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Five star award for village lunch



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The certificate, which rates all food businesses and outlets, is issued by North Dorset District Council on behalf of the Foods Standard Agency. This followed an inspection and review by the district council officer for health and hygiene on 30th August.

This is believed to be the first issued to any group using Milborne St. Andrew village hall.

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Milborne Honours Mike

It's a well-worn cliché, but it really is an end of an era; after living in Milborne for all his 58 years, Mike Mullett, with his family, has sadly moved out of the village. Because of failing health, Mike and Sue felt the time was right to move into more modern accommodation, in Winterborne Stickland, leaving their home of many years, near St. Andrew's church.

In a show of appreciation of Mike's dedication and hard work to the Village Hall – and Milborne in general – a brass plaque has been proudly fixed to the hall wall to commemorate Mike and family's contribution. An afternoon tea party was held earlier in August to unveil the plaque and was well attended by the Mulletts and many friends, fellow committee members and helpers, and family. Elizabeth Humphrey, who has worked with Mike at the Hall, gave a touching address, speaking of a warm and welcoming character that many in the village recognise. Mike had been a committee member and willing worker for the hall for countless years and Elizabeth told of how he has a great knowledge of Milborne past and present, its residents and a cheerful demeanour; great attributes for getting people involved with whatever task needs doing. She called it "arm-twisting with a smile"!

The present Chairman, Pam Shults, describes him as "one of the cornerstones of the VH committee".

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New editor needed please

Our Editor, David Payne, is stepping down from February 2017. We are therefore looking for someone to format the Reporter and David is willing to help a new recruit by setting up the February edition. We already have a willing team of news collectors, photographers and distributors but without an editor the magazine will close. Please contact the Reporter Team if you would like to volunteer.

Secretary wanted

Milborne St. Andrew Scout Group are looking for a Secretary to take minutes at our Group Executive meetings and our Annual General Meetings.

The job is not very difficult, as I (a mere man!) used to do it.

The Committee meets, on average, once a term, in the evenings from about 7 until 9.00pm. We are a friendly Group and for anyone new to this sort of work you will get as much support as you want. There are plenty of 'pro-formas' for setting up agendas and minutes as most of the work will be computer orientated.

Please don't think "I could never do that!" because it's not at all difficult, and the work will be very rewarding, helping young people to enjoy the work that we do with them.

Please contact me if you are at all interested.

Brian Burton, Group Scout Leader, Milborne St Andrew

'Shearwater'

with **Tim Dalling and Malcolm Green**

in partnership with Artsreach

on Sunday 16th October 2016 at 7.30pm

in Milborne St. Andrew Village Hall (DT11 0JX)

SHEARWATER opens a world of beauty, loss, longing and timeless truth through personal and mythic stories and songs. It gracefully balances the heartfelt and the humorous, never losing its footing but letting the audience know they are on the edge. In 1969, storyteller Malcolm Green spent three months on a small, uninhabited island off the coast of Iceland studying huge colonies of seabirds. His experiences there form the frame into which many different journeys are woven: from



the extraordinary life of the shearwater to a young man's coming of age and the transformation of the gull-woman. Now Malcolm shares his stories with the accompaniment of extraordinary musician and entertainer Tim Dalling (The New Rope String Band).

In the show, myths and legends are beautifully woven together with music and poetry to bring the wild

world of the seabirds to life in a rich evocation of nature's wonders and hardships. The shearwater's epic journey crosses paths with a young man as he comes of age and a woman who shape-shifts from human to bird. Shearwater touches on universal themes of loss, love and longing and mixes words, poetry and music to create an experience that audiences have described as 'moving', 'entertaining' and 'enchanting'.

While the show is primarily an engaging evening's entertainment, it also shines a spotlight on the plight of these heroic ocean wanderers. The Manx shearwater is currently on the RSPB's Amber List which flags up species that may come under real threat in the longer term.

For more information please see <http://www.timdalling.co.uk/shearwater.html>

The village hall and bar is open from 7.00pm and the performance starts at 7.30 pm. Tickets £8 adults, £6 under 18s, £25 family which can be obtained from Londis Village Shop in Milborne St. Andrew or from Alice and Roger Harrall by phoning 01258 839230, email alice.harrall@gmail.com

Olive May Smith (Bee)

1921–2016

There was sadness in the village when we heard that Bee had lost her fight for life and died on 14th August.

Bee was born on 22nd May 1921 in Longton, which is one of the five towns of the Potteries. She was known as Bee from about the age of two. Her mother's side had been licenced victuallers and wholesalers of beer. Her father was a mining engineer and moved from Florence Pit in



Longton to work in Assam. They were the first non-potting members of both families.

Bee decided she wanted to leave school at 16, having become a proficient pianist, and was encouraged to go to Burslem School of Art at the instigation of Star Wedgwood, a member of the potting family, with the intention of qualifying and going into the design section at Wedgwood.

In the village of Barlaston, where Bee had lived since she was seven, she was a Girl Guide Leader and helped with musical events and church matters.

Because of the war, the Art School closed and Bee joined the NP Bank, and eventually moving with the Bank of England to Trentham Gardens where they had transferred for safety.

Bee joined the Red Cross, and was stationed at several large stately homes. When the war ended Bee moved into geriatric nursing, finishing as matron at Uttoxeter.

In 1955 Bee left service and married Ron who was an accountant with W H Smith. Philip was born in 1958. When he was four the family moved to Ashbourne where they ran a confectionery and tobacconist business. After the thaw of '63 Bee thought a holiday was needed on the Isle of Wight. Whilst reading *The Lady* magazine she saw an advert selling a restaurant she had just seen in a brochure. They all stayed there for 32 years.

In 1995 the family bought the Post Office in Milborne. Just after 12 weeks Bee showed the steel from which she was made when she attacked an armed robber, who in turn smashed a shotgun over her head leaving a permanent indentation. She was awarded for her bravery by the Post Office. Ron died two years later after various incidents including two more robberies, being struck by lightning and being flooded. Bee withdrew from the business about six years ago. Many of us will remember her sitting on the stool behind the counter in the shop 'guarding' the till; always with a welcoming smile.

Her Funeral Service at Dewlish Church was a lovely tribute to her, and was conducted by the Very Rev Alan Woods. Bee was interred in the family churchyard at Barlaston, Staffordshire on the 31st August, attended by family members.

We know her only son doted on her, and cared for her until the very end, even spending a lot of time with her in hospital during her recent illnesses.

May Philip find peace in his heart. R I P Bee.



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An excellent opportunity

The run up to Christmas is an exciting time, so why not have a go at finding a lot more about your village this year by helping with Scout Post. It really is an excellent way to find out more about the place where you live and also a way to meet people and exercise your dog at the same time!

Scout Post runs from about the 6th to the 20th December (exact dates to be confirmed at a later date) and during those two weeks we deliver about twice a week depending on the number of cards sent to us.

This year there will also be a collection point at Milton Abbas Surgery. We need help in delivering cards in Milborne St. Andrew, Milton Abbas, Puddletown and Tolpuddle. We will also need help in delivering flyers to all of the above areas about a week before the post starts. *Brian Burton*, Group Scout Leader, Milborne St Andrew

Milborne St. Andrew History Group

WE have had speakers at our last few meetings all of which were really interesting and concludes the programme that we agreed at the beginning of the year. At our meeting, on 12th October, Linda Wright will tell us about the village men who died as a result of fighting in the Somme at The Royal Oak starting at 7.30pm, I suggest that we review the topics that we have done since the beginning of this year and decide what we want to do over the next few months. Linda is keen to deliver more sessions and I know that there are several people who have an interest in the history of their houses. These would be interesting topics to schedule and to explore.

Anyone is welcome to join all or just one of our sessions, just come along. We ask those who attend for £1 'donation' to help pay for resources or speakers otherwise no membership is required. We all appreciate the hospitality of The Royal Oak in letting us use their facilities, many thanks. *Pam Shults*

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Change as we say farewell to the Sandersons

THE village owes a huge debt of gratitude to both John and Denise Sanderson for all the work and effort that they have given to the Sports Club, even now has their furniture rapidly disappears around them. We wish them well in their new venture. It will be difficult to replace them, but one immediate change will be that John Wright will be taking over as collector for the Milborne 100 Club – so members should expect a new face on their doorstep when subscriptions are due.

Trading standards catch pet fraudsters

A HORSE dealer was recently sent to prison for misdescribing horses. The dealer conned her clients out of thousands of pounds for falsely describing the health and condition of her horses. The horses were listed for sale in national publications as 'wonderful character', 'no health issues', and 'family friend'. The seller claimed to be a 'private seller' and used various aliases and contact details. Once people had bought a horse from the dealer they then found it had numerous health problems which required expensive vet treatment. Many customers paid in the region of £5,000 for their horse when it was worth just £600.

Since 2005 all horses in the UK must be accompanied by a 'Horse Passport' and since July 2009 all horses are required to be microchipped with the chip number recorded on that passport. When buying a horse or pony make sure that you are given the passport, it is an offence for the seller not to transfer it to you. Check the description in the passport matches the horse you're buying, that the microchip implanted in the horse matches the passport and that the last registered owner is the person you are buying the horse from. A vet can scan the horse for you to ascertain the microchip number. We would always recommend that when buying a horse you have the horse vetted first. Consider asking for loan with view to buy (LWVTB). If you are not sure, seek professional guidance such as a BHS Instructor to view the horse with you. Never part with your money before you are completely satisfied.

For consumer advice or to report something to trading standards call the Citizens Advice consumer service on 03454 04 05 06.

Proud to be British!

AS I ponder the outcome of the recent EU referendum with an old colonial map of the British Empire on my lap I am reminded that being British is about driving a German or Japanese car (the latter currently made in Britain so long as the free runway into the EU remains) to an Irish pub for a Belgian beer. Then traveling home, grabbing an Indian curry or a Turkish kebab on the way, to sit on Swedish furniture and watch American programmes on a Japanese TV.

And the most British thing of all? – having plundered all the resources and redrawn boundaries to suit our own ends, installed our way of governance and religion throughout the Empire . . . Suspicion of anything foreign!!!

Only in Britain can a pizza get to your house faster than an ambulance.

Only in Britain, do supermarkets make sick people walk to the back of the store to get prescriptions, while healthy people can buy cigarettes at the front.

Only in Britain do Banks leave both doors open and chain pens to the counter.

Only in Britain do people look backward whilst moving forward dreaming of a utopian bygone age that never existed. I remain proud to have bucked the trend of my age profile (peer group) and voted the same way as the 85% (or thereabout) of 6th Form Students of Thomas Hardy did in their own internal EU referendum as they look forward to the future created for them.

Only in Britain do we leave expensive cars on the drive and lock lawnmowers and junk in the garage.

Richard Lock

St. Andrew's Notes

WHAT a busy summer! As well as enjoying our holidays we have contributed to the annual Five Churches Fete at Athelhampton making a record amount (about £340) on our bric-a-brac and toy stalls.

A team from church have also taken part in the Dorset Historic Churches sponsored 'Ride and Stride'. Six of us joined another five from Puddletown on a very wet morning as we walked from Puddletown to Tolpuddle and back. We managed to dry out a bit as we enjoyed a shared lunch in Puddletown Church Room. Half of what was raised will be given back to us. Many thanks to all who sponsored us. We will need a lot more than that, however, to repair our church roof and are still waiting to hear whether our applications for grants have been successful. Three builders have submitted tenders for doing the work but nothing can be started until all the money has been promised.

In July we held an Art and Craft day in church. A full report appears on page 31.

Welcome to new friends!

We were delighted to welcome several new faces in church this summer. A few people who are new to the village have come along and are now actively involved in our church community. It was also lovely to welcome little Freddy into our church and faith when he was baptized a few weeks ago.

Back to School again

This school year the Open the Book team are continuing to perform the Bible stories for the children at the first school twice a month. We are indebted to the school for allowing us to 'tell' the stories. The team really enjoy our time in the school and love to watch the enthralled faces of the children. New helpers are always welcome, just contact one of us to find out more.

Still more to do in the Churchyard

Work to tidy the churchyard continues. A lot more ivy has been removed from trees and the churchyard wall, and the old compost heap cannot be seen any more – what has not been moved now hides under a thick carpet of nettles! Some graves are still causing us some concern. Please read the letter on page 19. We will be very happy to answer your questions and explain what you can and cannot use to decorate graves. Following the introduction of new Churchyard Regulations from Salisbury Diocese the Parochial Church Council must be stricter about what is allowed. A copy of the regulations is pinned on the noticeboard in church by the font.

John Wright and Pam Shults

Do you need a lift to church?

If you have difficulty getting to church or need transport when the Benefice Service is at another church, we can arrange transport for you. Please contact Pam on 837203 or John on 839090.

Dewlish Church Notes

WHAT lovely weather we had for the Five Churches Fete and Dog Show at Athelhampton House! It made all the difference to what turned out to be a most enjoyable day. Our ladies made over £240 on their jams and produce stall – a record for us.

We do not yet have a final figure for the day but, judging by the number of people who were there, we should have done very well, and thus there will be a welcome sum to help towards the costs of running the benefice. Thank you to Patrick and Andrea Cooke for allowing us to use their beautiful garden.

Thankfulness for a good harvest

Our **Harvest Festival** is on Sunday 2nd October at 6.00pm. We hope to have a good congregation and would welcome any children who would like to bring gifts in thankfulness for a good harvest, both on the farms and in the gardens.

Our **Harvest Supper** is in the Village Hall on the next day, Monday 3rd October at 7.00pm. The meal will cost £6, the same as last year. Please book your seats as soon as possible with Mrs Margaret Groves (Tel: 01258 837617). All the produce will be auctioned afterwards, and the proceeds will go to WaterAid and Farm Africa. The money from the supper will go towards our church running costs (£10,000 p.a. and rising!)

On Sunday 30th October we shall celebrate our Patronal Festival of All Saints by holding a **Songs of Praise** at 6.00pm. We do hope you will join us in singing hymns selected by members of our congregation.

The way to go . . .

Jim and I recently joined other members from our benefice in prayer, praise, study and worship at Brunel Manor, near Torquay. Karen, Bishop of Sherborne, led us in Bible readings, discussion and prayer in five sessions all on the theme of "Walking the Way".

We also watched a film called *The Way* starring Martin Sheen. It was a moving real-life depiction of a father's journey and his experiences along the Camino de Santiago after his son had died in the Pyrenees while attempting the same route.

We thank Bishop Karen for all her work and Sarah for arranging the weekend. Although it was very "full on", it was a joy to share our thoughts and worship with our friends in the benefice.

Other Community News

We were absolutely delighted to have raised £700 from our Afternoon Tea in July. This money has been divided equally between Weldmar Hospicecare and MIND. Many, many thanks to all who donated food and prizes for the fabulous raffle and for their help on the day. Also, a big thank-you to Nonie and Albert for allowing us to use their lovely garden and facilities.

Daphne Burg

CHURCH SERVICES October 2016

2nd October – Trinity 19/Harvest Festival

9.30am	Harvest Festival	Tolpuddle
9.30	Celebrate . . .	Milborne
11.00	1662 Morning Prayer	Dewlish
11.00	Harvest Festival	Puddletown
6.00pm	Harvest Festival	Dewlish

9th October – Trinity 20

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

16th October – Trinity 21

9.30am	1662 Morning Prayer	Milborne
9.30	Family Communion + Baptism	Tolpuddle
11.00	Family Service	Dewlish
3.00 pm	Celebration and blessing of Athelhampton chapel, new church heating, re-ordering	Puddletown

THURSDAY 20th October

12noon	Lunch-time Communion	Puddletown
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Saturday 22nd October

12noon	Wedding	Puddletown
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23rd October – Bible Sunday

9.30	Go Fourth	Tolpuddle
9.30	Parish Communion	Milborne
11.00	1662 Morning Prayer	Puddletown
11.00	Family Communion	Dewlish

30th October – All Saints'

10.00am	United Benefice Holy Communion	Puddletown
3.00pm	Service of remembrance and - thanksgiving for those who have died + tea	Milborne
6.00pm	Patronal Festival Songs of Praise	Dewlish

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

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

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Summer 2016 weather in Milborne St. Andrew

THE summer of 2016 was the driest summer since 2006. June rainfall was 89% of average with 57.6mm of rain, July was a particularly dry month with only 10.7mm of rain and August rainfall was 70% of average with 49.6mm. The average rainfall for the June/August period is 181.0mm. The total rainfall for June/August this year was 111.7mm. In 2006 the summer rainfall was 90.9mm. The highest daily rainfall of the 2016 summer was 26.1mm on 1st August.

It was a slow start to summer with temperatures not rising much above 20°C until mid-July. August was a warm month with a temperature 0.67°C above average. The average temperature for the summer months this year was 16.85°C. In 2006 it was 18.57°C.

The sea temperature at Weymouth reached a normal summer temperature of 18°C in late August.

It was 40 years ago we had the hot and dry summer of 1976. The January/May rainfall that year was only 135mm and the rainfall in the summer months was only 43.3mm. This made it an agricultural drought and, combined with the low rainfall of the previous year, it became a meteorological and hydrological drought as well. The highest 2016 summer temperature was 30°C on 19th July but in

1976 there were 24 days when the temperature exceeded 30°C and the highest temperature was 38°C on 28th June. The 1976 drought was broken in September when there was 192.9mm of rain that month.



Pluvius.

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Homemade soup of the day served with crusty baguette

Oven baked camembert served with spiced baguette and mixed leaves

Main Courses

Dorset Pork loin & black pudding wrapped in Parma ham served with mashed potato, roasted shallots and an apple cream sauce

Pan fried lamb rump served with dauphinoise potatoes, honey roasted carrots and a red wine jus

Locally shot whole roasted partridge served with an orange & carrot puree, seared asparagus, sautéed potatoes and red current jus

Vegetable, soy and black chilli stir-fry with egg noodles, bean sprouts, carrots, green beans and chestnut mushrooms (v)

Roasted skate wing served with crushed new potatoes with a prawn & butter sauce.

Dorset tomato risotto with basil crisps and a watercress puree (v)

'Jurassic Coast' sirloin steak with a tower of twice cooked chips, confit tomato, flat cap mushroom and a peppercorn sauce

Homemade chicken and mushroom pie served with mashed potatoes and vegetables

Beer battered cod fillet with, homemade tartare sauce and pea puree

Hambro beef burger served with crispy bacon, smoked cheddar and twice-cooked chips

Desserts

Dark chocolate & orange posset served with shortbread

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Growing in small spaces at the Gardening Club



THE talk at the July meeting of the Gardening Club was entitled 'Unusual Ways with Vegetables' and our speaker, Dinah Lindon-Critchley, certainly gave us much to think about in her most amusing and very original talk.

Many of us do not attempt to grow vegetables as our gardens are very small and a lot of us miss them if we have down-sized our gardens as well as our houses and yet do not want the responsibility of an allotment. A surprising range of herbs and vegetables can be successfully grown in shallow trays and buckets on a patio or in plots or corners of a very small garden. Furthermore, the containers can often be sourced for free from supermarkets using plastic fruit trays and flower buckets which they are often pleased to dispose of without them going to land fill.

With newspapers in the bottom, and filled up with compost, cut-and-come-again salad leaves and shallow rooting herbs can succeed in a box and if sown in succession will keep going all summer.

A bucket with holes bored in the base gives more scope and will produce shallots, garlic, tomatoes, courgettes, green beans and carrots. Many varieties of these are particularly suitable such as mini-tomatoes, round courgettes and carrots and French beans (perhaps not runners!). They are also often decorative and can add a lot of interest to a garden. So even if you have very little space, do have a go at 'growing your own.' There is nothing quite like a fresh tomato straight off the vine especially when it's your own!

Sally Dyer

Tortoises come out of their shell for party

WE have had a tortoise at our house, since we acquired two, six weeks after hatching in 1987, when they fitted on a fifty pence piece. Unfortunately, one of them developed a stone and did not survive. So we were left with one, hoping that another would come our way, either through rehoming or lost and found. No luck, until this year, when out of the blue I was contacted by someone who wanted to get rid of theirs. Consequently, we got two more. Liz's grandson Louis, asked how old they were, and was told they were thirty and fifty years old. This



was not enough; he wanted to know when their birthday was. Despite an explanation about egg laying and hatching, he still wanted a date. We decided that the 1st of August was a good compromise. So, being a small boy, HE decided we should have a birthday party for them on that day. Lists were made and invitations sent out and so on the very day we had a tortoise party! It was attended by tortoises known to us from the village and one that came all the way from Dorchester. We had tea and cake for the humans and lettuce, cucumber, strawberry and milk thistle 'cake' for the tortoises, with upright carrots to look like candles. Everybody joined in the spirit of the event, despite the inclement weather, and had a jolly party under a massive (but slightly leaky) tarpaulin, spread over the back garden. I am very grateful to all the humans who attended, but particularly to the important guests, Fred and Freda aged about 37, Linford Crusty aged at least 35 and a survivor of an argument with a forage harvester, the baby of the day, Pip, was two years old and weighed in at 43 grams and came in an ice cream box and the visitor from Dorchester. All joined with our tortoises; Date aged 39, Ermintrude aged 50 and Florence aged 30.

We hope all who attended had a good time, we certainly did.

Pip Bowell



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She goes on, "His background knowledge was always greatly appreciated as were his suggestions, opinions and practical help. As his father was one of the original Village Hall Committee members Mike had a wealth of historical information and examples that he was able to share at meetings."

Being a Village Hall committee member was one of many community roles Mike has undertaken over the years. Both he and Sue have long links to Scouting within Milborne, with Mike being involved mainly with the Cub Pack, and his wife with Beavers. Mike held several positions during his long service to the Cubs and, most recently, has been in the role of Group Chairman. He was honoured by the District Commissioner, Barry Thomas, with a 'Thanks Badge' for his exceptional service to the movement.

But way before this, Mike was helping out at the Youth Club – at the age of 13. Heather Hogg's late husband Roy, who ran the club, remembered the young Mike as an eager helper and he continued to help run the club for a few years. Aged 16, he started work for Mr Hooper on the farm in the village, to which he gave all his working years. In the meantime, he has served as a parish councillor and a member of the Parent Teacher Association. Some may remember the popular bonfire nights that Mike and the PTA organised, with hot dogs and drinks, which raised funds for the school. Another event that was run as a fundraiser for school was the 'Milborne 10', a ten mile race that runners from afar came to compete in. Mike had organised it for a few years, and had always been on hand helping out at the event since it started in 1984.

There are many other events and occasions that Mike has organised, got people together or pitched in. Some may remember when Milborne had heavy snow – Mike was there, with tractor, to clear paths through and get Milborne moving again. It was Mike's idea to stage the first May Fayre, in 2008. It was his 50th birthday that year, and he wanted to celebrate his half century in Milborne by organising an event that, in his own words, "would bring the village together." Although it was for the benefit of local groups and societies, his primary aim was to get people together and have fun. And that's just Mike – a friendly, gregarious, larger-than-life character who gets on with everyone – and wants everybody to get on with everyone else. He and Sue will be sorely missed from Milborne, not just by those that worked with him on committees, or the Cubs, or fundraising events, but by people who will miss his everyday chat – even though sometimes it needed mental somersaults to work out the thread of conversation! Sarah Ryan, VH secretary, sums up that welcoming, inclusive nature of his after she bumped into him for the first time: "Mike was one of the first people who spoke to me after I first moved to Milborne. I was walking my dog at the time. His friendly face and words meant a lot to me and I still remember that encounter, years later. I suspect there are many such incidents in his life that will have left someone feeling a little happier, a little less alone."

Ed Richards



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Traditional Oatmeal Parkin – a cook-ahead recipe

OCTOBER was a very exciting time when I was a child. As soon as the clocks went back we children all played outside in the dark with stubs of candles stuck inside jam jars with a loop of string tied round the top. Some of us were lucky enough to have torches, but batteries were expensive and we had to make them last. A few of us would join forces to construct a Guy Fawkes from an old jumper and trousers stuffed with newspaper. Its head was made from a paper carrier bag with a drawn-on face, then we would ask for "a penny for the Guy" outside the local shops. These pennies (we were never very successful) were shared out and used to buy fireworks from our local sweet shop. Then we had to try a few fireworks out because we couldn't wait for 5th November and bonfire night. All this, of course, without any adult supervision or involvement!

In our neighbourhood all the mums would make and bring some food to share at the big bonfire party on the local "Rec.". Potatoes were roasted in the embers of the bonfire, not foil wrapped but just tossed into the centre of the fire. They took such a long time to cook, but sprinkled with salt they tasted heavenly, even if they were a bit "sharp" in the middle. The odd mouthful of burnt cinders on the skin seemed to add to the flavour. The other food highlights of the night were treacle toffee and Parkin which brings me to this month's recipe.

Parkin needs to be kept in a tin for at least a week before it is eaten and will keep really well for at least three weeks, so it's not too early to make this cake now and then bring it out to enjoy on bonfire night.

225g/8oz medium oatmeal (not porridge oats)
110g/4oz self-raising flour
A pinch of salt
200g/7oz golden syrup
25g/1oz black treacle (you can use a greater proportion of treacle to syrup if you prefer)
110g/4oz butter
110g/4oz soft brown sugar
10ml/2 teaspoons ground ginger
1 egg, beaten
15ml/1tablespoon milk



Preheat oven to gas1/275F/140C

Lightly grease a 20cm/8 inch square cake tin or use a non stick cake liner. (A round cake tin liner will successfully squash into a square tin.) Gently melt the butter, sugar, syrup and treacle in a saucepan. Measure the oatmeal, flour, salt and ginger into a large bowl. Stir in the warm buttery treacle mix when the butter and sugar have melted. Next add the beaten egg followed by the milk.

Pour into the prepared tin and bake for about 2 hours until it feels firm on the top.

Cool on a wire rack and then store in a tin. Parkin can also be eaten warm as a pudding with custard and makes a delicious base for an autumnal trifle, with pears, custard and cream.

“I have recently put my house on the market for sale. Should I consult a solicitor and is there anything that I ought to be doing now to help speed matters up?”



Mark Taylor

Senior Associate - Residential Property

Having chosen your estate agents we would recommend that you consult a solicitor immediately so that the necessary steps can be taken to enable the relevant draft paperwork to be collated.

Often a considerable amount of documentation is needed to satisfy enquiries that a buyer's solicitor will raise. This includes planning permissions, as well as guarantees and certificates, that are needed to show that correct approvals have been obtained in relation to double glazing, electrical works, a new boiler, etc. Obtaining all of this information at the outset will save time.

It is often helpful to seek advice early on if there have been discussions with the neighbours regarding possible disputes.

New rules regarding Stamp Duty Land Tax in relation to buying a second home may result in increased Stamp Duty. Solicitors can assist, although these new rules are complex and open to different interpretations.

Early advice should be sought in situations where more than one person is buying a property to ascertain whether a Declaration of Trust should be entered into. These deal with, for instance, different contributions to the

purchase price or where different generations are buying and living at the property.

Contacting a solicitor at an early stage may also be helpful in giving you an idea of the costs that you will incur, especially in relation to Stamp Duty, Land Registry fees and search fees which the solicitors have to pay on your behalf.

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To that end, if you are a riparian landowner, we kindly ask that you check the condition of your part of the Bere Stream and remove any obstructions to flow before the flood season begins. It should be noted that any obstruction of a watercourse may leave the responsible party liable for third party claims if it were proven that damage to property was the result of their actions. Whilst flooding cannot be avoided in many cases, the effects can be minimised by being proactive and ensuring maintenance is routinely carried out such as trimming grass and sensitive vegetation management on the banks and in the channel, provided you remove the cut vegetation so it does not pollute the watercourse. The Bere stream is a rare and important chalkstream and careful management of the banks and in-channel weed can also provide excellent habitat for many species such as birds, water voles, eels and fish.

As a community you can also help reduce the risk of flooding by removing any garden waste or other material from the flood plain. This will prevent the likelihood of it being washed into the channel during flood conditions. Other actions you may wish to consider include:

- ◇ Carrying out a review of your premises to see whether you have adequate protection against flooding and flood-initiated pollution incidents. You can find guidance on the Environment Agency website at the below link –<https://www.gov.uk/prepare-for-a-flood/improve-your-property-flood-protection>
- ◇ Floodline Warnings Direct - we encourage you to sign up to our free 24-hour flood warning service - <https://www.gov.uk/sign-up-for-flood-warnings>

We would also like to remind you that if you want to carry out works in, over, under or near a main river such as Bere Stream, or within a flood plain, you may need to apply for a Flood Risk Activity Permit. Flood risk activities covered by the Environmental Permitting regime include:

- erecting any temporary or permanent structure in, over or under a main river, such as a culvert, outfall, weir, dam, pipe crossing, erosion protection, scaffolding or bridge
- activities carried out on the floodplain of a main river, more than 8m from the river bank, if you don't have planning permission

You can obtain further information about this from our website at the below link. <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/flood-risk-activities-environmental-permits>

Thank you for taking the time to consider this information.

Yours faithfully

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Tickling the tongue of a killer whale at the September WI

WE were very pleased to gather again in the village hall for our usual monthly meeting after our summer break. We had however met up in August at Athelhampton House for a cream tea and a leisurely walk around the gardens. Our two teams for the county quiz met at Josie's house, so we wait to see if we play in the final.

Our skittles season has started again; our first match is in Lulworth on 23rd September, also ten members are attending the group meeting at Lytchett Matravers on 12th October.

Members were reminded of trips to see Onyx with a fish and chip supper and a coach trip to see the Christmas lights at Longleat. It was agreed that we have a stall again at the Milton Abbas street fair next year.

Our Christmas meeting this year will be a 'bring and share' buffet, with entertainment; instead of sharing gifts we will again be donating to a charity – this year a women's refuge. We will have our Christmas lunch in The Royal Oak in January.

Our speaker at this meeting was Richard Edwards, a television cameraman. His speciality was filming underwater. He told us of a scary encounter with a caymen (a sort of crocodile) while perched precariously in the bow of a small boat. On another occasion he had his hand and most of his body inside a killer whale's mouth to tickle his tongue. The whale liked his technique so much, he nudged him for more!

At social time we caught up with each other's news over our tea and biscuits.

At next month's meeting on the 13th October we will have the Rev Timbrell telling us about 'The Spice of Life'; a very good speaker and not to be missed.

Josie Wright

Florence Foster Jenkins (PG-13)

shown by 'Milborne Movies'

at Milborne St. Andrew Village Hall (DT11 0JX)

on Friday 14th October 2016 at 7.30pm

THE film is based on the astonishing true story of the New York socialite Florence Foster Jenkins (Meryl Streep), a New York heiress who dreamed of becoming an opera singer.

With no musical ability whatsoever but a large inheritance to enable her to indulge her love of performing, Florence Foster Jenkins becomes an unwitting musical clown which sustains the comedy throughout the film. Whether she was aware of this fact and of the snickering that accompanied her performances is still a matter of historical debate. Just as today we are quick to share the latest Rebecca Black monstrosity on social networks, a ticket to one of Mrs. Jenkins' recitals was a hot commodity, though entre was strictly limited to her high society well-wishers and the paid-off press. The job of maintaining the bubble of sycophancy that allowed the Florence Foster Jenkins train to keep rolling fell to St. Clair Bayfield (Hugh Grant), a British actor known for the flourish he brought to supporting roles in Shakespeare plays. He hires Cosme McMoon (Simon Helberg) to be her accompanist, and after he reacts in shock to her off-key singing and high-pitched shrieks, convinces him to stay on, even though the young pianist is convinced this job will end his career. When Florence decides to sing in a concert, Bayfield populates the event with socialites, high class patrons, and critics willing to write positive reviews for a price.

Meryl Streep plays Florence with gentle comic affection, while Frears elicits a remarkably tender and mature performance from Hugh Grant as St. Clair Bayfield, but Simon Helberg almost steals the movie with his quirky portrait of a young man with dreams of his own who, when he's most needed, proves to be a loving friend.

The village hall and bar is open from 7.00pm and the film starts at 7.30 pm. Tickets £3.00 can be obtained on the door.

Community Contacts

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

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October

- Wednesday 5th** **Wednesday Club AGM** Village Hall 2.30pm. New members welcome.
- Saturday 8th** **Swing back in time A** 1940's themed evening at the Village Hall to raise money for St. Andrew's church funds – see page 7.
- Tuesday 11th** **100 Club Draw** The Royal Oak 8.00pm. See page 29 for latest winners.
- Wednesday 12th** **Village History Group** The Royal Oak 7.30pm – see page 7.
- Thursday 13th** **WI Rev Timbrell** telling us 'The Spice of Life'; Village Hall 7.30pm – see page 15.
- Friday 14th** **Florence Foster Jenkins** (PG13) shown by 'Milborne Movies' Village Hall 7.30pm – see pages 15 and 16. **Reporter** latest date for the November issue. Copy and pictures to msa.reporter@yahoo.co.uk or any member of the Reporter team.
- Sunday 16th** **'Shearwater'** with Tim Dalling and Malcolm Green in partnership with Artsreach Village Hall 7.30pm – see page 5.
- Wednesday 19th** **Parish Council** Village Hall Committee Room 7.30pm all welcome to attend.
- Thursday 20th** **Gardening Club** Winter Hanging Baskets Village Hall 7.30pm.
- Saturday 22nd** **Milborne's got the Blues.** with **Backwater Roll Blues Band** Village Hall 7.30pm – see page 21.
- Saturday 29th** **Village Lunch** Village Hall. 12.15pm – see page 2 for menu.

Regular Bookings at the Village Hall

- Ladybirds Playgroup** Monday–Friday 8.30am–1.00pm MH (term time only)
- Beavers** Monday 5.00–6.30pm MH (term time only)
- Scouts** Monday 6.00–8.00pm CR/MH
- Players** Monday 8.00–10.00pm MH
- ABC Line Dancers** Tuesday 7.30–10.00pm MH
- Cub Scouts** Tuesday 5.45–7.15pm MH (term time only)
- Wednesday Club** first Wednesday 2.00–4.00pm MH
- Yoga** Thursday 1.30–2.45pm MH
- Gardening Club** third Thursday 7.30–10.00pm MH
- Karate** Thursday 5.10–6.40pm MH
- Village Hall Committee** third Thursday every two months 7.30–10.00pm
- Women's Institute** second Thursday 7.30–10.00pm
- Youth Club 8–14 years** every other Friday MH (term time only)
- Village Lunch** last Saturday of the month 12.15–2.30pm MH
- Artsreach Events** – look out for the posters.

Check Village Hall Notice Board for any other events that are one off for you to join in with.

Regular Bookings at the First School

- Pilates** Monday 7.00–8.00pm (term time only)
- Yoga** Tuesday 6.30–8.00pm (term time only)
- Badminton** Wednesday 7.00–8.30pm (term time only)
- Circuit training** Thursday 6.30–7.30pm (term time only)

October at the Sports Club

- Football** Saturday 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 Leanne Brown on 07899808185.

Gardening questions

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Keep your cool in Wi-Fi hotspots

Dorset Police and Get Safe Online have issued a warning to the public to be cautious when accessing or supplying private, sensitive or personal data while connected to public Wi-Fi hotspots.

The advice given by Get Safe Online relates to Wi-Fi networks that are commonly found in public places like cafes, hotel rooms, airports, and pubs. It warns that if not fully secure, these networks have the potential to be hijacked by cyber criminals who will seize the opportunity to defraud individuals or steal their identity – or both.

In addition, it reports, cyber criminals have been known to set up fake hotspots on their own laptops in public places and fool members of the public into logging onto them.

Tony Neate, CEO of Get Safe Online, commented: “The UK has well over 300,000 public Wi-Fi hotspots in place – situated in many of the places we love to visit including high street shopping centres, hotels and restaurants.

“The very fact that we have all of these hotspots goes to show that we are a very connected nation. However, although public Wi-Fi offers us great convenience, it can also present a number of dangers – especially as many of us are unaware of the security of the hotspots we use on a regular basis.

“Although they may seem safe when logging in and even sometimes request a code, individuals could soon find themselves the victims of cyber-crime.”

Staying safe on public Wi-Fi networks:

Along with its warning, Get Safe Online has produced a number of simple tips which should be followed in order to stay safe when using public Wi-Fi networks:

1. Don't use the public Wi-Fi provided in places such as cafes, pubs and hotel rooms if doing anything confidential online, including logging into online accounts.
2. Remember that just being given an access code or being asked for your email address, doesn't indicate that the Wi-Fi connection is secure.
3. Instead of using premises' hotspots, use a mobile broadband dongle that is set to secure, your 3G or 4G data connection – even if it's slower – or wait until you can access a router you know to be secure.
4. Consider using a VPN (Virtual Private Network) to connect when accessing your company network. If you are a mobile worker, ask your IT department.
5. Wherever possible, use well-known, commercial hotspot providers such as BT Wi-Fi.
6. Ensure your home and office wireless networks are secured.

It's OK to use public Wi-Fi hotspots for things that you don't have to log into or aren't confidential, like checking the news or planning (but not booking) your next holiday.

Dorset Police's Director of Investigations, Detective Superintendent Pete Little said: “Cyber criminals can easily hijack public networks in order to steal our money and our most personal data – in some extreme cases, even our identity.

“Our advice is not to use public networks if you are looking to browse confidential information, are about to log into an account (like an online bank account), or are about to make a payment of some sort.

“Doing so on a public network comes with huge risk – particularly if you have no way of knowing how secure the network you're using is.”

Martyn Underhill, Dorset Police and Crime Commissioner added: “Cyber-crime has the potential to affect every household and business in Dorset and I am committed to ensuring Dorset Police do everything possible to prevent these crimes.

“In a modern digital world, it is easy to connect to public Wi-Fi hotspots and access a whole host of services, but we must remain vigilant.”

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Letter to Reporter

This summer there have been a few complaints about work that the church has done in the churchyard. One or two people have complained about decorations disappearing from graves, and an unstable headstone that we were required to lay flat was stood up again. This is a good time to remind everyone about the new churchyard regulations that were issued by Salisbury Diocese in July this year and are displayed in the church. First of all the PCC is responsible for keeping the churchyard safe. This means that among other things we must lay flat any unstable headstones that might topple when pushed and cause injury. It is the responsibility of the heirs of the deceased to maintain headstones and ensure that any necessary repairs are carried out. The PCC's responsibility is limited to ensuring safety and does not cover the repair of stones. Secondly, the PCC is responsible for keeping the churchyard tidy. Families are expected to keep their graves tidy, but we will remove dead flowers and out of date items such as decayed Christmas decorations left until summer as required by diocesan regulations. We must also remind everyone that the diocesan regulations are quite strict about what decorations are permitted. Wreaths and real flowers are the only permitted adornments (except for artificial poppies at Remembrance time), though we normally turn a blind eye to silk flowers in good condition. The regulations are less strict, however, during the first year after a new burial. Kerbs and stone chippings are definitely NOT allowed as they are dangerous when mowing the grass, as is broken glass and china. If anyone has any concerns about their family graves please contact one of the churchwardens:

John Wright (839090) and Pam Shults (837203)

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AT the end of July, we had the telephone call from the Charities Commission to say that we were now registered as a charity. All our training, our Chair's expertise and support from Dorset Community Action, helped us to achieve this.

We certainly made the most of our lovely sunny weather; our outing to Brownsea Island was on a glorious summer day. We had a wheelchair on board and so many rollators, that they outnumbered the pushchairs on the boat. A couple of our passengers belong to walking groups, so with rucksacks at the ready, they set off to explore the island. I had booked other passengers on the buggies that take visitors around the island. For Neville and I it was a wonderful trip down memory lane. We used to belong to an opera company that performed on Brownsea. We were pleased to see everything was just as it was, even the cow sheds that were used by the company for our dressing rooms! The hill that we used to climb during performances when we were not required . . . I looked at in awe circa 2016 it was so high! However did it we climb it back then?

Our outing to the Donkey Sanctuary was another beautiful sunny day. Photo taken by Adam aged 11 years old.



Thank you Glen for organising the carrots Everyone enjoyed the day.

Time to look forward to the autumn schedule, with outings to indoor venues – please see

poster. We have two extra outings that are NOT on the poster, bookings are going really well. **The Good Old Days**, Saturday Matinee 15th October. Tickets £12.50 each to include afternoon tea and Sunday 23rd October **Bournemouth Male Voice Choir**, tickets £6.50 each. Both events are held at The Exchange, Sturminster with lunch at The Swan Inn, Sturminster. Both lunches start at £7.95 and return bus fare is extra. Please book early to avoid disappointment.

November, we start with Christmas Shopping at West Quay, Saturday, 12th November followed by Remembrance Sunday Service at Bovington Garrison. The end of November is our Christmas Party at Bashley, '**Christmas Spectacular.**' Early booking advised for this very popular show. Tickets £36.50 per person to include, Traditional Roast Turkey Lunch, with Dessert and Cream Tea in the interval plus return bus fare.

Looking forward to welcoming you on board, very soon.

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Athelhampton Fete and Dog Show

THE weather was wonderful and a record number of visitors came to the Dog Show and the largest number of stalls we have ever had. To our usual stalls – cakes, produce, preserves, books, bric-a-brac, toys etc., - were added craft and information stalls, games for the children and a bouncy castle. The Dog Show was delayed as the judge was held up in traffic, but everyone seemed to enjoy it even if they did not agree with the judge! Nearly all the ducks were sold for the duck race in which many were slowed down in the weeds, but a few got ahead of the crowd for a very close finish. No duck on the barbecue menu though, which, with the nearby beer tent, did good business in the hot sun.

Over £4,800 was raised so, after costs have been deducted, just under £4,000 will help run the Benefice next year. A big thank you to Jim Burg and Marion Bishop, plus all those from the parishes who gave things for the stalls or their time to help on the day.

John Wright

Milborne's Got The Blues – second edition!

AS autumn sets in, chase those blues away with another cracking Blues Night at the Village Hall on Saturday 22nd October. The band for this second edition is **Backwater Roll Blues Band**, a powerful



high energy harmonica-driven six piece blues band based in Southampton. Collectively as Backwater Roll and individually in other projects band members have opened for major blues artists like Eric Clapton, The Hoax, Deborah Bonham and The Nimmo Brothers. Their live album "Backwater Roll – LIVE at the Platform" has had a huge amount of radio play with the album being rated number five in the Independent Blues Broadcasters' charts in its first month of release.

There will be slightly fewer tickets available this time to ensure everyone's comfort and enjoyment of the evening so book early to be sure of your place!

Tickets £10. Doors 7.30p.m. Bar available. All profits will again be donated to local charities.

Contact Clive (cliverawlings@hotmail.co.uk 07910 875184) or get your tickets from The Royal Oak or Londis store.

Did you identify this?

The photograph in the August/
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A Month in History – September

Births

September 5th, 1847: Wild West legend Jesse James was born in Centerville, Missouri. Following the American Civil War, Jesse and his brother Frank formed a group of outlaws, robbing banks, trains, stagecoaches and stores. In 1882, after the governor of Missouri offered a \$10,000 reward for their capture dead or alive, a member of the gang shot 34-year-old Jesse in the back of the head and claimed the reward.

September 12th, 1913: African American Olympic athlete Jesse Owens was born in Oakville, Alabama (as James Cleveland Owens). He won four medals in track and field at the 1936 Olympic Games in Berlin, defeating Nazi athletes and upsetting the intended image for Aryan superiority.

September 15th, 1890: Agatha Christie, English crime writer (Murder on Orient Express), born in Torquay, Devon (d. 1976). She wrote six romances under the name Mary Westmacott including *Giant's Bread*, but she is best known for the 66 detective novels and 14 short story collections that she wrote under her own name, most of which revolve around the investigative work of such characters as Hercule Poirot, Jane Marple, and Parker Myne.

Deaths

September 18th, 1970: Jimi Hendrix, American rock guitarist (Purple Haze), dies of a drug overdose at 27. Although his mainstream career spanned only four years, he is arguably the greatest instrumentalist in the history of rock music, and one of the most celebrated musicians of the 20th century.

September 19th, 1944: Guy Gibson, British wing commander, dies in a plane crash at 26. He was the first Commanding Officer of 617 Squadron, which he led in the "Dam Busters" raid in 1943, resulting in the destruction of two large dams in the Ruhr area. He was awarded the Victoria Cross, and in June 1943 became the most highly decorated serviceman in the country, but lost his life later in the war. He had completed over 170 operations at the age of 26.

September 28th, 1953: Edwin Hubble, American astronomer, dies at 63. Known for providing substantial evidence that many objects then classified as "nebulae" were actually galaxies beyond the Milky Way, and showing that the recessional velocity of a galaxy increases with its distance from the earth, implying the universe is expanding, known as Hubble's law.

Events

September 3, 1783: The Treaty of Paris was signed by John Adams, Benjamin Franklin and John Jay, formally ending the American Revolutionary War between Britain and the United States.

September 11th, 1915: Britain's first Women's Institute opens in Wales. Initially founded to revitalise rural communities and encourage women to become more involved in producing food during the First World War. Since then the organisation's aims have broadened and the WI is now the largest voluntary women's organisation in the UK, with around 220,000 members.

September 13, 1814: The Battle of Fort Mifflin in Baltimore Harbor occurred, observed by Francis Scott Key aboard a ship. He watched the British attack overnight and at dawn saw the American flag still flying over the fort, inspiring him to write the verses which were later coupled with the tune of a popular drinking song and became the U.S. National Anthem in 1931.

Mark Ferguson

Village Hall Updates

WASN'T the Barn Dance fun? All those who came thoroughly enjoyed it. The money raised will go towards the redevelopment of the playpark. As I am writing this I am waiting to hear the outcome of our latest application to buy one new piece of equipment for the play park. We know that we have been successful but as yet don't know how much.

The roof of the extension, the back storage room and kitchen, has been renewed so no more leaks should happen. Volunteers to paint the outside and the ceiling would be welcomed.

The committee are keen to have a full survey of the building and to save money they hope that there may be a local qualified surveyor who would be interested in helping out. We are also still looking for someone to take on the job of checking the building, the grounds and play parks and doing or arranging repairs. Anyone who is interested or can help, please contact one of the committee.

Pam Shults

PC board needs TLC

THE Parish Council noticeboard on Milton Road is in need of some TLC. The frame of the right hand door requires corner brackets to support the bottom rail, glazing bars need to be fitted to the bottom rails of both doors and the whole noticeboard would benefit from a coat of preservative to smarten it up. The Parish Council has tried to engage the services of a local carpenter but he is fully booked, does anyone know of someone who could be contacted to carry out this work? It is not beyond the skills of a keen DIY-er if anyone feels they would like to take on the challenge. The council would pay for all materials required if a volunteer was prepared to carry out the work.

If you can help please contact the Clerk, Colin Hampton, on 01258 837011 or email msa.parish.clerk@gmail.com. Thank you.

Milton Abbas and Milborne Surgery news

YOU may recall that at the end of June we were inspected by the Care Quality Commission (CQC) and were told we would have to wait up to 60 days for our report. I am now delighted to share that we achieved an 'outstanding' rating. Nationally less than 1% of GP surgeries are rated this highly, and only one other surgery in Dorset has achieved 'outstanding.' All providers are measured on whether services are safe, effective, caring, responsive and well-led, as well as how well services are delivered to six different population groups.

I am really proud of the effort made by our staff leading up to and during the inspection and of their ongoing commitment to providing such a high quality healthcare service to our patients. I would also like to thank our patients for continuing to support the surgery. The report is available on our website www.masurgery.co.uk or on the CQC website.

A reminder also that this year we are holding our dedicated autumn 2016 seasonal flu vaccinations clinic on Saturday 8th October from 8.30am–12.30pm at Winterborne Whitechurch Village Hall. We will contact you directly if you are eligible to receive a flu vaccination. If you need transport to get to the flu clinic on that day, ring Neighbourcar on 881709 by 6th October and they will arrange a 'car share'.

*Gillian Brindle MBA, B.Ed (Hons), Cert QSB
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Great start to the school year at Ladybirds

WE'RE a week into the new school year and I have to say it's lovely to be back. As usual there are less children in September than the summer term and for once we have mainly girls. The higher pitched voices and giggles are so different from the loud energetic boys from last term. It just goes to show how life in preschool is never the same. We miss all the children who went on to school and are pleased to hear they all went in happily to school, showing how ready they were for the next stage of learning.

All the children have been very well behaved and given us several laughs. The dolls have been bathed numerous times and the washing hung out to dry. Lots of artwork – paintings, drawing and sticking – with one two year old when asked what her picture is about always

replies "it's a frog" – as if we couldn't see! Our topic is 'ourselves' and among the activities the children were asked to draw the features onto a pre-drawn outline of a face. I thought you might like this one – can't help but smile can you?



During the afternoon sessions we have been out for walks. This week we went to Katie's house to see her chickens. The children were very good, interested in what they learnt about the hens, scattered feed for them and gently stroked them.

I'd like to remind everyone that a simple way of helping us to raise money for Ladybirds is to click onto 'Easyfundraising' when buying online. Even small amounts spent on for example Amazon add up and it costs you nothing. I myself was surprised that First Choice holidays are on the list and having booked a holiday through them Ladybirds received £27.62.

Liz Dyer



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MILBORNE ST. ANDREW FIRST SCHOOL School News



children take part in a range of indoor and outdoor activities, matched to their interests; these include craft, art, sport and the very popular Friday night cooking club. As usual, we have a very busy term ahead and we are always looking for volunteers to help. If any members of the community have skills or activities they would like to share with our children, or simply come and read with our children for an hour or two, we would love to hear from you. We also have a vacancy for a Community Governor, so lots of opportunities to get involved!

If you have children who are eligible to start school for the first time in September 2017, now is the time to be thinking about your school preferences and applying for a place. Full details are available at www.dorsetforyou.com/school-admissions. If you don't have access to the internet please call 01305 221060 to request a paper copy of the application form and Parent Guide. The closing date for on-line applications is 15th January 2017.

SEPTEMBER is here again and it's another exciting new school year at Milborne St. Andrew First School! We are delighted to welcome our new reception children into Seahorses class. All the children have settled quickly into the school routine with lots of enthusiasm.

Our Before and After School Club continues to run every day and is being well attended by pupils. The club runs Monday-Friday from 7.45-8.45am and 3.00-5.30pm (during term time only.) The

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CONTACTS

If you require any information about the school, including admission details, or would like to arrange a visit please ring the school office

Headteacher: Mrs Sharon Hunt **Secretary, School Office:** Mrs Joanne Norman

Chair of Governors: Miss Jane Pope **FOS Chairman:** Mrs Becky Hunter

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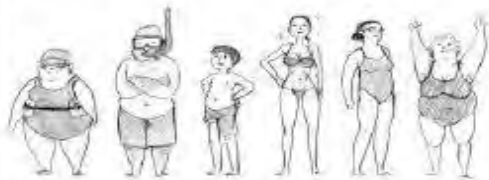
THANK you to those who have already knitted poppies for the Living Memory Project to commemorate the hundred year anniversary of the Battle of the Somme. There is still time to knit/crochet a poppy (or more!) as we will begin the display early October so that it is all in place for 11th November. If you can't find a pattern there are some in church or contact me. Also if you have any information on the three soldiers in our graveyard - Tom Jeans, Augustus Lock and Arthur Parsons then also contact me. Many thanks.
Linda Wright 07532 045379

Swing back in time

A 1940's themed evening at the Village Hall will be held on Saturday 8th October 2016 to raise money for St. Andrew's church funds. A delicious meal, provided by The Royal Oak, will be celebrating the 1940's initiative and stiff upper lip! There will be music, dancing, an auction and lots of fun.

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Reshaping Dorset Councils – expect to be affected by these changes. How to get involved in Consultation

CURRENTLY, Dorset's nine Councils are responsible for housing, planning, social care and protecting the vulnerable. They also empty bins, maintain roads and run libraries. They play a central part in all of our lives as we all use those essential services. All of us in North Dorset will be affected by the proposals outlined below. This includes the amount of council tax you pay and the services you receive.

The driving force is the need to save money so the number of these councils will be reduced from nine to two from 2019. They are asking for your views. This consultation started on 30th August and will run until 25th October. Having read about the proposals, you can complete and submit a questionnaire if you wish to be involved in the decision making process.

The councils have considered the most effective and efficient options. The rationale behind this reform is as follows: It would;

- * **Protect frontline services** .
- * **Reduce costs and give better value** for money by cutting duplication.
- * **Focus on people and areas** by simplifying council structures.
- * **Keep accountability** whilst retaining each area's local characteristics.
- * **Stimulate jobs and promote prosperity** by focusing on the economic opportunities within their respective areas.
- * **The two new unitary councils** would deliver services currently provided by the six district and borough councils and Bournemouth, Dorset and Poole. The nine existing councils will cease to exist. Dorset Councils Local Partnerships independent financial analysis show that for the majority of residents, council tax would increase at a slightly lower rate with two new councils, compared with keeping the nine separate councils.

No decisions have yet been made. They say they want to hear your views.

Under proposals for a restructure of local government in Dorset, it has been assumed that any new unitary councils would be restricted to the Government's current limit for unitary councils of a 3.99% council tax rise.

If a new local government structure is implemented across Dorset, councils would need to make sure that, within an agreed period of time, all residents of one council area pay the same — a process called **council tax harmonisation**. These are the options being considered by Dorset's councils:

- * **Option 1: Retaining all nine councils**
- * **Option 2a: Large Conurbation** (Bournemouth, Christchurch, East Dorset and Poole, plus the services currently provided by

Dorset County Council in this area) **and Small Dorset** (North Dorset, Purbeck, West Dorset, Weymouth & Portland, plus the services currently provided by Dorset County Council in this area)

- * **Option 2b: Medium Conurbation** (Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole, plus the services currently provided by Dorset County Council in this area) **and Medium Dorset** (East Dorset, North Dorset, Purbeck, West Dorset, Weymouth & Portland, plus the services currently provided by Dorset County Council in this area)
- * **Option 2c: Small Conurbation** (Bournemouth and Poole) and **Large Dorset** (Christchurch, East Dorset, North Dorset, Purbeck, West Dorset, Weymouth & Portland, plus the services currently provided by Dorset County Council in this area)

One option no longer being considered: one large unitary council for the whole of Dorset replacing all nine existing councils.

Some commonly asked questions:

Would there be fewer councillors under any new arrangements?

If a decision is made to create two new unitary councils, the Boundary Commission would review the number of councillors needed to properly represent all the people living within each council's area.

And what about staff?

Office/corporate functions such as Finance, HR and IT would reduce. For example, instead of six Chief Executives as there are currently, there would be two.

What would happen to existing towns' historical and civic arrangements?

Established ceremonial positions such as that of Mayor would remain. In the same way that local history and traditions are currently within so they would be preserved within any new authority.

Accessing your council

If there were to be two unitary councils, there would be no need to maintain all the councils' current buildings. Whatever the outcome, Dorset's councils will continue to encourage residents to access, pay for, order and complete more online documentation

Consultation questionnaire

They want all residents and other stakeholders to **complete the online consultation questionnaire. Paper copies will also be available in local libraries.**

If you wish to take part in this consultation please complete the online questionnaire by going into **Reshaping your Councils on dorsetforyou**, or take a paper copy from the library. There is still time to have your say.

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A National study shows four in ten retailers flout laws on nicotine inhaling products

TRADING Standards Services enforce legislation which prohibits the supply of most age restricted goods. New legislation covering the sale of nicotine inhaling products came into force in October 2015, prohibiting the sales of electronic cigarettes and liquids to under 18s. The sale of these products is an offence and the owner of the business can be held responsible as well as the member of staff who made the sale.

Smoking rates in England are in long term decline but in recent years e-cigarettes have risen in popularity. Regular use of e-cigarettes is found almost exclusively amongst those who have previously smoked the more traditional products.


A national test purchase exercise was carried out by Trading Standards Services and 40% of retailers sold the age restricted items to children and young people. Businesses tested ranged from independent pharmacies, specialist e-cigarette suppliers, markets, discount stores and traditional tobacco shops. Guidance is provided to retailers to help them comply with the law but enforcement action will be considered where it is appropriate.

Trading Standards Services play a pro active role in preventing children obtaining e-cigarettes and nicotine refills just as they do with traditional tobacco. It is believed that regular use amongst children is relatively rare but their awareness and experimentation is on the increase. Anyone wishing to report underage sales can report anonymously to Trading Standards through the Citizens Advice consumer helpline on 03454 04 05 06.

Neighbourhood Planning Group

Do you remember that Questionnaire that was popped through your door in Milborne St. Andrew at the beginning of August – at the moment we have over 200 returned. An enormous thank you to all those volunteers who delivered for us. And another enormous thank you to everyone who responded. We will now be trying to look at all the information you told us and are about to put together a DRAFT plan which goes to North Dorset for examination (yes – examination, we will be interrogated to make sure our information has been gained properly).






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Wednesday Club activities

ON Wednesday 3rd August the club met in the village hall to hear Pam Thornton talk about her life in the Wrens. She gave us an insight into the protocols of navy life along with the antics they got up to. Her memories of the 1966 English football team were especially amusing. She continues to keep in touch with the wren society and is a member of the Winterborne Whitechurch helpers at St. Marys Church. Thanks Pam.

Unfortunately our proposed visit to Marwell Zoo planned for the 7th September was cancelled due to lack of response. However instead we stayed at the village hall to have great fun doing one of Jenny Balcon's crazy quizzes. A good cup of tea in between helped to focus our minds. It was great to do a simpler quiz and laugh while you were doing it. Many thanks Jenny for all that work – we all enjoyed it.

On Wednesday 5th October we are having our AGM in the village hall along with a speaker or activity. Existing members please attend as we are looking for a new treasurer and secretary especially, although nomination for all committee posts will be accepted. Both Ian Watts and Margaret Evans are stepping down for personal reasons. On behalf of the committee I would like to thank them for their tireless help through the years. The Wednesday Club has been going for over 40 years and encourages new members. We are a friendly group and although there are no age restrictions we find that most member are 50 plus, Hey, age is only a number! Our members have a lot of fun and always enjoy the monthly social meeting. Why not come and see what we are up to on the first Wednesday of the month. If you have any questions please ring myself on 837959 or Jenny Balcon on 837121. See you all soon.

Ann Guy Chairman

Gardening Club coming events

The next **Gardening Club** meeting is on
October 20th – Winter Hanging Baskets
All meetings are in the Village Hall starting at 7.30pm
and open to non members. Do come.

We will be staging our always popular
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3rd £6	Roy Sach

Draw Date – Tuesday 6th September 2016

1st £100	Joy Robinson
2nd £50	Des Hopkins
3rd £6	Andy Fox

The next draw is on Tuesday 11th October
at 8.00pm in The Royal Oak
Everyone is welcome to attend.

New members always welcome. Contact
June Maitland 837235 or
John Wright 839090

Payments may be made by a cheque payable to
MSA FC and Church 100 Club

*Please speak to Jenny Balcon, June Maitland
or John Wright for more information.*



Village Barn Dance 9th September

WELL after much checking of every weather forecast and sticking with the one we liked most . . . the merry band of helpers worked through heavy rain and then showers to put together what we hope was a good show for the revellers who came to support this year's Barn Dance.

So, the rain held off and the evening was filled with fun and laughter as everyone got into the spirit of the occasion and danced to the wonderful sound of 'The Black Sheep'. We hope you all enjoyed the evening and from the photos it looks like you did.

Early indications are that about £1,500 was raised which will boost the funds for the Village Play Park.

These events don't happen without a lot of effort from a team of people who can be relied on to pitch in when needed and we certainly had a good team behind us to whom we owe thanks.

Will there be a Barn Dance next year? . . . Who knows . . .

Sarah, Amy and Sandie

Can you identify where this is in Milborne?

Be the first to send your answer to msa.reporter@yahoo.co.uk or give to any member of the *Reporter* team.

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

Last month's answer can be found on page 21.

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



St. Andrew's Art and Craft day

ST ANDREW'S church was buzzing with people who had come to look at the displays of art and crafts on 16th July.

There were displays of paintings of local scenes by village artists, as well as displays of dressmaking, needlework, weaving, decorated eggs and flower arranging. There were also demonstrations by crafters to show how they made Dorset buttons, sugarcraft, jewellery and aromatherapy creams and oils. Children were not forgotten and they enjoyed making collage from paper and materials.

As part of the Living Memory project Jenny was busy knitting poppies which will be part of St. Andrews Church's project to make 141 poppies in recognition of the 141 days of the Battle of the Somme. These will be displayed in November.

Thanks to the generosity and helpfulness of several people who have lived in the village for a long time we were able to celebrate 90 years of church history to reflect the 90 years of our Queen's life.

The chancel was full of photographs, documents, books and other memorabilia that people had loaned to give a glimpse of village life in the twentieth century. These included the Mothers' Union banner and documents, the Sunday School banner, church robes and other items including a 1940's wedding dress with photographs and newspaper cutting, and a 1929 Christening gown with the Baptism Certificate. On the altar a beautiful doll dressed as our Queen for her coronation was displayed with letters from Buckingham Palace and newspaper cuttings. We also had a crown which may have come from the stern flagstaff of one of the royal yachts.

Our visitors enjoyed the event and appreciated the wonderful spread of refreshments provided by the Events Committee. We had hoped that a few more would make the journey up Church Hill, but about £150 was raised for church funds.

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