is born in Fotheringhay. The final King of the House of York, Richard's defeat at the Battle of Bosworth in 1485 marks the end of the Middle Ages in England and is the final decisive battle of the War of the Roses.

15th October 1844 – The German philosopher Friedrich Nietzsche was born in Saxony, Prussia. Nietzsche began life as a classical philologist before turning to Philosophy in his early twenties, and went on to introduce many key philosophical concepts. These include perspectivism, the will to power, master-slave morality, and the death of God; a theory that leads to his formation of nihilism.

20th October 1632 – English architect Christopher Wren is born in Wiltshire. Responsible for the masterful rebuilding of St. Paul's Cathedral following the Great Fire of London, he also rebuilt a further 52 churches in London from 1653 to his death in 1723.

Deaths

6th October 1892 – Death of the English Poet Laureate Lord Alfred Tennyson, who immortalised 'The Six Hundred' in his poem, 'The Charge of the Light Brigade'. Tennyson is also famous for other such works as *Tears*, *Idle Tears* and *Crossing The Bar*: he remains one of Britain's best loved poets today.

8th October 1967 – Clement (Richard) Atlee dies. Prime Minister from 1945–51 he introduced radical reform of the social welfare system and introduced the NHS. He was also the first man to serve as Deputy PM, he was the deputy of Winston Churchill during the wartime government.

29th October 1618 – Sir Walter Raleigh, English courtier, explorer, and spy-master for the previous monarch Elizabeth I, is beheaded on the orders of King James I. He was executed because of his involvement in the Main Plot to replace James with his cousin Arabella as ruler of England and for violating the peace alliance with Spain.

Events

2nd October 1902 – Beatrix Potter's "The Tale of Peter Rabbit" is published by Frederick Warne & Co. in London. Potter had actually privately published and distributed 250 copies among friends in the style she wanted the book prior to this: one lucky recipient was her long-time friend Arthur Conan Doyle, who received a copy for his children.

18th October 1922 – The British Broadcasting Company (BBC), later called the British Broadcasting Corporation, is founded. Wishing to avoid competition, newspaper publishers persuaded the government to ban the BBC from broadcasting news before 6.00pm, and to force it to use wire service copy instead of reporting on its own: this did not change until after WWII.

31st October 1517 – Martin Luther nails his '95 Theses' to the church door at Wittenberg, Germany triggering the Protestant reformation. Luther challenged the Catholic church on many grounds, not least the idea that freedom from God's punishment of sin could be bought with money. His rejection to take down his theses by Pope Leo X led to his excommunication and outlaw by the Catholic church.

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In your Garden

Seasonal notes and tips from Maureen Lock of *designerGardens*

Autumn Leaves – Your garden in October

WITH the nights drawing in and the clocks going back, autumn is definitely upon us. Although the days are shorter, the colours in the garden are glorious and enhanced by the low sun in the sky.

Shrubs and trees planted for their autumn interest are now the showstoppers in the garden. The small tree *Cercis Canadensis* 'Forest Pansy' becomes the colour of flames in orange and reds, *Crataegus* (Hawthorn) berries turn bright crimson, and the Katsura tree *Cercidiphyllum japonicum* turns butter yellow with the added bonus of the leaves smelling of candy floss. All of these trees have something to

Many plants can now be divided and replanted. Geraniums, hostas, achillea, and alchemilla mollis can all be cut hard back, lifted and teased apart. Keep only the most healthy parts of the plant and put the rest on the compost heap unless you are giving them to your friends. Dahlias can be lifted when the foliage blackens, however many people leave them in the ground



interest you in all seasons and are well worth planting. Seedheads left on poppies, verbena bonariensis, alliums and many of the grasses provide some structure and texture in the winter border (as well as being food for the birds).

It's a good idea to start thinking about how you are going to light up your garden in the spring as now is the best time to plant spring flowering bulbs while the soil is still warm allowing the roots to get established before the weather closes in. Although having said that, you can still plant tulips as late as the end of November. As a general rule, bulbs should be planted two and a half times their own depth and look best when planted in large numbers of the same variety – think in multiples of ten for impact. Some bulbs such as Narcissus 'Paper White' and Hyacinth varieties can be planted for indoor displays and they are both very fragrant.

and cover them with a deep mulch. However, they will still need to be divided every few years to keep their vigour.

If you've got any green tomatoes in the greenhouse, you can ripen them by putting them in a paper bag with a banana. The banana releases a gas called ethylene which makes the tomatoes ripen.

There are several places to visit to admire the many colours of autumn – the lakeside gardens of Sherborne Castle, Kingston Lacy gardens, the formality of Mapperton Gardens –

a delight at any time and something I've just discovered – an Autumn

Fall Murder Mystery Trail at Minterne Gardens which sounds very interesting and leads you through all the autumn colours in the garden. Must give it a go – apparently it takes about two hours to complete.



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Pants on? Good. Now show them off!

WE all know there are some quite amusing and down-right ludicrous national celebration days in the US and the UK. However, 5th August provides in my opinion the most charming, amusing, and really quite positive one of them all: National Underwear Day!

Rather than a simple celebration of those "unmentionables" that we try so very hard to keep hidden, National Underwear Day is an effort to publicly shine some light – figuratively and literally – on all those garments we're constantly covering up. To date, hundreds and even thousands of people have come together across the US and UK to celebrate their blushing briefs in a bid to promote confidence and community. However rather than simply trying to kick the conservative taboo surrounding our undies, Freshpair – a privately held online retailer of men's underwear and women's intimate apparel headquartered in New York City, and the creators of National Underwear Day – attempted to break the Guinness World Record for largest number of people in their underwear gathered in one place. The gathering was masterminded by the CEO of Freshpair, Matthew Butlein, and took place in Times Square in 2013. Matthew however came up short with a crowd of 1,779 people – a far cry short of the current record of 2,270 people held by the Utah Undie Run.

Freshpair founded National Underwear Day on August 5th 2003, and they employed underwear models to advertise the event in heavily congested areas of New York; including Times Square, City Hall, and the New York Stock Exchange. Following a 2012 company rebrand, Freshpair promoted National Underwear Day by launching a pop-up shop near Columbus Circle and in the same year, Freshpair advertised the event in Trafalgar Square. Since then the event has not really taken hold in the UK, but there have been gatherings in Oxford and other university-based cities around the UK: god bless students!

So although you may not have whipped your kit off on 5th August and flashed your tightly whities to all your neighbours outside the Village Hall, I feel it is none the less important to look favourably on our giggling trans-Atlantic cousins. The event carries a very important message of acceptance and pride, with notions of equality and openness woven into the seams. So although your pants may not come off, spare a thought for those being a little risqué, it's a brave thing to do and carries a very positive message for many around the world. I guess some of these crazy National Days aren't so bad after all!

Mark Ferguson

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Dorset Wildlife Trust at the Wednesday Club

ON Wednesday 5th August Sam Hamer from The Dorset Wildlife Trust came to talk to us about the Trust's regeneration of the natural indigenous flora and fauna on Portland. Sam's enthusiasm for his work was inspiring to listen to and many members who have not visited Portland lately are now keen to go!

The habitat on Portland is of international importance including the unique variant form of the Silver-studded Blue butterfly that exists nowhere else in the world. There are 27 species of national scarce or vulnerable plants and an incredible 99 species of invertebrates and a vast number of lichens.

The indigenous plants were being driven out by intruders such as Cotoneaster and thus the survival of insects, animals and plants were threatened with extinction.

A huge grant was given by Virador which enabled the D.W.T and partners to embark on a rescue plan and all alien plants have been removed. We saw photographs showing the regrowth of the natural fauna. Now three years later after a great deal of painstaking work the land is back to its natural state and a new stage has been reached where maintenance and consolidation of all the work will continue.

Our thanks to Sam for taking the time to visit us and for taking us through the project with his photographs and enthusiastic commentary.

Lis Watts

Milborne St Andrew Village History Group

SINCE starting this group a few months ago, the meetings have been very well attended and we are now in a position to plan ahead. It was decided at the last meeting that we should have a monthly, regular, easily remembered evening, therefore, have decided on the second Wednesday in every month. Unfortunately a few people may not be able to join us but the consensus was to stick to one week night a month. We have also agreed that we should have a theme for each meeting and have come up with several suggestions which need to be followed up and arranged. As soon as we can we will advertise these.

The meetings are open to anyone, no membership is needed, just turn up. The next meeting will be on the 14th October at 7.30pm in The Royal Oak, when those who wish can 'bring and share' a personal item of historical interest (not necessarily about Milborne St. Andrew). Do come along with or without something to share.

Pam Shults

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Ann Mepham – Funeral Address by her son Rob

ANN was born and raised in Enfield, the elder daughter of Stu and Grace King and sister to Margaret. The advent of World War II saw Grace, Ann and Margaret moving away from London, living variously at Burnham in Buckinghamshire, Great Staughton near Huntingdon and Wolverhampton, where she was introduced to the delights of watching Wolverhampton Wanderers playing football.

Returning to Enfield, she finished her schooling at the Enfield County School for Girls, an institution which instilled into its pupils a sense of determination and independence. Indeed, Ann's good friend Shirley, herself a pupil there at a similar time, recalls that many a County School girl has been accused of trying to rule the world, as they were encouraged to do by their teachers. There was also fun to be had at school, including the amusement of being taught music by Miss F Sharp!

Following school, Ann studied zoology at Exeter University and subsequently took up a post at the Royal Veterinary College in London, before deciding that her metier was to be found in teaching.

She undertook her teacher training in domestic science at Gloucester, where in her spare time she also played cricket for the college and gained her colours. After qualifying, she commenced her career back at the Enfield County School.

Whilst teaching in Enfield, Ann lived with her parents at the Scouts' international training centre at Gilwell, where Stu worked. It was there that she met Ron, being firstly cajoled into providing the food for a function he was hosting. The catering arrangements passed inspection and the rest is history.

Their marriage was followed by a move to Llangollen, where we boys were born; a further move to Suffolk for a couple of years and then to Ramsey, near Huntingdon. There, Ann continued with her teaching career and a recurring theme in the comments from former pupils is that whilst she stood for no nonsense, she did inject a sense of fun to her classes. To quote one former pupil: *"I have fond memories of her, although she did frighten me a bit . . . I still use some of the tricks she taught me both on the cooking and sewing front."* That, to me, seems to sum up the qualities of a good teacher.

After their retirements, Ann and Ron moved to Milborne St. Andrew in 1992, updating the house and transforming the garden. As Ann pointed out only a few weeks ago, she has lived in Dorset for longer than she lived anywhere else in the country.

In her late 30's, Ann's mobility began to be affected by the spondylitis in her spine. Whilst this meant that she was less physically active than in her earlier life, the independence and determination instilled in her at school kept her active in other pursuits. Later in life, as the knees and hips joined the back in refusing to function properly, Ann's pragmatic attitude to life resulted in little adaptations to daily tasks being made so that her independence could be maintained until the end.

Being the mother of three boys and a teacher of domestic science, Ann had the good sense to make sure that from an early age we were able to look after ourselves – cooking, sewing and general life skills. She proudly claimed that we thrived on her neglect of us; leaving two young children home alone and returning to find one in hospital, leaving a baby in its travel cot at a railway station whilst driving away with the relatives she had collected are among the stories she fondly remembered. They were different times . . .

Throughout her adult life, Ann was a keen and active member of the Women's Institute, including being president in Ramsey and Milborne St. Andrew, as well as county chairman in Huntingdon and Peterborough. Ann also enjoyed attending many and varied courses at the WI's Denman College in Oxfordshire, learning new skills and developing those interests she already pursued.

Making music played a large part of her life. Together with Ron, she sang in the Hunts Philharmonic Choir and the Ramsey Choral Society and following their move to Dorset with the Briantspuddle Singers.

In addition to playing college cricket, Ann also enjoyed horse riding in her youth. Later in life, as her health precluded participation in sport she drew on her experience watching Wolves as a girl and enjoyed spectating, often as an accompaniment to her other activities.

In the days of black and white television, she would watch the snooker, having used her artistic eye to work out which shade of grey represented which colour. Reflecting her earlier sporting interests, the cricket, horse racing and three-day eventing were also keenly watched, as well as athletics and rugby.



Many of you here today will know Ann more for her creative and artistic skills. Art was in her genes. She enjoyed sketching and working in water colours, was always ready to try other media too. Many of her works adorn the house and we have this painting here today as a reminder of her considerable skill.

Clare, her art teacher at Blandford recalls: *"Ann was great with experimentation; she did some lovely abstract work as well as figurative . . . her use of watercolour was great – she really understood it."*

Much of her work also involved textiles – including dress-making, patchwork, embroidery, quilting, stump work, spinning and weaving, to name a few. Margaret remembers Ann saying *"if I don't wear a thimble for two or three days, I get withdrawal symptoms."*

New skills were learnt at Denman College, whilst completing City and Guilds qualifications and in more local, informal settings. Up until recently, she continued to enjoy her regular trips to meet the Hansons gang at Sturminster Newton, her art classes at Blandford, as well as working with friends at home.

Sue and Roz have made a start on sorting through the prodigious amount of beautiful pieces of work – many of which have been stored away, out of sight – and we hope to create a photographic record of the collection before it is dispersed amongst the family.

Together with Ron, the garden was an important part of Ann's life. Having transformed their garden at Milborne St. Andrew, they were pleased to participate in the open gardens scheme for a number of years. Although Ron undertook the majority of the physical work in the garden, Ann remained in charge.

In more recent years, Ann's enjoyment of the garden was more restricted to keeping an eye on it from her armchair in the kitchen and we thank Rob the gardener for continuing to keep it all in order.

Since Ron died last year, Ann adjusted to living alone and enjoyed all the more the company of her friends and family. She remained positive with regards to her increasing illnesses and considered these as another challenge to overcome. She was determined to carry on for a while longer and was disappointed to learn that this was not to be. We are grateful for the care Ann received at the County Hospital and that she was able to spend her last few days at the Joseph Weld Hospice in Dorchester, in comfort and at peace and with a view from her bed overlooking the gardens.

As we say farewell to Ann we are comforted by the many tributes that have been paid to her. Unsurprisingly, there are recurring phrases used, referring to her stoicism in facing up to the challenges of life; the good grace she displayed in doing so and the sense of fun that she had, too.

We have memories of a long and creative life, lived to the full through quiet determination. She will be so sorely missed.



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Village Hall Updates

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We are slowly raising money through our own fund raising events towards buying new play park equipment but we are still trying to get the majority of the funds through a big grant. Sadly we did apply to one provider, who after a lot of delay turned down our application. Nevertheless, we are not giving up and have started the application process again. Keep your fingers crossed that we will soon be successful as it's been so long without a full set of equipment. We are also considering looking at different providers to



see if we can buy a nice play park but at a more economical price. If anyone would like to help in this process, please get in touch. We will keep you informed of progress where possible.

Following our very successful barn dance there are a few events coming up which, hopefully, will bring more money in so do come and support these. We plan a car boot sale, a bingo evening and of course the films. These will be advertised in the *Reporter*.

Pam Shults

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Food and Wine Club's summer BBQ

THE kitchens of the committee members and some willing members were hives of activity just prior to the Food and Wine Club's BBQ as we prepared colourful salads and cream laden desserts in readiness. Gazebos, tables and chairs were gathered in, erected, and set out. Fairy lights in the trees and lanterns helped create a party atmosphere.

Sixty-five members, friends and relations got together on 12th August and strolled round Steve and Helen Lord's beautiful garden sipping Pimms and savouring the delicious aromas wafting through the smoke from the barbeques tended by our stalwart chefs!

Chicken, pork, sausages in variety, hamburgers and prawn kebabs catered for everyone's tastes, with succulent poached salmon nestling amongst superb salads for those non meat eaters amongst us. Other tables were laden with myriad of mouth watering desserts which were very quickly devoured!

We were wonderfully entertained by Nina Garcia during the evening with an eclectic mix of songs and music . . . such a talented musician. So enthused were some, that dancing and a little vocalising broke out as night descended. Boules, Jenga and Quoits were provided for those of an energetic persuasion and a 'foodie' quiz for the more sedentary amongst us.

We owe a huge thank you to Steve and Helen Lord for generously allowing us to use their garden as our venue, not to mention the transportation of tables, etc and delicious additions to our buffet fare. All in all, despite the evening being somewhat chilly, a good time was had by all and a scrumptious repast enjoyed in lovely surroundings.

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News from Trading Standards Spot Scams, Stop Scams

EACH year millions of people in the UK fall prey to scammers. Some frontline scam fighters estimate the cost to consumers of mass-marketed scams could be as much as £5 billion pounds. The truth is, with reporting levels as low as 5% for some types of scam, we don't really know.

So the figures don't always help. Talking in hundreds, thousands, millions or even billions of pounds undervalues the true cost of scams such as the blight they bring to lonely lives, the emotional trauma for families, the widespread loss of confidence among consumers.

Sometimes the impact is ruinous with a lifetime of careful planning and savings wiped clean in the space of a telephone conversation, at the stroke of a pen, in the click of a mouse. For other scams smaller losses can build considerably month by month over long periods of time.

Scams can come in all shapes and sizes and include fake lotteries and prize draws, fancy goods catalogues, vitamins and healthcare products, investments, romance agencies and clairvoyants to name but a few.

Dorset County Council Trading Standards' top tips for spotting a scam:

- The call, letter, email or text has arrived unexpectedly
- It can have a sense of authority such as crests, seals or come from important sounding people but you have never heard of them before
- You are asked to send money in advance
- You're being urged to respond quickly so you don't have time to think about it or talk to family or friends
- They are telling you to keep it a secret

To help identify scams check unexpected calls, letters and online contacts with a trusted friend, relative or neighbour.

If it looks like a scam then get advice and report it to the Citizens Advice consumer service on 03454 04 05 06 who can pass details on to trading standards.

Where we identify people who need our help Trading Standards offer practical advice and support to reduce this type of crime, increase consumer confidence and help to maintain independent living.

Circuit training

At Milborne first school,

Thursday evenings, 6.30-7.30pm

£5 per session, no need to book, just turn up,
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or e-mail graciebabie@tiscali.co.uk.
n.b no classes October 8th and 15th

Round Robin Ramblers

The local villages walking group

Walks are normally held on the first Sunday and the third Wednesday of each month. Please join us as we enjoy exercise, good company and the wonderful Dorset countryside. **Any questions, please feel free to contact: Ian Bromilow, 01258-880044.**

Sunday 4th October – 2.00pm

Kingston Lacy and Bradbury Rings

Bradbury Rings car park off B3082 Blandford Forum to Wimborne Road. Grid reference: ST 960032 on OS Explorer Sheet 118 (approx. 4.5 miles)

Wednesday 21st October – 11.00am

Dewlish and Milborne St Andrew

Meet outside the church in Dewlish

Grid reference: SY 775982 on OS Explorer Sheet 117 (approx. 6 miles)
Bring a packed lunch.

Sunday 1st November – 11.00am

Milton Abbas and surroundings

Meet outside St James church, Milton Abbas

Grid reference: ST 806018 on OS Explorer Sheet 117 (approx. 4.5 miles)

Please note:

Who All welcome including well-behaved dogs and their responsible owners. No pre-booking required just turn up.

Wear Suitable clothing for wet conditions and location, walking boots or Wellington boots.

Bring Waterproofs and refreshments (packed lunch on Wednesdays).

Pace We go at the pace of the slowest.

Terrain Expect mud, inclines and stiles.

Aim Keep fit, enjoy the Dorset countryside and each other's company.

Legal We look after one another but in the end you are responsible for yourself.



St Andrew's Church Harvest Flower Festival "We Give Thanks to...."

Saturday 3rd and Sunday 4th October

9.30am to 4.30pm

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BUS2GO – Enjoys a Truly British Summer

Bus2Go have had an amazing summer with no fewer than six outings in one month. This was a huge milestone for the project with a staggering number of 314 passengers travelling with us over the six week period. Outings came up that were not even advertised due to the short notice of the events. Two such invites were from Dolphin Boat at Poole www.thefriendsofdolphin.co.uk. We went out on the boat twice in one week, first was a cruise up the river to



Wareham. The skipper and crew met us at the quayside and welcomed us aboard for a 'cruise up the Amazon' via the River Frome. The skipper, crew and boat were dressed in tropical rainforest attire and the star of the outing was 'Eric' the toy orangutan. As we made our leisurely way up-river in the tropical rain lots of laughter could be heard from the boat as Eric appeared to take on a life of his own and kept jumping from one passenger's knee to another. At Wareham, we stopped for fish 'n chips, these had been ordered during the cruise and were kindly collected by the crew and brought back to the boat. The cruise was an amazing

experience and all our passengers enjoyed it immensely. We had three wheelchairs on board and the remainder of our passengers were carers or had limited mobility.

The second cruise was three days later and was an outing around Poole Harbour. It was a glorious sunny day and this time it was Bus2Go's turn to dress the boat. It was to be a honeymoon cruise as two of our passengers had just got married the day before. We decided to surprise the bride and groom and had helium balloons and wedding hats to wear as we all became part of the wedding party. For a brief moment our skipper and crew for the day were bemused by our hats but immediately joined in with the fun and celebrations. Four of our passengers were in wheelchairs and the remainder were carers or had limited mobility. Special thanks to Lakeside Fish 'n Chips, Poole for allowing us to decorate the table with confetti and streamers for the happy couple. We made a lot of new friends on both of these outings and grateful thanks to Dee Bonham Christie, RVS Befriender for Blandford, in being instrumental in not only arranging both of these outings but for the very generous donation from the Bonham Christie Family Charitable Trust. The donation was used for the hire of the buses and paid for lunch and tea on both outings. Bus2Go looks forward to partnering with Dee for lots more exciting outings in the future helping to reduce rural isolation.

Donkey Sanctuary – this was a very special outing as some of our passengers belong to a Knit 'n Natter Group. They had knitted donkeys for the Sanctuary to sell in their gift shop. The staff were very pleased to have the donation as their stock was depleted. This outing is going to be a permanent fixture of the Bus2Go schedule. Two of our passengers sponsor a donkey at the sanctuary and it was great for them to be able to say 'hello' to it. Next year we are going to take a sack of carrots as a food donation for the donkeys. Lunch and tea followed at Otter Nurseries, as ever, they gave us the five star treatment. We were allocated a Bus2Go point of sale, food was delivered to the table which was set up in a separate area of the restaurant to cater for 50 passengers. A great day out, enjoyed by everyone.

Buckham Fair – despite the mud and rain, we all had a fun time and Martin Clunes came especially to the tea tent to say 'hello' and have a chat with us. Needless to say, lots of photographs were taken as Martin was introduced to our volunteers and passengers.

Bookings for our autumn schedule are filling up fast and can be done on line at www.bus2godorset.org please see our advert for details or follow us on facebook and twitter @bus2gonow – Christmas shopping, West Quay – Southampton 7th November.

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News from Milton Abbas and Milborne St Andrew Surgery

Flu clinics

If you are aged over 65, pregnant, are a carer or suffer from an illness such as asthma, diabetes or coronary heart disease, you are strongly advised to have a flu vaccination – and a pneumococcal vaccine if you haven't had one of these before.

Following NHS England guidelines, flu vaccinations are offered only to those who are over 65 years of age, are pregnant, Carers or who suffer from chronic disease.

This year's clinic will be on

Saturday 3rd October 2015 at Winterborne Whitechurch Village Hall

The clinic will be from 8.30–12am. Using the letter of your surname to indicate the time you should attend worked very well in previous years and we will be using the same system this year. The surname system is only a guideline to avoid a long queue. We fully understand if you need to bring someone with a different surname, are bringing a group or have time limitations we are happy to 'bend the rules'!

However, if you are able we would appreciate it if you could come between the times listed for the first letter of your surname :-

A-B-C-D	9.00 – 9.30am
E-F-G-H	9.30 – 10.00am
I-J-K-L	10.00 – 10.30am
M-N-O-P	10.30 – 11.00am
Q-R-S-T	11.00 – 11.30am
U-V-W-X-Y-Z	11.30am – 12.00noon

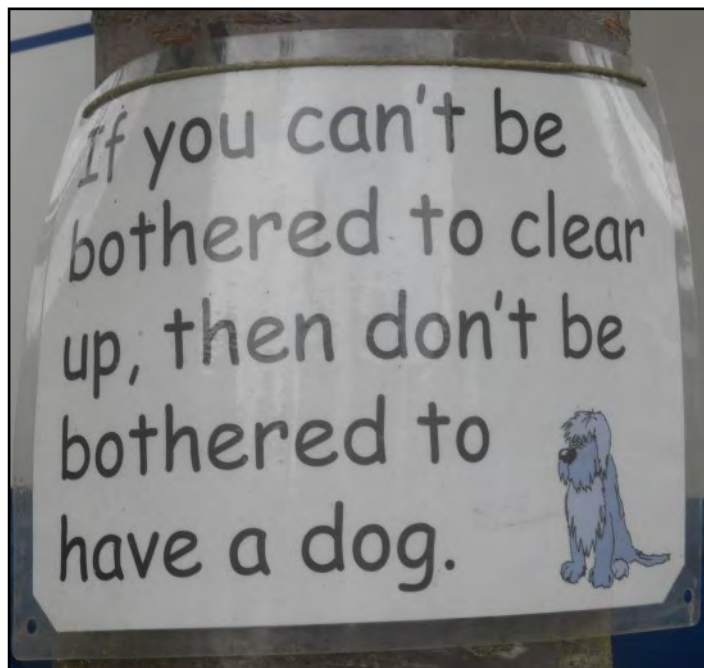
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Wednesday	8.15am – 6.00pm
Thursday	8.15am – 6.00pm
Friday	8.15am – 6.00pm
Saturday	8.30am – 10.30am

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

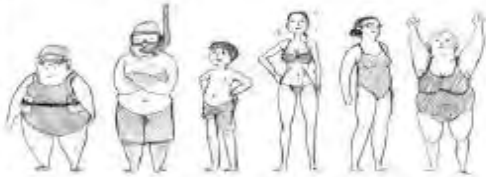
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Did you identify this?

The photograph in the last *Reporter* was taken outside of Coles Farm, Dewlish road.

Congratulations to Jill Storey who was the first, and only, person to send in the correct answer.

Try your luck this month on page 30.





LETTERS to the Reporter

Dear Editor

Please could you put a thankyou in the Reporter. I left my phone on the wall along from the shop. A kind person found it and handed it into the shop. I would like to say a very big thankyou to this person and to the shop staff.
Dave, Hopsfield

Congratulations to all involved in the organising of the Barn Dance on Friday 11th September.

What a tremendous effort to produce such a super venue. We as a family enjoyed it very much. So many thanks to you all.

And all best wishes to the fantastic "Black Sheep". Sally and Monty Warren, and the "Leggies".

Ghosts of a Christmas past revisited maybe

Once upon a time on a day around Christmas time, the Post Office would be packed to the gunnels with people spilling out onto the A354. The length that some would go to have a free mince pie (or two) and a swig of sherry, me included. I even brought my mum down from Winchester and she was absolutely gob-smacked and soon got her elbows to work to get to the front of the queue, as people of a certain age appear to do.

The Post Office was the hub of the village and so it should be again but it will require people to use it. Of late with the rapidly diminishing shelves it looks as if it is suffering a death by a 1000 cuts, surely that cannot be true. I reckon that Philip has a dastardly plan whereby the Post Office is to get a huge makeover of stock and to once again become the hub of the village.

It is open six days a week so it is an ideal place where people can and should meet up and chat maybe even put the world to rights or find out where you can go for help and even, dare I say it, spend some money!

A poorly kept secret is that Philip still often dispenses a cup of coffee or tea to those that care (and a sweetie to the Postie) and I really do hope that more do care because he and the Post Office are an institution that would be sorely missed. I would hate to read in a future issue of the Reporter that the Post Office went under in a sea of apathy.

Richard Lock



The editor reserves the right to edit or condense contributions.

When writing, please include your full name and address, even if you are asking us not to print the full address.

We welcome contributions by email, but email contributors must also include their postal address.

Athelhampton, a family haunt at the September WI

WE observed a minute's silence for our dear friend, Ann Mephram, who, sadly, passed away recently. A staunch member of Milborne WI, we will remember Ann fondly as a very talented lady. Always one of the first to offer her skills, she provided countless craft items over the years, as well as supervising many needlework and cookery sessions. We shall miss her.

Thanks to all those who contributed books for our stall at the Milton Abbas Street Fair, and especially to Josie who collected them all. We raised £182 for our funds.

Hard to believe that it is now 10 years since Sheila Bird founded our book club. Members of Bookends celebrated the occasion in some style with a tea party hosted by Shirley Dunkley. As always, delicious food and drinks helped to make the occasion memorable. Our latest read is *A Change in Altitude* by Anita Shreve.

Clare Riglar, House Warden at Athelhampton House, was our speaker this month. Built in 1485, this attractive Manor House is a family home to Patrick and Andrea Cooke, as well as a popular tourist destination. Both the house and gardens attract thousands of visitors each year, and annual events include the five Churches Fete, plant sale and flower festival, MG Owner Day and Classic Car Auctions. Incidentally, Milborne WI has chosen Athelhampton as the venue for its own 70th birthday celebration, and we look forward to reporting back next month!

Housing its own Media Suite, Athelhampton has been the venue for films – Julian Fellowes' *From Time to Time*, *Sleuth*, starring Laurence Olivier and Michael Caine, and even a 1975 episode of *Dr Who*. The delightful gardens include 56 giant yew topiaries, standing over 30ft high, which Patrick Cooke clips himself, and a 16th century dovecote with 40 landing stages. The kitchen gardens have recently undergone a wholesale restoration and will open to the public in stages.



Despite its reputation as 'one of the most haunted houses in the country', Clare describes Athelhampton as a joy to visit and finished her talk with aerial pictures of the house and garden.

Gerry Spivey will talk about hanging baskets at our next meeting on Thursday 8th October. Please do come along and join us.

Pat Bull

FOODIE QUIZ Answers Part 1

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| 1. Coq au vin | 13. Oxo |
| 2. Brussel sprout | 14. Mississippi Mud Pie |
| 3. Mashed Potato | 15. Seed cake |
| 4. Tomato | 16. Gazpacho |
| 5. Victoria sponge | 17. Peach melba |
| 6. Chicken in a basket | 18. Cutlets |
| 7. Pale ale | 19. Knickerbocker glory |
| 8. Singapore Sling | 20. Salsa |
| 9. Lettuce alone! | 21. Butter pat |
| 10. Chilli | 22. Tripe |
| 11. Baker's dozen | 23. Bratwurst |
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