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Known offender burgles Sports Club

CHAIR and bookings secretary of the Milborne St. Andrew Sports Club, John Sanderson, expressed frustration at the delay in repairing damage done to the Club during an unsuccessful burglary on 13th February this year. The perpetrator, John Bright, 37 years, known to Mr Sanderson since 1988 during his years as a serving police officer and dog handler, received a 32 month prison sentence. He was one of a gang of four who had conducted a spate of burglaries including W&S Recycling, Poole and a home in Wimborne. From the latter they stole guns and ammunition. Peter Turner, 31 years, Peter and John Bright together received a total of six years. Amy Watson, 33 years, who acted as driver and handler of stolen goods, received a one-year community order with a rehabilitation activity. Mr Sanderson commented that despite a window being smashed and evidence of a thorough search "there wasn't a lot to take" as all valuables are locked in a secure room and no money is kept on the premises. Unbelievably, due to a certain degree of incompetence and misunderstanding, the window was not replaced until 5th November. Earlier in the day he had spotted a white Ford Transit van parked outside the gate but thought it was a dog walker. A phone call from Malcolm Aplin, groundsman, later informed him that Bournemouth CID, who had been following the gang using a helicopter, were at the Club. The Brights had entered via veranda windows on the far side using a breeze block to break the round, toughened glass window. Fingerprints were found and all three arrested. CID Officers told Malcolm Aplin that the gang's activities had been filmed. They all admitted a 'string' of other burglaries.

Mr Sanderson recalled another burglary of £12,000 worth of timber whilst the Club was being built in 2001/2002 when a four-wheeled vehicle had driven up onto what is now the football pitch from the lane. Insurance covered the cost on that occasion but completion of the building was considerably delayed. Four years ago, however, the Club suffered a great deal of criminal damage. A sad reflection on an excellent facility originally built with £285,000 donated from the FA.

Mr Sanderson expresses the view that the Club is the most underused property in the village and he believes that only a few residents have ever seen inside it. Over the years he has overseen alterations and enlargements. Calling this incident simply 'an annoying blip' Mr Sanderson continues his chairmanship with the same energy and zeal which he has invested in the Club since its beginnings.

Carole Fornachon

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Wednesday Social Club getting busy for Christmas

IT was a sign that Christmas is just round the corner when our members spent the afternoon preparing Christmas decorations.



Eve Richardson showed us how to create a hanging arrangement using white wire coat-hangers and cut up plastic bags. (It's much prettier than it sounds!) Sheila Burton encouraged us to create our



own Christmas cards (Sheila sends home made greetings cards to all our members through the year) and Val Andrews created a table centre tree made from a glossy magazine, each page folded twice

and spray painted, and decorated with small baubles.

To crown it all, we enjoyed warm mince pies and marzipan stollen with our tea.

We travel to Dorchester for our December meal and another meal is set for January. Christmas greetings to all in the village and best wishes for the year ahead.

Margaret Evans

Tolpuddle Wind Farm Latest

READERS may be interested to learn that the planning application for five wind turbines, located between Milborne and Tolpuddle has been withdrawn by the the developer. West Dorset Wind Energy Ltd withdrew their application for five 115m high turbines on 23rd October.

This withdrawal does not preclude any further applications by West Dorset Wind Energy or any other developer in the future. But for now, those individuals and organisations particularly TAINT and CPRE, who opposed the development can take a break.

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Food and Wine knocks 'em down

AS summer drew to a close and we had an extra hour in bed to look forward to, 27 members of the Food and Wine Club threw themselves into an energetic night out in the local! We took over the skittle alley and stoked up with very tasty steaming dishes of seasonal beef casserole (and a delicious vegetarian option) with colourful vegetables provided by The Royal Oak – thank you very much to the chef – we bowled!



C'mon Julie and George – Set 'em up

Of course we imbibed the odd glass or three and, as the evening progressed and the folk attending lost their 'lives', and took another draught, the hilarity increased, the decibel level of the cheering heightened and the physicality of participants developed a touch of the legendary West Indian fast bowlers!! The last 'lives' were lost to

enthusiastic chanting whilst those already eliminated toiled away setting up the fallen pins.

Tension mounted as the final rounds began and Linda O'Dwyer triumphed with deadly accuracy taking out the last pin. Her efforts were rewarded with a bottle of fizz, presented by our chairman Julie Johannsen, accompanied by extra loud applause and cheers. An all round very jolly evening was had by all.



*Left: Dennis just getting his eye in!
Below: The champion! Linda O'Dwyer and chairman Julie Johannsen*



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A Good Read by Shirley Dunkley The Casual Vacancy by J.K.Rowling

THIS book was originally credited to one Robert Galbraith, a pseudonym adopted by the author of the immensely popular Harry Potter stories to try to avoid false assumptions and publicity circuses on its publication. This proved a vain hope! It is a truly serious and adult novel, a dissection of many lives and relationships affected by the death of Barry Fairbrother and the consequent gap he leaves on the Pagford Parish Council. The machinations surrounding the election of a new councillor form one part of the plot, and the time span follows the process of filling this 'casual vacancy', but that is only a fraction of the narrative which covers a range of parent/child, husband/wife, friend and foe relationships which are touched by Barry's death.

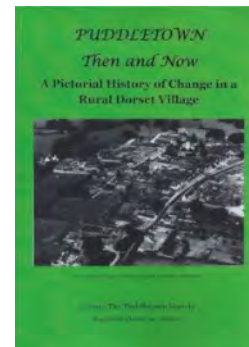
It is not a novel for readers who like their heroes and villains clearly distinguished – we meet a plethora of fallible human beings from the impoverished and criminal Wheedons to the self-important and manipulative Mollisons – he the chairman of the Parish Council, she is 'lady wife'.

Rowling creates vivid and recognisable people – indeed so good is her characterisation that the plot is sometimes held up by description in detail of someone who has no meaningful role to play. The plot moves slowly at the beginning but gathers power as it moves towards an unexpectedly tragic climax. As is to be expected from the writer of Harry Potter, Rowling is brilliant at describing adolescents taking them seriously, "respecting their dignity, sensitive to their pain". She delineates small-town life with crispness and insight, though seems to find little to enjoy in it. At times the reader longs for a character who is inarguably 'good', but her interest is in the fallibility of human nature, so any triumph of goodness is a cause for celebration.

Slow to start, but powerful in its final effect, this is a book for those who cherish complexity. I suspect that lovers of Dickens would hopefully find it their kind of book.

The Puddletown Society History Booklet

THE Puddletown Society has recently produced a history booklet titled 'Puddletown, Then and Now'. The project was based on a collection of old photographs of the village, which have been contrasted with the equivalent views taken today, showing how the village has changed over the years. Subjects covered include the Blue Vinney – and two other pubs that are sadly long closed the Antique Map and Book Shop, the Church, The Square, schools, the Old Manor and lots more. Different contributors have added text describing how the views have changed, along with many fascinating facts and amusing anecdotes.



The booklet is full colour printed on 68 pages and bound with a sturdy gloss cover, in handy A5 pocket size it is ideal to read while you look at the views around the village.

On sale at cost price, only £5 per copy, from the Puddletown Londis Store or from The Society Chairman, Kevin Bumby, The Tudor House, 14 Mill Street, Puddletown.

Settle down comfortably for an entertaining read about village life, or take it with you for an interesting walk around Puddletown. This booklet would make an ideal Christmas present for friends or relations.

An opportunity to meet the new Surgery Business Manager

PATIENT VOICE, the patient reference group for Milton Abbas and Milborne St. Andrew Surgery, will be holding its next group meeting at 12.00 noon on Wednesday 16th December in the Milton Abbas Reading Room. This will be immediately followed by a buffet at The Hambro courtesy of the surgery.

The meeting and buffet will be attended by Gillian Brindle who is the new business manager shared between our surgery and Cerne Abbas so this is an opportunity to say hello to her.

All patients of the surgery are welcome to attend group Patient Voice meetings where we discuss items of interest mainly involving the surgery and its patients but we also cover the NHS in a more general sense.

Please feel free to come along and see what we do. Anyone interested in hearing more about Patient Voice please contact me on 01258 881709 or email nigel2749@tiscali.co.uk.

Nigel Hodder Secretary, Patient Voice

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Baby Noah inspires Hollie's great run

HOLLIE JEANS recently ran the Great South Run, raising £1,000 for the hospital unit that cared for her seriously ill baby nephew from



Blandford. Even more impressive is that Hollie, who lives on Chapel Street, completed the ten mile event in Portsmouth after having battled with a chronic illness for over ten years. The race was at the end of October and attracts athletes from across the world, running a route that takes in HMS *Victory* and the historic dockyard. She tells us more . . .

"I ran the Great South Run in aid of the charity 'Friends of PICU' - the Paediatric Intensive Care Unit at Southampton General Hospital. What inspired me to take part was that this time last year my baby nephew, Noah, was critically ill after contracting a new strain of E.coli, 055.

He was admitted to PICU, where he remained fighting for his life for almost two months, enduring many complications. Without the incredible staff and facilities on PICU he would not be with us today. Taking part in the Great South Run was a small way I could raise awareness and funds for this fantastic unit so that they can keep doing this good work for other poorly children.

The run was a huge challenge for me personally, having battled with a chronic illness for over ten years, but it went well and I really enjoyed it. The sun was shining and the support was enthusiastic all around the course. The high fives from the children and the samba reggae drummers kept me going! It was a wonderful experience running alongside thousands of others each taking part for their chosen cause.

Friends of PICU are also asking for small quilts to keep the children on the ward warm, as well as adding a bit of colour - so I have also made a patchwork quilt which I will be donating soon.

I'd like to say a huge thank you to everyone who has sponsored me. It means a lot knowing the donations will help maintain the exceptional care for other babies, children and families that find themselves in PICU."

Well done, Hollie! Her fundraising page is still open if you would like to donate to PICU. Find it at www.justgiving.com/holliejeans/

Ed Richards

'Learning the Ropes'

How hard can ringing a church bell be? Pull rope downwards, listen out for chime from somewhere up above in bell tower, release rope, repeat. However I can't stop being very wary of the rope, as it hurtles upwards, then jerking it back down abruptly, all the while remembering the Monk Mars advert and being hoisted into the air!!

Honestly? If anyone had said to me two years ago I would learn to bell ring I would have said they were having a laugh! Even my Christian mother thought a miracle had happened! Her daughter was actually going to go to church?! It is probably worth mentioning at this point that you do not have to 'believe' to become a bell ringer or campanologist as it is known in the trade - meaning the art or skill of ringing bells musically. Belief in yourself is probably advantageous though, as I found out!

So on one dark Tuesday evening I took myself off to St. Andrew's Church, much to my husband's amusement and met Pip who introduced himself as the Tower Captain in whom I took some sort of weird super hero comfort and immediately felt like I was in safe hands. As it turns out he also has the patience of a saint so clearly is a superhero!

Having been handed a method booklet with a collection of indecipherable diagrams with names such as Plain Bob Minor or Grandsire Doubles - I begun to question what I was actually doing!

So, bell handling and control was the first thing that was explained and demonstrated - to control the rope and the bell, so you can get the bell to go just up to the balance, or, to be on the safe side, just over it but without hitting the stay and bouncing off or, God forbid, even breaking! Easy-peasy - the latter has occurred three times to date!

And I am glad to say that afterwards there were no 'MMA' dramas (Monk Mars ad) and actually, after a few minutes into my first session, I begun to get quite a satisfying feel for the hefty weight at the other end of the rope (the bell, not me!) and to understand what motivates 40,000 people in Britain to ring church bells.

Now 18 months on I have mastered rounds and call changes, contributed to ringing at two weddings and a harvest festival and continue to enjoy the weekly camaraderie. I've also talked about it so much that one of my sisters has also taken it up!

Obviously I still have a lot to learn but I read somewhere that once gained, bell ringing is a skill for life you'll never forget and can open up a lifetime of experiences and enjoyment, which I believe is true and the sense of achievement with something so different feels really quite rewarding.

Unfortunately campanology isn't exactly thriving, so if I can get just one extra person to come along and give it a try after reading this then it's been worthwhile. Hopefully you will be pleasantly surprised?!

Interested? Give Pip the Tower Captain a bell!!! His number is in the *Reporter*.

"Look two, treble's going, she's gone"

Louise Richardson



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At the end of October we attended the Annual Volunteer Awards in Dorchester. This enabled Bus2Go to recognise and give a huge 'thank you' to our volunteers for the dedication that they give to our passengers and the project.

In November, we attended the Garrison Remembrance Service at



Bovington. One of our passengers, "a Battle of Britain Veteran", laid a wreath on behalf of the (W)RVS. He was assisted by his RVS Befriender and fellow RAF Veteran.

We look forward

to four more outings between now and Christmas, these include our Christmas party at Bashley in the New Forest and the Panto at Weymouth. The Panto this year is Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs. We are working in partnership with Spectrum Housing and have five buses booked to take us to Weymouth. On behalf of our passengers and volunteers we wish you all a happy and peaceful Christmas and look forward to welcoming you on board in 2016.
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Sunday 6th December – 1.30 pm (note earlier time)

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Sunday 3rd January – 1.30 pm (note earlier time)

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LETTERS to the Reporter

Dear Editor

I was sorry to see that one of the biggest helpers of this Village during the floods in recent years was omitted from the list of 'Thank You's' published in last month's Flood Warden's Report. Philip Smith our Postmaster, worked extremely hard to arrange the pump, organise and fill sandbags, and be very helpful to those who were flooded and those whose mail could not be delivered. I'd like to give him credit where it is due. THANK YOU PHILIP.

With best regards,
Susan Wilson

Please note that the deadline for the January 2016 Reporter will be 10th December. Get your copy in early to avoid disappointment.

Milborne St Andrew's Church

Christmas Tree Festival

The festival will be opened at the Christmas Carol Service on the 19th December starting at 6.00pm. There will be mulled wine and mince pies after the service.

Trees decorated by groups and organisations in the village as well as the other benefice churches will be on view until the 27th December.



Come and visit the church, enjoy the creations and have some refreshments. Opening times 10.00am–4.00pm
Sunday 12 noon – 4.00pm



Christmas letters

Dear Father Christmas,
I want an X-Box with lots of games, an iPad, a puppy, a new bicycle, a camera, loads of Star Wars stuff, and millions of sweets,
love Jimmy

Dear Aunt Ethel,
Thank you for the socks you sent for Christmas. They are a very interesting colour. I'm not sure when I will wear them, but they will certainly get noticed when I do,
from Tom

Dear children,
I really can't face another Christmas like last year. I had to do all the cooking and cleaning and clearing up, and not one of you offered any help. You fought and quarrelled. I liked your presents, but this year the best gift you could bring me is some unselfish behaviour,
Mum

Dear God,
For Christmas I would like to be able to live where there is enough food and water, where I can go to school every

day, and not worry about bombs or guns or mines underfoot. I would like to have a home that doesn't flood when it rains. And most of all I want my Daddy back – he died when we tried to cross the sea to make a new life. Please answer my prayer, love Grace

My dear precious children,
My Christmas wish is that you would learn how much I love you. Please do not leave my Son out of your Christmas celebrations. I sent him to bring peace and forgiveness to the world. He is my gift to you. I ask nothing in return; all I long for is that you receive what I offer and share my love with others. I am with you and I will never leave or forsake you, especially in times when life feels dark. Just reach for my hand and I will be there,
your loving God

I wish you a peaceful Advent and a Happy Christmas
With best wishes,

Sarah Hillman

CHURCH SERVICES December 2015

6th December – Advent 2

9.30am	Celebrate	Milborne
9.30	Special Posada Service	Tolpuddle
11.00	Parish Communion	Puddletown Church Room
11.00	1662 Morning Prayer	Dewlish

THURSDAY 10th December

12 noon	Lunch-time Communion	Puddletown Church Room
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13th December – Advent 3

8.15am	1662 Said Communion	Puddletown Church Room
9.30	Parish Communion	Milborne
11.00	Puddletown Praise	Puddletown Church Room
11.00	Parish Communion	Dewlish
3.30pm	Christingle	Milborne
5.00	United Carol Service	Tolpuddle

Saturday 19th December

6.00pm	Carol Service plus Launch of Christmas Tree Festival	Milborne
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20th December – Advent 4

9.30am	Family Communion	Tolpuddle
9.30	1662 Morning Prayer (said)	Milborne
3.00pm	Carol Service	Dewlish
6.00	Carol Service	Puddletown

CHRISTMAS EVE

3.30pm	Crib Service	Tolpuddle
5.00	Crib Service	Puddletown
11.30	Midnight Mass	Milborne
11.30	Midnight Mass	Puddletown

CHRISTMAS DAY

9.30am	Christmas Holy Communion	Tolpuddle
9.30	Christmas Holy Communion	Dewlish
10.15	Christmas Celebration	Milborne
11.15	Christmas Praise	Puddletown

27th December – John, Apostle and Evangelist

10.00am	United Benefice Holy Communion plus Holy Baptism	Puddletown
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MORNING PRAYERS (Monday – Thursday 8.15am Saturday 8.45am)

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

News from St Andrew's church

Annual Christmas Market

If you are reading this before our fund raising event in Milborne village hall on **November 28th between 12.00 and 2.00pm** don't forget to come along to meet Father Christmas, enjoy the refreshments and visit all the stalls for Christmas bargains!

Confirmation Classes

If you are still considering joining a confirmation class, probably in Milborne or Puddletown after Christmas, it is not too late to get in touch with Sarah Hillman on 01305 848784 – but don't wait any longer! The course is for anyone who has been baptised in the Church of England and is ready to take the next step, or anyone who is interested in joining us for a 'refresher course'.

Services of Thanksgiving and Remembrance

Our annual service to remember relatives and friends who have died was well attended and appreciated by all, and most stayed on to enjoy tea, cake and a chat afterwards. There was also a good turnout for our annual Remembrance Sunday service at which we welcomed a large group of



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Scouts with their flags. After lighting candles for each of the 21 villagers who died in the two World Wars we went down to the Memorial Stone with other villagers to observe the two-minute silence at 11.00am with the Royal British Legion.

Hedgerow Supper at The Royal Oak

We held our annual supper at the end of October with an excellent menu of mushroom soup, rabbit pie, and apple crumble which was enjoyed by 36 diners. We then sang folk songs led by Roger and Alice Harrall and heard poems read by Rose.



Then the raffle was drawn and winners of the pumpkin weight and seed count competitions announced. Many thanks to all the staff at The Royal Oak and Eva and her events team who organised the evening which made just under £200 for church funds.

Christmas is Coming!

We will be holding our **Christingle** service on **Sunday 13th December** at 3.30pm. Old and young are welcome to join us for this celebration which is held in aid of the Children's Society.

We are looking forward to the opening of this year's benefice **Christmas Tree Festival in Milborne** at the **Carol Service on Saturday 19th December at 6.00pm**. A good number of groups are planning to decorate trees on the theme 'We are looking forward to ...' so we hope to see a good crowd joining in the singing of carols and listening to the Christmas story. If anyone would like to join a small choir to sing one or two carols please contact one of the churchwardens.

Christmas Day starts early with a **Midnight Mass at 11.30pm** on **Christmas Eve**, followed by a **Christmas Celebration Family Service at 10.15am on Christmas Day**. All are welcome to join our celebration of Jesus' birth.

St Andrew's Church needs your Support!!

The church needs the support of the whole village if it is to survive. First we need the financial support of all our 'members'; that is those who attend services regularly or sign up to be on the church 'electoral role' (this is a church list, not the government's 'list of electors'). Without this support we cannot pay the cost of having weekly services in church. Unfortunately we now need more financial contributions from our members as our costs are now

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considerably greater than members' existing contributions.

However, **we also need financial support from the whole village to maintain our old building** which many see as part of the village's heritage and expect it to be available for Harvest and Christmas celebrations as well as their weddings and funerals. We have just heard that we need some expensive repairs to the roof (probably tens of thousands of pounds) and although we can get grants to cover some of it we still need village support to cover the rest. We all need to act now if we are to keep our church which has served the local community for nearly a thousand years.

Pam Shults and John Wright

Dewlish Church Notes

HOW WONDERFUL it was to see so many people at our Patronal Festival Songs of Praise! Jim had asked a few of our congregation to select their favourite hymns, and we all enjoyed singing them. The church looked beautiful once again with the lovely arrangements of white flowers. Thank you to everyone for helping to make this service so special.

Our **Bible Study Group** started in October with six people attending and we were delighted to be joined by our friends in Milborne. Our next meeting will be on Thursday 3rd December at 7.30pm, again at Parsonage Farm, the home of Mrs Sue Britton.

The **Christmas Bazaar** is on Saturday 5th December (starting at 2.30pm) in the Village Hall. Stalls will include new and Christmas gifts, toys, cakes and produce, bric-a-brac, Christmas decorations, a raffle, and teas and mince pies. Any donations will be most welcome, and we do so hope to see you there.

We shall be **Carol Singing** round the village on Thursday 17th December, collecting for Shelter, the charity for the homeless. Hopefully we shall be a good-sized group. We will be meeting at the crossroads at 6.30pm. Please bring a torch or lantern.

The **Carol Service** is on Sunday 20th December at 3.00pm in the church. We are hopeful that as many village children as possible will take part. If Jim should miss anyone, please contact us on 01258 837466. Refreshments will be served afterwards in the Village Hall.

Our **Christmas Day Holy Communion** service will be at 9.30am.

A very happy Christmas and a bright New Year from all your friends in Dewlish!

Daphne Burg

Foodie Quiz . . . part 3

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 working

51. Quite Contrary small fruit
52. A town in Derbyshire
53. Imperial beer measure for fun
54. Pretty edging
55. Cooking with Lady Windermere
56. Lonely Presbyterian priest
57. Coo coo coo cuk, coo coo coo cuk, off the chest
58. Kind of horse bread
59. A haystack of beer
60. Seasonal dessert
61. Affectionate insect on a cake
62. Slow running tap
63. Unruly magic dragon
64. Long tumble in Italy
65. Catholic father
66. Ancient way of putting words together
67. Walking on two sticks
68. Dark Grievance
69. A right old mess
70. Sorry about *this one!* Think *Lonnie Donegan* – Plenty of space

Answers can be found on page 31.

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Crafts for Christmas . . . at the November WI

THE Dorset Federation of Women's Institutes Annual meeting held at the Lighthouse, Poole, was attended by June Maitland, who reported back in detail on what had clearly been a very full and interesting day. She said she had very much enjoyed being our delegate.

Other monthly events included the final skittles match. Despite losing, Lesley said that all the matches had been great fun and much enjoyed by all. She thanked all those stalwarts who had turned up in often inclement weather, some at the last minute, to take part. Shirley reported that Bookends members had finished JK Rowling's 'A Casual Vacancy', a somewhat serious, downbeat and complicated novel, which, consequently, had not been much enjoyed. We are moving on to Margaret Atwood's 'Alias Grace'.

Coming up: The Woodbury Hill WI Group Carol Service on Wednesday 9th December is to be hosted by us at St. Andrew's Church at 7.00pm. Refreshments to be served after the service. For the church Christmas Tree Festival, the WI tree is to carry the theme of 'Looking forward to the Olympics' and Shirley will arrange a workshop morning during December to co-ordinate the decoration of the tree. Our Christmas lunch has been arranged for Friday 8th January at The Royal Oak, and menus have been distributed.

Annette Williams travelled from Verwood in driving rain to join us, bringing along a vast array of Christmas and celebration crafts. Everything was handmade and showed her knitting, sewing and crocheting talents to advantage. There were ideas for stocking fillers, decorations and wall hangings, and it was clear Annette never threw anything away, working on the principle that it might be transformed into a useful item! An amazingly quick and easy demonstration of how to make ribbon roses followed, and we were then invited to have a closer look at all her handicrafts by 'having a rummage through' - always satisfying . . .

Thursday 10th December is the date of our Christmas Beetle Drive and supper. We will not be exchanging gifts this year, but Father Christmas will definitely not be redundant, as we have instead agreed to contribute to our local charity, Mosaic. (*We understand he has already started to grow his beard . . .*). We are looking forward to a warm and jolly evening.

In January we will have an open meeting with a cookery demonstration. Pat Bull

Macmillan Coffee Morning and Charity Tabletop Sale

SATURDAY 7th November saw an extremely successful Macmillan Coffee morning and charity tabletop sale. As well as raising money for Macmillan, the event also raised money for Busy Bees Under Fives Playgroup. Despite the bad weather, the local community showed huge support to these causes and arrived to peruse local arts and crafts, a multitude of second hand goods and to taste some of the delicious homemade sausage rolls, cakes and biscuits. There was also an excellent raffle on offer which many people entered.

Overall, it was a huge success and over £500 was raised in total. The village hall kindly gave us the hall for the day and asked for just a small donation for their own fundraising, for which we are very grateful.

The organisers of this event want to say a big thank you to everyone who helped on the day, all the sellers who purchased a table and everyone who attended. Your support for these charities is truly appreciated. Leanne Brown



"What is this?"

Where is this?

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Christmas Party Menu

Amuse Bouche

Chefs' chicken liver parfait

Starters

Smoked salmon & crab rillettes with mixed leaves

Whole roasted garlic with basil and pine nut pesto and toasted homemade bread

Roasted parsnip and chestnut soup with croutons and baguette

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

Main Courses

Traditional roasted turkey served with pistachio and apricot stuffing, 'pigs in blankets', seasonal vegetables & 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

Desserts

Traditional Christmas pudding served with a brandy crème anglaise

Dark chocolate fondant served with a winter berry compote and Madagascan vanilla ice cream

Crème brûlée served with cinnamon shortbread

Sticky toffee pudding served with a butterscotch sauce and Cornish ice cream

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New Years Eve Gala Dinner

Amuse Bouche

Prawn and avocado mousse served with lemon caviar

Starters

Salmon and crab spring rolls with celeriac remoulade and baguette
Wood pigeon and quail terrine served with pickled cucumber and a mixed leaf salad

Poached duck egg with spinach, hollandaise sauce and served on a toasted muffin (v)

Smoked haddock veloute served with toasted crusty baguette

Palate Cleanser

Champagne sorbet

Main Courses

Pan-fried Bryanston pheasant breast in Parma ham and confit pheasant leg served with dauphinoise potatoes, roasted fig and red a wine jus

Fresh seafood risotto served with pan fried samphire

Herb-crusted local pork loin served with black pepper mash, caramelized apple and honey roasted shallots served with red wine jus

"Melanzane Parmigiana"

Aubergine, tomato and mozzarella served with a pine nut & basil pesto and watercress (v)

"Tournedos Rossini"

Pan-fried fillet steak en-croute with a duck liver pate, caramelized onions, a port and Madeira sauce and fondant potato (£3 supplement)

Desserts

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Bladen View Green transformed – update



FROM scruffy hayfield to an attractive feature, the Green is now a pleasure for the residents to look out upon. After regular mowing it is green and the old tree stump, removed by two other residents, has been replaced by a Rowan tree purchased with contributions from everyone else around the renewed area. It was delivered and planted free of charge by another villager and his son as their 'contribution'.

This is an encouragement for the Local Authority to compare and contrast it with other green areas for which they are responsible.

Janet Allen and Carole Fornachon

View the Reporter each month in colour at
www.milbornestandrew.org.uk/Reporter/index

100 CLUB WINNERS

Draw Date – Tuesday 27th October 2015

1st £100 John Martin Jnr

2nd £50.00 Pete Gray

No third prize this month

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

The next two draws are on Tuesday 1st December
and Wednesday 6th January 2016
both at 8.00pm in The Royal Oak

Everyone is welcome to attend.

View the Reporter for the winners.

New members always welcome. Contact
June Maitland 837235 or
Denise Sanderson 837049

Payments may be made by a cheque payable to
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*Please speak to Denise Sanderson, Jenny Balcon
or June Maitland for information.*

The Village Hall says thanks

IT has meant a great deal to the Village Hall Committee that so many people have helped over the last year with general maintenance, painting, clearing brambles, cutting grass, sorting out the upper field and many other tasks. They particularly want to thank the following: Marie and Phil Hayter; Micky Tisseman; Richard Macnair; Peter and Linda Constant; John; Pip Bowell; Jenny Balcon; Ann Guy; Lis and Ian Watts; Alice Harrall; Di Harris; Adrian Hodges; Roy Sach; Jess and Gren Elphinstone Davis; Richard Lock; Peter Wright; David Payne; Janet Allen; Playpark Kev; Andy Fox; Tracey Walder of Studio Print and Milborne School, Jo and the others whose names we can't remember!

The 'Friends of the Village Hall' have given so much support and provided their time and efforts for which the committee are very grateful; the hall and the fields are for the benefit of all villagers so it's great to have so many who are willing to help. If you are interested in joining the Friends, email, phone or speak to one of the Trustees (information is on the Village Website . . . and don't forget our Facebook Page!)

Have a lovely Christmas and we hope to see more volunteers in the New Year.

Pam Shults

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

GENERAL – YOUTH

Ladybirds (Playgroup)	Liz Dyer	01258 839117
Scout Group	Mike Mullett	01258 837114
Secretary:	Brian Burton	01258 839033
Under 5's Group – The Busy Bees	Leanne Brown	07899 808185
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Youth Club age 8 – 14 years	Lianne Summers	01258 839081

POLICE

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

Milborne First School		
Headteacher:	Sharon Hunt	01258 837362
Chair Governors:	Miss Jane Pope	
Friends of School Chair:	Becky Hunter	

SPECIAL INTEREST

Cribbage	Peter Anthony	01258 837089
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Bridge Group	Laurie Benn	01258 837720
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Secretary:	John Maddell	01258 837954
MSA Gardening Club	Richard Lock	01258 837929
Milborne Players	Roy Sach	01258 837033
Ranters' Folk Session	Roger Harrall	01258 837371
Round Robin Ramblers	Ian Bromilow	01258 880044

SPORT

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Yoga (at village hall)	Sarah Ryan	01258 839230

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Milborne St. Andrew		
Chairman:	Paul Tasker	07801 714619
Booking Secretary:	Sandie Sach	01258 837033

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Community Events Diary

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

- December**
- Tuesday 1st** **100 Club** draw The Royal Oak 8.00pm – see page 15 for latest winners.
- Wednesday 2nd** **Wednesday Club** Christmas lunch at The Walnut Grove, Dorchester 2.00pm – see page 3.
A Christmas Carol with Living Spit in partnership with Artsreach Village Hall 7.30pm – see pages 16 and 30.
- Friday 4th** **Divas Concert** Winterborne Whitechurch Village Hall 7.30pm.
- Saturday 5th** **Christmas Village Lunch** Sold Out.
Christmas Bazaar Dewlish Village Hall 2.30pm – see page 11.
Bingo Village Hall doors open 7.00pm see below.
- Wednesday 9th** **Village History Group** Village Hall Committee Room 7.30pm. – see page 27.
- Thursday 10th** **WI** Christmas Beetle Drive and supper Village Hall 7.30pm – see page 13.
Reporter latest date for the January issue. Copy and pictures to msa.reporter@yahoo.co.uk
- Sunday 13th** **Christingle service** St Andrew's Church 3.30pm.
- Tuesday 15th** **Christmas carols** at The Royal Oak 7.00pm. All welcome.
- Wednesday 16th** **Parish Council** Village Hall Committee Room 7.30pm.
- Saturday 19th** **Carol Service** plus launch of Christmas Tree Festival 6.00pm.
- Thursday 24th** **Midnight Mass** St. Andrew's Church 11.30pm.

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
- 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)

December at the Sports Club

- Every Saturday football** Milborne or Corfe Mullen 2.30pm.
- Table Tennis** Monday 7.00–9.00pm. Information from Pauline Pitfield 01258 839123
- The Busy Bees** Under 5 Group from 9.30am to 11.30am on Thursday term time only. Contact Wendy Britton on 07867 720283.
- Milborne Mini Soccer**
Our training sessions will be altering slightly with all training sessions on a Wednesday night, and additional training for next year's under 11's on a Saturday morning. Matches will be played on Sunday morning and afternoons.
Under 11s Stuart Joyce 01258 456594.
Under 8s Nicky 01258 837919.
Under 7s Nicky 01258 837919.

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



Milborne 100 Club

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Milborne St Andrew Village Hall Saturday 5th December 2015

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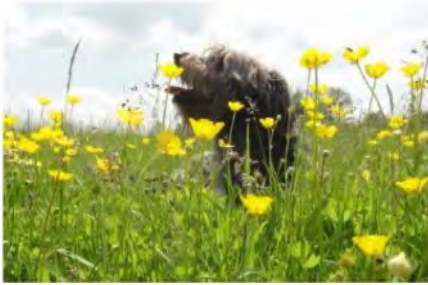
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Busy November at Ladybirds

NOVEMBER has been a busy month at Ladybirds. At first we learnt about keeping ourselves and animals safe with fireworks and made salad spinner pictures, tube rockets, stick sparklers and sang the firework song. The windy weather meant we didn't do splatter painting outside, or we would have had more paint on us than on the paper.

Next we found out why we wear poppies and made poppy pictures. On the Monday afternoon we walked to the War Memorial to see the poppies. The outing was exciting as workmen were working in The Causeway joining up the drainage pipes. One of the men talked to the children, telling what they were doing and answered their questions. We watched the digger scoop out a channel to put the pipes in and met a lady from the Council who was looking for evidence of water voles.



On Friday the 13th November the children came in dressed in their favourite costumes. We made and sold cakes for Children in Need making a wonderful £60. Thank you everyone.

This month we welcomed our new Deputy Leader Ami Marsh who has quickly got to know the children. Welcome Ami from all of us.

Roll on December we are ready for you! Making and baking, Christmas tree decorating, Nativity performing followed by our Christmas party before a well-deserved rest.
Liz Dyer



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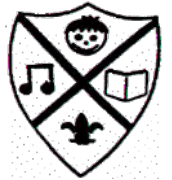
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Milborne St. Andrew First School



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The topic for the Year 3 and 4 children last half term was Romans. As part of their learning they have written some articles about the work they have been undertaking.

'Last half term Puffins class were given some homework linked to our topic Romans. We had to make something that was linked to Romans, for example Roman armour or Roman Town Houses' Joseph

'Last half term my class and I had an Open Morning. We made things linked to our Roman topic. I made a cake as my project. It was supposed to be a round house and in case you don't know a round house is a place where the Celts lived. We really enjoyed it. I thought we did really well.' Kianna

During the Roman Open Morning Puffin Class displayed their Roman Projects for their parents and for the other classes to see. The children had made a huge range of items, ranging from cakes to catapults and short videos.

In a climax to their learning the children visited Dorset County Museum, in Dorchester.

'Yesterday we went to the Dorset County Museum. We saw lot of interesting things like Roman nails, skeletons, pottery and houses.' Jasper



'As I took my first step into the County Museum, I sensed adventure. The smells were different and everything looked rich and amazing. When we got into the main hall it was so grand and to my total amazement I spied a mosaic on the floor. Even more to my surprise we could walk and sit on them!' Edward



'When we arrived we went into the Museum and sat on a fantastic mosaic floor. The lady Emma told us that we were going to be split into three groups. First we went to a room with lots of Roman objects. We looked at them and a lady gave us some clues and had to put the right objects on the right clues. Afterwards we went to see the Art Gallery.' Elisha

'Lunch time was amazing. I sat down on the mosaic floor. It was really nice. Then we were told a few facts about Rome. One was, that if you would have someone coming round, servants would clean the floor.' Flynn

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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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AS reported in last month's issue, the final stage of the flood works in village was due to take place and, as the photo shows, the work has been done by March Bridge, at the bottom of Church Hill. The pipes connecting the drainage system that begins in Huntley Down have now been installed and provide an outflow into the Bere stream. This should now keep Milborne dry – or at least make the 'sandbags and wellies' season less likely.



Please note that the deadline for the January 2016 Reporter will be 10th December. Get your copy and pictures in early to avoid disappointment.

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But it's not just for Christmas; whenever you buy anything online, from your weekly shop to your annual holiday, you could be raising a free donation for Milborne Ladybirds Playgroup. There are nearly 3,000 retailers on board ready to make a donation, including Amazon, John Lewis, Aviva, thetrainline and Sainsbury's – it doesn't cost you a penny extra!



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Thank you for your support and please look out for our fundraising events throughout the year. We're starting the year with a jumble sale in January (date to follow).

Dione Andrews

“What is this?”

“Where is this?”

From page 13

WHAT is it? The picture is of the Parish Bier. Don't know what this is?! Well it is the cart used to transport coffins from the house of the deceased to the Church.

It is a rather sorry state but on closer inspection it is repairable and is an important part of the history of the village. For instance it would make a remarkable bookstand and flower arranging item

Where is it? Cannot say, unfortunately. The word on the street is that the current custodian has been asked to take it to the tip and scrap it and that will never do, and he won't. *Richard Lock*

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In your Garden

Seasonal notes and tips from Maureen Lock of *designerGardens*

December in the Garden

What a lovely autumn we have had. The leaves on the trees have been just glorious this year and as I write this, many of our perennials still have all their leaves on.

We have been lulled into a false sense of security, so keep an eye on the weather forecast and check that any tender plants are protected and pots raised off the ground to aid drainage. If you have a pond, throw a rubber ball onto the surface to create an air hole for the fish should it freeze over (saves having to smash the ice). Don't forget to wrap up your water pipes and outdoor taps – an easily forgotten little job!

Here are a few other jobs you can be getting on with:

Clear any rotting vegetation from your pond and rake up any remaining leaves on the lawn to avoid dead patches.

In the vegetable garden, this is the perfect time of year to do a bit of digging and work in some organic matter so that the winter frosts can break up the soil. Mature borders don't need to be dug over, apply a good layer of mulch (well-rotted compost or manure) to your borders and let the worms do the work. December isn't all heavy work, there are still a few things to prune if you haven't done so already.

Some woody plants can 'bleed' if pruning is left until the new year so prune these now. Acers (which I expect you will have in a pot) and vines fall into this category. Prune vines back hard to two buds of last year's growth.

Apples and pears, currants and autumn fruiting raspberries can be pruned at any time until leaf drop in March but NEVER prune stone fruits in the winter – this will encourage the airborne fungus – silver leaf. Only prune stone fruits when the sap is rising.

You can lightly prune roses to prevent 'wind-rock' – they can be pruned properly in March/April. Climbing and rambling roses should have already been pruned by now.

PLANTING A NATIVE HEDGE

Winter is the best time to plant a native hedge – you can plant any time up to March. Use a good mix of native plants – the majority will be *Prunus spinosa* (blackthorn), *Crataegus monogyna* (Hawthorn) and then a lesser mix of *Cornus alba*, *Rosa canina*, *Viburnum opulus* for example.



The nursery will often make up a mix for you once you let them know the length of hedge you require.

You will need to plant at five plants per metre in a staggered row. Don't plant them any deeper



than the soil mark before they were lifted or they are likely to rot.

If you have visitors to the garden, i.e. rabbits, then you will need to protect the plants with canes and plastic spiral tubes. If anyone wants any more detailed advice I have produced an advice sheet which I can email to you if you let me know.

Keep an eye out for *Viburnum bodnantense* and Hellebores which are just coming into bloom and relax and put your feet up.

Can you identify where this is in Milborne?

Be the first to send your answer to
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Reporter team members can be found on page two. No prize, just a bit of fun. Answer in the January Reporter.



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The Surgery opening hours for Christmas and New Year are noted below, with normal opening resuming on 4th January. Please take a moment now to make sure you have enough medicine to cover the Christmas and New Year period.

Thursday 24th December	8.30am - 6pm
Friday 25th December	Closed
Saturday 26th December	Closed
Sunday 27th December	Closed
Monday 28th December	Closed
Tuesday 29th December	8.30am - 6pm
Wednesday 30th December	8.30am - 6pm
Thursday 31st December	8.30am - 6pm
Friday 1st January	Closed
Saturday 2nd January	8.30am - 10.30am (booked appointments only)
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NOT EVERYONE USES THE "INTERNET", EVEN FEWER VENTURE INTO THE UNKNOWN OF "FACEBOOK", SO WHAT HAS BEEN HAPPENING ON THERE SINCE OUR LAST NEWSLETTER?

19th October - Building above Huntley Down?

David Wyatt and colleagues came to our October meeting. They had asked to speak to the NPG and to the Parish Council. Sorry it's so long, but we wanted the village to be kept informed. (Information from the minutes taken)

Informal presentation and preliminary discussion of ideas from the architects for possible development of land above Huntley Down – David Wyatt, Andy Ward and Tom Smith attended. They've worked with Charminster residents at an early stage of design, and wish to match this approach with MSA. It is described as in easy reach of the village with "plug into" existing services. They have ideas for street layout, styles, considering existing properties i.e. the properties nearer Coles Lane would be smaller, the view from Huntley Down would include properties matching existing houses. They plan to match the adjacent housing density.

We asked why they wished to see us, and what they sought to gain out of this meeting. They replied that they wished to put forward their ideas, and how it had been thought out, that they wanted to make sure they matched any research we had done, and involve the community from the start.

What are your plans to fulfil the affordability requirement - this could be Shared Equity or Rent. We requested they consider restrictive covenants to retain young people in the village.

Our concerns were that the new properties could add to the difficulties with flooding in lower areas. Could they investigate the use of grey water systems, use of non moveable permeable material, and type of drainage. We pointed out the existing poor sewage capacity. They will be doing a preliminary assessment for flooding. We requested they share any environmental studies, if carried out.

We have problems with off road parking in some areas, what have they designed in? Mostly 2 car parking, some with garages. We requested that parking must go with the property (as opposed to open communal space) and be convenient so that residents do not park nearer their houses rather in the designated area.

Ensure Design is in keeping with village properties. NPG team commented that thatched properties should be rendered, as is most common here.

The David Wyatt team were thanked for attending; no comment was made about disapproval/approval or compliance/noncompliance with our research.

Question from a villager: I thought this area was outside the planning envelope for the village. Please would you confirm the status of the land?

Our Answer: Yes the land is currently outside the Settlement Boundary - the local planning authority can make amendments during this local plan revision time. There is also "rural exception" which is geared towards social and other community type developments. The school was built on land outside the envelope using these rules

14th Sept. – Flood prevention

NDDC in its proposed modifications to the Local Plan (LP) intend to make it easier for developers to avoid issues such as flood prevention and mitigation. The Neighbourhood Plan Group have replied that we should be treated differently from urban areas. Our special circumstances should be taken into consideration, developers should provide a Sustainable Drainage system even if they are only building one new home.

Comment from villager: Sustainable drainage is a must and recognise that we have springs along the valley bottom, which not only adds to the normal problems but makes houses on the flood plain almost non-insurable

Our resident expert (Jo) answers your questions

Q. Why is the Neighbourhood Plan important for village residents?

It's the best way for local residents to shape how their villages will grow over the coming years, and what changes may take place in the countryside, as it will set in place the planning policies for the type, location and design of new buildings.

Q...how many houses can we expect during its life?

We need to work this out, by considering who needs houses (for example, young families wanting to stay in the village, older folks looking to downsize), what is affordable, whether our local facilities such as the shop or school could benefit from more people living locally.

Q Where are they likely to be built.

We will be asking local landowners to tell us if they would like their land to be considered. After we have ruled out sites that have real problems (like flooding) we will ask local residents which sites they prefer, and any issues that need to be factored into the designs.

Q And with the plan in place is it still possible for someone to come along and persuade the council to let them built 200 houses somewhere.

There is no such thing as a 100% guarantee, but I really can't see that happening here, it would go against the district local plan as well as our neighbourhood plan.

Fears about wholesale building in MSA?

As part of the modified Local Plan, at present we may be asked to accommodate a minimum of 41 dwellings in the life of the plan (15 years) outside of those already planned. The Neighbourhood Plan should enable us to put strong guidelines on place, amount, and style of any building. But we have to know where, in the village, is available. As part of this, we hope to include a "Call out for sites" for local landowners.



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For the first time, consumers' rights relating to 'digital content' are also set out. This will include for example, computer programs, smartphone apps, e-books, CDs, DVDs, etc. It will also include digital content included with goods such as cars or washing machines, as well as that provided by direct download or streaming via the internet to your own equipment.

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If you require more information, then please feel free to contact the editor, David Payne on 837700.

Village History Group

IT was encouraging to see so many people at the last meeting (15 in all) some of whom were welcomed as newcomers. The talk was about hill forts including Weatherby Castle. Interestingly the article in the November *Reporter* was very timely in that it could be considered alongside the other information in the talk, thank you Mark; also thanks to June who contributed interesting articles about the repairs to the obelisk.

Next month on the 9th December the group will be meeting in the village hall committee room at 7.30pm. We hope to 'explore' and indulge in 'Christmas Past'. All are welcome, just come along and join the fun whilst discovering new things about our history. *Pam Shults*

When you go home, tell them of us and say, "For their tomorrow, we gave our today"

ON Sunday 8th November Milborne St. Andrew paid their respects to those who had died or been injured in conflict during the two World Wars.

At 10 o'clock, a service was held at St. Andrew's church attended by the Scouts, Cubs and Beavers who carried their flags to the altar. At 10.45am the congregation led by members of the Royal British Legion and the vicar, Sarah Hillman, processed to the Memorial Stone for the commemoration. They were joined by many from the village. The Last Post was sounded then a two minute silence was held. After the Reveille the names of the dead were read and also a poem "For the Fallen", recited. Wreaths were laid by Lieutenant Commander Tony Dyer (RN) and representatives of all branches of the Scouts. Prayers were led by Sarah Hillman. The commemoration ended with the singing of the National Anthem and a blessing.

In all, over 80 people paid their respects.

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Have you met . . . Julie Johannsen?

Julie was born in Harrogate, Yorkshire, in September 1951. Her father was in the Royal Air Force and she travelled overseas rather a lot, so she started school, aged four and a half, in Cyprus. Her parents decided not to send her and her older sister to boarding school, so she ended up going to seven different schools and left her last school just before her 18th birthday.

During this time her parents bought a house in Mudeford, and the family spent time there between postings – hence Julie’s affinity with Dorset.

Julie has a very small family. Her father died ten years ago, just two weeks after celebrating his 60th wedding anniversary. He collapsed cutting the grass and it was such a shock – there was no warning and no illness. Julie’s mother, who will be 93 this year, was absolutely devastated and misses him every day. She lives in Coombe Bissett and Julie’s sister, who is five years older, lives in Salisbury. Both sets of grandparents died before Julie and her sister were born, so they never experienced that bond.

Julie started working in London in 1969, initially as secretary to the editor of *Design* magazine in The

Haymarket. During this exciting time Julie decided that publishing was for her and for 27 years she worked for the British Tourist Authority. She started as editor of their main promotional guides, which took her to New York for two weeks every year, and ended up as quality assurance manager for all the National and Regional Tourist Boards. Just before her father died, she decided to move back to Dorset. Rather than change job and move house at the same time, she moved to Tarrant Hinton and drove to West London for two years. Everyone thought she was mad (including herself!), but I couldn’t have made both changes at the same time.

Eventually Julie found what was for her the best job in the world! She worked in clinical trials in the Oncology Department at Yeovil Hospital, doing all the IT for two wonderful Macmillan nurses. There was never a miserable face in the unit! She took early retirement after two years, to support her mother after she was bereaved.

Julie has lived in Milborne St. Andrew since November 2003. She thinks the best thing about living in Milborne St. Andrew is the friendliness and acceptance of everyone. Since becoming chairman of the Food and Wine Club three years ago, she has got to know many lovely people.

For Julie, the only downside to living in Milborne St Andrew is the terrible state of the house at the approach to Milton Road!

The thing she would like to change about the village is that she would like to see traffic bumps or 30 mph beacons in Milton Road. Having three cats, and losing one to the road last year, she can feel very angry at the ignorance of some drivers!

Julie’s pet hates are litter and cruelty (particularly to animals).

Julie has one claim to fame – producing an annual 36-page promotional guide in ten editions (for different overseas markets) in 24 languages single-handed and achieving 99.7% accuracy throughout all the 12 Regional Tourist Boards’ print. Julie found it very rewarding to witness the pride which shone through from all those people who contributed, due to her hard work and dedication.

Julie couldn’t think of anyone ‘famous’ for her fantasy dinner date, but would have welcomed the opportunity to meet her grandparents.

When Julie worked at Yeovil Hospital she abseiled down the side of

the building to raise money for charity. She says she has never been so scared in her life but, once she had managed to walk backwards into the unknown, experienced the most wonderful euphoria!

The surprising fact that Julie shared with us is that she was once the inter-school springboard diving champion. She lived in Singapore for two and a half years when aged eleven. She was always a good swimmer, but was afraid of diving from a springboard – probably because she was used to swimming in the sea and not swimming pools. Her parents belonged to a golf club which had a wonderful swimming

pool, where Julie and her sister spent many hours awaiting their return from the 19th hole. A few wealthy Indonesian children took diving tuition and Julie used to stand at the back of the diving board, listening. The coaching was obviously useful because much to the surprise of her parents, before she returned to the UK she became the inter-school springboard champion!

Julie went to school at Peterhead Academy for two years – the unhappiest time in her school life, because she was constantly called a ‘Sassenach’ by the pupils and teachers (she was 13 years old) and was bullied because of her English accent.

However, her geography teacher was very kind and during one of the lessons she spoke about tea plantations. Julie happened to mention that she had been to a plantation when she lived in Singapore and that her father had taken several slides. The teacher asked Julie to give a presentation to the class the following week! Without knowing where she got the strength from, Julie did it. It went really well and some of her classmates even asked questions afterwards. Julie felt they had actually started to accept her, then the blow came! The teacher stood up in front of her class and said “Well done Julie – now don’t you all wish you could speak as beautifully as Julie?” Two steps forward, three steps back!

Julie’s hobbies and interests are gardening, decorating, cooking for friends, walking and making jewellery from semi-precious stones and silver.

She is an Ambassador for the children’s hospice, Naomi House, loves ‘Strictly Come Dancing’, ‘Master Chef’ and documentaries.

Susan Wilson.





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Age Recommendation 14+. The village hall and bar is open from 7.00pm and the performance starts at 7.30pm.

Tickets £9 which can be obtained from Londis Village Shop in Milborne St. Andrew or from Alice and Roger Harrall by phoning 01258 839230.

Deadline for the January issue is 10th December.

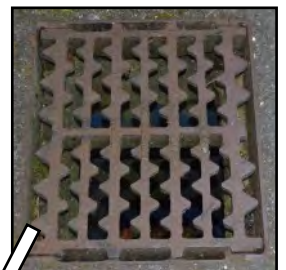
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The photograph in the November *Reporter* was

taken on the footpath between
Stileham Bank and the A354

Congratulations to Dave Andrews who
was the only person to send in the
answer.

Try your luck this month on page 23.



This Month in History: December

Births

1st December 1935 – Allen Konigsberg, better known as Woody Allen, was born in Brooklyn, New York. A director, actor, and comedian, his career spanned over 50 years and resulted in him receiving nine BAFTA awards and being nominated for 24 Academy Awards, winning four.

7th December 1761 – Madame [Marie Grosholtz] Tussaud was born in Strasbourg, France. She is especially famous for creating the Madame Tussaud's Wax Museum in London, which she set up permanently in 1835. Marie learned to sculpt wax from a Dr Curtius, whose housekeeper was Marie's mother.

16th December 1775 – Jane Austen, one of the most celebrated novelists in British history, was born in Winchester, Hampshire. Austen penned her first full length novel – *Elinor and Marianne* – in segments in letters to her family.

Without surviving original manuscripts, there is no way to know how much of the original draft survived in the complete novel published in 1811: as *Sense and Sensibility!* Austen then immediately began work on a second novel, *First Impressions*, in 1796. She completed the initial draft in August 1797 when she was only 21, and this would later be re-titled as *Pride and Prejudice*.

21st December 1117 – Thomas Becket, Archbishop of Canterbury from 1162-1170, was born in Cheapside, London. He is venerated as a saint and martyr by the Catholic Church and Anglican Communion. He engaged in conflict with King Henry II over the rights and privileges of the Church and was murdered by followers of the king in Canterbury Cathedral on December 29th 1170. Soon after his death, he was canonised by Pope Alexander III.

Deaths

2nd December 1547 – Hernán Cortés, Spanish Conquistador who defeated the Aztec Empire, dies of pleurisy at 61/62. Cortés' conquest was never actually officially sanctioned by Spain until he wrote directly to the King demanding reward for his successes in South America rather than punishment. He returned to Spain in 1541 as a Marquis and died quietly yet bitter six years later as the higher rank of Viceroy was granted to a higher nobleman in his company.

6th December 343 – Saint Nicholas, a Greek bishop who became the model for Santa Claus, dies at 73. He had a reputation for secret gift-giving, such as putting coins in the shoes of those who left them out for him, a practice celebrated on his feast day—St Nicholas Day (6th December, Gregorian calendar, in Western Christianity and 19th December, Julian calendar, in Eastern Christianity), and that's how he came to be associated with Santa Claus.

19th December 1848 – Emily Brontë, an English novelist and poet who is best known for her only novel, *Wuthering Heights* (now considered a classic of English literature) dies of tuberculosis aged 30. Emily was the third eldest of the four Brontë siblings, between her brother Branwell and little sister Anne. She wrote under the pen name Ellis Bell, like her sister Charlotte who wrote under Currer Bell.

Events

5th December 771 – Charlemagne becomes the sole King of the Franks after the death of his brother Carloman. He would go on to unite most of Western Europe under his sovereignty and laid the foundations for modern France and Germany. He took the Frankish throne from 768 and became King of Italy from 774. On December 25th 799, he was crowned as the first ever Holy Roman Emperor.

13th December 2003 – Former Iraqi President Saddam Hussein is captured near his home town of Tikrit. The move was code-named Operation Red Dawn and was headed by the 4th Infantry Division, in addition to Special Forces from Task Force 121. Orders were to capture or kill Saddam Hussein, and he was captured with no attempt at resistance.

15th December 1877 – Thomas Edison patents the phonograph while working on improvements to the telegraph and the telephone. Edison figured out a way to record sound on tinfoil-coated cylinders and in 1877 he created a machine with two needles: one for recording and one for playback. His invention would later become more popularly known as the gramophone.

25th December 337 – The earliest possible date that Christmas was celebrated on December 25th. One theory to explain the choice of 25th December for the celebration of the birth of Jesus is that the purpose was to Christianise the pagan festival in Rome of the *Dies Natalis Solis Invicti* which means "birthday of the Unconquered Sun", which was celebrated during the Winter Solstice – December 25th.
Mark Ferguson

Gardening Club AGM



THE Annual General Meeting of the Gardening Club was held on Thursday 19th November at the Village Hall. The past year has been a successful one with an informative and entertaining speaker most months, and enjoyable visits which were well supported by members. A successful plant sale was held in May, a 'Call My Bluff' quiz in aid of Weldmar Hospice in July, and another very good Kurling evening with supper in October which was also enjoyed by many non-members.

The financial position was presented and we found we had made a small profit over last year in spite of having fewer members.

There were a few changes in the committee for the new year: Richard Lock was re-elected as chairman; Ann Guy has taken over as treasurer and other members are Bill Love, Val Andrews, Sally Dyer and Kathryn Pochin.

Before the business of the evening we had an extremely amusing illustrated talk by the Rev. Stuart Timbrell. The history of Dorset churches may not sound much fun, but his store of funny anecdotes as well as unusual and hilarious facts had us laughing all the way through.

This was followed by mulled wine and mince pies – the first of the year for most and a nice social finish to 2015. We are all looking forward to a similarly interesting and informative series of events next year.
Sally Dyer

Scouts' Christmas post service

The Milborne Scout Group is once again taking part in the local Christmas card delivery service, which is running from 5th to the 19th of December. Look out for the flyer which will be delivered to your home soon which lists all villages and areas served. Note that the letterbox for cards will be in the Londis this year, not the Post Office as in previous years.

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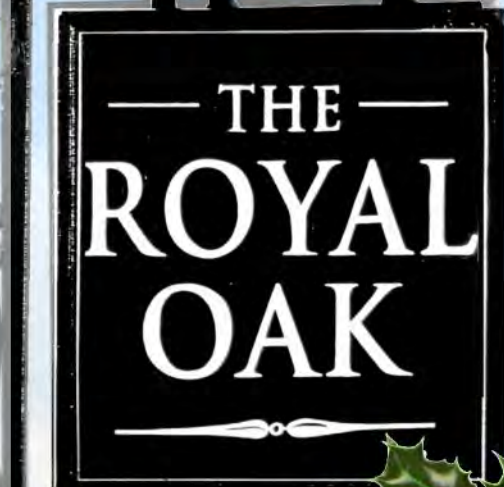
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*Sunday 20th 6.00 till 9.00pm
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