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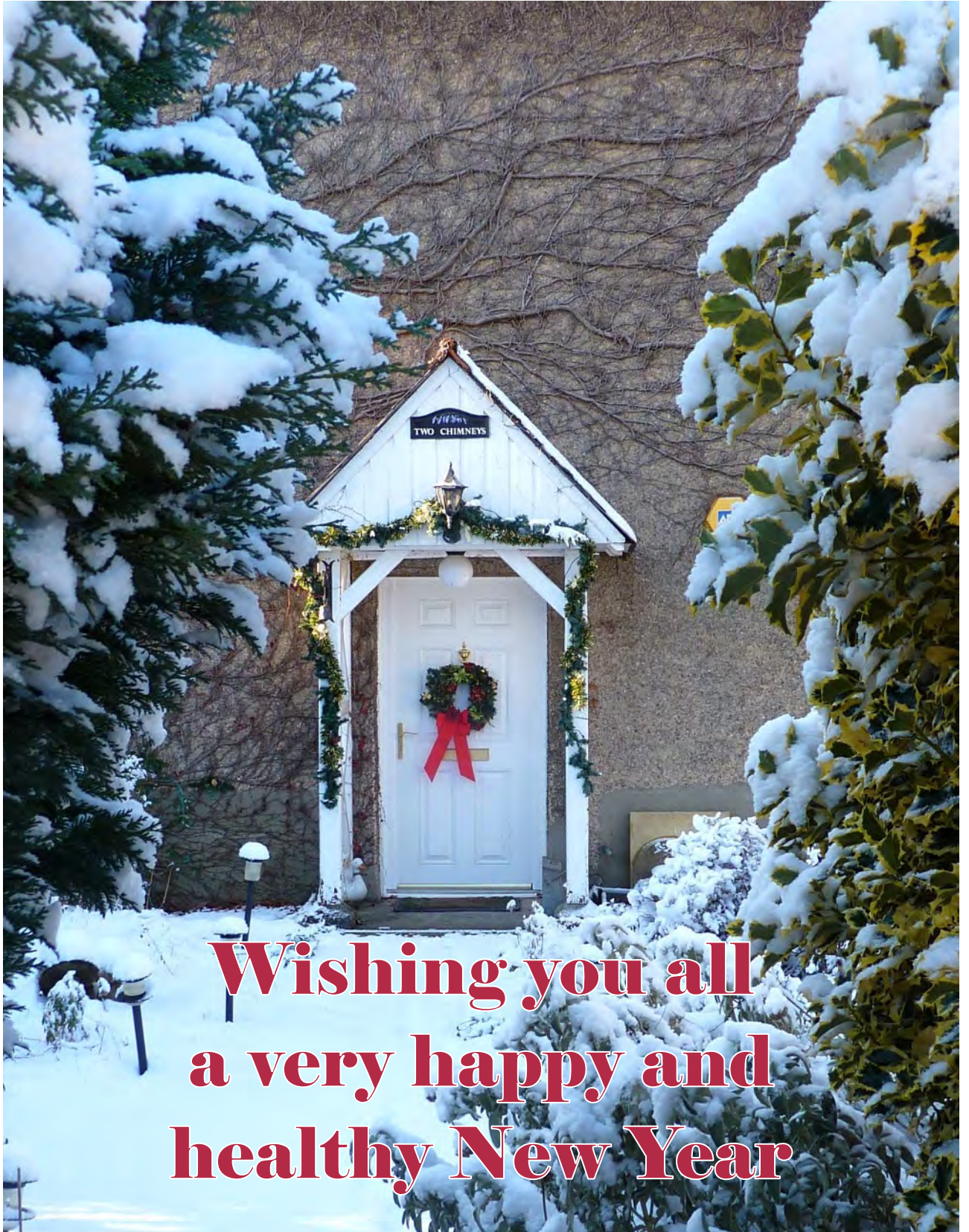
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a very happy and
healthy New Year**

A plea from the Editor

We are in desperate need for someone to volunteer to deliver the magazine around Hopsfield. It could be split into two 'rounds' if that helps. We are also looking for someone for the occasional delivery to cover holidays, etc. throughout the village. Please contact our distribution manager, Janet Allen on 837551 if you can help. It is no good producing the *Reporter* if no one is willing to deliver it, and the task takes only about an hour per month. Please think about helping if you can.

The *Reporter* team is also in need of someone to write articles and stories and to gather news from around the village. If you would like to help in any way then please contact any of the *Reporter* team (see below). If you write anything, we prefer your copy to be submitted in MS Word with any pictures sent as separate .jpg files. It is really helpful if you don't use underlining or UPPER CASE formatting or include any tables.

Now let's start producing volume eight. We would appreciate articles from people of all ages and with all interests.

If you require any further information, then please feel free to contact me on 837700. David Payne *Editor*

The *Reporter* team would like to wish all our readers, distributors, advertisers and contributors a very happy and prosperous New Year.

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The Village Quiz – This time with people!

THE re-arranged Village Quiz took place near the end of November, with nine teams vying to avoid the prize of writing the questions for next year's quiz. One team, of lovely people new to the village, weren't aware of this subtlety, and tried really hard to win!

After ten challenging rounds, including questions about Dorset, footballing nicknames and road sense as well as a picture round to identify British-made aircraft and their manufacturers, and a history round which taught us that Margaret Beaufort was only 13 when she gave birth to Henry VII and that the Sputnik was a 23 inch (58cm) sphere which burnt up on re-entry to the earth's atmosphere, the scores ranged from 39 to 71.

The Yoga Bears were the deserved winners, despite the Players team scoring 19 out of 20 on the aircraft identification round (and I don't think any of them worked in the aviation industry!).



The winning team were the Yoga Bears of Sarah Ryan, Audrey Sawdy, Julia Watts and Roger Harrall.

The bonus prize of a bottle of wine was awarded to 'Waifs and Strays' who were able to identify the correct location of more properties on a blank Monopoly board than any other team. Someone must have had a mis-spent youth!

Many thanks to everyone who came to support this fundraising event for the Village Hall, to the Newbies for joining in with an established village tradition so successfully, to Janet for reading the questions so patiently, to the Reporter support team for running around with the question papers and making sure that the question mistress and scorer were kept supplied with drinks and snacks. You certainly wouldn't have so much fun on Mastermind, and I wish the Yoga Bears every success with next year's quiz. Susan Wilson

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Christmas market raises funds for church roof

THE annual village Christmas market was held this year on Saturday the 28th November in the village hall. A wide range of goods were available for purchase at bargain prices ranging from new and pre-owned bric-a-brac; home-made cakes and preserves and arts and crafts items. Those who fancied trying their luck could try a well stocked tombola or buy a raffle ticket. Hot drinks and soups (including a tomato and pepper soup that I can personally recommend) were available to warm folk up.



All the proceeds from the Christmas market go to support St. Andrew's Church. This has become particularly important this year as it has just been discovered that the church is in need of repair to the tune of an estimated

£40,000. The repairs do not need to be done all at once, but the most urgent to the roof are going to cost between £15,000 and £20,000.

Having heard about the church roof, Father Christmas agreed to come and support the market. Due to a lack of snow and the strong winds, Santa tells me that the sleigh was proving difficult to control. Help was at hand from one of Santa's little helpers who



gave Father Christmas a lift in a nice red open top sports car. So despite the sleigh problems, Father Christmas arrived at the village hall at 12 noon much to the delight of the children who were in attendance.

At the end of the day a profit of £746.17 was raised for the church funds.
Pete Constant

Latest news from the Village Hall

The Village Hall Committee wish you all a very good New Year

WE are pleased to announce that after a long process and planning a dishwasher has been ordered; as I write, arrangements are being made for its installation for use by hall users. Thanks to the Village Lunch, the WI, the Reporter and Sarah's coffee morning for making contributions towards the cost of the dishwasher. Once it is installed and ready to go all users will need to be instructed as to its use, so watch this space!

Hopefully our bid to develop the 'top field' into an area which can be used by walkers and cyclists will be accepted. The plan is to create paths for walking, paths for cycling, shelters, benches and picnic tables within the wildflower meadows and recently planted trees (including the royal oak).

Now the sad news; our bid for lottery funding for the children's play park has been rejected. However, we will try other funding sources but sadly the scheme doesn't seem to fit most of their criteria. Therefore, the committee are considering scaling down the original plans so that something can be put in place, especially as the hall's fundraising efforts have reached £4,500 towards the play park redevelopment.

As with all rent increases there will be a small rise to £8.25 to hire the hall; the cost of the committee room is to remain the same. If you are planning to hire it next year you can get it at the current rate if you book before April when the new price comes into effect.

The village quiz finally happened and all who came really enjoyed the evening. Our Bingo was very noisy but a fun night. There were some wonderful prizes which were well received by the lucky winners.

Don't forget that the hall will be hosting a Blues Night on 16th January, profits from which will be shared between the play park fund and the Riding for the Disabled school; get your ticket now as they are selling out quickly. Of course there will be more films and look out for information about the May fayre.
Pam Shults

The Village History Group

A CHRISTMAS tree decorated as in Victorian times, a cup of Wassail, Bean Cake, Taffaty Cake and tartlets (foods which were traditional fare for Christmases past) were enjoyed at the last meeting. The group reflected on how things have changed over the years, including in our own lifetimes, and looked at the resources which members had produced. This very much set the scene for the coming festivities.

The topic for the meeting in January is to be a talk about the interview that June Jenkins made with an elderly visitor. It will be held on the 13th January at 7.30pm in The Royal Oak. No membership is required so just come along and meet the others.
Pam Shults

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Ladies in red wow Winterborne Whitechurch

THE Whitechurch choir known as 'Divas' gave a festive concert on 4th December, with carols, choruses and Christmas songs old and new. It was a wonderful evening, and the nine ladies and one gentleman sang beautifully – harmonies, solos and choral effects. Without amplification! They made such a lovely sound. Some songs had been rearranged by their leader, who accompanied them on her guitar and conducted at the same time – not an easy feat!

As one of the choir lives in Milborne, a small party of the Motley Crew went over to join the audience of around 100 to watch and listen to this lovely event, and had a wonderful evening of music, just what was needed on a windy December Advent Evening. The Singalong songs were fun, and I finally learned all the words to 'Frosty the Snowman'.

This is the second concert we have attended and it was a superb follow-up to the successful evening of songs from the 1940s which the Divas gave in the summer.

I did feel a lot of sympathy for the choir, who had obviously practised for a long time and were working very hard to make a lovely sound, unassisted by amplification, only for about twenty of the audience to keep talking throughout the songs. Maybe this is the modern way, but it seems that as the majority had gone to hear the choir sing rather than the audience talk, chattering could have been kept to 'between songs' and during the break. Despite this, the choir gave an excellent concert and those of the audience who were listening enjoyed it very much indeed. I am looking forward to the next concert!

Susan Wilson



Wagtail waiting for the weather to warm up, just like the rest of us.

Merry Christmas from the Milborne St. Andrew Wednesday Club

ON Wednesday 2nd December the Wednesday Club members went out for their Christmas meal. They had a two course meal in The Walnut Grove restaurant in Dorchester. Having never frequented it before as a group, we were very pleased with the friendliness and service of the staff. The meals were served piping hot and were truly delicious. We all went home happy and very full, having started our festive season well.



On Wednesday 6th January 2016 we are having a New Year's tea party in the Village Hall from 2.00 to 4.00pm. We will be providing a homemade afternoon tea so don't eat too much lunch, playing games, and having fun. Non members are also welcome for a token fee of £2. We will need to know if you are coming though, so we can cater for you all. It will be a relaxed and amusing afternoon where you can catch up after Christmas. Let us know if you are coming by ringing me on 01258 837959. Thanks.

If you don't know about the Wednesday Club, because, perhaps you are new to the area, we meet on the first Wednesday of every month from 2.00–4.00pm in the Village Hall. Everyone in the area is invited to come and meet us. Various events, talks, outings, and meals are being planned for this coming year, and any suggestions are always considered. The age group is usually from 50 upwards, and the club is aimed at socialising and having fun. The annual fee is £10.00 per year, which isn't even 25p a week. BARGAIN!! Let's face it, it's boring sitting on your own every day, so come and join us once a month. We put details on our Wednesday Club notice board in the Village Hall of our annual programme. It is still being finalised but you can see what we will be doing next year. The club is very informal and has been going for over 40 years. How brilliant is that! COME ALONG AND GIVE US A GO – MEET NEW PEOPLE AND ENJOY YOURSELF. I promise we don't bite. We are a friendly group. Hope to see you in the New Year. MERRY CHRISTMAS SEASON TO YOU ALL and a very happy, healthy and prosperous New Year!! Ann Guy chairman

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Village Christmas lunch a sell-out



ON Saturday 5th December we had our village Christmas lunch. The hall looked very festive as the village hall committee had decorated it and set up a large Christmas tree. After setting out the tables, we only had time to turn on the music before the forty-five guests started to arrive. After our vicar, Sarah Hillman, said Grace the food, freshly cooked by The Royal Oak, was delivered. We sat down to turkey accompanied not only by stuffing balls and pigs in blankets, but by roast potatoes, three different vegetables and Shem's amazing Yorkshire puddings and a rich gravy. As soon as the helpers had served the food, the only sound that could be heard was the odd voice saying, 'pass the cranberry sauce please' and the clashing of knives and forks. The dessert was a slice of lovely homemade Christmas pudding and a brandy sauce.

As the guests lingered over their coffee and mints, the balloon raffle was drawn, a new idea from Jenny Balcon. When your number was drawn, you popped a balloon and a ticket fell out with the number of your prize on it. Once everyone got the hang of it, balloons were exploding all around the hall. One lucky winner burst her balloon with such enthusiasm the little piece of paper inside flew away, to be found only after diligent searching and much laughter.

Our chairman, Chris Nowell, presented Sarah Fox with flowers for herself and a large box of chocolates for the staff at The Royal Oak. He also thanked the committee and everyone who helped to make it such an enjoyable occasion.

Josie Wright



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LAST summer Dee Bonham Christie contacted us with regard to an outing she was organising on the Dolphin Boat at Poole. Dee had spare places on the boat and she kindly invited Bus2Go to join her on the outing. We had such a brilliant fun time and everyone enjoyed the outing very much.



Dee is the voluntary organiser for the (W)RVS Royal Voluntary Service Befriending Service in Blandford and the villages. Volunteers visit folk in their homes for a cuppa and a chat, keep in touch by telephone and come out with them on Bus2Go outings too. The

befriending service warmly welcomes men and women. The youngest volunteers in Blandford to date are aged 17 and 18 and are studying Elderly Care at Blandford School. The RVS Befriending Service, just like Bus2Go, is very flexible and at the heart of helping to alleviate rural isolation and loneliness in the community.

Would you like to help make a difference in the community? New volunteer befrienders are always welcome; for more information please contact Dee Bonham Christie on 07850500552.



BUS2GO New Year Greetings!

OUR Christmas festivities are over for another year, tinsel and hats put away. Our Christmas party hosted by Lyrics and Laughter was even better than last year. One of the cast had recently joined them from CBeebies. This

sued us perfectly, as we are all young at heart and enjoy a good laugh. We have booked again for 2016, a date for your diary, Sunday 27th November 2016.

Everyone enjoyed the delicious lunch at Wyevale Garden Centre, Owermoigne. The staff ensured we were well and truly in the Christmas spirit! Looking forward to our next visit in the spring.



January can seem like a very long month and the weather too is very unpredictable. With this in mind we have chosen pub lunches, our first lunch is at a mystery destination (thankfully, the drivers and volunteers know where they are going). The cost of the January lunch is £10 for two courses.

Wishing you all a happy and healthy 2016 and looking forward to welcoming you aboard very soon. www.Bus2Godorset.org, follow us on Facebook bus2go and twitter: @bus2gonow.



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Milborne St Andrew is Oxford Circus. Well, that's according to an ingenious recent reworking of the London Underground map, where our village appears on the Central line in the Oxford Circus position. The map is an almost-replica of the London Underground cartographic classic, but with the towns and villages of Dorset replacing the more familiar capital stations.

The *Dorset Underground* map was the brainchild of Dorset-born, Charlie Slade, who now lives in London. He says, "One evening, during a particularly slow journey home on the Victoria line I wondered how big the Underground was, and therefore how big Greater London was. I couldn't picture in my head the sort of an area it covered. I needed a familiar comparison to be able to visualise it."

So once finally home, he used online mapping tools to overlay London with Dorset. "The result", he says, "was the observation that

entirely accidental positioning of Cerne Abbas on that particular configuration of underground lines."

What is quite striking, however, is how few overland train station symbols appear next to town names. Geographically, Dorset may be similar to Greater London but we do not share even a fraction of the connectedness that London boasts. When this map appeared on the Reporter Facebook page last month, a member commented that it was a shame our public transport wasn't as well connected as is depicted on the map. Indeed!

You can view the map online using the link in the post at the Reporter Facebook page or at www.dorset-sorted.co.uk

Print copies of *Dorset Underground* are available to buy, with 10% of all proceeds going to the Somerset and Dorset Air Ambulance. A3 copies are £20 and A4 at £12

Dorset-sorted.co.uk has kindly donated two copies of the map to the *Reporter*, which you can win by answering the simple question below.

Ed Richards



the true scale of the London Underground would fit nicely inside the Dorset county boundaries." He then set to work, and more "time-consuming tinkering" led to the production of the *Dorset Underground* map.

On the map, original London Underground lines such as Circle, Central and Northern are mixed with Dorset-inspired ones like Durdle, Jurassic and Piddle Valley. Most of the routes follow actual roads – so the 'George III' line from Milborne travels north to Dewlish and south to Bere Regis – others are linked by rivers ('Stour line') and there are historical connections too (the aforementioned George III, which terminates in Weymouth). There are Dorset oddities such as the village of Tyneham, which has its name struck through in red, in the style of a disused station.

In a cheeky representation of Cerne Abbas' claim to fame, the map uses the line configuration of the real Northern line route from Euston to Camden Town. As the map-maker says, it was "not an

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Upton House, Poole	15th February	2.00pm
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Creamy tarragon, white wine and mushroom bruschetta (v)

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Main Courses

Jurassic Coast fillet steak with homemade chunky chips, roasted tomatoes, béarnaise sauce and red watercress (as supplement)

Oven-roasted quail served with a chestnut and vegetable sauce, dauphinoise potato and mixed roasted vegetables

Whole roasted mackerel served with charred asparagus, roasted vine cherry tomatoes and beetroot foam

Spinach and ricotta gnocchi served with a mixed leaf and tomato salad (v)

Desserts

Chocolate fondant with caramel sauce homemade honey comb and Cornish ice-cream (to share)

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This Month In History: January

Births

15th January 1929 – Martin Luther King was born in Atlanta, Georgia. As an African American civil rights leader he spoke eloquently and stressed non-violent methods to achieve equality. He received the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964. He was assassinated in Memphis, Tennessee, on April 4th, 1968.

27th January 1832 – British novelist Lewis Carroll was born in Daresbury, Cheshire, England (as Charles Lutwidge Dodgson). Although best known for *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland* and *Through the Looking Glass*, he also lectured in mathematics and was a pioneering photographer.

30th January 1882 – Franklin Delano Roosevelt, the 32nd U.S. President, was born in Hyde Park, New York. Despite crippling polio, he led America out of the Great Depression and through World War II and is widely considered to be one of America's three greatest presidents (along with Washington and Lincoln).

Deaths

22nd January 1901 – Queen Victoria of England died after reigning for 64 years, the longest reign in British history until this year, during which England had become the most powerful empire in the world.

24th January 1965 – Winston Churchill died. He had been Britain's wartime prime minister whose courageous leadership and defiant rhetoric had fortified the British during their long struggle against Hitler's Germany: "I have nothing to offer but blood, toil, tears, and sweat", he stated upon becoming PM at the beginning of the war.

25th January 1947 – Gangster Al Capone, who once controlled organised crime in Chicago, died in Miami at age 48 from syphilis.

28th January 1547 – King Henry VIII of England died and was succeeded by his son, Edward VI. Henry had ruled since 1509 and had broken all ties with the Roman Catholic Church over the issue of divorce.

Events

1st January 1622 – The Catholic Church adopted 1st January as the beginning of the New Year (instead of March 25th).

3rd January 1924 – English explorer Howard Carter discovered the sarcophagus of Tutankhamun in the Valley of the Kings, near Luxor, Egypt. The tomb of the boy-Pharaoh had been discovered in November 1922.

10th January 1863 – The world's first underground railway service opened in London, the Metropolitan line between Paddington and Farringdon. The track was 3.7 miles long, and the tube cars at the time were wooden.

20th January 1649 – At the end of the English Civil War, King Charles I was brought before a high court of justice at Westminster Hall on charges of treason. In the trial that followed, Charles was condemned as "a tyrant, traitor, murderer, and public enemy" and was beheaded several days later in front of Whitehall Palace.

30th January 1972 – In Londonderry, Northern Ireland, thirteen Irish Roman Catholics were killed by British troops during a banned civil rights march. The event became known as Bloody Sunday.

Mark Ferguson

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SCHOOL

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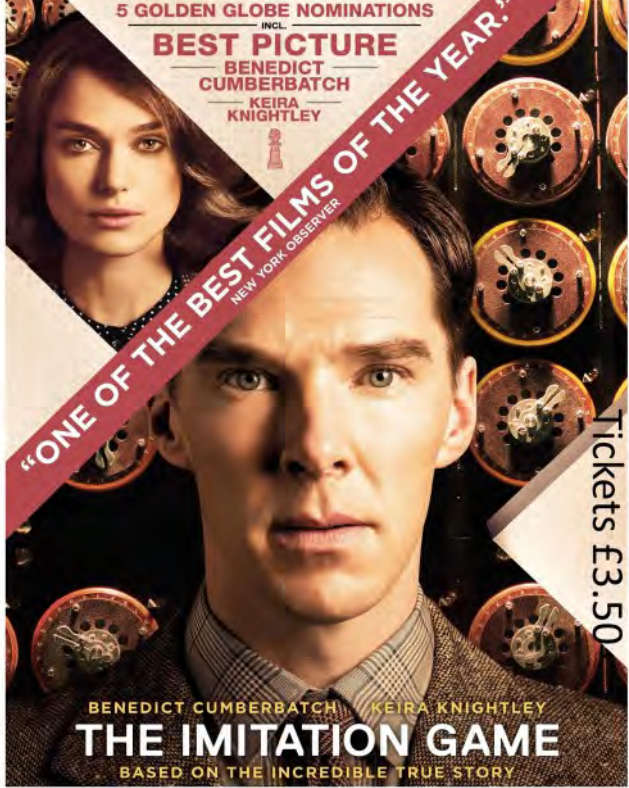


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Community Events Diary

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January 2016

- Wednesday 6th** **Wednesday Club** Village Hall – see page 5.
100 Club draw The Royal Oak 8.00pm – see page 15 for latest winners.
- Thursday 7th** **Village Lunch AGM** The Royal Oak 12.15pm everyone welcome to attend.
- Friday 8th** **The Imitation Game** (PG-13) shown by 'Milborne Movies' Village Hall 7.30pm – see pages 16 and 25.
- Wednesday 13th** **Village History Group** The Royal Oak 7.30pm all welcome – see page 3.
- Thursday 14th** **WI 'An introduction to Japanese and Thai cookery'**. This is an open meeting – see page 31.
Chinese Theme Night at The Royal Oak.
Reporter latest date for the January issue. Copy and pictures to msa.reporter@yahoo.co.uk or any member of the Reporter team. Team members can be found on page 2.
- Saturday 16th** **Milborne's Got the Blue** Village Hall 7.30pm – see below.
- Wednesday 20th** **Parish Council Meeting** Village Hall Committee Room 7.30m.
- Saturday 30th** **Christmas Village Lunch** Village Hall. 12.15 – see page 2 for menu.
- February**
- 4th, 5th 6th** **Milborne Players Sinbad in Space** Village Hall– see page 20.
- Wednesday 17th** **Parish Council Meeting** Village Hall Committee Room 7.30m.

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)

January 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 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.
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Sparkles and Glitter at Ladybirds

YES, it's that time of the year again when the glue and glitter comes out and the children are busy with their Christmas makes. Some have more enthusiasm than others and some need more encouragement to sit still and create a keepsake for mum, dad and grandparents. We



take care that each has a personal touch and all are sent with love.

Rehearsals are underway for our Nativity; we are keeping it as traditional as we can but due to the number of girls we are substituting three Kings with three princesses this year!

The children have continued to enjoy playing pirates and princesses, drawing maps and searching for treasure. We were visited by Miss Wittman from Milborne School who brought a letter from Storytime Bear who had been kidnapped by the nasty pirates. With great enthusiasm the children followed a map to different parts of the room and outside to find clues to where poor Teddy was held captive. Luckily Teddy was found and saved from the dastardly pirates and returned to the safety of the book corner.

We would like to wish you all a Happy New Year.

Liz Dyer



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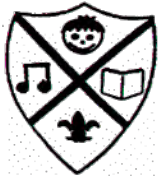
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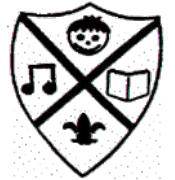
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School News



THE children have been collecting plastic milk bottles this term and Mrs Andrews has created an igloo in our school library, where the children can go and 'chill out' as part of Dolphins and Turtles Classes Winter topic.

Dorchester Library was visited by a very excited Seahorses Class, who experienced their first class trip. The children had an opportunity to learn about the library, listened to some stories and borrowed some books to read in class.

During anti-bullying week the children were joined by pupils of



in providing excellent costumes for the children. This year we have all sorts of animals and even aliens.

We also have our Carol Service at St. Andrews Church to look forward to and the whole school Christmas lunch when the Friends of the School prepare and serve a full Christmas dinner complete with all the trimmings to children, staff, governors and helpers. Many thanks to all the parents for their help.

From all at school we would like to wish all readers a very Merry Christmas and health and happiness in the New Year.

Piddle Valley First School to watch a live performance by The Power of One.

Puffins Class have also been on a trip; they visited Safewise in Weymouth where they learnt about Fire and Road Safety. They enjoyed watching lots of fire scenarios and used the road outside to learn about road safety.

The school is looking very festive; we would like to thank Lloyd Fraser for their kind donation of the Christmas tree which looks beautiful in the porch.

On Tuesday 8th December the year 3 and 4 children joined with the pupils of Milton Abbey School to sing in the Friends of Milton Abbey Christmas Carol Service. The children sang beautifully It was certainly a night to remember and a great start to our Christmas celebrations. Thank you to the Friends of Milton Abbey for inviting the children to sing and to the staff for such a lovely warm welcome.

As the *Reporter* goes to press, preparations are in full swing at school for the three Christmas performances next week. Parents have excelled



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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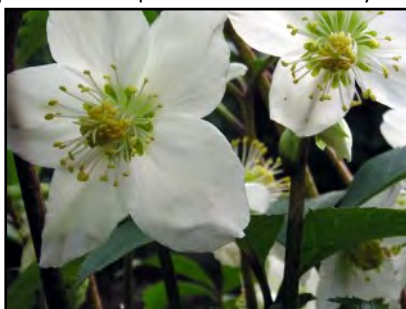
JANUARY is just about the worst month of the year – wet, often very cold, windy – you name it, we get it. And the gardens can look as attractive as a wet breeze block and pretty awful. The garden looks bare, so what can be done – ah ha – a glimmer of interest creeps in. Think about plants you can use to make the garden interesting all year-round by using some evergreen plants that will keep their shape and perhaps give a bit of colour during the duller days.



Garden Architecture

A garden can be made interesting throughout the year, not only with evergreen shrubs, but also by the use of architectural plants. Architectural plants are defined by their distinctive and eye catching shape. The plants have their own 'architecture' – spectacular shapes that bring a distinctive year round presence to a garden. Some are spiky, some have big leaves, some look tropical, some look absurd but all are evergreen.

Take care how you use tropical or exotic plants such as the hardy bananas (*Musa basjoo*) or palms and yuccas. They need a sheltered, wind free site or the leaves will turn brown and get shredded. A good hardy plant with huge leaves that grows in just about any soil is *Fatsia japonica* – a good doer as they say.



Palms and more palms

Having said all that, don't fill your garden with architectural plants, one or two spiky plants in a sea of foliage can look fantastic, more can look overdone.

Maintenance is important with many of the exotic architectural plants. The old foliage turns brown and limply hangs upside down next to the plant looking messy, or blows all over the garden. You can pull off these dead leaves easily to make the plant look tidier. You can also raise the crowns on trees to expose their lower branches, thin out bamboo plants and remove their lower leaves to give the plants an architectural and interesting dimension.

Fragrance in the winter

Plants such as *Viburnum tinus* 'Eve Price' will flower right through from December to March or beyond; *Sarcococca hookeriana* has the most scented flowers imaginable albeit very small. The *Viburnum*'s are a good bunch for winter colour and fragrance – there is the enormous *Viburnum rhytidifolium*, or the deciduous *Viburnum bodnantense* 'Dawn' with scented pink flowers from October to March.

What else you can do now

Check out any large shrubs and trees to make sure that the wind has not loosened them. If this has happened, put the plant back into position and refirm the soil around the roots with your foot. You may even need to put a stake in the ground to hold it up – even though this may mean damaging some of the roots of the plant. It may be a case of stake it, or lose it.

Hellebores are just about to flower now, so remove those old large leaves around the flowers and the flowers will put on a great show.

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Have you met . . . John Sanderson?

JOHN was born into a military family in Knotty Ash, a suburb of Liverpool, in 1960. His father was a Petty Officer, working as a submarine engineer in the Royal Navy (RN) and his mother a Sergeant, training recruits in the Women's Army Corps (WAC). When his father, a strong influence in his life, moved south to work at Wallsend Slipway (which became Hamworthy Engineering) he was flown all over the world to deal with faulty engines. So his son inherited a strong desire to join the Royal Navy. At the age of 17 years he completed a year on a Sail Training Ship, *Malcolm Miller*. He describes the exhilaration he experienced even when 200 foot aloft up the mast in gales off the Isle of Wight. As a permanent crew member he trained other young people to sail, to steer and to furl sails. All of which stood him in good stead when he joined the Royal Navy in January 1979, aged 18 years.

Following a 16 week basic training at HMS *Raleigh* in Plymouth and having chosen to be a marine engineer, he spent 30 weeks at the Marine Engineering School, HMS *Sultan*, taking diesel engines apart and putting them together again, sometimes with a puzzling excess of nuts and bolts left over at the end of the process! His final posting for the rest of his service in the Royal Navy, was to a flat bottomed, steam driven Landing Craft support ship, HMS *Intrepid*. John describes this as a bit smaller than an aircraft carrier which carried a contingent of Royal Marines. Whilst aboard he trained to be a diver, diving all over the world, even fighting with a shark in poor visibility whilst removing a rubberised wooden "blank" from the bottom of the HMS *Intrepid* in the Mediterranean Sea. Thinking his diving buddy, the Chief Petty Officer, was playing about he pulled it to and finally regaining it and climbing aboard. Once studied, it was found to be edged with teeth marks! Up to then, he had been told, if confronted with a shark to squirt air into its nostrils to frighten it away. But, as he pointed out, this would require removal of his face mask, not something he would be keen to do in a vulnerable situation! Although with the *Intrepid* for seven of his nine years in the RN he only once requested a transfer. This, however would have been to HMS *Fearless* the HMS *Intrepid's* sister ship with whom they shared parts due to the age of them both. So he stayed with the *Intrepid* where he was a highly trained fire fighter.

In 1982 he went to the Falklands for the duration of the War anchored in San Carlos Bay. Their only weapon of self defence was a hand operated Sea Cat which had a range of three miles. He was "locked down below" during battles hearing the thuds and crashes overhead whilst flat on the deck but knowing that what he could hear was at least closer than three miles. Their only damage was caused by an over zealous SAS man who, whilst shooting at an enemy aircraft, forgot to stop when he reached their funnel, leaving a neat line of holes near the top! On board was a contingent of Gurkhas, The Scots and Welsh Guards plus the Royal Marines, the SAS and the SBS. He went ashore once to clear up the appalling mess left to farm buildings by Argentinian soldiers. The enemy pilots, John explains, were brave men who flew 'below the radar' to drop bombs on our shipping, specifically destroyers and frigates. However, the mechanism of each weapon was not triggered unless dropped from a greater height. Unfortunately, press officials embedded with the MOD on board, reported this failure. This led to more 'successful' raids leading to great loss of life and vessels.

After the War, John was shore based on the old HMS *Intrepid*. This went for a three year refit in Plymouth followed by service for the RN at sea throughout the world but is now broken up and the parts sold to

the French Government. In 1988 he left the RN to become a Police Officer in Dorset. Having made his pitch at his initial interview extolling his diving career he was informed that Dorset Police didn't have a diving division, they used the RN divers when necessary! However he completed a 16 week initial training course in Surrey to be a dog handler gaining his certificate of competency with Zac, his first dog.



That career lasted 15 years. Five years previously he had married Jane, his first wife, and they have two daughters Laura and Kate. This marriage ended in 2000. He has since married Denise in 2005, who has four daughters and one son.

He was diagnosed with cancer following an operation to remove a kidney. It spread to his lungs and then his brain. Two tumours were removed from the latter so they married in Dorchester Hospital believing his life would end in four months. He was transferred to the Royal Marsden Hospital where he was given a revolutionary new drug called Interferon. After two years self injecting this medication he took a personal decision to give it up, having lived with the flu like side effects for that long. He has now been declared clear of cancer.

Recruits to the police force are placed on a two year probationary period. If found to be unsuitable during that time they are asked to leave. No reason is required to be given. As a serving police officer the only reason they can be sacked is if they commit a criminal offence.

John tells me he has been a keen sportsman all his life in particular football, hockey and canoeing. He has played as a semi-professional for Wimborne Town and Gosport Borough as well as for Dorset Police and was paid to go to games. Now, due to lack of manpower there is no official police football team. He played hockey for the RN as a very fast striker. He attended Colehill Primary School and QE School, Wimborne running the 200 metres for Dorset as a schoolboy and playing football and hockey for the school. John describes being 'blasé' about education although he completed both lower and upper VI by concentrating on English and Maths purely to gain entry to the RN. In 1993 on a posting to the Police Dog section in Dorchester he moved to Milborne St. Andrew living in Stileham Bank initially followed by a brief period in Melcombe Bingham and back to Milborne via a rented property on the Dewlish Road.

In 2011, having retired from the Police after 30 years service, he and Denise moved to Weatherby Close and he started work as a parcel courier for Hermes. With some astonishment he comments that his daily delivery used to consist of 25 parcels a day which has now risen to over 90! On his round he covers Winterborne Whitechurch and Stickland, Belchalwell, Ibberton, Wooland, Hilton and Milton Abbas.

His most embarrassing moment was being bitten twice by his own Police dog during a fight with a drug dealer. This took a year of jokes and ribbing from his colleagues before it died down!

His hero and inspiration in the football world he names as Kenny Dalglish and someone he would liked to have met, is President John F. Kennedy. The charity he supports is Macmillan, commenting on how well they supported him during his illness.

John says he loves Milborne St. Andrew and wouldn't want to live anywhere else. He was one of the main movers and shakers in setting up the Sports Club and is its chairman and bookings secretary. If he could change anything it would be that more residents would come up to the Sports Club to see and use its facilities. So far next year he has only one booking, a wedding. He asks that when thinking of somewhere for that special occasion locals would think of his club.

Carole Fornachon



CHURCH SERVICES January 2016

Wise journeying

"After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of king Herod, magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him. (Matthew 2.1-2)"

We do not know what happened to the magi or wise men after they had visited Jesus, but that does not mean that their journey was wasted or in vain. They made the most of the opportunities that were given to them to follow the star and greet the Christ-child. In the moment when they were with Mary, Joseph and Jesus, they recognised the Son of God, worshipped him, gave precious and symbolic gifts and went on their way.

I wonder how good we are at making the most of the opportunities we have been given. There is a tendency in modern life to be constantly moving on to the next thing without paying much attention to the present moment.

One of my favourite poems is *The Bright Field* by the poet-priest R. S. Thomas. It reminds us of the preciousness of those moments that we sometimes miss.

*I have seen the sun break through
to illuminate a small field
for a while, and gone my way
and forgotten it. But that was the*

*pearl of great price, the one field
that had
treasure in it. I realise now
that I must give all that I have
to possess it. Life is not hurrying
on to a receding future, nor
hankering after
an imagined past. It is the turning
aside like Moses to the miracle
of the lit bush, to a brightness
that seemed as transitory as your
youth
once, but is the eternity that awaits
you.*

Young children are very good at living in the present moment. Perhaps in 2016 we adults can learn from them and be able to savour and celebrate what we have now, without always rushing on to what is next.

The magi knew the importance of the moments they had with the Christ-child. They used that time wisely before moving on to the next stage of their journey.

May 2016 be a year when we learn to appreciate the present moment in all its fullness, as a gift from God to be lived not rushed through at 90-miles an hour.

Best wishes for a happy 2016.

Sarah Hillman

News from St Andrew's church

Successful Annual Christmas Market

A good crowd went to the Village Hall to explore our Christmas Market. Father Christmas had gifts for the children, some of whom were able to successfully 'Splat the Rat' after trying a game to pin point Father Christmas's keys. There were plenty of gifts on offer as well as books, tombolas for adults and children, soup, mulled wine and mince pies for the hungry, guess the weight of the cake competition (it was 7lb 1½oz) and a grand raffle. Thank you to everyone who helped us raise £746.

Our support for the Foodbanks

Following the generous gifts we were given for our Harvest Festival we have received grateful thanks from both Blandford and Dorchester Food Banks for the five heavy boxes of food that we have delivered to them. They both receive new applications for help every week from people struggling to feed themselves and their families so it is important that we keep up our collections for them. If anyone wants to donate to our collection there is always a collection box in church.

Another Christmas has gone by!

Woodbury Hill WI Group of seven institutes has just held their annual Carol Service in St. Andrew's church. About 45 climbed a moonless Church Hill, kindly lit by Mike Mullet, to enjoy the service of seven lessons and carols introduced by Sarah Hillman and ably accompanied by Tony Fox. This was followed by mince pies, sausage rolls and much chat.

Our Chistingle, Parish Carol Service, Christmas Tree Festival, and Christmas Day services are still to come so we hope that all will go to plan. We will report on them next month. In the mean time we wish everyone a very Happy New Year. Pam Shults and John Wright

3rd January – Epiphany

9.30am	Parish Communion	Tolpuddle
9:30	Celebrate	Milborne
11.00	Parish Communion	Puddletown Church Room
11.00	1662 Morning Prayer	Dewlish

10th January – Baptism of Christ

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

THURSDAY 14th January

12 noon	Lunch-time Communion	Puddletown
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17th January – Epiphany 2

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

24th January – Epiphany 3

9.30am	Parish Communion	Milborne
11.00	1662 Morning Prayer	Puddletown Church Room
11.00	Family Communion	Dewlish

31st January – Presentation of Christ

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

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

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The Imitation Game (PG-13)

shown by 'Milborne Movies'
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on 8th Friday January 2016 at 7.30pm

THE IMITATION GAME is a gripping, acclaimed thriller that tells the incredible true story of unsung war hero Alan Turing (Benedict Cumberbatch), the British mathematician responsible for cracking the German Enigma code during World War II, with help from fellow mathematicians including fellow code-breaker Joan Clarke (Keira Knightley).

Historians estimate that breaking Enigma shortened the war by more than two years, saving over 14 million lives. It remained a government-held secret for more than 50 years. Turing's work inspired generations of research into what scientists called "Turing machines", now known as computers. These accomplishments did not prevent Turing's post-war prosecution for homosexual acts (he agreed to "chemical castration" for his crimes), nor his eventual suicide in 1954 at the age of 41. Much of the goings-on at Bletchley and in Hut eight have been excised or modified to make the narrative more sinewy, but early hardships suffered by Turing as a schoolboy as well as the difficulties he encounters with not just British military, but his own co-workers, help complete our portrait of the man and Cumberbatch gives a performance that is, by turns, awkward, triumphant, and heart-breaking.

This is clearly a rich field for an often tense and moving drama, which also manages to include a good deal of humour that sandwiches the wartime events between scenes of his school days and ultimate arrest. In 2013 Queen Elizabeth II granted a posthumous royal pardon, honouring Alan Turing for his achievements during the war. Unfortunately, despite the pivotal role he had played during the war, Turing was never really recognized as a national hero, because of his homosexuality. This film is a solid historical drama about someone who changed the world but is relatively unknown today.

For further information see: <http://theimitationgamemovie.com/>

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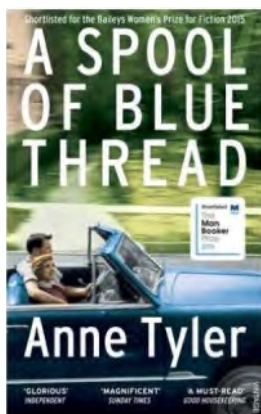
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A Good Read by Shirley Dunkley A Spool of Blue Thread by Anne Tyler



I MAKE no apologies for recommending Anne Tyler yet again – she is one of the most distinguished women writing today. This contender for the Man Booker Prize is, as usual, set in Baltimore and tells the life of a family house from the 1920s to the present day. The main narrative focusses on Abby and Red Whitshank, in their 70s at the beginning of the novel, and their family of two boys and two girls. The book moves back and forth in time illuminating the changes brought about in old age when the children became the 'minders' of their parents' lives; it

explores the effects of a difficult 'outsider' child on family dynamics and the consequent amounts of emotional energy he sucks up; it highlights how parents create a family myth which can be very different from the adult children's perception. It deals with death and loss, anger and reconciliation with Tyler's usual understated elegance and keen insight creating a satisfying and rich experience for grown-up readers everywhere.

Deadline for the Febuary issue is 14th January

Focus on Small Businesses in Milborne St. Andrew No. 2 – The Burger Bar

DAREN Christopher, who owns and runs the Burger Bar, was born and raised in Blandford, attending Milldown Primary and Blandford Upper School until 16 years and currently lives in Parkstone. From the age of



12 years he worked for Brian Smith on a market stall selling sweets, taking over from his brother. On leaving school he was employed by Ferndown Wholesale Confectionery as a van driver for 24 years, then for Panda Pops (Hall and Woodhouse), market stalls full time selling pots and pans, kitchenware, bedding then eventually a variety of sweets. During the latter period he had 200 jars of sweets on his stall!

The Burger van has been operating on the industrial estate in Milborne St. Andrew for the past three years and is one of, between 10–20 Units. They are

inhabited by carpenters, Environmental Services, a boat builder, kitchen utensil outlet and someone who works for Amazon. Daren sometimes works at Wareham Market on the Quay, and on Sundays runs car boot sales in Poole Stadium.

The burger bar opens at 6.30am until 3.30pm Monday to Saturday selling extra large and 'monster size' baps. His ingredients are all West Country sourced. The burgers from Gold Hill Farm Supplies, baps from Cowdreys in Ferndown, bacon from Hunts of Sherborne and Charles Saunders in Bristol. Over the years he has built up a regular customer base and says he 'knows their preferences'. This was borne out whilst I was there when one man said nothing but still received his bacon bap! Another customer commented 'he does a mean burger'. Other food held are a selection of sweets, cakes, biscuits, crisps and fresh fruit, bananas, apples and oranges from his fruit stall colleagues. He caters

for all tastes with fruit juices, water, coffees, teas and hot chocolate. The Burger Bar also has the distinction of holding one of the few five star hygiene ratings in Dorset, which is displayed in his van.



This has to be renewed every three years. Every six months he undergoes a gas and electricity check to renew his certificates. North Dorset District Council (NDDC) come every year to check his Public Liability Insurance and to do temperature checks. There are tables outside painted red, white and blue by Daren to match the stars and stripes already on the van when he bought it, and one for a variety of sauces; plenty of parking spaces; hand wash and a toilet. In summer he attracts a large number of holidaymakers on their way west, often to Weymouth with its carnival and other attractions. Some return each year. His busiest times are between 7–9am and 12–2pm. Many customers come from the industrial estate but there are an equal number travelling to work. He is often asked to provide food for parties and fetes. These can be booked with him. Although he occasionally has to take a day away, Daren believes that his customers have built a relationship with him and want that continuity of very personal service. He comments that a combination of increased rents and the advent of Morrisons and Iceland killed many local businesses and injured his own. However, Daren appears a happy man, successful in both his business and diverse customer base.

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LETTERS to the Reporter

Dear Editor

I should like to add my words to support Susan Wilson's letter in the December edition. During the floods of 2014, and again this last Winter, when it looked as though they might be repeated, our postmaster Philip Smith worked tirelessly and selflessly to minimise the suffering of those affected. We are fortunate to have him in the village.

Sarah Ryan

Dear Editor

Milborne St Andrew - The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal and Act of Remembrance



The Royal British Legion wishes to thank everyone who contributed to this year's Poppy Appeal. Particular thanks goes to The Post Office, Gray's Store, The Royal Oak and St. Andrew's church who took Poppy Boxes.

Since the death of Peter Vacher-Dow the organisation has suffered from the lack of leadership he gave. Originally, Oct/Nov 2014, we were informed by our branch at Puddletown that it was no longer safe for house to house collections and therefore we abandoned the process, which had been so successful for many years. Too late this year I was contacted by the Poppy Appeal Organiser from Blandford asking me if we could carry out collections door to door and also place the boxes in the organisations who had helped us in the past. Again unfortunately, it was too late, over a week and a half after the appeal started I received the Poppy Appeal Boxes. Also the change of heart over the house to house collection was too late to try and find people to carry out the collection.

The Royal British Legion locally has lost a lot of members over the last few years and is now reliant on volunteer helpers to assist in the Act of Remembrance and I wish to thank them for their help, I couldn't do it without them.

I particularly want to thank the Scouts and Cubs for the support they give and the way in which the young members conducted themselves on

Remembrance Sunday. They also organised the traffic management to keep us all safe. Thank you.

My thanks to the congregation of St. Andrew's who carried out a collection at their Remembrance Service and raised £113.09.

The total raised this year was £274.14 from all sources. However, this is a far cry from the years when we did the house to house collection where we collected in excess of £700.00. I hope to ask for volunteers next year in good time in order that we can get back to those sorts of figures.

Thank you Milborne St Andrew.
Michael Hopper

The Church needs your support.

It is with absolute disgust that I have read in the Reporter magazine that Pam Shults and John Wright have the temerity to say that "we also need financial support from the whole village to maintain our old building".

It is a well-known fact that only nine per cent of the population of England are Christian. There are village residents that are not of that religious persuasion and would have no intention of paying any money to maintain an old building.

Surely it would have been better to repair the roof than fit a toilet that the church has done without for hundreds of years.

Believers of the Christian faith should be willing to support their church and if their donations are not enough then perhaps the Church of England Elders should be approached for money. They are known to be the wealthiest group in England to pay for the repairs.
Robin Keller

Reply from John Wright and Pam Shults:

Everyone is entitled to believe what they want and support what they want. Mr Keller is very clear where he stands, and we know that there are others like him. We think, as he does, that church members should pay the cost of running weekly services and this is something that we are addressing. However, we also think that there is a sizeable group in the village that while not normally church-goers (apart from weddings and funerals, and carols at Christmas) would be sorry if we lost the church building and would support our efforts to maintain it. This is the same as villagers supporting the preservation of our pub, Post Office, shop or bus service even though they may not use them regularly.

If you are concerned, please note that money specifically raised for, or given for, maintenance of the church building is kept in a separate account and not used to pay for the costs of running services. We would be very pleased to know how

much support we have in the village (we think that a lot more than nine per cent of the village think they are Christian as the 2011 Census reported that 59.3 per cent of the population defined themselves as Christian) so do write to the Reporter (or the Churchwardens) with your views.
John Wright and Pam Shults
(Churchwardens)

The Editor, The Reporter

May I avail myself of your pages to thank many people in Milborne St. Andrew for their generously given help and support over the last six weeks? That was when I fell and fractured my left hip, at a time when I was starting dialysis. It would be egregious to thank people individually for they provided Shirley and me with transport to the hospital, furniture, invaluable information, dog-walking and all kinds of support. As far as I am concerned, community spirit is alive and well in Milborne St. Andrew, and if I needed confirmation of that, my splendid carer lives in the village.

Yours sincerely
Peter Dunkley

Advice on winter driving by Dorset Police

THE winter weather is here and we would like to remind you all to check the tyres on your car regularly to make sure they have sufficient tread and are inflated to the correct pressure. The legal limit for the depth of car tyre tread is a minimum of 1.6mm and the correct tyre pressure can be found in your vehicle's handbook. We would also like to remind you all to check the lights on your car regularly to make sure they are all working. Regularly on our patrols, we see vehicles travelling with only one headlight or we follow vehicles with brake lights not working. If this is the case you are liable to be pulled over and delayed on your journey, you could potentially cause an accident, or be subject of a fine of £100 and three penalty points on your licence or more!

It is also an offence for number plates to be obscured in any way, even by mud so please make every effort to ensure they are clean. Thank you.

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The photograph in the December *Reporter* was taken outside Goulds Farm, The Causeway.

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Try your luck this month on page 12.



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The Piddle Valley Players' production of CAROUSEL

RACHEL Olley is the Director of the Piddle Valley Players' winter season's production of 'Carousel', reputedly one of its author's, Richard Rodgers', favourite musicals, and voted the best musical of the 20th century by *Time* magazine in 1999. He and his partner Oscar



Hammerstein adapted the 1945 version from Ferenc Molnar's 1909 play 'Liliom' transplanting its Budapest setting to the Maine coastline. The story revolves around the romance between carousel barker Billy Bigelow and millworker Julie Jordan. A secondary plot deals with another millworker, Carrie Pipperidge, and her involvement with ambitious fisherman, Enoch

Snow. The show includes the well-known songs "If I Loved You", "June is Bustin' out All Over" and "You'll Never Walk Alone."

The Piddle Valley Players have been in existence for 30 years. Rachel has been involved as Director for nine years and before that a member of the Bournemouth and Boscombe Light Opera Company and the Cromer and Sheringham Dramatic Society taking lead roles in most productions, treading the boards from the age of 17 years. She played Julie Jordan at the same age, 19 years, as her daughter who is playing that part in this show! They have been in rehearsals for two hours twice a week since September. All 25 members of the Players are in *Carousel*, their ages ranging from ten years to 70 years. There are ten men in this show. Usually, she tells me, men are more reluctant to take part, feeling uncomfortable with performing, but once bitten by the theatrical bug they tend to stay. Annual subscription is £25 per year. Members come from Charlton Down, Buckland Newton and Dorchester as well as those from the villages in the Valley. There are no auditions as she says she is aware of everyone's capabilities and what role would suit which person. She describes it as very 'physical' theatre with lots of challenges due to the small size of their venue, Piddletrenthide Memorial Hall. It holds sixty people which makes for an intimate experience. There is nowhere for the cast to change and it is 'pretty tough at the back' and very few props. The costumes are hired from Ringwood Musical Society.



Rachel describes the rehearsals and shows as exhausting for the cast and most take time off from work in the run up to their opening night. This year for the first time they are putting on five performances, 16th–20th February 2016, instead of the usual four. Refreshments served (included in the ticket price, £10) are suitable for the show. This time they are a secret! For 'The Boy Friend', the cast served the audience with Pimms and cucumber sandwiches in a French Café setting. This is an innovative and ambitious group performing a colourful show only a short drive from Milborne St. Andrew.

So, the Piddle Valley Players await your attendance at their proudly presented production of Rodgers and Hammerstein's *CAROUSEL*, 16th–20th February 2016 at 7.00pm. Piddletrenthide Memorial Hall, £10 including refreshments. Tickets from Old Chapel Stores, Buckland Newton and Piddletrenthide Post Office from January 2016.

Carole Fornachon

Christmas with the WI

IN the lead up to Christmas we were delighted to host the Woodbury Hill WI Group Carol Service here at St. Andrew's Church. June Maitland has been our Group delegate for some years before recently stepping down and Sue Ludwig, our Group Chairman, thanked her on our behalf and presented her with a bouquet of flowers. After the carols – everyone in fine voice – we served refreshments and took the opportunity to chat and have a general catch-up. Our organist for the service was Tony Fox, it was lovely to see him there – many thanks, Tony!

There was much too to enjoy at our Christmas supper the following evening. Sheila Ryall took first prize in the beetle drive, and Heather the 'booby' (somewhat hindered by a 'loaded' dice...). The supper table was as inviting as always and there was plenty of



time for the all-important socialising. Gifts were not exchanged this year, instead our collection contributed £96.50 to our local charity, Mosaic.

Our first meeting of the New Year is on Thursday 14th January, when White Pepper Cookery Ltd will host a Cookery Demonstration, the theme of which will be 'An introduction to Japanese and Thai cookery'. This is an open meeting so if you would like to come along and join us, you will be made most welcome.

Pat Bull

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