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Patient Voice – AGM date

PATIENT VOICE is the patient reference group for Milton Abbas and Milborne St Andrew Surgery. The next group meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 29th June at 6.30pm. and will be held in Milton Abbas Reading Room and will be preceded by a brief AGM.

This meeting provides an opportunity for patients to hear about what's new at the surgery and to ask questions. We also expect to have a representative of the CCG who will tell us about what other PPG's are currently doing. The meeting is open to all patients – we look forward to seeing you there.

Nigel Hodder, Secretary – Tel: 881709

Fire Safety in the home

ON Wednesday 4th May, Rose from the Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Public Relations came to talk to the Wednesday Club about protecting ourselves and our homes from fire. By way of introduction she showed us a short video of how quickly a staged fire in an armchair moves from a minor smoulder into a lethally smoke-filled room in seconds and a full blaze in one minute even though the chair had a fire safety certificate.

Rose answered our questions and discussed potential hazards in the home emphasizing how important it is to keep doors shut particularly at night and to ensure smoke alarms are fitted and in working order.

Rose encouraged us all to ask the Fire Service to visit our homes to give personal advice on safety. This service is free of charge and available to all householders. They will also fit smoke alarms if necessary which are also free of charge. Having had one of these visits ourselves, we highly recommend this service and personally found it extremely useful and the Fire Officer friendly and efficient. The number to call for a Home Visit is 0800 038 2323.

Our next meeting is on 1st June at Athelhampton House for a cream tea.

On 6th July there are a limited number of first come first served places to visit the R.N.L.I. college at Poole for a tour. To book places please contact Jenny on 837121 or Ian on 837459 as soon as possible.

Lis Watts

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Dave and Sue Andrews at the Gardening Club's stall



Rose and Ed Frost serve cream teas to appreciative fayre-goers



Alf Large, 6, at his investiture as a Beaver into the 1st MSA Group



North Dorset Police's buggy having a day off from rural crime-fighting



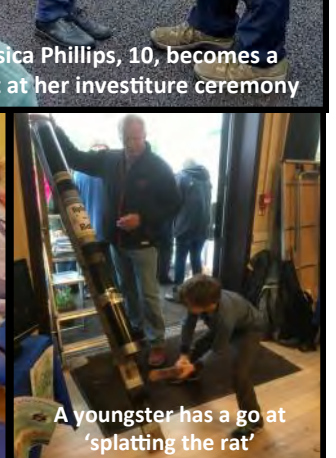
Jessica Phillips, 10, becomes a Scout at her investiture ceremony



The cake stall, run by the Village Hall, proved popular



Organisers, Ed Richards and Elizabeth Humphrey, interviewed for Wessex FM by Steve Bulley



A youngster has a go at 'splatting the rat'

Rain didn't stop play at the village May Fayre – it just moved it indoors! The event raised over £1,000 for groups taking part. Photos by the Reporter's Heather Hogg and Steve Bulley, Wessex FM



Hollie Jeans and Philip Harris sell their artisan chocolate and candles



George Legg and Sarah Moody of Ladybirds oversee the raffle



Friends of School's Teddy Tombola and glitter tattoos were a hit



Joy Robinson at the plant stall of..

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Come along to the village picnic to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday!

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It's on **Sunday 12th June** at 2pm at the Village Hall playing field - free entry, but bring a picnic....it's sure to be a fun afternoon!



Fun, games and a picnic... see you there!

The Food & Wine Club – a right Royal Knees-up!

Milborne St Andrew



ANYONE passing the Village Hall on the morning of 23rd April would not be wrong in perhaps thinking 'there was an awful lot going on!' And, indeed, there was. The *Food & Wine Club* was preparing for a big birthday party to be held later that evening.

The hall, according to Linda O'Dwyer (who was one of the first guests to arrive) 'looked like Buckingham Palace!' The tables were adorned with red tablecloths, red, white and blue napkins and candles. The whole hall was bedecked with bunting and all the wonderful food cooked by the Committee was at the ready. The stage was set with a Royal Crown (courtesy of Tony Dyer), a chocolate birthday cake (baked by Marion Regan) and flanked by two beautiful floral decorations by Susie Edwards. In place of a letter and card received from Her Majesty sending the *F&W Club* her best wishes for an enjoyable party.

At seven o'clock the 46 guests arrived to be greeted with a glass of Kir Royal and canapes (smoked salmon rolls, smoked mackerel pate, chicken liver pate, filled tomatoes, cheese straws and melon). Without exception, all the members had made an effort to wear the patriotic 'red, white and blue'. The atmosphere was really wonderful. At 7.30pm everyone made their way to their seats and then, systematically, were served a wonderful spread by the Committee – a choice of coronation chicken, salmon en croute, steak and kidney pie (the suet-pastry hand-decorated with '90' and 'ER'), new potatoes, peas and carrots, salad and rice. And in honour of Victoria Wood's very sad sudden death, we actually had a hostess trolley (courtesy of Rose Frost) to keep the vegetables and gravy



hot! Wine, beer and soft drinks were served from a cash bar.

Members had been asked beforehand to contribute something home-made/British towards a hamper which was raffled during the evening. £117 was raised and the RNLI was elected as the charity to be the recipient of this sum.

Towards the end of the main course, Tony Dyer made a toast to Her Majesty and everyone sang 'Happy Birthday'. Tony also entertained the guests with a few anecdotes from his days as HaHaRHHHha mmmmmkkkkkHarbourmaster at Plymouth.

Then it was time for dessert. A long table was magnificently adorned with the most sumptuous puddings – fit for a Queen! There was 'Queen of puddings'; summer pudding; apple crumble; 'Windsor trifle'; chocolate and hazelnut roulade; lemon meringue pie; and gooseberry fool. And we had a very special birthday cake – a three-tiered chocolate and black cherry gâteau.

Full use was made of the sound system we have in the Village Hall. A wonderful selection of music was put together by Sue Lawson which was enjoyed by all during the evening.

As always, I, as Chairman, was bowled over by the camaraderie shown within the group. Within no time at all, the tables and chairs were cleared from the hall and all the washing-up was done by hand by willing volunteers (the dishwasher having not being plumbed in yet!). You know who you are – thank you very much indeed.

The Committee received many compliments during and after the evening with regard to the food and general organisation, which means so much. A great deal of work goes on behind the scenes and it is so rewarding to know that our members enjoy all that the *Food & Wine Club* has to offer.

If you are interested in joining the Food & Wine Club, please contact Julie Johannsen (Chairman), on 01258 839004; jjohannsen51@hotmail.com

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The price of coal . . . at the May WI

SOME busy weeks ahead, with arrangements for our stall at the May Fayre now well in hand, only the stallholders' outfits to finalise! We hope for a good turnout from the village and clement weather. Our summer supper will be hosted by Sheila Ryall on Friday 24th June. We are collecting unused and unwanted jewellery, to be passed on to Heart Research UK. For the Dorchester Show and for Bestival, cakes would be very welcome and Jenny will be happy to collect.

Shirley reported at our 'Bookends' meeting, held at Sue Benn's house, that *'The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie'*, had a varied reception. The next book is expected to be lighter, a Sophie Kinsella novel. We spent some time celebrating the bicentenary of Charlotte Bronte by looking at her life and two of her lesser known novels, *Shirley* and *Villette*.

Two resolutions are going forward to the Annual meeting this year. They are to *'Avoid food waste, address food poverty'* . . . which calls on supermarkets to sign up to a voluntary agreement to avoid food waste, thus passing surplus food on to charities. Secondly, to ensure *'Appropriate care in hospitals for people with dementia'*, providing facilities to enable carers to stay with people with Alzheimer's and dementia, who are admitted to hospital. We voted unanimously for both resolutions.

Audrey Holloway was welcomed to talk about her Dad, a Cumberland miner. Despite living in Dorset for 35 years, Audrey's memories of her upbringing in a small Cumbrian mining community are still very clear. Distington village comprised only four streets of terraced houses and a Methodist chapel, but the community was tight-knit. The coal miner's life was a hard one; they worked long hours for low wages and the potential dangers were always there for them and their families, thus creating a close comradeship. Working conditions in the coal mining industry had its inherent dangers, and probably because of the long hours spent underground, Audrey's dad was especially keen on spending his leisure time in the open air. A talented man, he could turn his hand to anything. As was the case in those days, his early death left her widowed mother without any income, and it was the strength of their close family and neighbours which pulled them through.

Audrey had clearly spent some time researching her family history, but it was her own memories of her childhood, a good one within a loving family despite all the hardships, which were so important. She stressed how vital it is to pass on memories to your family. Not surprisingly, there was much discussion afterwards, many of us having relatives who had served their time as miners.

On Thursday 9th June Sue Board will talk about *'Encaustic Art'*. We look forward to seeing you there. *Pat Bull*

Road Closure

IF you use the B3143 Piddle Valley Road please be aware that it will be subject to delays and closures between 31st May and the 2nd June.

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Murder and Mystery at the Village Hall



ON Saturday 7th May, 40 people were transported back to the Coronation Day, Tuesday 2nd June 1953 when the Church Events Committee put on an evening of food and entertainment aided by The Valley Players.

On entry, for £1, we could purchase three old pennies, various old fashioned games were situated around the hall to play for one penny a go, attended by the Players dressed in costumes of the era. We then sat down to a lovely meal of hors d'oeuvres followed by coronation chicken and jacket potatoes, finishing with trifle. All this was served by our excellent waitresses 'dressed to kill' in their Lyons Corner House Nippy outfits.

The play, *The Coronation Fete*, was then performed which ended with a murder and we were left to deduce 'who done it?' It was an excellent evening and good fun was had by all!! On behalf of the attendees I would like to thank the Church Events Committee and helpers for all their hard work in giving us all such a great time and we look forward to their next event which I understand will take place in October so WATCH THIS SPACE.

The evening raised about £700 to go towards the upkeep of the Church which is a Grade II listed building and it should be noted that The Valley Players very generously waived their fees and donated them to the Church. This, plus all the hard work of the Events Committee who did all the organising, provided the prizes, catering, decorated the hall and served the food and of course finally all those who bought tickets, came and made the evening fun, all these things contributed to a very successful evening. *Lis Watts*



Milborne St Andrew Parish Church Exhibitors for Art and Craft Event

On Saturday 16th July 10.00am – 5.00pm

Our plan is to have displays of craft work and demonstrations. We hope that you will allow visitors to 'have a go' using some of your materials and equipment and that you will help them to try out new skills, making a small charge if you want to.

There will be an opportunity for you to sell some of your products.

At the same time we hope to have a display of the history of our church as part of our programme of The Queen's 90th Birthday celebrations.

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Milborne brought to a standstill by HGV



THIS was the moment that Milborne came to a standstill – a long and wide load attempted to negotiate its way through the village, but Dorchester Hill proved too much for it. The bizarre looking goods vehicle – seen here at the junction with Chapel Street – consisted of a lorry with a farm tractor on its bed and pulling a trailer behind. This had a tractor unit at the far end, facing in the opposite direction. The push-me – pull-you looking vehicle didn't have the traction to travel up the hill, so had to reverse back to attempt it again. Traffic was stopped in both directions by police whilst the driver tried – in vain – to make it up and over towards the A35.

Steve Chappell, who lives on Milton Terrace, watched the escapade and took this excellent photo of the lorry manoeuvring backwards after admitting defeat – with the stag of Stag House looking on bemused. The lorry reversed past The Royal Oak and his house and around the corner into Milton Road. It's believed it then turned east towards Blandford, continuing its journey, with a detour.

Ed Richards

Beautiful Bulbarrow hosts festival of music and food

THIS is the third year of the Dorset Midsummer Music and Food Festival and the second time that it will be held at Warren Farm, home of the Langham family. This family friendly festival takes place on Saturday 18th June in a beautiful valley with a natural amphitheatre, high up in the Dorset Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

Gates will open at midday and the action continue on the two stages until 11.00pm with a fabulous line-up of music ranging from headlining reggae band, Lionstar, via the lyrical Eyes for Gertrude to acoustic sets by Toby de Kretsa and Will Saunders and many more.

There will be a wide variety of delicious food on offer, including Noodlehead Asian food, Pizza Forno, the Ansty Herd Hog Roast and BBQ, Loving Spoonful vegetarian food and Roots coffee.

Festival goers can quench their thirst with local beers from Winterborne Kingston's Sunny Republic, Dorset Artisan Ciders, Pimm's or treat themselves to a glass or bottle of Langham Sparkling Wine, winner of the UK Vineyards Association 'Outstanding Sparkling Wine of 2015'.

Kids will be kept entertained by the stilt-walking and fire-eating Jamie Jigsaw and the scary spiders and snakes of Bugfest plus a Story Telling Tent, face painting and lots of games.

Wild camping is available in this beautiful remote location for tents, campervans and caravans but must be booked in advance. Find out more from the website www.midsummermusic.co.uk where tickets can be purchased direct from. Tickets are also available from Dorchester Tourist Information Office. They are £8 in advance or £10 on the gate. Tickets for children aged four to 16 are only £1.

Bridge of Spies (PG-13)

shown by 'Milborne Movies'

at Milborne St. Andrew Village Hall

on Friday 17th June 2016 at 7.30pm

BRIDGE OF SPIES is a dramatic thriller based on real events in the context of the Cold War. A lawyer called James B. Donovan (Tom Hanks) is hired by the CIA to defend Rudolf Abel (Mark Rylance), a Soviet spy captured in U.S. Not long after, an American pilot, Francis Gary Powers (Austin Stowell), is caught flying over the USSR and Donovan agrees to help the CIA facilitate an exchange of the spy for the captured American U2 spy plane pilot. When Donovan arrives in East Germany he is informed that another American is being held by the Germans and he could be the one that's being offered for Abel, but the CIA tells Donovan that Powers is the priority. Donovan tries to get both men.

Hanks' innate ability to convincingly play both the inexperienced and the commanding, and the warm and the steely-eyed, is enough to make the Europe-set negotiation scenes crackle. With the benefit of a screenplay co-written by Joel and Ethan Coen it soars. Also Rylance's understated performance as Abel is an outright joy. Visually, the film offers two colour conventions depending on which side of the world you are. So everything that happens in the communist bloc tends to red and yellow while what happens in the capitalist world is covered with a blue veil. Fundamental to achieving this is the work of master photography Janusz Kaminski. In *Bridge of Spies* justice dominates and above all, the dedication of the film's character to help bring this about, is the most important and moving aspect.

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



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St. Andrew's Church Notes

Coronation Fete Worse Than Death

ALL tickets were sold for a Murder Mystery evening at the beginning of May. The play was centred on a 1953 Coronation village fete. The village hall was decorated with red, white, blue dressings, bunting and Union Flags. The meal was typical of a '50's post-war menu and included coronation chicken, trifle, peaches and evaporated milk . . . and the Valley Players brought side shows which could be played for one old penny. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed a well delivered play and had the opportunity to talk to the characters to try to work out 'who done it'. The profits from the evening will go towards maintaining our old church building. We are extremely grateful to the Valley Players, the Village Hall team who kindly provided a bar, the Events Committee who organized everything and provided the meal and 'staffed' it. Many thanks to all those who came and supported the event.



The only team to successfully name the culprit.

New Parochial Church Council elected

At our Annual Meeting in April we elected a new PCC. It looks very much the same as it did before, but with the very welcome addition of José Thomas. John and Pam were re-elected as church wardens and John will remain the treasurer; Pam resigned as secretary and hopes that someone will take up this role soon. At the meeting we also elected our sidespersons and heard reports on last year's activities and finances. We came away feeling quite encouraged for the future, but we do have the matter of our disintegrating roof to put right.

Churchyard Cleanup Thwarted by Weather

Two of the three working party sessions, organised to clear up in the churchyard, were interrupted by rain so less was achieved than we had hoped. We still need to remove ivy and dead wood from some of the trees and walls and finish moving the compost heap in the new churchyard so that we can start to prepare the current wild flower area for burials when needed. We hope to have regular monthly sessions so that the building and churchyard are kept in good order.

All set for the May Fayre

As we write this (on a lovely hot May day) we hope our Granny's Attic stall will be ready for the May Fayre in a week or two. By the time you read this we hope you will have had a great day and spent all your money!

Village Support for Christian Aid Week

May is the month of the annual Christian Aid Charity week. We are hoping that the village will have responded well to the envelopes delivered to each house by making a small donation and returning the envelopes to one of the collection points. If you missed it, it is not too late to give your donation to one of the Churchwardens.

Fundraising in June

Look out for notices about our fundraising event in June which is to be a **Cream Teas event on Wednesday 22nd June**. Sue Dawson from Heathcote House has kindly agreed to host the event; we are looking forward to enjoying home-made scones in her lovely garden.

Thank you for the Easter Lilies

We apologize for suggesting last month that the Easter Lilies were paid for by the flower arrangers when they were bought with donations of £85 given in memory of those who have died. We are very sorry for our mistake.

John Wright and Pam Shults

CHURCH SERVICES June 2016

5th June – Trinity 2

9.30am	Parish Communion	Tolpuddle
9.30	Celebrate	Milborne
11.00	Parish Communion with renewal of wedding vows/ pledge of commitment	Puddletown
11.00	1662 Morning Prayer	Dewlish

12th June – Trinity 3

8.15am	1662 Said Communion	Puddletown
9.30	Service for the Queen's Birthday	Milborne
11.00	Puddletown Praise (followed by parish picnic)	Puddletown Church Room
11.00	Service for the Queen's Birthday (followed by bring-and-share lunch)	Dewlish
2.45pm	Joint Methodist/Anglican Service for the Queen's Birthday (followed by cream teas at The Manor)	Tolpuddle

Thursday 16th June

12noon	Holy Communion	Puddletown Church Room
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19th June – Trinity 4

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

26th June – Trinity 5

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

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

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

(During church closure, Morning Prayer in Puddletown will be at the Vicarage.)

Celebrate the Queen's birthday with a party in the Village Hall Playing Field on 12th June from 2.00pm. Bring your own food. Fancy dress, games, races.

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Dewlish Church Notes

AT OUR church AGM all members of the Church Council were re-elected, and Sue Britton and Jim Burg are once again our churchwardens. 2015 was a very busy and fruitful year, and it looks as though 2016 will be the same.

On 16th April, in St. George's Church, Dorchester, Jim was commissioned by Karen, Bishop of Sherborne, as a Lay Worship Leader. Also commissioned that day were Jean Jeffreys, Emma Hughes and Bob Todd from Puddletown, and two others from the Dorchester Deanery. Congratulations to you all – we all know what a great help this is to Sarah.

Now to this busy month: on Sunday 12th June we are celebrating the **Queen's official 90th birthday** by holding a **special service** in church at 11.00am, followed by a bring-and-share lunch in the Village Hall. We welcome everyone in the village to come to this special event, and look forward to seeing you all. Please bring a plate of food to share.

On Sunday 19th June we are holding our **Pet Service** in All Saints' churchyard at 11.00am. All pets are welcome, along with their well-behaved owners!

Our **Flower Festival** will be held on the weekend of 25–27th June, between the hours of 2.00–5.00pm. Can you please help by making a cake (there will also be refreshments in the Village Hall), helping out in church or in the hall, or doing a flower tray or arrangement? Please let a member of the Church Council know. Thank you very much, and we look forward to seeing you there!

Please leave your prayers on our new Board

We now have a Prayer Board in church, kindly made and donated by Judith. You will find it near the back of the church by the font. Please feel free to leave your prayer, and we will include it in the service on the following Sunday.

We have just had our early morning Ascension Day service at the top of Greenways, led by Jim. It was a most beautiful morning and a lovely venue, with such great views. Even the young cattle enjoyed it, staying at the fence throughout the service. *Daphne Burg*

Cream Teas at Heathcote House

(by invitation of Sue Dawson)

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Have faith in Human Nature

The following is a true incident that I witnessed within the last month.

I am in the habit of calling in at a well-known pub in the Purbecks on my way back from voluntary work in Swanage. Having bought my pasty and pint of beer I was collecting cutlery and ketchup when I was followed to the counter by a retired couple. They were somewhat dismayed to see the sign saying 'Cash or Cheques only, No cards'. "Is there any way round this", they asked. Good-naturedly, they were assured the notice was strictly adhered to, but if they wished, they could purchase their needs on credit, on the understanding that they went straightway afterwards to Swanage or Wareham to obtain cash to clear the debt. For their own reasons they were reluctant to do this but started to go through their small change to see whether they could afford a small beer and possibly crisps with what they had. At that moment a hand appeared over the gentleman's shoulder from someone in the queue, holding a twenty pound note. At the same time, the owner saying, "Take this, and I will give you my name and address for you to send me a cheque."

I am unable to report the final outcome of this; did they send a cheque or did they take advantage? I truly hope and believe they returned the money at the earliest opportunity. Importantly, there are still people who are sufficiently magnanimous and trusting to do this for a stranger.

Pip Bowell



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Dorset cream tea

IN the 1950's my granny went to Ilfracombe in Devon for a week's holiday every August. She would always send us a present of a tin of clotted cream in the post and my mother really looked forward to this annual treat. Of course in those days very few people had fridges, so after its long journey the cream had to be eaten up quickly. As children we were deeply suspicious of this strange curdled looking substance and when my brother whispered to me that it looked as if it had a scab on the top we both refused to try it.

I don't suppose children nowadays even know what a scab is! As children then, our knees and often elbows were regularly covered in scabs from grazes when falling off our bikes or climbing trees or roller-skating. Boys wore short trousers until they were around 14 years old and girls wore skirts or dresses with knee length socks in winter, so our knees were always exposed to the elements. I don't think tights had been invented!

Of course, now I love clotted cream and a cream tea is a summertime favourite. If all this talk of scabs hasn't put you off then I would recommend this traditional recipe for scones. No need for an enriched recipe containing eggs or buttermilk or anything complicated. The key point is freshness, eat on the same day they are made or freeze and then refresh in the oven. Don't worry about how high they rise, just roll them out fairly thickly and they will be fine. Also don't be tempted to add extra baking powder or they will taste slightly bitter and salty. Butter is essential, never use margarine and be very generous with the amount of clotted cream and jam piled on the top.



Should you put cream on first? Jam on first? The problem is easily solved by cutting your scone in half and spreading one half with jam and cream and the other half with cream and jam!

8oz, 225g self-raising flour
1½oz, 40g butter
1½ tablespoons, 30g caster sugar
A pinch of salt
5fl oz, 150ml milk
40g sultanas (optional)
A little extra flour for rolling out
Pre heat the oven to gas mark7, 425°F, 220°C.
Grease a baking sheet

Sift the flour into a bowl and rub in the butter with your fingertips. Stir in the sugar and salt (and the sultanas if you prefer fruit scones). Using a knife, gradually mix in most of the milk. Flour your hands and gently knead the mixture into a ball – which should feel soft but not sticky. Add some more of the left over milk if it is too dry. The bowl should be clean and all the crumbs incorporated into the dough.

Turn the dough onto a floured surface and roll out with a floured rolling pin to a thickness of about ¾inch or 2 cm, or slightly thicker if you prefer.

Place the scones on the baking sheet and brush with a little beaten egg or milk for a slightly shiny top or dust finely with flour for a matt finish.

Bake near the top of the oven for 12–15 minutes. If you have made them thicker they may take a bit longer.

Cool on a wire rack and if possible eat them when they are still slightly warm.

If you wish, freeze them in an airtight container as soon as they are cool. Defrost them as you need them and refresh them in a hot oven for a short time. Makes 6–7 scones with a 6cm (2¼ inch) diameter cutter. They work out at about 5p each!

Now all you have to worry about is whether to call them "sconns" or "scowns"...

From Milborne Old School to Military Records

JANE gave the Village History Group a fascinating talk in May about how she ended up researching information about Milborne School, where she had to access the information and how it illustrated life from the mid-18th Century to the beginning of the 20th Century; the information also included some interesting facts about the education system. Jane expanded on the work she did in order to produce pertinent information about men associated with Milborne St. Andrew who fought in the Great War and about conditions that they had to survive in (or not). As a consequence of her thorough research she was invited to be a volunteer researcher at the Dorchester Military Museum where she now attends on a regular weekly basis.

Next meeting on the 8th June at 7.30pm will be a special one as we have invited John Smith, an archaeologist specialising in Roman Britain who will be talking about 'The Roman Army in Dorset, Finds, Fact and Fiction'. Do feel free to come along even if you haven't been before. We ask for a £1 subscription per person. *Pam Shults*

Memorabilia needed

TO celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday we hope to display items in church on the 16th July which show how things have changed over these 90 years. This could be baptism certificates, personal Bibles, prayer books, photos of confirmations, weddings, etc. If you have anything relevant to loan for this display please let one of us know. Eva on 01258 837468 email evastockley@btinternet.com or Pam on 01258 837203 email pamshults@btinternet.com

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Reporter team members can be found on page two. No prize, just a bit of fun. Answer in the July Reporter.



Last month's winner can be found on page 30.

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This Month In History: June

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Births

June 5th, 1901: Anastasia Nikolaevna is born in Saint Petersburg, daughter of last Russian Tsar. She was executed with her family by the Bolshevik secret police in 1918. Persistent rumours of her possible escape circulated after her death, fuelled by the fact that the location of her burial was unknown. Her possible survival has been conclusively disproven. Several women have falsely claimed to have been Anastasia; the best known impostor is Anna Anderson. Anderson's body was cremated upon her death in 1984, but DNA testing showed no relation to the Romanov family.

June 6th, 1868: Robert Falcon Scott, leader of the ill-fated South Pole expedition, is born in Plymouth. He led two expeditions. On the first he set a new southern record by marching to latitude 82°S and discovered the Polar Plateau, on which the South Pole is located. During the second adventure, Scott led a party of five which reached the South Pole on 17th January 1912, only to find that they had been preceded by Roald Amundsen's Norwegian expedition. A planned meeting with dog teams from the base camp failed, and 150 miles from their base camp and 11 miles from the next depot, Scott and his companions died from exhaustion, starvation, and extreme cold.

June 14th, 1928: Ernesto "Che" Guevara, was born in Rosario, Argentina. He was a Marxist revolutionary and physician who went on to become a guerrilla leader in South America. Executed by the Bolivian army in 1967, he is regarded as a martyred hero by many leftists worldwide. He did in fact spearhead a lot of positive reforms including not least a national Cuban literacy campaign which was very successful. Today he remains a revered and reviled figure.

Deaths

June 10th, 1190: Frederick I Barbarossa, Holy Roman Emperor and leader of the Third Crusade, drowns whilst crossing the Saleph River in Turkey on his way to Jerusalem with an army of over 120,000. The army following his death dispersed and headed for home in anticipation of the Imperial elections, but his son Frederick of Swabia led 5,000 on to Antioch. The 5,000 were further reduced by fever and had to be escorted to the safety of Tyre – the army never saw battle.

June 21st, 1527: Niccolo Machiavelli, a Florentine statesman/author, dies at 57. In his *Prince* he described immoral behavior, such as dishonesty and murder, as being normal and effective in politics. The book gained notoriety when some claimed that he was teaching evil, and aiding tyrants to maintain power. Today he is instead seen as the father of political science.

June 28th, 1914: Franz Ferdinand, Archduke of Austria is assassinated in Sarajevo by young Serbian nationalist Gavrilo Princip. The assassination led to revolts all across Austro-Hungary and the Balkans, and this crisis escalated as the conflict between Austria-Hungary and Serbia came to engulf Europe. Other factors that came into play during the diplomatic crisis that preceded WWI included misperceptions of intent, fatalism that war was inevitable, and the speed of the crisis, which was exacerbated by delays and misunderstandings in diplomatic communications. To this day, no single cause is prescribed to the cause WWI.

Events

June 1st, 1862: Following the death of Joe Johnston, Robert E. Lee assumes command of the confederate army of Virginia in the American Civil War. Once he took command of the main field army in 1862 he soon emerged as a shrewd tactician and battlefield commander, winning most of his battles, all against far superior Union armies. When Virginia had declared its secession from the Union in April 1861, Lee chose to follow his home state, despite his personal desire for the country to remain intact and despite an offer of a senior Union command.

June 15th, 1215: King John of England signs the *Magna Carta* near Runnymede, Windsor, England. It promised the protection of church rights, protection for the barons from illegal imprisonment, and limitations on feudal payments to the Crown, to be overseen by a council of barons. Neither King nor barons stood behind their commitments, and the charter was annulled by Pope Innocent III. It took until the reign of John's Grandson, Edward I, to finally confirm it as part of England's statute law in 1297.

June 22nd, 1633: Galileo Galilei is forced to recant his theory that the Earth orbits the Sun by Pope Paul V. It took until October 31st 1992 for the Vatican to admit that it was wrong to imprison Galileo, prevent the publication and distribution of his works, and hinder the development of the Heliocentric theory of the universe.

Mark Ferguson

Spring is here, come and enjoy the great outdoors

WE are making the most of the longer days and hopefully warm sunshine as we continue to travel around Dorset with visits to Hengistbury Head and Christchurch, and also dropping off at Stewarts Garden Centre, Somerford. We're looking forward to seeing the baby swans at the Swannery, Abbotsbury village and lunch at the Wishing Well, Upwey. These are just a few of our outdoor opportunities. Please see our advert for the remainder of this month's outings.

In April for our last outing of the month, we visited Clarks Shopping Village, Street. This was an opportunity to eat outside after shopping till we 'dropped'. The weather was just right for alfresco dining and ice cream before boarding the buses. We had a fun time at Blandford Georgian Fayre and several of our Blandford passengers came along to say hello and to chance their luck, playing our 'Quick-Silver' game. To celebrate 90 glorious years in commemoration of Her Majesty's birthday, we went to The Exchange,



Sturminster. The show was presented by Neil Sands and his supporting cast. Sixty-three of us enjoyed the afternoon of great entertainment and reminiscences from 90 years ago to the present day.

May got off to a record breaking start with four buses and 61 passengers going up to the Jailhouse Café for lunch. The views never disappoint as the weather was perfect. Grateful thanks to the Jailhouse, for managing all our meal choices and to the Jailhouse Volunteers for ensuring everyone enjoyed the 'Jailhouse Experience'.

Next month our ventures into the great outdoors continue, as we steam into Swanage by train, visit Lyme Regis and go across to Brownsea Island.

For online bookings please go to: www.bus2godorset.org

In the bedroom with the Players

The Milborne Players are pleased to announce that their September 2016 production will be "**Bedroom Farce**" written by Alan Ayckbourn to be directed by Caroline Nobbs. The production will take place on **16th and 17th September 2016** in the Village Hall here in Milborne. We have decided to continue the genre of comedy for another year as this type of production seems to be well received by our audiences. Ayckbourn is of course a well known writer with a fair few of his plays being performed around the country. One in particular is currently in the West End. "How The Other Half Loves". So, why not take a West End trip without travelling far and come and see "Bedroom Farce" on your doorstep? Tickets can be pre-booked on 01258 839056.

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Please let the Reporter know if any of these details change

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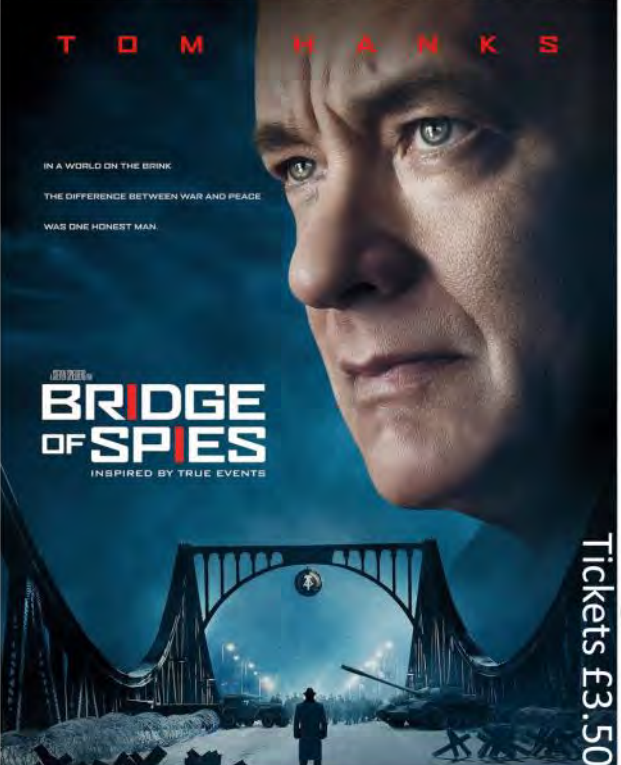
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June

- Wednesday 1st** **Wednesday Club** Athelhampton House for a cream tea – see page 2.
- Wednesday 8th** **Village History Group** The Royal Oak 7.30pm all welcome – see page 13.
- Thursday 9th** **WI** Sue Board will talk about 'Encaustic Art'. Village Hall 7.30pm – see page 7.
- Sunday 12th** **The Queen's 90th birthday Village Picnic** Village Hall playing field from 2.00pm. All welcome. – see pages 4 and 21.
- Tuesday 14th** **Reporter** latest date for the July issue. Copy and pictures to msa.reporter@yahoo.co.uk or any member of the Reporter team.
- Thursday 16th** **Gardening Club** *Wicked Plants* by Marion Dale Village Hall 7.30pm – see page 25.
- Friday 17th** **Bridge of Spies** (PG-13) shown by 'Milborne Movies' Village Hall 7.30pm – see pages 9 and 16.
- Saturday 18th** **Dorset Midsummer Music and Food Festival** – see pages 9 and below.
- Wednesday 22nd** **Cream Teas** event at Heathcote House in aid of Milborne Church funds – see page 11.
Parish Council Village Hall Committee Room 7.30pm.
- Saturday 25th** **Village Lunch** Village Hall. 12.15pm – see page 2 for menu.
- Saturday 25th–Monday 27th** **Flower Festival** in Dewlish Church, between the hours of 2.00 and 5.00pm – see page 11.
- Tuesday 28th** **100 Club** draw The Royal Oak 8.00pm.

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)

June at the Sports Club

- 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.

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The changeable weather on just one day caused extreme excitement when the children went from riding their bikes in the sun to collecting hailstones and dashing for cover. What a learning experience on weather this was – what are hailstones? Why do they melt? When the hail started again the children grabbed their coats and ran around loving the experience.

Over the last few days the older boys have shown interest in ropes. One boy arranged a large chair then an upturned flowerpot followed by another large chair then two smaller chairs. He sat on one of the large chairs and put a rope around the flowerpot. He had made a horse to ride. A younger girl went to sit on the first big chair. "No, you can't sit on the horse's head" said the boy. The girl obligingly sat herself on a small chair and 'fastened' a rope around herself. "You don't need a seat belt on a horse" said the boy. Makes me laugh just remembering the incident – but what imagination!

Ladybirds children walked up to see the new bike track. We didn't take any bikes so the children ran around the track and some showed their excellent balancing skill using giant strides to step from tyre to tyre. I think the track has the children's seal of approval.

Liz Dyer



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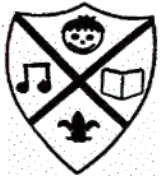
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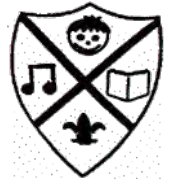
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School News

The Summer Term is now in full swing and we had a very excited Year 4 class who joined with other local schools on their residential trip to Hooke Court.



Meanwhile the Year 3's were invited to an Athletics Festival at St. Mary's Puddletown, where they joined other DASP Schools in testing their athletic abilities.



With Wimbledon in mind, the whole school were invited to take part in a tennis workshop! Watch out Andy Murray!

The Year 4 children picked a very nice day to take a walk up to Milborne Woods with Trees for Dorset to look at the bluebells and learn about some of the wild flowers they could see.

With summer well and truly in our minds, we invited the RNLI to school to teach the children about how to be safe at the beach and around water.



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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Three year olds to be offered places at First School

Milborne St. Andrew First School has announced that it intends to offer places at school to three year old children in an integrated Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) unit. The preschool-age children would join the older pupils in the Reception class.

Headteacher, Sharon Hunt, says, "By starting children with us earlier we can ensure the highest quality learning experiences through the skill and expertise of our EYFS, providing age-appropriate activities and opportunities to enhance their learning and development."

The initial announcement on rolling out EYFS at the school from the governors, detailed the reasons and implications behind the decision to lower the admission age to three years. This included Ofsted's view that it is a model of 'best practice' and that an earlier start "vastly improves children's life chances, especially those from disadvantaged backgrounds". The governors also sought to allay fears of parents of Reception children of any impact to their older pupils.

However, following an outcry from parents over the proposal, the Headteacher announced a postponement of the Early Years scheme, until the recent statement on 13th May. She had told parents "We are aware of your concerns and have listened to your feedback . . . following meetings with our Local Governing Body and Multi Academy Trust, we have decided to postpone the roll out of the Foundation Unit." In the latest announcement, Mrs Hunt has assured parents that there will be an opportunity to consult with regard to the introduction of EYFS, with dates announced as soon as they are available.

She said, "Our aim in Milborne St. Andrew First School is to have happy, well-adjusted children who are motivated by curiosity and supported to excel. Our key aim is to provide our children with the best possible start to their learning and thereby improve outcomes for all children. We are also looking at the possibility of offering wrap around care through our successful breakfast and after school club.

We are confident that our Foundation Unit will enhance our already high quality Early Years provision and provide parents with the chance to give their children excellent opportunities and experiences earlier on in life."

Offering places to three year olds gives "a choice of provision to local parents", Mrs Hunt says. Amongst small-scale nursery and childminding providers, is Ladybirds Playgroup, which operates in the village hall. Ladybirds currently admits two to four year olds, with a working transition to the Reception class at the First School. The preschool had been working with the school to found a base for a Ladybirds unit on the school site. This now looks unlikely to happen and the impact of the school's new scheme on Ladybirds and other providers remains to be seen.

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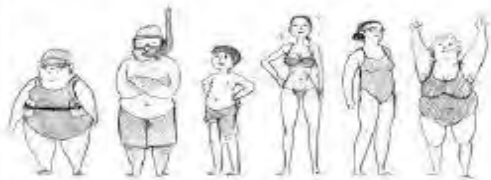
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In your Garden

Seasonal notes and tips from Maureen Lock of *designerGardens*

Slugs and Snails and Slimy Trails

AS it has been such a mild, wet winter, slugs and snails are aplenty. There are more tips about how to control the little blighters than anything else. The reality is that no single method will get rid of them, but some of these might help.

Slugs and snails are nocturnal animals and generally hide during the day in damp, dark places. Keep your borders clear of debris and check underneath pots and other paraphernalia in the garden and remove them. They love moisture too, so water the garden in the early morning rather than at night.

You could use nematodes to kill them – nematodes are microscopically small worms that parasitise and kill slugs and snails. You water them onto the soil surface, they then search for their prey and invade them. The nematodes multiply inside the slug/snail and when it dies, a new generation of nematodes spreads out looking for the next victim. They work for about six weeks. This ‘cure’ does have a bit of a side effect though because it is so successful – by removing all the slugs/snails we are also taking away the food for predators that we want to encourage – hmmm dilemma – so when they return (which they will do) there are no natural predators. So how about applying the



nematodes to a badly affected area only.

Frogs like eating slugs and snails but you will need a pond. Toads will do the same but you do not need a pond – if you provide them with moist hiding places, they will be attracted to your garden. Slow-worms, beetles and hedgehogs are good slug/snail eaters.

Beer traps, grapefruit halves, cardboard or anything dark and moist will attract slugs – the downside is that you have to dispose of them regularly.

I personally haven't found that copper strips help at all (and they are expensive), or things like crushed eggshells – they only work if they are clean and dry so when it rains . . . Other ideas such as using wood ash, sand, sawdust only work when the garden is dry, so wouldn't be much use at all.

Here are a couple more ‘murder’ weapons:

Jar: You can drown them by putting them in a jar filled completely with water and keeping the lid screwed on tightly. Some say soapy water kills them. A bucket with water is not good enough, the slugs will just crawl out again.

Beer traps: After trying several designs this is the probably the winner: Don't forget to put a stick in so that beetles and other non slug/snail creatures can escape.

Slug pellets: Most are not organic and will kill the predators too. Even the organic ones are not wise to use: when the slugs die, the predators leave to find food elsewhere – leaving you dependent on the pellets. Having said that, I do use slug pellets for some of my newly germinated vegetables and my dahlias.

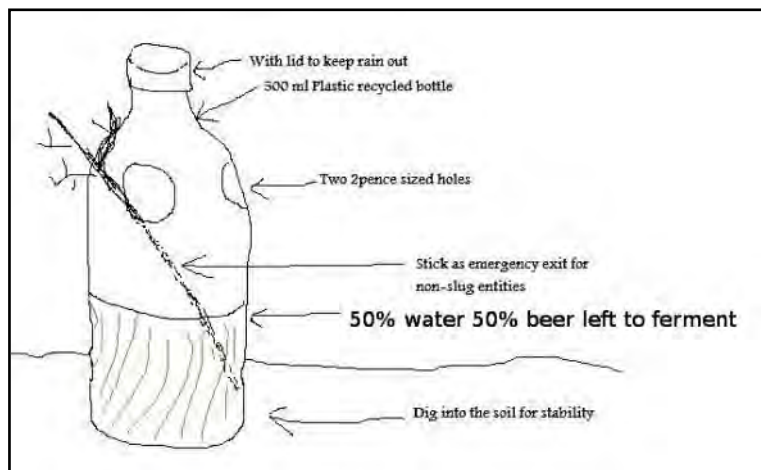
When to prune plum trees

Plum trees should be pruned in mid June when they are in full growth. NEVER prune them in winter when they are dormant as you will risk exposing your tree to a fungal disease called Silver Leaf and other fungal infections. The same rule applies to all other stone fruit trees ie cherries, greengages, apricots and peaches.

If any of you have any gardening questions you would like answered, please contact the Reporter team and they will forward them to me.

Happy gardening.

Maureen Lock





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Unusual Flower Decoration

THE April talk at the Gardening Club was a fascinating insight into unusual ways of displaying flowers and using different materials. The speaker, Sally Burrage, has a small floristry business and was full of useful ideas to pass on. Flowers are often expensive to buy and she is keen to eke them out with lots of wild and free material. She recommended taking a carrier bag on country walks to bring back useful and free material – twigs, foliage, hedgerow fruits and cones, for example, though not picking wild flowers which should be left for all to enjoy.

Sally talked us through the year, using single garden flowers or sprigs in moss-covered Oasis early in the year, which can be continually changed and refreshed with little effort but which produce a lovely early spring impact. Summer is of course less of a problem, but she suggested that unusual plants such as herbs be included to give variety and fragrance.

Autumn is a time of great richness of colour and an excellent time to dry flowers for use later or to contrast with fresh and more expensive ones. It is important to cut flowers for drying when they are in the early blooming period as they will go on developing slightly while they dry yet not fall to bits. They should be bunched and hung upside down in an airy but shady place. Never try to dry them in the sun or anywhere damp. Supermarket roses in particular respond well to this treatment.

Sally's talk was informal and we all joined in with questions and comments.

Successful Plant Sale

The combined Plant Sale and Coffee Morning held by the Gardening Club on 14th May was very successful. Not only did we sell a lot of plants, provided by members, but most people enjoyed a drink with excellent home-made cake. There were stalls run by Ann Guy, Sheila Burton and the Karleys as well as a raffle. The final total of takings was **£244.05** a very good result. There were some plants left over, which will be available at the May Fayre.

Our next meeting on Thursday 16th June will have a talk entitled: **Wicked Plants: Killers, intoxicants and Offenders in your garden.** It sounds really interesting. Why not come along and learn something new?



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ON 4th May our members partook of a midweek afternoon tea. We visited **Moonfleet Manor Hotel** which is situated on the lagoon behind Chesil Beach – a beautiful setting. Unfortunately some of our members had to miss out through work commitments, but there were a good number in attendance all eager to taste the fare. We had high hopes of overflowing cake stands with delicate confections and elegant cucumber sandwiches. Whilst elegantly displayed, regrettably the contents of the stands were not quite up to expectations, lacking a little finesse and the service not always quite up to scratch. Nevertheless we ate well enough. The teapots were hot and plentiful and the scones, jam and cream were soon devoured.

It was a lovely sunny day and several members took a walk along the coastal path afterwards, some accompanied by patient canine friends.

Fire at thatched farm cottages

Fire badly damage a terrace of three cottages at Bagber Farm on Milton Road at the end of April. At the height of the blaze, 70 firefighters from 13 crews were on the scene, supported by a water carrier from Yeovil. No one was hurt in the fire, which is believed to have started in the chimney.



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LETTERS to the Reporter

Fracking, fracas!

Hoorah for someone like Edward Ebborn who has been prepared to put forward a rational and sensible viewpoint suggesting amongst other things that the Parish Council could play a pivotal role in ensuring a balanced and reasoned debate, based on fact rather than fear. Of all the accounts of the meeting I have heard and read about his is the one that I tend to believe. I didn't attend because I felt that the outcome was a forgone conclusion as indeed it appears to have been.

An attitude of Challenge and

Embracing Change without the 'fear' card being played is what we really need. Let us all hope that with some positive leadership from the Council we can engage in some 'open source research from both sides of the debate' as suggested and we get away from degenerating into the 'megaphone' democracy of "he who talks loudest and longest and creates the most fear, wins".

To suggest, as some might, that we are all going to end up splodging down the Milton Road with toxic waste overflowing into the tops of our wellies if 'fracking' is allowed just isn't going to happen but then I suspect similar scare tactics were used when the Wyth Farm Oil Field was proposed. This incidentally is where a form of 'fracking' is already happening in Dorset. It is in the heart of an area of outstanding natural beauty and most local people are pretty relaxed about the operation, if indeed they know that it is going on AND it has no real or negative impact on house prices!

At some point in time local people everywhere will have to accept that if we want alternative energy solutions to counteract the devastating effects of human activity on Climate Change, then

someone's backyard will have to be 'used', including our own! Local groups everywhere cannot keep objecting to every initiative just because it is local.

Solar energy, wind energy, hydro (wave) power, geothermal, biofuel, nuclear, fracking, biomass waste incinerators will all have a part to play, some with a shorter timespan than others. Most, along with much needed local housing initiatives, have been rejected out of hand by local campaigners everywhere.

It appears to me that at the moment we are at the model "T" Ford or Stevenson's Rocket stage. Then as now there was the usual hysteria but changes to planning laws and design criteria based on reasoned debate certainly made things happen and has resulted in the tremendous advances in technology that have been made since!

History has a habit of repeating itself but on this occasion we will only have ourselves to blame if 60+ million Brits end up living at the top of Ben Nevis and the Pennines as a result of rising sea levels and eventually ending up like the dinosaurs! (whoops just done a 'Boris').
Richard Lock

Village Hall news

THE walking and cycle paths have now been created in the Sensory Meadow area and some seeding has happened. The cycle path is proving to be a big hit with children, nearly every time I walk past I see youngsters having fun up there. We are in the process of applying for planning permission to put benches, a picnic table and a shelter up there. For a trial period dogs on leads will be allowed on the Sensory Meadow paths so please feel free to take them up there but don't forget the little packages need to be disposed of properly.

We are currently trying to secure funding for a single piece of playground equipment, a multi-use structure (climbing frame) and have had quotes by two playground equipment reps. Hopefully we can get funding for the one piece then go for another piece such as new swings.

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Pam Shults

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AGM date

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WALKING THE VILLAGE, THE RESULTS!

On Saturday 5 March 2016, we undertook a PLACE assessment of the village. Working alongside the team from Fera Urbanism, in teams of five, we made a series of assessments based around the five components of place-making, Planning, Landscape, Architecture, Conservation and Engineering (i.e. street design and traffic management). These are a few from each category.

Planning

- The school grounds and surrounding land needs to be safeguarded for future expansion. .
- There are opportunities for making the main road more suited to a village environment, so we should look at what actions could be taken.

Landscape

- There are a lot of views that people enjoy, looking out over the surrounding countryside.
- There are small patches of open green space that are located within the north of the village and could be put to better use. Also the south east of the village provides much of the green, open space and this needs to be preserved and enhanced.

Architecture

- The centre of the village is rich with positive architectural features and buildings that need to be protected.
- The Huntley Down properties to the north of the village are considered to be good examples of modern low-density development.

Conservation

- Trees and flint walls are a key feature in Milborne St Andrew and should be conserved or maintained as much as possible.
- The centre of the village either side of the main road includes working and community areas as well as housing, and this mix of uses is important as it makes it feel like a working rather than dormitory village.

Engineering

- Speeding cars and parked vehicles can dominate the streets in some areas and more pedestrian and cycle-friendly options are needed.
- The stream could be celebrated further, all the while keeping in mind the need to protect against flood risk.

Do you agree with these points? What have we missed? Post your thoughts on our Facebook page...

Milborne St Andrew



LAST CALL FOR SITES FOR HOUSING, PLAY OR WORK!

IF YOU OWN OR PART OWN LAND IN THE VILLAGE that you may think could benefit our community in some way, please take the time to contact us. Our work on the neighbourhood plan not only has to establish what type of housing or employment (or even play areas and other things) we, as a community, want to see develop over the next 15 years, but also where this could or should happen.

Let us know if you prefer an emailed link or a posted paper form – by contacting Sue on NPG@milbornestandrew.org.uk or write to her at 28 Stileham Bank. If the community as a whole agrees that your land is the best option for the development we need, we can put the right planning policies in place that would allow that development to happen. This is the final and last call, as we put together the questionnaire to be sent around the village.

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The photograph in the May *Reporter* was taken outside Cottage Green on Milton Road.

Congratulations to Robin Keller who was the first person to send in the correct answer. Try your luck this month on page 13.



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If you think a business has broken the law or acted unfairly then we would ask you to please report them to Trading Standards.

For example you may believe that a business:

- misled you into buying their products or services
- sold you unsafe or dangerous items
- didn't carry out the work properly, for example, their work left your home in a dangerous state
- sold you fake or counterfeit items
- pressured you to buy something you didn't want to buy
- sold you a car that wasn't 'roadworthy'

You can report this and more to us by calling the Citizens Advice consumer helpline. The consumer helpline will assess your problem, offer you clear and practical advice including whether it's possible to get your money back, and will then pass details on to trading standards.

Trading Standards decide whether we are able to investigate your problem. Action we can take includes advising businesses about the law or taking legal action against them if that is the right thing to do; we consider whether it is in the public interest.

At Dorset Trading Standards we get notified of every consumer complaint and even if no criminal offence has been committed your information helps us to build a picture of trading areas where we need to focus advice and enforcement.

You can contact the Citizens Advice consumer helpline on 03454 040506 on Monday to Friday, 9.00am to 5.00pm.

Their adviser will answer your call as soon as possible, usually within a few minutes. Once you're speaking to an adviser your call should take an average of eight to 10 minutes. Be prepared to tell the adviser details of the problem and the business's name and address.

Citizens Advice have a great website too that is full of useful and practical information for consumers. You can find it at www.citizensadvice.org.uk/consumer

Many people contact a "Buy With Confidence trading standards approved" trader when they are looking to buy goods or services. This helps to take the uncertainty out of choosing a legal, honest and fair business. The Citizens Advice consumer helpline can also help you to find a trading standards approved trader in your local area, or you can find one at www.buywithconfidence.gov.uk

Going out to village events in the evening

WOULD you like to go out to village events occasionally, like the films or Artsreach things, or Parish Council meetings, but are put off because of worries about getting there and back? If you ring or email me I can probably put you in touch with someone near you who is going, and who is happy to either walk with you or drive you, whichever you prefer.

And if you would be prepared to help in this way, please can you also contact me? Sarah Ryan saryan6630@aol.com 01258 839230.

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